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The Only One.

By William Luff



How can I be born again?
Human efforts are in vain.
Life I only can attain
Through the Holy Ghost.

How can I the Truth perceive?
How can I the Truth believe?
How can I the Truth receive?
Through the Holy Ghost.

How can I my Saviour see,
Bleeding, dying on the tree:
Know He suffered all for me?
By the Holy Ghost.

How can I succeed in prayer?
Leave with Him my every care?
How His promised blessing share?
By the Holy Ghost.

How can I in service wait,
Be the service small or great,
Ever watching at His gate?
By the Holy Ghost.

How can I victorious fight?
Put my every foe to flight,
In the battle for the right?
By the Holy Ghost.

How can I a conqueror rise
Far above the starry skies,
Win the everlasting prize?
By the Holy Ghost.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Her Endowment of Holiness and Power

(The following is the first of one of the most important series of articles that has ever appeared in the Evangel. These articles are much deeper than ordinary reading and contain some extremely rich teaching on the gifts of the Spirit that all Pentecostal saints will appreciate. We are indebted to Brother Max Wood Moorhead for this manuscript, which he intends shall later appear in book form.)

My idea of the church is derived from what the apostle Paul calls it — "His body" (Christ's body); and my idea of its endowment is derived from the words — "the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:23). "There is one body, and one Spirit" (Eph. 4:4) — one body **because** the one Spirit **indwells** each member of the body. And that same Spirit is one with Christ, the Head of the body; and thus the body is united to Christ the Head by the Spirit, even as the different members are united into one body. And, being thus united to the Head, the body partakes of His life as its life, and the Head uses the members of the body as His instruments, His members, for demonstrating before the world as much of that power and authority which He has attained to, as is proper for this present state and condition of the world. This body, the Church, the Father gives to Him. It is the Father's gift of an inheritance in the saints unto His Son. It is the Father's forming a wife out of Him. It is the Father's producing from Him a race of sons of God, in room of those who heretofore mixed themselves with the daughters of men, and forfeited their high estate. It is the Father's deriving from Christ the royal family of kings and priests, by whom He is to govern the worlds. Just as to compare great things with small, an earthly king by his members, the ambassadors, judges, governors, lord-lieutenants, etc., exercises one government, with one law and principle, with one will and one mind, over the vast extent of his dominion, so our invisible King, the Lord Jesus Christ, at present puts forth, by the means of His Church, that power and authority upon this earth which is proper now to be put forth. This is our idea of the Church; and we give it without hesitation as the true one set forth in the Scriptures.

The next question which arises is, Into what power has Christ entered: and how much of that power is it His good pleasure to put forth upon this earth during this dispensation of His absence? I answer in His Word: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Formerly He showed Himself the suffering mortal man; now He shows Himself the ruling, quickening GOD. He said it was expedient for them that He should go away; for otherwise the Comforter could not come; therefore, said He, they should do greater works than He had done, because He went unto the Father. And, in short, the key to the whole of that consolatory discourse contained in the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th chapters of John is this, that by being absent from the Church in the world, and present with the Father, He would enter into the glory and the power which must ever abide with, and ever proceed from, the secret of the Father's dwelling place. With this comfort He comforted the Church over His absence, and assured them He would send unto them the promise of the Father, even the power of the Holy Ghost, when the Holy Ghost should have come upon them (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8). And as to the other part of this enquiry, namely, How much of this new dignity and power it is proper for Him

to render, through the Church, visible unto the world, we are willing to be guided by the fact that it was communicated on the day of Pentecost, and by the testimonies contained in the Holy Scriptures as to what this was. That gift of the Holy Ghost, which was then given, is the same unto which we are all baptized (Acts 2:38, 39), and with the hope of which He comforted the Church over His absence; which, therefore is our comfort and ought to be our possession.

The question is, What was the gift of the Holy Ghost at the time communicated to the Church? for this is what we are commanded to hold fast till He come.

Was it the gift of perfect holiness in flesh? I answer, No. This we have in consequence of His life, and death and resurrection, or rather His life and death; for as to this, His resurrection did but seal what His life and death had purchased. Regeneration is distinct from the gift of the Holy Ghost, and not to be confused therewith, without confusing the work which Christ by the Spirit did in flesh, with the promise of the Holy Ghost into which He entered when He went out of the world unto the Father.

Perfect holiness is the inward law and condition of the Church, by which her union with her perfectly holy Head is preserved. Power in the Holy Ghost is her outward action, as the body of Christ, in the sight of the world; unto the manifestation of Christ's Name by the Church, as He had manifested the Father's Name; unto the proclamation of Christ's power, grace, and goodness unto the world, as He had proclaimed the Father's. Christ by His union with the Father, did in the days of His flesh, proclaim the Father's glorious Name and superabounding grace; with which the Father being satisfied, does, for the time thence following, identify the Name of Christ with His own, and constitute a Church in the world, which, by her union with Christ, shall be able to testify to the Name and glory of Christ, who testified to the Name and glory of the Father.

But in our witness we are able to go further than Christ went, for this reason, that in the days of His flesh, the mortality of flesh, and sin in flesh, and the principalities and powers of darkness, therein holding their throne, were not yet conquered, condemned, and openly made a show of; the prison-house of the grave was not yet opened, nor was its captivity yet led captive. The Captain of our salvation entered into a field wherein the legion of our enemies lay encamped in battle order; **we** enter into a field all strewn with the wrecks and spoils of their defeat. We come not to fight a battle already fought, but to ride over the necks of a prostrate foe. **He** wrestled with sin in the flesh, and condemned it utterly, dispossessed it, and cast it out; **we** enter into the fruits of His warfare, of His toil, and sweat and blood.

The **body** is the organ by which the **spirit** within a man manifests itself to the world; and the body of Christ, which is the Church, is the organ by which **He**, acting from the invisible seat of the Father by the invisible Spirit, must **manifest Himself** unto the world. There is no other medium of communication between Christ abiding with the Father, and the

world but the Church in the flesh; and **herein** the Church in the body has a **manifest importance**, and, I would say, pre-eminence of usefulness over the Church disembodied, in that **she is the organ of communication** between the invisible Christ and the visible world.

How much of that power, which Christ received, is it befitting to Him and the Father to put forth by the Church in this the day of His absence? And, first it may be asked, why not the whole? The answer is, that if the whole were put forth, the devil would be cast out, and all wicked men with him, and sin, and death, and all obstruction, and contradiction, and darkness, and dishonor, into the lake that burneth, there to consume forever and ever; and there would be nothing to be done at His coming again. There is an economy in the putting forth of that power which resides in the Father's throne; an economy which answers to the times and the seasons which the Father hath put in His own power. Therefore it is that in the writings of the apostles, the gift of the Holy Ghost is spoken of only as a firstfruits of that which is yet to be received, and the full harvest is made to consist in the redemption of the body, as it is written in Romans 8:23, "And not only they, but we ourselves, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

"IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

The Lord is a God of war. The might of Samson and the victories of Samson were just expressions of God, the overflow of the might of God. God's people were oppressed by warlike enemies. God had to interfere and He chose a man—a weak thing. And the man chose a contemptible thing—the jawbone of an ass. The man in God's hand and the ass's jawbone in the man's hand! Yes, the enemies of God were whipped, were slain, by the jawbone of an ass. The weak things, the contemptible things, the despised, to bring to nought things that are. And God is today taking up weak women and ignorant men to thrash, to defeat, nay to confine to the abyss, the enemies of God, and the enemies of God's people.

We read of Samson, "his anger was kindled" (Judges 14:19). There is a righteous anger. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he did exploits. God wants His Samsons today on whom the Spirit of God can come in a similar way. The Spirit of God is so mighty, that if He can only find vent there will be no difficulty in overthrowing all the forces of the enemy. God must have His Samsons because the enemy is encroaching, is encroaching all around.

A man chosen by God is also a mark for the enemy, a special mark, because he is destroying his kingdom. And he sends the messenger most likely to trap. In Samson's case it was a Delilah (Judges 16). She did not succeed at first, but the fourth time she did. The three warnings previous should have been sufficient. And he paid a cruel price for his faithlessness. But God did not **utterly forsake**. He was saved as by fire. The prison did its work, his hair grew again and his spiritual life was restored. God's Spirit came upon him. The enemy made sport of the man of God, blind and helpless, but they forgot God.

The lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice, for they said, "Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand." All the lords were there.

The nation's government came for the occasion, and thus Samson came in contact with the rulers and leaders in a way that he never could, going up and down the country. He cried to God, the mighty Spirit of God came upon him, and he overthrew the temple, thousands were slain and the heads of the nation were wiped out. And the Spirit of God and the people of God were vindicated. **The instrument only was destroyed.** The Spirit of God was not bound or destroyed. The Spirit returned to God who sent it.

Oh, how they made sport of him, but he kept quiet, made no reply. But he was waiting on God, and God heard. Better for the enemy had they never led him captive. His capture was their overthrow. And oh how the enemy exulted when Christ was bound by the high priest. "We have Him now!" They made sport of Him, and they did whatsoever they listed unto Him. Yes, they crucified Him, and they said, "It is finished." But with a louder cry the Son of Man and Son of God cried, "It is finished!" Finished! God's purposes for past, present and future for the salvation of the race **had been consummated** with that cry, "It is finished." And He slew more in His death than in His life. All the lords, rulers and governors of the enemies of God's people and of God Himself. Better for them that they had never bound Him, never led Him away from the garden. But God triumphed.

Samson's work ended at his death. Christ's real work commenced after His death. For after His resurrection He received the promise of the Father, and He poured forth the Spirit on the one hundred and twenty. And in that sermon of Peter's, at the voice of a man, of a man who was frightened of a maid, three thousand persons trembled and were snatched from the kingdom of the enemy.

Jesus died and rose again and received the promise to undo the kingdom of Satan and to build up the kingdom of God (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 10). This power, the Spirit, is being poured out, and is at the disposal of the saints today. But they have to mind the leakages, and beware of the Delilahs. God's Spirit is seeking channels today to overthrow the spiritual Philistines.

In Samson we see the exuberance of divine strength overflowing. Excess! And the apostle says, Don't have excess of wine and do strange antics; be filled with the excess of Spirit and do strange deeds. God wants Pentecostal drunks these days. A drunken man has more natural strength than others, and it takes a number of men to hold him down. And a man filled with the Spirit of God has supernatural strength, and no amount of men shall hold him down. The God of Samson, the God of Peter, is the God of the saint today. It is written, "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Israel;" it might also be written, "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Pentecost." Some would not do the former, but they do the latter.

God wants His Davids who are itching to fight the giant. But a stripling, a shepherd boy, and the trained soldiers, his brothers, sneering all the time. Oh yes, the king must help! He lends his armor. But the boy, the man of God, wants to be free, to have liberty, so that he can throw stones. And that stripling not only felled the giant, but the armies of the aliens were put to flight. God is using Davids today, striplings, and the trained men he is setting aside. Oh yes, they are brothers. David recognized them as brothers, but they did not recognize him as a brother. He was just "a keeper of a few sheep." "We have a fine company—all trained." But training did not fell the giant. It was the Spirit of God and faith in God.

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In the physical body the nerve energy or stimulus is generated in the brain, the controlling nerve center, and is sent down through the nerve trunks of the spinal cord and out to every organ and part of the body in a remarkably coordinated system and network of nerve lines. There are two departments, those that carry the message from the brain, known as the "motor nerves," and those that bring back the messages to the brain called the "sensory nerves." Thus the body cannot function properly unless in constant touch with the head, the seat of life. The heart is kept in action by the impulses sent down from the brain which in the normal body are 72 per minute. Thus we find in a good healthy body the head controls every organ of the body by being kept in touch through the nerve lines. How willing is the head to perform its task of stimulating and encouraging the members of the body, sending life, health, and vigor to each member without partiality; and each member thus vitalized sends off encouragement and help to the other members as all are thus sympathetically coordinated.

The Spiritual man is the same. As a spiritual being we are raised above the brute creation. Man is the highest type of God's creation. Man is God's masterpiece. We are "fearfully and wonderfully made." A tripartite being, a spiritual nature, a psychic, or soul nature and a physical body; all somehow mysteriously joined together, forming a wonderful combination known as "man." "Let us make man in our image." "So God created man in His image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives (Hebrew, plural form); and man became a living soul." Spiritual life; soul life; and physical life. One department receives encouragement and stimulus through another, and all are interdependent, one upon another. Thus, the spiritual part of man's nature is his highest department—the "throne room," so to speak; the place where God dwells, and from whence He directs the whole body. Thus He becomes the Head, from which come all life and stimulus to the rest of the body. Therefore this life flows from the divine Head dwelling in the spiritual nature of man, through the soul life out to the body or temple so that we properly function and become the blessing we should be to the rest of humanity only as we are properly joined to the Head.

The fall produced a calamity. Man broke with God and death entered and the throne room became empty; that is, the Divine life or presence departed and, as a spiritual force, man truly died. He be-

comes a creature of the earth minding earthly things, living for the natural life and feeding only the natural man. The great trouble in the world today, as I see it, lies in the fact that there is one type of men, who are dwelling on the intellectual side, developing the psychic nature and feeding it with intellectualism, refinement, culture. Then there is another type who are dwelling on the physical side, developing a good physical body to live in; so that becomes the one great aim in life—to encourage the body by exercise to function so that life here may be prolonged to the utmost. Very little is ever said among these men about the spiritual department of man's makeup, except as they may speak of it in that misapplied way of referring to the psychical nature as man's spiritual department. It is misdirected. Man in his spiritual department is dead and remains so until that operation takes place of which Jesus spake to Nicodemus—the New Birth. This brings the spiritual nature to life and restores the place wherein God can again take up His abode in man and from there bring the other departments into connection with the life stream, stimulating, vitalizing and encouraging the whole man now from a different point or center. The trouble with most physical culturists is, they work in the realm of the physical body, largely; while the psychologist works in the intellectual realm, developing it to its nth power and oftentimes neglecting the physical. There are those of late who are combining these two departments and working them together with great benefit and blessing to humanity; but it is on the plane of the natural life. The other world is a guess to them. It is dark. There is something they do not know. It is a conjecture. What is that? It is the spiritual man, dead in trespasses and sins, out of touch with the true Source of life, with eyes that are blind, heart of stone, ears like an adder and feet swift to run in the ways of Cain and of Balaam. How long do you suppose your stomach would stand for it if you kept feeding it on the pursuits of psychology? She'd go on a strike, collapse utterly and end in the undertaker's hands. How fast would your intellectual life develop if you tried to keep it going on a physical diet? The answer is obvious. Then, why try to feed the spiritual man on either of the former diets or a combination of both?

Men are groping after something, and dislike very much to acknowledge that they really are in the condition the Bible says they are in—"having no hope and without God in the world." There is the endeavor to work from the outside in; while God's program is regeneration, the new birth, life from the dead. "You hath He quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins." Here the vision opens, hope revives, life starts anew. The outlook is from a different point of view. That is why Paul tells us, that "physical exercise profits little (or for a little time); but godliness is profitable to all things, having the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." Paul does not tell us we need not exercise our bodies; he knew better than that; but he did say that the born-again man had the advantage of being joined to the true source of life and intelligence so that the spiritual man, properly fed on the Bread which is from heaven, controls and supports the whole man with a flow of life that is from above. "He that hath the Son hath life." "In Him was life." "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in me shall

never die. Believest thou this?" Yes, Lord, I believe! Hallelujah! "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE." Glory be to God in the Highest.

Beloved of God, the natural life is keyed up to earth and earthiness and the wave lengths of the natural life are different from the spiritual; therefore we must constantly oppose worldly tendencies by prayer, meditation and consecration, and keep keyed up to God in the spiritual realm. Thus we will find ourselves in harmony with the divine instrument and catch the music that comes from above. We then are in a place to encourage others. The best way to help a needy brother is to give him some real help. Get under him. Support him. Supply that which he lacks until he gets on his feet. Dig him out of the ditch. Bind up his wounds. Pour in the oil and wine. Pile him upon your own beast. Take him to some good, red-hot spiritual hotel or inn where he can be nourished with the pure gospel and when the Lord comes again He will reward thee openly.

ABSORBING THE BIBLE

By William Luff

"Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up His words in thine heart" (Job 22:22).

Dr. J. P. Greene, President of William Jewell College, according to the Christian, makes a notable communication in defence of sound Bible work. Especially does he plead for this in college instruction, among young men and women while being equipped for ministerial and other service in the church of Christ. Says President Greene:

"Have confidence in the Bible. It speaks for itself. Christ had no trouble with the Old Testament. He accepted it and used it. So did the Apostles; and so did Paul, the most learned Christian of his day. Put the Bible into the hands of the young people. Let them absorb it."

The need for absorbing the Bible is evidenced by the frequent misquoting of texts. The Chaplain-General told recently of a soldier lad, who said he was converted through hearing a text given out by the class leader. Asked to quote it, he replied, "I have set the Lord always before me, because I am in His right hand, no man shall pluck me out." The quotation was hardly correct (it echoed three texts, in fact), but he had got the right truth. Perhaps when he had absorbed the Scriptures he would quote them correctly, especially if he became a "Berean."

What is that which is full of holes and yet holds water? A sponge! and it does it by absorbing. An encouragement for bad memories.

Certain watch-faces placed in the light absorb it, and so become luminous in the dark. Let us thus absorb the light of truth.

How did the covering of rams' skins, that covered the tabernacle, become red? (Exod. 36:19). By lying in red dye and absorbing it. Let us absorb the red dye of redemption.

The earth absorbs the gentle rain that falls from heaven: stores it and then sends it forth in fountains, springs and streams. Out of those who absorb the waters of the Word shall flow rivers of living water. (See Prov. 18:4.)

Flowers absorb moisture and vitality from the earth: and they grow in beauty and fragrance. Trees absorb nutriment from the soil, silently, continuously and without effort: and thus bring forth fruit. God's flowers and trees only flourish as they absorb truths divine. (See Psalm 1.)

The woods and forests absorb the sunshine of summer days: and in autumn it seems as if the sunbeams came out again in glorious tints. In the summer of life let us absorb the light of truth, and it will make the autumn of life bright and beautiful. (See Prov. 4:18; 16:31.)

May we not absorb the Bible as a preservative: as railroad ties are steeped in creosote? (See Psalm 119:11; 40:11; Prov. 2:11; 4:6.)

Stones lie in the sea and yet absorb it not: so stony hearts cannot absorb divine truth even though surrounded therewith. (See Ezek. 36:26.)

"Let them absorb the Bible," is the advice of Dr. Greene. After reading the words we met the following on "Waiting and Absorbing," by J. Y. Bevan:

"I was taking a stroll one Sunday afternoon in late autumn. The trees, banks and grass looked silent and sad in the gloomy atmosphere. As my thoughts were riveted on all nature around me, I suddenly said out loud, 'Waiting and Absorbing.' Yes, a few more months will speak its own lesson, and we shall see the truth of this earthly parable.

"A great secret work was going on which was unseen, but I thought, 'As we wait on God in patience, and rest in Him, absorbing His word, feeding on Him, we too shall grow and spring forth to His praise and glory.' God's waiting times for people are wonderful. As we look back and see the means He takes (very hard, perhaps) we see also the 'needs be,' and the blessing comes."

If we absorb the Bible until we reach "saturation point," it will prevent us absorbing the evil that too often surrounds us. (See Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.)

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him" (Psa. 37:7).

"Yes, for HIM. Seek not only the help, the gift, thou needest seek: HIMSELF; wait for HIM. Give God His glory by resting in Him, by trusting Him fully, by waiting patiently for Him. This patience honors Him greatly; it leaves Him, as God on the throne, to do His work; it yields self wholly into His hands. It lets God be God. If thy waiting be for some special request, wait patiently. If thy waiting be more the exercise of the spiritual life seeking to know and have more of God, wait patiently, whether it be in the shorter, specific periods of waiting, or as the continuous habit of the soul. Rest in the Lord, be still before the Lord, and wait patiently. 'They that wait on the Lord shall inherit the land.'"

Monday: "They shall be gathered one by one" (Isa. 27:12).

A good many years ago the Liverpool Sailors' Home in England was discovered to be on fire. At length, by dint of great energy on the part of those who were at work, it was supposed that all the inmates had been saved; but suddenly a loud shriek was heard, and three sailors were seen standing upon a narrow ledge of wall some forty feet above the ground. A ladder was brought but alas! it was too short. What could be done? "Stand back!" said a resolute and daring man, as with another ladder in his hand he mounted the former, and put the one to the other; but, alas! even that was too short. Then with the ingenuity of a daring man, he turned his back to the wall, and putting the shorter ladder on his shoulders cried out, "Come down over me!" Those in the street held their breath as they saw one after another of the sailors safely come down over him; and when they reached the ground a deafening cheer was heard from hundreds of throats. The ladder of the pulpit, the platform, and the classroom, is often too short, and men continue unsaved, but add your length to the ladder, individualize your work, let your brother reach a place of safety over you, and though no deafening human cheer shall fall on your ears, the courts of heaven shall reverberate with gladness, for "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—J. G. M.

Tuesday: "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, 'Here I am'" (Isa. 58:9).

Freedom from strain in our prayer life or service is the surest indication of a real faith in God. But it means a close walk and communion with Him. Then does He so become the vital center of our being that our prayer and our activities flow out from Him and we recognize ourselves to be only the channel of usefulness.

Wednesday: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

"I have only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But its up to me to use it.
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it.
Just a tiny little minute—
But eternity is in it."

Thursday: "Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" (Matt. 6:25).

In the rush of these materialistic days the bulk of the world's thought is for the comfort and exaltation of the natural man and his desires. There might be a mild reproof for some of us in this quaint message taken from an old sampler worked by a Quakeress years ago:

"Why should the garments made to hide
Our parents' sin provoke our pride?
The art of dress did ne'er begin
Till Eve our Mother learned to sin,
And yet her children vainly boast
In the sad marks of glory lost."

Friday: "And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be gracious unto you" (Isa. 30:18).

"And if you ask, 'How is it, if He waits to be gracious, that even after I come and wait upon Him, He does not give the help I seek, but waits on longer and longer?' there is a double answer. The one is this: God is a wise husbandman, 'who waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it.' He cannot gather the fruit till it is ripe. He knows when we are spiritually ready to receive the blessing to our profit and His glory. Waiting in the sunshine of His love is what will ripen the soul for His blessing. Waiting under the cloud of trial, that breaks in showers of blessing, is as needful. Be assured that if God waits longer than you could wish, it is only to make the blessing doubly precious. God waited four thousand years, till the fulness of time, ere He sent His Son: our times are in His hands: He will avenge His elect speedily: He will make haste for our help, and not delay one hour too long."

Saturday: "According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

"There's only one joy in my life now—
'tis Jesus.

There's only one sorrow—'tis wounding
His love.

There's only one theme—'tis the 'Old,
Old Story.'

There's only one hope—His appearing
in glory,

There's only one guide—'tis the dear Holy
Spirit.

There's only one death, and I do not
fear it.

There's only one work—'tis my trust He
is seeking.

So I'll watch and I'll pray, and He'll
do the keeping."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By W. R. M.

Q.—Heb. 10:33. Should we become a gazingstock to the world for Christ Jesus' sake by not conforming to this world? Does this have anything to do with our dress?

A.—We may become a gazingstock in the eyes of the world, through our wearing modest apparel, and daring to contravene the world's fashion, or we may be called upon to endure poverty, and be clothed cheaply and shabbily according to the world's standards, and thus endure the scorning of those that are at ease. (See 1 Peter 3:3, 4; 1 Cor. 4:9-13. "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you" (1 Peter 4:14).

Q.—Please explain Matt. 8:11-12, why the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness, after having gone into the kingdom of heaven and sat down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.

In John 6:39-44 Jesus says that of all the Father has given Him He should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

A.—The "children of the kingdom" are the Jewish nation to whom the kingdom had been promised, but by rejecting their King they forfeited the promise and were themselves rejected, ("cast out"). The Lord does not say, "after they had sat down with Abraham," etc. As a matter of fact they refuse to go into the kingdom at all, on God's terms.

This text in no wise contradicts John 6:39, "should lose nothing". Christ will "lose nothing" of those who have been given to Him by the Father; but these who are given are those who come to Him, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me". But of these Jews the Lord had to say, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life," (John 5).

Q.—What does God require of man after he can say the blood of Christ has been completely applied for the forgiveness of sins?

A.—(1) Be immersed in water, as a sign that you have been buried with Christ and raised from the dead in Him to walk in newness of life. You must confess Him before men, in His appointed way. "Be baptized (in water) every one of you" (Acts 2:38).

(2) Be filled with the spirit, according to the Scripture model. "Tarry until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4). This endowment is essential to your being Christ's witness (Acts 1:8).

(3) Continue steadfast in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles in the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). We are to observe all things whatsoever the Lord commanded the apostles (Matt. 28:20).

(4) Preach the gospel to every creature, it is the privilege and duty of every Spirit-filled saint to help evangelize the world (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15,ff).

All that we do is to be done heartily, as to the Lord and not to men (Col. 3:23). We are to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, etc. (Col. 1:9-12), living as those who wait for their Lord (Luke 12:36).

Q.—Please explain John 14:12 where it says: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go to my Father."

A.—"Verily, verily," These are the words of Christ's solemn declaration equal to His divine oath, that those who believe on Him should do the same works that He was daily doing, and be endued with the same supernatural power to expel demons, raise the dead, heal the sick and preach the gospel of victory, being armed with the same, and even greater, credentials, because He was going to His Father, and would send down the Holy Ghost and lift them into the spiritual realm, where hitherto unknown powers could be bestowed. John 5:20 throws light on this passage.

Q.—Does the mark of the Beast come before Jesus comes for His saints, or during the Tribulation?

A.—No, the Lord Jesus may come to His saints at any moment. He has promised that His faithful ones shall be kept from "the hour of temptation" (Rev. 3:10), i. e. the Great Tribulation, These are the overcomers and they will accompany Him when He returns in glory.

The "Tribulation" will immediately follow the translation of the overcomers. The mark of the Beast will come forth during this time, and the saints who have failed to be caught up in the "Rapture", will be forced to choose between wearing this mark (which will imply that they acknowledge antichrist to be God), and a violent death. Some believe that all the saints will be translated, but the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins certainly suggests that some will be left behind. John saw a great multitude, which no man could number, who came out of "the great tribulation" (Rev. 7:14 A. S. V.).

JEWISH BROTHER'S TESTIMONY

I was saved 3 years and 9 months ago. I had a little Jewish training when a boy, but was never attentive. Ever since I can remember I had a spirit of adventure within me and did long to see other countries. It did not take me long to take the opportunity when it came. At the age of 9 I began to travel, and before I was twelve I had already been through 3 countries. I have seen over 19 countries; saw active service with the British Navy as well as in the American Merchant Marine. I was wounded twice, lost two ships, but still am alive to proclaim the gospel to lost and dying men.

I was approached with the Gospel by a woman who was converted from the Roman Catholic faith (two extremes). At first I laughed, but later on it all became sweet to my taste. A week or two after she told me about Jesus as my only hope for eternal life, I saw a vision of Christ. He was very plain and that sight has always kept me. Very few Gentiles really know what persecution is. I have had it in a measure, but that vision kept me and will keep me till Jesus comes.

I was put out of my home, forsaken by my folks and friends. I gave up my business and all that I had, and went to work in a place so that I could have time at night to go where I could hear the words of the Lord. I again saw another vision, that of an angel. This vision very definitely called me into the work for the Master. The first vision was to impress me that Jesus Christ was more than a man and not an impostor, but that He was the Messiah and the Saviour of my soul. And I believe that there and then I was saved and washed in the blood of the Lamb. Praise the Lord forever!

After having my second vision, I soon tried to get away to some place and just be alone with my Jesus. I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on Dec. 25, 1919. I was saved in October, 1919. Right after receiving the Baptism in the Spirit, the Lord planted a deep hunger in my heart for His Word and I would not be satisfied until I found myself in school. I took one year in Beulah Heights, North Bergen, N. J., but left and went from there to Bethel Pentecostal Bible School at Newark, N. J. I was there for two years. While at school I let no opportunity go by to tell out the glad tidings of the One who can and does save from sin. After graduating in May, 1922, I soon pressed out into the evangelistic field. God has been with me, and is with me, and praise His name, He will be with me all the way.

God has allowed my prayers to be answered in that one of my brothers according to the flesh of my own family has come out for Christ.

I came here (Worcester, Mass.) about 4 months ago, and in coming here I entered a very hard field. Conditions and environments were such that I really had to depend upon God to hold me steady in Him. As God always does, He never failed me, and at the time of this letter, I can say that God has been riding on from victory to victory. I have a church that seats 140 people. Many have been saved, some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, hearts have been touched, and above all I can say out of an honest heart, the Gospel has been preached with no uncertain sound and Jesus Christ has been lifted up.

I hold 11 meetings each week: 4 street meetings, 2 prayer meetings, 2 Bible studies, 1 divine healing service, and 2 services on Sunday. God grants me strength and I do give Him all the praise and the glory. Without Him I would have failed long ago.—Meyer Tan Ditter.

TESTIMONY GIVEN AT GLAD TIDINGS ASSEMBLY, SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 23, 1923

The Lord gave me the wonderful blessing of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit two weeks ago last Friday evening. But I had a battle to fight before I got it.

For several weeks I had been asking the Lord to fill me with His Holy Spirit because I did not know whether I was saved or not. But I did know, if the Lord filled me with His Holy Spirit, I would know I was saved and not have to think it.

Two weeks ago last Friday morning, alone, I got down on my knees and asked the Lord to fill me with His Holy Spirit, and save me, and heal me. And if there was anything He wanted me to do that I had not done, if He would reveal it to me, I would do it.

In the evening of the same day I had something like a nervous chill, and my husband phoned to the Mission that I was very sick. Brother Craig came and prayed for me, and the Holy Ghost fell on me. The Lord gave me just what I asked Him for, filled me full and running over. Brother Craig and my husband sang a few verses, and I was so happy I laughed and cried and shouted. And praise the Lord, I know now I'm saved and I don't have to think it.

Mrs. Clara Richmond.
1061 Laguna Street, San Francisco, Calif.

A TESTIMONY

I want to sound a note of praise to my dear Lord, as He has been such a dear Friend to me. I am so glad to be able to say that He is a wonderful Saviour to me. He saved me when I was a small girl; and, praise His name, He kept me from sin many years before I knew anything about the Baptism in the precious Holy Spirit. But just as soon as I met some of God's Pentecostal people I knew that they had something which I did not have; and I went on my knees to God, and He baptized me, giving me the evidence of speaking in tongues. Hallelujah! I am still abiding in Him, and He grows sweeter to me every day I live and I mean to go all the way with Him. I have many trials and temptations; but He is with me and gives me strength to bear them all for Him. I feel so happy in Him. I was a member of the Methodist church for 25 years; but the Lord showed me that there was a higher place for me and a greater blessing, and, praise His name, I have the promise. My husband believes in this way. Please pray for him that he may receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and for my children that they will be saved, and for me that I may be a great blessing in this town in which I live, and be able to do much for my Master.—Lillie Cook, Savannah, Ga.

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"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

I have suffered with my eyes since I was three years old, being quite blind in the right eye, and very delicate in health.

Although my parents were not Catholic, I was sent to a Catholic school, and that was all the religious training I had. I never was a church member, yet I always had a craving for a religious life.

In 1916 I met my husband, a Russian Jew and an atheist. You may think it strange, but I found in him all the true principles of a Christian, and he converted me to atheism and we were married; but I continued to have a craving for something which I could not understand.

About Christmas, 1919, I became ill with neuritis. After being treated by private doctors and in hospitals without receiving any benefit, I was advised to go to the German hospital Dalston. My sight became rapidly worse. The doctor there said that I had only a needle point of sight and that I was too weak to be operated upon. I attended there till October, 1921. By that time I was in despair and on the verge of suicide, as there was no hope of my ever being any better.

It was then the dear Lord came to my rescue. Praise His Holy Name. About the end of October, 1921, I had a strange dream. A man wearing a grey coat had his arms around me and breathed upon me, saying, "Breathe it in; it's the new life." I felt hot waves, like electricity, going through me. Then he placed his hand on my eyes and I knew he was going to do something to them. Suddenly he left me; and I became afraid and tried to get away. I found myself in a room crowded with people, mostly on their knees. As I tried to reach the door, the man rose up from their midst and looked at me. I shall never forget the look in his eyes. I was so ashamed that I went back; but as I went my strength failed and I fell to the ground. As I fell I saw the man standing above me. He stooped and picked me up in his arms. The experience of heavenly peace that came to me then is beyond description. Then I awoke. From that time the pains in my body turned to stiffness, then gradually disappeared; but my eyes were no better.

I could not forget the man in my dream, and I felt so sure I should meet him that I looked for him in the street. I knew I should recognize him by the grey coat, but I could not remember his face.

Through an article in a newspaper I heard of faith healing in Horbury Church through Pastor Stephen Jeffreys, and on November 11 I went.

Strange to say, my dream was fulfilled; I remembered the place; and when Pastor Jeffreys anointed me the power fell upon me, and he said the very same words: "Breathe it in; it's the new life." My husband was so impressed that he went to church with me the following Sunday and accepted the Lord as his Saviour. Still my eyes were no better, rather

worse, because I had left off the hospital treatment. I was determined to trust the Lord entirely now. Although I felt at peace with God, still I was not satisfied; I felt there was something more I wanted. On December 1, just twenty days later, I was praying in my kitchen; I surrendered myself fully to God and asked to be made holy and righteous. Immediately something seemed to strike my head and it went through me and burst into a flame; and the words came, "I come as a refiner's fire." Then my tongue seemed to be moved by an invisible hand, and I was speaking in new tongues. It was a wonderful Baptism and lasted about two hours.

Six days later I had another wonderful experience: My eyes went under a perfect operation. It lasted about five hours. I can see beautifully with my left eye, and I am quite sure that before long, I shall have the sight of the other one.

This is a poor account of all the Lord has done for me; but it is the best I can do. I have had many experiences since, but cannot write more now; but I pray God will bless these lines, especially to anyone who is seeking healing.—Mrs. E. Learner, 12 Radipole Road, Fulham, London, England.

HEALED OF BLINDNESS

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

With pleasure the writer desires to testify to the mercy, goodness and healing power of Jesus Christ. I know that Jesus healed all manner of diseases during his public ministry, and that He is just as able and willing to heal today. But the fact was not forcibly brought to my attention until Brother and Sister Clark came into our midst for an old-time revival.

My son Harry, now twelve years of age, had had weak eyes since birth, his left eye being sightless and the right gradually getting weaker until even with very strong glasses he could read only a few lines until the words seem to form only a black line which caused him a great deal of trouble with his teacher. When our good brother, Earl W. Clark of 1435 So. Belmont Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., told of an incident, where through prayer Jesus had healed the eyes of a blind man in one of his meetings, Harry said, "If Jesus can do this for another, He can do so for me." And on Friday, Divine healing day, he fasted and went to the prayer meeting in the afternoon, asked God to heal his eyes, and in the evening went to the altar for healing. When Brother and Sister Clark prayed for him, Jesus touched his eyes and immediately he could tell time by a tiny wrist watch, with the eye that had been blind, and glory be to God he has not used his glasses since.—Harry O. Waugaman, 6924 Kelly St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

HEALED OF HEMORRHAGES

"And one of them, when he saw he was healed turned back and with a loud voice glorified God." Even so I want to give thanks to God.

When a child I was frail; and as I developed into girlhood was kept in the school-room, with long hours of study and very little recreation, as Latin and such studies seemed more important than Hygiene; therefore I continued to be weak physically.

After several years of suffering I received light on divine healing and learned that in the atonement of Jesus there is health as well as salvation; and I simply threw myself on the Saviour's mercy and He, in tender love, cared for me as a shepherd would for a wounded lamb.

My ambition was greater than my strength; often I was presumptuous, not regarding this temple of clay.

It is written, "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

About four years ago after a busy day (I was in the mercantile business) I was awakened at midnight with a choking in my throat. I called to my husband, and he came to my side. I was having a hemorrhage. I could hear the blood gurgling as it oozed from my side into my mouth. I had strained an artery by heavy lifting and must suffer for my own carelessness. I was left too weak to talk, and I continued so weak that I decided to be examined; the doctor said it was only a question of time and there was no hope. For a few moments I felt as if my death sentence was pronounced. Then I caught sight of my child. Would God take me away? I sprang out of my bed, tottered to a chair, opened my Bible, and my eyes rested on these words, "Have faith in God." From that hour I began to amend.

Miss M. E. Mann of Muncie, Ind. prayed with me last winter and I thank God for answered prayer. This year I decided to take a course at State Normal for teaching and passed the physical examination O. K. I would be a dishonor to God were I not to sound words of praise. Gratitude reigns within my heart. I take this method of giving praise for healing as I have no opportunity to attend service where testimonies are permitted. God grant that my life may be as the day growing more beautiful toward the evening.—M. Isabelle Duncan, R. 5, Box 38, Tylertown, Miss.

HEALED OF CHRONIC KIDNEY TROUBLE

The Lord has so wonderfully blessed us the last two years that I must tell others about it, and perhaps it will help some one else to cast their burden upon the Lord as I did August 11, 1922. From childhood I was afflicted with kidney trouble. I often prayed for the Lord to give me relief in some way, but not knowing much about the Bible, I didn't know that Jesus had provided for the healing of our bodies in the atonement. As I grew older I tried many kinds of medicine, but was never cured. I finally

married a young man of the Pentecostal belief and we began going to the Gospel Tabernacle on Fourth and Grand Avenues, Dallas, Texas. There I heard the full gospel preached and gladly believed it all.

In 1922 my kidney trouble grew much worse. Husband and I prayed much and one night two sisters prayed for me at the altar and the Lord, in tender mercy, touched my body and took away the affliction. On the way home the devil appeared before me so plainly that it frightened me, but I prayed, "Oh, Lord, rebuke him away and don't let him take the healing that You gave me." Instantly he disappeared.

Some people ask, "But do these healings last?" Well, praise the Lord, this one has lasted sixteen months already, and "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." Jesus is now our Great Physician for soul and body. Dear brothers and sisters, pray for me that I may receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.—Mrs. J. O. Haynes.

WONDERFUL HEALING

I have been asked to give this testimony of an accident and healing of a little girl named Thora Jeffreys 14 Bezuldenhout street, Troyeville, Johannesburg.

One day as I was proceeding from Jeppes to Johannesburg, my young niece accompanied me nearly as far as the car. Having said goodbye to her and having told her to go home, I went on. When I looked around to see if she was safe, I found that she had followed me into the street and had been run over by an auto traveling at full speed, which dragged her some yards. I ran and picked her up, but she recovered consciousness only to collapse in my arms. I knelt down in the street with her in my arms and cried out to God. I told Him that I could not go to the mother with the seemingly dead child, as it was her only little girl. I prayed that the Lord would give her back to me.

By this time about fifty people had gathered around me. Some ran for brandy, others for water, etc., but I just waved them away, telling them to wait and see what God could do. Then the power of God came upon me and I spoke in tongues. The interpretation, "All power is given unto me," was given to me too. I placed my hands on the child and rebuked death, commanding it to depart. Life came into her body and I thanked God.

I then got into an auto with her and told the driver to take me to Jeppes, but the crowd wanted me to take her to the hospital. After some trouble the driver took me to my sister's home in Jeppes. As soon as I arrived, I ran upstairs with the little girl. We immediately sent for Brother Heatley and others to pray for her. She was in a dead faint, but as we prayed she regained consciousness and started to scream, making a terrible noise. We continued in prayer until she fell asleep. The woman who drove the car which ran over the child

begged me to allow her to call in a doctor. I told her that she could do so, but we did not intend using any medicine as we trusted the Lord to heal the child.

She sent for the doctor and in the meantime Sister Heatley and I washed the child and found that she was badly torn between the legs and was bleeding considerably. One leg was broken and one eye was hanging outside the head. The car's wheel had passed over her stomach and had hurt her internally. Her chin was cut open from the one side to the other, and was bleeding freely. When the doctor arrived, he immediately saw there was no hope for her to recover, and he stated that her heart had ceased working. He did not think that she could live more than a few hours.

He, nevertheless, wanted to stitch the cut in her face. I told him that it was unnecessary, as we looked to Jesus to do the work. He got very angry and said that if we did not allow him to do it at once he would lay a charge against us for refusing medical aid. Later on a policeman came around to take a statement from me. He warned me that everything I might say, would be used as evidence against us in court. I told him that I was not afraid, as Jesus is my Lawyer and He would defend me. I then made a statement.

Going back to the child, I found that the cut across the face had closed up, leaving only a stripe to show where the cut had been. The bleeding had ceased also. Jesus had stitched it Himself. On the fourth day the eye was back in its place.

The sergeant of the police wanted me to make another statement some days later to the effect that I got another doctor and used medicine. (He thought the child was dead.) I thanked him, but told him that the original statement was quite in order. I invited him upstairs to come and see what my Doctor had done for the little girl. He did not want to believe that this was the child.

I could not understand why the little bits of stone, which had got into the flesh of her legs, when she was dragged along by the auto, would not come out. I was confident that Jesus always did a complete and good work. When the sergeant refused to believe that it was the same child that had the accident, I knew that the bits of stone were left there to convince him of the truth. I showed him the child's leg and he believed. From that moment the little stones began to loosen and fall out. On the twelfth day she was perfectly healed and stood in the Mission Hall and in the open-air testifying to what Jesus had done for her.

This was a miracle, for we know that in the natural way a broken leg usually takes about six weeks to heal.

To God be all the honor and glory.

G. Preller.

—From "Comforter," Johannesburg, S. Africa.

FOR SALE FOR MISSIONS—A pieced silk quilt-top which has been sent to Sister John Hokanson, R. D. 1, Box 42, Greeley, Colo. Write to her.

HEALED OF BLOOD POISONING

Some time ago I wrote you asking prayer for healing of dropsy. I got better but lingered along until it seemed that blood-poisoning would take my right leg. Then I anointed with oil and asked Jesus to heal all sores and take away all puff and swelling according to the prayer which had been sent to the throne by the saints who had prayed for me. That was the evening of October 14, and by the evening of the 15th all had disappeared—no puff, no deep ring, no stinking sores, no swelling, all gone, and a peeling off where the sores had been, or the dry scabs coming off. I am stiff in my right knee, as I fell while sick and strained the knee. I still have to use a crutch or cane, as the flesh, bone, nerves and cords are not yet formed as good as they were before I was sick. I was 16 weeks in an invalid chair, day and night, unable to lie down, as it seemed that my heart would drown. I do thank Jesus and praise God for His wonderful goodness to us all.—W. S. Baldwin.

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR INDICATER

Occasionally some one is heard to say, "It doesn't matter what people think of me, I know my heart is right." In sight of my office window is a church tower. On one of the clock faces one of the hands has been broken, making the clock tell strange tales. There are people who do not understand and are misled by it. At heart the old clock is all right, but that does not alter the seriousness of the fact that people have been late in meeting their engagements and have missed their trains because the face is not an index to that which it covers.—From Record of Christian Work.

Not what we are on dress parade, but what we are in the testing time reveals our true character. D. L. Moody used to say, "Character is what we are in the dark." How do you stand the hard places?

WHAT HIS EXAMPLE DID

At the inquest upon the body of a little boy who had been run over, the chief witness was a youth who narrowly escaped injury himself. "I saw that I had just time to cross the road in front of the car," he said; "but I had no idea that the lad was following me." Are we sure that no one is following us in the little doubtful pleasure, and that although we escape injury others will not be hurt?—Sunday School Chronicle.

WHO WAS THE OWNER?

A rich man once said, "I owned \$50,000 and I was a happy man. Now \$500,000 owns me. It says, 'Run here,' and I run. It says 'Trust in me,' and I trust in riches. I am rich, unhappy, and hanker for more." "But," he was asked, "why then don't you give the \$450,000 away and return to your happy state?" "Ah," said the man, "did you ever hold the handle of a galvanic battery? The more the juice the tighter you hold,"—King's Business.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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WANTED!

The Church of Christ in this day and generation is on the verge of mighty possibilities. Gigantic movements are permeating the world. The eternal destiny of human souls is at stake. The nations of the earth are groping for light, the dawn of a new era. The challenge is up to us. What part will we play in the solution of humanity's cry, "Come over and help us"?

Wanted! We need men for the French Soudan, for Congo Belge, for Egypt, for India, for China, for Japan, and for South America. Some of our missionaries are breaking down under the burden. Recruits are needed to take their places and others to open up new fields.

Wanted! Five hundred (500) young volunteers—candidates for missionary appointment to offer themselves a living sacrifice on the altar of God for missions. We want strong, healthy, vigorous, virile young recruits, strong in the Lord, who know how to live their lives in Christ to endure hardships, to sacrifice for Jesus' sake if need be, to reflect Christ to these millions of heathen souls in darkness. Who will go? Who will respond to the call, saying, "Here am I, send me"?

Wanted! Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to send these five hundred new recruits to man this foreign missionary "fleet" about to sail carrying the saving, living Gospel of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth. Here is our opportunity. Who will come up to the help of the Lord and lay your gifts on the altar for missions? This is productive of revivals. A strong missionary church becomes a strong evangelistic and spiritual church. Pastors, your success in the ministry depends upon your foreign missionary activity.

Wanted! One million (1,000,000) Pentecostal Christians filled with and living in the fulness and power of the Holy Spirit, obedient to the Word, reflecting the Christ to all mankind, everywhere, and at all times.

This is our goal the coming year for missions. This will be our glorious realization, if we'll live, pray, give and work unitedly and co-ordinate our every thought, word and effort toward the consummation of Jesus' coming. "This one thing I do."

William M. Faux, Missionary Secretary.

Work in the office of the Missionary Department would be greatly facilitated if all correspondence on missionary matters were addressed to the Missionary Secretary, and matters purely financial to the Treasurer.

A REVIVAL

Miss Esther Hanson writes of a revival amongst the children in the Home of Onesiphorus, Taianfu, China: "God has been working wonderfully in our midst these last weeks; first with us missionaries, melting us together in love and unity, and then with the children. Oh, if you could have seen how, one evening when we had hardly finished prayer, a large group of children burst into the room to confess their wrong-doing! It was a sight to behold. They all stood with their hands raised to heaven praying for forgiveness and praising God. It has kept up steadily among the girls until there is hardly one girl who has not been moved upon. Some have come dozens of times, as they have been reminded of their misdeeds; they came bringing pennies, needles, pins, hairpins, thread, etc., which they have picked up and not told about; and they came to tell how sorry they are for being disobedient, etc.

"Oh, it has been very wonderful! It is only the power of God that has done it, for Chinese are so afraid of 'losing face', they would rather lie or take punishment than own up to stealing or wrong doing of any kind. How they do pray! At almost any time of the day we can hear them off in some room praying; and in the evening they don't wait until the prayer bell rings, but rush right back from supper to the school rooms, and there in the dark they will pray for hours. God has blessed them in their prayers and several have seen visions. One saw Jesus, one a cross, others angels, another a light which came and divided on their heads; and then they heard, 'When you are baptized, just praise Me; do not be afraid, and I will fill you with the Holy Spirit.' We expect to have baptismal service tomorrow, and we are praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit too.

"I have often thought how you would love to see these hundreds of children at prayer with their hands and faces lifted heavenward. Just the sight of it makes one very happy and certainly pays for all the hardships there may be in this land."

A NOTE OF PRAISE

Brother C. W. Longstreth from Sierra Leone, Africa, praises the Lord for His healing touch: "God has been most wonderfully touching me in body the past few weeks, and I do not fail to give Him all the praise. It is marvelous the way in which He has so graciously undertaken for this body which was so near to death's door a few months ago. Praise God for His faithfulness. I would like an interest in your prayers should the dear Lord put me on your heart for prayer."

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES

Sister Myrtle Bailey is beginning to feel the pull to get back to the field. The work is calling her on the other side. God bless her.

Miss Grace C. Agar, a Tibetan missionary, has been formally received into our fellowship. We heartily welcome her and solicit your prayers in her behalf.

Miss Harriet L. Dithridge has been accepted for appointment to Japan. Miss Dithridge is an experienced missionary and expects soon to return to Japan. We commend her most highly to the saints for prayers and support. Money for her passage will be greatly appreciated.

LAUNCHING AHEAD

Brother N. Sorensen writes from Bolivar, Argentine: "As we see a great world lying in sin and suffering, reaping the results of the seed that has been sown, we cannot but praise the Lord who picked us up out of the miry clay and planted our feet on the rock. It is grace upon grace that we are not among the company that is hellward bound. I feel sure that if our eyes are open to this, we will do all in our power to bring sinners to Jesus ere it is too late. Dear ones, reading these lines, have you brought any to Christ this year? Oh, let us work. The night is at hand. Soon we shall work no more.

"We are going constantly ahead. Souls are saved now and then, and we are happy in serving the Lord. Most of these dear ones stick faithfully to the Lord, but some find the way too narrow and draw back. On November 25 we baptized four in water, and ten more are ready to follow the Lord in baptism. Several are seeking for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and we are expecting, from meeting to meeting, to see the power to fall. Pray this may come to pass very soon.

"It is now three weeks since we pitched our tent. It took much longer than we had expected to get the papers drawn up for the lot we have just bought. It is a corner lot only three blocks from the City Hall. We are now trying to place our contract, and start the building right away. Brother and Sister Wortman are planning for dwellings on one side of the lot, and the corner is to be used for the church building. Our plans are to use part of one building for a Hall, then get a room and kitchen up, and move in so we shall not have to pay house rent any more. We shall need several thousand pesos before the middle of March. We have put our faith in Jesus and go ahead. We know our God is able to undertake. Praise His Name!

"It is impossible to put this property into the hands of the Council as there is no provision for this in the Argentine laws. So now it stands in both names and the only thing that can be done is to draw up a reciprocal testament so it will be kept for the glory of God whatever happens. We do not know yet exactly how much it will cost. Beloved, take this problem to the Lord. Pray, do what you can, and I am sure the Lord will bless us as we labor together for Him."

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Brother V. G. Plymire, Tangar, Kansu, China writes: "I have just been on a trip to Gomba Sobo Monastery and on to the nomads beyond. I was well received by the official lama of the monastery and have an invitation to return whenever I wish; but it is impossible for me to get away now. I am expecting a visit from him any day. As these men visit us they see us at home and we allow them to roam about the place at will. This somehow makes them feel a bit as if they and we were friends and it has helped us in the past and given us open doors. In this pioneer work the people do not know the foreigner as they do in places where the missionary has been for the past thirty years. We could not do very much on the first trip. But we left Gospels and good literature with some of the priests and with this lama.

"Since returning from this trip, I have had a visit from one of the Kokonor Princes. This Prince with his attendant appeared very friendly and I am hoping to visit him as soon as possible. This one lives only two days west from here. The Lord is giving us many open doors if only we had the means to enable us to go and enter.

"We have been having many guests from one- to two-months' journey distant. These have invited me into their district. Then we have had a great number from the Teb-cha region. If we had the means I could visit all these places and be able to give the Gospel to these tribes.

"For some weeks now we have had great numbers of natives coming in from the Tsaidam. They come with literally hundreds of camels loaded with wool and furs. This they barter for their food supplies, etc. Besides these we have had a large caravan arrive from Lhasa. These all stop only a few doors from our place. This afternoon I had several of the Lhasa traders in, to whom also I gave Gospels and tracts.

"For a number of days I have been tending to the sore hand of a soldier. The General sent him to me as a last hope. When I saw the hand I was afraid to attempt anything. I actually feared it was beyond any help. He got a splinter in the palm and this festered and they smeared some black stuff on which just made it worse. His hand was already green. I told Mrs. Plymire about it and that it would be only the Lord who could help. There was no opening for the pus to come out, so I finally took my pocket knife, boiled it well, and cut the hard skin. Two or three days later I trimmed away all the dead flesh and skin. But that was not all. There was still something in the back of the hand causing trouble and this morning I cut this open. The difficult part of such work is that we have nothing in the line of instruments. The first time I did cutting, it was with my pocket knife, later with small scissors, and these boiled well. Then this morning I took an old Gillet razor blade to perform the operation.

"Some weeks ago we had a man whose horse threw him and bruised both eyes badly. When he was brought in here his eyes were swollen so they could not be seen. The flesh below one was hanging down as if it had been slit with a knife for an inch or more. Above the other eye there was a wound which fractured the bone. We helped the man and the last time he was here both of his eyes were open and the wounds well healed. Before that we had two fellows who had cut their throats, due to a quarrel. Both of these we saved and in a short time had the deep cuts healed. Besides such work we pull a great many teeth. This we do with very ancient instruments and at times we find it difficult to get a hold. These things have given us open doors and friends, and we trust in time will have given us precious souls for the Saviour. Pray for us and the work that we may be able to win some of these souls to the Master."

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Sister Ruth D. Cook writes from North China: "I am sending a note of praise for what the Lord has been doing in our midst as we gathered for the annual North China Pentecostal Missionary Conference. The Lord was truly with us, and at the close I believe all could say that it was good to be there.

"I do not remember of ever having been in a series of meetings just like it, where from the first meeting to the last there was such unity, and the Spirit having His way in our hearts. The usual question, 'Who is to speak this morning or afternoon' was seldom heard, each trusting the Lord to bring forth the message for the hour. Sometimes few and sometimes many were used in giving out the Word. As we sensed keenly the fact that we are living in the last days, and, looking from the natural, all seems so dark, we were encouraged to look away unto Him who is able to keep in the hour of temptation and protect in times of trouble.

"At the close of the Conference it was suggested that a certain time, Monday morning between eight and nine o'clock be set aside to pray for each missionary and work, and all fell in line. So we remember Monday morning as Missionary Day, and would ask those who have this part of the vineyard on their hearts to join with us at this time that the Lord will stretch forth His hand in convicting and saving power."

AN AUCTION AT CHURCH

Miss Mary Chapman from India writes: "While passing through great troubles their boundless joy even amid their deep poverty has overflowed to increase their generous liberality' (2 Cor. 8:2—Weymouth). We were wending our way from the tiny rooms a dear old Christian brother had vacated and cleaned for the missionaries to use during the convention, to the little church of mud walls and floor, and thatched roof, the humble place where a Spirit-filled company worshipped and which was often filled with the glory of God. We noticed the people,

men, women and children, coming from far and near.

"Everywhere were signs of extreme poverty. Their clothing though clean is made of coarse, cheap material and, with many is quite insufficient for a proper covering. Even in the little church there was only a row of rough wooden benches for strangers to sit on, while workers and converts sat on mats on the floor. Three old chairs for the missionaries to sit on were carried back and forth from church to dining room as needed. The mats served the threefold purpose of bed at night, seats for the home, and seats at church, these being carried back and forth by willing hands. Added to this poverty their beloved pastor had sickened and died, and in spite of their strong crying and tears three or four others of the little flock had gone to their reward since last we met with them. Not in the least discouraged, one of the converts was leading them forward and the glory shone from their faces as they came to the church that day for a feast of fat things. But I noticed that some were carrying baskets, some vegetables, and one even a chicken, which they deposited in the back part of the building. The service went on to the end and the Lord was very precious present.

"The offering was called for and they came forward laying their little coins on the table for church expense. Then they began to bring forward their stores from the back, and one brother stepped to the front and with as much seriousness as at any part of the service sold them to the highest bidder. Baskets of grain of different kinds, vegetables, fruits, etc., were auctioned off quietly and quickly, and the price put in the offering on the table. The chicken was given to us as a present, but not wanting to fall behind these liberal givers we promptly deposited the price of it on the table.

"Why not sell these things and bring the money, you would say? Because of poor markets and low prices. There is a wide difference between the selling price and the buying price. These Christian brethren and sisters would give the full buying price and perhaps a little more, thus saving the commission of the middle man for the Lord's work. It has been truly stated that the Lord estimates the value of our gifts by what we have left, as in the case of the poor widow who gave the most because she gave all. By that estimate I wonder how the gifts of those who have an abundance left will compare with the gifts of these heathen converts who when in dire need give to God's cause from their deep poverty. When heaven's ledger has been balanced, there will be some wonderful revelations. How will your account and mine stand? How much for self, how much for God?"

WEDDING

Brother W. Frank Bogert, missionary recently to Tibet, was married on Thanksgiving Day to Miss Edith Priest of Bellingham, Wash. We wish them God's richest blessing upon their future career.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—The Lord is blessing in the W. W. Hall Assembly. In a recent Sunday meeting three or four were saved, and four have received the Baptism in the Spirit. God is doing wonders.—Mrs. J. A. Bayless.

TRAFALGAR, IND.—We have a mission at Spearville and generally have a good attendance for a country place. We have an assembly of ten converted souls and four baptized in the Spirit. We have bought the old Methodist Church and owe \$160.00 on it yet.—S. E. Lockwood, Secretary.

MCPHERSON, KANS.—Just closed a ten-day campaign with the two Nazarene churches of Plainville, Kans. The Lord wonderfully blessed; eight souls were saved and the saints were renewed, and some came into the light of Pentecost and are tarrying for the Baptism in the Spirit with Acts 2:4 as the Bible pattern, for which we give God all the glory.—Evangelists W. O. and Etta Thornberry.

HYNDMAN, PA.—We have just closed a three-week meeting here. The Lord worked in a real way. Three were at the altar seeking salvation the first night. Several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the sign of speaking in tongues. The meetings were well attended and on Sunday night the house was packed and people were standing in the aisles. They have a nice little church here all paid for, but at present are without a pastor. Sister Metz is looking after the work until a pastor can be secured.—Mary C. Brown.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—We are glad to report victory again. God has again visited with an outpouring of the latter rain. We began meeting December 4 and closed the 23rd. Brother Jacob Miller from Fort Smith, Ark. did the preaching. His messages stirred the people up to their standing before God, and they began to dig. Fifteen went through to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. And nine were born of the Spirit, or renewed to their Saviour.

Brother Miller is an old-time Pentecostal preacher, and he comes with the old-time message of Pentecost. Seekers are urged to press through till results come. The Broken Arrow Assembly will never forget the faithful service of Brother Miller and his wife and co-laborer. They will always have a hearty welcome. We hope to have them again in the future.

This is our first meeting since we accepted the pastorate here, and things are starting nicely. We earnestly ask an interest in the prayers of all praying people that God will use us here to His glory.—Pastor Geo. M. Patterson and wife.

HOXIE, ARK.—We have had a wonderful time during the entire year, and especially during the Christmas season. We began to fast a little while before, and the Lord began to pour out His power. Souls began to get saved in the old-time way, and as many as four have received the Baptism in the Spirit at one time. There is a band of saints here who are blessed in the Lord. I have been with them for two years and expect to be with them the coming year. We have two towns, and do much work on the streets. Pray for us.—W. H. Shands, pastor.

JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS—The meeting held here by Brother and Sister F. A. Hale of Austin came to a close on November 29. God wonderfully used Brother and Sister Hale in giving out the Word. One received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and has quit tobacco after indulging for fifty years. Hallelujah; Praise God. One more precious soul redeemed from sin and his name written in heaven. Glory to God. One more added to this small band of saints at Johnson City. Pray for us that the Lord will wonderfully use us to His glory, especially for our Brother Bruckner.—Mrs. Wm. Martiny, Sec. and Treas.

SOUTHWEST VA., WESTERN WEST VA., AND EASTERN KY.—Just closed a three-week meeting in Corbin, Kentucky, where the power of the Lord was present to heal, save and baptize in the Holy Spirit. A three-day convention was called for the purpose of granting some credentials; but, owing to the required number of presbyters not being present, we could not proceed on that line. However, there were some interesting things brought up. This section of Kentucky has a large number of Pentecostal people in it but they have stayed clear of church government thus far, and have failed to develop on missionary lines; which they have begun to realize. Brother G. M. Desney stated that they were seeking to do the will of God and to glorify His Son Jesus Christ, but have been doing things on too small a scale; and they ask our cooperation in every way. He stated that they ought to have a hundred thousand dollar rescue home in Corbin, Kentucky, and a printing press in connection with it, and that they should develop their people along missionary lines. Brother Desney requested that the Pentecostal people of Kentucky, Western West Va. and Southwest Virginia and Tennessee look forward to this great move. In conclusion Brother Desney has done considerable work, confining himself principally to eastern Kentucky and is well thought of among his people.—A. F. Miller.

TOPEKA, KANS.—The Lord is wonderfully blessing. Souls are being saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit in almost every meeting. There have been some wonderful healings: one woman sick for over five years unable to walk, was instantly saved and healed so that she could walk and run. She came to the mission and testified; and afterward received the Holy Spirit. One man, blind in one eye 2 years, of whom oculists said that he never would see from that eye, was instantly healed.

Many others have been healed of divers diseases—cancer, blindness and many other things.—Chas. Sheall, pastor, 1412 E. 6th, Topeka, Kansas.

CALUMET, QUEBEC, CANADA—I received my Baptism in the Spirit but have no mission to attend here. I go to a Holiness movement meeting when we have them in summer. Am over sixty and not able to go out in snow storms as I once did. Pray that the Lord will send a Pentecostal preacher out here. I have no home that I call my own, so cannot ask a preacher to come, for I don't know where he or she could stay; but the Lord knows. Last summer there was a Pentecostal meeting a few months within twelve miles of here, half way between Montreal and Ottawa, so I am glad they are coming nearer. Pray for me.—Sarah Shaw. R. M. D. 1.

MARYLAND AND WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT

A quarterly meeting of the workers was held December 10, 11 at the Westernport, Md. Assembly church with a good attendance of workers. The chairman, J. E. Kistler, gave an opening message on "The Unrecognized Christ;" after which he administered the Lord's supper. Throughout the services unity and love were manifested. The officers elected for the coming year were as follows: Chairman, H. W. Kline, 509 3rd St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Secretary, Brother Stewart, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Treasurer, F. F. Reidenbach, Cumberland, Md.; Presbyters, C. Anderson, Concord, W. Va.; H. Espy, Westernport, Md.; R. Jeffrey, Hagerstown, Md.; P. Duborg, Jr., Alexandria, Va.; W. C. Long, Flintstone, Md.; R. A. McCauley, Crellin, Md.

With much regret we lose the services of our Brother and Sister J. E. Kistler who have been Chairman and secretary. This action was taken at their very urgent request, they refusing their names as candidates, as they feel called to other fields of service. During their three years in office they worked with untiring zeal to build up the District. We heartily recommend them. They will render good and efficient service wherever placed. We welcome our new officers and purpose to stand together in the work of the Lord the coming year. We were glad for fellowship with Brother E. Young of California who was with us through the meetings. His message proved one of blessing to all.—F. F. Reidenbach.

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—We have a Mission in Santa Cruz in full accord with the Council. It has been opened about ten weeks now. There is much opposition and the work is hindered. I want all praying people to pray for a revival here and that the Mission may come through all right. Brother Rittenberg is pastor. All visitors to this city will find a welcome at the Mission. Any preacher or missionary in good standing with the Council, and passing this way is surely welcome to visit with us. We moved to a good location last week and Brother Draper and a crowd from Watsonville came last Wednesday evening and had a good time. The Mission now is located at 37 Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz. Everybody pray for us that in due time we can report victory through Him who loves us.—W. J. Tussey, 39 Cayuga St., Santa Cruz, Calif.

IOWA AND NORTH MO.—Praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men. We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing the work out over the district. In a number of places revival fires are burning and people are being saved and filled with the Spirit. A few days ago we visited Milan, Mo. and found Brother Cornish, a former Methodist evangelist, in the midst of a fine revival. On Sunday, Dec. 23, a church was organized, and 55 signed the roster. More than 50 have received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

Also Millgrove and Brimson have had good revivals. Both of them are new fields. Trenton, Mo., Newton, Monroe, Tracy, and Mountain, Iowa have all had revivals with more or less success. Other places are open now for the gospel. We ask praying people everywhere to join us in prayer that the good work may go on.—Roy E. Scott, District Chairman.

PRAYER SCHOOLS

I have just finished my fourth Prayer School; at Kensett four days, ten lessons; Paragould five days, eleven lessons; Monette six days, twelve lessons; and Blytheville two days, four lessons. In every place the saints have been brought under deep conviction and, when invited, have rushed as one man to the altar, weeping and confessing their sins. In every place the church has been very greatly revived and a spirit of prayer for revival has come upon the church. All who have heard the lessons agree that they represent a wholly new departure in Pentecost, without containing even a tinge of new doctrine, and are remarkably effective in arousing a lukewarm or cold assembly to effective working condition. The lessons were given me by the Spirit when I was being greatly moved to prayer by meditation on the number and desolate condition of our many pastorless churches, but they have proved equally effective in places having pastors. I have been greatly stirred by the sad state of our pastorless assemblies and hope every one of them in the Arkansas-Louisiana District Council will write me so I can arrange to conduct Prayer Schools for them. My home address is 1823 W. 9th St., Little Rock, Ark.—Chas. E. Robinson.

GENEVA, ILL.—I graduated from Glad Tidings School in San Francisco two years ago and am the only Pentecostal person in town. Since coming back we have had meetings at home and also several at the Methodist church. God has been very near, praise His name. Several sinners have come to our home meetings and one young man found Jesus. About twelve miles away there are a few saints. Pray for these places; and pray that the talented young men that are starting for God may make full consecration so God may have His way. Pray also for me that I may let the light shine no matter what the cost may be, and that I may have God's wisdom in dealing with all the problems which come my way.—Edith Freeburg.

PORTLAND, PA.—Parsonage of the Baptist church, Dec. 18, 1923.—We have just closed a remarkable series of meetings in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist church, of which I am pastor. By a unanimous vote of the church we invited the Rev. Mae E. Frey to conduct the meetings. I had known Mrs. Frey in days past as an evangelist and pastor in the Baptist denomination and was aware of the fact that in the last few years she had been allied with the Assemblies of God. My church is of the very conservative kind who do not approve of altar calls or excitement of any kind when it comes to religion. I felt the time had come for us to get excited. I want to say right here that I stand for the whole Word of God, and for months I had been trying to line up my people in preparation for this campaign.

The first altar call was a revelation to me of the mighty power of God. I am well enough acquainted with the people of this community to know that nothing but the compelling power of the Holy Spirit could induce 90 men and women to rise up from every part of the church and come with melted hearts to the altar. It was a scene never to be forgotten. Not all the church cooperated in this meeting. Had they done so, I firmly believe that this whole country would have been swept for God. As it was, people who had never made any sort of a move for the Lord since I have been pastor here, came to the altar and wept their way through to Jesus Christ, and today they are rejoicing in what God has done for them.

The last night of the meeting, however, some of my officials who had not thrown their influence on the side of the Lord in these meetings, at the altar call came forward with many others and confessed their own deep need.

Mrs. Frey preaches the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to the second chapter of Acts. Her messages are given in love but there is no compromise with the world, the flesh, or the devil. Nothing could be more simple or free from theological ostentations, than the gospel she preaches, and I stand four-square for it.

This revival has done one thing: the line of demarcation has been drawn and those who have made a public stand for God are going through on these lines, the pastor included. Pray for us.—Pastor W. T. Shanger.

SUDHEIMER, MO.—On August 2nd we sold all our earthly possessions, bought us a Ford truck, and with our gospel tents given us by our assembly at Endicott, N. Y., started out and held a tent campaign at Elmira, N. Y., also at Sayles, Pa. The evenings getting cold we started South expecting to spend the winter in Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Woughter and daughter Francis accompanied us with their gospel touring car as far south as Lexington, Va. From there they returned to their home, Harpursville, N. Y. Finding the roads impassable through the South, we retraced our way back to Edinburg, Va., where we held a tent meeting. Then on over the Alleghany and Blue Ridge mountains, across the states to St. Louis, and on to Webster Groves, Mo., which will be our permanent address. After resting a short time, we left our tents and car at Webster Groves and came by train up into the Ozarks, where we expect to spend the winter for God. We are now holding out the gospel in an old storehouse at Sudheimer. Good interest is shown. Many unsaved are coming in. We covet the prayers of God's people for this needy field. We stand for Pentecostal truths in perfect harmony with the Council at Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Garrison.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Hallelujah! "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitudes of isles be glad thereof" (Ps. 97:1).

This is the language of my heart tonight for what the Lord is doing in our midst. Last week four of our people received the Baptism in the Spirit. And yesterday (Sunday) was a great day in Long Beach. At 2:30 we had a very beautiful and very impressive baptismal service in our Father's great baptistry, the majestic Pacific. Nine were buried with our Lord by baptism according to our Lord's own instructions. The sister of one of the applicants was so happy because her brother took that step that while she stood with uplifted hands praising the Lord, the Lord baptized her in the blessed Holy Spirit. Hallelujah! several hundred heard the Word on the importance of water Baptism, by our Brother Pease, and gave good attention, and witnessed the baptismal service with reverence. God's praises would ring out from the saints as those baptized would come up with shining faces. We expect to have another baptismal service soon at night. As those who had received the Holy Spirit Baptism and those who were baptized in water were praising the Lord the waves of glory would sweep over the audience and the shouts and praises would ring out. O glory! And the end is not yet. From 30 to 40 stood and said thereby that they wanted the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is the result of our morning prayer meeting, which is kept up each morning from 10 to 12. Many are coming and praying. Our eyes are unto Him who said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." I am sending you seven subscriptions to the Evangel.—W. R. Potter, pastor.

KALISPELL, MONTANA—What is believed by ministers and Christians to have been the greatest revival in Kalispell for definite results closed Sunday night, Dec. 23. Evangelist A. Watson Argue and party were with us for two weeks during which time about 102 persons were converted. The campaign was held in the McIntosh Opera House, the largest auditorium between Spokane and Great Falls. This was packed even on week nights, despite the busy shopping season. As many as 22 were converted in one service and 26 in one day.

Our assembly had the hearty co-operation of the local officers of the Salvation Army and of the Scandinavian Methodist church minister. These brethren closed their Sunday night services and were with us practically every meeting of the series.

Afternoon prayer meetings and Bible studies were conducted by Brother Max A. X. Clark which proved a great blessing to the new converts and others who attended. Brother Clark preceded Evangelist Argue eight days, during which he held preliminary meetings at the assembly hall and directed the publicity campaign in Kalispell and surrounding towns. Without doubt the Argue meetings were the best advertised of any campaign held here in many years and for definite results exceeded any in the history of the city.

Many favorable comments on the meeting have been made by residents, mostly ministers.

Here are a few testimonies on healing in Jesus' name:

"I was healed of a very sore throat after being prayed for once at the revival meetings held by Brother Argue in Kalispell."—Mildred Probert, Cor. R. R. St., and 2 Ave., W., Kalispell.

Mrs. Joe Strong of 354 Fifth Ave., E. N., testified to the healing of her little boy, Jacob. Says he had a very bad case of tonsillitis, was prayed for and the next morning the swelling and soreness was all gone and he was healed completely. Her little girl was also prayed for and was healed of appendicitis.

Emma Scott, 16 Third Ave., E., was prayed for and says she is completely healed of severe catarrh of the head and throat.

There has been a great upheaval in the city about theaters and dancing. Brother A. Watson Argue gave his views on these in a message one night and quite a number of young people took a strong stand against these worldly pleasures.

A movement is on foot to have these brethren give us a return engagement next summer. Our assembly is praying toward that end. A hearty welcome awaits them in Kalispell. God be with the Argue party.—E. E. Hoiland, pastor Kalispell Assembly of God.

CHILAW, CEYLON—As I desire to seek for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, I request you will kindly put this my request in the Evangel and ask all the Pentecostal saints everywhere to pray for me that I may also be one among this sect that everywhere is spoken against.—Rev. P. I. Jacob.

HELSINGFORS, FINLAND.—We left Reval, Esthonia last Saturday Dec. 8th, after about three months labor in various places of that country. It would take too much space to tell of the Lord's workings in the hearts of those multitudes that would turn out to the services, and it would be difficult to keep count of those who sought God for salvation. Praise God. He keeps the best account. A good many are baptized in the Holy Spirit and are banding together as Pentecostal assemblies. Near the Soviet border, at Narva, a city with a population of about 25,000, is a little Pentecostal assembly with about 100 members.

God is working among the Baptists also, and about thirty of their members are baptized in the Holy Spirit in Reval alone.

Several good evangelists and missionaries are continuing the good work, brethren that are "staying put," and are true to the Pentecostal message.

Two Swedish brethren with their wives came last week, so we felt that God was releasing us for the time being, and we are now on our way to Sweden. We expect to spend Christmas with our little 10-year-old son who has been attending school there.

At present we are at Helsingfors, the capital city of Finland. This country was formerly annexed to Russia, but like Esthonia is now independent. The population is about 3½ million. Pentecost came to this country about 12 years ago and a number of assemblies are planted throughout the land. The largest work is here in Helsingfors, where there are three assemblies, the largest with a membership of about 400. Brother Gerhard Smidt is the pastor. His assembly gives out the only Pentecostal paper in the country. It is printed both in Finnish and Swedish. They have a very nice meeting place and we have had a few very blessed meetings together with the saints. God has been saving some of the more aristocratic people here as well as the poorer classes. The Holy Spirit makes us all one. Hallelujah! Two lawyers, two doctors and a "Movie" director have been wonderfully saved and are seeking the Baptism in the Spirit. The latter owned a number of the largest moving picture theaters here. Now he is all out for God. Yesterday after the morning service he had a vision of Jesus and last night as we were singing a chorus, the power of God fell on him and we are sure he will soon get through to the Baptism in the Spirit. God is working in all lands, taking out a people for His name who will be ready to meet the Lord in the sky. Praise God!

The Lord willing, we expect to leave for the States sometime in February. Pastor Levi Pethrus of the Philadelphia church in Stockholm, Sweden has asked us to accompany him on a six-month campaign throughout the country, mainly among the Scandinavians. Pray for us as we go forth in the name of our Lord. Our address in the United States is 1124 Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill.
—Arthur and Beatrice F. Johnson.

MEDINA, OHIO—"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Cor. 3:6).

In this case Brother and Sister Willard C. Peirce were instrumental in planting and Brother and Sister S. Raymond Fostekew who now pastor the work have been faithfully watering and our God has been giving the blessed increase in Medina, Ohio.

In answer to the believing prayers of a little handful of saints who opened their hearts to the Latter Rain as a result of Sister McPherson's Canton, Ohio meeting, Brother and Sister Peirce came here last June. God gave a daring faith to the little band and the Medina Evangelistic Tabernacle was built at a cost of \$2300.00.

In spite of great opposition from those who were ignorant of the real purpose of the work and others who feared fanaticism and God's miraculous power, the work has steadily grown.

If space would permit, many marvelous cases of miraculous conversions could be told—deliverance from the dread clutches of Christian Science, remarkable healings of gall stones, of broken blood vessel which the doctors were unable to stop bleeding, acute indigestion, and other maladies. Several have been baptized in the Holy Spirit according to the Bible pattern.

During the past few weeks twenty-three have been soundly converted and "added to the church." The little handful has grown to an assembly of about 70 earnest souls, hungry for God and His Word.

Our pastor, Brother Fostekew, is also the regularly constituted pastor of the Mallet Creek Congregational Church, in a small town a few miles from Medina. Many of the members of this church have received the Baptism in the Spirit. This church was in quite a run-down spiritual condition; but since Mr. Fostekew has taken charge the attendance at Sunday services has increased from scarcely more than 20 or 30 to about 80 or 100 at the present time with frequent conversions.

The work was begun here by Evangelists Willard and Christine Peirce on a sound scriptural basis and under Pastor Fostekew's wise care and leadership has grown steadily. We are looking forward to a series of blessed evangelistic campaigns next spring as soon as the weather makes the use of the tabernacle possible.
—A member of the Medina Evangelistic Tabernacle Assembly.

PROSPECTS

"Poor R—, I understand that he did not leave much property," said a friend commiseratingly of one who had just died. "Too bad; he worked hard and made money, but he was too tender hearted. He gave away his money too easily." The minister to whom he was speaking listened politely, and then replied: "I suppose what you say is right, but I imagine from what I know of his life that he must have considerable property to go to."

-:- FORTHCOMING MEETINGS -:-

NEEDY FIELD, SHONGALOO, LA.—Pray that some one may be sent here to build up an assembly of God. It is a dark place when it comes to the light of the Gospel of Christ.—Mrs. T. R. Sexton.

OAK PARK, TAMPA, FLA.—Revival Services will start at the Pentecostal Holiness Church on New Year's Eve and will continue two weeks or longer. Meetings every night at 7:30. Autos will meet the trolley car at 7:15 every night. Come expecting great things from God.—I. J. Bolton, pastor in charge.

WESTERNPORT, MD.—Evang. "Eddie" Young will begin a revival campaign here January 6. The meeting will be held in the large new tabernacle which the church has erected right near the business center of the town. Please join with us in prayer that souls will be saved in great numbers in this effort. Also that many sick will be healed to His glory.

GERALD, MO.—Evangelist A. Watson Argue will conduct an evangelistic campaign in Gerald, January 20 to February 3 inclusive. The Woodmen Hall, the largest auditorium here, has been secured. Brother Argue's last campaign was in Kalispell, Montana. One hundred and two were converted in 15 days. Come expecting great things from God.—B. A. Farrell.

MIDWINTER REVIVAL, at Philadelphia, Pa. Evangelist Bert Williams of Perry, N. Y., will hold special revival meetings at HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE, Ridge Avenue and Oxford Streets, February 13 to 24. A time of spiritual blessing and salvation is expected. Friends from neighboring communities are invited to share the benefits of these meetings with the local assembly.

AN OPEN DOOR.—I believe the State of Wyoming is still in darkness as to whether there be any Holy Ghost, and about the wonderful things God has in store for them. We have a community church, free for all denominations; and I am still praying and looking for some one to obey the call and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Please pray that my son and I may be used in His hands.—Mrs. Frank Pauley, Osage, Wyo.

NEEDY FIELD, OSYKA, MISS.—I came into possession of a part of a copy of the Evangel and I want to subscribe for the paper. I came here a year ago. We have bought a home and want to get in touch with some Pentecostal movement and get a preacher in here to preach the whole Word of God to these lost people. No one knows anything about the Holy Ghost doctrine here. It makes it very hard on me, but I expect to hold to God's unchanging hand. Praise His dear name. Pray for us.—Mrs. H. M. Bracey, R. 1, No. 39.

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH-WESTERN VA., WESTERN WEST VA., AND EASTERN KENTUCKY DISTRICT—I wish to "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance" in regard to our agreement for the support of our Chairman and Secretary. In our business meeting at Glenwood Park, West Va., July 31, 1923, we agreed as a body to give of our tithes not less than one dollar per month for the support of our Chairman and Secretary. I have been in personal touch with Brother Shumway, our Secretary, and know that his financial needs have not been met as we agreed. Brethren, let us do our part by denying ourselves to meet our obligations to them, that this gospel might be spread to the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.—M. B. Hampton, Coulwood, Va.

FARM FOR SALE.—A Pentecostal brother in Oregon is desirous of selling his improved farm, and is offering to give one-tenth of the purchase price to the General Council to be used in the Lord's work. The farm is located 32 miles from Portland on a paved highway, and an electric car line runs past the farm. The farm consists of 94 acres of good, rich soil, free from rock or gravel, and is fenced off into 8 fields. About one-half of it is good level bottom land, and the rest is rolling hills. There is running spring water all over the place. It would be excellent for a stock or dairy farm. There is a good orchard with 300 trees of various kinds of fruit, a good piece of standing timber sufficient for fencing and firewood. There is a good 9-room house and 50 x 50 barn and all the necessary outbuildings suitable for dairy business. It is one mile from the small town of Gaston where there is a good high school and church. Do not write to the General Council, but for price and further information write to W. A. Goodman, 1446 Fourth St., Hillsboro, Oregon. (531)

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT MIAMI, FLA. Beginning January 18 and continuing as long as the Lord leads. Special services of prayer for the sick.—Evang. J. William Bostrom and Party.

MC ALESTER, OKLA.—A big evangelistic campaign for lost souls, conducted by Evangelists Earl W. and Buella O. Clark and party, in the M. E. Church (seating 1200) in the center of the city, beginning January 25 and closing February 25. Saints in the surrounding community are urged to attend and help in the salvation of lost souls. Bring the sick. For further information address J. W. Hudson, Savannah, Okla.

UPPER ROOM MISSION, SAN JOSE, CALIF. Our new tabernacle at 4th and San Antonio Sts., will be dedicated, D. V., January 5, 1924, at 2 p. m. Brother R. J. Craig of San Francisco will deliver the dedication address. On January 6, Brother J. S. McConnell will open an evangelistic campaign lasting during the whole month of January, with services every afternoon (excepting Monday) and every evening, and three services on Sunday. Come and rejoice with us during these times of refreshing.—M. Friemark, Pastor.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION

January 1 to 27, at the Assembly of God, Sherburn, Minn. Evangelist Mae Eleanor Frey is going to be with us for this campaign. People will be in attendance from far and near. Special Divine Healing services will be conducted throughout the meetings. The last week of the campaign will be given over to missionary work. Brother George Kelly and wife from South China will be with us for that part of the campaign. We are also expecting Brother Welch to be with us for a few days. We are anticipating a great time in the Lord. Will try to arrange accommodations for visitors. For further information, write Willard H. Pope, Pastor, Sherburn, Minn., Box 51.

KANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCE February 15 to March 2, at the Assembly of God Church, 7th & Riverview, Kansas City, Kans. Brother and Sister D. W. Kerr in charge of Bible conference, assisted by other workers. We expect all the Kansas District preachers and workers to come to this conference, that we may "study to shew ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed." Let each assembly take an offering for the pastor's expenses. Entertainment will be furnished free to all ministers, and accredited workers. This Bible conference is for all the saints. We will have a list of rooms at reasonable rates. For further information write to Fred Vogler, Wakarusa, Kans., Chairman Kansas District.

NOTICE.—We have withdrawn from the Pentecostal Assembly (seventh day) on 421½ E. Walnut St., and have established an Assembly of God at 308 East Fifth St. Brother Otto J. Klink is our pastor. Foreign missionaries in full fellowship with the General Council please stop over.—A. Cox, Secretary, Des Moines, Iowa.

PIANIST AND SOPRANO SOLOIST open for calls. If reference is desired, write August Feick, Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle, 2114 Miller St., Indianapolis, Ind.—(Miss) Gay Rathburn, Marshfield, Ind.

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 - 429.02: Assembly Cleveland Ohio
 - 104.00: Christian Assembly Cincinnati Ohio
 - 100.00: Full Gospel Church Rochester N Y; Full Gospel Mission Houston Tex; Assembly Cleveland Ohio
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 - 40.00: Assembly Lancaster Pa; M C Kingsville Tex
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 - 30.00: Full Gospel Assembly Long Beach Calif
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 - 13.00: Mrs R H Cleveland Ohio
 - 12.90: Assembly Enterprise Ala
 - 12.00: Assembly New Haven Conn; N O B Minot N Dak
 - 11.57: Assembly Chappell Nebr
 - 11.20: Assembly Des Arc Mo
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 - 9.27: Mr & Mrs H M J Holdrege Neb
 - 9.15: Assembly Cement Okla
 - 8.70: A J M Fresno Calif
 - 8.50: I T U Great Bend Kans
 - 8.00: Mrs S N Commerce Tex; Assembly Newburgh N Y
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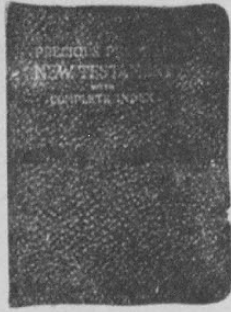
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