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## The Only Way of Peace

**G**OD willeth not the death of any sinner, but that all should come unto the knowledge of the truth (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:4). That is the declaration of God's thought and of God's attitude towards the sinner. What is the condition of man? "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and "the soul that sinneth it shall die." Because ALL have sinned, ALL have to die. Distressing condition! Is there a way out of it? Is there a remedy? God has provided it. "For God so loved the world"—the world full of sinners, yet God so loved them. And His love took action, "That He gave His Son, His only begotten Son"—the only remedy God could accept, God's own Son. "That whosoever"—He loved the world but He loved the individual in the world. He loved you, that if you "believe in Him"—an individual transaction—you "should not perish"—He has no desire for you to perish—"but have everlasting life."

What is the most precious thing to a man who is drowning? Life. He does not value it when he is on the ship, but when the ship is wrecked then he values life as never before. Then he values the lifebuoy which he hardly noticed before. Now it is precious, for it saves his life.

Why are men not saved today? Because they do not realize they are lost. And yet God says, "There is no difference, all have sinned." "He that believeth not is condemned already."

How can the God of love, the God of compassion, the God that gave His Son, Jesus Christ, be brought into relationship with a man who seeks salvation, who realizes he is lost? Believe God's record where He says through His Son, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." Make an advance toward God as the prodigal did, and God will run toward you. Yes, even when you are a great way off. The father ran, had compassion, fell on the neck of his son and kissed him. That is Christ's picture of the reception that the sinner gets when he starts toward God. Throw aside your doubts. Never mind your rags. Never mind the elder brother. Never mind the past. Say, "God be merciful to me a sinner, for I have sinned against heaven and before Thee."

You will have a royal welcome, the kiss of reconciliation, the best robe to take the place of your rags—the righteousness of Christ imputed unto you. And there will be music and making merriment. God loves the sinner and has made a way to divest him of his rags, to purge him, to cleanse him from his sins, to forgive, to receive, and send him on his way rejoicing. God's thoughts towards a sinner are thoughts of peace. He has given Jesus, His own Son, who gives peace, for He is our Peace. You can never, never have peace any other way. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Jesus commanded the stormy wind and raging sea to cease, and there was a great calm. There was peace. He can do the same for a troubled heart as He could for a troubled sea.

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## THE BRIDEGROOM AND THE BRIDE

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"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man" (Gen. 2:21-23).

Adam was a type of our Lord Jesus Christ. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual" (1 Cor. 15:45,46). Notice that Adam is called the first man Adam, but there is another Adam spoken of in the same verse: "the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." Do you know Him? He is Jesus. "The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."

We saw from those verses in Genesis that the Lord God put the first Adam to sleep and he slept. And it came to pass, while he slept, that the Lord God opened his side and took thereout a rib, of which He made his bride, and He brought her to Adam. "And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Was there anything answering to this in the case of the last Adam? Yes, on Calvary's cross the last Adam was put into a deep sleep: "He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost." "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water" (John 19:34.) Just as the first Adam while he slept had his side opened, so the last Adam also had His side opened while He slept. The first Adam could not have a bride of which he could say, "this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh," without being put into a deep sleep and having his side opened. The last Adam also could not have a bride suitable to Himself without going into a deep sleep and having His side opened that forth might come the bride that should be His forever.

Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor. 11:2). Espoused, engaged to Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! How wonderful it is that we are engaged to Jesus Christ. It looks as if there is going to be a wedding.

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ: that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God" (Rom. 7:4). What is the meaning of "dead to the law"? Well, we were married to the law; the law was our first husband, and there was no such thing as divorce in this case. We could not get a legal separation because the law was legal, and so we had to live with our first husband until something happened. Either the law must die or we must die to effect a separation. Somebody did die. Who was it? It was ourselves. When? When Jesus died. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ." Paul says, "If one died for all, then were all dead." So we are dead and done

for. Do you believe that? You will not get any benefit from it unless you believe it.

The law saw you in Jesus Christ, saw your sins laid upon your Substitute. And when the law saw sin upon that great Substitute, the law drew its sword and slew Him. God said, "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of Hosts." God's holy law could not withhold its sentence although it was Jesus the holy One who was the sin-bearer. So the law thrust its sword through the heart of Jesus, and Jesus died. But He took us all with Him when He went to Calvary and so we are dead.

Now then, we are free to get married again. Why? We died but we came to life again. When Jesus came out of the grave He brought us out with Him; not the old dead self; this is the new creation. Jesus hath proposed. Will you accept Him? You have accepted Him, you say. Then it looks like a wedding. I find there are people who don't seem to want to give up the old husband; they want to flirt with the law and be married to Jesus Christ. I was very glad to get away from my first husband. Oh, there was nothing the matter with him, but there was something the matter with me. He kept telling me what to do but I could not do it. He commanded me and I tried to do it, but I could not. Every time I tried not to do something I went and did it. And when I did it he used to roar against me till my hair almost stood upright with fear and anguish. I did my best but I could not obey him. "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

Nothing but death could separate me from my first husband. Then Jesus came and proposed and I accepted Him. And when I tell my story I am telling yours. Some people do not know where they are, under law or under grace. Do you feel a sneaking regard for the old husband still? I am quite satisfied with the new one. I have not a word of fault to find with the old one, he was "holy and just and good." Fancy wanting to get away from anyone like that! But when he told me what to do he never gave me any strength to do it. My new Husband catches hold of my arm and helps me over all the rough places. Even when I am fainting and failing He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." And so I am not going back to the first husband. I did flirt with him just after being saved and soon found myself in chains again. I began to read all the commandments of the law and said, "I am going to do this," but soon I was clanking about with heavy chains on me. I could show you the very place where God came and knocked the old chains off again. "Ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." This is a love story, the only love story worth telling.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27).



Jesus loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might present it to Himself. That is it. That He might present it to Himself without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. I believe on the wedding morning Jesus will look into the face of His bride and will say, "Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." But Lord, what about the spots? "Oh, they are all gone." But, Lord, I was nothing but a mass of wrinkles! "There is no spot or wrinkle or any blemish in thee." Are you looking forward to that day when you will satisfy the heart of Jesus? You are far from satisfied with yourself, but on that wedding morning Jesus will be satisfied with His bride.

Let us suppose a case. Suppose a young man in Australia sees the photograph of a young lady in the United States. A friend of his takes it over and tells him all about her and from the description given by his friend and from the photograph he falls in love with her. He writes and tells her he loves her, and if she returns his affections he will come and they will be married. What will the young lady do? If she considers him at all she will write back and say, "You have my photograph, but I have never seen yours. Will you send me one?" Well, you have never seen Jesus face to face, but you love Him though you have not seen Him. "Whom having not seen ye love." You ask about the photograph business, what has that to do with the case? It has a lot to do with it. The Bible is an album full of photographs of Jesus.

No picture of Jesus ever flattered Him. Why? Because He is altogether lovely. The 45th Psalm is an excellent photo of Jesus. I happen to know the photographer; He is a friend of mine—the Holy Ghost. It is a pen-picture but it is perfect in every part. "Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty." If I am going to get married I want someone strong to take care of me. Well, He is strong; He is the most mighty. "Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever." He is God. O bow and worship Him. Who says this? It is God who says this. To whom does He say it? He says it to the Bridegroom, to Jesus. What is His character? "Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Look at Him again. "All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces." Have you ever smelled the garments of Jesus in the midst of the assembly?

"Upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir." Divine righteousness.

Listen to the proposal: "Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him."

You have heard the proposal, now turn to Gen. 24:58, "And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go." Rebekah said what every bride has to say, "I will." Hallelujah! "I will go." In order to go she must leave her father and mother, friends, brothers, country, old associations, and go away to someone she had never seen. Most extraordinary, but she did it. She said, "I will go." Shall I tell you why she went? She was in love with Isaac. Do you object and say that she could not have been because she never had seen him? But she was; if she had not been, she could never have gone. That is where the type is so

wonderful. We have not seen Jesus but we are in love with Him. She had never seen Isaac, but she said she would go, because she loved him. Do you say the same as Rebekah—I will?

I suppose you are wondering if it is going to be a fine wedding and if there will be any gifts. Well, let us read again: "And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favor."

What is the bride going to wear? "The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework."

Any bridesmaids? Of course. "The virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought."

You say you hope they will have a fine day for the wedding. You can be quite sure of that point. "Happy is the bride that the sun shines on." Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness and so she shall be extraordinarily happy. Watch the procession—"With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace."

Where are they going to live? I think I know. "In my Father's house are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you." Perhaps you think you ought to be going and getting the house ready, buying the furniture and so on. No, Jesus is going to furnish it. Do you think you will like the furniture Jesus chooses? "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go I will—send somebody to fetch you?" Oh, not a bit of it! He paid too much for His bride to send anybody else to fetch her. He is going to fetch her Himself. "I will come back and fetch you, receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also."

Jesus is the greatest heir that ever was born; but the bride is not marrying Him for His wealth, but for Himself. But they do endow a bride with a dowry, don't they? Well, this bride is an heir of God and joint-heir with Jesus Christ. You know the old love stories used to say that they lived happy ever after. Of course they didn't. But in this case, it is true, true to the letter and to the spirit. They are going to live happy ever afterwards.

Of course, you say, this is only a figure of speech. No, it is a reality. It is the greatest reality. The weddings we have here are only shadows; they last only a short time and then death breaks them. But, thank God, up there they shall never die any more.

Look here! Don't you think it most extraordinary that, when the great King looked for a bride for His Son, He did not look among the aristocracy of heaven? Why did He not? Because there was one whom Jesus loved, who lived down in the slums of this world, the filthy slums, and she was the same as the slums. It is a most extraordinary thing that He loved her, but He did; and He made up His mind to have her. He would not force her, oh no, He would win her. And how did He do it? He just drew the veil aside a little bit and let her have a peep at Himself. And every time she saw Him she fell deeper in love. "These things did Jesus in Cana of Galilee and manifested forth His glory." They said, "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." And so she fell in love with Him; and, since she loved Him, she would follow Him anywhere.

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### "THE DAY IS AT HAND"

The hardest and severest winter with all its chilling frosts has to go before the summer sun. The earth has been bound, frozen and held, but the Sun of Righteousness is rising with power to thaw, melt and break up. When the winter is over and gone, the bride will hear the Bridegroom's voice, saying, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away."

At present we are dispensationally in the spring-time, the **transitional period**.

Winter is not quite past, summer has not yet come. It is like spring: one day you feel the cold blast of winter, and the next day it is balmy like spring; and again winter seems to envelop everything. God's Word declares, "Seed time and harvest shall not fail." The winter breaks up and prepares the ground for seed, and the sower goes forth and sows the seed. The Husbandman has declared, "My Word shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that . . . whereto I sent it." The divine Sower! The divine seed! There must be a divine harvest.

In the meantime you must pray for summer's ripening sun and for copious rains to ripen the harvest. The world is permeated with seed. The Word of God has been scattered by Bible societies, east and west, north and south. The Spirit can put life into every Scripture that has been circulated. The Spirit can raise up an exceeding great army of workers and teachers. Do you think God is not mindful of the millions of Scriptures that have been circulated? Scriptures are now hidden in garrets and cellars and are stored in libraries to no purpose, like the dynamite in the enemy's camp and waiting to be ignited by the spark from heaven. He spake the word and it was done. He who on the Day of Pentecost could give so many languages by the same Spirit, can quicken the Word in four or five hundred different languages. The world is encircled by the Word. God can encircle the world by His Spirit.

The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel, "Prophesy unto the wind, Thus saith the Lord God." And God is challenging us, "Call My Spirit to make the dead letter a life-giving word." The Word, printed and circulated in advance, is an instrument for God to work on, and an instrument through which to work.

He can also raise up an army of Spirit-filled men and women to interpret the Word in the light of the fulness of the Spirit and the fulness of the times. We

see through a glass darkly and we read through a glass darkly. Take for example the fourteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, how you read it now and how you read it seventeen years ago. If God can throw light on one chapter, think of the light He can throw on all the chapters of the Bible, illuminating the eternal Word of God by the Spirit.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." The great and wonderful lights in the heavens which He made shall pass away, but not His Word. Why? Because the Gospel is the unfolding of God's heart and God's secrets. His revelations are not going to fade away like decadent suns and wandering stars. The Word of God is no comet. God is going to illuminate His Word with so much light that the lights in the heavens will be eclipsed by its splendor and will pass away. "The words that I speak unto you are spirit and are life." The Word endureth forever. The Word liveth and abideth forever. It is the sure word of prophecy, the chart for the coming ages.

Calvary is going to regulate the destinies of eternity. The garden of Eden was linked to the garden of Gethsemane, and this again to that further scene described by John: "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bear twelve manner of fruits," all regulated and controlled from Calvary.

In the splendors of glory, the greatest splendor is the Lamb of Calvary. "I beheld . . . in the midst of the throne a Lamb as it had been slain." Calvary is the central place of time, the slain Lamb in the throne, the central place in eternity. Blessed are they and thankful should they be who have kissed the Son in time, so they can enjoy Him in eternity.

It does not appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him. When He who is the center of time and eternity shall appear, we shall be like Him.

Adam before the fall was glorious in his perfections. The children of God will be more glorious in redemption.

The Lamb bore scars in eternity. We will have to bear our scars. Paul bore in his body the stigmata of the Lord Jesus. During our probationary sojourn on this earth, every true-hearted, devoted follower has trouble or marks, social marks, financial marks, domestic and religious marks, marks of the journey, marks of service. Spend and be spent for Him. The suffering Bridegroom must have a suffering bride. Conform to Him at every point.

As winter is passing, summer is coming. As the days pass we see the proof that dispensationally summer is coming. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the day? It will be day for the saint and night for the sinner. "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness. . . . Ye are . . . the children of the day: we are not of the night" (1 Thess. 5:4, 5).

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## The Bridegroom and the Bride

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"Follow, follow,  
I will follow Jesus,  
Anywhere, everywhere,  
I will follow on."

He is drawing her with the cords of love; and they are the strongest cords known. Love laughs at locks and bolts. He says, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."

"He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus He bound me to Him."

When Jesus came to win His bride He did not come in chariots of glory with angelic hosts. He could have had legions of heavenly attendants and could have come sweeping down from the sky in majesty and glory with myriads of angels attending His royal train. Instead of that He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. Why did He not come in all His glory? She would have dropped dead at the sight of it: And so He came incognito; He veiled His glory with human flesh. Is He not wonderful? The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. But although He veiled His majesty with human flesh, we see such fairness, such a sweetness in Jesus that our hearts are knitted to His forever.

Wonderful Jesus! This is no fancy dream, it is a real, true story. This is the wedding, the love story, that is going to last forever.

So the Father did not look among the aristocracy of heaven, but looked down in the slums of this world for a bride for His Son. Jesus saw that soap and water could not take away her filthiness, but He knew there was something that could, and that was His own blood. He saw that she was clothed with rags, but He gave her a change of raiment, "even the righteousness of God which is by faith, unto all and upon all them that believe." And He says to her, "Thou art all fair, my love, there is no spot in thee." And He will take her into the banqueting house. Do you think you will be a bit afraid in that glorious place up there? You won't, because you will be leaning on the arm of Jesus. "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"

Suppose you met a friend who was shortly to be married, and you said to her, "I suppose you are getting ready for the wedding." If she answered that she was not, you would get quite a shock. You would conclude that she did not care very much about her future husband. Well, what about you? Are you getting ready? "His wife hath made herself ready." When the Bridegroom comes, may we all be ready to meet Him in the air, and go to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

### THE HARPS OF GOD

I feel I must pass on a thought the Lord gave me in connection with our Revelation studies. In the 15th chapter, as I was holding it before Him, the second verse laid hold of me: "Having HARPS of God they sing the Song of Moses and of the Lamb." The song, one knows, must be the one of a full redemption through the Blood; the conquered foe; the

perfect liberty from bondage, that freedom from the guilt and power of sin. This song has to be first learnt down here, through the applied power of the Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. But those "Harps of God"—what are they? What special make is implied in those words? Surely something more than usual. Specially prepared by and made for God the Father? Made for the song, as the song must be made for the harp? I could only say, "Father, let me see, let me know and understand just what your special harps are made of and how they are fashioned." And then how wondrously and truly did the answer come.

It is not easily grasped or put into words, but here is the glimpse of the vision of it. Surely since the song is one of victory over sin and the evil one, the harps on which the song is sung must be the daily circumstances, the will of God as it comes to us in His permissive or directive will from hour to hour. Those "all things" working together to produce that good of the sanctified life and heart? Yes, these are the harps of God sent to draw forth forth the melody of a holy, victorious life. We said it was a cross, that trying circumstance, that misjudgment and that hard word and strife of tongues. Listen! He says it is the harp of God put into your hands and mine, and surely amid the music of the angel-harpers He is bending low to catch the song that must come from our hearts. Is He catching it? The free, glad note of joy and victory? Alas! how often has He vainly listened, or heard only a jarring discord from a heart at variance with His will, or defeated instead of victorious! Beloved, does He not know we do not know how to play those harps of His ourselves? Is not this the meaning of the coming of the great indwelling Teacher, the Holy Spirit, that we may give back the harp of each moment's circumstance and need to His hand, and ask HIM to please play it for us and through us?

Thus will a wondrous and holy song of the power of the Lamb ascend all the days to the ear of the Father. How come the harps of God upon the glassy sea? Surely **there** there are no tests that need the song of victory? Well, methinks that the harps and the songs become so united down here, so **one**, that when the Song of Moses and the Lamb is sung on the glassy sea they are inseparable; and as the victory is rung out, the circumstances that produced it are manifested.

Wondrous privilege, just think of it! these humdrum lives of ours which often seem so matter-of-fact and inharmonious, sounding up above as sweet songs played on harps of God! It takes no great of earth, no learned minstrel for this, but the quiet, hidden child of God in poverty and stress and sorrow. Will not the disappointment pass out of some lives if they see that such a holy ministry of music to cheer the heart of God is theirs? Shall we not cease to speak of our "crosses" and "conflicts," and call them "GOD'S HARPS"—these opportunities of new victories and power?—Extract from letter by Emily S. Lynne.

### IN THE DARK

"It is terribly hard to trust God and realize His hand in the dark passages of life," said a man to his friend. And the reply came, "If you cannot trust a man out of your sight, he is not worth much." When the chickens are under the wing of the mother bird they can see nothing, and the divine Word is not "under his wings thou shalt see," but "shalt trust."—Toronto Globe.

## My First Sermon That I Did Not Preach

A Methodist Minister Tells of His Pentecostal Experience

I came in contact with Pentecost in Wichita, Kansas about fifteen years ago. One balmy Sunday morning I casually dropped into a mission service on the West Side, and thoroughly enjoyed a spirited service of praise and prayer. On learning that I was planning on entering the ministry, the leader asked me to preach for them the next Sunday morning. I had just recently heard a noted evangelist preach on the Prodigal Son, and since I was getting myself groomed for a ministerial start in life, I decided to borrow the noted man's sermon and start in. That week I carefully studied the Prodigal Son from his mother's door yard to the hog-pen, and, by the time I had chased him from the companionship of pigs back to his father's arms and the banquet table, I was feeling quite full of preach. I knew little about God, but I had the urge in my soul, and with the tread of a conqueror I marched straight to that Mission Hall that next Sunday morning. I persuaded a young friend of mine by the name of Dow Brown to go along and enjoy the triumph of my first sermon.

Soon I arrived, with the "borrowed" sermon chained, like Caesar's captives, to my chariot wheels, and was ready for business. The meeting did not start off to suit me. In fact, it started with a testimony meeting, and several of them almost forgot that they had a preacher on hand with another man's sermon burning in his soul. Every nerve was tense and taut with suspense, and my heart got to beating like a trip hammer against my ribs; and the delay gave me time to think that perhaps I could not remember as much of that fellow's sermon as I had thought for earlier in the morning. I had prayed much and had the inspiration for convincing multitudes—in my room before starting; but, somehow, it had all gone before I knew it, and my spiritual sky had become leaden and gray.

About this time something happened, and little did I think that my hurried action of a moment would be the forerunner of such bitterness of soul in after life. Many times since I have repented for that hour's rashness. It pays to have an ear open to the voice of God. Well, now to the story again. I was still anticipating giving them a real preachment until, all at once, the shadows of Africa blotted black my sky of youthful enthusiasm. One old colored Auntie got up and began to praise God, and soon gave hilarious vent to her religious ecstasy. My mother's folks had come from the heathered hills of Scotland to old Virginia, and I had deep prejudice in my heart of hearts. The old lady had a midnight skin, but a snow-white heart, and seemed to be in considerable favor with the Pentecostal brethren.

I looked on with amazement that they did not put a stop to her vociferous

praises. Her face began to shine and glisten with the glory of God, and my heart froze and froze. When the swarthy-skinned testimonialist had finished they all went to prayer and all began to call on God in mighty power. The heaven opened and I turned my cup upside down and began looking for my hat, then, beckoning for my young friend to follow, I left the building. Once on the outside, we held a hasty consultation, and Dow urged me to stay and preach my sermon; but I was unyieldingly obdurate.

With the statement that I was not called upon to worship God with "niggers" I marched away with ill-disguised disgust. When their prayer meeting was over and they opened their eyes they were minus the young preacher with a "borrowed" sermon, but I guess they were not grievously inconvenienced by being deprived of the sermon. I was the big loser and did not know it.

When I returned to my little room that morning the heaviest burden fell on my soul and I felt like going back and apologizing to the folks for not preaching, and I trembled from head to foot for an hour or more, but I did not go. How I wish I had. I reasoned finally that a crowd that did not know enough to make "niggers" stay where they belonged did not need any apology from me and thus I dismissed the matter for fourteen years.

During this period I never again came in contact with Pentecostal teaching or testimony direct, nor a tract, nor a book, nor a sermon, nor one individual to interest me in the matter. I made a careful and painstaking study of comparative religions; namely, Buddhism, Confucianism, Brahmanism, Mohammedanism, and of all the modern cults, for the purpose of refuting their viewpoint. For the purpose of refutation merely I laboriously and studiously went through all the tenets of the modern cults, but never did God permit me to get interested in the Latter Rain movement. There in my room, refusing to go back to the Pentecostal Mission to apologize to the folks for my action I had insulted God and His Truth. Bitterly did I pay for my stiff-necked action.

Just before coming back to Wichita, Kansas, I was in Amarillo, Texas holding a meeting; and the first direct contact with Pentecost in fourteen years was made there. We had a fine tent meeting in progress and a lady came in and gave a Pentecostal testimony in a very modest manner. I challenged her statements, however, and told her before them all that her blessing was of the devil. That night the crowds began to fall off, and the tent blew down. The next night it blew down again. The crowds got less and less, and the third night the tent went down. I said I would put in bigger stakes and do it myself so it would not blow down again. The

day was hot and the sledge was heavy, the perspiration streamed, my back ached; but my determination carried me through the day in triumph. Tired but victorious, I had the tent up in fine shape by the time the shadows fell. That evening, the service ended, I walked home under a beautiful starlit sky, aching in every muscle and soon I fell into wearied slumber. About one o'clock in the morning I was awakened by the fearful howling of wind, and immediately I thought of the tent. I knew that I had not planned for a storm and that I must hurry to the tent, and hurry I did as fast as my feet would carry me.

When I got there it was ripping and tearing and my big stakes had failed to hold. I let it down as best I could and decided to give it up that day. I knew that I did not have money to pay for it if it was completely ruined, and in desperation I did give it up. Pentecost and the Almighty was putting me to confusion. We can not trifle with God and escape the penalty of wrong doing. I see now that God was beginning to lead me back again toward the light.

All through the years I hungered to settle some day in Wichita, Kansas. My life had been teeming with activities that had taken me criss-crossing all over this continent, and I had not isolated myself in seclusion. From New York to California, and from Canada to many parts of Texas, I had been; but, as the Jew turns his face toward Jerusalem, so had my face been turned always toward Wichita.

About a year ago I failed completely in health, and a doctor said I had about six months more to live. For three years I had seen this coming, and had hoped against hope that I might tide through. And so to Wichita I went with the consciousness that unless God healed me I was through with this little game of life. I tried to face my future as a man in that condition should; but at times I was furiously rebellious against meeting with my end with so little accomplished. I was unable to work and properly support my family. It was a Gethsemane hour for me, and I drank a cup of sorrow to the bitter dregs.

One day, in Wichita, a lady brought up the subject of speaking in unknown tongues, and suggested that I read Mrs. McPherson's book. I did my best to conceal the commiseration that welled up in my soul, and yet that lady did succeed in convincing me that the subject was in the Bible. As I walked home to one of the best and most faithful wives any man ever had, I decided that I had no right to be totally indifferent to a Bible theme.

I had always prided myself on standing for the non-mutilation of the Word of God, and I saw that I had no right to be indifferent to any part of it. At last I decided to read Mrs. McPherson's book and see what she had to say. She had recently been in Wichita, and the very best homes of culture in Wichita were openly for her, and everywhere I went I heard her name sounded as being a wonderful woman. The preachers had opposed her, but the great majority



of folks had stoutly championed her. I got her book, "This is That," and read it, and was amazed to find my eyes swimming with tears as I read of her early trip to China and her early heart-breaks.

This crying stunt of mine surprised me very much, as I am not given to such procedure as a rule. When I got through with her book I still thought, as I had at the beginning, that I had experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I asked my wife to read the book and she did so; and she too, was in tears over the story. God had warmed my heart as I read, but I had gained no doctrinal satisfaction from the perusal of the book. However, I was hooked for God by it. I decided that I would take my Bible and abide by a scriptural decision. I carefully read every verse on the Baptism and the speaking in other tongues until I got to the very last verse on the subject of tongues, 1 Cor. 14:39, where Paul concludes by saying, "Forbid not to speak with tongues." When I read this verse I got some light.

I turned to my wife and told her that this verse settled it with me, in that any person who forbade the speaking in other tongues was going contrary to the express Word of God. Mrs. Perkins looked me in the eye for a moment, and, woman-like, smiled, then said, "Maybe that is what killed your meeting down in Texas last summer," and I had no more to say. It put me to thinking, and then I thought it was about time for me to take a walk, which I did.

Then began my spiritual tug of war, for I saw I had to fellowship people who spoke in other tongues or repudiate the plain teaching of the Word of God. Plainly it says: "Forbid not to speak with tongues." I had received the Holy Spirit in my life eleven years before, but I was conscious of a deep need in my soul. The more I prayed and read the more I saw that speaking in other tongues was a Bible theme, but I was absolutely positive that I had the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I had no thought of seeking tongues nor did I dream that I was ever to speak in other tongues.

Every day I was getting weaker physically, and I saw that I was having to make more and more of an effort to walk a mile. I began to fast and pray and call on God in deep desperation. I finally got to where I was willing to fellowship Pentecostal folks if their life tallied with their profession; but I had not the least thought of seeking tongues or speaking in tongues.

One night I was apprized of the colored camp meeting in the north end of Wichita, and a Pentecostal sister said that she was sure God had a blessing up there for me. The colored preacher asked me to preach, and I consented. Right in the middle of the sermon I thought for the first time in years of the old colored auntie who had been the effective undoing of my "first sermon that I did not preach." I was very sick in body and I wanted healing and help if there was any for me, and I was so broken that I was willing to accept it anywhere. While preaching, the Lord began to talk to my soul, and in the midst of my ser-

mon God thundered in my soul, "What are you going to do about Pentecost?" Immediately I declared that the Bible said, "Forbid not to speak with tongues," and that I had never been around Pentecostal folks since that colored woman had scared me away years before, but that now I would accept all of God's Word.

I went home to my room to pray again. It never entered my head that I had not had the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I thought the tongues idea was simply the manifestation of one of the lost gifts. I did feel so hungry, however, for Supernaturalism that, that night, I pleaded for God to make Himself more real, but never thought of asking for tongues. As I prayed it seemed as though my soul was poured out as water (and water poured out can not be regained). I finally felt an awful loneliness and emptiness come over me; I heard the clock strike one, two, three, four; and at a little past four I got a glimpse at least of the loneliness that Jesus had in Gethsemane. It seemed that I would die of loneliness, and I got where I could not pray nor ask for a thing. Words ran out, and I just waited on my knees before God. At four-thirty I began to pray in just as calm a frame of mind as I am now in at the present moment; then, all at once, without the least bit of excitement, I found myself praying in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Hallelujah to Jesus and His precious Blood!

My first feeling was one of surprise over the matter, and immediately I stopped. My burden had lifted, and then it fell on me again; and when I started to pray again I was praying again in an unknown tongue. Then it flashed on me that I was getting the same kind of an experience that they got on the day of Pentecost; and I thanked God. I prayed on for awhile and then came right back into English again. A little while and I was sleeping sweetly and restfully as a babe. The big feature of my experience was a wonderful rest and the reality of Jesus Christ. The next day I prayed several times in an unknown tongue, and it was wonderful to me. As I would walk down the street that day in prayer all at once the Lord would switch my language into words that I did not understand, and I felt that I wanted to run and leap and praise my Jesus. The Blood of Jesus became more real to me, and I saw that hitherto I had preached more of doctrine than of Jesus Christ. Thank God I had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the speaking in other tongues as Bible evidence, according to Acts 2:4. Even now it sets my soul on fire with a love for Jesus as I write.

I turned down the Pentecostal truth fourteen years before because of a black-skinned woman, but I had to wade through a whole camp meeting of them when I got the Baptism. God surely broke me over the wheel of my prejudice.

During this time my wife had been out in the country visiting her mother, than whom no finer character ever lived.

I wondered how she would take it when she found out that I was preaching to the colored folks, and had got the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. She is a woman of culture. But when she came back to Wichita she began immediately to seek the Baptism in the Spirit. She had received an experience that she had called sanctification several years before, and if ever anybody lived all she professed she did. One afternoon we had a tarrying meeting in one of the fine homes in one of the best parts of the city. Somehow that afternoon I felt sure that my wife would get the Baptism in the Spirit. Just as we went to prayer I looked out and saw another woman coming, and in her car she had a little colored missionary in the back seat. I said something to myself, and when we went to prayer I could think of nothing but the little colored woman. We prayed for a long while, and finally I prayed until God helped me to forget all about the woman. Somehow I felt impressed to open my eyes and look around (something I seldom do in a prayer meeting). I saw the colored woman get up from her knees and go over to my wife and put her hands on her head, and at that time my wife received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of God spoke through her just as He did through the 120 on the day of Pentecost.

This little note would not be complete without an addendum concerning my precious wife. She is a woman with natural-born culture of life and of soul. When my lagging feet would prove truant and loiter in the path of duty she has for eleven years been right at my elbow to urge me on. It takes courage for a woman to stand by with three children at skirts, and watch her husband's lungs go out and the sight fade from his eyes. The flu was the cause of my trouble and I thank God that in the Blood of Jesus I have found healing for my body as well as for my soul. Instead of taking a ride to the grave with the undertaker followed by grieving wife and fatherless children, I am hearty and well and am looking for the Uptaker, which is Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise His Holy name.

No matter how long I live or where I go I shall never forget, "my first sermon that I did not preach."

Jonathan E. Perkins, Springfield, Mo.

**TROUP, TEX.**—We have been meeting in cottages since last November. Our church was burned 3 or 4 years ago. The saints have been discouraged. They say that they want to get back to where they once were. Sinners are asking for prayer. Brother Gary of Edom has been with us and is coming back each fourth Sunday. Some of the saints had quit trusting the Lord for healing. I think one reason for it was that they stopped taking the Evangel. I have been reading it to some. One is renewing, and others say that they will as soon as they can. I would take it if I had to fast four days to save money enough to pay for it. All who read this please pray for the work of the Lord at this place, 8 miles east of Troup, Texas, R. 2.—J. M. Goodson and wife.

## "I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

### A ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY SAVED AND HEALED

The Lord has done so much in our family that we cannot praise Him enough for it. About twelve years ago in Switzerland my father and mother were saved out of the deep Catholic religion; the only ones saved on both sides of the family. Oh, they had to go through great trials, but the Lord brought them through them all, praise His dear name. Their relatives tried to take their home away from them and in order to save it my father had to have quite a bit of money. But where to get it from was the question. All that they knew to do was to ask the saints (Baptists), to help pray with them. And when the day came to have the money, my father was there at the courthouse with it. The Lord had led a sister, altogether unknown to the folks, to lend it to them.

About ten years ago they left Switzerland and came to America and went to the German church in order to hear God's Word. But they were not satisfied. While working in Fresno I heard Sister McPherson preach, and there I heard the saints all praying together. It felt so queer and funny that we did not think we could ever get used to it, but now we cannot get enough of it. A Pentecostal Sunday school was started where we were living, and after awhile tarrying meetings were held for believers to get the Baptism in the Spirit. After the tarrying meetings there were two weeks of meetings to get souls saved, but hardly anyone came. Then something great happened: Jesus met each one of the hungry saints and baptized them one after another. Also a whole Catholic family has been saved since the Sunday school started. Six in this family have gotten the Baptism already. My folks and my younger sister and myself have it, too. About eighteen or twenty have had the Baptism here in this schoolhouse. It's just too good to be true, but then we have a wonderful Saviour! The Lord has also healed my mother of stomach trouble and other ailments. Before she was healed she thought if she did not take from one to two tablespoonfuls of Epsom Salts she would die. My father was also cured from that horrible tobacco-smoking habit. He was such a smoker that he used to get the sheets in bed on fire. Jesus has surely done great things, whereof we are glad.

My next to youngest brother accidentally shot off his next to biggest toe. He was watching the cows and talking to a boy friend and the gun was resting on his toe, when he accidentally pulled the trigger. The other boy saw the blood forcing itself through the leather of his shoe and ran home as fast as he could, he was so frightened. In the meantime my brother got on the horse and rode home by himself, about one and a half miles. He put the horse in the stable and hopped to the house. When he

got to the kitchen he called to mother and said, "Just look what happened to me!" When she caught sight of the shoe she almost fainted, but she said, "Sit down a little while and I'll be back quickly." She went to her bedroom and prayed for help. That was the only sure and quick help that could be gotten. She then came and washed his foot in warm water (the toe was all black) and tied it up and he went to bed and slept. In the morning, when asked how he felt, he said, "I did not even know I had a sore foot until I woke up this morning." He never suffered with any pain and it is all well and healed without medicine. This happened about five months ago and he walks just the same as before. The people were just shocked at the thought of our not having a doctor. We have now been in this Pentecostal way about two years. It surely is wonderful.—Marie Odermatt, 95—26th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

### THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN

I am giving the following testimony for the glory of my Saviour. I want to praise Him for what He has done for me and my children. About six years ago He wonderfully healed my little girl of appendicitis after the doctors had said there was no hope for her but an operation. A year ago last October He healed my little boy of typhoid fever. About twenty-five years ago he healed me of paralysis after I had been in that condition for three months. About three weeks ago I was healed of pneumonia fever. I can't begin to tell all the different times He has healed in my home.—Mrs. Estella Hembree, 1211 Jackson, Joplin, Mo.

### CHILD HEALED

Our little boy nine years old had typhoid fever. He was sick in bed three months and we had two doctors with him, but they both gave him up, said he could not live. But I called on the Lord to heal my boy and He did the work, glory to God. Our boy got so low he was cold, and could neither talk nor swallow. Friends would come in to see him and would say to me, "I don't believe he will ever get well." I would say, "I don't know, but God knows; and all I can say is 'praise the Lord.'" How sweet it is to trust in Jesus! I am thanking God for His healing power.—Mae R.

### HEALED OF ACUTE INDIGESTION

I wish to express my gratitude to our blessed Lord Jesus for healing my little girl of acute indigestion in October, 1923. There was no pulse at wrist or heart—only a flutter in the neck—but I cried to the Lord and He answered. Praise Him. He has healed me many times and given me His Holy Spirit.—M. F. Fox, Portersville, Calif.

### A WORD IN SEASON

**IN MID-OCEAN, On Board S. S. "BALTIC."**—We closed our campaign in Sherburn, Minn. and hastened on to New York just in time to make a few hurried preparations before sailing for a long, long trip to Egypt and the Holy Land. We want to praise God for the privilege of going out to Minnesota even though the weather was 30 below during much of the three-weeks meetings.

Brother Pope is one of our Pentecostal boys and has been on the field only one year, but God has blessed his ministry and given him a blessed company of saved and baptized believers.

The middle west is teeming with possibilities for Christian Service—doors are wide-open for Pentecost. Some drove 30 miles through bitter cold to get to the meetings.

25 or more received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the campaign. Some of the finest sons and daughters of the west received Jesus Christ as their Saviour and then received the blessed Comforter, according to Acts 2:4. They have a flourishing Sunday school. Many of the children have been saved.

On board this ship are many devout, serious, Christian people, going to visit the land made sacred by the footprints of the Lord Jesus. I have met some noble men and women. On the other hand there are the usual society folks who play Bridge, drink wine, smoke, and dance. One society woman said to me the second day out, "Will you please tell me where the book of Genesis is? I want to read about Moses in Egypt before we get there." I said, "Madam, Genesis is the first book in the Bible." "O, you don't say. I really could not place it." "You will not find Moses, however, in Genesis," I told her. "What you are looking for is in Exodus." "Then please tell me where Exodus is," the poor thing asked.

Some of these people who are going to Jerusalem play Bridge all day long. Most of them are church members, but they know more about cards than about the Word of God.

What a day it will be when Jesus comes! There will be a separation of the sheep from the goats. These people would be unhappy in heaven. They can't play Bridge up there. They know nothing of fellowship with Jesus here and they will be strangers to Him when He comes. We are living in an awful age, the signs of His appearing are all about us. People are lovers of pleasure more than of God.

A professor of a young men's college sits at our table; and he said to me, "I could win my boys for righteousness and God if it were not for the young women. These girls will have nothing to do with young men unless they smoke and drink. The boys, one after another, fall for them."

Fathers and mothers in Pentecost, there are pitfalls for the feet of your children: hold on to God until every one is brought into the fold. We are returning about April 16 (D. V.). Pray for us. Yours in Christ.—Mae E. Frey.



## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

**Sunday:** "Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

"You ask, 'How can I get rid of this self life?' You know the parable: the strong man kept his house until one stronger than he came in and cast him out. Then the place was garnished and swept, but empty, and he came back with seven other spirits worse than himself. It is only Christ Himself coming in that can cast out self, and keep out self. This self will abide with us to the very end. Remember the Apostle Paul; he had seen the heavenly vision, and lest he should exalt himself, the thorn in the flesh was sent to humble him. There was a tendency to exalt himself, which was natural, and it would have conquered, but Christ delivered him from it by His faithful care for his loving servant. Jesus Christ is able, by His divine grace, to prevent the power of self from ever asserting itself or gaining the upper hand; Jesus Christ is willing to become the life of the soul; He is willing to teach us so to follow Him, and to have heart and life set upon Him alone, that He shall ever and always be the light of our souls."

**Monday:** "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful!" (1 Cor. 4:2).

"Is your place a small place?  
Tend it with care!—  
He set you there.

"Is your place a large place?  
Guard it with care!—  
He set you there.

"What'er your place, it is  
Not yours alone, but His  
Who set you there."

**Tuesday:** "There shall no evil happen to the just" (Prov. 12:21).

During the World War great wire nets were stretched across the English Channel, so that transports could pass in safety from England to France. Submarines might swarm outside, but their torpedoes could not pass through the barriers. We may find in this an illustration of the promise, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." If we belong to God, we have a mighty protection about us.—Sel.

**Wednesday:** "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall enlargement and deliverance arise . . . from another place" (Esther 4:14).

Think of the unspeakable privilege God has given to you to break the sin-forged chains that hold such countless numbers in hopeless bondage. A golden opportunity, yea, and more, and if you disregard it, treating it lightly as so many are prone to do, think not your carelessness will be disregarded. It is souls that are hanging in the balance. And whether it is the call to go or the call to pray or the call to pour out your treasure, if you rail God, somehow God will find

another way and you will be doomed to that bitter place which some hapless souls have known who cry out from the depth of their heart, "If only I had heeded the call of God."

**Thursday:** "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." (Isa. 48:10).

"The glory that excelleth  
Comes from the place of praise,  
And all the cross of suffering,  
With gold it overlays,  
For suffering first, then glory,  
As faith precedeth sight.  
And if we suffer we shall reign  
In everlasting light."

**Friday:** "Ye are complete in Him" (Col. 2:10).

Oh, then, this is why God permits the distressing failures and disappointing shipwrecks in our life oftentimes. He would have us ever to feel our weakness apart from Him, thus enabling us to draw more consciously upon His abundant strength. God never planned to pour into us the gifts and graces—then turn us loose to run the business for ourselves. Rather would He have us feel so utterly our dependence upon Him that we will ever reckon on His fulness, His strength, His glorious sufficiency for the supply of our every need. Fortunate for us is that failure which makes us fully conscious of Christ's own words, "Apart from Me ye can do nothing."

**Saturday:** "And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God" (Ex. 19:17).

"Oh, that God might make every minister what Moses was at the foot of Mount Sinai; 'Moses led the people out to meet God,' and they did meet Him until they were afraid. Let every minister ask with all the earnestness his soul can command, that God may deliver him from the sin of preaching and teaching without making the people feel first of all: 'The man wants to bring us to God Himself.' It can be felt, not only in the words, but in the very disposition of the humble, waiting, worshiping heart. We must carry this waiting into all our worship; we will have to make a study of it; we will have to speak about it; we will have to help each other, for the truth has been too much lost in the church of Christ; we must wait upon God about it. Then we shall be able to carry it out into our daily life."

### GREAT MEETING AT PUEBLO, COLO.

The District Convention for Colorado closed Sunday night with a crowded house. The attendance of ministers and delegates was the largest in several years. People came from other towns and stayed at hotels so they could attend the revival that preceded it. Brother Walker could not come as announced, so Brother Ora D. Hurley held the meeting. Brother Hurley is a good preacher of

the Old School kind. The chain prayer was a wonderful instrument in bringing the revival. Souls were saved from the first service. Twenty received the Baptism in the Spirit and several were saved. The power was falling continually. Many special demonstrations of the Spirit were manifested. At one time visible fire fell in a shower over the altar. One young lady who was at the piano fell and lay for an hour under the power and saw a wonderful vision of the saints marching around the walls of a city. She heard a march played to the beating of drums and heavenly singing. With one finger, under the power of the Spirit, she played a beautiful march on the piano without moving her hand. At the same time she fell another lady received her Baptism and many were shouting. At other times there was a great noise of shouting in the camp. One night some twenty or more were dancing in the Spirit at one time. Twice people had to be carried to their cars and were taken home under the power, after midnight waiting had drawn into the small hours of the night. There was a very blessed fellowship both in the meeting and in the Council meeting. Brother Hurley said that it was the greatest midwinter Council he had ever attended and was remarkable in that there was not a time during the two days of business meeting that a cross or contrary spirit was manifested. Not one disagreeable thing occurred to mar the sweet spirit of fellowship. There were more ministers present than ever attended a convention of this kind in the state.

Chairman Nichols laid special stress on the importance of developing the new fields in Colorado. "What we need out here is more men who have faith to take their grip and go where God sends them and trust him to keep them. Men who can get the mind of God and are willing to endure hardship as good soldiers. Many offers are coming in from preachers who want to help us but so far no funds are available. We came to this state about two years ago in obedience to a direct call from God. We started without enough money to get us half-way but came on without delay. In this time we have averaged twelve hundred dollars a year in offerings. Two assemblies have been established and one built up. Over three hundred have received the Baptism in the Spirit and two hundred saved as a direct, or indirect, result of our labors. This I say to encourage those who hesitate to obey God." Pastor John B. Jacobs of Fort Morgan is continuing the special meetings. Brother Jacobs is a powerful evangelist and deep in the Word, and we are expecting great things from God. Our next convention will be held at Trinidad, in August with Pastor Stuart, our present Assistant Chairman.—One who was blessed in the meetings.

**OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK.**—We have been acting as pastor here, but are leaving for evangelistic service and are open for calls as the Lord leads. We have had eight years experience in opening new fields and are in full fellowship with the General Council at Springfield. We have our own tent, 40 feet in diameter.—Nellie R. Cox and son Philip, Box 124, Knoxville, Iowa.

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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### A WORLD-WIDE VISION OF MISSIONS

"Where there is no vision the people perish." That means the decadence of the church. A vision of the Lord changed Isaiah's life. Paul got a vision of Jesus and he became the great missionary to the great Gentile world. Livingston's vision of Africa's condition, Carey's of India, Judson's of Burma, and Morrison's of China, kindled with a spirit of obedience to the Great Commission, opened continents and empires to the Gospel; and so on down through the ages, men of great far-reaching visions have accomplished gigantic tasks immensely beneficial to humanity.

Christ's work was to the whole world. The seventy and the twelve were sent out to go into every place and city. Before His ascension, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." To the one hundred and twenty He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We have never obeyed the Word, nor done His will, until we have sent the Gospel to all the world.

Sometime after the day of Pentecost, the first Pentecostal church at Jerusalem was persecuted and scattered abroad. They went everywhere preaching the Gospel. Through this act of obedience the church grew and multiplied extensively. The spiritual growth and development of the Church today is conditioned upon this act of obedience in missionary activity. The prosperous church, the growing church, the evangelistic church is the missionary church.

What is our program? Our program is to send the Gospel to the untouched fields, the uttermost parts of the earth. To this end we solicit your earnest prayers that God, in His infinite mercy, may give us His view-point of a lost world, a world-wide vision of Missions in the light of His soon coming.

"A hundred thousand souls a day  
Are passing one by one away,  
In Christless guilt and gloom,  
Without one ray of hope or light,  
With future dark as endless night,  
They're passing to their doom."

Pray ye, then, the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest fields. Pray, oh, pray.

William M. Faux,  
Missionary Secretary.

### WONDERFUL SAVING POWER

Sister Kirsch of Cape Palmas, Liberia, writes: "You will be glad to know that the Lord is still working in our midst. One of our big boys recently received the

Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and he is on fire for God, and loves to preach the Gospel in the heathen towns. He is also a good interpreter and we believe he will make a good worker. The Lord is working also among the heathen people in one heathen town where some of our native men held meetings. Five men and their wives have been converted. One man had three wives and, while he was under the power, the Lord revealed to him that he must have only one wife, so he asked the workers what he must do. In another town several men gave up their ju jus and cut down their groves. They were not converted, but no doubt the Holy Spirit is working in their hearts.

We believe a revival is on the way, praise the Lord. Our hearts are encouraged to believe God. In several places the people want a missionary, but we are so few in number that we must turn them away with a sad heart."

### A SERVICE OF JOY

Brother Sugar of Sharannagar, India, writes: "It is over two years since we came to India, and we can say that the Lord has never forsaken us, praise His name. At the beginning of this new year, looking over the one just gone, we realize that our lives are just as the grass which is here today and gone tomorrow. Seven months ago death stared us boldly in the face; but God was with us and gave us the victory, praise His name. Oh, how can we ever thank the Lord for all His goodness and mercy; and then, they endure forever; how wonderful! It cannot be told. We look into the coming year and wonder, after what we have seen, what it will bring forth. Who knows? He knows; and it is with faith and assurance that we surrender ourselves anew to Him, and know that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day.

We had a very nice Christmas. On New Years Day we dedicated six children to the Lord, and we trust that in the coming days, as they grow up, they will be real shining lights to bring others of their own people to Jesus."

### A SPANISH COLONY IN SOUTH WALES

During the summer months of last year, Miss Luce and Doctor Murcutt were in England for a time of rest from their work among the Spanish-speaking people of Mexico. They were speaking at the Whitsuntide Pentecostal Convention at Crosskeys, Monmouthshire, and while there, were told of a Spanish Colony at Dowlais, South Wales. These two sisters felt it a call from the Lord to visit these Spanish people and bring them the light of the glorious Gospel.

Some of the Spaniards have been here for twenty years, others for fifteen years, and probably had never heard the Gospel in their own language until they heard it from these sisters.

Miss Luce and Dr. Murcutt stayed here a few weeks and worked amongst these people, visiting their homes, and conducting the open-air meetings in the streets where they lived. The Lord rewarded their labors in saving a number of these precious souls. Praise His Name! The time came all too soon for these two dear missionaries to return to their work among the Mexicans, but before leaving they arranged for the work to be continued by interpretation, one of our Spanish sisters being able to speak both the Spanish and English languages. Since then others have been saved, and there is now a little assembly of Spanish believers who are rejoicing in this wonderful salvation. To God be the glory!

Our hearts were rejoiced when one evening last March we saw seven of these dear people follow the Lord through the waters of baptism, one sister being 68 years of age. It is most wonderful too that each one of the sisters has received the blessed experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Lord has also blessed among the children, four of the girls, whose ages vary from eight to thirteen years, having received the same experience, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit give utterance, according to Acts 2:3. They have proved the Lord too as the Healer of their bodies, some of them being able to testify to instantaneous healings of minor complaints on more than one occasion.

It is good to see how eagerly they drink in the Word of God and to hear their exclamations and comments as it is explained, as well as their singing of the hymns in Spanish. We have Spanish Bibles and hymnbooks; much help is derived too, from a monthly Pentecostal magazine—La Luz Apostolica—which we receive from San Antonio, Texas.

Open-air meetings are held occasionally near the homes of the Spaniards, and the Word is read, Gospel hymns are sung, and tracts are distributed—all in their own language. The prayers of God's people are requested on behalf of this work, and especially that those English brethren who are helping may speedily be enabled to speak Spanish.—G. H. T., From The Elim Evangel.

### RE-ENFORCEMENTS

Brother and Sister J. E. Morrison have arrived safe in Canton, South China. They are now engaged in the study of the language at the Canton Union Language School. For this we praise the Lord. They write as follows: "A little trip of a few days to some of our stations in South China served to impress upon us how helpless we are without the language. You have rightly written that it is our immediate task." New Missionaries, take heed.



### REASONS TO PRAISE GOD

Brother Wm. E. Simpson from Labrang, Kansu, writes: "One special reason for thanksgiving is that the Lord has enabled us to open a new station at Rongwo, a monastery and trading station two days northwest of Labrang, in this center of one of the most populous and wildest agricultural districts in this portion of Tibet. This is my third station to take care of.

"Another reason to praise the Lord is that just during the past few weeks the Tibetan authorities here in Labrang have granted me a piece of land on which to build a house. This is assuredly the Lord's working, as such a thing would have been impossible a few years ago; and even now there are many priests who are prejudiced against us. There is also every prospect of our obtaining a similar site for building over at Rongwo. Of course, as yet I have not received a cent for building purposes, but I believe that the silver and the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills all belong to the Lord and that "He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things." And so I am going ahead in faith and have already given out contracts for part of the work.

"But still the burden of Tibet presses upon me heavier all the time. When I get down to the bottom of things it is really only getting Tibetans saved that counts, all other things are only secondary. It is becoming a passion to me. I can truly say, "One thing have I asked of the Lord, and that will I seek after," and that one thing is that people from this land of darkness and of the shadow of death may see the glorious light of the Gospel. Compared with modern missionary work we have very much indeed to be thankful for. Mission centers have been established and the Gospel is being carried to one of the wildest and most inaccessible countries on the face of the earth. Many thousands have received a knowledge of Redeeming Grace who had never heard the name of Jesus. But, when judged by the high standards of the New Testament, we fall very far short indeed. I have been among the Tibetans a little over three years and only a handful of Chinese have been saved. Paul was in Thessalonica only about three weeks and a very strong church was formed there. Where is the power by which the three thousand were pricked to the heart on the day of Pentecost? The power that brought the Philippian jailer to his knees; the power that said: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ healeth thee; arise and make thy bed;" that said to the man at Lystra: "Stand upright on thy feet"? Honestly, I am not satisfied at all with the results of our work. I could very easily keep quiet about it and boast of what we have done; but, Friends, I see something better in the Book; and I cannot rest until I see it realized here. Jesus has promised: "These signs shall follow them that believe," and I believe that that promise is just as much for us in the twentieth century as it was for those in the days of the apostles;

just as much for us who are out here in Tibet as it is for you who are enjoying all the blessings of the full Gospel in America. I wish to see Jesus glorified and the Tibetans saved. For this cause I am willing to lay down my life if need be. Dear Friends, please pray for me."

Note.—This is a type of the sterling character of our missionaries, willing to sacrifice their lives for Missions. Here is a young man giving his all for Jesus and the Tibetans. Pray, oh, pray, for more men for these needy fields. Thank you.

### A REMARKABLE HEALING

Sister Carlson of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa writes: "The Lord made real His mighty healing power. One woman was most wonderfully delivered from the most dreadful swelling I've ever seen. She was in a very critical condition. They tried all sorts of medicines but of course to no avail. Really, she was a sight to behold. One day she said to her family that she wanted to wash and be clean from all the medicines she had been using and have us come and pray for her. Her people sent at once for us. This was the turning point for her we are sure, though for two weeks she seemed to get worse. When I went away I did not think she could live until I came home, but, to my surprise, I found her well. She was delivered and looked as though nothing had been wrong. All I could do when I saw her, was to say, "Thank you, Jesus." It was a miracle wrought by the Great Physician. To Him be all the glory. I met a lady doctor from the Wesleyan and asked her concerning this case. She told me to write at once and insist on them taking her to the hospital, that if something was not done immediately, convulsions would be almost sure to take place and perhaps death would follow. I did not write, but prayed that God would work. He did work, praise His name, and so His is the glory."

### ONLY A VILLAGE BLACKSMITH

"I hope and pray that I will be able to give more this year than last year. During 1923 I sent to the mission field \$101.71. Pray that this year I will be able to give double. I am just a small village blacksmith. Let us keep pushing the battle for our God." The above letter was received by the Missionary Treasurer accompanied by an offering of \$6.20. With more like our brother, consecrated to God, and having hearts burning for His cause in foreign lands, we will push the battle to the gates and make 1924 the biggest year for missions in the history of Pentecost.

### SAFE ARRIVAL

We are glad to announce that Sister Nygard has arrived safely in Cape Palmas, Liberia, to re-enforce the workers already on the field. Others are expected to follow soon and help take up the work. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the harvest field."

### A ROYAL WELCOME

Brother and Sister Beckdahl of Nanpara, India write: "We arrived safely in Bombay, India on the 3rd of January and, five days later, at Nanpara Station, having had a good journey all the way. We were received like small kings. The Raja's (Manager of the estate) carriage was at the station waiting for us, and a party of our Indian people came running along the platform calling out, "Memsahab ji, Salaam, Baba ji, Salaam." Flowers were handed over to us, and everybody was so happy to see us back, it made us feel good indeed. As we came toward our little, home, mission station, which is two miles from the railway station, we heard the Indian band playing. You would be surprised to see how the Indian people can fix up to show forth the joy of a welcome. They cut off Banyan trees and planted them on both sides of the road and decorated with flags and flowers. Across the gate was a white cloth on which was written with big letters in English, "Welcome." We are glad to state that everything is alright at Nanpara, except the evangelist's house, which needs a new roof. Our house also is in need of recovering. It will take about three hundred dollars, as it has not been repaired now for the last two years; and as a rule, one has to go over things here in India after every rainy season. Pray on. Pray through."

### JESUS SAVES

Sister Brisbin of Cape Palmas, Liberia, writes: "Our hearts have truly been encouraged these past months as we have seen some of the boys' and girls' lives yielded to Him. We find these black faces too can shine with the glory of God. One of our boys received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit a few weeks ago and his desire is to proclaim the soon coming of the Lord. He has such a burden for his people.

"At the Christmas convention two of our children were converted and another the following Sunday, in our little prayer room. Our hearts are encouraged to press on and see other lives delivered from this awful heathen darkness and translated into the kingdom of His dear Son."

### NEED OF A FURLOUGH

Brother and Sister Niels P. Thomsen of Cawnpore, India are very much in need of a well earned furlough. Sister Thomsen is in a very bad condition physically and should come home at once. She has been bitten recently by a rabid dog and has had treatment to combat hydrophobia. This has brought her nervous system into nearly a state of collapse. Let us all pray very earnestly that the Lord may inspire the hearts of the saints to meet all these needs.

There are several other worthy missionaries who are in need of well deserved furloughs. They are our substitutes. Will we fail them? No, by His grace we will not. So let us pray for them that this need may be richly met. Hallelujah!

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**—God is wonderfully blessing in our assembly. Last night 8 were at the altar and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A good crowd was out. Brother Hall delivered a wonderful message.—Edna B. Williams.

**DE VALLS BLUFF, ARK.**—Our meetings closed last night with great victory. A number came forward and broke down and cried; 39 were saved and 26 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. We give Him all the glory. I desire the prayers of the Pentecostal family.—R. E. Gillian, pastor.

**GIRARD, OKLA.**—We just closed a four-weeks meeting here. There were 8 Baptisms in the Spirit according to the pattern in Acts 2:4. The unsaved were stirred but wouldn't move out. Quite a number are seeking the Baptism in the Spirit, the altar being filled every night. Pray for this needy field.—W. F. Burchett, pastor.

**BURLINGHAM, KANS.**—We began meetings here in January and for four weeks Chairman Fred Vogler and co-workers Margarite and Marjory Mahany held forth the word of life. Some were saved, and several reclaimed. J. E. Perkins followed with a week's work. During this week 2 found victory by themselves. Praise the Lord for Jesus and His blood and the Spirit who makes known unto us Jesus' work.—Pastor Jesse E. Palmer.

**ALTON, ILL.**—We have started a Bible School here for the benefit of our young people who cannot go away to Bible School. The school is held two nights a week and God is pouring out His Spirit in a wonderful way. It is glorious to see the young people devour the Word of God at these gatherings. The school opened with an enrollment of 114 and others are enrolling from time to time. Pray for the young people. Souls are being saved. Sunday night 1100 were out at the regular Sunday evening service. God is working in a wonderful way.—A. W. Kortkamp.

**READING, PA.**—Truly God has been wonderfully blessing us here although we were few in number when our place of worship was opened. We are rejoicing to see hungry hearts come in and seek the Lord and hear the pure Word of God preached in fulness and power. The Lord is letting His blessing flow as Brother J. Wright ministers to us from time to time. We desire the prayers of the saints that souls shall be saved and baptized and sick ones be healed to the glory of God, and that the glory of the Lord will be manifested as we continue to worship, love, and adore this Jesus, "the same, yesterday, and today, and forever.—E. Whitman.

**PHOENIX, ARIZ.**—After being pastor of the assembly of God at Douglas for nearly five years, we were especially led by God to open a work here, and to affiliate the same with the General Council. God has wonderfully worked this out, and we give Him all the glory. We worship at 8th and Washington streets. We have a nice band of saints. At our first Sunday service we had 61 enrolled in Sunday school. Anyone standing for Council teachings and wishing to stop with us, please address Pastor John Eiting, 1315 West Adams St., Phoenix, Arizona.

**ENNIS, TEXAS**—We have had a meeting that continued through the month of February conducted by Chas. Weeks and party in the City Hall auditorium which the people said was one of the greatest meetings that was ever conducted in that town. Many were saved, healed, and baptized in the Spirit. Deaf ears were unstopped, the lame were put on their feet, rejoicing through the great power of God to heal. Almost whole families were saved and filled with the Spirit. Truly these are the last days, as the true signs are here. In that meeting we had the pleasure of seeing the altar filled night after night with those of all ages, from 5 to 82 years of age, with their hands raised to heaven, crying out to God for salvation and healing. Of course there were many hindrances, but God wonderfully delivered and gave victory. I left some helpers and Nelson Louis, the Boy Preacher, there and will return to baptize those that need it, and get them a place of worship where they can come together.—Chas. Weeks, evangelist and party.

**TOLEDO, OHIO.**—Our meeting closed in the New Stucco tabernacle Sunday night, Brother P. C. Nelson being the evangelist. The Lord confirmed the Word in a mighty way; one boy about 14 years old, who was born blind in one eye, through prayer received his sight. He was examined by prominent doctors, who found it to be a fact that God had healed. Another prominent healing was that of a mute who never had heard a human voice, but through prayer was made to hear, to the joy of his parents and to the glory of Jesus. Several were saved and received the Holy Spirit speaking in other tongues. The church in general was revived and great was the prayer for the lost to be saved. Brother Nelson some time ago received a wonderful healing. The Evangel printed his experience. He truly is a man of God, solid, sane and safe. He is very humble and puts Jesus and His power in the foreground. We are expecting Brother A. H. Argue and daughter Zelma to begin a series of services March 9 in the new tabernacle cor. Lawrence and Dorr St. Pray that we may have a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our midst.—Paul C. Bucher.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**—The mid-winter revival services, at Highway Mission Tabernacle, Philadelphia, closed Sunday evening, February 24, after ten days of meetings which were full of victory. The meetings were conducted by Evangelist Bert Williams, of Perry, N. Y., who was formerly a Baptist pastor. God has certainly given our brother a unique, and telling ministry to the unsaved. Souls were saved right along and increased in numbers night after night, until the altar was so filled with seekers for salvation that it was necessary to have those tarrying for the Baptism with the Spirit go to the Sunday school room down-stairs. The morning meetings for Christians were surprisingly well attended, and the messages on a victorious life were timely and most profitably. A large number came to seek the Baptism in the Spirit and a number received. Had the tabernacle not been so uncomfortably crowded, it seems evident that more fruit would have been realized. The saints at Highway will be glad to welcome their brother to a longer and much larger campaign if a suitable place for such can be secured. Our brother has a full Pentecostal message and ministry. The meetings were additionally enriched by the stirring messages of Brother and Sister H. B. Garlock, concerning their labors among a cannibal people far in the interior of Liberia, West Africa.—Ernest S. Williams.

**ATWATER, CALIF.**—The Lord Himself is blessing and prospering His work here in Atwater, with signs following. About a year ago there was no work here at all. Then a young evangelist stepped in and opened up some revival meetings. The Lord blessed his message and saved a great number of people mostly among the Portuguese. They started to build their own church, and now have a fine mission seating nearly 300 people. The Lord has been continually blessing in their midst and now there are about 100 saints and even more. Since January 1, 1924 the Lord has saved 5 and baptized 8 in the Holy Spirit, and yet we feel that the end has not come, but we are anticipating a great time from the presence of the Lord in future days. The sweetest unity is prevailing among the saints and they are all working as one to glorify the Lord. The Lord has especially blest the Sunday morning meetings in a very wonderful way. I was called to be their pastor in October, 1923, and, praying through, I knew it was the Lord's will for me to go there; so I stepped in there January 1, 1924. The assembly in Winton had previously united with the assembly in Atwater and they are now working as one. Tuesday nights the meetings are held in the Winton church. There are many young people here, many of whom are very zealous for the Lord. Evangelist Stephen Robertson has just been with us, and the Lord is using him in a wonderful way to help the hungry hearts to be filled with the Holy Spirit.—Eric M. Johnson, pastor.



### PRAY FOR EVANG. J. D. SAUNDERS

He writes that on February 27 his wife very suddenly passed on to be with the Lord from Pomona, Calif. He had not been informed that she was seriously ill, and so was not with her when she passed away. He says:

"She was born in England. At the age of 17 God very definitely called her into His work in the Salvation Army under Mary Booth, the General's granddaughter. She was much used of God in the old country, and in 1910 came to America, and became an Officer in the Army. God then called her into the Peniel Holiness work, again using her for His glory. We were married in 1914 in Los Angeles, and she went with me in the work of the Lord, many souls being blessed by her ministry. For the most of her life she was troubled with tubercular glands of the neck. She seemed to have been healed, but lately the old trouble came on again, so I sent her to California; thinking the warm climate would help; but it failed, and God has called her home. Two children are left to me, one a boy of 9 the other a girl of 7. Brethren, pray for me that I may go on in the work of the Lord, winning many precious souls for Him till He calls me also to be forever with Him.—J. D. Saunders.

**QUINLAN, TEXAS**—We praise the Lord in victory. We have had open doors in missions and halls, and of late we have been preaching Jesus in schoolhouses, and God is blessing. There has been a failure of crops in these parts. God has been encouraging His people. Some are going on and others are being refreshed and refilled with the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is being poured out, some receiving the Baptism with stammering tongues and some with talking in tongues, praising the Lord. It was our privilege also to rejoice with some who were healed by the power of God. Some sinners repent and find Jesus precious and powerful, and bless the Lord. The signs and wonders follow them that believe; and the administrations, diversities of operations, and manifestations of the Spirit are given the same to profit withal, and are the same everywhere. When the Holy Spirit is poured out, the refreshings are given. Some shout the praises of the Lord, some fall under the power, others dance, talk in tongues, and interpret blessed messages from above. Words of warning are given and admonition to be ready, for Jesus is coming soon. The old-time Pentecostal power is given through fasting and prayer, the same as in Bible times. Our daughter, Naomi Dorcas, was refilled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues again, and is inspired to help the children around the altar. It gives her joy to see other children coming to Christ. At one meeting she was the only child to testify. Her heart was burdened, and she said that she did not like to be the only child to testify. God worked on the hearts of the children, and soon she had the joy of hearing other children testify in the meetings. Our Lord's message

to us preachers, according to John 21, is, "Feed my lambs; shepherd my sheep; feed my sheep." Dear fellow-workers, let us not neglect the lambs. It is very necessary to win the children to Jesus. They are not "kids;" and let us not call them such, as the world does. The terrible tribulation days are coming, and we long for the little hearts, too, to be saved to serve Jesus. So may all who are called to preach Jesus occupy until He comes.—Mrs. Agnes O. LaBerge and family.

**GREAT FALLS, MONT.**—After the Kalispell (Montana) campaign I came up here to Great Falls at the invitation of Pastor Joseph Lantz to hold a series of special meetings at the City Gospel Mission. I found a splendid assembly of saints here who have come into the faith through the ministry of Brother Lantz. This is my first trip to Montana, and I was surprised to learn of the splendid work that has been accomplished at Great Falls, and Kalispell by Pastor E. E. Hoiland, Evangelist Rasmussen and others. The Lord has used these faithful brethren in opening up a very promising field. I trust that other brethren will catch the vision of whitened fields and glorious opportunities in the West, and help us evangelize these neglected centers. Truly it is a shame (to say the least) for so many of the brethren to remain in over-crowded districts when, with just a little effort, they could have a work of their own in a new field, and, therefore, build upon their own foundation instead of another's. I am praying for men with faith and courage—with the spirit of the pioneer—to come and help us evangelize the Western states. "Truly the harvest is great and the labors are few."

During these six weeks, the saints have been encouraged and "built up in the most holy faith" a number have been healed, a few converted and reclaimed, two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and five were baptized in water. The Holy Spirit spoke in Latin, Russian and one other language through a Greek brother, formerly of the Greek Catholic church, and in two or three languages, including Indian, through an Icelander sister. It was wonderful. Praise the Lord. Pray for us.—Max A. X. Clark, 1704 E. 5 St., Sedalia, Mo.

**SPARTA, ILL.**—The writer came to this town and opened revival services, after remaining with Brother Williams in Cutler two weeks, during which time about ninety persons received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sinners fell from their seats under the power of God in this meeting. One sinner on his way to the altar, fell when he was within about 10 feet of the altar. Another sinner, who had told his little girl that if she came to the altar he would stamp all the clothes off her, fell from his seat under the power. He came to after about three hours weeping and confessing his sins. He is now filled with the Holy Spirit.

A little girl twelve years old, whose

mother is dead, received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in one of the night services. After talking in tongues for a time, she began to dance beautifully in the Spirit, spinning around like a top. Then she fell into a trance. When she awoke I asked her if she had seen anything. She said, "Yes, I saw God and He was holding my mother in His arms."

A woman seventy-six years old received the Baptism in the Spirit and danced in the Spirit.

It is almost impossible to make room at the altar for all the seekers in some of the night services.

The Lord wrought a noted miracle at Willisville. When that extreme cold spell came early in January, we were engaged in the revival at Willisville. Our meeting was greatly hindered because we could not make the mission room warm enough to hold altar services. In one of the afternoon services we all knelt in prayer and asked the Lord to send the south wind and blow all the cold back into the northern regions. By the following morning the south wind had arrived and the cold was quickly blown away so that we could go on with our meetings.

A few days later the newspapers announced that a cold wave would arrive the next morning which would push the mercury down to 10 below zero. We all knelt in prayer in the afternoon service that day and asked the Lord to turn this cold wave off to some other part of the country where it would not hinder revival services. The cold wave never arrived. Many people supposed that the weather bureau had made a mistake; but when they heard that the cold wave had been turned away through the prayers of the saints they wondered at the power of our God.

This revival resembles a great burning wheel. It is moving in a circle around Percy, the starting point, establishing the altar of God in every town. At all these altars the fire is still burning. Souls are being saved at about every service. The revival fire is breaking out anew in Willisville. Brother Ferguson is in charge there.

Two sinners at Cutler were brought to the Lord through a dream. A miner went to sleep in the mine one day and dreamed that he had received the Holy Spirit. The sweet memories of this dream created a hunger in his heart for the experience he had dreamed about. He related his dream to his wife, and they both came to the altar and received the experience he had dreamed of.

At Cutler a woman requested us to ask the Lord to locate her boy, who had run away from home several months before, and had never written to her. We asked the Lord to lay his hand upon the heart of that boy and to trouble him night and day until he wrote to his mother. A couple of days later this mother came to us with smiles saying, "I received a letter from my boy."—Wm. G. Schell.

**PASTOR WANTED**—At Red Cloud, Nebr., at once. Must be in full fellowship with the General Council. For further information write Mrs. John Burress, Secretary.

## Forthcoming Meetings

**RED ROCK, OKLA.**—Evangelist W. O. and Ella Thornberry, of Stockton, Kansas, will open a revival campaign on March 20. They request prayers that the Lord will use them in giving out the Word and praying for the sick.

**MEETING AT GAINESVILLE TEXAS,** to begin March 29, and to run as long as the Lord leads. Brother and Sister William S and Bertha A. Moore, evangelists of Henegar, Ala., will be in charge. Pray for this place.—Elmer E. Gore, 913 E. Belcher, Gainesville, Texas.

**HORNELL, N. Y.**—Evang. John H. Bostrom will conduct a revival campaign in the Pentecostal Chapel, corner of Madison Ave. and Sheldon St., from March 2 to 23, inclusive. We desire the prayers of God's people for these special meetings.—John H. Bostrom.

**VANCOUVER, B. C.**—A city-wide revival campaign will be conducted by Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth in the Sixth Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle, corner 6th Avenue West and Fir St., Vancouver, B. C., during the month of April. The church has a seating capacity of around 1200. For further information write Pastor F. R. Maddaford, Cor. Sixth & First St., Vancouver, B. C., Can.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL** of the Assemblies of God will convene March 25 to 30, inclusive, at Wood River, Ill., in the new Pentecostal Church of which Rev. G. W. Lawson is pastor. All Pentecostal ministers of the State are invited; also the Assemblies are urged to send delegates to participate in the deliberations of this Council. Free entertainment will be provided for those who attend.—Carl M. O'Guin, Chairman, Granite City, Ill.

**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**—Evangelist E. L. Newby, of Bridgeport, Texas, will conduct a revival in the Glad Tidings Assembly of God, 123 North Street, San Antonio, Texas, beginning April 13 and running as long as the Lord leads. Also Elder J. C. Wilder will be with us in a convention from April 30 until May 2. Nearby ministers are expected to attend the three-days convention. We ask the prayers of the Evangel family for these meetings.—A. F. Gardiner, pastor, 1014 Wyoming St.

**TABERNACLE CAMPAIGN, PROVIDENCE, R. I.**—Evangelist A. Watson, Argue and party will open an evangelistic campaign in a large frame tabernacle, Friday, April 4, to continue as long as the Lord shall lead. Several assemblies will co-operate. A big chorus choir, instrumental selections, prayer for the sick. Plan to attend.—Max A. X. Clark, Chairman of Campaign Committee.

**GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.**—Evangelist A. Watson Argue and party will conduct an evangelistic campaign in the large Palace Theater at Great Falls, Mont., in May, D. V. Several churches will co-operate. Plan to attend. Watch for more definite announcement later.—Max A. X. Clark, pastor pro tem, R. 317, Y. M. C. A. Bldg. Great Falls, Mont.

**PRAYER SCHOOLS.**—The Prayer School is a new and most effective method for producing revivals in disheartened, torn-up assemblies. Indorsed by Arkansas Presbytery. Send 4c for Prospectus.—Chas. E. Robinson, 1823 West 9th St., Little Rock, Ark.

**NEEDY FIELD, TUCSON, ARIZONA.**—This is just one big sanitarium in the winter, and a great opportunity for a man through whom God heals the sick, saves from sin and baptizes in the Holy Spirit. It has wonderfully dry, warm winters.—Mrs. Dora P. McKee.

### OPEN FOR SHORT ENGAGEMENTS

We will be going home to Indianapolis about the last of April or the first of May for our children who are in school, and could make a number of short stops enroute. Anyone wishing our presence for two or three days, kindly write us here at Tulsa, Okla.

The meeting here opened with fine interest and a great consecration service Sunday afternoon. It has been a long time since we saw so many hundreds of Christians of all denominations band themselves together for a united effort for the salvation of lost souls. Souls found Christ the very first night of the meeting.

Last night was the first night we prayed for the sick and the power of God to heal was mightily in our midst. It seemed that everyone that was prayed for received a touch from God. We have had many wonderful testimonies to healing through the anointed cloth just recently. Anyone wishing our prayers in this way can write us here. Pray for us that God may have His way in our lives. We find so many hungry ones that want to go all the way with the Lord.—Earl W. and Beula O. Clark, Evangelists, Tulsa Tabernacle, Tulsa, Okla.

### OPEN FOR CALLS FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK

We expect to enter the evangelistic field this spring. The calls are so urgent that we must get into evangelistic work altogether. Our address will be for the present, 1536 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.—Brother and Sister H. E. Alford.

### A WORD TO "THE STRANGERS SCATTERED ABROAD"

From Chas. A. Shreve, Pastor McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C. Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

For about two years I have been seeing what appears to be a vision of little groups of hungry sheep scattered about on hillsides and in valleys, quietly making the best of the pasturage on which they were feeding, but looking up every now and then with large, hungry eyes, as though they wondered why they were having to wait so long for the coming of some of those whom the Lord, the Good Shepherd, had been speaking to concerning them and their welfare. During the same time a deep impression has been forming within me that I was one of these to whom God was speaking. Urgent calls have been coming to me steadily throughout the last two years to come and help in various sections of the country. Most of these I have had to refuse on account of the pressure of my work in the pastorate. I have been sorely grieved every time that I have had to refuse these invitations, inasmuch as I felt it to be the will of God for me to cast my lot among these with whom God had put me in such close spiritual fellowship. The unusually strategic advantage of my pastorate, however, and the fervent love of my beautiful flock of Spirit-filled people here have made it well nigh impossible for me to get away for any considerable length of time for the outside work.

After much prayer, I have announced to my church here my purpose to step out of the pastorate entirely at the next session of our Annual Conference which meets in April, so that I may be free to devote all my time to the evangelistic field. While, to be sure, there were many problems connected with making such a decision, I feel clear that it is the will of God, and am now in the act of winding up my affairs in the pastorate to give myself, the year round, to the outside field.

Now then, I am ready to hear from anybody who feels that God wants them to communicate with me on the subject of revival meetings, camp-meetings, conventions, etc. While it has been necessary to close up the dates for some meetings, I am trying to keep myself as free as possible until this notice of my plans shall have gone before the people so that when I begin to close up my schedules for the year, I may have before me all the places where my service is desired. I then expect to take all of these places to God in prayer for His direction as to where I shall go and when.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

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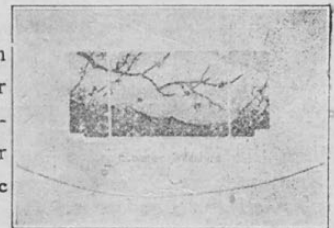
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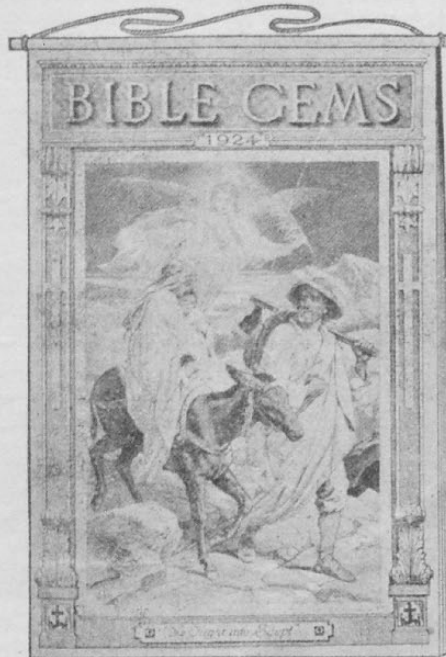
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