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The Eternal Commission

AND he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10: 18, 19). The twelve disciples and the seventy had a commission and were empowered by the Lord Jesus to heal the sick, to preach the gospel, and to cast out demons even before the Lord was crucified. The incarnate Son of God before the crucifixion saw the downfall, the overthrow, of the prince of demons through His saints. The earnest of Satan's overthrow was seen before the enemy was allowed to touch his Overthrower.

Jesus was the Lamb of God, was the Son of God, and was commissioned by God, empowered by God, before Calvary. Calvary ratified these divine commissions, made them permanent, everlasting, eternal. "I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy." This was prior to Calvary. It was a temporary commission, to be followed by an eternal commission, after the commission had been ratified, stamped and sealed by the blood of the eternal Son of God shed at Calvary. The Lamb of God gave up the ghost with a loud cry, with the words, "It is finished," with a definite surrender of His Spirit to the One who gave it, His Father. There was not a shadow, a tinge, a particle of defeat or surrender to the enemy upon Calvary. Christ did not die a martyr. He died triumphant with a definite willingness, a yieldedness on His part, to yield up His life. He carried out His Father's plan and He carried it out as the One who also had power to lay down His life and power to take it up again.

He bowed His head after death had bowed to Him. Death was the suppliant at the cross. Since Abel had died and since the death of all

who died subsequent to him, for the first time, death had to bow his head, bow the knee and ask permission to exercise his deathly warrant upon Him who was the Author of life. "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again" (John 10:17, 18).

Death was a suppliant at Calvary and from that day was crippled, he lost his sting; it was the first step to death losing his place. Death, where is thy sting? Christ after His resurrection, said, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:18). "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:14).

What do you see on Calvary? You see very little. You see your own salvation. What you don't see is infinitely greater than what you see. What do you see as you gaze on the Lamb of God on Calvary? You see God in His extreme weakness. God at His lowest ebb, condescending to come down so low, hanging suspended on a rude cross by nails made by man, driven by man into Him who created all. God coming down to His lowest point of weakness to overcome the greatest power outside of Himself. The plan is God-conceived, God-wrought-out; and only God could execute it. And from the time that the voice cried, "It is finished," there was eternal, undisputed victory over every power in and out of hell.

After His resurrection Christ said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Witnesses of His victory, witnesses of His power. And He says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and

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THE CONTINUOUS PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL IN SWEDEN

By Pastor Lewi Pethros of Stockholm

In the year 1904 news reached us in Sweden of the great revival going on in Wales. Thousands of hearts were longing for a real revival and a spirit of prayer was poured out upon the land of Sweden. What prayer meetings we began to have! Folks were coming to conventions and talking about a revival; prayer circles sprang up, and we began to pray as we had not done for years. I remember receiving a little card which said, "Will you make this your daily prayer?" Underneath was printed a little prayer, "Lord, give us a revival, and begin with me." On the card were two verses of Scripture, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:14), and "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit" (Joel 2:28, 29).

And God answered prayer. For my part, I had a wonderful experience in the year 1905. The Lord cleansed my heart and then I had a great desire to be filled with God. The biography of Charles Finney showed me that there was a blessing I could receive. I read a book by Dr. A. J. Gordon which told of being filled with the Spirit, and I began to long for the Baptism of the Spirit. No one ever preached on the Baptism of the Spirit at that time, and I had never seen anyone receive the fulness of the Spirit, but I understood there must be something in it. I was holding revival meetings and a few souls, from ten to twenty, were coming to the cross in the meetings; but when I saw them coming, weeping, I also saw the emptiness of my own soul and heart. I got away from the revival meetings, threw myself on the floor in my room, and cried to God that He might fill me. I felt I was empty; I was clean, but I was not filled. Why do I speak of myself? Because this was the the experience of thousands of others at the same time. There were thousands of others with the same experience, crying to God, "Give us a revival and fill us with the Holy Spirit."

In January, 1907, I picked up a Stockholm daily paper and saw the picture of a man I knew very well, Pastor Barratt of Christiania, Norway. The heading of this article was, "A remarkable revival has broken out in Christiania. People are talking in tongues just as on the day of Pentecost." I said to my helper, "I am going to Christiania tomorrow." He said, "You will have to quiet yourself a little," and I did quiet down some. When I was leaving the church they told me that I was welcome back again, but I answered, "I will never come back again unless the Lord baptizes me with the Holy Spirit." I am not going to describe how it happened, but praise God it did happen, and a little later on there were thousands and thousands baptized in the Spirit in Sweden.

About that time a young man came back to his old home town in Sweden from the States. Nobody understood him, but reports were circulated that he spoke in tongues and everybody was anointed. One day, while he was in a Baptist prayer meeting, he spoke in tongues and there was a great upheaval. But the work of the Lord continued, especially among the Baptists. A very spiritual, prominent man had been

in the Baptist denomination about fifteen years and had taught the people about being filled with the Holy Spirit. He had never seen anyone receive the Baptism of the Spirit and speak in tongues, but he believed in the Spirit-filled life, and his teaching penetrated the Baptist denomination quite a bit, and I believe that is why the Spirit of God fell among the Baptists. There was an open door, many of the people understanding something of this work.

In 1910 a Baptist church was organized in Stockholm which stood for Pentecost, and I was called to be their pastor. Nearly all the members were baptized in the Spirit and they said, "This assembly shall remain Pentecostal." The church began with 29 members but by 1913 it had grown to 500 members. Then something happened. The Baptist church excommunicated us from their denomination. Before this there were hardly any free Pentecostal churches in Sweden and the revival was on the wane in many places. There was not the fire that had been at the beginning. But when the church got put outside the camp, then it got freedom. And the wonderful thing is that after ten years we have about 300 Pentecostal assemblies that stand completely free; many of them being great powerful churches. Our church has 2,300 members. When we started we were the smallest church in the country; now for several years we have been the largest one.

None of the papers would announce our services. I wrote an article about our work but no paper would print it. It was a hard time, but we prayed much and decided to get out a paper of our own. We had not a cent to start with but we borrowed a thousand crowns (we believe the approximate value of this would be about \$300.00 in American money) out of the building fund we had. At the end of a year we paid back the thousand crowns and since that time the paper has paid for itself. Now we have a twelve-page paper with about twenty thousand subscribers, and this gospel is being spread all over the country.

Then we had no Bible School and were compelled to take a step in faith and start one. In the first school there were about thirty students. These last few years we have had between 200 and 300. Not all of these become preachers, some are Sunday school teachers. I believe we have between 400 and 500 preachers in Sweden at this time; they are just thrown out all over the country. You must remember this is not in the great United States; this is in a little country with only six million population, just like one of your states here.

We have had to believe God in small things as well as the large. When we first got our freedom they kept telling us that we were only young men who were running this work and because of this, it could not be of God. But I told them if they would give us time that thing would be helped all right. Now there is a great crowd of preachers, most of them in their best years, between thirty and forty, men filled with the fire of God. There are some elderly men among us, too, that have come from different denominations.

A professor in one of the universities of Sweden gave eight lectures, each one hour long, speaking about Pentecost. I heard two of them and heard him

say, "It is remarkable how these folks believe God. You take a State Church preacher like Mr. So and So, a man of about fifty years, who has been given a large church, a good job for the future, and he has a big family. But this preacher leaves everything and becomes a Pentecostal preacher without a cent guaranteed to him. He goes out, believing in God." And the professor said, "This is remarkable." At one time I stopped at the home of this brother and reminded him of what the professor said about him. He replied, "It is truly wonderful. I had my six boys and my wife to support and my position was good, but I could not stay. I had to leave it all, but look how wonderfully God has supplied our every need! I have had a much better time since I became a Pentecostal evangelist than when I was a State Church preacher. I don't suppose I have had as much money, but I have had more blessings. God has blessed the money that has come to me."

When we started our paper we prayed for an editor. We had to wait several years for the answer to our prayers and then God gave us the best man that was in Sweden. He was one of the best-known authors, had published books and poems, and was very prominent in society. But God saved him in his own home while alone. Someone asked him to subscribe for our paper, which he did, and in that way the movement became known to him. He could not write novels any more so he wrote a book on how he came through spiritually to conversion and in this book he said a good deal about Pentecost. He was such a prominent author that all his old readers bought his book. The newspapers began to talk about him, saying that he had turned Pentecostal already. He is now editor of our paper, is baptized in the Spirit, and is one of the most humble men you can meet. Last fall he sent a book to the same publishing house that printed all his novels. They printed it and asked to be allowed to print his sermons and they have sent them out in book form by the thousands all over the country. This man preaches the whole truth without compromise. He has seen life from every side, and the people know that. These old novel readers will sit there and read the strongest Pentecostal truths you can think of.

Up in the northern part of Sweden the people were living a very careless life. But when the revival came a young evangelist was baptized with the Spirit and went up through those parts preaching the gospel. A revival broke out wherever he went. Evangelists up in those parts have to go through great testings. Sometimes they will tramp all day through wet snow and when they come to a village they are wet through. They cannot walk and carry clothes with them. Perhaps they are invited to stop at a poor cottage and they take off their shoes and stockings, squeeze the water out, put the stockings on again, and go out and invite the people of the village to come to a meeting. Then they come back and preach to the people they have invited. Perhaps they have had nothing to eat. This young evangelist soon broke down, contracted consumption and died in a few years. But a wonderful work was started; nearly all that country is now Pentecostal and there are ten organized Pentecostal assemblies there, nearly all having their own pastor. It is just wonderful to have meetings up in that part of the country. I have seen young mothers come seventy miles, with their babies tied to their bodies. It isn't hard to preach to those folks; you have to start in the morning and keep it up all day. The people have had much persecution and their enemies say that this is of the devil. One young

brother said, "If this is of the devil, then he must be converted."

Since this revival began in Stockholm it has continued summer and winter, all these years. We have not had any special revival campaigns. We have a campaign all the year round; souls are being saved, filled and healed. It is wonderful to know that God can start a fire that will keep on burning just as it was on the altar of burnt offering. God commanded that this fire should always be burning on the altar, it must not be put out. That is the way God wants it to be among us. There is a question that arises with all Pentecostal people in the world today, and that is, "Is this Pentecostal revival going to continue?" I have prayed night and day regarding this question. I feel that life is not worth living if God cannot continue this revival.

I have met Pentecostal people in many countries, but they are just the same. I met some at the River Jordan, near Jerusalem, on the anniversary of the Day of Pentecost. It was Sister Brown and a few friends with her. I saw an Arabian brother baptize four other Arabians in water, and when they came up from the water they spoke in tongues. It was wonderful to stand there on the banks of the Jordan, at the same place perhaps that Jesus was baptized, and hear those good old sounds like the old Pentecost. I had prayer meetings with the Pentecostal people in Jerusalem and it was just as if I prayed together with them at home in Sweden.

I visited Rome and found the Pentecostal people in a little basement. I did not understand what they were saying, for they spoke Italian, but I knew they were preaching wonderfully; I felt that in my heart. I met Pentecostal folks in Germany, Vienna, Holland, Denmark, Norway, and it was always the same. It is the Spirit that unites us. God bless you all.

THE ETERNAL COMMISSION

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in earth." Oh that God would give His people the vision, the insight into the full meaning of Calvary!

The disrupter of heaven, he who was cast out but never conquered, he who had his mighty following of mighty beings, met his defeat and his overthrow at Calvary by the incarnate Son of God in the form of a carpenter's son. Calvary spelled the doom of fallen hosts. The final overthrow has not taken place, but it is hastening on. Satan is shortly to be bound.

What about the beast and false prophet? Their victory, their sway during the tribulation, their blasphemy against Him in the glory and those in the tabernacle, is just the cry of despair preceding the final execution. Think you the governor of a state minds the ravings of that bloody murderer on the night before his execution, when he curses the governor for signing his death warrant? The prisoner's fellow-man, the judge, has decided that the prisoner must be put away, must die, and the governor just signed the decree of the man's fellow. "Know ye not that we shall judge angels?" (1 Cor. 6:3).

In the meantime He has given His people a commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in my name shall they cast out devils, etc." The twelve and the seventy had a temporary commission. Since Pentecost the saints have an eternal endowment, signed by the blood of the Lamb of God. Amen.

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"I SAT WHERE THEY SAT"

Brother Geo. M. Kelley, Sainam, So. China

There is a great eternity somewhere and we are all facing it. Here we are with plenty, everything we need abundantly supplied us. But it is not so with all the world. The greatest thing we possess is the knowledge of Jesus Christ. One day, while seated in our dining room in South China entertaining a Chinese professor, a lad came in the room and proceeded to the third attic of that old building. As he ascended the steps the professor said, "Pastor Kelley, what is the latest news?" This boy, just from the country but wonderfully saved, turned and said in a most solemn way, "Professor, the best news that I know is that Jesus saves from sin." The professor sat there, his face turning first red and then white. That ignorant country boy had given him a message that was deeper than many a learned man of our day could have given, and he gave it in a way that sent conviction to that professor's heart that he could not easily shake off.

Jesus Christ saves from sin. It is the greatest asset of any country. We who know that Jesus Christ saves from sin are blessed above all people. Take the Lord Jesus Christ out of America and there would be nothing left. I would not give two cents for American civilization. I would rather go to China and live with Jesus than live in America with all her civilization without Jesus.

"Then I came to them of the captivity . . . and I sat where they sat, and remained there astonished among them seven days" (Ezek. 3:15). The Lord was getting the prophet Ezekiel ready to do a certain work, but before he could do that work there was something God had to do for Ezekiel. So in His power, God brought Ezekiel to where there were people in captivity, and he sat right where they sat. I would to God I had the power of speech to transport every one of you to where the heathen are sitting. The secret of Ezekiel's great success was that he came to the people of the captivity and sat right where they sat. We are so wrapped up with our own work, so entirely taken up with the things of our little sphere, that we have not been able to get down and sit where these poor heathen sit.

I am acquainted with a Pentecostal man whose wife once had a call to China. This couple claims to be going on with God, and yet that man has eleven dogs upon his plantation for each of which he paid

seventy-five dollars. I want to know how people can get a vision of the awful need of the heathen when they are so taken up with the things of life, and their time and attention are given to these things. No, Ezekiel had his mind so drawn away from things of this world and things that perish that he could place it on things that are eternal. He got right down with those people in captivity and felt himself bound with the very chains and fetters that bound them. I wish we could feel the fetters binding us that bind the heathen. Our hearts would be stirred and we would give and work for the salvation of souls as never before. As it is, Christians are sitting around disinterested and unconcerned, while their brothers are going down in deep despair, "without God and without hope."

A dear Chinese woman had the message presented to her by a missionary. After the preaching was all over she came to the missionary and said, "You say you don't believe it is right for us to have our children drowned." The missionary replied, "Indeed, no; it is not right to take life." After a lot of questioning the Chinese woman said, "I'm so sorry you did not come sooner. I had a beautiful girl come into my home and my husband agreed to let the child remain. When the second girl came he said he would have no more of it. He tore my children from my arms and drowned them in the river. We have been married many years and have had seven daughters, but not one is living; simply because we knew nothing about the Gospel you are preaching to me today. Missionary, why did you not come sooner?"

I am glad you cannot all go; if you could all go what would we do with you all over there. God is not calling everybody to go. But God is calling everybody to actively engage in this great missionary campaign. I believe that we are very soon going to enter one of the greatest missionary campaigns that has ever been put on, that has ever been undertaken in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Place yourselves unreservedly in His hands, to go where He wants you to go, to be what He wants you to be, to give what He wants you to give. Give yourselves to God today. This is more important than life.

There was a young man in Sainam that from the very moment he was saved had such a love in his heart that it just burned and consumed his whole being. One day he said, "I am going up to my country to preach to my people." There were political conditions there that forbade his going back, but in spite of that he went back and in so doing threw himself into the hands of his enemies. They arrested him, trumped up a false charge, and sent him to jail. The news came to me that he was to be shot on a certain day. I went up there and worked two weeks, suffering all kinds of hardships, enjoying the blessing of working for my fellow-man. During those two weeks I suffered and toiled and worked for the salvation of that man's body. After two weeks I was successful in getting him out of jail, and that man was so grateful that all I have to say is "come" and he comes, "go" and he goes. I would rather be in that kind of work than have the biggest job in America. Saving people is the biggest business in the world.

I very much appreciate the opportunities in India, Persia, Africa and other countries, but I declare unto you with many witnesses on my side that we have a field in South China today that is unequalled on any part of the earth. I believe the field is the world. Somebody said in introducing us missionaries that we were all from different fields. I disagree; we are all from the same field but from different corners.

Are the Chinese receptive? I should say they are receptive. We were having a meeting one day and a little five-year-old boy got down at the altar of his own accord and began to confess his sins. He prayed so earnestly that his older brother caught the fire. The older one had stolen some money from his grandmother. Suddenly he jumped up and ran down the aisle and out of the building. He ran all the way to his grandmother and told her about it and promised to pay it back. Then he ran all the way back again to the meeting and just fell prostrate at the altar, all out of breath. He got down beside his little brother, and before those two boys rose from their knees they were both saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues.

Imagine passing down a street and finding it lined all the way with idols, and then the next morning seeing the idols all broken to pieces, heads on one side and bodies on the other. The idol temples are being turned into schools; churches are packed to their utmost capacity and people are being saved all the time. The people are receptive. This big opportunity in China is one of the reasons why we should now arise and make good. Act now. Don't wait.

Religious China is stirred, and because of that condition I appeal to you. Imagine an old Tao priest going up and down the country lecturing and trying to stir up the people's interest! They are afraid their kingdom is going to be destroyed. Those who believe in Buddha and Confucius are building temples and marking our programs and having lectures, trying to do things like the Christians. They say that some day there will not be a man left in China who worships Confucius if they don't do something.

Another reason why we must act now is that different cults, Christian Science, Russellism, Seventh-Day Adventism, are scattering their literature all over the country. They realize they must act now. If the Chinese are open for error they must be open for truth. In view of the early return of our Lord I appeal to you. I see a man sitting down at six o'clock in the morning saying over and over, "Oh how I love my wife!" But I am not convinced that he loves his wife. But I see a man who grabs his basket at six o'clock in the morning and goes down the street whistling. He does not need to tell me he loves his wife; I know he loves her. If we love Jesus, and want to see Him come, let us prove it by the way we act.

"Naaman, the Syrian, was somebody in his own sight; therefore he was angry at the commandment which made him nothing."

There is a counterfeit Confession of Sin; let us beware of this counterfeit. We may be sure the sorrow is not deep if the sin be not subdued. "Whoso confesseth and **FORSAKETH** shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

"When Abraham first set foot on his pilgrimage, he knew not what meetings with God were laid up for him: he ventured on the bidding and promise of God, and his mercies multiplied on him as he advanced."

"Of all the works of God, redemption is the greatest. It is only in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ that the perfections of God are fully manifested; and of that Cross we can have no true understanding, save by the Holy Scriptures and by the Holy Spirit of God."

THE CHURCH'S STRATEGIC CENTERS

Every outstanding evangelical leader is as it were a strategic center of power and influence, and because of this he is a target for Satan's fiercest attacks. If the enemy can destroy or sidetrack these "angels" (Rev. 2 and 3) of the true Church of Christ in these present "perilous times," he knows only too well that he can "scatter the sheep," and all but destroy the Church itself.

The apostolic church was a victorious church, only because it gave to prayer its divinely-ordained pre-eminent place, **EVEN BEFORE THE PREACHING OF THE WORD** (Acts 6:4). Pentecost's one day of preaching was preceded by Pentecost's ten days of prayer. Three thousand souls were added "the same day" because one hundred and twenty had been ten days in the same place (Acts 1 and 2). "And when they had prayed," not when they had preached, "the place was shaken" (Acts 4:31). "And when they had fasted and prayed," the Church's mightiest missionary activities began (Acts 13:3).

God's order is not preaching and prayer, but prayer and preaching, **AND THEN MORE PRAYER** (Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17). Luther and Wesley and Knox and Edwards and Brainard and Finney and Evan Roberts conquered, **NOT** on their feet, but **ON THEIR KNEES**.

GOD'S programs begin and continue **IN PRAYER**. Revivals begin there. Evangelization begins there. Missionary activities begin there. Spiritual conquests begin there. And likewise, temptation loses its power there; and darkness, and heresy, and Modernism, their power. "Satan flees when he sees the weakest" **CHURCH** upon its knees.

Has God's order been reversed in these latter days? Ah, but there's not a truly God-called evangelical leader or pastor today but that **IN HIS HEART** desires, not **MAN'S** order, **BUT GOD'S ORDER**; but the forces against them are terrific. **PRAY** for these men of God, these strategic centers of spiritual power and influence, these "angels" of the churches, these "stars" which Christ holdeth "in His right hand." Pray for their protection from the enemy. Pray for their fresh enduement from on High. Pray that God will put upon them a burden of intercession, **SUCH AS THEY HAVE NEVER KNOWN**, for revival of the Church and for evangelization of the world. Pray for as many of them as you can **BY NAME**. Pray for them **DAY AND NIGHT**. Plead in their behalf **THE POWER AND WISDOM OF THE CROSS**. Pray "always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . . **FOR ALL SAINTS,**" **AND FOR THE CHURCH'S SHEPHERDS AND LEADERS** (Eph. 6:18-20). Yea—

PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

"There is a short road to comfort in affliction that few of God's people tread; it is to be thinking much more of Christ's blessedness than of our own sorrow; but, alas! sympathy is for the most part all on **ONE** side. Christ has perfect sympathy with us. Oh, that we had fellowship with Him in His joy at the right hand of God!"

SOWING THE GOSPEL SEED

Oh, who will help to sow the seed
That lost and guilty sinners need,
And which revival flames will feed?
Yes, in the holy work make speed,
And thus to Jesus' word give heed,
And thou shalt have reward indeed.

A. W. Orwig, Los Angeles.

A GREATER THAN SOLOMON

Dr. Chas. A. Shreve at the St. Louis Assembly of God

"And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom" (1 Kings 10:6).

I want you to take these words, "It was a true report" for a motto. These were the words of the Queen of Sheba. She had come to see a great king and that king was Solomon. He was a great man for wisdom, he was a great man for riches, for his power, for his throne, for his servants. So great was Solomon that he was known everywhere. All the people talked about this wonderful man. He was a mysterious man. So many things had been told about King Solomon that the people had not believed a lot of the things that they heard about him. People heard about the splendor of King Solomon; they heard about his wisdom, about his riches, about his throne, about his armies, about the gold he had, about his ministers and his servants. All round the world, they heard about this great man, and it came to be kind of a legend. Nobody knew what to believe. For it seemed that the people were extravagant and spoke in exalted terms of this great man.

The Queen of Sheba, a wise and beautiful woman herself, heard some of these reports, and she did not believe them. It may be that travelers passing through her realm would tell about the glories of Solomon; slaves might pass the word along about how wonderful he was. The Queen of Sheba did not believe a word of it. She was the greatest person she knew anything about. She thought she was about as wise as anybody could be; she was beautiful and very rich. Reports kept coming, every one of them a little bit bigger than the other. This queen took a notion that she would go and look into this matter and see this great man. So she got out all her best finery. She got out great gifts of gold to take to him.

"And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with hard questions." Did you ever have anybody ask you hard questions? Many people are great people to ask questions? And, when a woman comes asking you questions, it is still worse. When a woman sits down for two months and sets up a lot of questions and comes and asks you these questions, you will get up against it. That is just what this Queen of Sheba did. I suppose she got a lot of wise men together to help her get up these hard nuts that she wanted Solomon to crack.

"And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions." Good for Solomon! "There was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not. And when

the Queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house he had built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her." She lost out entirely.

"And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; thy wisdom and thy prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard." They could not be too extravagant in telling these tales about Solomon.

"Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighteth in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice." She thought it was a great compliment to God that He had a man like Solomon. "Happy are thy servants." "Thy servants are blessed, thy God is blessed, that he has taken such a man as you to rule over his people."

"And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the Queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. . . . And King Solomon gave unto the Queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she returned and went to her own country, she and her servants."

That is a beautiful narrative of something that occurred in the by-gone days. You say, "What has that got to do with us?" It has got this to do with us. I believe that God has given us a beautiful picture of certain things; that King Solomon is a type of a greater than Solomon, even Jesus Christ, and that the Queen of Sheba over in her own land was a type of my own poor soul down in the land of sin and worldliness, knowing nothing about this great Solomon that I heard people talking about, and I believe that the visit that the Queen made to the King was something like the visit my soul made to Jesus. I believe that what Solomon did for the Queen, Jesus did and more for my poor soul, and what He did for me, He will do for anybody, for He is no respecter of persons. There in this beautiful little story is a picture of God's great salvation for you and for me.

When I was down in the land of sin and of unbelief and of darkness, I heard a good many reports about a man, Jesus Christ. I heard reporters coming around with different reports concerning Him. And I heard all kinds of people bringing these reports.

I heard an old colored preacher singing

in a colored camp meeting in the State of Maryland, and he would go into the place and hold the shouters when they were shouting, and he would talk about Jesus. He was a reporter on the newspaper of heaven, the greatest paper of all.

Then, there was an old man who was very different. He lived on the farm next to my father's, and he used to talk religion to everybody, and the people would get tired of hearing him talk. Sometimes they would run and get out of the way of him. I was a boy, and, like others, thought that this man was daffy about something, I did not know what. I have found out that that man, Joe Hunter, was one of the best reporters and that he was bringing news from Jesus Christ.

I have an old uncle, and he was a long, tall man like Abraham Lincoln. He was quite ignorant, but he brought a report about Jesus. His wife also brought the report to me when I was a little child.

Then there was a man who used to take me to Sunday school. He brought me the report. He took me up to a meeting house and put me next to an old man who went to praying, and I never heard such praying. He opened his mouth like an alligator and roared like a lion, and it frightened me. I found out that that man in that prayer was telling something about Jesus. When I was converted, I went back to that neighborhood, and that man was sick, and I went to see him and invited some of the neighbors to come in, and I sat by his bed and I preached the gospel to those neighbors and told them how that man had prayed that prayer and had frightened me, but I had never forgotten the time. All the time, he was reporting Jesus to me.

I heard a couple of Salvation Army girls reporting in Philadelphia. I liked the way they looked and the way they talked and I gave them all the money I had in my pockets when they passed the plate around, but it did not take much hold upon me.

I heard Chas. J. Crittenden, the great millionaire druggist, tell about Jesus. He was converted on the death of his little girl he loved so much; he gave his heart to God and became a preacher. He took up a collection and I gave him all the money I had. I liked the way they told the story, but yet I found out nothing about it as to its truth myself.

One night I was going through the streets in Nashville, Tenn., and I saw a man holding a meeting on the street corner; they were singing and rejoicing in the Lord. I thought that they were half-crazy, but I leaned up against the drug-store window, smoking a cigarette. I thought they surely did look simple, but they seemed to be in earnest, and I listened to them. There was a red-headed man who shook his head while singing, and I thought he would shake it off, but he went on shaking it and singing and testifying, and he said that Jesus Christ was able to take a sinner black as tar and wash him and make him white as snow on the inside and was able to make a new creature out of him. I said, "That is what I need." I thought, "If this Jesus Christ could do this thing, that is what I need," but it did not occur to me that He actually could do it. A woman came

out to the corner that night and spoke to me as I leaned up against that drug-store window. She had the sweetest voice I thought I had ever heard, and, as she talked to me, it seemed that God spoke to me. I got a notion into my head like the Queen of Sheba. I said, "I am going to look into this."

When they announced a meeting that they would have at a certain place the next Thursday night, I decided to go down and see what there is to these tales about Jesus making new creatures out of them. So I went down, and when I got there, there was a fence about the place, and the devil said to me, "You stay out of here while you are out; you had better stay out while it is easy to get out, easier than after you get in." I said, "All right," and I went up the street, but somehow I remembered the reports I had heard and they had taken a little hold on me, so I went down again, and this same woman came to speak to me, and she wanted me to go to the altar, and I wanted to go; I believed that there was something in it and I wanted to be a new creature. I had tried everything and I did not find any peace anywhere, and I knew there was nothing in sin and in the world, and I did have some kind of a hope that in some way I might find something.

I would not go to the altar and she asked me if I would not kneel down by the bench and she would pray for me. This woman got down on both of her knees and I got down, and she prayed for me, and I heard one sentence over and over again, "Lord, save this boy." She just seemed to pour her soul into it, "Lord, save this boy." It was wonderful. I went on home to my boarding-house, and went to bed; there was another young fellow sleeping with me, and I thought about this woman praying for me. The tones of her voice seemed to come back to me, and I tried to say these words over again in the same kind of voice that she did. I said, "Lord, save this boy," and I found that I was actually praying in my heart, and I got out of bed. One night I went to the altar, and found that it was true, all that these people told me. Jesus Christ made a new creature out of me. Thank God! Thank the Lord forever! From that day on, I was a new creature in Jesus Christ. I found it was true.

I thought that I would not be able to hold out, but I found that He was able to keep that which was committed unto Him, and Jesus Christ became my wonderful Saviour.

Reports just kept coming from different quarters concerning this man Jesus Christ. That red-headed man brought me some more reports. He said, "I was in a hotel sick, and I looked right up to God and He healed me of pneumonia right in the bed." I said, "That is a mighty good man, but he is telling a powerful tale this time; that sounds mighty good, and I wish it was true, but I do not know anything about that." I tried to treat it with distant respect, and wished to know something about it. He gave me a little book called "The Grace of Healing." The little book was an array of the scriptures that teach about God healing people. I read the book through and through. The book was filled up with

testimonies. A girl told me God had healed her of tuberculosis when she was about to die, but here she was to tell the tale.

I saw another man who told me that God had healed him, and they began to come from all quarters saying God had healed them. I said that was fine, that the first report I heard about Jesus had turned out to be true, and that I believed I was going to look into this; I am going to see if He heals the sick, and if I get sick any more, I am going to call on Jesus Christ to heal me.

I found that if you proclaim you are going to have faith in God, the devil will see to it pretty soon that you have a reason for having faith in God. Pretty soon I got sick with a case of typhoid fever, and was sick a week before I knew that I was so sick; when I did get sick, I was sleeping in a tent. A man insisted that I go to his house. His wife's brother was a physician. They sent for him and he said that I was pretty bad off with some kind of fever. He gave me a dose of medicine, went away, came back again and gave me another dose of medicine. He came back the next day and decided I had typhoid fever. In the meantime, I had been thinking about these reports I had heard. I remembered how that red-headed man had said that the Lord had cured him of pneumonia. That was in New York and here I was down in west Tennessee. I remembered that book, and it was very clear that God had intended to heal people. I said, "Here these people have been telling me about what God can do, and here is a fine chance for Him to do something for me." The Lord impressed me that I ought to do that, so I asked the doctor how much I owed him. He said that I did not owe him anything.

I told him that I was much obliged to him, and I then told him that I thought I ought to turn the case entirely over to the Lord, and I explained the situation to him, saying that I was just going to ask God to heal me, and that I believed the Lord would do it. He was a good man and a Christian but he did not understand. He thought I was getting a little out of my head, so he argued with me and left medicine for me to take at three

o'clock in the afternoon. Suffice it to say, as soon as the doctor left, I had two very distinct feelings, and one was that I had made a big fool of myself. But the other sensation was that something within me had broken loose that had been holding me in a vise, and that the seat of my disease was in here, and that this gave way, and it was breaking the power of that disease, and I felt that Jesus Christ had healed me of my affliction. I got well, but I did not get well immediately. I could have done it, I am sure, if I had had somebody there to encourage my faith.

So I got well, but another young man who was with me got the fever and he pulled out for home, and as he passed through Nashville, Tennessee, he told that I was down there half crazy and that I was going to die if something was not done, and they had better do something about it. So they wanted to send a trained nurse down to do something about it. But a good friend of mine came from Alabama to stay with me, and he slept in the room with me and got the fever, and he had the same doctor and another one. They worked on him day and night. My friend died and I got well. He had two doctors, and I had none; I found that it was a true report that I had heard that Jesus Christ heals sick people. Nobody could disprove that thing to me. I know by experience that the Lord Jesus Christ heals the sick. I know that the Bible is true.

(To Be Continued)

THOSE WHO DON'T RETURN THANKS

A farmer was asked to dine with a rich man, and there asked a blessing at table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That is old-fashioned, it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at table." The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of his household never prayed over their food. "Ah, then," said the rich man, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" The farmer answered, "They are my pigs."

A SERMON ON RECOGNITION

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of faith.

A few weeks ago a certain minister preached on the recognition of friends in heaven, and during the following week this letter came to him: "Dear Sir:—I should be very much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on the recognition of friends on earth, as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet."—Tertius, in the Toronto Globe.

BABY HEALED OF SORE MOUTH

Our baby had a sore mouth for two weeks, could not nurse or eat, but praise God, I got "hold of the hem of His garment" and our baby was blessedly healed. Praise His name.—Mrs. Jim Leasure, Fairport Harbor, Ohio.

TRUE JOYS OF THE HEART

Cheerless the life that without God
Moves through this world with daily
plod,
Nor finds a satisfying part
Aside from true joys of the heart.

When naught but things below appear
Upon the vision far and near;
When heavenly visions fade away
With promise of eternal day.

When earthly joys are sought in vain
To end but in a bitter pain;
Some then will learn to look above,
And prove the truth that "God is Love."

What He denies in love to give
Will often cause our souls to live;
For had He all our wishes given
We might have missed our way to
heaven.

—Faith Abraham.

"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HEALED OF TUMOR

When I think back to the time when the dear Lord healed me, I just want to get down on my knees, as low as I can, and worship this wonderful Saviour with all my heart.

For quite a while my health had been bad, and in August, 1923, my husband had a doctor examine me to see what was the trouble. He pronounced it "Fibroid tumor in the abdomen," and said that the only remedy would be an operation. My husband did not want to believe it, but he wanted to be sure what my trouble was, so he rushed me over to Bakersfield, Calif. to see what the doctors there would say about the case.

I was getting ready to go to Bakersfield. I felt I must have something from the Bible to stand on. So being in a hurry, I just opened the Bible at Hebrews 11 and read the first three verses. The third verse meant so much to me. While I was on the way to Bakersfield it kept running through my mind and God made it so plain to me, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God and that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Heb. 11:3). This scripture increased my faith so much that I had no fear of what the doctors might say. Three doctors gave me a thorough examination and pronounced it a tumor and said I would have to have an operation, and that the organ to which the tumor had grown would have to be removed, and perhaps other organs as well. This was the only remedy they had to offer—if I did not have the operation, I would finally die from it—the sooner the operation was performed the better I would be. I had known one woman who had undergone an operation for tumor. She was a mere hull, and her health was terrible; the doctors had cut so much from her there was nothing left for them to do. So I was determined to trust the Lord for my healing. The doctor offered to operate on me for \$400.00 but my husband told one of them that I was going to trust the Lord. The doctor was honest enough to tell my husband to let me go ahead for it was all right.

I came home and went to the Four-Fold Gospel Tent and told one of our pastors about my condition and she said, "The Lord will heal you." She also said that many people are healed when they receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I was already hungry for this blessed gift from above, so I just expected the Lord to heal me when He baptized me. My husband became a little impatient and thought I ought to be healed at once. Because I was not healed at once, he wanted me to go ahead and have the operation, but I would not consent to it because I was determined to trust the Lord and I knew He would heal me. So I began to seek for the Baptism, and to

pray for other souls, and did not worry about my healing any more for I knew that the Lord would heal me when He baptized me. On Sept. 3, 1923—I never shall forget that day—the dear Lord gave me the Holy Spirit; I did some of the most wonderful singing I had ever done in my life, and in another language—not I but the precious Holy Spirit through me. Oh, the rapture and joy of it! It just seems that every living thing ought to praise the Lord.

I received a little touch in my body at this time, but nothing definite. I wanted to know for sure when the Lord healed me. I had wondered how I would know when I was healed, because there was not a direct, continual pain to be stopped, and I could not see what would happen when I was healed, so I wanted the Lord to make it definite. Well, praise His name, He did. The next night after church I was at home alone, lying in bed thinking of how the world needs people to tell this wonderful gospel message. All at once the power of the Lord came down into my body where the tumor was, in mighty force; it came in waves, with such force that it seemed all my internal organs were being puled out of my body, or that I would be torn in two. There was no pain, just the mighty power. Oh, how the joy divine flooded my soul! To know that Jesus, Himself, the very Son of God, was performing a miracle on a little human being like me, filling my soul with joy and leaving not a scar on my body, leaving me every whit whole. Instead of leaving a mutilated body, with some of its organs removed, He healed every organ and made me whole indeed—all free of charge. Praise His name. I was so happy, not just because I was being made whole, but because the dear Lord was making Himself so real. Hallelujah!

I dropped off to sleep, and the next morning my abdomen was flattened down to its normal size and I began to publish the news. The neighbor women saw the difference in the size of my body at once. I began to do work around the house that I had not been able to do for a long time. There was now no dragging through the work; I felt so well; I seemed a different person with a new body. My health has been splendid ever since that time. Now, tell me, who would want another physician than this wonderful Jesus who is able to do all things perfectly? Praise His name forever.—Mrs. Leta Ganbill, Taft, Calif.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE

The following is taken from the daily press: "With the recent conquest by the Italian troops of Misurata, the last vestige of the 'Republic of Arabia' disappeared and with it the last hopes of the Arabs of Northern Africa of establishing an independent Arabian state on the Mediterranean coast. From the entrance

to the Mediterranean, at Gibraltar to the exit by way of Suez Canal, the entire Northern African coast is now in the hands of European powers."

If you will look at the map of the ancient Roman Empire in the back of your Bible, you will see that Rome was not only in Europe and Asia, but it included the territory in Africa along the Mediterranean Sea. And now Italy, which represents Rome, has secured the last strip of territory in Africa, which belonged to Ancient Rome. Surely and swiftly events are hurrying towards the revival of Rome.—"Watch and Pray."

THE TURKS IN PALESTINE

It was officially stated in the British House of Commons the other day, that by the very recent treaty of Lausanne, "Turkish rights over Palestine have finally come to an end."

Christians who love the Land, the Book and the People will thank God for this piece of good news with regard to the Holy Land.—Jewish Missionary Herald.

THE ANTICHRIST

In centuries past, there have been many men who claimed to be Christ, but who ever heard of a man who claimed to be the Antichrist? But there actually is a man on earth today who claims to be the beast of Revelation 13. His name is Aleister Crowley, the organizer of a Devil worshipping sect. Some time ago he was conducting his cult in Detroit, but the authorities put an end to his devilishness in the United States, and now he has set up his "abbey" or temple, in Italy.

He dresses in scarlet so as to pose as the scarlet Beast of Revelation. He also has a woman with him, who also dresses in scarlet, and says she is the Scarlet Woman of Revelation.

He has written a book which he calls the "Book of the Law." The first chapter contains 66 verses. He says that this book was dictated to him word for word by the Devil, and the Devil appeared to him personally. The creed of the "Beast" and his cult is, "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law." Observers have declared that this man is indeed a "Beast," having gone "down to the lowest depths that human depravity can reach." The "holy of holies" in his abbey is filled with the vilest kind of pictures, and the language used in his Devil inspired book is unspeakably vile and horrible.

This man has several things in common with the Anti-christ. He is a Beast. He is scarlet. He is a Devil worshipper. He is in Roman territory. He has a scarlet woman. He is a "vile person" (Dan. 11:21). And his law is "Do as you will," the very policy of the Antichrist, who will do "according to his will." (Dan. 11:36). But this "Beast" is not the Antichrist. The Antichrist will not come like the Devil. He will counterfeit Christ and will be worshipped by the whole unsaved world. This man is a counterfeit Antichrist.—The King's Business.

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Psa. 37:3).

Are you fearful—are you apprehensive over the tightness of conditions on every side? Here then is God's promise for you. And you have but to trust in Him and do good. Simple, is it not? God's requirements of us are always simple, if we go at them in His way. Doubt, and fear, and questioning, and disobedience are the things that make God's way hard for us. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." God is pleased not only that you should have enough for all your needs, but something extra with which to help somebody else. "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Monday: "Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously" (Ex. 15:21).
"Just in the last distressing hour
The Lord displays delivering power;
The mount of danger is the place
Where we shall find surpassing grace."

Tuesday: "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8).

How abundant has been God's provision for our every need! We have received abundance of pardon (Isa. 55:7; Neh. 9:17); abundance of cleansing (Tit. 3:5, 6); abundance of grace (Rom. 5:17; 1 Tim. 1:14); abundance of peace (Psa. 72:7; Jer. 33:6); abundance of life (John 10:10); abundance of rain—spiritual refreshing (1 King 18:41; Gal 3:14); abundance of joy (2 Cor. 8:2); an abundant entrance into glory (2 Pet. 1:11)—all through Jesus Christ. Should we not labor then more abundantly in behalf of other souls who have not as yet received?

Wednesday: "They went and told Jesus" Matt. 14:12.

You are complaining of your trials—you feel yourself imposed upon and abused? You are seeking sympathy from someone perhaps? Well, dear brother, it is not sympathy you want; it is JESUS. Human sympathy will only satisfy the flesh; Jesus will make you strong and victorious right in the hard place. Oh that hearts knew the value of going to Him alone instead of seeking the natural sympathy of another. How much richer and deeper would be their walk with God!

Thursday: "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief" (1 Thess. 5:4).

One of the strongest indications of our Lord's soon return is the heart-stirring amongst His children. It is like the intuition that grips the mother-heart—so unerring, yet so mysterious in its working. So know we that He is coming. Our very bones tremble with expectancy—the conscious nearness of it has gripped our hearts—and we shall not be disappointed. Hallelujah!

Friday: "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Sam. 12:23).

Samuel was grieved with Israel as he faithfully reproveth them for their sins. But his heart was tender with God's own love for them. Oh that we were more faithful in praying for those who don't quite please us with their ways, or who openly oppose and disagree with us. Had there been more such praying there would not be some of the gaping wounds in the body of Christ, nor the divisions and strife that so grieve the great loving heart of our Lord. Less talk and more prayer—that is what we need today.

Saturday: "Worship him that liveth for ever and ever" (Rev. 4:10).

Our Lord does not want admirers today; He wants worshippers—those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. And as we yield to the Holy Spirit, so do we learn how to worship Him. And some day—blessed prospect—we shall stand before Him in all His glory, and praise, and honor, and glorify without restraint the One who daily groweth more precious to our hearts.

CONCERNING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The brethren have deemed it wise to discontinue the Questions and Answers Department in the Evangel because it seems that in some cases the answers provoked controversy. In the Council work we are united in the things that make for unity and at all times do our best to discourage controversy.

A large number of questions are being sent to the editor and he has been doing his best to answer these personally. He would be glad to answer all questions coming in, but he finds it too great a tax on his strength when this work comes in addition to the editing of the Evangel, two children's papers and three quarterlies. He would suggest that where persons have important questions to ask that they should put them to their pastors or to some other Bible student who lives nearby.

HER REPORT

So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward men. One day there was a burst of choral singing away down the long street leading to the river. The occasion was the arrival of a native Christian woman who was just entering the town after a month's journey on foot. She had come to report what she had done for the Lord Jesus in her district, and her hands were filled with tiny straws done up in bundles neatly tied with bark rope. These bundles constituted a record-book of a novel sort that the African has been using for centuries—a straw for an item, another straw for another item, and so on. For each case of professed conversion here was a straw cut, and the bundles of straws looked for all the world like sheaves. The straws were handed over to the elders to be counted, and the number was 660!—Dan Crawford.

A WORD OF THANKS

We desire to convey our most hearty thanks to all those who have so generously responded to the recent appeals in the Evangel for new subscriptions. Some have very kindly sent in donations so that we could send the paper to some who could not afford to take it. May the Lord richly bless all these good helpers. We much appreciate the fidelity of our friends.

Summer time is always a slack time for Evangel subscriptions, and we have found that the "summer slump" has hit us prematurely this year. Our mail is becoming painfully light. We shall appreciate all the personal work that our readers can do at this time to secure new subscriptions or renewals. Please endeavor to get every person in your assembly to take the paper.

We are always glad for any suggestions for the improvement of the Evangel. This is YOUR paper. Please pray for its increasing power and work for its increasing usefulness.

"THE CAVE OF ADULLAM"

The above is the title of a book by Brother J. Calvert Jeays that has just been printed at the Gospel Publishing House, the first of a series of popular Pentecostal books that are to be printed in connection with our Colportage Book Plan.

There are some sermons that are worked up, and there are others that are prayed down. You can always tell the difference. As you read "The Cave of Adullam" and the other sermons that fill this new book, you know that they are of the prayed down variety. It was my great pleasure to hear Brother Jeays preach this series of sermons, and although I have sat under many preachers who are considered great, I must confess that I have never heard any sermons that were so full of the Word, so encouraging and so Christ-exalting as these. I am sure this book will bring blessing to thousands.

It is a cause of regret that many good books that are today being turned off the presses of most publishers of religious literature are so expensive, many new books selling at \$3.00 and \$4.00. This new book costs 50 cents only and it is expected that none of the 50 books that are to be published in our Colportage Book Series will exceed that price.

Stanley H. Frodsham.

TO HELP THE SCHOOL

A most encouraging little letter came the other day from Boyd, Texas, a part of which reads: "I have just finished reading Brother McDowell's piece in the Evangel concerning the Central Bible Institute, and my heart goes out for the work. I have never received a dime container but if you will send me as many as eight I think can get them filled by the saints at this place. To show you that you have our cooperation I'll just say that husband has given me a little patch of cotton and we intend sending all it makes to the school and the Gospel Publishing House. We are praying for you."

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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SOUNDNESS OF MIND

Nowhere is the technically trained man so badly needed as in the Foreign fields; the all-round man. The man who is sane, safe, sound, and dependable is the kind of missionary that counts for the most. Mental defects develop rapidly on the field. We need men of great minds, capable, and equal to the great problems. No mind is truly great that is not first of all safe, wise and wholesome in its thinking, and constructive in its efforts.

Many of our men today lack what Paul called "soundness of mind." Without this soundness men fail in Missions. God uses the highest scholarship and the greatest minds to advance His Kingdom, but they must be minds under His leadership and dependent upon Him. Such minds look well to the practical things and patiently labor "in the Lord." These are the fundamental and essential characteristics for success. We need men of courage, physical endurance, force of character, mental adaptability, reality of spiritual experience, devotion, and love.

The highest preparation a missionary may have is to be a learner in God's school of life. It is a divine process that fashions one into a life of usefulness as a missionary. God fits them to be instruments of His will. Now and then we see men suddenly get a vision, develop a desire, and see a goal. Then they begin to travel, and do things to our utter amazement. Therefore, the successful missionary ought to be a man who can do things and do them well, and keep on doing them. This is an element of Missionary success. It is that faculty of just fitting into all conditions, ready for any task. That was the faculty which made Dr. Clough so successful. He could handle the practical problems of life. God blest him and one day 2222 Telugus were baptized.

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge were "hidden" in the Master. His way is the wisest and best for all time and places. All barriers of human progress must be overcome, all difficulties in meeting the needs of mankind must be solved, and the hindrances in our way to progress must be conquered. But in doing this the strongest and most efficient minds are being developed and culture obtained.

Nowhere in the world are there greater calls for great minds capable of thinking world thoughts and meeting world problems than in the Foreign Missionary Fields. This can be done by seeing things as He does and then by consecrating all for Him to use for His Kingdom purposes.

Paul, in writing to the young missionaries, emphasized the little word "sound," indicative of one of the more important qualifications for Missionary service. In

our present Missionary activity, we need more and more to understand and appropriate the meaning of this word. Paul used it a number of times, as "A sound mind," "Sound in the doctrine," "Sound words," "Sound in the faith" etc. What did he mean? He meant "wholesome," "healthy," "normal," the sane, symmetrical, perfect development of the mind so as to enable one to see and do things.

One may be ever so well trained, possess high natural ability and yet fail. Unless this "soundness" is ever present he will not only be a failure but may be a positive harm. Jesus must have absolute control of our mental life. He wants to use all of our powers for efficiency that we may meet the world's needs. Then possess "soundness of mind" by surrendering your minds to Him.

"O gracious God, on Thee I wait,
With Thine own self my being fill,
As day by day my life I live,
To do Thy will, Thy blessed will
To do Thy will, yes, that is all;
To do Thy will, obey Thy call;
To follow, Lord, where Thou dost lead,
To do Thy will is all I need."

William M. Faux,
Missionary Secretary.

PRAYING CHILDREN

The Lord continues to work in the Home of Onesiphorus. Last night in the service there were three or four boys who made a public profession of faith in the Lord. A number of the children keep stirred up to pray. Every morning quite a while before day you can hear some of our boys out in the chapel praying. Not long ago, seventeen of the girls, not so very large, prayed all night long without any one suggesting it.

A PRACTICAL INVESTMENT

Brother Lindsay at Lucknow was approached by an Indian Christian who is in charge of a weaving factory containing ten hand looms. The owner of the factory is in need of money and is willing to sell it at a loss. It can be bought for \$600. It would pay for itself in a short time and give returns. This is a splendid investment for the Lord. The Indian Christian has to work somewhere, and very often they drift back into idolatry and our work on them is thrown away. The fact that they are Christians hinders them from getting employment. Here is an opportunity to teach the Indian Christian a trade and put him in the way of earning an honest living. With profits from the factory we could establish the work and something definite could be done for God. Pray that the saints may get the vision and put this deal through. Hallelujah!

A NEED

Sister Almyra Aston at Bara Banki, India writes: "We are out-growing our house and grounds but we are hoping and praying that God will give us money to buy a house and five acres of land for Mission property. God is able if we will only believe. We have good native workers and God is refreshing our souls and we are encouraged to press forward. Although there are hard places, yet there are joys that counterbalance all the roughness of the way."

IMPROVING

Sister Frank Finkenbinder at Aibonito, Porto Rico writes: "We are so grateful to our King for the love and mercy that He has bestowed upon us. The following day after I wrote you the cold chill returned on husband and continued for three days, but very light, and now since Monday he has been free from them. But he has a little fever most every day. He is gradually getting stronger and we are confident that God has done the work. As we read the verse Rom. 8:2 our faith was strengthened. We had never looked at it before as a promise for healing, but it is true that as we stand on His Word and not look at the natural, but count His promises as true in spite of feeling, we have the victory."

BLESSING IN LIBERIA

A native worker in Liberia writes: "The Lord has certainly blessed us very much at our meeting. His Spirit has fallen in our midst. A few souls have been saved, some received the Holy Spirit. I do believe that we each felt God's power in our souls. What a happy time we have had with our Lord. I was so happy with Jesus and did enjoy the meetings so much. Again we have been to a town called Cavalla, where we had a good time with our Lord. Six men were converted there and gave up their idol worship to follow the true God. A tree there had been planted by some sorcerer, and was supposed to be a god for the whole town. They had worshipped it for a long time. They gave it up and we hewed it down. We also hewed down another tree that was a man's god. He gave it up and we cut it down. The people were very attentive to the words of God. They seemed to be real hungry for them. When I saw how hungry they were for the Word, I wished I might be able to cut myself in two halves, one half to be with that people and the other half at Buttaka. These days my heart just burns to go out and preach the sweet name of Jesus. God is working hard with us Pentecostal people these days. Robert Doc and wife are having a good time with the Lord, over at their station. Many people are coming to God and being converted. The Lord is working mightily there."

Brother Luttig baptized 93 at one baptismal service. One hundred are waiting to be baptized at another station. These were closely examined as to their genuine conversion and knowledge of Christ before they were baptized. This work is among the natives in Southern Rhodesia.

MEXICAN WORK

Brother C. C. Garrett of San Antonio, Texas writes: "Brother Ball and I have just returned from Laredo, Texas, where we have been attending the Annual District Council of the San Antonio District, which includes Texas and the Mexican states adjoining. Some thirteen or fourteen of the Mexican pastors and workers were present, including one dear old brother from Cleote, Coahuila, Mexico, pastor of the Assembly of God in that place, who drove the one hundred and fifty miles to the border in an open wagon over unmarked mountain and desert roads, taking a week to make the trip. Others attended from various places with more or less delapidated conveyances and perhaps not much of this world's wealth in their pockets, but with a goodly portion of that love of God which is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit, abiding within. Truly it is wonderful how God the Father can make us all one thru the blood of His Son and the blessed Holy Spirit.

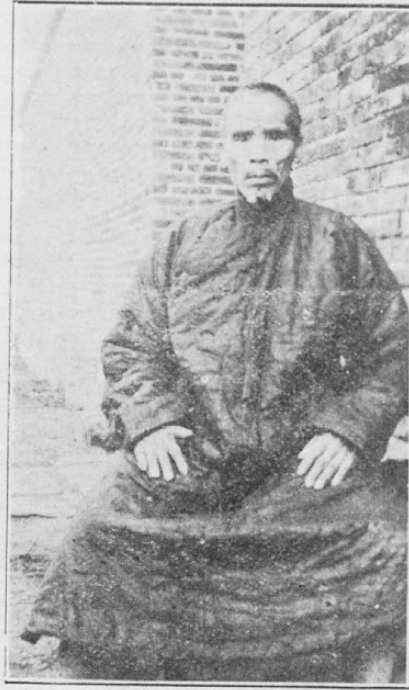
"The Lord has raised up a brother, musically inclined, who started in last December to organize a Pentecostal Band. At the time mentioned, hardly one of them knew one note from another, except the leader, but if you could have heard them playing the good old hymns which are dear to every blood-washed child of God, you would indeed have rejoiced even as we did at what the Lord can do with humble hearts. It turned out, that the hall where we held the convention, adjoined the rear of the local Mexican M. E. Church, and when they heard the songs of praise, and the shouts of victory, that accompanied the lively notes of our Pentecostal band, they, like some of old, inquired, "What meaneth this?" Their pastor, who by the way, was the very one who asked Brother Ball for his resignation some years ago in Kingsville, Texas, when Brother Ball insisted on testifying to the Baptism in the Spirit with the signs following, did all that he could to keep his flock from being interested, but in spite of all that he could do, many came to the meetings.

"On the last day of the convention, Sunday the fourth, we licensed three more workers, praying that God's blessing may continue to abide in increasing fullness as they go forth to the work. In the afternoon a baptismal service was held on the banks of the Rio Grande, and the evening service fittingly closed one of the most enjoyed conventions that it was ever the writer's privilege to attend. Much love and unity was manifest among the brethren, and a keen interest in the advancement of the cause of God."

OLD TANG PAAK

Old Tang Paak lived and died in the little village between Sainam and Wang Kong and yet the influence of that life who can tell. Well do I remember the first Saturday prayer meeting I attended in Sainam. Of course it was all strange to me, the language and everything, but there was one old man with the joy of the Lord in his soul. He got up and said something and then the Hallelujahs be-

gan to roll out and his testimony ended in shouts of praise to God. That I understood. The man was Tang Paak and the four years I have known him, latterly as his pastor, he was always the same, ready to testify and praise the Lord. He was an ardent follower of the sage Confucius and bitterly opposed the Gospel. He was known as the farmer with the terrible temper; so bad was it that all were afraid of him. On market days he went to Wang Kong to sell his produce and he began to go to the market day meetings. First opposing, the Lord began to take hold of him and the day



came when he was baptized. Then persecution started and has been kept up ever since. So bitter was the persecution that sometimes the old man had to leave home, but his nine years of service have told. Truly he was born again. That old temper of his just went, and of all men he became most gentle and longsuffering. We foreigners all loved him and coveted his prayers. His fervent hallelujah at a service was inspiring and he was so willing to do anything for the Lord from giving a simple word of exhortation to sweeping a floor or watching the large matshed in which we had the special meetings in Sainam. Truly it was anything for Jesus.

But his daily life! The heathen looking on could find no fault, and we knew him as one who lived close to his Lord. His favorite theme was the soon coming of the Lord and when we used to talk about it, the old man's eyes lightened up for he lived as one who was ready. One of the most successful native workers we have today confesses to us that it was the marvelous change in Tang Paak's life that was the means of his conversion. He lived in a neighboring village and had abundant opportunity of watching. This I think is the best testimony one could have. We went to see him before he went home and the old man was ripe ready. There he was sitting up in bed

with almost his last breath warning his relatives to flee from the wrath to come. Then he has passed into the presence of the King. He beholds his Lord face to face and is joining with those around the throne in praising and worshipping. Do missions pay? Old Tang Paak is the answer and we are looking forward to the time when we shall see him in the glory.

PERSONALS

Brother and Sister Jamieson will soon be leaving Trinidad for a much needed furlough in this country.

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Brother Chenoweth is untiring in his efforts with the school at Minchow. The Lord is blessing him in the work and souls are getting through to God. They are holding a big conference in May.

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Brother Radley and family have arrived safely at Pureto Plata, Dominican Republic, where they hope to take up the work as the Lord may lead and in cooperation with the Department.

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We are glad to report that Sister Ethel L. Bingeman has arrived home from Liberia on furlough. We are all delighted to see her and praise God for His protecting power over her and her safe return. May He grant her a precious time of spiritual refreshing and speedy recuperation in body.

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Sister Howe reports that the Lord is graciously working in Santurce, Porto Rico. The faithful ones are growing in grace and the Lord uses them. Others are straightening out their lives and getting to God.

ENCOURAGING FEATURES

Sister Alice C. Wood at Argentina, South America writes: "Praise the Lord this morning for His wonderful goodness to the children of men. He so wonderfully gives strength for each daily task; supplies our daily needs, and continues to bless and water our souls by the renewing of the Holy Spirit. And He is giving joy in service too. Last week was especially fruitful in the ingathering of souls. It was good to hear a man of perhaps 55 years of age pray, also his wife and daughter, and to see two other young women weep and pray, and consecrate themselves to the Lord. I also see how many are accepting the Gospel, coming into the light, changing their ways, bringing forth fruit meet for repentance. Our services are not largely attended, for a good number live a long distance from the services, or in the country, and cannot always come, and some never, but God is with them where they are, and prayer is being answered in the healing of the sick. The day school is so precious. I have the constant attendance of twelve dear little children whose ages range from four to nine years of age. All are hearing the Gospel every day, and we hear them pray, and praise the Lord in song. It is all a great delight to us who pray and work among them constantly."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

ONEAL, ARK.—We are a small, rural assembly, set in order by a Council minister, and I hold papers from the District Council. We are in the midst of a revival. A sister came 30 miles, and a brother rode 7 or 8 miles to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Seven have been saved in our regular Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night services during the past week. We are working for a camp meeting at Cushman, Ark.—Elder Geo. F. Gunther.

PENNVILLE, MO.—Just a word of praise for what the Lord has done in this place the last 2 weeks. Some are seeking for salvation; 10 or 11 have received the Holy Spirit Baptism as in Acts 2:4. We had an all-day meeting Sunday and the Lord wonderfully blessed; the saints were encouraged to go on, and large crowds came, hungry to hear the Word. Sister Shepherd from Milan, Mo., was with us the last week.—Jim and Nellie Cox.

TROUP, TEXAS—Praise God for the blessings He has given us here in Salem community. Our services were held under a brush arbor. Sister Jennie Glass of Route 2, Overton, Tex. was with us the last 2 weeks of April. One woman was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and her husband and others are seeking. Brother G. C. Mangum was with us the last 3 weeks. He baptized the sister in water. Please keep praying that God will give us complete victory.—J. M. Goodson and wife.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—My daughter Zelma and I are in the midst of a blessed meeting in this city. It is estimated as many as 500 were unable to get in the building last Sunday night. At times the large tabernacle is filled to overflowing even on week nights. Arrangements are being made to transfer our meeting to a city grove where it is expected a greater company of people will attend. Russellville is said to be the largest assembly in the state. Brothers Turner, Lemmey and Stokes are the elders in charge of this splendid assembly. We praise God for them.—A. H. Argue.

BOONVILLE, ARK.—The Lord has blest us with a new church and a personage, and we are still going on with Him. Sister Nora Jurney held a 2-week meeting and God wonderfully blessed her messages. Four were saved, 6 reclaimed and 3 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. The church was wonderfully blest by her preaching. We thank Him for all His goodness to us. We are also taking the work at Blue Mountain, Ark., with Brother John A. Scott to help us. We are in meeting there now. God is blessing, and we ask the Evangel family to pray for the work here and at Blue Mountain. Anyone in good standing with the Council who is passing this way is invited to stop with us.—R. V. Carter.

MADISON, ILL.—I am sending in a report of the 4-week revival held at the Assembly of God Tabernacle here at Madison, Ill. I am glad to report that God is still blessing us. God was in our midst in a wonderful way, confirming His Word with signs following. Praise His blessed Name! Nine received the Baptism in the Spirit. There were wonderful demonstrations of the Spirit and power; many testified to the healing power of the Lord. One sister, who scalded her foot, was instantly healed; another testified that the Lord had healed her of lung trouble, and others were healed of their afflictions. To God be all the glory. Surely He has done great things for us whereof we are glad.—Lovely King.

DOTHAN, ALA.—Revival still is on here and people are still being blessed. We have just closed a 3-week meeting here; 3 saved and 2 baptized in the Spirit. Many are convinced here and have quit drinking, making and selling rum and have begun to search the Word of God. The days of miracles are not past. A young mother was taken with convulsions when her baby was 24 hours old, and went right down to death's door. The doctor was called and said she would be gone in 30 minutes. But while she was out of the doctor's reach she was not out of God's mercy. We called on God in the name of Jesus and she was healed. The doctor said her's was the weakest heart he had ever known to recover and owned that it was supernatural power that had raised her. We give God all the praise.—W. H. Hurtt and wife.

COLUMBUS, GA.—God has just given us one of the greatest revivals that Columbus has ever seen. From the beginning the attendance was large, many were saved and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Several testified to definite healing. The revival was held at the North Highlands' Assembly of God church and closed Sunday night following the baptismal service held Sunday afternoon at Morgan's beach in Girard. Brother J. O. Savell, pastor-evangelist of Hattiesburg, Miss. was in charge of the meetings. Hundreds crowded into the church nightly to hear the string messages; at times many were turned away for lack of even standing room. The revival was followed by a special service last night when Evangelist Savell spoke to a crowd which filled the house, explaining at length the wonderful progress made in the last few years by the Assemblies of God, not only in the homeland but in foreign countries as well. At this service the congregation raised a little more than \$300.00 to wipe out an old debt on the building they are using temporarily for a church. Plans are being formulated for the building of a large, comfortable church, which we hope to have completed by early fall.—J. M. Graham, pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—We desire to sound a note of praise to God for His blessing to us. It is about 4 months since we began to build a house of worship in North Miami. God has blessed and most miraculously supplied the needs all the way. Our building is not entirely completed, but for about 2 months we have held regular services in it. We have just closed our first revival in the new church, with Evangelist A. A. Smith of Tampa, Fla., in charge. The messages given from night to night were in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. There was real conviction on the people, and many wept their way through to Calvary. Truly great grace was upon us all. It was indeed refreshing to hear the old-time Gospel given plainly and to see that it is still "The power of God unto salvation." It is our purpose to live in the fulness of the Spirit where the revival fires burn continually. This is Pentecost.—Pastor Sam C. Perry.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The results of the revival campaign conducted by Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth during the past two weeks have been very gratifying. They surely were the days of Vancouver's visitation. The campaign opened Sunday April 27th, with three large audiences attending. Visitors and workers were present from various parts of the States of Washington, and Oregon, also British Columbia, and Alberta. A large number were baptized in the Holy Spirit. One brother, who came from a distant city, received the Baptism and immediately wired for his wife to come. A couple of Japanese brothers came a long distance to attend the services, one of them said he would not return before he received the infilling. God gave him a wonderful Baptism. Many gave their hearts to our blessed Lord Jesus Christ, kneeling in loving contrition around the altar. Brother Wigglesworth delivered Spirit-filled messages to the "hearing ears" and every one was blessed with the strong meat of the Word. Every service was an inspiration. His teachings on the Word were full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Assisting Brother Wigglesworth, was his son-in-law, Brother J. Salter who has spent a number of years in the Belgium Congo. God wonderfully met our young people during the campaign. At their regular Monday evening prayer meeting, the Spirit fell in copious showers. About 20 were prostrate at one time, under the mighty power of God. Hundreds presented themselves for healing. Some remarkable testimonies have been received. One case we visited—a lady had been confined to bed for 18 months, with several physicians in attendance, suffering with gallstones, internal troubles, and was also stone deaf. The moment the prayer of faith was offered, she was instantly healed of all her troubles and could hear perfectly. Other healings equally as remarkable, were in evidence. Scores of handkerchiefs were received from various parts of Canada and the United States, and we are receiving wonderful testimonies of God's healing power. (Acts 19:11-12.)

—F. R. Maddaford, pastor.

REVIVAL IN SEATTLE WASHINGTON

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare" (Psa. 75:1). The Spirit of God is working in mighty power here in Seattle. We, like the people of Israel, "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Evangelist Frank Lindblad, who is conducting the services, started these meetings about 3 months ago in the Baptist church. Soon the church was too small to hold the people who came, so the Baptist, the Christian Alliance and the Scandinavian Pentecostal bodies came together and, with the help of many precious saints from other churches, erected a large tabernacle. Some may say it is not possible for the different denominations to come together in unity for a good, old-time, apostolic revival, but it is! praise the Lord! The Spirit of God is melting every believer's heart that is interested in this campaign, and God honors His own Word. The meetings are conducted in an orderly, God-fearing way—no excitement, no screaming or jumping—just hundreds of people happy and reverently listening to the Word of God. Sometimes we get a powerful message in tongues and interpretation and it just seems to lift the whole congregation. Saints and sinners must acknowledge that this is the power of God and the old-time religion. Souls are being saved at the meeting. How many we do not know. We don't try to count, we do the praying and praising, and the Lord adds to the church such as should be saved. The Holy Spirit rests on the people during the preaching. We feel the sweet presence of God as the Word goes forth under the anointing and in power of the Holy Spirit and hearts are moved. Some may say: Are there no manifestations in this meeting? Yes, there are. Come down into the prayer room after preaching service, and if you are a Spirit-filled saint you will be moved to praise. Here are sinners, old and young, weeping their way to the cross, and here are the hungry saints receiving the wonderful and powerful Baptism as in Acts 2:4. We tried at first to remember how many had received the Baptism, but we don't any more. Some evenings it may be 1 or 2, then again it is 3, 5, 7, 9, and this is taking place time and time again. Glory to God! Many have received the Baptism in their homes and come back to give God the glory. Others have been healed during the campaign; so the Lord is working and confirming the Word with signs following. Pray for us and for Frank Lindblad, the evangelist.—K. G. Stalsen, pastor Scandinavian Pentecostal Mission.

DAYTON, OHIO.—We have just closed a very successful campaign in beautiful Bethel Temple, of which Elder A. B. Cox is pastor. A keen interest was shown by the people of the various denominations in the city and hundreds were prayed with for healing, and many were definitely touched. Our only handicap was lack of room to seat the people, the at-

tendance being the largest they have ever had in the church. Almost every service saw sinners at the altar and some who had been church members for years were gloriously saved.

The secret of this assembly's spirituality we believe is their soul-saving activities such as conducting cottage prayer meetings wherever they can find open doors, their weekly Saturday jail services, street meetings, etc.; much good has been accomplished along these lines. They have a splendid band of young people and a fine large choir and orchestra, all of which are important factors in attracting outsiders. We formed a sweet fellowship with these saints and the pastor that it was indeed hard to break away when the time came. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—The Nankivells.

NEWTOWN, VA.—Our all-day meeting for the dedication of our new church at North Tazewell, Va. was a success. We had a large crowd of interested people. The morning service was opened with song and prayer, after which Brother J. N. Harmon of Tazewell, delivered a short, but powerful talk. He gave us \$50.00, and left for his appointment in Burkes Garden. Brother Willie T. Millaps of St. Paul, Va., followed Brother Harmon. He also brought us a wonderful message of truth which was enjoyed by many. We then began to work on the \$2195.00 debt that was against our little church. With the \$600.00 we raised previous to the dedication and \$401.22 free labor, we had only \$1193.78 to raise, and in a few minutes we had raised about \$300.00 cash and about that much in subscriptions. Brother H. L. Shumway brought the afternoon message. After the message we again began to raise more money and soon swelled the amount of cash and subscriptions to \$840.00.—H. H. Peek.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA.—

Our meeting in the new church began May 1st, and sweeps on, with hungry hearts crying out for help. Many have been wonderfully saved. To date, 7 have received the Baptism; many have been wonderfully healed; last Sunday 16 received water baptism in the river with hundreds of people present, the most striking baptism ever solemnized here. The people all receive healing so simply that it is a common thing for people to get healed. One man came from a distance to be in the meeting, but his hearing was so bad he couldn't hear. Brother Kerr prayed for him. He immediately proclaimed, "I hear very distinctly." He has enjoyed the sermons very much since. A sister was healed of fallen arch. She could not walk, but now she walks blocks to church! Our church has doubled in interest. Brother J. M. Kerr has worked hard to get a work established here. Our Sunday school is moving fine. There are a number to be baptized next Sunday. Pray for us.—Mrs. Snyder, Sec.-Treas.

When you invest, invest for eternity. Send for Brother Bell's booklet, "Annui-ty Bonds." Sent free on application.

THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN GREAT BRITAIN

We have just had two days of Conference of the Assemblies of God. Nearly 80 assemblies have now joined and other assemblies are awaiting to join. Glory to God! Brother Eric Booth-Clibborn was present and was able to give us information respecting the Missionary Department. Brother Myerscough is appointed Missionary Treasurer, and a missionary collection was made the second day amounting to thirty-one pounds.—A. H. Badger, London, England.

FRESNO, CAL.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle is located in the beautiful city of Fresno, California, and was recently the scene of a gracious revival. Having been invited there by Brothers A. G. Frisbie and Harvey McAlister, we began the campaign April 6. From the very first the Holy Spirit was in the midst. Seventy-five precious souls were saved. To Him be all the glory. Fresno, a city of 75,000, is situated in the San Joaquin valley, which is known as the greatest rasin belt in the world. The whole Assembly, under its leaders, Brothers Frisbie and McAlister, have as their motto, "The San Joaquin Valley for Jesus Christ," and they are taking the land. Bless the Lord! The Tabernacle, erected less than a year and a half ago, has a seating capacity of 1500. The Sunday School attendance is between four and five hundred. A splendid choir led by Brother Lee, and a large orchestra under the direction of Brother Charles Opie, furnished the music—and how those Fresno saints can sing! The Tabernacle is the hub, as it were, from which workers are sent to assist in neighboring towns. One revival after another has broken out. At present about nine towns in the San Joaquin Valley have their established places of worship and a revival spirit characterizes each place. Since the first of the year, Brother Harvey McAlister, who is also an evangelist, has successfully launched several campaigns in different towns. Many have been saved and healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Brother McAlister had just concluded a revival at Reedley, when we reached Fresno. One hundred were gloriously saved, a number baptized in the Spirit and some miraculous cases of healing were wrought in the name of Jesus. A pastor has been put in charge at Reedley and so the revival goes on. Brother McAlister has just started another campaign in Dinuba. A large theater has been engaged for the purpose. We hear that great interest is manifested and most encouraging results from the first. We praise God for the vision He has given the leaders of the Full Gospel Tabernacle.—Mrs. Roxie Hughes Alford.

TO THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE

Do you do what our Lord said we should do under such conditions: "BLESS them that curse you, do GOOD to them that hate you, and PRAY for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

Forthcoming Meetings

CLAWSON, TEXAS.—An old-time campmeeting will begin at this place July 19, 1924. We would be glad to have as many of the General Council ministers attend as possible. All campers bring your camping outfits.—Andrew J. McCuiston, pastor.

ARMORY MEETINGS, MEDFORD, OREGON
Evangelist A. Watson Argue and Brother Wilbur J. Argue, will conduct an evangelistic campaign in the Medford armory seating 2,500. Meetings start Sunday, June 15, and will continue 15 days.—E. H. Keene, pastor, Medford, Ore.

CAMP MEETING AT GREEN BRIAR, MO., June 28 to July 6, 1924; revival meeting will begin several days before. Beds and meals will be provided for all who attend the camp. We earnestly request prayer that God will make this meeting a great blessing in this needy field.—J. Z. Oliver, Pastor.

REVIVAL AT OKMULGEE, OKLA.—A revival meeting will begin at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 511 North Bryan Ave., Okmulgee, Okla., June 15 (D. V.), with Brother J. Henry Capps, of Greensboro, N. C., as the evangelist. Pray that souls may be saved; God glorified; Christ exalted and the Holy Spirit honored.—Richard A. Babcock, pastor.

THE LOCAL SOUTH TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION of the Assemblies of God, will convene at the Full Gospel Mission, 515½ Louisiana St., Houston, Texas, July 1, 2 and 4. Elder J. C. Wilder, District Chairman, in charge; all visiting ministers will be entertained free. Come praying that this may be a real time of refreshing.—Wm. Morwood, pastor.

CUSHMAN, ARK., CAMPMEETING.—We desire to announce that there will be a 2-weeks campmeeting at Cushman, Ark., from June 29 to July 13. We have engaged Brothers W. H. Shands, and W. J. Walthall, our State District Chairman, to conduct the services. Everybody come, bringing your camping equipment if possible. Meals served on the freewill-offering plan. All workers will be cared for.—Geo. F. Gunther, pastor.

GREAT PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING AT YOAKUM, TEXAS, from July 11 to July 27 inclusive; Brother E. L. Newby, our district evangelist, will be in charge. We are looking for the greatest meeting ever held in the South. Come prepared to camp and stay from the first day until the last. We are expecting some good teachers, singers and workers. For further information write T. P. Anthony, pastor, Box 242, Yoakum, Texas.

CAMP MEETING AT DAVIS CITY, IOWA.—August 3 to August 24 at the Park. Evangelist G. A. Comstock will conduct a Full Gospel meeting for the saving of souls, tarrying with those seeking the Baptism and praying for the sick and afflicted. Bring your sick. The Park is well located, adjoining the town and on the Grand River; plenty of drinking water and shade. Plan to come. Write, reserving sleeping tent. For further information address Pastor F. G. Cline.

TENT MEETING AT BEND, OREGON, to begin May 18, God willing. Everybody in this vicinity is cordially invited to attend these Full Gospel meetings. We expect to keep this tent meeting going all the month of June and July. Let all the saints join us in prayer for the greatest outpouring that has ever taken place in this part of Oregon. Bend has a population of 7,500 and only 5 families that believe the Message. Pray, Pray, Pray.—Evangelist Thomas Griffin, Box 719, Bend, Ore.

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING
Berkeley, California, May 18 to July 6, 1924
The Glad Tidings Assemblies of Oakland and San Francisco, together with the Glad Tidings Bible Institute, have consolidated, under God, to hold this camp meeting.
Speakers: Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth, Dr. Chas. Shreve, David McDowell, Uldine Utley and others.
Tents and cots may be rented on the ground at a very low price. If possible bring your own bedding. Any one desiring tents or cots write at once sending a deposit of Two Dollars. Rooms may also be had near the Camp ground.
Location of Camp: San Pablo Ave. at Ashby, Berkeley, California. Berkeley adjoins Oakland. Camp ground overlooks Golden Gate.
R. J. Craig, Pastor Glad Tidings Tabernacle and Principal Bible Institute, 1536 Ellis St., San Francisco.

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NORTH-WEST DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

Will be held at Yakima, Wash., June 17-20, 1924. Elder D. H. McDowell, Assistant Chairman of the General Council, has arranged to be with us. All persons affiliated with either the General or District Councils who live in this vicinity are expected to be present, and all interested persons are cordially invited. Three services each day. For further information write to Pastor Chas. C. Douglas, 911 West A St., Yakima, Wash., or Secy. J. E. Rasmussen, 733 West Augusta Ave., Spokane, Wash.—Signed: Frank Gray, Chairman.

CAMPMEETING AT CANYONVILLE, OREGON.

The First Annual Camp Meeting of the Gospel Mission Assemblies will be held July 18-28, 1924.
This Mission stands for the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother A. M. Shaffer, formerly of Lafayette, is pastor. It will be a good plan for as many as can, to bring complete camping outfits. Sleeping quarters will be provided for those who bring bedding only. Others will be taken into the homes as far as possible. We would be glad to have all who can, bring musical instruments and join the choir. For further information, write Mrs. C. O. Bartley, secy Gospel Mission Assemblies, Canyonville, Oregon.

GREAT PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING, Kitchener, Ont.

June 29 to July 13 (both dates inclusive), in the same old camp grounds, Spring St. Bush. Evangelists John McConnell and wife of California, with a host of missionaries and local workers, will be present. We want to make this a missionary camp meeting, and expect to give time to the missionaries to speak twice daily, previous to the evangelistic messages. We expect this to be the best and biggest camp ever held in Canada. We are praying and making arrangements for such. There will be dining tents on the grounds and tents can be rented at reasonable rates. Your orders must be in not later than June 20. This is a good time and place to spend a two-weeks holiday with your children.—C. A. Chambers, 15 Scott St., Kitchener, Ont., Canada.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CAMP MEETING

The Eastern District Council Camp Meeting, for the eastern portion of the District, will be held in the "Williamson City Park," Lancaster, Pa., July 18th to August 10th, inclusive. "Williamson City Park" is a beautiful, an ideal spot in which to spend a vacation.
Speakers: Brother Chas. A. Shreve, recent pastor of McKendree M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., supported by a strong staff of well-known ministers of the District; a larger number of ministers, missionaries and people are expected at this camp meeting than at any previous one, and we are looking forward to a blessed time of refreshing from the Lord.
TENTS: Please arrange for tents early. Forty more 16 x 16 tents have been bought in addition to the 125 in use last year, but with these it is expected that it will be difficult to supply those coming late. Each minister in the District is kindly requested to take orders for tents, and to forward same to E. C. Sikes, whose address is given below; such then will be listed as received. All orders for rooms should be sent direct to Brother L. A. Hill, 809 E. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL CAMP, WHITT, PARKER COUNTY, TEXAS

Beginning August 1 and continuing to the 24th inclusive. Some of the best Evangelists, Teachers, Singers and Workers will be with us, and altogether we expect the greatest campaign in this part. This is a real, old-time camp, where each one may have his own camp-fire, and any camping equipment he may desire will be furnished for a small rental, provided you let us know what you need before July 20th. All visiting ministers, singers and musicians will be furnished rooms and board convenient for service. The doctrines of Holiness, Holy Ghost Baptism and Divine Healing will be stressed and special sessions for healing will be held daily. All welcome, and all ministers and workers specially invited. For further information, write Lonnie Whitworth, pastor; J. H. Baldwin, secretary.

OPEN FOR PASTORATE.—We would consider a pastorate, or would go into evangelistic work, as the Lord leads. Reference, Brother Roy E. Scott, Chairman of Iowa and North Missouri District. We are known to most of the ministers of Iowa and North Missouri District.—J. Willis Rilea and wife, Grand River, Iowa.

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| Total, minus \$678.42 given direct to missionaries by assemblies..... | \$2,297.03 |
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| \$1.00 | J H Boston Mass |
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SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED for the Mission Day School of the Spanish Assembly of God, San Antonio, Texas. This will be second term of the school. Miss Laura Kritiz, of Hardin, Ill., was our teacher this past year, and next fall she plans to enter the training school in Springfield for definite missionary work. No Spanish required, all teaching is in English. Write H. C. Ball, 1911 Durango St., San Antonio, Texas.

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KANSAS DISTRICT

The West Central Campmeeting will be held at Woodston, Kansas, July 24, to August 3, 1924. T. K. Leonard, principal of the Gospel Bible School, Findlay, Ohio, a man mighty in the Scriptures, will be in charge. Tents will be rented on the ground at a very low cost. Bring your own bedding and toilet articles. Meals will be served at a very low cost. Ministers entertained free. We expect this to be the greatest camp ever held in the west. For further information write to Fred Vogler, Chairman, Wakarusa, Kans., or Pastor, F. L. Doyle, Webster, Kans.

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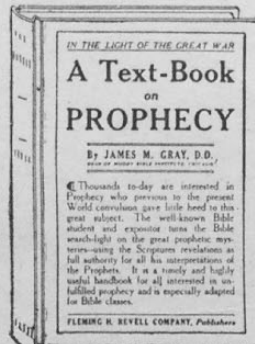
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