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The Name Which Is Above Every Name

Christ Jesus . . . became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, wherefore God . . . hath given Him the Name which is above every name, that in the name of JESUS every knee should bow, of beings in heaven, and beings on earth, and beings under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD (Phil. 2:8-11).

There is none other name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). His name, through faith in His name, hath made this man strong, . . . yea . . . hath given him this perfect soundness (Acts 3:16).

Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38).

These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out demons, they shall speak with new tongues, . . . lay hands on the sick and they shall recover (Mark 16:17,18).

We see that the world is sunk in shame,
While preachers struggle and tire,
But we know of a NAME, a precious NAME,
That can set every soul on fire.
Who pleadeth this name is absolved from all blame,
For Christ shed His blood and to save us He came.
He paid all the price and the devil o'ercame,
There's no other name, Oh there's no other name,
That can lift lost souls from the mire.
'Tis Jesus' name, yes, Jesus' name,
That lifts lost souls from the mire.

It leadeth the way like a pillar of flame,
And calleth the weak ones higher.
There's life in the Name, there's power in the Name,
Yea, everything sinners require.
Who bringeth this plea, needs no other claim;
No way of salvation man's wisdom can frame.
Acknowledge His mercy, His merit acclaim.
There's no other name, Oh there's no other name,
That can save from the lake of fire,
'Tis Jesus' name, yes, Jesus' name,
That saves from the lake of fire.

There's no other name but this wondrous name,
That protects from Satan's ire,
There's none other name can the wand'rer reclaim,
And bring forth gold from the fire.
It triumphed of yore, and it's ever the same;
It healeth the leper, the blind and the lame;
It thwarted the efforts of Satan to maim;
There's no other name, Oh there's no other name,
Can save from destruction dire.
'Tis Jesus' name, yes, Jesus' name,
That saves from destruction dire.

All evil desires it avails to tame;
And it strips off pride's attire.
To bear this Name, though others defame,
To this all redeemed ones aspire.
Oh, ponder the name, till your heart is aflame;
Fear not to confess it, enduring the shame;
But tell of its wonder, and add to its fame.
There's no other name, Oh there's no other name,
Can give us the tongue of fire.
'Tis Jesus' name, yes, Jesus' name,
That tunes the Spirit's lyre.

To exalt this Name, let this be our aim,
Though the hosts of hell conspire;
To publish this Name, its glory proclaim,
Let this be our burning desire.
Its sound is a trumpet, its message a flame,
In the past, and the present, and future, the same;
Oh, sing, all ye ransomed, "All hail to the Name,"
For Jesus is coming, His kingdom to claim;
Come, join in the theme of the heavenly choir.
There's no other name, Oh there's no other name,
Can the loftiest praise inspire,
For Jesus' name, yes, Jesus' name,
Is the theme of the heavenly choir.

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SAVING FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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In 1 Corinthians 15:12, the apostle Paul suggests the possibility of the Corinthians having "**believed in vain.**"

As the great deceiver counterfeits every work of God in his efforts to lead souls astray, we should expect him to counterfeit this important condition to salvation, and we should be on the watch for his deception. It is widely taught today that "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" means no more on the believing side than acknowledging that Jesus came into the world and gave His life as a ransom for sinners, and that one is a sinner and is willing to accept from Christ salvation from perdition by confessing that he so believes.

That is one kind of believing. It is mere intellectual assent to proved matters of history. But is that all that **God means** by "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ"? That is the acceptance merely of the **work** of Christ in His death and resurrection. Those words are susceptible of another meaning, and that is, the acceptance of the **person** of Christ to be what His name and titles signify.

That this latter meaning is the true thought of God, is most reasonable, and that it is the teaching of the Bible, is clearly manifest from the following passages:

Romans 14:9, "TO THIS END Christ died and rose again, THAT HE MIGHT BE LORD both of the dead and the living." It was not that the dead and the living might merely give Him the empty title of Lord; but that He might BE Lord. And that He will not accept an empty title, He made perfectly plain when He said, "Why CALL ye me, 'Lord, Lord,' and DO NOT the things which I say?" To Him lordship means just what the word itself means—absolute authority.

Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore GOD **highly exalted** Him, and gave unto Him **the name which is above every name;** that in the name of Jesus **every** knee should bow, . . . and that **every tongue** should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father." It is the DECREE OF GOD. And it is to the GLORY of God. Therefore anyone who does not accept Him as LORD (and of course in the sense meant by God) is **in rebellion** against the decree of God and against the God-appointed and God-anointed Head of the Kingdom of God—an unthinkable condition to be permitted in the kingdom of God.

And to this agrees Romans 10:9, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth JESUS AS LORD, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." "Believe in thine **heart.**" What does the Bible mean by believing in, or with, the heart? When we are dealing with the words of Bible writers, we must get their meaning of the words they use. Hebrews 4:12 is the great New Testament passage which makes plain what is meant in the Bible by the **heart**, when used in a spiritual sense. It speaks of "**the thoughts and intents** of the heart." The heart, then, is the seat of the devices and intentions, or purposes, of man.

This divine appointment of Jesus to be Lord of all is **not an arbitrary** appointment; but it is **necessary** to the saving of the world from the chaotic state into which the first lord of creation, Adam, plunged it by disobedience (Romans 5:19).

Our Lord Jesus proved His worthiness to head the new creation and to have dominion, by withstanding those supreme temptations of the devil to which He was subjected at the very beginning of His ministry. And the very purpose of God in subjecting His beloved Son to that severe test was to give Him the opportunity to demonstrate His absolute allegiance to the kingdom of God, and, consequently, His worthiness, so far as that qualification is concerned, to govern God's earth. His subsequent ministry proved His fitness in other respects.

The history of the world, from its beginning right down to the present moment, proves its need of a HEAD. Experience is showing the nations that they must come together and work together under one head. But experience thus far has shown them, and will continue to prove to the end, that no mere son of the first Adam is any more fit to rule this world than was the first man. Even the Church as an organization, and individual members of that organization, have failed to govern the world aright.

God has made His choice of the One who is to have "the nations for His inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for His possession" (Psalm 2). And it is because that One has "loved righteousness and hated iniquity" that the Lord has anointed Him with the oil of gladness above His fellows (Psalm 45). He is given the sword of authority, and is bidden to "ride prosperously, BECAUSE OF TRUTH and MEEKNESS and RIGHTEOUSNESS." "The GOOD SHEPHERD" is the divine ideal of a ruler for the straying, helpless, foolish inhabitants of earth. But He is to be a real ruler. He is to be King of kings, and Lord of lords. The personal return and bodily presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is the only solution of earth's problems. How then can anyone expect to have a place in His favored company—those who are to assist Him at His return in the government of the earth—if Jesus is not accepted as Lord of the life now?

Let those who lack assurance of their salvation, make sure that they accept Jesus as Lord, and see if the Spirit of God does not quickly satisfy them by bearing witness that they are the children of God. When He is believed on as "Lord," it will be easy to believe on Him as "Jesus" (that is, Saviour), and to look forward with great joy to His appearance as the "Christ," God's anointed, whom He is to set upon His holy hill of Zion (Psalm 2).

Christ Jesus hath the power to deal with earth's (and your) distress,
But cannot save until He doth AUTHORITY possess.
He is appointed Lord, Messiah long foretold;
Enthroned Him in thy heart and thou His glory shalt behold.

Christ Jesus hath the power—the power of God He yields.

Christ Jesus hath the power, my heart Him homage yields.

Christ Jesus hath the power, I trust Him evermore.
Christ Jesus hath the power, I worship and adore.

W. E. Clark.

Forerunners of Jesus

Elijah was a type of the forerunner who was promised before. Jesus said, concerning the forerunner, "I say unto you that Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed." Elijah was also a type of the translated saints, and God would emphasize the character of Elijah today. And God is multiplying Elijahs. Every saint who, under the power of the Spirit, is saying, "Jesus is coming quickly," is a God-appointed Elijah. He who came in the spirit and power of Elijah was the forerunner, and so those who are filled with the Spirit today are the forerunners of the appearing of Jesus Christ.

At the time of Christ they were expecting an Elijah, and John the Baptist was sent. The religious leaders rejected the uncouth man of the wilderness, but the common people flocked to him. Jesus Christ came in accordance with the cry of the herald, and during His ministry, and the ministry of His disciples, there was a period of great grace. But a short while after this, Palestine was smitten in the destruction of Jerusalem.

Before judgment, God is extra merciful and there is a special outpouring of grace. As John the Baptist was sent as a herald before the advent of Christ, so God is now sending not one, but hundreds, who have the one message, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh." John's voice was a supernatural one crying in the wilderness, and it offended the ears of many. "He hath a demon" was the verdict. The forerunner of Jesus Christ was accused of being demon-possessed by the religious leaders of His day. In the second advent, the forerunners, the warners, are and will be accused of being demon-possessed, the same as John the Baptist. We are in good company and have a glorious mission.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." And what did Elijah have? He had the witness of translation. He was not boastful of it. He did not want anyone to see it. But in spite of himself the truth was out. Others heard of it, and Elisha followed hard after him. The sons of the prophets heard and watched, but they followed at a distance.

What was the characteristic of Elijah before translation? It was restlessness and activity. He could not stay long in one place, but was urged forward, on, and on, and on. The Spirit was urging and he could not lodge and settle down. The Spirit was urging and lifting him till at last the Spirit had the mastery. The Spirit of God overwhelmed the natural. He got into the whirlwind. The whirlwind encircled him and lifted him up right up in his body.

How did the Spirit come on the day of Pentecost? As a mighty rushing wind. It came down and abode upon them, because it had come to stay. The whirlwind came from above and focussed on everyone, upon each individual of the one hundred and twenty. It stayed upon each one of them, but God will reverse the order, the whirlwind will start on the earth and those it encircles will be lifted up. Have you got the earnest? Have you got the wind, the Spirit, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire? You need the Spirit, and you need the fire. Elijah had both, and he was ready for the whirlwind, and He was ready for the chariot and horses of fire.

What were the characteristics of Elijah? He was a prophet and he wrought miracles. He was telling forth, warning, receiving revelations, and through him the gifts of the Spirit were manifested. And so, before the second advent, God is working through Elijahs, and manifesting the supernatural through His various servants all around the world. They represent Elijah that He promised to send. They are not understood, they are spoken against and rejected. If they reject the forerunners they will reject the One who is coming. The very ones who rejected John the Baptist rejected the One he pointed to.

The scribes had a head knowledge of where the Messiah was to be born, but they rejected Him when He came. And today there is a head knowledge about the second coming, but those who merely have this will not be the ones to welcome His coming. "Verily, I say unto you, I know you not," will be the verdict on some.

What was the great message of John the Baptist? "Repent, and bring forth fruits meet for repentance." And so the cry goes forth today, "Repent!" All classes went out to hear John, and they all had to repent. "Begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father." Connection with an organization or religious body will not save. "I belong to this or that denomination!" Say not, "We are Abraham's children." Works and profession without repentance is useless, nay, it is an offense to God. He prefers dead stones to living hypocrites. That is what men are claiming today, "We belong to a denomination that holds the truth in purity and uprightness." Abraham was all right, but it does not say all Abraham's children were. Many of the principles of these denominations are right, but it does not follow that all the followers are. The very truths that the founders of these denominations emphasized have come in between and hidden the view of Christ. The Jew boasted of Abraham, but Abraham boasted in God, and God was his friend. They could not get past Abraham, and their vision of God was obscure.

Not all rejected the message of the forerunner. Many of the rank and file pressed through and were baptized of John. And so today, some are breaking through and being delivered from their shackles and fetters, and where they are pressing through and meeting God, God is meeting them.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord, and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mercy preceding judgment! Great mercy, because God only knows how great the judgment will be. In Pharaoh's vision, he saw seven years of plenty. Joseph foretold the seven years of plenty and the seven lean years. The plenty preceded the famine, and so God is sending the seven years of plenty. Grace, mercy, longsuffering! It is correspondingly plenteous because the seven lean years will be so dreadful.

Read the story of those seven years of famine. People selling everything to live and becoming bond-servants to Pharaoh. Make the most of the seven years of plenty. As sure as the seven lean years followed the seven years of plenty so sure will the seven years of judgment follow the seven years of grace.

Read the Word, study it, and see how God works in cycles according to the pattern set down here and there. He does not bind Himself to follow details exactly, but the broad outline is continually followed.

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THE PENTECOSTAL COMMISSION

In the book of the Revelation, we see Him who has the seven stars in His right hand walking in and out in the midst of the churches, supervising and overseeing the whole seven. He is concerned in every part and every stage, the rise, the decline, and the prosperity, and He watches even the apostasy of the churches. He loved the church and gave Himself for it. The church speaks to Him of His own purpose, and throughout eternity it will ever speak to Him of what He accomplished by His death. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain that hath redeemed us," will be the theme on the one hand; and He will say, "Behold, I and the children which God hath given Me."

The very nature of God speaks of activity and creative power. All things were made through the Son and for the Son, and as God spoke through and acted through the Son, so in the ages to come He will speak through and act through His Son and those redeemed by His Son. "That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." In the unfolding of the future creative work of God, in age following age, the activity, the creative power will be manifested through Christ and His people. "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God before ordained that we should walk in them!" Heirs together! Equality and union! United even as children are to the parent, and as the bride to the bridegroom, that the further expressions of God's grace, power, majesty and glory may be made through His Son and those who have been quickened and raised up with Him.

This honor in a limited measure was given unto Adam. The very creation and God's latest masterpiece was placed under His care and jurisdiction. He was put into the garden of Eden to dress and keep it. It was easy, blessed work because the ground was not cursed. He had full possession of all the fruits that were good for him. And not only were the fruits of the earth at his disposal, but God even condescended to make the animals, and marshal them before him that he might name them. The new creation placed at the disposal of Adam the son of God! But the thing failed. The enemy came and spoiled. But in the future there will be no failure. The enemy will have been dealt with. He received his death sentence at Calvary. And in this new age God will show forth the exceeding riches of His grace toward His church.

We have no idea what Adam was like, nor the garden, nor the fruit. We can see only the suggestions of their former glory. We can see only the degenerate animals, their fangs stained with blood, and poison in their teeth. Degeneracy! And as the first creation was so far above that which has

been under the blight of sin so many thousands of years, so far more grand and wonderful will be the new creation and new glories which through the exceeding years of glory, God will work through His Son and His Church.

"Raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Yes, in Him, and raised up through Him. He is the Alpha and Omega; the Alpha, the beginning of the Creation, but the Omega in completeness is Christ and His church.

Has there not been this co-operation in the past? He commenced at Jerusalem. Read the last chapter of Mark. They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. That was the commencement of the restoration. The resurrected Christ commenced the new work of restoration by giving a commission to His disciples, and one of the first items of the commission was to cast out the devils, the intruders who came into the Paradise, the Eden of God. "In My name shall they cast out devils."

"They shall speak with new tongues." Adam's tongue was tainted. "The woman THOU gavest me!" Insulting God! God's love, His forethought, and His kindness in providing a helpmeet was thrown back at Him as a taunt. The tongue was tainted, but in this new era the tongue is being cleansed, is being sanctified, made new. The new tongue belongs to the new era, the new creation, the redeemed world.

"They shall take up serpents." Satan was the master when he came to Eve, but in this new creation, this new era when the church was formed, the disciples and the believers were to be the masters. "They shall take up serpents." They were beyond and above the serpents. Know ye not that we shall judge angels, the hosts of the serpent himself?

"If they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them." The apostle writes, "The poison of asps is under their lips." All the venom that the enemy has put into the minds of men, the saints can take it, and it won't hurt them. Those early disciples counted it a joy when they came from the Sanhedrin that they were counted worthy to suffer for His name. The venom did not hurt them. And Paul, in his prison, sang joyfully. The venom, the poison, could not hurt any of them.

"They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." The restoration of the physical is part of the commission; it is part of the whole plan. It may be the lowest plane, but it is part of the whole plan.

The risen, glorified Son of man, operating and working through redeemed man for the restoration of a fallen world! That was on a limited scale, and was subject to the weaknesses of men and the infirmities of the flesh, but Jesus Christ worked through them, confirming the word with signs. But in the age succeeding age, eternity after eternity, God is going to work through His Son and His church the exceeding riches of His grace. No limitation through those He works either by time or by flesh!

You see what He did through Adam. You see what He did through His Son in the earth when He, the Son, commissioned the twelve and the seventy, especially when He commissioned them in His resurrection power when He was about to ascend. No wonder that the Holy Ghost says through the apostle, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him." Not only like Him in character and likeness, but so united to Him that through Christ and His church,

God can create and work as He did in the first instance through His Son. All things were made by Him and for Him. Great is the mystery of godliness. Worthy is the Lord! Thoughts fail, language fails, imagination fails, and even praises fail to do adequate honor to God the Father, God the Son, and to God the Holy Ghost. It will be indeed handing all over to Him, that God may be all in all.

A STRANGE BUT TRUE STORY

A wealthy farmer, who cultivated some thousands of acres, had by his benevolence endeared himself greatly to his large staff of laborers. He had occasion to leave the country in which his property was situated, for some years, but before doing so, he gave his people clearly to understand that he wished the whole of the cultivated land to be kept in hand, and all the unreclaimed moor and marsh lands to be enclosed and drained and brought into cultivation; that even the hills were to be terraced, and the poor mountain pastures manured, so that no single corner of the estate should remain neglected and barren. Ample resources were left for the execution of these works, and there were sufficient hands to have accomplished the whole within the first few years of the proprietor's absence.

He was detained in the country to which he had been called very many years. Those whom he left children were men and women when he came back, so the number of his tenantry and laborers was vastly multiplied. Was the task he had given them to do accomplished? Alas! no. Bog and moor and mountain waste were only wilder and more desolate than ever. Fine, rich, virgin soil by thousands of acres was bearing only briars and thistles. Meadow after meadow was utterly barren for want of culture. Nay, by far the greater part of the farm seemed never to have been visited by his servants.

Had they been idle? Some had. But large numbers had been industrious enough. They had expended a vast amount of labor, and skilled labor, too, but they had bestowed it all on the park immediately around the house. This had been cultivated to such a pitch of perfection that the workmen had scores of times quarreled with each other because the operations had interfered with those of his neighbor.

And a vast amount of labor had been lost, for instance, in sowing the very same patch with corn fifty times over in one season, so that the seed never had time to germinate and grow and bear fruit; in caring for the forest trees, as if they had been tender saplings; in manuring the soils already too fat, and watering pastures already too wet.

The farmer was positively astonished at the misplaced ingenuity with which labor and seed and manure, skill and time and strength, had been wasted for no result. The very same amount of toil and capital, expended according to his directions, would have brought the whole domain into culture and yielded a noble revenue. But season after season rolled away in sad succession, leaving those unbounded acres of various, but all reclaimable soils, barren and useless; and as to the park, it would have been far more productive and perfect had it been relieved of the extraordinary and unaccountable amount of energy expended on it.

Why did these laborers act so absurdly? Did they wish to labor in vain? On the contrary! They were forever craving for fruit, coveting good crops, longing for great results. Did they not wish to carry out the

farmer's views about his property? Well, they seemed to have that desire, for they were always reading the directions he wrote, and said continually to each other, "You know we have to bring the whole property into order." But they did not do it.

Some few tried and ploughed up a little plot here and there, and sowed corn and other crops. Perhaps these failed, and so the rest got discouraged? Oh, no; they saw that the yield was magnificent; far richer in proportion than they got themselves. They clearly perceived that, but yet they failed to follow a good example. Nay—when the labor of a few in some distant valley had resulted in a crop they were all unable to gather by themselves, the others would not even go and help them to bring home the sheaves! They preferred watching for weeds among the roses, in the over-crowded garden, and counting the blades of grass in the park, and the leaves on the trees.

Then they were fools, surely, not wise men? Traitors, not true servants to their Lord? Ah, I can't tell! You must ask Him that! I only know their Master said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to EVERY CREATURE," and that 1,900 years afterwards they had NOT EVEN MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A GOSPEL TO ONE-HALF OF THE WORLD.

"The gospel . . . Christ died for our sins . . . He was buried . . . He rose again . . . He was seen"—He is living (1 Cor. 15:1-8; Rev. 1:18).—Selected.

CERTAIN VICTORY

Soldier of the cross, the hour is coming when the note of victory shall be proclaimed throughout the world: The battlements of the enemy must soon succumb; the swords of the mighty must soon be given up to the Lord of lords. What! soldier of the cross, in the day of victory wouldst thou have it said that thou didst turn thy back in the day of battle? Dost thou not wish to have a share in the conflict, that thou mayest have a share in the victory? If thou hast even the hottest part of the battle, wilt thou flinch and fly? Thou shalt have the brightest part of the victory if thou art in the fiercest of the conflict. Wilt thou turn and lose thy laurels? Wilt thou throw down thy sword? Shall it be with thee as when a standard-bearer fainteth? Nay, man, up to arms again! for the victory is certain. Though the conflict be severe, I beseech you, on to it again! On, on, ye lion-hearted men of God, to the battle once more! for ye shall yet be crowned with immortal glory.—Spurgeon.

CORRECTION IN BROTHER BELL'S BOOK

On page 63, line 13 should have the word "partner" in the place of "property," so as to read, "His marriage to her makes her his partner, and she should have all her needs met by him."

The one who was preparing the book for publication, suffered a nervous breakdown before the book was printed, and others had to finish his work. Some questions were inserted out of their proper place, and no index was prepared for the book. The first edition is sold and a new edition is being published. In this new edition a rearrangement has been made under subjects and an index supplied, so that it will be much easier to find what one may be seeking for.

Whatever profits there may be from the sale of this book will be used toward the completion and maintenance of **The Central Bible Institute**, in which Brother Bell was very deeply interested.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved" (Psa. 62:5, 6).

"Yes, 'my soul, wait thou only upon God.' Beware of thy two great enemies—the World and Self. Beware lest any earthly satisfaction or enjoyment, however innocent it appears, keep thee back from saying, 'I will go to God, my exceeding joy.' Remember and study what Jesus says about denying self, 'let a man deny himself.' Tersteegen says: 'The saints deny themselves in everything.' Pleasing self in little things may be strengthening it to assert itself in greater things. 'My soul, wait thou only upon God;' let Him be all thy salvation and all thy desire. Say continually and with an undivided heart, 'From Him cometh my expectation; He only is my Rock; I shall not be moved.' Whatever be thy spiritual or temporal need, whatever the desire or prayer of thy heart, whatever thy interest in connection with God's work in the Church or in the world—in solitude or in the rush of the world, in public worship or other gatherings of the saints, 'My soul, wait thou only upon God.' Let thy expectation be from Him alone. HE ONLY IS THY ROCK."

Monday: "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself" (Phil. 3:21).

"In Thy strong hand I lay me down;
So shall the work be done.
For who can work so wondrously
As the Almighty One?
Work on then, Lord, till on my soul
Eternal light shall break;
And in Thy likeness perfected
I satisfied shall wake."—Sel.

Tuesday: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

How full of wonder is the analysis of this verse: "For God", the greatest lover; "so loved", the greatest degree; "the world", the greatest company; "that He gave", the greatest act; "His only begotten Son", the greatest gift; "that whosoever", the greatest opportunity; "believeth", the greatest simplicity; "in Him", the greatest attraction; "should not perish", the greatest difference; "but have", the greatest certainty; "everlasting life", the greatest possession.

—Ruth Arlington Fox.

Wednesday: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away" (Song 2:10).

Are you listening, holy watcher,
For the Bridegroom's loving tone,
"Come, My love, arise to meet Me,
Share My glory and My throne?"
He will come some blessed moment—
Soon methinks that hour we'll see,

Straining ears 'most catch His message:
Oh what glory that will be.

Thursday: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

"A young Christian who had come into a blessed experience of salvation was stirred by a passion to please God. Alone in the prayer chamber the pleading went forth again and again, 'My Jesus, I love Thee, I long to please Thee. Tell me what will most please Thy heart.' From the still depths of God's love the answer fell across the eager heart, 'Have faith in Me! Only have faith. I covet those who shall believe Me to the uttermost. Without faith it is impossible to please Me.'"

Friday: "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following" (Mark 16:20).

"A story is related in Cassell's 'Natural History' of a gentleman who laid a piece of sweetmeat on the table, and then picked up an ant and placed it on the sweetmeat. He was astonished to see the little creature rapidly descend by one of the legs of the table, and seek his fellows. They appeared to understand the news! He then at once turned back, followed by a long train of his fellow-citizens, and conducted them to the prize. Are there not many who know the sweetness of the Gospel who might learn a lesson from this ant? If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, let us do what we can to lead others into like blessing."—The Christian Herald.

Saturday: "The isles shall wait for His law" (Isa. 42:4).

Jesus has left us a strong command:
"Go,—with the message to every land!
Risen, a victor, I'll with you be,
Seeking of mine for me."

Hark!—He is coming—what will He say?
Christians, you've waited and still delay;
How shall we meet Him who loved us
so
If we refuse to go?

—Ruth Pemberton

"I heard Him say, 'Come follow,'
That was all,
My gold grew dim,
My soul went after Him;
I rose and followed. That was all.
Who would not follow if they heard
Him call?"

WAS IT A TALENT

There are men who pride themselves on their candor, and it degenerates into brutality. One such man said to John Wesley once, "Mr. Wesley, I pride myself on speaking my mind; that is my talent." "Well," said John Wesley, "the Lord wouldn't mind if you buried that!"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By W. R. M.

**Q.—How do you explain Luke 16:9—
"Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness"?**

A.—Use your money to make as many people as possible indebted to you so that they become your friends. "Mammon of unrighteousness" is a figurative way of describing the earthly riches for which people willingly sell their souls. It is called elsewhere "filthy lucre," because it is almost inseparably connected with violence and fraud and every kind of crime. It enslaves men and is worshipped by them as an idol—hence its name "mammon". But the Christian has escaped its clutches, and no longer serves mammon, but makes mammon serve him. By giving generously to the poor, by sending the gospel to the heathen, by circulating the Word of God and gospel tracts, by supporting native evangelists abroad, our money will procure us a host of grateful friends, who will one day give us a royal welcome in heaven, even if we have never seen them on earth. The Lord laments that while worldlings seize every opportunity to add to their wealth by all sorts of investments, the "children of light" act like fools; they have glorious opportunities for multiplying their wealth, but throw them unthinkingly away.

Q.—What is the difference between devout Jews and vagabond Jews, Acts 19:13?

A.—The devout Jews were those who sought to glorify God, devoted themselves continually, to religious exercises, prayer, fasting, etc., being zealous of the law. Many thousands of these believed the glorious gospel (Acts 21:20). Ananias was a devout man, according to the law, having good report from all the Jews. He came to Saul of Tarsas, and said in the Lord's name, "Brother Saul, receive thy sight," and the miracle was accomplished (Acts 22:12, 13).

But the vagabond ("wandering" or "strolling") Jews were impostors and humbugs, who, seeing the mighty works wrought by Paul and observing his methods, thought that they could earn a living by copying him and exorcising evil spirits, saying, "We adjure thee by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." These sons of Sceva soon found that they were playing with fire. The demons taught them a severe lesson, which doubtless made them and their fellow impostors treat the holy name of the Lord Jesus with greater respect (Acts 19:13-16).

Q. Is it right to set a date for the coming of the Lord or for any yet future Bible prophecy?

A. No. it only has the effect of discrediting the rest of our utterances. We know that the event is near, and by faith we "see the day approaching," but we "know not the day nor the hour" (See Matt. 24:36-51 etc.).

Q. Is it wrong to whip a child with a stick or strap when they have been repeatedly corrected?

A. Decidedly not. Seven times in the book of Proverbs the rod of correction is enjoined for disobedient children. We are told that to spare the rod is to hate and ruin the child. The passages are: Prov. 10:13; 13:24; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 26:3; 29:15.

But the correction must be administered in the fear of the Lord, and not in the rage and fury of the flesh. Make the child understand, if possible, that it hurts you to do it. Do not let him feel that you are unjust. Don't be vindictive or sarcastic or cruel, and yet do not throw away your authority and dignity by making empty threats.

Q. Why did God want the children of Israel to borrow from the Egyptians as spoken of in Ex. 11:2?

A. The Hebrew word (shawal) should be translated "demand," not "borrow." The Israelites knew that they were not coming back, and the Egyptians hoped that they never would, so there was no thought whatever, on either side, of a future repayment. The jewels etc. "demanded," were no more than the just arrears of wages withheld during at least eighty years of cruel slavery. The Israelites, by God's instructions, refused to leave the land until their wages were paid in full, and the Egyptians were so desperate in their misery, that they gave up their treasures, anxious to be rid of this people and their terrible God, at any price. "Borrow" is rendered "ask" in the Revised Version.

Q. If people can be saved during the tribulation, when is the end of the gospel age?

A. The age of special privilege under grace will end with the coming of the Lord for His overcomers. Then will be ushered in a period of judgment, when God's fierce indignation will be poured upon the earth, and this period will culminate in the terrible Tribulation for all who confess the name of Jesus, or profess their belief in God. But during this time there will still be a gospel, for the gospel, or, "good news" of salvation is everlasting (Rev. 14:6). But though people can have their souls saved, they cannot expect to gain the privileges of the overcomers; nevertheless the blood of Christ will still have power to cleanse men's hearts from sin. In the age which succeeds this period of judgment, when Christ is reigning on earth for a thousand years, the gospel (God's "good news" of salvation by grace through faith in Christ) will still continue to be preached.

Q. What New Testament scripture proves to us that we shall be caught away before Christ comes to set up His kingdom?

A. Rev. 3:10 and Rev. 19:7-9 are sufficient. The first shows that the Rapture will occur before the great Tribulation, which is clearly prior to the setting up of the kingdom. The second shows that the Bride will be in heaven and the marriage of the Lamb take place, before the Lord descends to earth to claim His rights as King.

Q. Is the story of the rich man and Lazarus a parable or is it a picture of an actual fact?

A. It is a fact. We may confidently say that all the Lord's parables were actually enacted somewhere and at some time. In this parable, the Lord in a very solemn way, lifts the veil of the future, and shows us the terrible condition of the heartless and cruel worldling who lived for self-gratification; and He also reveals to us how things will be righted for the poor and helpless. Those who reject the plain message of this parable (by whittling it down to a fanciful type of Israel) so as to rid their minds of the literal "flames" and "torment," incur a very grave responsibility. The literal interpretation of this parable fits in admirably with the context (Luke 16:11-18). The rich man was a case of a person serving mammon and thinking he was all right with God, and that his riches were a mark of God's blessing; and there were, doubtless, others of the same class among the Lord's hearers on that very occasion.

AN ADVENTIST RECEIVES THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the Evangel of Nov. 24 I noticed an article taken from The Messiah's Advocate, entitled, "What Do We Lack?" by my beloved Brother R. M. Simmon. I had read the original in the Advocate, but it did me lots of good to read it again in the Evangel. I am glad you inserted it, for it was worthy of a larger circulation; and if it works on others as it did on me, it will be a blessing to them, for it is all true. I know this brother personally, and for several years have been associated with him as a layman in the Advent Christian Church, in conferences and camp meetings. At our last camp meeting, here at Santa Cruz, last fall, he got permission of the officials to hold a tarrying meeting in one of the rest and class rooms. Quite a number desired to tarry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, myself among the number, as I had been hungry for it and had been seeking off and on for nearly eight years—at San Jose Upper Room Mission most of the time.

During one of our tarrying meetings at the camp, and while the Spirit was upon me and some others, a preaching brother and another person came into our meeting and began talking so loudly it interfered, and really broke up our session; when Brother Simmons requested them not to disturb our meeting. One of them went out and found the president, who had the authority of the camp, and complained to him for allowing tarrying meetings to be held on the ground; and as a result, the privilege was withdrawn and no more tarrying meetings were held. I believe that I was in the Spirit to go through with my blessed Lord at that time.

Long before the camp meeting different efforts had been made to establish a Pentecostal mission in Santa Cruz; but after this I began to seek the Baptism in earnest. Before this I certainly did not know

how to seek, although I was 86 years old and had given my heart to the Lord when a boy of 15. But with me as with others we did not know that there was such a thing as seeking and tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, for we had been instructed that we received it when we were baptized in water; but, praise the Lord, later experience shows me that we did not receive it then.

Now, coming back to the mission again, I tarried at almost every opportunity, and I got under the power of the Spirit and was on my back on the floor from 10 p. m. until 4 a. m. and the next night from 10 p. m. until midnight; but I did not get through. Then a division in the mission interfered for a time. Finally a separate mission was established and then I was enabled to come to the Lord in an acceptable way—acknowledging myself bankrupt of anything to lean upon or make an excuse—laying all in dead earnest on the altar; then, glory to Jesus, the blessing came, and tongues of praise with it. It was on the 14th day of October.

I wish that I could begin to tell the glory that has come into my life. Hallelujah! I feel like a young man—yes, a babe in Christ. And oh, what views of His love! And a deep welling love in my inmost being flows out in praise to Him. When I realize how much of joy I have missed all these long past years, I am determined to just feast and feast and feast. O GLORY! I never will quit, for I expect to live to see my Lord come, and I know the endless ages will see me keeping the praises going. Three days ago in our mission, a Sister Vance, the wife of a Presbyterian minister received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit most blessedly with the tongues evidence. Brother Rittenberg is conducting the meetings, with some other help at times, and we are looking for an outpouring of the Spirit. We are in accord with the General Council.—Geo. H. Fisher.

AN APPEAL TO YOU

If you are a child of God then this appeal is to you.

WORLDLY PEOPLE are not particular where their money is invested so long as it brings in returns.

GOD'S CHILDREN are different; every one of them should realize that we are living in a time of awful apostasy, and should help us in the work we are all mutually engaged in, that of presenting the printed and preached Word of God in its purity and beauty to the unsaved masses.

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"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

THE HEALING OF A HOPELESS CRIPPLE.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. I feel as though I could sing that verse of scripture all the time after what God has done for me. Praise His name forever. For I was once a hopeless cripple and now I am every whit whole. Glory to His name!

I am only 31 years of age, and nearly 16 years of my life have been spent in bodily suffering. Now I am well. Is it any wonder that I feel like singing praises unto God?

When I was a girl of fifteen, I had diphtheria, and the disease was so bad that the doctor was afraid that it was black diphtheria.

Anti-toxin was used three times. When I got out of bed I could only place the toes of my left foot on the floor. My left leg was numb, and my left arm ached so severely, that I was able to endure a hot water bottle to it until the arm was blistered. I lost my voice for between six and eight weeks so that I could not speak above a whisper. The doctor was afraid that I would never be able to speak again, but my voice was restored. I had what the physicians called diphtheria-paralysis of the nerves.

When I was out of bed a month, I noticed that my left hip was smaller than my right, and I had to place a pad on it. I cannot explain the suffering I went through. I kept getting bent worse, and about five years after, I went to a doctor. He did not examine me, but only said that my leg was shorter than the other. He ordered me an insole, one-half inch thick, and one half-inch higher heel on the left shoe. I wore that and a pad on the left hip that weighed about three pounds, for six years. Then I got so bad that I could not sleep at nights because of the misery in my back.

I was married at that time, and after my back got so bad I was recommended to go to a Neurapath doctor, and he examined me. He said I had a double curvature of the spine, in the shape of an "S." I took treatment under him for more than two years, and was discharged as cured. In less than six months I was ten times worse than when I went to him. I then went to another doctor, Dr. R. C. Parrish, 5301 Chester Ave., West Phila., and he said there was no cure for me and that I would have to wear braces; but, as I had a sickly baby, it was best to try other things, until I had gone my limit, for then I would not be able to do without them. So he ordered a leather sole and heel to match the sole, one-half-inch thick. I wore that a few months and had to have it made three-quarters of an inch thick. In a few months I had to go to the hospital and have an X-ray picture taken of my back. I then went back to the professor and they all said there was no cure for me. I then got a pair of shoes made with

cork insole on left shoe, about three inches thick. I wore that from Nov. 1919, until April 1920. Then I got so bad that, when I went away for treatment, on the last day of March, 1920, my head lay on my right shoulder, my left hip was almost in the middle of my body and my left hand went below my knee.

My suffering was intense from the base of the brain to the end of the spine. I then got a body-brace. I wore that from April, 1920 until August, 1920, when my back started to twist again. In September, 1920, I was as bad with the brace on as I had been before I got the brace. I then got a leg-brace added to the body-brace and wore them from October, 1920 until March 8, 1921, when the blessed Lord healed me, glory to His precious name.

If it had not been for my baby, I would have prayed to die, for my life was nothing but misery. I could not go around, or do any work, and have cried many times, washing dishes, and had nothing to look forward to but helplessness.

Now, nearly 16 years of my life having been spent in bodily suffering, was it any wonder that I did not want to live?

When I was told that the Lord could heal me, I thought it was impossible; but, praise God, the blessed Lord made it clear to me that He could heal me, glory to Jesus, and that He would, if I just had faith. I prayed for over two months for my healing, and, praise His name, He was helping me.

After two months, I prayed that He would heal me, not for any pleasure of the world, but for His glory, and, praise His dear name, the moment I prayed that prayer, God made it clear that He would heal me.

According to the blessed Book, (in James, the fifth chapter) it says that if there are any sick, to send for the elders of the church, let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

So on the 8th of March, 1921, I sent for a Pentecostal sister, a Brethren minister and his wife, and a Presbyterian brother. I myself was a Methodist, but glory to Jesus, He was there, and He is no respecter of persons, praise His name. They anointed me in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and after three hours of fervent prayer with me in my home, I arose in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, straight by His name, and have been walking in His name ever since.

It is now nearly 34 months that He has kept me straight; and oh, they have been the happiest months of my whole life. I now praise God for all the suffering that I went through, and praise Him

for the braces I wore, for if it had not been for all the suffering that I went through and those terrible braces that I wore, I would not have been as close to the dear Lord as I am today. Praise His dear name forever.

My greatest desire is to do His blessed will in all things and to testify for Him, to go out and take my braces and tell what the Dear Lord has done for me. Nothing is impossible with God, I can't praise Him enough for what He has done for me.

I prayed just as hard for the Lord to baptize me in the Holy Spirit, and, praise God, on the 18th of April, 1921, He baptized me in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, and that is the most wonderful blessing that I ever had. I would not give it up, for it brings a revelation of Christ dwelling within. And He is for everybody that wants Him, that will seek Him and not be afraid of His power. Glory to Jesus.

I have an eight room house, do all my own work, including washing and ironing, and, praise God, I am well and strong, not in myself, but in the power of our blessed Lord.

—Mrs. Edward F. Dickerson,
Franklin Ave., Lewis, Del.

HEALED OF NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN

When I reached America in December 1922, after having been in China five years, I was completely exhausted, was facing a general nervous breakdown. I looked to the Lord and He wonderfully kept me. I think I might have been all right had I been free from responsibility, but I went from place to place presenting our need in Fat Shan.

I was not ill in bed but my nerves were in a bad condition and I had a bad case of piles which had developed in China. Could not sleep at night, and many times was very near nervous spasms though it did not come to that. I fully understood my case and as I looked to God, He would wonderfully help me at times of need. But was not healed.

By the time of the convention at the Gospel School at Findlay, Ohio, I could not sleep, could scarcely remain through a service. Nearly every service I had to leave before it was finished. A brother who had knowledge of chiropractic gave me a massage. It had a soothing effect and I was grateful, but I knew it was not sufficient. It did serve to show me in what a bad state I was. The nerves at the back of my neck, shoulders, back and hips were so sore I would groan and cry out at a touch. A certain nerve in the hip (I believe the sciatic nerve) was so sensitive I could not bear to have it touched. My neck, shoulders and back were fairly sore. I cannot describe my case technically because I understand so little about it, but I can tell how I felt. Noises ever so insignificant, were torture to me; children I love, but I could not endure to be amongst them. I awoke in the morning feeling too weak and exhausted to live, my nerves tingling, too restless to lie still, too weak to arise. Life was torture to me.

I have always been extremely sensitive about asking for special prayer, but suffering drove me to it. Besides, I felt I needed to get the victory over that reticence.

I first asked prayer for the piles. Brother Clark laid on hands and prayed and immediately God heard prayer and the suffering ceased. I saw blood once after that, then no more for two months when it re-appeared. I asked the Lord why and it came to my mind that I had been eating pork. I know this is bad for piles. I ate no more pork and the piles ceased. Glory to Jesus! This is a remarkable deliverance for who does not know what a stubborn thing this malady is? What a relief!

Then my attention was drawn to my nervous condition. Well, I had supposed I would be healed of everything when prayer was offered. But still the "nerves" were in evidence. I did not want to be always up for prayer. It was a little struggle to be willing, but when I was convinced it was the proper thing to do, I went again for prayer for my nerves. Brother and Sister Clark laid on hands and anointed with oil in the name of the Lord. I felt no thrill, but next day felt a little better. I claimed my healing. I stood my ground believing I was healed when anointed, according to the Word of God. I believe that many let their healing "slip through their fingers," so to speak, simply because they fail to count it done when they do not feel healed. I counted on God's faithfulness, believed I was healed and God made it a fact. "As they went they were healed."

I went to Chicago; from there to St. Louis, attended the convention every day, sitting through long sessions of business, attentive to every word all through the convention, meeting people, talking, up late at night; but **God kept me, praise His precious name.**

From there I went to a hilly region. After two or three days I went down the hill and had a hard time to get up. Lower limbs refused to travel up hill. But God helped and before I left went down and up time and again.

Before this I was so nervous I could not sew a stitch. I would "fly to pieces" if I tried. I now put together a woolen quilt (had never done such a thing before) and "worked" the seams with fancy stitch.

I came home and attacked a pile of sewing two bushels high. The pile is gone down two-thirds. Before this I would not attempt to make a dress—yes I had, but never finished it; but now I have made not only an every-day dress, but a "Sunday" dress, and some other things, besides making some jam and other "stuff" to eat.

I sleep well at night, feel like living, waken refreshed in the morning, arise and have my devotions which I could not do before. I am "made over." I feel that God has done what "rest" would not have done in several years. Rest? I could not rest, God had to rest me as He promised me He would, when I first landed.

Now, I feel I can return to China; I am anxious to be at my work again, yes, and the language study. I feel now that I could pursue it again, though I had not been able to study any scarcely during my last year in China. I feel renewed. Praise the Lord forever!

I am grateful to Brother and Sister Clark for praying for me, but I give God all the glory as I know they also do.

Myrtle Bailey,
Findlay, Ohio.

HEALED OF HEADACHES

I have been suffering for years from headache. Doctors say it was caused by a fracture of the skull. I could not read without it causing a terrible headache and half the time I could not stand to have my hair done up. I was reading in the Evangel of a sister who promised the Lord that if He would heal her she would acknowledge it in the Evangel. I said, "Lord, I will do the same if You will stop my headaches." That was on Sunday, Dec. 23, and praise God I have read every evening since and have had my hair done up every day. Praise God, He can do what no medicine can do.—Mrs. E. H. Jones, Star Route, Payette, Idaho.

HEALED OF MANY AFFLICTIONS

Praise the Lord Jesus for healing me of the worst kind of perspiring feet, of a growth in my side which hurt me when I stooped and caused cramp, of chronic constipation of 20 years standing for which I had to take pills every other day, of stomach trouble, of rheumatism so severe that I could not raise my arm to the level of my shoulder without pain, a paralyzed right side, and of bloody piles which I had had for 15 years. Of all these I was healed at Brother and Sister Clark's meeting at Fredonia, Kan., Sept. 26, 1923. Praise our Lord Jesus for His healing and keeping power. Pray for me that I may receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—Clyde R. Van Meter, Fredonia, Kans.

PLEASE READ THIS

Are you interested in the building of the Central Bible Institute?

Perhaps you are one that says, "I cannot help?" Let us tell you how you can help. We have a Bible School Calendar that is arranged so that each month when you tear off the slip, you can turn it over and enfold a fifty-cent piece and send to us in the small envelopes provided for that purpose. We will send you the calendar free. It is good for the year 1924 until October, or for a school year.

This may appear to be a small thing, but if all our subscribers would follow this plan, it would mean a large sum in the aggregate, and we could soon complete the school building.

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SCIENCE BAFFLED

"With advancing strides on the road of time,
With a hand on the pulse of every clime;
With a chart of the land, the sea, the sky,
Of the depths of the earth, the bodies on high;
Marking the course of the rising sun,
Of the shifting stars, when the day is done;
The substance of air, and the measure of night;
The causes of darkness, the sources of light;
The heat of the torrids, the cold of the zones;
Vibrations of sound, and the volume of tones;
The products of earth, and the wealth of the sea;
The beasts of the forest, the sap of the tree;
The measure of atoms, the life of the flower;
The lightning, the cloudburst, the rainbow, the shower;
All this—aye, and more, long unknown, unrevealed—
Showed itself unto science, in truth, unconcealed;
And yet, though still seeking, as years onward roll,
Still science is baffled to follow the soul."

—Selected by B. McC

DEDICATION SERVICE, CANTON, O.

We are glad to sound a note of praise in reference to the work in Canton, Ohio. Our God has wrought most wonderfully in this city. We came here two years ago last November and the Lord gave a mighty revival. We have had to pass through quite a sifting time. Have been in perils from false brethren and false teachers, but our God has vindicated. He has gathered out for Himself a lovely band of sane, sensible people who are going on with God.

It was laid on our hearts to erect a Gospel Tabernacle in this city. A year ago last labor day we broke the ground and began to excavate for the basement, which we finished at that time; but the Lord held us steady for one year and did not allow us to move for some reason which we do not question. He has now permitted us to go forward and erect this beautiful tabernacle, which will be completed ready for dedication to take place Sunday, Jan. 27, 2:30 p. m. We feel led to say that this building has been directly from the hand of God, knowing the circumstances and sacrifice through which it has come. Every phase of it has moved so beautifully—not one jar, but very harmonious working in unity. We feel God's sanction in a very blessed way. We are sure He is going to bless and make it a real lighthouse in this city. Brother Bert Williams begins a two-weeks campaign January 28. We are crying to God for a real old-time revival in which signs and wonders may be wrought in the holy name of Jesus. Pray for us.—O. P. Brann, pastor.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

All offerings for Foreign Missions and for expense of conducting the Missionary Department, should be sent by Check, Draft, Express or Postal Money Order, made payable to J. Roswell Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., U. S. A.

A NEW CHART FOR 1924

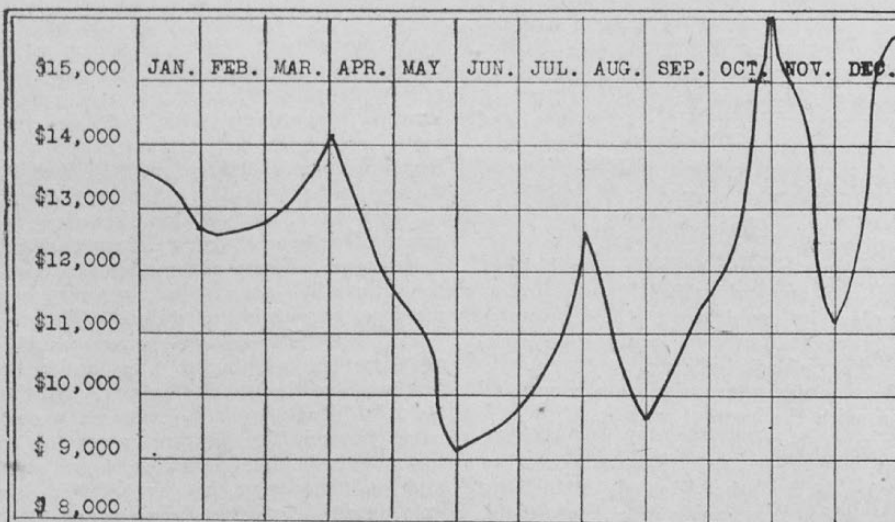
The Grand total of \$15,750.49 was received by the Missionary Treasurer during the month of December for Home and Foreign Missions. Of this sum, \$93.10 was for Home Missions and \$15,657.39 for Foreign Missions.

A glance at the chart on Missionary Giving will show that during the year of 1923 there was a heavy fluctuation in missionary giving, the highest point being reached in October. This increase in giving was brought about by the special offerings for the missionaries and native Christians in Japan who suffered severely on account of the recent earthquake. We were glad that our people responded to this great need and the offerings that were forwarded to Japan have gone a long ways toward alleviating the suffering of our brethren in that field.

When our books were closed for the month of November, it was with a heavy heart that we realized that there was a great drop in giving, which meant that the ground we had taken in October had been lost in November. This meant that all the missionaries received a short allowance for November.

We immediately began to pray and believe God that there would be a speedy recovery from the depression of November and that the offerings for December would knock the top off our chart and compel us to make a new chart to take care of the increased offerings. No one knows how anxious the days were as we saw the missionary offerings slowly coming in. We came down to the last day in December and it looked as though our prayer was not to be answered, when we were startled to receive one single offering of \$1000.00 which turned the trick. The line was joyfully shoved up through the top and our hearts were filled with thanksgiving to God.

How the Year 1923 Closed in Victory



While the big offering of \$1000 was designated, and we cannot split it up and divide it between the entire body of missionaries, yet it does help us in the general distribution, for which we are very thankful.

Now we have a definite objective before us for the year 1924. It is within our power to not let the offerings drop down below the \$15,000.00 mark for any one single month. This amount is needed, and in fact we need much more than this if our missionaries are to do effective work for God. Let us pray and believe God that the high standard that has been set shall be kept up and that there will be abundance of funds to meet the needs of all our missionaries during the coming year.

J. Roswell Flower, Treas.

WHAT OBEDIENCE TO GOD MEANS

Last summer a child of God asked for a sum of money, and I did not feel led of God to send it. My husband said, "Let us pray over it." On the third morning God brought up an Evangel before me and a missionary article, which looked larger than all the other print. Meanwhile my husband was asking God to show me what to send. God showed me to send \$25.00 to some foreign land. I had no name of the missionary on the Evangel; but I obeyed God and sent the money, with the Evangel clipping, to J. R. Flower. To my joy, a month ago I received a wonderful, loving letter from Sister Blanche Appleby of Lo Pau, China. It brought new joy and blessing into my soul that repays all our efforts. It being Christmas time, I again sent her a Christmas offering, knowing and realizing what it means to Jesus, and where to lay up our treasures so that they will last forever.—E. R.

GOOD NEWS FROM JERUSALEM

One Wednesday afternoon after our meeting in the prison, S. a nominal Christian from B. asked me for the Communion. I replied, "Yes, we would be glad to serve you; but what about your sins; are they forgiven?" With a shrug of his shoulders he answered, "God knows." "Yes," I said, "and you know too." He replied, "God is the searcher of hearts and he knows; but I am very anxious to partake of the holy Communion." I answered, "Yes, my brother, God is the Searcher of hearts, and He truly knows and He testifies of your heart in His holy Word that it is 'deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.' He says too, that 'the soul that sinneth it shall die,' and also 'he that eateth and drinketh unworthily (that is with sin unforgiven, and his heart not cleansed) 'eateth and drinketh condemnation to himself.' Now you are already condemned to death by a righteous Judge because of your sin: but He says, 'If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all **unrighteousness:**' so come to Him, confess all your sins, believe that the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary atoned for **your** sins, wait upon Him till He bids you 'go in peace,' and then we will gladly administer to you the Lord's Supper."

He broke down and wept, and as my time was up I had to go leaving him in tears. On Sunday morning when I went from our usual meeting, I was told, "S. is very happy for he has been saved." I was told that a day or two previous he had been called to the Court for trial and the judge said to him, "Have you no advocate?" He replied, "I did have one but I am withdrawing from my contract with him for God has forgiven all my sins—Jesus Christ is my advocate in the Court of heaven, and I need no other here." The judge was deeply touched, and after examining the case said, "We see you are not guilty of the charges brought against you, you will be acquitted."

When we saw S. he said, "I am very happy for my many sins have all been forgiven through Jesus' death for me." We arranged for a Communion service the following Sunday, and I know there was joy in heaven as he and 5 murderers, now cleansed by the blood of Christ, partook of the emblems of that Body broken and that Blood shed for them, and lifted up their hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to their Saviour: "Whom, not having seen, they now love and serve."

About ten days later I went to his village at his earnest request to hold a meeting, he having been released the day following the Communion service. Carpenters were at work mending the door of his house which had a large piece broken out of it. The door and court were filled with bits of fine wire driven into the wood and between the stones by an explosion of a stuffed bomb, and he was filled with worship and praise for a wonderful deliverance.

He said, "Four nights ago I was sleeping by this door and my family in the room with me. About 11 p. m. I heard

a footstep outside. I did not think much of it; but did not sleep again till 3 a. m. when I fell into a deep sleep, to be awakened by the sound of the falling of broken glass from the window. The children were also wakened and asked 'Father, what was that noise?' They rose, and found the door (facing north) broken and knocked open, and the night watchman of the town said that at 3:15 a bomb had exploded in the air over a valley running eastward from their house. The explosion had broken the window and was heard and felt 8 to 10 miles away."

The bomb would naturally have rebounded from the door northward and exploded in the court demolishing the whole house and killing the occupants; but God's hand had tossed it eastward into the open valley. An official sent later to investigate, asked if no one had seen the one who placed the bomb by his door. He said, "Yes, there was One who saw him." "Who is he? let him come and give his testimony," said the official. Our brother, pointing upward to the blue said, "He dwells up there. He saw and knows all. He saved me and I choose to leave the case in His hands."

We know that our Redeemer LIVES. Hallelujah! Weekly meetings are being held in B. Pray for a mighty outpouring there that many may be saved and baptized in the Spirit and be ready to meet the Lord when He comes.—A. E. Brown.

VICTORY IN HARD PLACES

Brother and Sister H. J. Mader write from Chekiang, China: "Jesus is coming soon and we want to do all we can to point the lost to Jesus. It is only as we are one that we can work together for the salvation of the lost and perishing souls. The outside are looking on to see if we are as one man going up to possess the land. United we stand, divided we fall. It is victory in Jesus. He is the mighty One who never lost a battle. We are asking God to send a revival in our midst. Stand with us.

"This is a very hard field. The people are so hard and so superstitious, yet we know that God can break the hardest heart. We are encouraged with the soldiers that come to the meetings. They came from the northern part of China, and some seem to be interested. Pray that they will yield their lives to Jesus."

GOOD REPORT FROM GERMAN BRANCH

The German Branch of the Assemblies of God with headquarters at Milwaukee, Wis. report that during the past six months they have received and forwarded to the field the sum of \$2,479.33. The Sunday School gathered through their class boxes in the last year \$608.94, and only \$111.50 came from sources outside the German Assembly in Milwaukee. Pastor Ulrich says, "Praise the Lord! The people are blessed and know the devil is a conquered foe." He also asks prayer that the Lord will raise up a capable co-laborer to help him in the work inasmuch as Brother Wendt has returned to his little flock in New Castle, Pa.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MISSIONARY

C. C. Garrett writes from the Mexican Border: "The business of the Lord is prospering here, there seeming to be a real 'sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees.' God is saving souls among the Mexican people and, through healing a girl who had been dumb for years, is stirring up interest in a new locality. The printing press is working finely, and, besides the printing of 'La Luz,' we are printing our own tracts, notices of meetings, etc. Am hard at the Spanish and longing for the day to come when I shall be able to tell the people the unsearchable riches of Christ in their own language.

"Praise the Lord! How blessed it is to go out in the work of the Lord these days, with perhaps each day the last before the King returns. I would much rather be a despised and unknown Pentecostal missionary than the President of these United States, needed as he is in his place."

A MISSIONARY'S TESTIMONY

By Brother Percy Bristow, Tung Hsien, Chihli, China

The Lord called me to go to Tibet, and after some training in a Bible school He sent me forth with four other Pentecostal boys. In one mission station out there the power of God fell on a young man one morning in church. He jumped up and looked around, his lips moving all the time. All at once he threw up his hands. I do not know what it was he saw, but after looking up at something he would turn and point at a certain party and begin to speak in tongues. He would stand behind people and rebuke them in the name of Jesus. Oh the terrible sins that were confessed there! And this took place morning after morning. Don't try to cover up your own or anyone else's sins. God revealeth the secret things.

At one time the leader of the Mission Station at which we were staying was having a cup of tea with several other missionaries. The three other Pentecostal boys and I were with them. We were talking of the things of the Lord when suddenly the power of God fell. The leader came under the power of the Spirit. I laid my hands on him and he immediately began praising God in other tongues. His wife received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit later.

The revolution was on when I was sent for to come to a home where the mother had been nursing a sick child night and day. The sickness of the child and the dangers all round had brought the mother into a state of mental derangement. The revolutionists had threatened to come the following Wednesday and murder every one there. We began to pray. Monday came, and then Tuesday. The Lord delivered us by sending down a botanist who was working for the American government. He rode in, armed with weapons and ammunition, and demanded that they do no harm to the missionaries.

They gave me an escort of one soldier to take me back to my place, but the soldier ran away and I was lost on the Tibetan mountains. It was dark at night

when I found a village and my horse began to sniff. I let him loose and he walked over to a barn where there was fodder. I went into the empty house and prayed, "Please, Father, send somebody to escort me." Then I dozed in sleep. Soon I was awakened by voices which came nearer and nearer. They came right up to the door and as it opened I sprang and grabbed a man by the shoulders and spoke to him. Hearing the foreign accent he thought it was the devil. I asked him what they wanted and he said they were robbers and had come to plunder a little. When they had gotten what they wanted they told me to go ahead and lead my horse. I said for them to go ahead, that I did not know the way. They finally consented, and led me right to the Christian Missionary Alliance station.

I prayed, and God sent robbers to answer my prayer. So when you pray you have to be prepared for anything God sends.

In one place there was a notorious character that was demon-possessed, and had to be manacled round the wrists and ankles. I went to see him, prayed with him, slept with him, visited him by day. One day he broke the manacles, bit his father, and just like the man in the tombs, rushed up the hill to the place where they threw the bones of criminals. He was bound again and brought back, and prayer was made for him without ceasing. Not long after he became as sane as anyone, was born again, and went into the work as one of my best evangelists.

I remember asking my brother-in-law, John Beruldsen, to come and immerse ten or eleven in water. On the evening before the baptismal service he was privileged to see something he had never before seen in China. Hallelujah! He had seen "idol worshippers" redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, but never before had he seen them under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. There they were, sixteen or more living temples full of the "new wine." The power of God had come down mightily on these people and they were praising the Lord in the Spirit.

Another time my brother-in-law, who had recently received his baptism according to Acts 2:4, sent for me to help in a convention. The things that happened at this convention were too wonderful to relate. The meeting started early in the morning and continued until after midnight. The mighty power of the Holy Spirit in our midst was just wonderful. During the singing, preaching, and praying, our precious Chinese were falling under the mighty power of God. Some were saved, some baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, some were healed, and demons were cast out of others, so mightily was God in our midst. Confessions of sin were made that meant death to the confessor if the same had been reported to those in authority. It was a glorious sight to see dear old Chinese mothers, with huge tears rolling down their faces, singing, "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so." My soul shouts many Hallelujahs to such a wonderful God of love.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

PICKENS, OKLA.—We have had a Pentecostal revival here. The people were stirred; one received the Baptism and many are seeking. There are now 10 who have the Baptism in the Spirit. We wish to start a Sunday school. We covet prayer.—Mrs. Pearl Hardaway.

EVERETT, WASH.—The Lord is in our midst. Had a wonderful Christmas program. Hall was packed to its utmost capacity, the presence of the Lord was there. A sister spoke a piece entitled, "No Room in the Inn," and then another sister went out in the anteroom and sang the song entitled, "No Room in the Inn." Several said it sounded like angels singing. Praise the Lord. Souls are getting through to Jesus; but we need prayers very much. Opposition is great.—Pastor Thomas Griffin.

MARSHFIELD, ORE.—The Lord is blessing these days. At present we have with us Sisters Pearl Larsen and Hansen holding a revival. They are very young, but God surely can use them to His glory. Already 12 have been saved and 15 baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and many more are tarrying. This is a needy field. Pray for us that the Lord will keep us in the battle front, meek, humble, and fully in His blessed will, that whosoever will may be saved.—E. E. S. Miller.

CALDWELL, KANSAS—We left Oxford, Kans. after a good time with a few Holy Spirit saints and some hungry hearts. Had blessed services. I expect that before long they will have a mission there. Pray for them. We came here yesterday. The glory of God was manifested in the service last night. We will be here as God wills and have service in the church in the evenings and in homes in the afternoons. Some are tarrying for the Baptism in the Spirit. Our daughter is with us to work among the young people, quite a number of whom are attending the meetings. Pray for us.—Agnes H. O. LaBerge.

JERUSALEM, ARK.—J. E. Davidson and wife came to this new field and began to have prayer meetings. God blessed the services, men and women getting healed. One brother was healed of appendicitis and my wife was healed of slow fever. She had been bedfast for four weeks and God raised her in one hour. We had a meeting through Christmas week. Brother Parten did the preaching. One sister who had not walked without her crutch for thirteen years, threw her crutch on her shoulder and went walking and praising God after prayer was offered. Many in this settlement were saved and from ten to twelve received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. So God is helping us with signs following them that believe.

WICHITA, KANS.—We have now two Pentecostal missions among the white people here and the Lord is working. Some souls have been saved and some baptized in the Holy Spirit, praise the Lord. Please pray for us here.—Mrs. P. C. Johnson.

HOLLY, COLO.—Praise God for victory in our meetings here. God is wonderfully blessing. We just returned from a two weeks visit in Avant, Okla., where we had a wonderful time with God's people. Had the privilege of being in Brother Aytes meeting there and seeing souls get saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise God. Do pray for this place.—Evangelist Ora Hurley and wife.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.—Evan. W. W. Childers and wife, whose headquarters are here, were home for Christmas and conducted a Christmas meeting for the Assemblies of God. Eight were saved, and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One man, a very solid, sober fellow, was saved and testified that God had been tugging at his heart for 27 years. Things are moving along very nicely here. Pray for us.—E. J. Burton, pastor.

BOONVILLE, ARK.—God has been blessing Boonville. Brother Walthall held a Bible School for us, in which God greatly blessed, as He did also in a revival which followed, conducted by Brother and Sister William S. Moore of Henagar, Ala. Four or five souls were saved in a very few nights, and then our church and parsonage burned, with almost everything we had. Brother Moore's clothes and credentials were burned. We have not given up the fight. We will start to work before long. Pray God to help us on our feet again. We have many friends here, for which we thank God.—Pastor R. V. Carter, Box, 42.

PRICHARD, ALA.—We began our meeting of the Christmas holidays on Christmas evening, and the Lord sealed it with His approval by saving souls the very first night. During the meeting a number were saved and the saints were blessed in general. At the watch-night service many were heard to say that they purposed by the help of the Lord to let 1924 find them on the altar of God for a greater service for Him than ever before. We see many ways in which conditions can be bettered, and we do most joyfully reconsecrate our lives and talents to the Great Head of the church for greater usefulness in the future than in the past. We most humbly solicit your prayers that we may abound yet more and more, that, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear we may receive a crown that fadeth not away.—J. L. Slav, chairman of the Mississippi District Council.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT FOR THE EVANGEL—Mehida Pentecostal Assembly, Canaan, N. H.

SARATOGA FALLS, TEX.—I want to sound a note of praise for the meeting we have just closed. Sister T. D. Davenport came and helped us in the meeting and the Lord blessed her in getting next to the people's hearts with the Word. I do not know how many were converted, but 25 received the Baptism in the Spirit and 13 were buried with Christ in water baptism. This place was stirred as never before. We desire the prayers of the Evangel family that we may be faithful and make this our crowning year for God.—J. H. Polk and wife.

ELBA, ALA.—We have just come to the close of ten days of very blessed meetings at the Wise Mill Assembly 7 miles north of Elba. It was a time of confession and reconsecration among those who had left their first love and gone back on Jesus. Some were restored to salvation and a life of holiness as in Heb. 12:14. Z. W. Bullock, from Bellwood, Ala., was used of the Lord as evangelist during the Christmas holidays and did some very strong preaching along Protestant lines. The results were manifest in the church here. Prayer was offered upon request according to Jas. 5:14, 15, for a child that was seriously ill. The parents had almost lost hope of its recovery, but the Lord healed. Brother Bullock states that he is free for evangelistic work this year. He is very strong on holding the plumb line as in Amos 7:8 and Isa. 28:17. I am resigning as pastor of Wise Mill Assembly (as soon as another one can take charge of the work) and will prayerfully consider any calls for evangelistic meetings where a place of worship is available.—Evangelist Fletcher I. Thames, R. 1, Elba, Ala.

PARMA, MO.—After a hard year's struggle, the Lord has broken through at this place. We came here January 1, 1923. Everything appeared to be very low. The saints were somewhat in debt for their church, but by the help of the Lord we are about to finish paying it off. We have a good Sunday school. Twenty-two new names have been added to the assembly roll since those taken in at the time of the preceding revival; and we are expecting a number more to join us. About 5 weeks ago we called Brother Elmer Smith of Canalou, Mo., to hold a revival for us. He was with us 3 weeks. Considerable interest was aroused; then he felt led to return to his own assembly. Wife and I continued the meeting for two weeks longer. Altogether 41 were saved and 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The saints want us to stay another year; but wife and I feel a burden for the revival field. If we could find some brother, who is patient and loving and kind to take over the work here we would go out into the evangelistic field. It would be best for some one to come who has a wife who can play the organ. Pray for us that God will have His way in our lives.—Pawatan Huffman and wife. Box 113.

JOPLIN, MO.—The Spencer Evangelistic Party just closed a revival here, with good results. The meetings were well attended. About 74 were saved and 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Many wonderful healings occurred. The Spencer Evangelistic Party consists of three young people—Brother Spencer is music director; Sister Spencer, who was formerly known as Vera Hoar, does the preaching; Miss Dobbins is pianist.

Our assembly is in good condition. We have splendid unity at this time. We desire the prayers of the Evangel family.—Opal Wiley, pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Well, Hallelujah to our all glorious Lord! We are closing up a very prosperous year for our assembly, the best year we have had in Long Beach. Many have been saved and baptized in the Spirit this year. Some fine people have been brought in and they are on fire for God. Also we have a fine band of young people, real workers, out after souls. God has added these to us this year. Many have been healed in our meeting. Many new people have been brought into our services, have been convinced, have sought and found, and now are of us. We are already laying plans for a more aggressive evangelism next year, if Jesus tarries. We are holding prayer meetings each morning, 7 mornings in the week, for 2 to 4 hours, for a mightier out-pouring of the Holy Spirit than we have seen yet; and the power is falling; and people fall also and are being saved and baptized in the Spirit. We are on a stretch for God and His best, striving to be made complete in accordance with His own standard of completeness. Hallelujah! We are praying and looking and watching and longing for and expecting and awaiting a cloudburst of God's power and glory to come upon us. God has given us a larger vision of what He expects of us and of the complete equipment that He has for us; and here is a band of people in Long Beach who are after the greater things. Amen.—W. R. Potter.

FRANKSTON, TEXAS.—God has enabled us to weatherboard our old building and buy paint, which will be put on soon, D. V. Despite the unfavorable rainy weather, the congregations were large throughout our revival, except one very rainy night. Instead of lengthy song and testimony services, Brother Fitzgerald gave us a thirty-minute Bible lesson each evening, preceding the evangelistic service. These lessons, mostly from Revelation, were appreciated by all, as was evidenced by the fact that the crowds would be on hand by 6:30 in order to get them. The evangelistic messages were wonderful. The interest was good. Sometimes several were at the altar. Some were renewed in salvation and in the Baptism in the Spirit. Some were healed. One brother who had not been able to work for several years is now working some. When an epileptic was prayed for in Brother Fitzgerald's room, the demons showed their

determination not to vacate. But praise God, Jesus was victor. A note from her husband, 2 weeks later says that she has not had another spell. Had the weather been different, and had it been possible for the meeting to have continued another 2 weeks, I believe there would have been a breaking through. We are still looking up, expecting greater things. On financial lines we went over the top for the meeting, notwithstanding the other burdens we were carrying.—S. C. Johnson, pastor.

A GREAT REVIVAL AT PERCY, ILL.

I sat all night in the Union Depot in St. Louis, being tempted of the devil. For some time everything had proven a disappointment to me. I was in great financial straits. My temptation seemed more than I could bear, and for the first time in my life I decided to leave the ministry for good. I reasoned that my children had just as good a right to a square living as anybody else's. God had promised to supply the needs of His ministers, and the fact that my needs had not been supplied I considered ample proof that I was mistaken in my call. So I made what seemed at the time a firm decision to go home and work with my hands the rest of my life to support my family.

For a long time I had believed that there was an endowment of power, subsequent to the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, promised in the Word; and for sixteen months I had been endeavoring to spend at least two hours a day in secret prayer with the object in view of obtaining the endowment of power promised in the Word. A thousand hours, or more, of wrestling with God had broken my stiff spirit. A stiffer spirit I think was never possessed by man. Secret communion with God had uncovered many things in my life and nature that were displeasing to God. I do not have reference to wilful sin. There was nothing of this kind in my life. Many of the things of God had become more real to me in the place of secret prayer, but all this was forgotten in the hour of temptation.

After my decision to leave the ministry for good the Lord commanded me to go to Percy, Ill., and start revival services. I had no call from Percy to come and hold a revival, so I refused to go. Both Percy and Chester, Ill., were laid on my heart at that time, but I refused to go to either place, because I had decided to leave the ministry for good. With this rebellious purpose in my heart I fell asleep and I dreamed I was in one of these towns praying for the sick and they were getting healed. When I awoke I said, "Lord, I will go and preach the gospel in these towns, but to which of them shall I go first?" And He said, "Go to Percy first."

I went to Percy and met with the saints and told them that God had made me come to their town to hold a meeting. No one forbade me, but my story was so strange that I think none of them believed it.

In the first service a sinner was saved. During the first week of the revival ten

persons received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The revival continued nearly eight weeks, during which time about 120 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twice when the saints met at 9:30 a. m. for Sunday school, it was impossible to have it. Both times the Sunday school broke up into an altar service. The first time this occurred the services continued without intermission until 10:00 p. m. and 23 persons were baptized in the Holy Spirit.

A good degree of God's healing power was present in the meetings. An old man 88 years old, who was blind in one eye and deaf in one ear, received his hearing instantly, and the sight came into his eye about an hour after he was prayed for. Another man who was deaf in one ear received his hearing instantly. He had heard no sound in this ear for eight months. A woman who had been very hard of hearing for years, received the Lord's healing touch and could hear a watch tick in both ears. Another woman, who had been deaf for eighteen years, received the Lord's healing touch. During all these years she had heard no sound, not even the thunder; but she says, there had been a disagreeable roaring in her head. She had also a great impediment in her speech. The roaring ceased when the deaf spirit was cast out of her, and she immediately began to hear sounds. She testifies that her hearing is improving every day, although it is not yet perfect. Also the impediment is leaving her speech. Besides these, there were a good many other healings of different kinds.

Numerous visions were given to the saints during these meetings. Many saw the Lord Jesus. Two persons saw the Lord coming in a cloud to receive the saints. They both describe the cloud as of a beautiful light-blue color. Many saw angels. A sister who had fasted five days for the salvation of her husband, while he was at the altar repenting, fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and the angels shouting and dancing before the throne of God. A little girl eight years old played the organ in the Spirit; and while her little hands, that were unskilled in man's art of music, interested us so wonderfully, her spirit was up in heaven playing an accompaniment on one of heaven's organs to the singing of a throng of angels gathered about her.

Other towns were shaken by the power of the Spirit. About a dozen persons from Willisville received the Holy Spirit. Several persons from Chester (17 miles away) received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One of these, it might be said, received the Baptism by telephone. A sister in Chester called up a sister in Percy to ask how the revival was progressing. While she was hearing the good news over the wires the power of the Spirit fell upon her. She hung up the receiver and went into the kitchen of her own home (for she was in the house of a neighbor) where a Baptist lady was at the wash-tub doing a washing. Here the Pentecostal sister became unconscious. When consciousness returned, she was dancing in the Spirit

and the Baptist lady was lying on the floor talking in tongues.

Dancing in the Spirit was a prominent factor in these meetings from the beginning to the end. In one of the services a brother counted thirty-two dancing at one time and every one was dancing a different step. In one service, at a time of great quietness, the Spirit suddenly fell upon the saints and eight to ten of them were simultaneously lifted to their feet and began to dance in the Spirit. In the first part of the meeting only the women and girls danced; and a man who was opposed to the dancing said, "It is only the women, the weaker vessels, that dance. Why do not some of the men dance?" After this I asked the Lord to make some of the men dance just to show that He could make men dance too. Immediately after this some of the men began to dance in the Spirit, and before the revival closed there were about as many men as women dancing in some of the services.

A remarkable feature of the dancing in this revival was the obvious fact that in most cases the power of God took hold of their bodies and just made them dance. In one instance the Spirit fell upon a young woman, who had been saved in the revival, causing her to dance. She made repeated efforts to stop dancing and could not. Finally she exclaimed with a loud voice, "This is real, people, for I want to quit and I can't." Her testimony brought a number of her friends to the altar.

Messages by tongues interpreted and by prophecy became a prominent feature in the meetings. On the last day of the revival a little girl eight years old was the leading factor in the service. She was in the Spirit for several hours, during which time she signified many things to us by the Spirit. She grasped the Bible and in the Spirit pointed out to the writer thirteen texts of Scripture to read to the audience. The first text she pointed out describes a famine for three years. Others describe mobs, imprisonments and persecution of the saints unto death. Some of them describe also great miracle power. We were led to believe as we read the Scriptures that such things are coming upon us. The following is the list of Scriptures pointed out to us by the Holy Spirit, in the way described above: 2 Sam. 21:1; Acts 17:1-9; John 16:1-7; Luke 1:1-4; Mark 2:1-7; Psa. 14; Acts 12:1-6; 2 Sam. 12:1-5; 1 Sam. 16:1-3; Num. 20:3, 4; Judges 14:1-3; Gen. 16:1-5; 2 Sam. 21:17. The eyes of this child remained closed all the time while these things were taking place.

After these Scriptures were pointed out to us, the child found a card and pencil in the Bible. She made a tiny cross at the beginning and end of the 20th and 22nd chapters of second Samuel, turned a leaf down between these two chapters, then wrote on the card the words, "Talk about this tonight," and then handed me the card and the Bible. It was no easy matter for me to frame a sermon out of the things contained in these chapters, nevertheless I obeyed the Spirit and did the best I could and seven persons came to the altar.

Another remarkable feature of this revival is the fact that nearly all the seekers received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit the same night they were converted, before they left the altar.

The revival was continued at Percy until the Holy Spirit told me to go to another town. We then went to Willisville three miles south of Percy, rented the largest empty store-room in the town and began revival services. The room was packed full of eager listeners from the beginning and six or seven came to the altar in the first service. The revival in Willisville has been going on two weeks. About twenty-five persons have received the Holy Spirit. Several remarkable healings have also been wrought by the power of the Holy Spirit, which will be described in our next report.

Wm. G. Schell.

HERE AND THERE

(The following clipping from the Toronto, Ont. "Mail and Empire," is sent to us by a reader.)

Speaking on the subject "International Peace and Good Will," Rev. Canon Allen P. Shatford, rector of the church of St. James the Apostle, of Montreal, delivered an eloquent and impassioned address to the members of the Empire Club of Canada at their annual meeting last night. Canon Shatford completed an extensive tour of Europe during the past Summer, and spoke with full knowledge of conditions in that war-ridden land. There was need of good-will among nations, he declared, good-will in deed as well as word, and he expressed the profound hope that the Christmas anthem of peace and good-will on earth would prove something more than a formula or empty words.

There was an emphatic and robust ill will among nations today, he continued. Only by mutual co-operation and understanding, a strict adherence to the doctrine of interdependence of nations, and full provision for freedom of intercourse of leaders of thought and action, coupled with a spirit of tolerance, could peace be restored to the troubled waters, and prosperity and contentment reign once more.

In Europe he discovered that the various races were influenced by a varying type of emotions. People there were filled with a great and deep hatred; the spirit of revenge was very prevalent. While such conditions prevail the prospect of peace is remote. He detected a great sensitiveness. The disease of the world body was "touchiness," a result of five years of war and tragedy. The most sensitive of all were the French people, who were very sore about certain things, were rather inclined to look for slights, and were peculiarly susceptible to criticism. In England, too, there was a great rawness of feeling. The Germans were sensitive, too, suspicious, and alert to dangers, and even representatives of the United States in Europe were particularly jealous to uphold the stand of their Government on matters of great national import. There was a soreness in the body politic today and "Hands off" was the warning everywhere one went. This

situation had its dangers, but, on the other hand, it presented opportunities which the world should be quick to seize. There was a great hungering for sympathy, and a readiness to lend an attentive ear to all who adopted a sympathetic attitude.

Fear of the Future

Canon Shatford detected also an "appalling fear all over Europe, which culminated in a very paroxysm in France." The French were so filled with the fear of another war that they were bent on taking every possible precaution to be in readiness and to guard themselves against any possible recurrence of war. The fear in Germany was of a different type—a fear of revolution. Germany rather than Russia was the center of communism today. The seeds had been sown and had rooted deep. The extreme communists were building their hope on revolution, and this the world must guard against. In England fear assumed still another form, a fear of the days to come, a settled gloom and pessimism about the future. He had never seen such evidences of unemployment—robust young men on the street corners. It was this fear of the future that was the menace in the motherland. But through it all was exhibited a great and rare courage—the strength to catch up the old threads of life. It was in this great courage that the hope of the world was founded. The courage of Belgium, he declared, was beyond all words of praise. With such resources of courage Europe, he declared, was bound to pull through.

"Oh, the world is growing weary!

It has waited now so long;
And the hearts of men are failing them
for fear.

Let us tell them of the kingdom,

Let us cheer them with the song
That the coming of the kingdom draweth
near."

DEDICATION AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Assembly of God Tabernacle in St. Louis, Mo., located on the corner of Page and Marcus Ave., will have formal opening services February 3rd, 1924. Chairman J. W. Welch will be the speaker at the afternoon hour, 2:30 o'clock.

It is expected that visiting delegations from East St. Louis, Granite City, Alton, Wood River and Bethalto, Ill., will be present. There will be preaching at 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 8 p. m. Rev. R. E. Baker, first pastor of St. Louis assembly, now pastor of the Sedalia, Mo., congregation, has been invited to be present. Special music has been arranged for. A great day, with the Lord's presence, glory and blessing is the desire of the pastors and the congregation. The building is a modern steel frame, brick structure, with a seating capacity of 1400. A Sunday school of 800 to 1,000 attendance can be cared for. The St. Louis work has grown from a small beginning to its present development. Without special revival meetings there has been a steady growth, many conversions and Baptisms of the Holy Spirit during the past year. The "little church" on McMillan Avenue has been too small to care for the crowds and the new building will make it possible to "launch out into the deep and let down the net." A revival meeting is to begin February 10 with Brother John Goben and his helpers.—Morse H. Markley.

OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK ON THE WEST COAST.—Mrs. E. M. Stephens, formerly of Ottawa, Canada, and England. Mrs. Stephens' father is Rev. Mr. Schor, a clergyman of the Church of England, born and brought up in Jerusalem, of Christian-Jewish parentage, and originator and manager of Palestine Exhibitions. He started those exhibitions for the purpose of making plainer to the western mind many orientalisms found in the Bible. Mrs. Stephens formerly assisted her father in those exhibitions, which qualifies her to give lectures on the Bible which she illustrates with Eastern costumes. Address care of Mrs. Montgomery, Beulah Heights, Oakland, Calif.

Forthcoming Meetings

WANTED.—A second-hand tent about 30x40, for gospel meetings. Write Dr. C. C. Self, Barham, La.

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.

GEORGE M. KELLEY AND WIFE, missionaries from China, will have their temporary address for a few weeks at Sherburn, Minn., care of Elder W. H. Pope.

SEDALIA, MO., REVIVAL CAMPAIGN.—Evangelist A. Watson Argue and party will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God Tabernacle, from March 9 to 23 inclusive.—R. Elmer Baker, Pastor.

NEEDY FIELD.—There is no Pentecostal church near me and I am the only one in the family who has the Baptism. Pray that a work may be established here.—Mrs. S. C. Wimberly, Monroe, La., R. 1.

REVIVAL MEETINGS, CHICAGO, will be held in the Sunnyside Church, 2120 Sunnyside Ave., from January 20 to February 3 inclusive. Watt Walker, the Cherokee Indian evangelist, will do the preaching. For further information write to S. A. Jamieson, Pastor.

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.

ANOTHER LONE SOUL.—Nearly 4 years ago Jesus baptized me in the blessed Holy Spirit. I praise Him for the love He had for me, and for His precious blood. I want to love Him more and more and do more for Him. I believe that He is coming soon, and I feel a great joy springing up within me as I write the words. I am the only Pentecostal person around here and cannot get to preaching at all now. I have a large family, and none of them are saved. Pray that they may be saved soon. If any of the dear saints can visit me and my family at any time for a few days, I think it would do a lot of good to my family. May Jesus direct the ones He would have to come. Pray that I may be ready for His coming.—Mrs. Mollie Hillman, Conehatta, Miss.

TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelists Earl W. and Beula O. Clark of Indianapolis, will open a revival campaign in the large Tulsa Tabernacle, seating 6,500, with a choir of 400 voices and 90 personal workers and 60 ushers, where Richey conducted his two meetings in that city. The Clark's covet the prayers of the Evangel readers for this great campaign for lost souls. Plan to attend.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION AND DEDICATION SERVICES

An old-time Pentecostal Convention will be held in the new Full-Gospel Church, 2823 Hillman St., Youngstown, Ohio, February 3 to 17 inclusive.

We are expecting Chairman J. W. Welch of Springfield, Brother V. S. Mumbulo of Rochester, N. Y., possibly J. Narver Gortner of Cleveland, and other preachers and missionaries.

Sunday, February 10, will be set apart for the dedication of the new church building.

We will endeavor to provide free entertainment for ministers and missionaries in fellowship with the General Council, but can guarantee financial remuneration only for those engaged as special workers. For further information, address G. E. Smith, pastor, 829 Parkwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

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MC ALESTER, OKLA.—A big evangelistic campaign for lost souls, conducted by evangelists Earl W. and Beula 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.

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.

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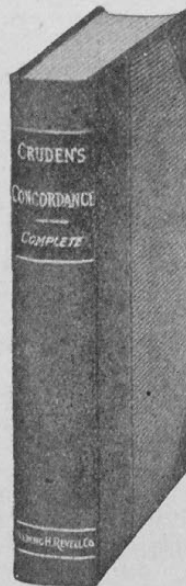
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