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"Ask Ye of the Lord Rain"

Zech. 10:1



Who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap. He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver (Mal. 3:2, 3). He will come as a wind driving the chaff before Him—the breath of the Spirit winnowing. He is coming as a refiner, a purger—the fire of purging preceding the fire of destruction. Purging His people; then coming "in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:8).

A wind storm precedes a rain storm, and you may look for an abundance of rain when the wind has blown away hindrances. Latter rain is necessary, it is bound to come to prepare the precious fruit for the coming of the Lord. "The Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and the latter rain" (James 5:7).

Latter rain linked up with His coming, but rain must be asked for (Zech. 10:1).

The Spirit who tells of rain, tells also of Elijah who prayed for it.

Prayer precedes rain. And rain precedes the coming of the Lord. Start the divine machinery. The Lord is more anxious to pour out the Spirit than you are to ask for Him. Delay does not mean denial. Prayer will bring rain in great abundance.

The children of Israel cried in their need. The cry was intensified toward the time of their deliverance. The time was not ripe when Moses first tried to deliver (Exodus 2:11). Their cry had not reached the throne. As the time for deliverance drew near the cry was intensified and God said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people . . . and have heard their cry . . . and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians . . . for behold the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me" (Exodus 3:7-9). They did not go out of Egypt as paupers, but they went out with a wonderful deliverance and with an abundance. So the Lord will work in these days when the cry for spiritual rain is intensified.

Prayer is not in vain. The cry of His people for latter rain will reach the ear of the Lord of Sabaoth. He who made the ear, shall He not hear?

Baal is not on the throne. God's ear is open to the cry of His people. Latter rain in an abundance is necessary to an abundant harvest. Precious fruit in abundance to satisfy the heart of the Husbandman!

He had a cold reception when He came the first time. But He is going to have a glorious one when He comes the second time to be glorified in His saints and admired of all them that believe. Prayer is not in vain in the Lord.



-:- -:- **PLOWING DEEP** -:- -:-

By Pastor W. T. Gaston, San Diego, Calif.

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hos. 10:12).

It is the Lord's thought to send us copious rain, deluges of rain, marvelous downpours of latter rain. We on our part must make preparation for God's rain. We are coming to the rain period and it will be a good time to get wet. But if we are to have any of this latter rain we must get ready for it, for it comes on prepared soil. If we would have the Lord come and rain righteousness upon us we must break up our fallow ground. It is time for us to seek the Lord concerning this.

God is willing to bless us. This is universal with His people. God is willing and wants to do it. There is no need for a long-drawn-out time to get the Lord in a notion to bless us. His Word declares, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him" (2 Chron. 16:9). He is looking for a chance to bless His creatures. It is a part of His nature and His love to long to pour out His grace, His power, His glory and His strength. Just as soon as He gets a chance, He will pour out His blessings upon us and He is ever looking for that chance.

Some suggest, "If He wants to do this, why doesn't He do it?" You must be in readiness to receive His blessing. You must be prepared. There are some things He cannot do. He cannot bless you until you get ready. When Jesus returned to Nazareth, "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." He marvelled because of their unbelief. Our Lord Jesus was just as able to bless in Nazareth as elsewhere, and He was willing to do it. He was the mighty God incarnate, but they limited Him through the attitude of their unbelieving hearts and He could do no mighty work there in Nazareth, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folks and healed them. Only a few people received what all could have received.

That has been the way ever since. Had hearts been ready to receive His blessing, all could have been blessed by Him. So get the idea out of your head that you have to get God into the notion to bless. What is necessary is for men and women to get into the notion of being blessed.

The prophet here is speaking to farmers, "Break up your fallow ground." Get down to business and break up your leathery hearts, get them low, where they become nothing and He becomes everything. Every time we become censorious and critical it is a time to get down. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psa. 51:17). "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, **to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones**" (Isa. 57:15). It will do us all good to get down and weep a little. We are no use until the fallow ground is broken up, until we

become mellow, until we can weep as Jesus did over the city of Jerusalem. We are no good unless we can keep mellow. If you can keep broken, if you can get in a place spiritually where the Holy Spirit can put His real travail of soul upon you, where you can feel what He feels and pray as He prays, you will be useful in the kingdom. If you will keep tender, you will whip the devil every time.

If you want to get blessed, break up that hard patch. The rain will not come until that hardness is broken up. Go to the cross about it. Go to the Lord Jesus about it. If you are conscious of a hard and unbroken heart, it is time to seek Him. Seek Him until you get down to your proper level, helpless and undone. We need Him every hour and every moment. We are utterly insufficient of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God. This is the real Pentecostal way. It is not merely a matter of fuss and noise. It is getting down to the place of death, to the place of crucifixion, to the place where you know the Lord Jesus and the fellowship of His suffering and are brought through to know the power of His resurrection. We all desire to receive more of His resurrection life, but we only receive it as we go the way of the cross until we are really crucified with Christ. It is from the cross of Calvary that we receive power. It is life from death. God will teach you if you come along.

Break up your fallow ground. God wants our nature made tender and mellowed. I remember when I came first to the Lord Jesus. Everyone of us has his stock of pride and I was no exception. What would all the boys say if they saw me going to the altar? I did not want to go to the altar; but I yielded to His gentle drawing and when I got there how He broke my heart, how He tendered my spirit! Five minutes later the tears were streaming down, and I did not care for all the boys in the country as I cried out at the top of my voice for God. It was the Lord who by His tender Spirit was humbling me. It was then I did my first real praying. Of course I had done some saying prayers before that.

When you come to the altar, instead of getting fixed in a way where you will feel very comfortable, throw up your hands and call on God. Plunge into God's river, not ankle deep, nor knee deep, nor loin deep, but plunge in where the water runs deepest. Get so deep that you don't care whether the President of the United States or anyone else is listening to you. Keep your eyes on Jesus; it is time to seek Him.

God demands that we cut every string and swim out. People have begged the Lord for weeks, "Lord, I want this one thing." But they are not breaking at all. There is one thing in reserve and God won't work. There was a little woman in the state of Missouri who wanted the Lord badly. She cried before Him but could not get blessed. One night I spoke to her and said, "How is it you don't get blessed?"

"What is the matter?" She replied, "I hate her." She did not tell me whom she hated. I said, "The Lord won't bless you while there is any hatred in your heart. Don't you want to give it up?" "No." "Are

not you tired of it?" "No, I enjoy it." It soon developed that she just enjoyed hating her mother-in-law. I told her, "The Lord won't bless you. He won't come on that hard ground. He will not send His rain on you until you are willing to give up this hatred, and God will help you to do it." She kept coming to the meeting and one night she kissed her mother-in-law, and then the Lord blessed her and poured joy into her soul. He poured in love where previously there had been hatred. She had prayed through until this grace was received.

The Lord wants our whole heart. Some people pray, "Lord, I am willing for anything except to be a missionary." Others pray, "Lord, I am willing to do anything but one thing." God wants each atom of your being from the crown of your head to the sole of your feet. Cry out from the depths of your being, "Thy will be done." Sometimes to our dim vision the will of God seems hard and we hold on and on, unwilling to yield to the will of God. But when we yield we find the will of God the very best thing. And as we yield He always pours upon us His abundant blessings.

I heard about a man who fell into a pit. He held on to the sides as long as he could, until his fingers became very weak. At last he said his prayers. He could hold on no longer. His fingers slipped and down he dropped—six inches. We hold out so long against the Lord and feel as though we were dropping to our death as we release our fingers from the thing that we are holding. And we find after all it is really not so terrible. No, the will of God is not terrible. It is the sweetest thing under heaven. I saw one woman who was seeking the Baptism. When the power began to fall she would start to think, "I might fall over on the floor, wouldn't that be terrible!" So she would get up from the altar and run away. Finally one night the Lord showed her what was keeping back His power, and she cried, "I am so full of pride. Lord, deliver me from my pride." While she was crying the Lord baptized her with the Holy Ghost and she talked in tongues for three solid hours without stopping.

As we seek the Lord whole-heartedly He will not fail to rain righteousness upon us. Do not shirk the things that are hard on the flesh. If the devil says, "Don't put up your hand," put both of them up. If the enemy says, "Look out, somebody is watching you, pray more softly," pray all the louder. As you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, He will in due season lift you up. The great rulers of the earth have never reached a place half as wonderful as the place at the feet of Jesus, the place where we are cleansed by the blood and sanctified wholly in spirit, soul, and body.

If there is some little reserve, God will not work. He wants a broken will, a yielded life. When He can get this, oh, how wonderfully He will bless. He will come like a torrent into the soul. He will give you beauty for ashes. You would not take a million worlds for what He gives. But we have no right to expect anything from the Lord until we break.

Let us break up the fallow ground. Let us put the subsoiler down until the ground is thoroughly broken up. The depth we attain to in God will be commensurate with the plowing deep. If we only have a little scratch on the soil there will be no blessing. Plow deep. Plow up all that offends right into the mudsills. Then God will surely let His power fall on you. One night you will be blessed and the next night more blessed, and the next night more and more. Each

night you will go deeper. You see some people who are much blessed and it is because they have had a deep surrender. They have been plowing deep. They have suffered much affliction. Trials have brought them low and they are low at the feet of Jesus.

If we want deeper blessing let us go deeper in our plowing. We as His people have no business in having the spirit of the age. If we want God we must stay dead to persecutions and to the ways of the world.

You say, "You are preaching at me." I don't know. You know more about it than I do. My Father has shoes to fit everyone. It takes death to bring life. It takes deep plowing to bring great blessing. Let us seek the Lord. He is a wonderful Saviour. Let us plow down and down. Let us go down to Calvary, down to the cross, the place where the blood is applied. Then God will surely rain righteousness. He will assuredly pour out His Spirit upon us.

THE COMING REVIVAL

Rain revives, rain saves, rain matures, rain ripens. The latter rain will do all this. It brings into life that which is almost dead. And God says, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." How great therefore is the privilege of prayer, for prayer will bring the latter rain.

If the Lord is mindful of the earth to send rain to bring forth the crops, is He not mindful of the spiritual grain? His Word declares, "Seedtime and harvest . . . shall not cease." And the seedtime and harvest of the spiritual gain will not fail.

Abundance of rain! Elijah's prayer brought abundance, not mere showers. The conditions needed rain and only prayer could bring it. Prayer can counteract apostasy. An apostate nation was saved from imminent danger through the prayers of one man. And God has saints today whose prayers can deliver out from an apostate world and an apostate church those who shall complete the number chosen out from the Gentiles.

The heavens shut up! Why? Because the supply had ceased? No. It was simply withheld until prayer brought it forth. God has enough latter rain to ripen, to mature, to complete the harvest. Prayer will bring it forth.

Those who are eager for revival will be spending April first, second and third in prayer, supplication and intercession. Some will continue to pray on the fourth. Many will spend the whole night of April fourth in prayer. It will be a great privilege to have a part in praying for latter rain. Do not fail to avail yourself of the privilege. Let both assemblies and individuals arrange to unite in prayer both before and on these special days for God's Spirit to be poured out upon all flesh.

It is thought by many that the disciples spent the night before the Day of Pentecost in prayer, for it was customary for devout Jews to do this. At any rate, at an early hour on the Day of Pentecost they were all found in one accord in one place. We do not have to tell Pentecostal people what took place on that occasion. We all know that three thousand souls were swept into the kingdom on that one day, and that was only just the beginning of the revival. Is it too much to pray for three hundred thousand souls to be saved in one day, and for revival to follow that will turn the world "upside down"? We believe the Lord would be inquired of at this time to do this thing for us.

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THE JOY OF GIVING

"Among the joys of life what joy is comparable with that of giving? It is deep, pure and abiding. It calls out the very best in man. 'It is twice blessed. It blesses him who gives and him who takes.' In its self-sacrificing consideration for the happiness and welfare of others it is peculiarly in accord with the mind of our Lord.

"Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' We do not know when the Master gave utterance to that vital verity, but those who 'remember' those words to do them always find them true."

Easter Sunday, April twelfth, we will all have the privilege of giving an offering toward the Central Bible Institute. We want to clear off the present indebtedness, and to provide for very necessary extension this summer. We had to refuse to admit students this first year because we had not sufficient room. So we are going to ask all the saints to help us enlarge, to lengthen the cords, and strengthen the stakes. Let us give largely and let us give gladly, remembering that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.

TIMELY ACTION IN THE LAST DAYS

The time is near for the general run of prophecy, the biggest, grandest part of it, to take effect. All can see that the Jews are being re-established in their own land, while rapid changes are bringing Jewish national life into full swing. All can see that the testimony of the gospel of the kingdom has been brought to bear upon nearly, if not quite, all the nations of the earth. All can see that the falling away is at work all over the world. By these and other tokens we know that these are the last days.

Many who question this can see prophecy fulfilled in the birth, ministry, death, resurrection and exaltation of our Lord Jesus Christ. The eventful week of His "passion" was crowded with fulfillments of prophecy regarding the first advent of the Messiah. And we wonder why the signs of His coming were not seen then in the iron rule of Rome, in the awful need for the Refiner's fire at the temple, and in the almost universal expectation (such as that of the three wise men of the east) that God would speedily send a deliverer. We especially wonder why the people of that time did not see in the ministry of John the Baptist the warrant for more of a welcome to Jesus at the opening of His public ministry.

Yet prophetic passages bearing on Christ's second advent outnumber those referring to His first advent, and are enough to enable us to discern the signs which

show that winter is past, spring far along, and summer nigh with the full fruitage from processes of preparation. The near approach of summer with its first ripe figs, Jesus says, in Matt. 24:32, we can know; and in verse 33 He **commands** us to know.

Those who have looked for the world to be converted before His coming again have overlooked the fact that, when the gospel is preached in all the world for a witness, part of its witness is like the dust shaken from the feet for testimony against the towns by which the apostles were rejected (Luke 9:5). The gospel of the kingdom is preached whether men hear or whether they forbear; and if it is preached fully enough to be a testimony, and widely enough to be offered to all nations, the missionary conditions are fulfilled for the end of this age to come, even though the testimony is disbelieved or disregarded.

If we have quit saying that conditions are not good enough for Jesus to come again because the world is not converted, have we now come to feel that conditions are not bad enough for the perilous times of the very last days of this age? Just because the apostles were in "the last time," or because evil men waxed worse and worse during their individual lives in any generation, or because one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, it will not do to say that all things continue as they were; for the apostle Paul's words pointed into the future ahead of him (when he wrote, "In the last days perilous times shall come." And just as there were four centuries or more in which the Amorite cup of iniquity was filling up, and then a brief term of twenty-four-hour days in which it was full, so the days on our calendar in which Jerusalem ceases to be trodden under foot of the Gentiles are designated in Scripture as the days in which transgressors are come to the full—in the persons of evil men who exhibit Satan's finished product and pave the way for his mock superman (Dan. 8:23).

Since 1914, multimillionaire-making has broken all records; and the heaping of treasure together for the last days has pushed profiteering (whatever the prices) beyond what the people can be expected much longer to endure. Among the main mass of men throughout the world who toil with their hands, extreme radicalism could not gain such headway for direct action and the general strike, unless most of the working men had already been alienated from the Gospel and, in fact, embittered against it. Statesmen and diplomats make no bones about acknowledging their desperate effort for a ten-year postponement of the next world-war, which, they feel, may end civilization. The race, in general, senses the need for the nations to get together under one head; but the groping after a leader is away from Christ. The preparations point toward a pretender; for "history," in today's best-selling histories, is a fable and is built upon Darwin's evolution-fable; and (according to pulpits and seminary chairs, which make the most of being popular) Scripture is a myth; while the "science" that denies the testimony of sense and the senses has a large following; and the lies told by demons and brought by the demons themselves into the seance, are carrying away leaders and common people beyond what has ever been known. To the reader of prophecy it is plain that the pretender being prepared for is antichrist. Do not be deceived by the plea being made by many in our time that the days are prolonged and every vision fails; instead, the days are **at hand**, and the **effect** of every vision from God, for the fulfillment of prophecy on a grand scale

(grand beyond compare) is close upon us (Ezek. 12:23).

What is the present duty in the present crisis? We look with amazement upon the maudlin bungling at Samaria in the times of Amos and Hosea, and at Jerusalem in the time of Jeremiah, in connection with the Assyrian and Babylonian crises. The big question for us is, What are we doing and what are we going to do in the crisis now on?

**Get the Gospel of the Kingdom
Quickly to the Whole Creation.**

Devising liberal things for the **poor** is timely action in the last days. Besides feeding the hungry, covering the naked, and receiving into your house the poor that are cast out, dare to loose the bands of wickedness, undo heavy burdens, let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke. Anyway, we can take the yoke **away from the midst of us** by being of one heart and of one soul, and by acknowledging in our words and our actions that nothing which we possess is our own.

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These last days are the time for larger, intenser, and wiser rallying of **working people** to our Lord Jesus Christ by bringing the Gospel of the Kingdom to bear upon them personally and together. We may sigh ourselves breathless over wishing that the Golden Rule were only once applied to solving the problems of labor and capital, and red-blooded men won't stop to hear a word of such repining; but tell them that there is going to be a Ruler who will make the Golden Rule work everywhere in the world for a thousand years at a stretch; and tell them that men can get in line now for something better than having world-rule, even of the right sort, over them—they can do some of the ruling themselves then by getting right with God now; by leaving their sins at the cross and receiving Christ Himself into the heart and bearing the cross after him. But, whatever the message, it must be delivered where they are—not, therefore, in churches and missions solely or mainly, but at or near their places of work, their unions, conventions, and public demonstrations. If they refuse admission at first, God makes a way where there is no way. But if meekness of wisdom is not the spirit of the work done, it would better be left undone.

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Children were never in so great need as now. So-called experts in child study tell the mothers and fathers and ministers and teachers that it is not scientific to suffer the little children to come unto Jesus for early conversion; as, they say, they require safeguarding—forsooth, for being plied with evolution in school, with social-uplift vagaries in Sunday school, with cigarettes to and from school, and "movies" at night and on Saturdays, maybe Sundays, until they are in their teens, when they can become Christians—if they want to! This is the plight of the children in the perilous times of these last days, when the trap of the Great Tribulation, with worse perils than ever, is about to be sprung.

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If **zeal for the Gospel** does not spur us to unwonted activity in evangelizing **that nation** which is destined to outdo all other nations in missionary work for Christ and the cross, have we not enough of even the skim-milk of neighborly kindness to toil and travail for the rescue of the **Jews**? The twenty-million

death-toll in the world-war was only one in five killed if all the slain had come from America alone. In the Great Tribulation, the death-toll the world over will be one in four—"the fourth part of the earth"; but among the Jews, on the average, two out of every three will be killed. Think! Pray! Act! Sacrifice and suffer! But don't shirk your part in getting Jewish people out from under the teeth of the antichrist harrow. (We regret we cannot give proper credit to the writer who sent this admirable article. There was no name attached when the manuscript was handed to the editor.)

SPELLING SEPARATION

Until one is saved, being a Christian seems like accepting privation. To the world, the Christian life seems poverty-stricken, narrow, hard, unattractive. And there are even many real Christians, saved, who are still in the dark concerning the separated life, the life that is wholly surrendered to Christ as Lord. Here again, they are afraid of it; they fear that if they make a complete surrender their lives will be cut off from much that is enjoyable and seemingly worth while. Perhaps they need to learn the new spelling. Said a consecrated missionary, "I spell that word 'separation' l-i-b-e-r-t-y." Few people are afraid of liberty. Is it not rather what all long for? The trouble is, we have not realized from what it is that God asks us to be separated. If a person is sick and suffering because infected with certain disease germs, and a skilled physician offers to get rid of those germs and make the sufferer well, that is separation—and the sick person does not shrink from it, but welcomes it. To yield to the lordship of Christ means being separated from spiritual disease germs: from all that would injure and make us miserable. Satan has a way of dressing up the disease germs so that they look attractive; but all the time they are deadly. Separation means freedom from crippling, dwarfing, harmful things. Separation means holiness; and holiness means health. There is still another spelling for separation, and that is C-h-r-i-s-t.—S. S. Times.

OUR PRAYER

"Being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:8).

Beloved in Christ, let this be our prayer, that the Lord, in the riches of His grace, would bring it more habitually, more deeply, more fully before us—what this blessed One did for us, when He emptied Himself and came down to this world, and went about in the form of a servant, and labored and toiled and suffered, and at last shed His precious blood for the remission of our sins. For the more this is present to our hearts, the more will our hearts be filled with personal attachment to that blessed One, and the more shall we long to be with Him, that blessed One who is now at the right hand of God interceding for us.—George Muller.

"Has the devil deluded you by getting you to look at the faults and shortcomings of professors? He surely takes a delight in getting you to look at weak humanity instead of the One mighty to save and strong to deliver."

Covering sin is allowable, if only the sin is another's, not ours. "He that covereth his sin shall not prosper"; but "Charity covereth a multitude of sins," the faults, and flaws, and imperfections of others.

-:- HERE AND THERE -:-

A Great Awakening in Poland. Pastor Oswald J. Smith of Toronto has recently paid a visit to Europe and writes in the Christian Herald of a blessed revival in Poland. This revival is principally among the German settlers who for scores of years have known nothing but the formalism and deadness of the Lutheran church. Within the past four or five years, four or five thousand souls have been saved. The instruments God has used are two simple-minded German settlers, so illiterate that one, at least, could scarcely write his own name. They were driven from Poland in the early days of the great war and lived as refugees in Russia, where one of them came in contact with some believers who had experience of the new birth. They finally returned to Poland with other refugees on fire for God. A whole night was spent in prayer, during which time a mighty Baptism in the Holy Spirit was received. Led by God, a few people were first of all invited to their homes. Soon others came, and God began to work. They simply told their experience and urged upon others present the necessity of being born again. The truth gripped hearts and the change came quickly. Rapidly the fire spread. Cottage prayer meetings were held in many homes, until at last the revival, which had commenced in such an obscure way, covered all that section of the country with a rapidity of a prairie fire, and between four and five thousand souls passed out of darkness into light. A great convention has recently been held among these new born souls. It was attended with great blessing.

Revival in Germany. Ernest Gordon writes in the Sunday School Times, "Essen, the Pittsburg of Germany, the center of the Krupp interests, is drenched with anti-Christian socialism. Yet a lay evangelist, Dr. jur. Hans Berg, the mayor of a Mecklenburg city, who has been evangelizing here, has received the most earnest attention. For a week the large Kreuzeskirch was filled with an audience of fifteen hundred people to listen to preaching on sin and atonement. During the last week the people waited an hour and a half for the opening of the doors in order to secure seats. Converts from among the Socialists testified to their conversion to Christ. On the closing Sunday Dr. Berg asked all those who really wished to become followers of Christ to remain behind, that he might counsel with them. Practically the entire church stayed, and Dr. Berg explained to these seeking souls how peace was to be realized through Christ. No pressure was brought to bear, nor any attempt at emotional stimulus."

The Lord Working in England. We have recently received a report of the Pentecostal Training School in London England. This school is under the charge

of Brothers A. H. and J. H. Carter. The latter is one of the presbyters of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland. The motto of this school is, "Let me never lose the all-important truth that to be in THY will is better than success, and grant that I may love THYSELF more than THY SERVICE." We are encouraged to read the following words in the report, "During the past term there has been an intense desire for prayer, and on more than one occasion we have laid aside our studies and spent the day in communion with the Lord. Our last day of prayer was a very precious and never-to-be-forgotten occasion. The much-to-be-desired gift of prophecy (1 Cor. 14:1) came graciously into evidence, and fourteen were heard to exercise this blessed and inspiring gift. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for this gracious outpouring of the Spirit."

Under the caption "A Modern Miracle" the London Christian Herald tells of one, Harry Sharp, now devoting himself to evangelistic work. Up to the time he was thirty he had only been in church about five times, and one of these was to be married and another was when his child was christened. During these years the longest stay he made in one place was when he was in prison. A Christian worker managed to get him to a meeting and he was soundly converted. He was heavily in debt but he managed to make an arrangement with the manager of the mine where he worked to work double shift three days a week. Three days a week he worked from six a. m. to ten p. m. and the other three from six a. m. till two p. m. He was able to clear himself of debt and when a strike came the Lord met his faith and graciously provided for him. He has recently visited the city of Rotherham. The first time he was in this city he got fourteen days imprisonment but the second time he conducted a revival meeting and saw 122 decisions for Christ.

Among the Headhunters of Northeast India. Of the many remarkable stories from the mission field, few will ever be more rare than that of the origin of the North East India General Mission, which came about through one solitary Gospel of St. John! About November 1909 a copy of this gospel in the Dullian dialect was sent over 200 miles to the heathen chief Kamkhawlung, who resides in the southern section of the Manipur state, Assam. No Christian work of any kind was being done in that neighborhood, and the people were in utter darkness. Some ten weeks after this gospel had been sent, Kamkhawlung returned it to the missionary with a most touching appeal written on the last page, pleading that Christian work should be established among his people. In May 1910 a small organ-

ization was established for the purpose of giving these people the gospel. Since then, however, they have had the great joy of seeing some 4000 of these ex-human-headhunters accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The work thus established in their midst is now entirely self-governing and very largely self-supporting. The mission has since extended its work into four other unreached territories and has altogether about 7000 converts rescued for Christ from among these evil-spirit worshipers. Its staff of native workers now numbers more than 100.

A Good Work in French Indo-China. The last annual report of the Pioneer Mission of the Christian Alliance tells of a blessed work being wrought in Indo-China. Recently there have been over 650 souls converted and baptized in water. In one of the newest stations opened last December there is reported a real work of grace, 70 having been baptized. During the past year the natives' offerings have amounted to \$3,648. One Chinese Christian contributed \$1,200 gold to pay for fonts of type for a native publishing house. This house has printed 3,000 copies of the Pilgrim's Progress and is printing 60,000 Annamese scripture portions, 10,000 Annamese New Testaments and 3,000 complete Bibles. In one district in four months' time 20,000 five-cent scripture portions, as well as hundreds of New Testaments and thousands of booklets and tracts, were sold by a well-organized band of colporteurs.

Delivered From Bandits. Two new Pentecostal missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bolton, recently sailed from England to labor on the border of Tibet in a work started by Brother and Sister Lewer. Bro. Lewer was to have met them in Hong Kong and to have taken them up country, but as was recently reported in the Evangel, this brother met an untimely death by drowning. As they were traveling up country they were attacked by robbers. The power of the Spirit fell upon Brother Bolton and he began to speak mightily in tongues and started to wave an umbrella in the air. The robbers were immediately struck with intense fear and fled as though for their lives. There is nothing that will frighten the natural man more than the supernatural. We have heard of a sister in Chicago who was held up by a robber. He told her to hold up her hands as he pointed a pistol at her. She was used to shouting Hallelujah when she held up her hands in meetings and on this occasion she shouted Hallelujah also. The would-be robber was immediately frightened and without further molesting her, rushed away.

A Work of God on the Solomon Islands. A blessed work is reported in the Gospel Graphic in the great Western Archipelago, where Dr. Northcote Deck labors. These islands are proving a difficult but fruitful field for the gospel. A visitor recently reports that nearly three thousand have confessed their faith in Christ by baptism. Pray the Lord to pour forth of His Spirit in all the islands of the seas.

The Comfort of the Holy Spirit in Belgian Congo. A letter from Miss Anna Torien, a Dutch sister of Kabinda, Congo, tells of the burning of their Mission Station of all the belongings of herself and other missionaries, but at the same time she tells of the wonderful comfort of the Comforter at the time. She writes, "With it all we have much to praise our Heavenly Father for, for souls, precious souls, have been brought into this wonderful light and baptized in the Holy Spirit with very clear evidences. One young boy spoke in very clear English, 'Fear not, it is I, be not afraid. It is Jesus! It is Jesus! It is Jesus!' This boy did not know English. Another very clear case was that of one of the evangelists, Malala. One Sunday evening in service he spoke in clear Dutch, 'Jezus altyd, Jezus altyd, Jezus altyd,' which means in English, 'Jesus only, Jesus only, Jesus only.' Well, I could hardly believe my own ears when I heard Malala speaking in my own mother tongue."

Pentecostal Work in Central Africa. Brother Wm. F. P. Burton writes of a trip that he and his wife have recently made among people who are or have been cannibals. He writes, "Though in some places the eating of human flesh is merely ceremonial, and connected with the supposed destruction of witches, there is no doubt that in other parts the people still secretly kill and eat isolated strangers because they have developed an unnatural craving for human meat. We had to take guides, but even so we had narrow escapes from falling into hidden pits with sharp stakes on the bottom—set for unwary travelers. In one place the natives had waited in ambush for our coming with spears and poisoned arrows; but as we stopped for Sunday service at another village God preserved us. We had to wade through foul-smelling bog for an hour at a time, with the long black leeches sticking to our legs. We had the great joy of preaching the gospel message to thousands who had never known before that such a person as the Lord Jesus Christ existed. We went and returned by different routes. On our return trip we passed villages where the natives told us that no other white man had yet set foot. Six days in going and nine days in returning were occupied in traversing absolutely untouched country as far as the gospel is concerned. As we told them of the fame, the power and the grace of the Lord Jesus they listened so earnestly, but we could not help asking ourselves, as we prayed for their sick and spoke of an all-round Saviour for spirit, soul and body—**When will these poor heathen hear the message again?** The people are eager. They brought us presents of fish, fowls, eggs and bananas and an occasional goat. The gospel seemed to unlock their hearts at once. They accompanied us from village to village in places with vociferous songs and dances, so that the noise and the dust of the crowd was almost un-nerving. What we need more than anything is well-equipped, Spirit-filled native evangelists. Praise God the Holy Spirit is still falling at Bwana Tshofwe. Some received Him while we were there, praising the

Lord blessedly in new tongues. Since God has told us to pray for laborers to be thrust forth, I appeal to you to join me in that prayer for laborers, black and white."

The Blessing of God in the South China work. Sister Ella Finch writes of a Chinese sister in Canton who is blessedly used in praying the prayer of faith for the sick. Hundreds and hundreds come to her to pray for them, and God has marvelously healed. Sister Blanche Appleby writes that at Pak Nai a Chinese Bible woman has recently been baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the time of her Baptism she spoke in three languages, English, German and Mandarin. The missionary who was present at the time of her Baptism was German and could speak both English and Mandarin.

Speaking in Tongues in the Chinese Language. We take the following report from the Latter Rain Evangel; "When Dr. Price was speaking on one occasion in Spokane, Washington, the power of the Spirit came upon him and he began to speak in Chinese. For nearly half an hour the message poured forth. Sitting on the platform was a Presbyterian missionary returned from China who arose and gave the interpretation, not through the gift of interpretation but from his knowledge of the Chinese language. There were eleven ministers present and he convinced them that the message was from God. He said he had never heard such pure Chinese spoken as was done under the anointing of the Spirit. This same missionary told of an experience he had in China. They were having a prayer-meeting and suddenly he felt something he described as 'liquid fire' surging through his being. One of the Chinese men who was near him praying, began to speak in perfect English, although he did not know English. The missionary went to him, laid his hand on him and felt this same liquid fire flow from him to the brother. He realized the experience was of God, although at first he was a little fearful. Other Chinese spoke in English, and as they waited on the Lord the missionary himself spoke in tongues. When he came to the States he told this experience in a Presbyterian church. At the close the pastor came to him and said, 'Now doctor, you must never tell that experience in this church again. Don't you know that that is what the "holy rollers" teach?' He didn't know who the holy rollers were but learned later that it was a term used in derision for the people of Pentecostal faith."

Brethren in Austria Ask Prayer. We have received a communication from Brother A. K. Christenson of Wien, "In Austria 'spiritually' it is very dark, and yet there are few that know the Saviour and are willing to live for Him and be a light in the darkness. In Wien, God in His great mercy has given us a place where we can preach the gospel and meet the need of hungry hearts. Attendance is increasing and we pray and expect that the Lord will do great things for us. We would appreciate if the brethren in Unit-

ed States would specially pray for us. The brethren in Jugoslavia, who were imprisoned there for months for the gospel's sake, are now free again and their suffering for Christ has been a blessing to them as well as to the gospel work in that place. Please pray for the loved ones in Jugoslavia."

The Entire Population of Small Town Converted. From "The Sheaf" we take the following report: "In Sampton, a small town in Central New Jersey, the entire population (159) was converted last week. One George Harris, son of a British clergyman, who owns a steel mill there, decided that a religious influence was needed. He communicated with several denominations, only to be informed that 'the village was too small for a chapel.' Then he appealed to the Salvation Army. Said a press reporter: "Half the population attended the first meeting and 16 adults confessed conversion. At the second meeting 90 men, women and children followed. At the third meeting 38 more came forward. Several of these converts brought in the remaining 15."

Church Statistics In U. S. A. The Christian Herald publishes a report of the recent religious census. According to the report there are 46,142,000 church members in U. S. A. The Catholics report that they have 16,192,964 members and that in the year 1924 their increase was 222,145. It must be remembered that they count every baby they christen. The churches known as "evangelical" have a membership of 28,021,953, an increase of 366,366 in 1924. We wonder how many of their people are really born again. Our Pentecostal people are always very reluctant at giving statistics and so it is impossible to give a proper and adequate idea of how many there are of us. We do not want to make our boast in numbers. Our boast must ever be in the Lord. We are satisfied that "the Lord knoweth them that are His."

THE COST OF THE WAR

The total number of those who died in the late war is 6,943,719. The wounded number 11,954,237. The missing number 4,653,522. The total of money expended is \$98,973,888,000. The total tonnage of boats sent down to the bottom of the sea was 10,620,000. Property destroyed amounted to \$24,681,600,000. This is the estimate of "Morning Post" of London, a conservative periodical.

This is the high cost of war. This is the burden laid on the generations to come. This is the "White man's burden." And yet, some say, that this war past, compared with a war that is brewing, is as a "Sunday School picnic"!!!

But yet one question more—How much money was spent in that period of time for the evangelization of the world? How many lives were laid down for the Gospel! If one splendid young life is laid down in the Sudan or the Congo, hear a cry go up concerning the "folly of Foreign Missions"! Shame!—Wonderful Word.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON SODOM Genesis 19

The Iniquity of Sodom. "We will destroy this place" (v. 13). Pride, fulness of bread, abundance of idleness, neglect of the poor and needy, haughtiness and the committing of abomination before the Lord, are the sins that are especially charged to Sodom (Ezek. 16:49, 50). "They did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they builded"—they were occupied with material things and absolutely neglected the spiritual. Sure and certain judgment will overtake those who leave God out of their lives. Our Lord warns us, "The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:29, 30).

The Mercy of the Lord. "While he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand . . . the Lord being merciful unto him" (v. 16). Lot's eyes had looked greedily over the fruitful vale of Jordan and as a result he "pitched his tent toward Sodom." That was the first step before taking residence there. In spite of the constant vexation upon his righteous soul caused by the unlawful deeds of those around, Lot tarried in Sodom. And even though the angels had been sent from the Lord to destroy the place, Lot lingered—doubtless he was reluctant to leave his possessions. But He who delighteth in mercy was gracious, and He caused His messengers to lay hold of the hands of those He purposed to save, to bring them out of the city that was doomed to destruction. Oh, the willingness of our Lord to be merciful to the unwilling!

The Wilfulness of Lot. "Behold now, this city is near to flee unto" (v. 20). When the word came, "Escape for thy life, look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain," Lot said, "Oh, not so, my Lord." Even yet he was unwilling for the Lord to choose his place of sojourning, unwilling for the place of complete separation that is ever God's thought for His children. But he had to go to the mountain later (v. 30). How much better would it have been to have yielded quick, glad-some obedience at once. God's ways are always best for us. If we follow our own will rather than the will of God we will follow it to our own destruction.

The Unbelief of Lot's wife. "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt" (v. 26). This was in direct disobedience to the word of the Lord through His messengers (v. 17). That pillar of salt in the plain was surely "a monument to an unbelieving soul." Let us not forget the word of our Lord, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for

the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). Remember Lot's wife.

The Intercession of Abraham. God remembered Abraham (v. 29). Lot was saved, "so as by fire." Abraham was saved with abundant possessions. The Lord was not unmindful of Abraham's intercession and consequently "sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow" (v. 29). God's judgments are at hand but He will not be unmindful of the intercession of His saints for their loved ones.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

Subject—An Excellent Spirit

A Broken Spirit.—In the Old Testament we have a picture of a man with an excellent spirit. His name, Daniel; his time, the captivity. From the land of promise, from the place of worship of the true God, he was taken into a heathen court, into the midst of those that bowed down to idols. Imagine his plight! Imagine his sorrow of heart! "By sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken" (Prov. 15:13). "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psa. 51:17). It was by broken pitchers that Gideon triumphed; it was from a wasted barrel and empty cruse that the prophet was sustained; it was on boards and broken pieces of the ship that Paul was saved. It is by the broken life of Christ that His people shall live eternally.

The Spirit of Wisdom.—Introduced at once to fare that doubtless had been sacrificed to idols and this was against the law of God, he purposed in himself not to be defiled thereby. How clean cut his stand for God! At the very first he made his decision and God honored his step, but how was it to be accomplished? God gave him wisdom to ask for a trial of ten days on pulse and water. Daniel was indeed "full of the spirit of wisdom" (Josh. 34:9). See Dan. 2:14, 21, 23, 30. Also James 1:5, Psa. 51:6, Eph 1:17.

A Humble Spirit.—Did he make pre-emptory demands? No, he "requested of the chamberlain." As with man, so with God; he "desired mercies of the God of heaven." Is it any wonder that he became the man of the hour, always sought for in times of distress; any wonder he found favor with kings and rulers, was promoted time and again. Not many have received such honor, as did he, without losing their balance; but this man, amid it all, remained true to his God when all about him was idolatry. "Before honor is humility" (Prov. 15:33; 18:12). See also Isa. 57:15.

Someone has said, "The humble soul is like the violet, which grows low, hangs the head downwards, and hides itself with its own leaves; and were it not that

the fragrant smell of his many graces discovered him to the world, he would choose to live and die in secrecy."

It was told to some Moravians that it was impossible to reach the slaves of the West Indies because they were so separated from the ruling classes. Two Moravian missionaries then said, "We will go and be slaves on the plantations, and work and toil, if need be, under the lash, to get right beside the poor slaves and instruct them." They left their homes, went to work on the plantations as slaves; and the slaves heard them, and their hearts were touched because they had humbled themselves to their condition.

A Faithful Spirit.—When the presidents and princes sought occasion against Daniel they could find no fault, for "he was faithful" (Dan. 6:4). Faithful to his God, the commandment enacted to break his communion with that God had no weight with him. Despite the knowledge of the consequence, he remained faithful in prayer (6:10). In intercession his stability is again made manifest (9:20-22; 10:2, 11, 12). And the Lord preserved him. "For the Lord preserveth the faithful" (Psa. 31:23). "A faithful man shall abound with blessings" (Prov. 28:20). See also 1 Cor. 4:2, Luke 16:10.

That fatal day on which Vesuvius, at whose feet the city of Pompeii stood, burst into an eruption that shook the earth, a sentinel kept watch by the gate which looked to the burning mountain. Amidst the fearful disorder, the sentinel had been forgotten; and as Rome required her sentinels, happen what might, to hold their posts till relieved by the guard, he had to choose between death and dishonor. He stood by the post. Slowly but surely the ashes rose on his manly form; they reached his breast, then covered his lips, and choked his breathing. He was faithful unto death for his country's sake. Jesus says to His followers, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

A Bold Spirit.—Daniel was fearless in the service of God and did not hesitate to give God's message to Belshazzar, "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting." Today we are living in a time much like that of Daniel. People are departing from the God of their fathers. Lawlessness is rampant upon all sides; in the home, in the nation, and even in the church. What a need there is for men of Daniel's spirit!

The father of John Wesley was strongly urged by the friends of James the Second to support the measure of the court in favor of popery. He absolutely refused even to read the king's declaration; and though surrounded with courtiers, soldiers and informers, he preached a bold and pointed sermon against it from these words: "If it be so, our God whom we serve, is able to deliver us out of thy hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." God's Word says, "The righteous are as bold as a lion" (Prov. 28:1).

Three hundred Christian converts, in

the army of the King of Madagascar, refused to bow down before the national idol. Their service against the enemy was required, so the commander resolved not to kill them, but to place them where they would be sure to be slain in battle. They met the enemy in a deep ravine, and led the attack. At the close of a hard battle, in which many others were slain or wounded, it was found that not a Christian soldier was missing. Because of this signal deliverance, many

pagans renounced idolatry from that day. See Acts 4:13, 29, 31; 1 Thess. 2:2; Eph. 6:19; Acts 9:29; 14:3.

God is looking for men of Daniel's stamp; still looking for those of a humble and contrite spirit, for those that tremble at His Word; for such He can use to prove to this gainsaying generation that the Lord Jesus Christ is still the Wisdom of God and the Power of God.—D Buchanan, Central Bible Institute.

"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

A PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT AND ITS RESULT

(Taken from a private letter written to a friend.)

God let me see His working this summer in one case in particular that has increased my faith by leaps and bounds. An old man, say seventy years old, sat in front of us in a meeting. We had seen him before but never so near. His head, face and neck were covered with sores and scabs of varying sizes. It made me feel sick to look at him. How awful is disease! If DISEASE looks so to us mortals how must SIN LOOK TO A HOLY GOD?

I was disgusted by his looks and said to my husband that I must move. "Don't look at him, look at the preacher, it doesn't bother me," he said. Well, I thought I was surely strong-minded enough to look away from that head. The tender, loving Spirit spoke to my heart, "Daughter, do you WANT to forget it? If that was on your father's head or on your head you would not forget it." In shame I asked to be forgiven for my selfishness and hardness of heart, and prayed, "O God, make me care."

Well, I heard no more of the sermon. At its close I looked around and saw that the little old man had gone to the door of the tent (a very large tent and a big crowd.) I ran to him and urged him to go to the altar for healing. No one else seemed inclined to bother about him. You see, I was a stranger and did not know that he had been prayed with many, many times. He said it was no use as he had been prayed with for twenty years and that God would heal him in his own good time. I urged him and even took hold of his arm, forgetting the sores and the scabs now, you see. I said I would go with him. "Why, they are tired of seeing me," he protested. "Oh, no they are not!" I declared and we went to the altar. There were only a few there. The evangelist said to him the first thing, "Why did you come back? We anointed you the other day and prayed for you. Go home and praise God. Your head is much better." I felt so sorry to have gotten him this rebuke. I began to talk to him of how the Lord had healed me and how the Word taught healing, when suddenly the Spirit took my tongue and

before I knew it the Spirit was pouring forth a loud prayer through my lips and I laid my hands on that little old man and lifted and shook him and commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him in Jesus' mighty Name. I said to my husband afterwards, "If he dies I am not to blame, and if he is healed I cannot be praised, for I did not do it." I was as much surprised at the prayer and the act as anyone, for I did not plan or even think of it. It was in truth not I but the Spirit of Christ in me.

Three days afterward the old man's head was clean, and three weeks after that you would not have known him. He had always sat gloomy and quiet in the meetings; but now, with shining face he would testify. And oh, how clean and sweet he must feel!

That miracle of healing filled me with new and stronger faith. It showed me how God is touched with pity and compassion for suffering ones and HOW MUCH HE CARES. It showed me not to give up even if the sufferer had been prayed with for twenty years. It showed me my own hardness of heart, my lack of tenderness and compassion. One brother said to me, "Sister, you had more faith for that man than I had." "Pardon me," I said, "but I had no faith. Had I looked at my faith I could not have prayed for him; but I looked at God and His pitying love and power." Don't you see it is a trick of the devil to keep us looking at the amount of our faith? Now I often say, "Father, You healed that old man's head," and I bring it up to the devil when he tries to get me to look at my faith.—C. C. in Triumphs of Faith.

PNEUMONIA AND TUBERCULOSIS HEALED

My little 11-year-old boy had pneumonia. I called three saints to pray for his healing and God healed him. Several years ago in 1917 my wife was very ill of tuberculosis of the lungs; 4 physicians had given her up; the neighbors had expected to hear of her death any moment. The Lord gave faith and courage to pray and trust for her healing. Today she has lungs as sound as any one. I am very grateful to God.—George M. Brown, evangelist, Volga, Ky.

HEALED OF CURVATURE AND GOITER

I was healed of curvature of the spine and a large goiter. I was saved at the same time and baptized in the Holy Spirit 2 days later. That was the first time I had been to a full-gospel meeting, it is joy unspeakable to be saved and to know that you are saved.—Miss G. Southerland 579 23rd. St., Oakland, Calif.

HEALED OF SPINAL TROUBLE

I was marvelously healed of spinal trouble of 33 years' standing, caused from heavy lifting. In the campmeeting at Berkley last June Brother Wigglesworth prayed for me in the name of Jesus and I was healed immediately. The remarkable part of it was that I went there to be healed of catarrhal trouble and I never had mentioned my spine, because it seemed to me the other trouble was so bad. I had almost forgotten my spine for the time being. But thank God, my spine was healed also, in the same instant. I am as well today as anyone could be and it has never in the least troubled me since. He is able to do all things.—Sister R. Southerland, Oakland, Calif.

HEALED OF RHEUMATISM

I had rheumatism for almost 2 years; I tried 4 doctors and they did not help me. I would go to bed at night but could never get comfortable and could sleep very little, and could hardly walk. The Pentecostal people were holding a meeting not far from my home; I went over and asked them to pray for me several times. One night a sister said, "Why don't you come to the altar?" I answered, "I will go any place the Lord wants me to go." I went to the altar and something happened; the Lord answered prayer and I was healed and walked all over the church. That was over a year ago and I am still walking. Some tried to tell me it was all excitement but I know better. I had no help but the help of the Lord. Praise Him.—Mrs. G. D. Turpin, Highbridge, Ky.

HEALED OF EYE AND KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLE

I had been afflicted for 25 years and had tried a great many doctors with not much relief. My suffering at times was terrible; I knew something must be done. I thought of an operation, but kept putting it off. So, when Brother C. B. Stambaugh of Browning came here and began to preach Divine healing, I told my wife I believed God could heal me. My eyes were also very bad. Sometimes I would see two objects at the same time. You can imagine how I felt. But when the brother anointed and prayed for me, it seemed as if there was a light coming down in front of me. I looked towards the back of the Church. I could see clearly. My kidney and bladder trouble is all gone and I feel like a new man. I know God healed me and can do the same for others. My wife was also healed of a cancer on her arm. We can't praise Him enough.—John Price, Camden, Illinois.

OUR MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

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MEMORIAL FOR ERIC BOOTH-CLIBBORN

Friends of Brother and Sister Booth-Clibborn, whose hearts have been moved with love and pity for Sister Booth-Clibborn upon the death of her husband in Africa have felt that it would only be right to make an effort to provide a home for the widow and her children. When it is considered that these precious young people were accepted for missionary service and that when they went to the field to fill a needy place in Africa they did so with a full appreciation of what they might suffer and endure for Christ's sake, and then the event of the terrible loss of a father and a husband and the privations endured by those who were left, it is only fitting that we should do something for our precious Sister Booth-Clibborn.

The following letter is being circulated by friends of the family and by Mrs. Linda M. Leonard, the mother of the widow.

"Dear Evangel Friends:

Each week as the Evangel comes and we read eagerly the news from the fields at home and abroad, our hearts are moved with joy and sorrow as the victories and trials of the dear workers are recorded. It reminds one of the 'war news' as we used to read it in the daily papers, only in our battles there is no defeat, for our Captain has never lost a battle!

"At times, it is hard for us to believe this, when we meet with crushing sorrows, and deep shadows cross our pathway. It is then we need the help and comfort of Christian fellowship.

"We wish to thank all the dear friends who have comforted and helped us by their prayers and sympathy in the bereavement and loss of our beloved Eric Booth-Clibborn. At first it seemed that nothing could ease our pain, but the God of all comfort ministered to us, and we feel the grace to 'journey on,' looking and longing the more earnestly for our blessed Lord's return.

"Of course the burden is crushingly heavy on the young widow left alone with her two babies. We take this opportunity to say to the friends that a memorial fund has been started by the family and friends to build a little home in Los Angeles where these little ones can be provided for. As yet, the fund is very small and much more is needed.

"We do not wish to divert anything from direct missionary channels,—too much of our heart's blood has gone into that for us to lose our interest or zeal. Lucile Booth-Clibborn's husband, father and two small brothers laid down their lives in the cause. But if any are led to give something to this memorial fund, it will be gratefully received. It can

be sent to the Evangel or to the mother of Mrs. Booth-Clibborn, Mrs. Linda M. Leonard, 236 So. Ave. 56, Los Angeles, California.

"May the Lord richly bless each of you to whom this silent messenger,—the Evangel, is sent and may we all be united in the faith and in the glorious hope—His soon appearing."

Any one who may feel inclined to respond to this need can send their offerings to the Foreign Missions Treasurer and this money will be used for the purpose as suggested by sister Leonard.

A YEAR'S REPORT FROM THE HOME OF ONESIPHORUS

Our hearts are filled with praises to God for He has blessed us with many blessings. It is with joy and gladness we close the ninth year's work of the Home of Onesiphorus. We have much to encourage us to press on in the work even though there are many things on the outside that would naturally discourage us.

Since our return from America in 1923 there have been over 200 who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Home and around the city of Taianfu. Last year there were 221 baptized in water and this year there were 110.

We closed the old year with special meetings every night for about a week and continued the meetings on into the new year. Two nights before the last day of the year we had special prayer and fasting. There were over 200 who came into the chapel of their own accord to join us. We believe that God answered prayer for there was such a sweet, quiet spirit in the Home all through the holidays.

The children have all made very good progress in their school work, and we have six girls who will finish their time in the Home this coming year. Please pray especially for them that they will be directed in the right path of life when they have finished here.

Our weaving department is proving to be a real success. The profit made from the sale of cloth was sufficient to cover all expenses connected with running the establishment, also to feed and clothe about fifteen boys. The boy's shoeshop made sufficient to cover expenses and feed and clothe about eleven boys.

We want to increase both of these departments this year, so as to be able to support more boys. We have already launched out in faith and have laid the foundation for a larger weaving room and have rented a larger place for the shoeshop. We hope that each reader of this report will stand by us with their prayers and means so that our hopes will become living realities.

We are extremely crowded in our pres-

ent compound, so we have leased a house from one of our neighbors for our boys' schools, and we can turn our own school-rooms into dormitories for our boys and relieve the congested condition of the boys' present sleeping rooms. This all means extra expense but we have to launch out and trust the Lord to meet us.

We have had quite a few calls to take in children and we have taken them in, believing that the Lord cares just as much for the dear little ones on the outside as He does for the ones we have taken in and whom the Lord has saved.

We are going forward here and we trust that there will be a moving forward on the part of our friends in the homeland to stir up interest in behalf of the helpless ones being cared for in the Home of Onesiphorus.—L. M. Anglin.

FURTHER WORD CONCERNING MISS HATTIE SALYER

Mrs. Purfield, the sister of Miss Hattie A. Salyer who died in Egypt February 17th, gives us further information which may be of interest to our readers.

Miss Salyer was born in Milan, Mich., March 27, 1862. She was converted in early youth and when about thirty years of age received an anointing of the Holy Spirit which greatly sweetened and subdued her life, but in 1906 she received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4 or as she loved to say, "according to the pattern." She received a call to India when God first dealt with her by His Spirit and she began a course of Bible study with a Correspondence School. The way never opened for her to go to India but when she received the Pentecostal Baptism God called her to Egypt and she went out with Brother and Sister Post in 1912. She came home during the war and on account of war conditions could not obtain a passport for a return to Egypt and so was at home for five years. When she finally returned to Egypt with Brother and Sister Doney she remained on the field three and one-half years, returning in May 1924 very much broken in health. In the fall of that year she spent three or four months in the Ozark mountains near Springfield doing faithful and fruitful work for her Lord. She returned to Egypt with Miss Mabel Dean and again took up her labor of love in that land. She labored for less than five months when called home to be with her Lord.

A letter has been received from Miss Salyer since her home going which is possibly the last letter to be written by her before her death. A portion of this letter is as follows:

"Truly we have great reason to thank God for His unseen hand at work in so many ways. And yet our hearts cry out for a great awakening, a going deep on the part of all, a greater hunger for God's fulness. I wish you could have seen the rush to the altar last night for more victory in their lives. Pray for us and for these people that God may get a deeper hold in their inner life and grant them a glimpse of the lost about us and each and everyone's responsibility."

THE WORK IN HAWAII

Miss Pearl M. Hewitt writes from Honolulu stating: "The work at our little station is growing. Quite a number of native people are coming and they are manifesting quite an interest in the Gospel. Our dear little ones are going on so beautifully with Jesus since their baptism in water. They tell us such sweet things about answers to prayer in the home, the school and elsewhere.

"I am beginning to get such a burden to get out to the other Islands. There are three of us here and we can well do it. I am praying for the extra money to go, as the transportation on the inter-island steamers is so high. I can do so much more if we take the Ford but they charge about \$22 alone to ship that. Then the fares are \$8 and \$10 per person to other Islands. We are getting barely enough to pay our expenses now but it takes faith and much prayer to start out to reach other Islands. There are so many workers of all kinds here in Honolulu and scarcely any on the other Islands, for the reason that all the advantages are here in the city and the people like to stay here. I am willing and really hungry to get out. I know He sent me here to get people saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and I want to do all He wants me to and not be hindered in any way. Please pray for me along this line."

Miss Hattie Hacker writes from India: "I have been out in the District on tour for two weeks and I praise the Lord for the way the people have listened to the Gospel. Some told me they accepted it and some said they were ready to be baptized. No one had taken the Gospel to them for five years but they had remembered. So often they say, 'Yes, what you say is true but we forget so soon.' Please pray that the Word may be so burned into their hearts that they cannot forget it and it may spring up and bring forth much fruit."

HOW MONEY IS SPENT

The American Education Digest gives the following report showing what proportions of incomes are spent for different causes:

- Church ¾%
- Schools, 1½%
- Government, 4½%
- Crime 8¾%
- Investment, 11%
- Waste, 14%
- Luxuries, 22%
- Living Costs, 24½%
- Miscellaneous, 13½%

Another summary which a church is quoting in a campaign to increase giving follows:

- Americans (all ages) average for tobacco per week70c.
- Americans (all ages) for theater and movies43c.
- Americans (all ages) average for ice cream and candy40c.
- Protestant church members, for the church8c.

Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people (Acts 23:5).

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

A TRUE STORY OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Poor Nurse Ernton! When she was just a little girl she had prayed to Jesus, and He had answered her prayers too. But now she was grown up, and many sorrows had come into her life. Somehow she had lost faith in Jesus, that He would answer prayer. "I don't believe He hears and answers prayer," she said to herself, with a toss of her head.

She finished breakfast with a hard feeling in her heart, and then went out of the room and across the hall to her patient. He was a nice man, with gentle, kind eyes. He had been sick for ever so long, patiently lying in bed day after day, unable to go out into the golden sunshine and watch the birds and flowers.

"I have slept so well all night, Nurse," he smilingly said, "and am feeling so much better this morning. I really believe I shall be able to get as far as Bluebell Copse and hear the nightingale again after all."

"I hope so," answered Nurse Ernton, as she smoothed his pillow and rearranged the bed clothes. "You have a great fancy to hear the nightingale sing, haven't you?"

"Yes, I have," he replied; "I should like to hear one once more. I have even prayed that I might. I want to so much," he added. Then he went on dreamily after a little while: "I have never prayed earnestly for anything in my life but God has given it to me sooner or later—He is very good."

All day long as Nurse Ernton went about her duties she was thinking of her patient and the prayer he had made. Perhaps after all Jesus did answer prayer; at any rate He used to when she was a little girl.

The doctor came for his usual visit and the sick man told of his desire to once again hear the nightingale sing, and how much stronger he was feeling; but when he asked how soon he thought he would be able to go out, the doctor only said, "Wait a day or two."

Nurse Ernton followed the doctor from the room, as she always did, to receive her orders, and then she ventured to ask if he thought their patient would be able to have his desire.

The doctor shook his head, "It is absolutely impossible," he said.

"Absolutely impossible!" she said to herself bitterly as she returned to the sick man's room, "then God does not hear and answer prayer." Her whole soul was full of rebellion. Anyone of the people in his church would do anything for him, but the God he had served so faithfully and loved so much would not grant him this one last desire.

The sick man was not as well the next day, an attack of faintness came over

him in the afternoon, and Nurse Ernton knew that he could not remain long on this earth.

The sun set, the shadows deepened; across the flower-starred lawn came the scented evening breeze, and the room was very still. Suddenly, through the open window came the flash of wings, and a little brown bird flew in, perched on the rails at the foot of the bed and began to sing. The kind man with the gentle eyes lay and listened as the tiny bird poured out its song in rich tones of sweetest melody. It was a timid little nightingale, that always hides itself away from people; but God had sent it there to answer the prayer of the sick man.

Tears stole down Nurse Ernton's cheeks as she listened, and all the bitterness of unbelief melted out of her heart. Now she knows that God does hear and answer prayer.—Sister Beulah.

SAVED THROUGH HER MOTHER'S MINISTRY

My mother who has just gone to be with the Lord truly loved Jesus. On her way to church she would drop little slips of paper on which she had written Bible verses. How little did she dream that her own little girl would be the first to pick them up and read them! I was following her to church and noticed the pieces of paper, and I recognized the handwriting as my mother's. How those verses spoke to my heart! I wanted to keep the pieces of paper but I felt others might be reached so I laid them down just where I found them. But I thought and thought over each verse, and followed her footsteps, and watched her daily life. And soon I too found the Saviour.—Mrs. Pearl Bowen.—San Diego, Calif.

JESUS

He goes with me down the years,
 He is more than all my fears,
 My protection in the night,
 And no darkness can affright.
 Be occasion small or great,
 On the cross I bear my weight;
 When the waves become a flood,
 On the lintel is the blood.
 Could I ask a greater bliss
 Than to be so safe as this?
 With the blood above the door,
 Nothing matters any more,
 Nothing but my brother's need.
 To bring Him where the children feed,
 This my task along the way;
 This my prayer from day to day—
 Give to me that I may give,
 Let me live that these may live.
 In the blood of Christ I see
 Safety, rest, for them and me.
 And the blood above our door
 Marks the passage to that shore.
 Oh my heart! it breaks anew,
 As the crimson cross I view.—Sel.

THE WORK AND WORKERS

BRIDGETON, N. J.—The Bridgeton Assembly sounds a note of praise for God's blessing during a 3-week campaign with Brother and Sister S. Cooke. Souls were saved, reclaimed and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

PRUE, OKLA.—Brother Shelt Webster writes: "I have just closed a revival with Brother G. W. Tristler in which about 10 or 12 were saved and reclaimed and 8 received the Baptism. The Lord worked wonderfully."

DOOLEY, VA.—Pastor Patrick D. Snodgrass sends a report of a recent meeting: "A three-week meeting just closed in which God witnessed in mighty power. Many were brought to the light of Pentecost and the saints greatly revived. Three were baptized in water. A band of the saints from Banner sang for us at the baptismal service which was truly wonderful."

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.—Evangelist V. K. Fries writes: "I am glad to report a harvest of souls in this part of the country. Am in the midst of a revival in a mining town seven miles from here. In a little over a week 10 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 besides many saved, and reclaimed. Folks from all denominations, including Catholics, are coming and seeking God. Please pray for us."

EUREKA, CALIF.—Pastor J. D. Wells reports: "Meetings are going fine. Hall nearly full every night. Twelve have been recently saved making over 50 saved since we came here 8 months ago. Our assembly has given a Ford to the Andersons of Hoopa; we raised the money here in an offering. We are trying to branch out in the work. Sixteen have been saved at Cranell since Christmas; we are hoping to get the M. E. Church at Rio Dell and we have started meeting at Arcota; besides these, we hold 8 meetings each week at Eureka and Rohnerville."

RONDA, W. VA.—Mrs. E. L. Brewer, Sec'y writes of the work in Ronda, W. Va. A 25-day meeting just closed. Thirty-five were saved, 13 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. One brother saved was 79 years old and another 61 years old. Fourteen were baptized in water, 29 new members were added to our roster. Attendance was good in every service, saints were wonderfully blest and built up. The messages were wonderful, God anointed for every sermon. The meetings were conducted by M. B. Hampton of N. Tazewell, Va. and M. B. Nicewonder of Red Ash, Va.

VOTEAU, TEXAS.—Evangelist W. H. Welchel and wife write as follows: "We just closed a good meeting here in which several were saved and 7 received the Holy Spirit, more are seeking. There is a good interest in this place."

SPIRO, OKLA.—Brother J. H. Flowser and wife, write: "We began having cottage prayer-meetings with a few saints. God has wonderfully blessed in saving, baptizing and healing. Now we have a goodly number with us and the Lord is still blessing. In one service 6 were saved and 3 baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. There have been some wonderful cases of healing. We want to organize as soon as we can get a place of worship. Pray that God will open up a place for us. Brother Noel Dodd of Ft. Smith will preach twice a month for us."

BROWNING, ILL.—Brother C. B. Stambaugh writes: "Just closed revival here with 73 conversions, 42 received the Baptism and quite a number were healed. God worked in a wonderful way and put His seal on the work. The people were hungry for the four-fold gospel. Sometimes we could not take care of the crowd that came. We also organized and set in order an assembly at this place with 48 members. This was the first time Pentecost had been preached at this place. Several old gray-headed men who had never made a profession before, were brought to our lovely Jesus. We just give Him all the praise."

CHAPPELL, NEBR.—Pastor R. A. Babcock reports, "Chappell has been visited by a revival season that has stirred the whole community. For a year and a half not a single soul received the Baptism, but when souls yielded heart and life to Christ, God began to work and the power fell. In service after service, hungry hearts received the precious Baptism in the old-fashioned way. The Argue sisters, Zelma and Beulah, of Winnipeg, have been with us for 3 weeks. A beautiful auditorium was loaned for the revival. The third Sunday night almost all Chappell was present, the mayor, doctors, business and professional men were in the audience, and the throng was so great that many were turned away unable to gain admission, although children were seated around the platform and most of our own men were standing. On Bible night "a scriptural shower" was given; the children sang the books of the Bible and the message of the evening was "The Bible, the infallible Word of God."

Where there is no talebearer the strife ceaseth (Prov. 26:20).

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our ministerial list in the month of February 1925.

Covington, John A., Elba, Ala.
Drake, Frederick D., New Castle, Pa.
Ivie, Rufus B., Jester, Texas.
Jordan, Elon A., Patsburg, Ala.
Murray, Johnie D., Dallas, Texas.
Parker, Charles M., Jacksonville, Fla.
Roark, Wm. F., Goose Creek, Texas.
Spake, Francis M., El Paso, Texas.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of February 1925.

Hardy, Walter W. (Deceased), Columbus, Ga.
Woolridge, Charles, Willow Springs, Mo.
—J. R. Evans, Secretary.

ELECTRA, TEXAS.—Brother Lonnie Whitworth, writes: "We thank God for all His benefits, and are looking for a great revival to sweep over the world in answer to our united petition for such to be. Our work is moving on nicely, we have added over twenty names to our roster since New Year and our Sunday School is increasing every week, has gained more than 100 per cent during the winter months. I baptized 13 in the Christian church baptistry a few nights ago, and several others are to follow through the watery grave soon."

CATHOLIC SAVED

Christmas night I went home to the ranch and we all got down on our knees and I prayed, "Lord, send the power. Show them your power is sent only in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ." In about fifteen minutes the power fell on six in the house and one of my sisters received the Baptism, speaking in tongues. She was instantly healed of rupture. I put my hands on my step-father and he went down under the power. My brother Jimmie, the ex-champion prize fighter known as Jimmie Reagan, who met Evangelist Eddie Young three times in the ring twelve years ago, was the last one to rise from his knees, and there were tears in his eyes. Three years ago when I told them Jesus was the only Way they would not listen. They were all strong Catholics then, but now ten are strong Christians. I still have one brother unsaved; but I am standing on the promise, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house."—F. Reagan, 44 Hollis St., San Francisco, Calif.

CONCERNING OBITUARY NOTICES

We receive a large number of obituary notices but we find it impossible to find space in the Evangel for them. We publish the obituary notices of ministers and missionaries of the General Council, but have no space for others. If the Evangel columns were open for obituaries, at least two pages of every number of the paper would be taken up with these notices, and it has been deemed wise not to give one-eighth of the space of the Evangel to such.

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IS THE WORLD GETTING BETTER?

Never since the days of Noah's flood has the earth been so filled with crime and violence as today. Murder, robbery, forgery, and crimes of every conceivable nature are rampant throughout the whole earth.

In England the police declare that the number of weapons that are being carried by people today is a matter of "consternation." Before the war, Berlin was considered one of the safest cities in the world, but recently there were 33,636 crimes committed in that city in one single month, or an average of over eleven hundred crimes a day. In the United States in the last ten years there were 86,934 murders committed, and last year there were 9500. Think of it! During the month of June, in the city of Chicago, there was an average of one murder a day, and during the first six months of the present year there was the horrible number of 177 murders in that one city. In San Quentin penitentiary in California the prison is so crowded with criminals that beds have to be placed in the halls to accommodate the newcomers. Over 3000 criminals are in that one institution, the greatest number ever known to be there.

A prominent captain of detectives recently said: "Our criminal situation is literally unheard of in the civilized world. Life and property have never been so insecure as they are in the United States at the present time. Our jails are overflowing and so are our penitentiaries, our reform schools, and our other institutions." The superintendent of the California State Identification Bureau is reported to have said that last year's crime cost the State of California fifty million dollars, and at the rate it is going, it will cost eighty million dollars in 1924, which is an increase in the cost of crime of more than fifty per cent in a single year. Think of such an astonishing sum spent for crime in one year in just one state!

The forging of checks alone in California last year took a toll of five million dollars, while robberies and other crimes of violence increased from fifty per cent to ninety per cent in that one year. And what is true of California is also true of the entire United States and of the whole world.

It is said that crimes of violence have increased twelve hundred per cent in ten years, and it costs more today to handle the criminals of our country than it costs to maintain all our schools and educational institutions. All preachers of the gospel ought to warn men against these horrible things, yet many are complacently saying the world is getting better.

All these things agree exactly with what divine revelation in the Word of God has foretold. The Lord Jesus Christ said that in the latter days "lawlessness shall abound." He said it would again be as it was in the days of Noah, when the "earth was corrupt before God, and "filled with violence." The prophet Hosea points to the last days and reveals a whole "troop of robbers" in the earth. Paul declares that the days of the end will be

"perilous times" and evil men will wax "worse and worse." Peter points to the last days and reveals men reveling in lust and "despising government." Jude also speaks of the end when he says that men shall be "filthy" and "defiled" and "despise dominion."

This appalling condition of crime and lawlessness which is abounding in the whole earth is an unmistakable sign that the end of the age is drawing near. The way is being prepared for the coming of the Antichrist—that terror whom the Word of God reveals as the "lawless one," and who will violate every just law, and do "according to his own will." How many people realize that within the last ten years have occurred the most destructive earthquakes in the history of the world, the greatest famine in the history of the world, the greatest pestilence in the history of the world? Is it not apparent that judgments of Almighty

God are increasing? Is it not a mystery that the church is not prostrate on its face before God, so acute is the crisis and so awful and imminent the danger? If all these judgments are but preliminary (and they can be no more) what shall it be when that great and dreadful day breaks forth? The gatherer of these fragments is not a pessimist, but we must face facts. All of what the world calls optimism can not change them. They are the true optimists who have made their peace with God through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son. They have nothing to fear, and they, only, are safe in this critical time of the world's history. —John McKnight in the Free Methodist.

Put them in mind . . . to speak evil of no man (Titus 3:1,2).

A lying tongue is but for a moment (Prov. 12:19).

COME ON AND HELP

We will soon have 300,000 tracts passed out into the hands of those who have contributed their services to the cause of bringing the Gospel to the unsaved, in the form of tract ministry. It is indeed gratifying to receive many letters from various parts of the country, showing that the Lord's seal is upon this work. We are just quoting a letter below which reads as follows:

"I am more than thankful for the blessed tracts which have been a great blessing already to many souls. My two daughters, age eight and ten, have helped me to distribute in hotels, letter boxes, laundries, etc. We have left the last ones at the door of our Pentecostal meeting for sinners to take as they go out. Many also have been sent away to unsaved friends and relatives in letters. I am praying much for this work, and that God may reach many souls. Pray for Edmonton's lost. Many souls here are in need of Jesus."—Mrs. C. A. Hickey, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

What would it mean if, we had several thousand faithful servants like this one? It would be the means of a Latter Rain revival breaking forth in many places.

The door of opportunity still swings open. Will you come in and help us push this great soul-winning battle to a final victory? We need your services and prayers. You can be a great help. The time is NOW. Won't you come? You say you can't get out on the streets and you are too poor to contribute. We need you as badly as if you could supply the other two needs. You can spend many hours in prayer, which is the greatest of these three.

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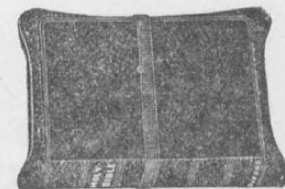


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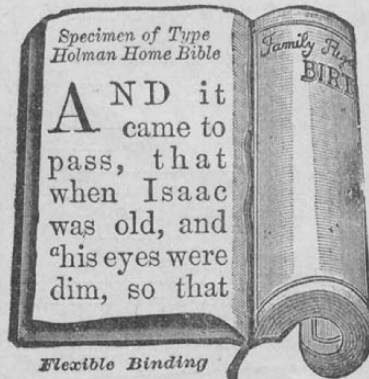
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