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Tarry Until

“But tarry ye, until endued,” the Master said,
When He had led His chosen forth to Bethany
He knew the strength, that they must needs to have,
To go and win souls to the heavenly way.
He knew the battles, fierce, they needs must fight,
As wrestling not with foes of flesh and blood;
He knew the martyr’s stake, the inquisition’s rack.
The darkened vale, the mighty, rushing flood;
The trials sore; the disappointments they must share;
The perils that beset to turn their hearts aback;
False prophets, speaking lies, blasphemously,
He knew the martyr’s stake, the inquisition’s rack.
He knew the time would come when men would have
A form of godliness, without the power—
A name to live, though they, in truth, were dead—
And sought to fortify them for that trying hour.
He knew the cunning craftiness, of those who lie in wait,
To turn men from the path of right and truth;
Who boldly trample virtue in unholy dust,
And cast a stumbling-block before our youth.
He knew that Antichrist would some day come,
With swelling words, and lordly pomp, and fame;
Deceiving, if ’twere possible, God’s own elect,
By doing lying wonders in his name.
He knew they needed One who would abide,
To lead them into truth and comfort when
They could not grasp the great, deep, things of God,
Which can not be discerned by worldly men.
And so He bade them tarry there UNTIL
With Holy Ghost and power He’d them endue;
O Pilgrim, wilt thou not before Him TARRY still,
UNTIL the promise of the Father is fulfilled in you?
—Lorain McLain.

FASTING—IS IT NECESSARY?

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We are living in days of feasting rather than days of fasting. The majority of people today seem to be governed largely by their appetites. The leading questions are: "What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewithal shall we be clothed?"

Ezekiel 16:49 tells us that the iniquity of Sodom lay in its pride, "fulness of bread" and the abundance of idleness; and we are warned in Luke 21:34, to take heed to ourselves lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (over-eating) and drunkenness and the cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares.

It cannot be doubted that self-indulgence—particularly along the line of appetite—is one of the weak spots in the church today. It goes without saying that most of us eat too much.

We may therefore say without hesitancy that from the standpoint of health alone a little fasting or abstinence would be a tremendous physical benefit to us.

One reason why so many go to sleep in church today is because they have indulged in too much dinner or supper and the reason why some preachers are sluggish in their preaching is because they have indulged themselves too freely at the table before entering the pulpit.

The writer had a rather humorous experience as a local (lay) preacher in England, a number of years ago.

I had preached on a Sunday afternoon to a Methodist congregation in a certain village in Yorkshire and was to preach again that night. I was being entertained at the home of a well-to-do farmer. When the time came for dinner, the big-hearted, hospitable farmer set before me a large plate on which lay a tremendously large beefsteak, good and thick. I looked at it and said laughingly to the farmer, "Brother, I think this beefsteak would last me about a week." With a hearty laugh he replied, "Oh, eat it all, my good man, we want a good sermon out of you tonight."

He evidently felt that the sermon of the afternoon had been a little thin and weak and probably thought if I took into my thin, bony frame, a good, big beefsteak, I would give them a strong sermon as a result. However, I have found that I can preach better on an empty stomach than on a full one.

Needless to say, I did not eat the whole of that beefsteak and I had a good time that night.

Coming back to serious thought, it is clear, beyond question, that care in eating and occasional abstinence from food is conducive to health and vigor.

It is not from the standpoint of **health** that I am led to write this message, but rather from the standpoint of **spiritual efficiency**. The vital question which in-

terests me now is, "Is fasting necessary to efficient prayer and service?"

The only safe way of dealing with this question is to inquire, "What saith the Scriptures?"

The word "fasting," as used in the Word of God, means, "abstinence from food."

Some have thought that abstinence from unnecessary talk, social engagements, etc., covers the ground, but the careful student of God's Word will easily see that Scriptural fasting is "abstinence from food" with a view of giving ourselves to more earnest prayer and supplication.

In his invaluable Concordance, Dr. James Strong says, that the literal meaning of the word fasting is "to cover over the mouth—to abstain from food."

It is well to note that throughout the Word of God, fasting is always linked up with **prayer**. Whenever fasting is mentioned, prayer—as an accompaniment to fasting—is always either expressed or implied.

Indeed fasting is with a view to more prayer. Fasting is a means to that end. Scriptural fasting is not a punishing of our body, but a humbling of our selves before God and a divinely directed abstinence from food was to aid us in persistent, importunate prayer until God comes forth in power and the victory is realized. Whether it be for financial help, physical healing, spiritual equipment, or for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, prayer and fasting have proved mighty spiritual weapons with which to meet and defeat the forces of evil which have set themselves strongly against our prayers **going through**.

When we consider the question of "prayer and fasting," the words of Matthew 17:21 and Mark 9:29 naturally come forcefully to our minds. "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." "This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting." It is true that in both these scriptures the R. V. omits the words "and fasting."

Moffatt in his translation omits the whole of Matthew 17:21, but gives Mark 9:29 in full. Weymouth includes both with an explanatory note added in each case. It is evident that continuous prayer is meant in both scriptures and such prayer is usually accompanied by fasting.

However, when we take the whole Word of God, we have abundant proof that fasting was a general accompaniment to prevailing prayer.

Note! Fasting, in connection with prayer, brings to pass that which would not otherwise be.

In Judges 20:26, we read, "Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went up and came into the house of God and wept and sat there before the Lord and fasted that day until even." Twice the children of Israel had suffered defeat at the

hand of Benjamin, but when they came to the house of God and wept and sat before the Lord and fasted, God gave them complete victory.

And when Israel was in great straits because of the Philistines we read in 1 Samuel 7:6, that "they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water and poured it out before the Lord and fasted on that day and said there, we have sinned against the Lord."

When Israel put away the strange gods from them (verse 4), and when they fasted and confessed their sins, and Samuel cried to the Lord, then the Lord thundered with a great thunder and the Philistines were smitten before Israel. Fasting and prayer brought the victory.

Then we have the remarkable case of Ahab, king of Israel. Ahab was the most wicked king that ever sat on Israel's throne.

In 1 Kings 21 we find what became of his conniving at the brutal murder of Naboth; Elijah was sent by God with a message to Ahab, "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine." Also that God would bring destruction upon his house and upon his posterity.

"And it came to pass (verse 27) when Ahab heard these words that he rent his clothes and put sackcloth upon his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth and went softly."

This humiliation on the part of Ahab moved the heart of God, and He said to Elijah (verse 29), "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house."

When Judah was invaded by Moab, the children of Ammon and other nations, we read (2 Chron. 20:3) that "Jehoshaphat feared and set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a **fast** throughout all Judah."

The outcome was that God gave complete victory to Judah but not until Jehoshaphat had appointed singers unto the Lord (verse 21) who marched to the battle singing songs of praise to God. Fasting and praying culminated in praises to God. **Then** the victory came.

When Ezra was in sore need of guidance and protection for the people of Israel, he says (Ezra 8:21-23), "Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God to seek of Him a right way for us and for our little ones and for our substance... so we fasted and besought our God for this; and He was intreated of us."

And verse 31 states that "the hand of our God was upon us and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy and of such as lay in wait by the way."

When Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down, and the gates were burned with fire, he says (Neh. 1:4), "I sat down and wept and mourned certain days and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." The result was that, in spite of the bitter opposition of Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem the Arabian and a host of other

enemies, the walls of Jerusalem were built. In this result "fasting and praying" played an important part.

In Nehemiah 9:12, we find that when the children of Israel assembled with fasting and with sackcloth and earth upon them; and when they separated themselves from strange flesh and confessed their sins, then praises to God were in order and the Levites got the people to stand up and praise the Lord with a loud voice (verses 4 and 5); and nearly the whole of the chapter is taken up with praises to God for the way He had led them from the time of Abram to that present hour.

I am sure that our praises today would be more spontaneous and real if we did a little more "praying and fasting."

In that fascinating story of Queen Esther, we find that when Haman was plotting against Mordecai and the Jewish people, and had gotten Ahasuerus, the Persian king, to sign a decree which--if carried out--would have compassed their destruction, "in every province (Esther 4:3) whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews and **fasting** and weeping and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes." We also see that Esther herself joined in this fast, telling Mordecai (verse 16), "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan and fast ye for me, neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish." The outcome was that God brought about a great deliverance. Haman was hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai; Haman's ten sons were slain and later hanged upon the gallows; and the Jews defeated and destroyed their enemies throughout all the provinces. And all because someone "fasted and prayed."

When David was in distress, it was quite a common thing for him to fast and pray. In Psa. 34:13, he says, "I humbled my soul with fasting." Again in Psa. 69:10, "I wept and chastened my soul with fasting;" and again in Psa. 109:24, he says, "My knees are weak through fasting." It is not a common experience today to have weak knees through (voluntary) fasting.

Daniel fasted and God gave him a vision of the last days. "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications with **fasting** and sackcloth and ashes" (Dan. 9:3). "In those days, I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three weeks were fulfilled" (Dan. 10:2, 3).

In the first scripture quoted, Daniel **set** himself to fast and pray. In view of the criticism of the world and sometimes of our brethren in the Lord, and in the face of the tremendous opposition of Satan, we also will need to **set** ourselves to fast and pray.

In the second scripture we have quoted, we find that Daniel ate no pleasant bread. It is not always easy to abstain from those delicacies which we like so well,

but which oftentimes tend to interfere with our communion with God.

In Joel 1:14 and 2:12-18 the prophet cries, "Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly...turn to me, saith the Lord, with all your heart and with **fasting** and with weeping and with mourning." "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar...then will the Lord be jealous for his land and pity his people."

God's promised blessing followed humiliation, fasting and prayer. Like conditions will bring like results today.

In that remarkable story of Jonah, the prophet, we find that when he finally obeyed God and went to Nineveh, and cried, "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown;" and when the king of Nineveh laid a fast upon man and beast and cried mightily unto God, God turned from the fierceness of His anger and destroyed them not (Jonah 5:4-10).

Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights and Satan was defeated.

Anna the prophetess, served God with fastings and prayers night and day, and, like Simeon, she was privileged to see the Lord's Christ, (Luke 2:30-38).

Cornelius fasted. He says in Acts 10:30, 31, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, and said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God." The result came in the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Gentiles, just as at the beginning (Acts 2:4).

In Acts 13:2-3, we read, "As they ministered to the Lord, and **fasted**, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." It was after prayer and fasting that the Spirit selected his workers.

And in Acts 14:23, we find that the early church was careful to fast and pray before ordaining their elders, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

The Apostle Paul ranks high in spiritual devotion and equipment; and in the matters which he enumerates (2 Cor. 6:3-10) in which we should approve (Marg. commend) ourselves as the minister of God, he includes **fastings**. And in 2 Cor. 11:27, he says that he himself was in "**fastings often**."

From all these Scriptures, it is clear that **fasting** in connection with **prayer** brings to pass that which would not otherwise be.

Fleshly fasting is an abomination to God. In Isa. 58:3-11, God's backslidden children ask, "Wherefore have we fasted, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our souls, and thou takest no knowledge?" God's answer was, "Behold, in the day of your fast, ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors...Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast and an acceptable day

unto the Lord? Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens...Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry?...Then shall thy light break forth as the morning."

They were fasting for their own pleasure, and they were neglecting and ignoring the needs of those around them. In fact, it was throughout a **hypocritical** fast and such fasting is an abomination to the Lord.

The careful reader of the whole passage will note how graciously God smiles upon those who while not neglecting scriptural fasting do their utmost to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, who break every yoke and who feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

In Jeremiah 14:11-12, God says to the prophet, "Pray not for this people for their good. When they fast I will not hear their cry." And why? Because they had wandered away from God and refused to return. Hence their fasting was hypocritical.

How sweeping the accusation which God hurls at His people in Zechariah 7:5-6, "Speak unto all the people of the land and to the priests saying, When ye fasted and mourned... did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves and drink for yourselves?"

They did not fast unto God but went through a hypocritical form. Hence God would not hear their cry (verse 13).

I am free to say that there has been much fasting that has been **fleshly** and hence not pleasing to God.

Fasting opens the avenues of our being either to the Holy Spirit or to fleshly or demon spirits, according as the fasting is in the flesh or in the Spirit. I have known some to become insane or demon-possessed and others to entirely lose their spirituality because of prolonged fastings in the flesh.

Let us see to it that our hearts are tender before God and that we are clothed with humility; we then need have no fear but that the Holy Spirit Himself will direct our **fasting** just as surely as He will our praying.

When we become so burdened in prayer that all desire for food is taken away until such time as we have prayed through to victory, then are we blessed indeed.

We are not to make a **parade** of fasting. Matthew 6:16-18 reads, "Moreover when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites of a sad countenance, for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Do not blaze it abroad to others that you are "on a fast." So far as is possible appear not unto men to fast but unto your Father which seeth in secret. God does not want us to punish our bodies and fall into the trap of **doing penance**. Some seek to create a reputation for

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PREPARING FOR THE RAIN

Closing up my first full year in Pentecostal Evangelism, and beginning the new year in the same glorious pursuit, my soul sings "Hallelujah!" I find myself wishing a Happy New Year to all mankind—friend and foe alike.

Sin is to blame for all the trouble in the world, but Jesus Christ is here to save from sin. Therefore, let us be busy, speedy, enthusiastic and free in distributing this marvelous remedy for this deadly disease.

This should be the best year any of us have ever had. The clouds of blessing are hanging low, and God seeks to be gracious.

Unceasing prayer, with unselfish ends in view, will bring a downpour of the Latter Rain. The Rain is what we need. Never mind the troubles, divisions, strife, miserable pettiness on the part of some, self-seeking, contentions and failures—Pray for Rain! Pray earnestly, definitely, persistently, expectantly. Never mind which corner of the field it falls on first. Keep on praying until the entire field is wet. God has plenty of blessing to send, and we have plenty of need. **Cry, cry, cry!** He heareth the needy when they cry.

So many, who once played a part in praying for a world-wide revival, are now busy trying to build up something for themselves that there is all the more reason that those who really want the Latter Rain to fall everywhere and the Spirit to be poured upon all flesh, should pray with trebled and quadrupled earnestness.

Everything points to the fact that God has, for a good while, been giving us foretaste of a world-wide revival. Nearly everything also points to the fact that—true to his old-time record—man has failed in his part, and hindered instead of helped. A subtle form of self-seeking has muddied the sparkling waters. Illegitimate channels have been dug, which have deflected the course of the rivers of grace and power, and many of God's most heavily-loaded express trains have been side-tracked. Consequently, there have been disappointments, misunderstandings, backslidings, bitterness, strife and sin where God intended and provided for enthusiasm, progress, love, cooperation and holiness.

Mistakes in the past are sign posts for the future!

Unless we dig ditches into all portions of the field, we shall not count for much in preparing the way of the Lord. It is not only my business to dig ditches that my own field shall be watered—nor yet the adjoining fields—but I must prepare the way to every man's field. "Look not every man on his own things, but on the things of others." It is not a matter of what the other man believes, how he expresses it, the name of his religious society, etc. Our job is to "make this valley full of ditches." It appears to be God's purpose, according to Acts 2:17, to send the Pentecostal endowment upon all people. The incidental fact that he has begun this in us in no wise commissions us to monopolize His blessing, and keep the power among ourselves. Furthermore, His blessing attends the spreading of this truth. Flowing water continues fresh. Death lurks in a stagnant pool.

From North to South and East to West of this country, we have gone constantly since leaving the pastorate of McKendree M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., a year and a half ago. The work has been continuous and strenuous, but God has furnished glory all along the way. We started out to find the hungry, scattered sheep, and we have found them everywhere. Thank God for everyone—even the feeblest—to whom we have been able to hold out a grain of corn in the Good Shepherd's Name! Chas. A. Shreve

JESUS CRAVES LOVE

Christ went into the house of Simon and He had no welcome. If Christ came into your house, would you bid Him welcome? He said to Simon, "Thou gavest Me no kiss." Have you given Him love?

He gave His life, His blood. He accepted pain. He accepted agony. He accepted blasphemy. He accepted despair; because God had withdrawn Himself from His Son. He gave Himself. He emptied Himself.

You can give up and give to Him. Give to the Lord Jesus Christ all that you are; all that you would be. Then the present is too small. You say, "My love is so small." He watches the mites. "She hath done more than they all."

If you are poor, He recognizes it. Give of your poverty, your living, and you will have an abundance. "She hath done what she could." Jesus is watching for the details of love.

Inasmuch as you have shown a mite of love to the least of His brethren—not to piles of bricks and mortar, but to the least, you will receive reward.

"When saw we thee an hungered?" Some never looked. He will open your eyes where He wants love. His first object—on Himself; then on His brethren. "If you love Me, feed My lambs." If you love you won't need to be told.

Jesus has an insatiable hunger for the love of His people. He died to bring many souls to glory, to Himself. He carries the lambs. Calvary points to the deep, deep love of Christ. And the only compensation you and I can give is love, deep, devoted love. Pour out at His feet it's treasure store, the heart's love. At

this time He is having lip love—religious phrases. He wants love for what He is and what He will be to His people. Look at the cross and don't forget to look at the crown. The cross speaks of degradation, the throne of glorification.

God has exalted Him. Do the works of God and you will exalt Him too. It is God-like to exalt, devil-like to belittle Him. The apostle Paul says, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him," and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow... and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Begin to exalt Him now. Amen.

WHEN THE INFIDEL PRAYED

A missionary traveling through the Canadian back woods lost his way, but presently was rejoiced to see a large congregation of settlers gathered around a fire listening to an able discourse, but to the horror of the missionary, he found the orator trying to prove that there was no God, no heaven, no hell and no eternity.

As the man ceased, the missionary stood up and said:

"My friends, I am not going to make a long speech to you, for I am tired, but I will tell you a little story. A few weeks ago I was walking on the banks of the river not far from here. I heard a cry of distress, and to my horror I saw a canoe drifting down the stream and nearing the rapids. There was a single man in the boat.

"In a short time he would be near the waterfall and be gone. He saw his danger and I heard him scream, 'O God, if I must lose my life, have mercy on my soul!' I plunged into the water and reached the canoe. I dragged it to the land and saved the man. The man whom I heard when he thought no one was near, praying to God to have mercy on his soul, is the man who has just addressed you, and told you that he believes there is neither God, nor heaven, nor hell, nor eternity."—Sel.

HEALED OF CANCER

I was brought up by a Baptist mother and a Methodist father. Was saved at the age of 13 and joined the M. E. church at 14. Stayed in this church until 17, then went to the Baptist church until 47, after which I went to the Christian church. I was starving for the Holy Ghost and fire and I could not see why the churches did not teach this part of the Word. I went to hear the Apostolic preacher. I said, "Lord, give me this for I am sick in soul and body." I had cancer of the stomach and had been given up by the doctors of Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Colorado. At this Apostolic meeting there was an altar call given for those who wanted more of the Lord, and I made my way to the altar and God put me under the power for 6 hours, and, glory to His name, I was healed of the cancer. This has been five years ago and I have trusted the Lord for my healing in all sickness ever since.—M. S. Shairrick, Eagletta, Ark.

A BAPTIST PREACHER'S TESTIMONY

It was while attending a special revival conducted by Dr. Chas. A. Shreve in Dr. Wm. Keeney Towner's church in San Jose, California, that I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

I have preached many sermons on the Holy Spirit, written many articles on the Holy Spirit; but, for some time I have not only felt the need but longed for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and it came about in this way.

The First Baptist Church of Santa Cruz, California, of which church I have been pastor for a number of years, because of failing health, asked me to go to the Hot Springs and rest for several weeks. They gave me a check of \$100.00, told me my salary would go on the same, and while we were away would do the necessary repairing and repaint our home.

I did not want to go away but told Mrs. Hoover it was a chance to get our house painted and we had better accept it; but where to go we did not know. We engaged room and board at several places but these were finally cancelled. The time had come for us to go so we packed our grips, got into our car and like Abraham went out not knowing whither we went.

Crossing the Santa Cruz mountains we soon found ourselves settled in a hotel one half block from the First Baptist Church where Dr. Shreve and party were conducting special meetings.

It was the wish of my church that I should be away from all public meetings and rest; but I felt led of the Spirit to hear Dr. Shreve of whom I had heard so much. Mrs. Hoover and I attended and enjoyed his sermons on the Holy Spirit. We discovered the Spirit of God was doing a wonderful work here and we became interested.

On Monday night, Nov. 9th, 1925, an invitation was given to those who wanted the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to come forward and pray. Immediately I left my seat and went forward to pray.

All available space around the altar being taken, Dr. Shreve took me by the hand and asked me to go on the platform and kneel by the pulpit chair, which I did. Three times I was called upon to lead in prayer but I could not offer a public prayer. I could only pray for myself. Soon Dr. Shreve came to my assistance—the Power of God was upon me—I shook from head to foot like a leaf in the wind as I lay on the platform by the pulpit chair. Such an experience I had never known and I shouted for joy in the midst of the great assembly.

I went to my room in the hotel, woke Mrs. Hoover, told her what had taken place, and together we praised the Lord; but I was not altogether satisfied—something was lacking.

On Thursday night, November 12th, when the invitation was given I went forward to pray for others. Dr. Shreve, not knowing the purpose of my coming, again directed me to the pulpit chair. Immediately I began to ask God to perfect the work which He began in me on Monday night. Dr. Shreve again came to my aid and with his hand upon my head offered a wonderful prayer. Again I lay on the

platform by the pulpit chair under the power of God. Shreve was at my head and Baur and Eliot on either side of me—it was like a divine fortification preventing Satan from entering. The most glorious light I have ever seen came down upon me and a power went through me like a consuming fire. The glories of heaven flooded my soul while I praised Jesus in another tongue as the Spirit gave me utterance, Hallelujah!

My soul was happy for the Lord had revealed Himself to me in a most miraculous way.

Rising to my feet, I praised God with hundreds of other happy souls for the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. I quickly made my way to the hotel, awoke Mrs. Hoover, told her I had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and had spoken in tongues and together we wept and praised the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues is no longer a mystery to me but a glorious reality.—J. N. Hoover, Pastor Santa Cruz Baptist Church.

THE EFFECT OF A LIFE

A French woman came to England to learn English. She was an infidel, and the Christian lady to whom she came soon discovered that she was very antagonistic to everything concerning Christ. In order to try to win her for Christ, this lady became a pupil, and took lessons from the French woman. She did not speak to her about the Saviour at all, but just lived Christ before her. One day this French teacher said to her, "Will you read your Bible to me and tell me what it means? I have been teaching you for months and your life has been such that I would like to know your secret." Before long that French woman was truly converted.

FOR THE CHILDREN

MILDRED'S NEW VIEWPOINT

The home for the Aged stood on the corner. Mildred, hurrying by, heard some one calling her. She looked up. There, on the porch beckoning her, was a little, thin, frail, white-haired figure.

Mildred quickened her steps.

"Why!" she cried, as she hurried up to where the little, white-haired woman stood, "it's Mrs. Higby, isn't it?"

The wind even on the porch ruffled the white hair. Little Mrs. Higby nodded.

"Yes, it's me, child," she replied.

She paused.

"Are you going down past the minister's?" she asked.

Mildred smiled. "Why, yes," she answered.

A look of relief dawned on the old, wrinkled face of the inmate of the Home. "It's all right then," she replied.

And then she handed to Mildred a dollar bill with the creases carefully smoothed out of it.

"It's for missions," she explained, her face lighting as she spoke. "And if you'll be so kind as to hand it to the minister, he'll know what to do with it."

"My niece, Sally Plummer, out west, sent me that dollar bill," she went on.

"She said she wanted me to buy something for myself; but, land sakes! I couldn't spend it that way, when we are recallin' some of our missionaries because there ain't enough money to pay 'em and cuttin' allowances of them that does stay. I'd cut a pretty figure buying myself something with that dollar bill, when things are in that shape."

She smiled at Mildred.

"You just give it to the minister and tell him I sent it for foreign missions," she added, happily.

A moment later Mildred was on her way, with the dollar bill tucked snugly in her purse. There were other bills besides that one in the pretty little handbag, for Mildred was going to buy herself a suit, and father had been more than generous with his money.

She did not really need one, of course. Still, when one could pick up a bargain, one was foolish not to do it.

But somehow as she walked along, Mildred wasn't thinking of the new suit. She was seeing instead a little, thin, feeble, old woman, with white hair, and that eager light on her wrinkled face.

Did people really love missions like that? Love them enough to give up their last cent, and be glad they had it to give. The missionaries who leave home and friends to go to foreign countries to preach the love of Jesus surely were making great sacrifices for very small pay.

Mildred knew that in the Home for the Aged a dollar bill had its uses. Fruit, for the bill of fare in the Home was always plain. What could be nicer than that? Then there were the magazines, for most of them on the center table in the big hall were old. Flowers, for the great rooms were singularly bare. Yet, notwithstanding these conditions, here was old Mrs. Higby cheerfully foregoing all that dollar bill would buy, and giving it to missions.

She supposed she ought to be more interested in them herself. What was it Mrs. Higby had said? That they were recalling some of the missionaries.

She supposed she could go without that suit. Still she didn't want to do it. She had not yet made up her mind when she arrived at the parsonage.

But as she rang the parsonage bell and was waiting for a response she had a vision in which the thin figure of old Mrs. Higby faded away and in its place, there on the busy street, Mildred, light-hearted, gay, untouched, careless, found herself looking into the sorrowful face of One who said, centuries ago: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

A moment later she stood before the minister.

"Mrs. Higby, up at the Home for Aged, sent you this dollar bill for missions," she began.

And then, the first thing she knew she was pouring into his hands the contents of the pretty, little handbag. There were crisp bills, silver dollars, quarters and dimes.

"And here is mine to go with it."

But to herself she was saying: "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."—Author and Publisher unknown.

My First Bible Class in China

By Louisa Vaughan

In China, in the spring of nineteen hundred and three, I held my first Bible class for women inquirers. Having spent five years in the study of the language and in teaching in Christian work, I was delighted to find myself in a position where it was possible to bring the blessed Gospel of the grace of God to my Chinese sisters.

In the little village of Dung Kia An, hid away in the heart of the beautiful Lao Mountains, the Chinese pastor had gathered together twenty-five women, as an inquirers' class, that I might instruct them. In a ten-day school session I was to give them a saving knowledge of the Truth. I assumed that they all could read, at least a little, and I had bright hopes of what I should be able to do for them.

But as I talked personally with the members of my class those bright hopes died. One informed me that I could teach her nothing, her heart and mind were as hard and dark as mahogany wood. The next one said that she knew nothing; that she had never learned a thing in her life; and, anyway, how could she be expected to study with her children to care for, one a baby in her arms and the other a little one of three at her side? Following her came a woman of more than sixty years. As she talked to me she wiped her eyes with her sleeve.

"It was very nice of you to come to teach us, Miss Vaughan, but I can't learn; I'm too old. Besides I have cried day and night since I was thirteen and went to my mother-in-law's home and now my eyes are ruined." (Many Chinese women cry themselves blind before they are forty years old). "I can see nothing clearly, how can I see to read books?"

All of the members of the class were in practically the same condition. They had never been to school, they did not know one character of the language from another and they were sure they could not learn—they had been taught from childhood that they had no brains. Every one of them had bound feet and the constant pain distracted their attention from everything they tried to do.

A more discouraged teacher than I, at the end of my roll call, it would have been difficult to find. I said to myself, "How can these women be taught? They have come to me because their pastor has sent them. Their minds are wholly undeveloped and they have not even a wish to improve."

Utterly dismayed at the task before me, I went to my room to pray. There had been a very insistent question in my heart, "Where is your faith in God?"

What has faith to do with this? I answered, "This is my task and it is humbly impossible."

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible," came the answer to my argument.

I dropped to my knees, confessing my spiritual ignorance and helplessness, and prayed that God would show me exactly what that passage meant.

Immediately, like a flash of light in a dark room, came these two promises: "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14:13, 14).

My burden rolled away as I realized the full import of these gracious words. I had nothing to do but to ask, for the Omnipotent God, my Saviour and the Saviour of these women, He who had died for us, had promised to do for me whatever I asked. I knew not how nor when, but He would fulfill His promise.

I felt in my heart the truth of these words:

"We are coming to a King,
Large petitions we will bring."

I made no small request. I asked the Father to forgive them for Jesus' sake, to pour out His Holy Spirit upon them, convincing them of sin, of righteousness and of the world to come; to reveal to them the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour; to cleanse them in His precious blood from the guilt and stain of sin; and finally to fill them with His Holy Spirit that they might return to their homes to witness for Jesus.

Back to this class of illiterate women, bound in chains of iron by their superstitions, I went rejoicing in the Lord who had made such abundant provision for bringing the world to Himself, and resolved to wait patiently for Him to perform His miracle in each of their darkened and sinful hearts.

Meanwhile I taught them this prayer: "Heavenly Father, forgive me my sins, cleanse me from them in the precious blood of Christ, and fill me with the Holy Spirit; I ask in Jesus' name."

Some of the women spent the greater part of three days in learning correctly and intelligently this very simple petition.

My first day with them passed slowly, with no sign from God that He had heard my prayer. Throughout the next morning there was still no evidence that He was working. But that afternoon while we were on our knees, repeating together the little prayer, one of the women began to weep out a confession of her sins. She asked that she might be forgiven and cleansed in the precious blood and that the Holy Spirit would come into her heart and dwell there. In a few moments we rose from our knees to greet a new creature in Christ Jesus. In the course of the next few days woman followed woman in a similar experience until the entire class rejoiced in salvation. They were marvelously transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit, for they were now so eager to learn of

Christ that I could scarcely find time to satisfy them. My strength was taxed to the utmost in giving them the help and teaching they sought.

During the next ten years of my residence in China I held five or six classes of this kind annually. I always claimed these promises of John 14:13-14 and trusted in God to do the work in response to the prayer of faith. I did not know of one, in all this time, who left my classes unsaved.

In one village where I was teaching, a heathen woman came to hear me out of curiosity to see a white woman who could speak the Chinese language. After listening to the little prayer which I was teaching she asked if she might learn it.

I answered, "Would you like to have a Saviour and are you willing to accept Him?"

She said yes and became a member of my class. In the afternoon she returned and took her place with the others. When the invitation was given for all to kneel in prayer, to my astonishment, this woman, Mrs. Wang, began to sob, confessing her sins and pleading with the Lord to forgive her and cleanse her heart and save her.

That same evening I gave the women John 14:13-14 and said that these promises were their inheritance. Then I asked them what they wished to pray for.

Mrs. Wang stood up and asked, "Can the Lord Jesus save my husband?"

I told her that He was the Omnipotent God.

"Oh," she said, "but you don't know my husband; he is a drunkard. I've never known him to come home sober since I married him. I'm forty-five now and I went to my mother-in-law's a bride of less than fourteen years. He spends so much money for drink that the children and I never have enough to eat, nor warm clothing enough to keep us comfortable in winter. Can the Lord Jesus save a man like that, Miss Vaughan?"

"Yes," I replied, "He came to seek and to save that which was lost."

Then I asked of her, "Can you believe?"

She burst into tears, "Oh, yes, but I'm so ignorant. I don't know how to pray. Won't you pray for me?"

I put the matter before the class, telling them we must be agreed to pray every day for this man until he was converted. This we did for two weeks, at the end of which time the class had to be disbanded that I might go on with my work in other territory.

A year later I returned to this district. The morning my class opened Mrs. Wang was among the first arrivals. Rushing in and throwing her arms around me, she praised God for His goodness to her.

"Please, Miss Vaughan," she said, "ask the women to sit down while I tell them what the Lord has done."

This was her story: "A year ago, at the close of the class in which I learned to know my Saviour, I went home and told my husband I had become a Christian. He was furiously angry and beat me so that I was not able to leave my kang* for a month. During that time he

*Mud brick sleeping platform.

reviled me and cursed me every day. I had only my little son to prepare my food and care for me. When I was well my husband continued to persecute me for six months. All the time I prayed for him constantly. I just asked God to forgive him **because he didn't understand.**

"And then one day he came home early from a neighboring market, sober for the first time since I had known him.

"What is the matter with you?" I cried in astonishment.

"That's what I came to ask you," he replied. "What is the matter with me? Am I out of my mind?"

"Why," I said "what has happened?"

"A great deal," he answered. "Today when I had finished my business in the market I went across to the wine shop, and just as I was lifting my foot over the threshold, a voice inside my body said very loudly, "Don't go in there, go home! Don't go in there, go home!" I was so startled that I dropped my purse and spilled all my coins on the ground.

"I tried to make myself quiet by thinking it must have been some boys making fun of me. I went across the street and searched a man's courtyard and looked carefully around the corners of his house to find the boys who had called to me. I looked up and down the street, but there was not a soul in sight. There were many men in the wine shop, though; I could hear their voices and what they said. I walked over there again. I was very much puzzled and called myself a fool. But again as I lifted my foot over the threshold there came that voice, louder and more insistent than ever: "Don't go in there, go home! Don't go in there, go home!" I came right home as fast as I could. I am very much frightened. Do you think I am losing my mind, or am I already mad? What is the matter with me?"

"Oh," I said, "I know what's the matter. That's the Lord Jesus. He is the heavenly Father's Son. He died on the cross to save you. He does not want you to go in the wine shop and get drunk and be lost. It is the Voice of His Holy Spirit speaking to you."

"He was astounded. He listened intently while I told him over and over again that Jesus was his Saviour.

"Finally he said, 'Is this that Devil's doctrine you learned at Tai Tze Dswang?'"

"Not the devil's doctrine, the Jesus' doctrine."

"Well," he said, "why didn't you tell me this before? I didn't understand. I'll never drink any more in my life."

And he never did. He was truly converted. He became a member of the church and induced his family to become members also, and sent his children to a Christian school.

She lived four years after his conversion and died a blessed, happy Christian, rejoicing in Jesus and His power to save. Her husband, at this writing, is alive still—This is a chapter, printed by permission, from "Answered or Unanswered?" one of the most remarkable books we have ever read. The book can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., 60 cents in paper covers, \$1.00 in cloth.

OUR PENTECOSTAL YOUNG PEOPLE

All over the country young people's societies are being formed in our Pentecostal assemblies, and these societies are proving a great blessing to their churches.

Below we are printing a list of suggestions for topics during the next six months. We are printing a small folder with suggestive topics for a year, which can be obtained for the small sum of 10c per dozen. The various topics printed below will be dealt with each week in our new paper for young people, Christ's Ambassadors, which will be ready before the end of the present month. This paper will be printed monthly but will be in weekly parts so that a weekly paper can be given out each Sunday at the meetings of the young people's society, just as at the present time our Sunday School papers are printed monthly in separate single papers to be distributed each Sunday. In each weekly number of Christ's Ambassadors the topic for the following week will be discussed by Brother Robinson Sister Clark and others of the staff writers of the Gospel Publishing House. There will be other helpful articles in each issue of this paper. The price for societies taking more than five copies will be 13c per quarter, or 50c a year. Those requiring single subscriptions can receive the same for 60c per year, or \$1.00 for two years (Canada one year 70c; two years \$1.20. Gt. Britain one year 3/-; two years 5/-). You can use the form on this page to send in your order.

The following are the suggested topics for the next six months:

APRIL

- 4. **What Does Easter Mean?** Matt. 28:5, 6; Col. 3:1-5; Gal. 2:20; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 6:11, 12.
- 11. **What Jesus Christ Means to Me.** 1 Cor. 1:30, 31; Matt. 1:21; 1 John 2:1, 2; 1 Pet. 2:24; John 14:18, 19.
- 18. **What Means it to be a Baptized Saint?** Rom. 12:2; Col. 2:9-13; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4.
- 25. **How Can We Show Our Christian Love?** Rom. 12:10; 1 Cor. 13:4-13; Prov. 10:12; Prov. 11:13; Gal. 5:13; Gal. 6:2.

MAY

- 2. **What the Second Coming of Christ Means to Me.** 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:1-4; 2 Tim. 4:8.
- 9. **Living Up To Christ's Standard in My Home.** Gal. 6:2; Eph. 6:1-9; 1 Tim. 6:6, 8; 2 Tim. 2:14, 23, 24; 1 Pet. 4:9.
- 16. **A Heart Like God's—Studies in David's Life.** 1 Sam. 17:22-54; 1 Sam. 24:1-10; 2 Sam. 9:1-13; 2 Sam. 22:1-51.

- 23. **Lessons From the Sermon on the Mount.** Matt. 6th chapter.
- 30. **The Pentecostal Missionary Commission and what Christ expects of us.** Mark 16:15-20; Rom. 1:14-18; Rom. 10:13-17; Psalm 107:2; Acts 20:24; 1 Sam. 12:23.

JUNE

- 6. **Hindrances to Prayers for Healing.** Luke 16:11; James 5:16; Psalm 107:17-21; Mark 7:25-30; Prov. 12:18.
- 13. **Courage—Studies in Nehemiah's Life.** Psalm 78:9, 10; Josh. 1:7-9; Neh. 2:19, 20; Neh. 5:1-13; Neh. 13:1-31.
- 20. **What My Decisions Have Meant To Me.** Luke 10:42; Luken 19:1-10; Luke: 15:17,18; Matt. 8:34; Acts 9:6-8; Heb. 11:24-26; Josh. 24:15.
- 27. **The Things That Make Saints Happy.** Acts 8:8; 1 Pet. 1:8; 3 John 3:4; 1 John 1:3, 4; John 16:24; Psa. 16:11; Prov. 15:23; Jer. 15:16.

JULY

- 4. **What Makes Jesus Attractive?** Heb. 2:17, 18; 1 John 4:19; Matt. 14:26-31. Mark 6:34; John 11:35-66; Jer. 31:3; Psa. 22:11-19.
- 11. **Heroines of the Bible.** Jud. 4:9; Luke 1:26-35; Esther 5:1, 2; Ruth 1:16, 17; Ex. 2:9, 10; Jud. 11:30-40.
- 18. **Golden Rule In Everyday Life.** Matt. 7:12; Matt. 5:37-48; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13; 2 Tim. 2:24; Matt. 18:21, 22.
- 25. **Have I a Missionary Heart? or What is the Main Interest of My Heart?** 1 Thess. 2:4; Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 4:43, 44; Acts 8:1-4; Acts 13:1-5.

AUGUST

- 1. **Right Choice; or Lessons From the Book of Ruth.** Ruth 1:16, 17; Ruth 2:2; Ruth 2:23; Ruth 3:5; Psa. 37:5,6.
- 8. **Dangers of Trifling.** Acts 26:28; Luke 12:15-21; Matt. 12:36, 37; Acts 24:25; Acts 5:1-10; Heb. 2:3.
- 15. **Covetousness.** Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:10; Acts 8:20; Micah 3:11; 1 Kings 21:1-20.
- 22. **Zeal: Getting it, Guiding it, Guarding it.** Isa. 6:7-9; Rev. 3:14-19; Col. 4:12, 13; 2 Cor. 9:1, 2; Rom. 10:1-3.
- 29. **What Kinds of Saints Will Be Raptured?** 1 Thess. 4:16, 17; Luke 17:22-37; Matt. 25:1-13; Eph. 1:13, 14; Rev. 3:21.

SEPTEMBER

- 5. **Bible Intercessors: or, Studies from the Lives of Elijah and Others.** Jas. 5:17, 18; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Jer. 9:1; Acts 7:60.
- 12. **What Causes Fear In Saints.** 1 John 4:18; Joshua 1:1-9; Luke 9:34; Rom. 13:3, 4; John 6:19, 20.
- 19. **The Will of God.** Matt. 5:12 (read entire fifth chapter). 1 Pet. 2:15 1 Tim. 2:3-6; 1 Thess. 5:18; Col. 1-9.
- 26. **A Separated Life, or Unequal Yokes.** Psa. 1:1; Luke 14:16-24; Gal. 5:1; 2 Cor. 6:17; 1 Cor. 6:19; Lam. 3:27.

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PRAYING CLEAR THROUGH

Chapter Ten of Daniel

This is the study for the **Young People's Meeting** for this week.

This entire chapter is introductory to his last great prophecy recorded in chapters eleven and twelve, in which Daniel gives a statement of the historical events to take place from his day on down to the coming of Jesus. This statement, comprising chapters eleven and twelve, for minute and circumstantial detail has no equal elsewhere in God's Word.

While this chapter is an introduction only, and while in commenting on it we shall hardly feel like speaking of the prophecy, we shall not be without much to interest us, as our minds are being prepared for the revelations which close these charming chapters of prophetic statement concerning the things of history, occurring before our day, and in our day and to occur after our day.

Daniel is now, supposedly, about ninety-two years of age. Like Paul the aged, he has fought a good fight and has about finished his course. A captive all his life he has been faithful, and being faithful to God, God has been faithful to him, adding to him "all these things" which are promised to the man who seeks "first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." He has supplied all his needs, crowned him with honor, and satisfied him with long life (Psalms 91:15-16).

Set forth so often in this book as a pattern for us, Daniel here is made a pattern for him who would prevail in prayer.

In the First Place His Prayer Was Definite. He prayed that he might understand. The visions of the past few years of his life, about which we have been studying, left much concerning the future of his people still obscure before his mind and so he set himself by prayer and supplication, definitely, to understand (verse 12).

Thus he illustrates one of the four great principles of success in praying the prayer that changes things.* People at prayer very often have so little expectation of getting the thing they pray for that they do not take the pains necessary to definitely state to God what it is they want. Doubt, or lack of faith, betrays its presence in a number of ways. When a man presents a request which he expects to have granted he makes himself specific. He does not walk up to the ticket window and ask merely for a ticket. This would be enough if he didn't expect to get the ticket, but as he has faith, he says, quite definitely, "I want a ticket to Los Angeles over the Rock Island." The tramp at the back door has so little expectation that his request will be granted that he merely asks for "something to eat." However when he gets some money and walks into a cafe he says, "Give me a porterhouse steak, well done, and a cup of black coffee." He is quite definite, having faith.

Now this is the way Christian people do who have faith. If they are praying for the preacher, instead of saying merely, "Lord bless our pastor," they say, for instance, "Lord bless our pastor with a new suit of clothes."

Daniel was definite. He knew just what he wanted and as he expected to get it he made his request in plain, explicit terms.

Again He Was Very Much in Earnest. He made this prayer the all engrossing business of his life. He denied himself all natural pleasure and relaxation day after day, indeed and was very serious about it. A very frequent reason for our failure to change things by prayer is the lack of earnestness. There is no fasting like Esther, no tears like Hezekiah, no mighty wrestlings like Jacob, no agonizing like Epaphras. On the other hand natural desires are fully heeded, the emotions are unstirred, the prayer is formal and casual and often with wondering mind or soon diverted attention. Is it any wonder the thing is not changed?

Once More, His Prayer Was With Determination to Receive. We do not hear him saying he was determined to succeed but, better than that, we see him showing his determination, by wrestling and crying and denying himself day after day, until it seems he will never stop. Three weeks he kept it up. Yes, he had made up his mind to "tarry until" the answer came.

They said to Jesus, "Teach us to pray." At once He answered, telling them a story of a man who went to a neighbor with a request, and, being refused, was so insistent and persistent that he broke every rule of etiquette, and, by his incessant knocking, taxed his neighbor's patience to the breaking point. Jesus told this story to illustrate the way to pray to God (Luke 11:5-10). Not satisfied with this, Jesus told another story, this time of a woman who wanted something from a judge. He said she went and went, day after day, until the patience of the judge was exhausted, and until at last, fearing that she would never stop coming, and in despair lest she should wear him out altogether by her continual coming, in self defense he granted her request. Jesus said that that is the way to pray—that men ought to pray right on and never faint (Luke 18:1-8). Paul said the same thing when he told the Thessalonians to never stop when once they had begun to pray for something (1 Thess. 5:17).

God Will Overcome Any Difficulty to Answer Prayer. One of the most frequently used doctrines of Satan in seeking to discourage praying saints, is making them think the thing asked is too hard. The man prayed for is too sick, or too wicked, or too something. No use to pray. The church is too much divided, the sinners are too indifferent or the people are too busy to have a revival. No use to pray for a revival now—later on

it will be better. God says, "Now," but the devil says, "Not tonight." That is the way he talked to Eve at the beginning, disputing God's Words.

The difficulties about answering this prayer of Daniel's were greater than any we could have imagined. The revelation prayed for was so important that Satan gathered his forces for a vast conflict. He made his opposition so strong that God's cohorts had to send for reinforcements, and it took three weeks to break through. But Daniel kept praying so that whatever God must do to bring the answer had to be done.

There is nothing too hard for God to do in order to answer the prayer of His children. Praise the Lord!—C. E. R.

*For a full statement of the four great principles of success in changing things by prayer, the reader is referred to the author's book, "Praying to Change Things," to be had of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., price fifty cents.

MANY SAVED AND FILLED

A good report comes from Dorothy Bosley of the Upper Room Mission, San Jose, Calif. "We are glad to report that God is working in our midst. During the past two months, a gracious revival spirit has prevailed. About the middle of December, little Norma Ealey, twelve-year-old evangelist of Modesto, came to us with the gospel message of salvation burning in her soul. Nightly, for two weeks, she preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and won many souls for Jesus. We shall never forget the sight after a particularly touching message, as one whole family, mother, father, and grown children rose and with one accord, came forward for salvation. And they received the gospel measure, for their cups were running over with joy before they left the altar that night. While the messages were mainly on salvation, the healing services were blessed of God. On two different nights, her mother, Mrs. Ealey, formerly a Spiritualist medium spoke on the delusion of spiritualism. This message was very timely, as so many misguided souls are going off into error. This meeting had been closed but a week, when Brother Tatman started on his third campaign here. Many souls were saved, healed, and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Attendance was splendid, the mission being packed to capacity on many nights. An orchestra consisting of about twelve members, has been recently organized among our young people, with good success. Pastor Frie-mark has been bringing us some helpful messages in Old Testament types."

A CORRECTION

Sister Blanche Appleby asks us to make the following correction of a mistake that appears in the Combined Minutes of the General Council. In giving mention of the beautiful silk banner that was presented by Sister Appleby to the General Council, the statement is made, "It was the gift of the Chinese." This should read, "It was the gift of the Pentecostal missionaries." We feel it is due to the missionaries of South China who made the Council the present of this banner to give them proper credit for this generous gift.

Homely Things from a Pastor's Diary

C. E. Robinson

Tuesday, July 29. I have had a wonderful time for an entire week now, fishing for pearls. The diving is hard but how blessed it is to come up with a beautiful pearl! I have been following up Sister Drelling's work, calling on those who are strangers to me among the subscribers she has obtained to the Evangel. She called on all classes and sorts, and so my calls are on the same great variety of people. The saints are seeing more and more plainly that the money they have paid to Sister Drelling has been extremely well spent. They agreed with her at the start of her work, to pay her twice as much as she could make as commissions, thus she gets thirty cents every time she sells a book at a profit of ten cents.

My task is to conserve her work, to get acquainted with the people and get them to take higher ground with the Lord. Today I called on Sister Pottorff. I told her that when Sister Drelling called on her and took her subscription to the Evangel she was working under my direction, and therefore I felt a deep interest in every one of the subscribers she has obtained. I told her I was very desirous of ascertaining about their souls, and, if she would not feel I was taking too much liberty, I should like to ask her about her soul, and whether she had been born again.

She said, "I am a member of the Lutheran church." I told her I was always glad to meet a Lutheran; that I had very carefully studied the life of Martin Luther the founder of the church, and knew him to have been a great and good man. But he was an earnest member, in fact he was a minister in the church, doing the very best he knew, while he yet was unsaved. The church of which he was a member was the Roman Catholic church, but it may be true that a person may be a member of any church and yet, like Luther when he was in the Catholic church, never have been born again. "May I inquire," I said, "how is it with you? Have you been born again?"

She is an intelligent lady, but she did not understand what I meant. I opened my Bible at John 3:3 and showed her what it says. I talked to her just as if she were a wee child, and she indeed was, in the understanding of spiritual things. I said, "You became a child of your mother by being born." She nodded assent. "Just so, if you are a child of God, you got to be one, by being born again." "Oh," she said, "You mean being confirmed." "No," I said, "Luther was confirmed in the Catholic church and was just as sincere as possible, yet, by that, he wasn't born again. After that, years after, he was born again. He got into Christ, by being born again. Then I showed her 2 Cor. 5:17, and talked to her about how all things become new

when we get into Christ by being born again.

"How can you know whether you are born again?" she said. She was all attention now. The Holy Ghost was doing His blessed work, and she was feeling there was something lacking in her experience. I do thank God for giving me the compassion which caused me to shed tears when she asked this question. I said, "Dear Sister, it affects me deeply to see that although you are well along in life you do not know what it is to be born again." He who goeth forth bearing precious seed, and cannot weep, has a difficult path to tread; but when he goes weeping he shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Psalm 126:6).

I had her get her Bible and we went to work. You know you are born again because you are conscious of the change of heart, new desires, new loves, new ambitions, evil habits gone, pride, malice, envy gone. We searched it out in the Bible. But this consciousness of being God's child is made sure to you because you see you actually love your enemies. The child of God loves God, and he that loves God keeps His commandments (John 14:23). Jesus said, "Love your enemies" and so if you are born again you do this. In the same way you love the unlovely among your neighbors. Lovers too like to praise the one loved. Many times we are told to praise God, and that is what we desire to do if we are born of God, because we love God. In a word, he that is born of God doth not commit sin" (1 John 3:9). By this time she was weeping and soon on our knees together she found Him whom her soul longed for. Glory to God! Pearl fishing is a wonderful life!

FASTING, IS IT NECESSARY

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themselves for superior sanctity by doing **this** and not doing **that**; but all this is foreign to the "walk in the Spirit." **That** yoke is **easy** and **that** burden is **light**.

What pleases God is that our eating and drinking, fasting and praying, and everything connected with our life and service shall be under the direct control of the Holy Ghost.

The man who makes a parade of his good deeds, or of his prayer habits, fasting included, has yet to learn the alphabet of Christian living.

Let me close with the striking word of our Lord Jesus as found in Mark 2:18-20, "And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have

the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them and then shall they fast in those days."

We are living in days when so far as Christ's personal presence is concerned, we have to say that our Bridegroom is taken away. It is true that He is with us in Spirit all the time; but we are longing to see Him face to face. And in this interval of absence, we are led to fast and pray in order that we may in very deed, "occupy till He come." Looking forward to that time, let us rejoice and be glad and seek by fasting and prayer as He shall lead, to be not only effective in service, but also to be in the best spiritual condition so that we may be "accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

I ask, Is fasting **necessary** or is it merely **optional**? To this question, the scriptures themselves give a conclusive answer.

Have we fasted, **are** we fasting scripturally? If not, let us begin today, for it is still true that many kinds of demons, many mountains of opposition, many hindrances to the mighty outpouring of the Spirit can go forth by nothing but by "prayer and fasting."

Is Satan strongly entrenched in the church, the assembly, the city in which we find ourselves? How can he be dislodged? Let us plead the victory of Calvary for it was there that Christ "spoiled principalities and powers and made a shew of them openly" (Col. 2:15).

Our God can still lift up a standard against the enemy and put him to flight. Remember, it was the sword of the Lord **and of Gideon** which won the victory in Judges 7. Let us "preach the Word" and pray and fast with an importunity which knows no defeat and in absolute dependence upon the Holy Ghost we can march into the battle with the victory in sight and assured.

APPROVED BOOKS

THE KING'S SON, OR A MEMOIR OF BILLY BRAY. Compiled chiefly from his own memoranda, by F. W. Bourne, cloth, 159 pp. price, seventy cents, postpaid. This short biography of this unlearned Cornish miner has been so extraordinarily popular that it has passed through no less than thirty-one editions. He was one of the most remarkable men the world has ever seen, and his unexpected and witty sayings, always on some phase of salvation, coupled with a zeal and faith and courage, so far as the writer knows, not equaled in the life of any other man, make the book very interesting and helpful. It can be most heartily recommended. Sinners even will often find it interesting reading, and be moved to repentance.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

We have had such a large demand for the imported book, "The Midnight Hour and After" that we have not been able to fill all orders that have been received. We are expecting a further 200 copies in shortly. Please have patience if you have to wait for your copy. The price of this book is 85c postpaid.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

GREAT NEED IN PERSIA

Brother John G. Warton writes from Hamadan, Persia:

"I am glad for the privilege of giving you the good news of the Lord's work in this far away land of Persia.

"It is now about one year and a half since the Lord brought us here. When we first came, things appeared dark and discouraging, but as we knew that He had brought us, and is with us, we began to pray and work among the people; and the Lord has certainly honored His Word. Many precious souls have found the joy of salvation. Many of these poor souls for years have been struggling under a guilty conscience, and were not only by their natures, but by their actions down deep in sin; but praise God the power of the blood of the Lamb has made them whiter than snow. Now with joy they are singing, 'There is power in the blood, now to wash your soul. There is power in the blood to keep you whole. There is power in the blood to help you win. There is power in the blood to save from sin.'

"We have a nice assembly here in Hamadan, and the best part is that a spirit of awakening is among the people. They are realizing that what we preach is the truth that will make them free. The interest is increasing and doors are wide open. The call is, 'Come and tell us the story, for we are dying without the knowledge of Jesus.' Truly the fields are white and ready and the laborers are few. Often I wish that it was within my power to answer all the urgent calls.

"One of the greatest needs is finances. We have a good assembly but no place of worship, and it is almost impossible to rent a place because the Mohammedans do not like to rent their buildings to Christians, especially for services. I am trying to teach the people to give to the Lord, but most of them are poor and need our help. They are in no condition whatever to start a building fund.

"Another splendid assembly we have in Urumiah; many are filled with the Holy Spirit, but there too, they have no place of worship of their own, and all are looking for me to help them.

"The work has grown rapidly and it has been necessary for me to hire native workers. The Lord Himself sent me good native workers. One brother who has been in America (saved and received the Baptism there) and has been working in Russia for five years in the Lord's work, has now come to us and I believe the Lord brought him. He has been with us about two months now and gives his whole time to the work and is doing well, but I am sorry to say that I have not been able to help him much financially. He is a real man of God. When

I told him that I could not help him much financially, he said, 'Brother I am not working for money; the Lord who took care of me for so many years in the midst of starvation in Russia, will take care of me here too, and I shall work for my Lord as long as I have breath.' He has a small family and I am sure that twenty dollars a month will support him.

"I have another native worker who was formerly a Presbyterian worker for twenty-five years. He has received the Pentecostal truth and is working with us. He used to get twenty-eight dollars a month from the Presbyterians but is willing to work with us for fifteen dollars a month. He is a well educated man and I don't want to lose him, but I am sorry to say that for about two months I have not been able to pay him. Oh, I wish the Lord would put this work upon the hearts of the saints.

"In Bagdad not far from here, where I preached when I first came, the work has picked up wonderfully. At present there is an assembly of about eighty people, forty-five of whom have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A Spirit-filled Sister and Brother are in charge. The assembly consists mostly of Persian and Armenian refugees, consequently they are poor, as all their homes and property were destroyed by the Turks during the war. Therefore, they are not in a position to be an independent assembly financially. They are looking for us to help those native workers too, and they certainly are worthy.

"Last week I received a letter from them stating that the Lord is working, but they are in great need of at least two hundred dollars and if I don't help them immediately they may be compelled to go to work with their hands. Then the work may go to pieces or else suffer much."

RESPIRE FROM CIVIL WAR

The civil war is over for awhile. The trains are running again. However, they are all getting ready for more trouble. There seems to be no end to this fighting spirit. The Lord has kept us thus far and our trust is in Him alone. One of our little orphan girls right in our compound had the small-pox. We have all been exposed. The Lord has wonderfully undertaken for her. Her pox are practically all healed up. But now another one of our girls seems to have taken the same malady. It is surely a test of our faith. Do pray and **continue** to pray for us. Our meetings are going on in spite of the various attacks of the foe. Jesus is victor, praise His holy name.—B. Bard, Yu Tzu-Ta Ch'ang, China.

NEEDING FURLOUGH

Brother H. E. Hansen writes from Peking, China: "This has been a strenuous year with me on account of building, and then being taken down with the small-pox. Sister Hansen's nerves are unstrung and from the natural she needs a rest, this being her first term of service on the field. She left her home in Tacoma, Wash., on January 24, 1920 for China. To be frank, having so many guests passing through all the time has not made her nerves any better, but she keeps looking to Jesus for deliverance. I have prayed for her many times and almost invariably she gets temporal relief, but that is not sufficient. Please pray for her.

"We have \$37.00 gold on our fares, given by a few of the saints in Honolulu. I was engaged in mission work there six years before the Lord called me to China, therefore these old saints want us to stop over at Honolulu for a season. It is a fine place to rest up.

"For the present we have peace in our section of the country, but for how long, remains to be seen. Feng Yu Hsiang has resigned and others are declaring their intentions to follow; if this is so there may yet be hopes of seeing China have a stable government. From the last war we have several thousands of wounded soldiers in Peking, being taken care of by the Rockefeller Foundation and other mission hospitals.

"We have put up notices that our new chapel will be open on Sunday, Jan. 17th. In the afternoon we will have a dedication service and the evening will be given to an evangelistic meeting, followed daily with two meetings a day for a week. We would have opened meetings a little earlier, but the furniture store that made our benches spoiled them with a poor stain so same had to be re-stained, causing a delay."

MISSIONARIES RETURNING

Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand and His holy arm have gotten Him the victory.

We are glad to report that sister Bessie Gager and Sister Lydia Rediger arrived safely in New York on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. They write us that the Atlantic was very rough, but God took care of them. We bid them a hearty welcome to the homeland.

We have just received a letter from Sister Nettie D. Nichols enroute to San Francisco from China. The Lord has in a special way provided for her passage money and she will enjoy a much needed rest in the homeland. The Lord bless her during her time of furlough.

Just received a letter from Sister Julia M. Richardson stating that she is sailing from Egypt on February 16th, en route for England and later to the States. God has wonderfully kept and blessed our Sister Richardson in the work. She is much used in the ministry of the Word in different mission stations in Egypt.

We still have a few 1926 calendars left for those who want to have the same. The price is 30 cents each or 5 for \$1.25.

A VIGOROUS MINISTRY



HE Lord is blessing the work in Rupaidiha in an unusual way. Sister Denney, who has recently passed her sixty-seventh birthday, is filled with praises to God for the marvelous opportunities she is having. Her work is right on the Nepal border. She writes: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I have quite a group of workers now, in all seven native preachers and five Bible women. The boy who drives the car also preaches. The little old tin Lizzie always draws a crowd in India. I am trying now to get another out-station opened. We drove forty-six miles one day last week seeking a location where we could get rooms for preaching. I, myself, drove the car home for seventeen miles, and five miles of that was through dense forest, a narrow road with trees all along both sides and sharp turns. The next day I was sixty-seven years old, so you see I am improving. Praise the Lord. I do have some very fine workers now. This is the picture of the little government outpost on the corner, which I bought, and it is going to be a Gospel depot. The man in white is the man God gave me the first of January. He knows the Nepali language so preaches to the Nepalis as they come over into India and gives them tracts and Gospels. Praise

God, the Gospel is going into Nepal and my soul is happy in Him. There is a big Mela at Chordo, four miles from here, and it will last four days. All my preachers are attending. God is blessing so in the work. I have resolved to stay by the stuff, even if I must stay alone, just as long as I can wrestle in the work.

"It is wonderful how Christ has met my need and filled my aching heart with His own love for Himself. I am waiting to see what God will work out for Rupaidiha. He has taken out of my thought all anxious care regarding it and my soul is sweetly resting in Him and His sweet divine will.

"During the Christmas holidays, I had my native preachers and Bible Women all in for a week's prayer and Bible study, holding special meetings with them, and then sent them out again. I took on four new men at New Year. They came two days before to be at the meetings and we had a very precious time. God met with us and blessed us all. We observed watch-night meeting. On Sunday we held a communion service. Seventeen Christians participated. Yester-

day I succeeded in getting a house in a country town, fourteen miles from here, so will send two preachers there February 1, and have another out-station. I also sent two men up the branch railway from Nanpara to look out for a house. We hope to open up a station there also. This is the most wonderful opportunity I have had in conducting missionary work in India. Pray, beloved, for me as you have never prayed before, that God may give me the grace and the strength and supply my every need for this special privilege.

"We own the bungalow in which we live but pay rent for the out-stations, but that usually only costs about one dollar for a family, and God is supplying that. Love to all."



New Station on Nepal Border

REVIVAL RIPPLES

The outstanding characteristic of foreign missionary work is the salvation of lost souls. Missionaries are beginning to feel more and more the importance of earnest prayer for revival waves to sweep over their stations. At the present time the Lord is manifesting His presence in a quiet way and yet in gentle revival ripples. Scarcely a week passes by but that some one or more souls are blessedly saved from a life of sin. This morning we had the pleasure of seeing a couple of our Indian young people married. The young man is quite a promising chap and the girl is one of our best. We want to try and train some of the most promising of the new converts for the work of the Lord. This will mean that we will have Bible teachers who will teach the whole truth. Such are hard to find. We are already employing large numbers of our own old boys, who were trained in our own schools in past years and who are now married. But we are always needing more workers, because the work is growing so fast. Help us pray that we may be able

to make just the right arrangements for teaching the Bible to these potential workers."—William K. Norton, Benares,

WORK AMONG REFUGEES

We have been much hindered in our work the last months, and the condition is still very bad. Because of the awful war we had last month, and the North-eastern army now marching on Tientsin again, the people in general are very afraid, and we find it very hard to do evangelistic work. During the war the last month, thousands of refugees from the villages came into Tientsin daily, and as most of them had no place to stay and no money, something had to be done for them. The people of Tientsin were very kind to these refugees, and as some of our Christians felt they too wanted to help in relief work, we opened two of our mission halls for the refugees and were able to give food and shelter to 385 souls. We also made use of the opportunity to preach to these dear people the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In a little mission hall in a village some miles from Tientsin we had extra meetings which lasted for three days with full house of grown people and over a hundred children on the outside wanting to get in. The native worker in charge of this out-station told me yesterday that the people are taking good interest in the work, for which we praise the Lord.—Martin Kvamme, Tientsin, China.

OPPORTUNITIES IN TIBET

We occupy a very strategic position along the northeast boundary of Tibet and have a large number of young people who can easily be trained and sent into Tibet to preach Christ to its unevangelized tribes. Already eight Chinese are doing more or less work among Tibetans, and with proper financial support the number can easily be doubled next year and multiplied many times in a few years. Both the missionaries and Chinese preachers working among the Chinese believe strongly that one purpose the Lord had in view in locating these assemblies along the border of Tibet, was the evangelization of its northeastern province. In October last at the convention at Fukiang, the Spirit said through a venerable elder that there are yet over one hundred places in Tsinghai (N. E. Tibet) and Mongolia, where the Gospel has not yet been preached. If only the proper financial support can be given to both the Chinese and Tibetan work on this wonderful field of opportunity, we can quickly evangelize all these two provinces.—W. W. Simpson of China.

"Thou art coming to a King;
Great petitions with thee bring,
For His grace and power are such
Thou canst never ask too much."

IN THE WHITENED HARVEST FIELDS

SAINTS REFRESHED

Pastor Dora E. Rawle sounds a note of praise for the meeting just closed at Decatur, Tex., which was conducted by Brother H. James of Rush Springs, Okla. It lasted 3½ weeks and 1 was saved, 3 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and some were healed.

NEW CHURCH OPENING

Brother G. P. Shockley of Spiro, Okla., writes: "We have our new mission known as Birch Chapel just about completed. We are planning to have our building dedicated the second Sunday in March, and expect Pastor J. W. Hudson of Collinsville to preach the dedication. We are located five miles west of Spiro, Okla."

NEW WORK IN MIDVALE, N. J.

Pastor F. D. Pettet writes that there is great opposition to the new work begun in Midvale, but God is working with marvelous healings. "Three were saved the past week, one Catholic received the Baptism in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. There have been many remarkable healings. They have a new building 30X65 ft.

THIRTY SAVED IN CYRIL

Word comes from Cyril, Okla., of a 3-week meeting. "Our former pastor, Evangelist S. G. Shields of Childress, Tex., has been with us, and the presence of the Spirit was felt from the first service. Thirty were saved and 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. On Sunday afternoon 20 were baptized in water. The saints were revived and built up in a wonderful way."

NEW MISSIONARY ZEAL

Pastor V. Greisen of Lawrence, Kans., tells of a short revival just held with Evangelist W. Felicy. Several were saved, one nine-year-old girl was filled with the Spirit. Many are hungry and seeking the Baptism. Brother B. H. Caudle, missionary to the Philippine Islands, was used of God to create a real missionary spirit in the hearts of the saints. They are looking to God for a church building, and covet the prayers of the saints for this.

FOURTEEN SOULS SAVED

Evangelist and Mrs. W. O. Thornberry write from Brownville, Kans.: "We were called here the week before Christmas by the Methodist preacher in charge. Held a four-week meeting. The Lord saved 14 souls and most of them are going on with the Lord, some tarrying for the Baptism. There was one marvelous case of healing of a man who had had a disease of four years' standing and the doctor did not know what it was. The Lord healed him instantly. Pray for us and this place."

BLESSING IN INDIANAPOLIS

"God is still blessing at the Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle, Indianapolis, under the leadership of Brother Feick. The power of God has been falling in a wonderful way; people are being saved, healed, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are to have an Easter campaign from April 3 to 18 inc."—Mrs. P. F. Kruse.

A GOOD REVIVAL

Pastor V. C. Ramey writes of a heart-stirring revival at Lyman, Wash., with Brother and Sister Perks as evangelists. Ninety-two came to the altar seeking salvation, 9 were filled with the Spirit, 21 followed the Lord in water baptism. "It made us think of the words of our dear Saviour 'Suffer little children to come unto me,' as the children crowded into the hall on Saturday afternoons."

SAINTS ENCOURAGED

Pastor H. G. Kenedy writes from Savanna, Okla.: "We are glad because we know that God is still working for He has lately given us a revival; 10 saved and 5 received the Baptism. In those, 2 men were nearly 50 years of age. The wife of one fasted for 4 days tarrying for the Baptism and received it at 4 o'clock in the morning. Brother E. L. Barnes of McAlester, Okla., did the preaching."

A NEW MISSION

Pastor E. R. Winter writes of a new mission opened in Ringling, Okla., with a dedication service and an all-day fellowship meeting. The assembly was set in order by Pastor Oscar Jones, State Chairman. Brother Cunningham of Wilson held a ten-day revival; 14 new members are to be enrolled. A Sunday School with 65 on the roll has been organized. All Council ministers are heartily invited to stop off here.

PENTECOST AT TRENTON, MO

Evang. Glenn Renick writes: "The Lord swept Trenton with a deluge of Latter Rain from heaven. As Pastor A. F. Crouch with a faithful congregation, one among the largest in North Missouri and Iowa, prayed the Most High God, 'Lord, send the rain; give us a revival,' Heaven was stirred and the answer came. Over fifty came to seek the face of the Lord for salvation in a little over two weeks, many were baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and a great number sought the Lord for healing, and many touched the hem of His garment, and were made whole. Trenton is a town of about 6,000 people with two daily papers, which have good write-ups of the meeting. The Pentecostal Church is a recognized church of the city and with a faithful pastor and a praying congregation. No wonder the Lord sent a revival."

AN OLD TIME MEETING

Pastor F. G. Cline of Monroe, Iowa reports: "The revival just closed here with G. A. Comstock of Sioux City, as the evangelist, was a success for the Lord. Many souls were saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost and bodies healed. It was an old time meeting, seekers lay prostrate under the mighty power of God, and came through speaking in tongues. The town was wonderfully stirred, and the saints edified."

REPORT FROM PENNVILLE, MO.

Sister Nellie R. Cox and husband held a four-week meeting here in December and we had many refreshing showers. Three were saved, 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and 2 reclaimed and a number are still seeking Him for the Baptism. Pray for them and for our entire band. We would welcome anyone in full fellowship with the Council who would feel led of the Lord to make us a call.—One Among the Number.

REVIVAL AT CANTON, OHIO

Pastor Delmar Johnson sends word: "Closed a four-week revival at the 18th St. Mission Sunday evening Feb. 21st. The Lord was present all through the meeting; 17 were saved, 5 or 6 baptized in the Holy Ghost, sick bodies were healed, sinners convicted of sin, backsliders reclaimed and 5 were baptized in water. The last night of the meeting many were slain under the power at the altar. This assembly wants to come into the Assemblies of God with the other churches in Canton."

BLESSING AT BOONEVILLE

Pastor Hansel H. Trusty, of Booneville, Ark., writes: "I want to thank the Lord for visiting us at Booneville again in a little revival just closed, which was enjoyed very much by all the saints. As the shouts went up, the power came down, the Lord anointed His servants. Brother Reed of Havana, Brother R. V. Carter and Sister Gertrude Daniel of Blue Mountain, assisted in giving out the Word. During the two weeks of meeting 13 were saved, 16 received the Baptism in the old-fashioned Bible way. To Jesus be all the glory. We need your prayers, that His blessings will continue."

A BLESSED REVIVAL

Pastor J. W. Hudson reports from Collinsville, Okla.: "Just closed a meeting conducted by Sister Mable Adams, with great results. Sixty-five or more saved and reclaimed, and 9 received the Holy Ghost. The service at the water's edge was wonderful. About 500 were present, and the dear Lord put His approval on the service by giving a message in tongues and the interpretation. Most of the people who were reached for Christ were heads of homes. The revival still goes on. At the meeting last night, there were several at the altar, and one converted. We plan (D. V.) to have a meeting begin the third Sunday in May and we want to have a fifth Sunday meeting in May and all of the nearby assemblies will meet with us. All the ministers in good standing are invited to stop over with us."

INDIANS RECEIVING TRUTH

Miss Dorothy Grider of Toppensish, Wash., writes: "Praise God for the continuous revival spirit that has been in our midst since Brother Jacob Miller and wife were here November 15, 1925. Souls are being saved, healed and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Cecil W. Ahalt is our pastor now and God is wonderfully blessing his ministry here. The Indians are receiving this Gospel of Truth and testify of the wonderful things God has done for them."

NEW WORK IN MINNESOTA

Brother L. P. Hosmer reports: "We have just closed a four-week meeting at Hill City, Minn. The Lord wonderfully blessed to the saving of souls. About 25 were saved and four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. Pentecost had never been preached in that city of about 1200 people. Brethren E. H. Blomberg, D. P. Line, and L. P. Hosmer were the evangelists. E. H. Blomberg remained to carry on the work."

AN ACTIVE MINISTRY

Brother W. F. Lankston and wife write from Perks, Ill.: "We are out on the firing line, and by the help of the Lord, we are looking up, holding on, and going through. This last year has been our busiest year in the ministry. We have conducted three tent-meetings, officiated at three dedications, and held five indoor revivals, in which God wonderfully blessed and many souls got through to God in salvation, and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and many were healed in body. To God be all the glory."

A WEEK OF BLESSING

Pastor Lonnie Whitworth of Electra, Texas, writes: "Hallelujah! Good times of refreshing are on just now. Sixteen saved, twelve reclaimed, nine reconsecrated, four baptized with the Holy Spirit, fifteen added to the Roster Roll, and quite a number to be baptized in water next week. Several very definite healings all in a seven-day revival here. Evangelist Albert Ott of Houston, Texas was in charge. He also organized a Young People's Reaper's Union with more than thirty members and left us regretting to see him go."

SAN MARCOS WORK REVIVED

Brother Chas. A. Weeks writes from San Marcos, Texas: "We came to this place about the 15th of Jan., 1926 and found a nice tabernacle on a fine corner lot, all paid for but no one interested in the work seemingly, to the extent the meter had been taken out and no one ever believed such a dead thing could be revived. We began fasting and praying for His will to be done. The lights were put back and we began preaching to the few who came out to hear the Word preached. We announced a healing service for Wednesday night and the house was filled with eager listeners and quite a number came for prayer for different ailments and one was a Sunday school teacher in the Baptist church, a good man, and was instantly healed of a dislocation in his back. His wife also

came for relief from partial blindness and was benefitted, and others were healed who had faith in the Lord. A great revival spirit stirred up the town, inasmuch that we had calls to visit many homes and pray for those who were not able to get out to services, from the bankers to the poor wash woman, but God blessed them all alike. Sinners found Him who died for their sins and believers found Him for their Baptism as on the day of Pentecost. They have called me to pastor the work at present and I am dividing my time with this place and Luling, Texas, 26 miles apart. Any preacher in fellowship with the Council will have a hearty welcome at either place."

MEDIUM SAVED AND BAPTIZED

Pastor C. M. O'Guin writes from Granite City, Ill., "We just closed a gracious revival of two weeks. God's Spirit was poured out with power in our midst. Evangelist Ben Hardin, of Gary, Ind., did all the night preaching. His messages were powerful, searching and convicting. The lost were reached. Many wonderful Baptisms in the Spirit. Also definite healings. Marvelous deliverances from sin and delusions. One lady, for twenty years a spiritualist medium, delivered after a terrible struggle with the devil, was saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Her husband was also baptized in the Spirit. Sunday night 6 were saved and 3 baptized in the Holy Ghost. Never has the Lord blessed here in a more gracious way. The day services were run on a convention plan. We changed the speakers every two days. The fire is still falling and there is great victory in the camp."

NEW OKLAHOMA WORK

Sister Ida I. Coates writes: "Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I came to Blackwell last July and started an open-air meeting. There were enough added to the Lord that it seemed His will to establish a work here, but there were such a few of us and no one of us having much of this world's goods, and the cheapest place we could rent was far past our means. We took it before the Lord, claiming the promise of Phil. 4:19. The Lord put it in our hearts to build and though it looked an impossibility, we obeyed. As soon as God saw that we meant to obey, financial aid seemed to come from every side. Hallelujah! God supplied! We bought two corner lots and built the church 25X40. The building was completed except the ceiling, by Dec. 20. Brother C. A. Lawson came to us Jan. 3, and conducted a three-week revival. Twelve were added to the Lord and one brother, who had been tarrying eight years, received the Holy Ghost. Our Chairman, Brother Oscar Jones, set the assembly in order Jan. 27 and 16 names were recorded on the roster. Brother J. A. Nott will be with us Feb. 14, to conduct a revival. The revival spirit is with us and every service night there is some one at the altar. All those in fellowship with the Council, will find a hearty welcome here. Pray for us."

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Brother R. E. McAlister, the secretary of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, has asked us to make a statement in the Evangel to the effect that Mr. P. F. Barnewall of Ft. Francis, Ontario, who is in this country at this time with a party of eight supposed to be en route for the French Sudan, is not endorsed for missionary work by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Ltd., and none of his party have missionary endorsement. This party does not have the endorsement of the missionary committee of the General Council of the Assemblies of God in this country.

CHURCH REVIVED

Brother S. A. Tharp of Murchison, Texas writes of a blessed meeting at Barton Chapel: "We gave an altar call and it looked as though the entire audience was going to try to find a place at the altar. Of the number who had previously drifted away, there were only four or five who did not come to the altar, weeping. Some were seeking their Baptism and sinners were crying out to God. My heart was made to rejoice as I saw those uplifted hands with tears streaming down their cheeks. We had dancing, and singing in other tongues. It was good to be here and we are glad that God led us this way for such a time as this. Glory to His name. At our new church at Edom, God is blessing in a wonderful way."

COLORADO FELLOWSHIP CONVENTION.—

The Colorado State Council will hold a fellowship convention at the Pentecostal church 1808 Curtis St., Denver, Colo., from March 11 to 14 inclusive. There will be three services each day: 10:00 a. m., business; 2:30 p. m., Bible exposition; and 7:30 p. m., evangelistic. The district ministers will speak at these services. To those coming from out of town, take car No. 58 from Union Station and get off at Curtis St., or take Nos. 7, 8, 40 and get off at Curtis and then walk two blocks North. A committee will be appointed to meet all visitors. For further particulars, write J. Logan Stuart, Chairman, 818 Remington St., Fort Collins, Colo.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.—

The tenth Annual District Council meeting of the Eastern District will be held in the beautiful new "Lighthouse Pentecostal" church 71-73 Himrod St., (near Evergreen Ave.) Brooklyn, N. Y. on March 16, 17, & 18, 1926. Owing to the fact that this is a very important part of the work, and one that vitally effects every ministering brother in the District, we urge that each one so arrange their plans as to be present. Plans have been made by the Pastor Vernon G. Gortner, to hold a full week evangelistic campaign March 14-21 inclusive, to which all are most cordially invited. There will be evangelistic services each night during the Council. The Credential Committee will meet each day during the Council. Those desiring License or ordination can meet with the above Committee at that time.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Evangelistic Campaign at Full Gospel Assembly (Old North Ave. Mission), 1665 N. Mozart St., Corner Wabansia, March 7 to 21 inc. Evangelist Wm. E. Booth-Clibborn of St. Paul, Minn., will be with us. Services each night at 7:45, Sundays, 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. A continuous prayer chain has gone on for weeks in the assembly and we are expecting the greatest revival this church has ever had. For further information address, Adolph Peterson, pastor, 1826 N. Mozart St.

NOTICE: to missionaries and ministers. We would be glad for any minister or missionary in fellowship with the Council to stop over with us. If notified sufficiently will arrange special meetings. Payette is on the main line of the Union Pacific between Chicago and Portland.—Pastor L. G. Baker, P. O. Box 585, Payette, Idaho.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—SPECIAL REVIVAL at Four Fold Gospel Tabernacle, 3909 E. Wash., Indianapolis, Ind., from March 21 to April 11. Brother M. W. Richards of Canton, Ohio, evangelist. Special prayer for the sick by the Clark evangelists. Rooms can be had nearby. Avail yourself of this opportunity and attend this great meeting.—Earl W. Clark, pastor.

KANSAS DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Kansas State Presbyters will conduct a ten-day convention at the Assembly of God Church, Topeka, Kansas, March 5-14. The church is located at 6th and Lime Streets. All ministers attending the convention will be entertained free. Rooms and board can be had at reasonable rates close to the church. For further information write to Pastor Chas. Sheall, 1412 E. 6th St., Topeka, Kans.

NEW YORK CITY—A special revival campaign will be held at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325-329 West 33rd Street, New York City, beginning March 2nd for 13 days. Jack Saunders, the Ex-Pugilist, will speak at 7:45 each night, three services Sunday, 10:30, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Special singing and music by the Tabernacle Orchestra and Quartette, led by Ben Cockerhan (Singing Evangelist). For further information write Robert A. Brown, pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Trinity Tabernacle, March 7 to 14. An Old time revival conducted by Elder W. T. Gaston, Chairman, General Council Assemblies of God. This will be a feast of good things from the Word of God. Neighboring Assemblies are invited to attend this meeting. A splendid Orchestra and choir under the direction of Ralph A. Mayfield will provide sacred, soul stirring music. The sick, the sinner, and the hungry hearted are especially invited to attend these meetings. Take Car to Tabernacle door at Marcus Ave.—Pastor Fred Lohmann.

NEW CASTLE, PA. The Annual Missionary Convention of the Pentecostal Tabernacle, W South Street, New Castle, Pa., will be held from March 26 to April 4 inclusive and combined will be an Evangelistic Campaign from March 26 to April 11, inclusive. The following invited workers will be present: David H. McDowell, Springfield, Mo., Myer and Alice Tan Ditter, singing evangelists, Florence Brisbin and Ruth Bender, missionaries to Liberia, H. May Kelly, missionary to Argentine, Sara Cox, missionary to India. Services week days at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Sunday at 10:00 a. m., 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Missionary Day, April 4. We are expecting a feast of fat things and wine on the lees. Come praying and bring the sick.—F. D. Drake, pastor, 617 Spruce Street, New Castle, Pa.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT.—The Twelfth District Council of Southern Missouri will meet with the Assembly of God at Chaffee, Mo. April 6 to 10, 1926. The Assembly will provide food and bedding free for those attending. The second day of the Council will be given to the interest of Missions. Elder Wm. M. Faux, Springfield, Mo., General Secy. of Foreign Missions, will have charge of the Missionary Program. Let all the ministers be there for the Missionary day of our council.—J. E. Spence, Chairman, Willow Springs, Mo.

PACIFIC NORTH WEST YOUNG PEOPLE'S EASTER CONVENTION.—A convention for the Young People of the Pacific North West District will be held at Bethany Temple 26 and Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash., April 1 to 4 inclusive. All Pastors and Evangelists of District are requested to arrange to be present, also a special invitation is extended to the Young People of various Assemblies to make a special effort to attend Easter Convention, the first of its kind in the northwest. Three services a day are planned. Bible Lectures and inspiring messages will be given by various Pastors and Evangelists present.

Address all communications and requests for information to Mr. Henry Fenstra, 2727 Walnut Ave., Everett, Wash., or Pastor E. O. Robeck, 2108 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash.

OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGNS OR BIBLE CONFERENCES.

—For over two years we have been engaged in the work of the Full Gospel Tabernacle Association of Fresno, Calif., both in its valley branches and also at the Home Base in Fresno, as associate pastors. While here, we have had charge of the Fresno Bible Training Institute and evening Bible School. We are leaving Fresno on a trans-continental evangelistic tour, about April 1. Would be glad to hear from those desiring our services, either in evangelistic campaigns or in Bible conferences. Our references: Pastor A. G. Osterberg, pastor Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno, California, or Southern California District Council. Pray that God will bless our ministry on this tour.—Brother and Sister L. R. Keys, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno, Calif.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL will be held at Mattoon, Ill., March 23 to 28, 1926. Matters vital to the interests of the work will be before us. All ministers residing in the State are urged to be present. Our beloved chairman, W. T. Gaston will be with us. It is also expected that Brother Faux will be one of the speakers. Free entertainment for the ministers and delegates. For further information write Pastor Arthur Bell, Gen. Del. Mattoon, Ill.—C. M. O'Guin, Chairman.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Brother E. M. Blount, formerly of Huttig, Ark., has moved to P. O. Box 584, Longview, Texas. Evangelist Robert Gillespie of Bellingham, Wash. has moved to 2154, 8th Ave. West, Seattle, Wash.

FARM FOR SALE—A beautiful 53-acre farm near Grove City, Pa. at a sacrifice to quick buyer. Some of the money to be used for Pentecostal Church work. Full particulars from Pastor A. J. Jenkins, 11 Blaisdell Ave., Bradford, Pa.

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OPEN FOR CALLS—I want to get in touch with some assembly or group of saints in Central or Southern Florida that needs a pastor. I have papers with the Oklahoma District Council. Am willing to work and do pastoral work where the saints are not able to support a pastor. I have a family. Can give references.—J. S. Davidson, Box 15, Hughes, Okla.

OPEN FOR CALLS—After two years of service for the church which the Lord raised up through our labors, I have been called for the third year. But the call to the field is pressing heavily, and I have offered my resignation. If it is accepted, I will be open for calls in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas or Kans. My address is 321 S. Virginia Ave., Bartlesville, Okla.—J. M. Kerr, pastor. For references, write the Board of Deacons, W. O. James, chairman.

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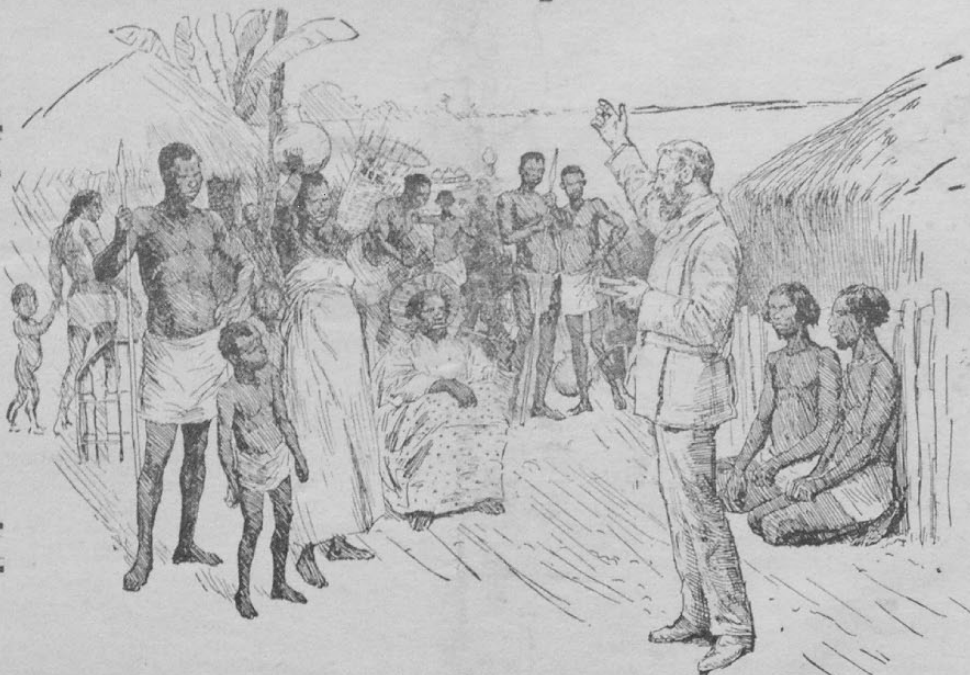
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