

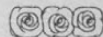


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Keeping the Gifts Undeiled



THESE are the days of suffering. These are the days of your humiliation even as they are the days of your Lord's humiliation. He is now rejected. He is now disowned. And because we are joined unto Him and are of one Spirit, therefore ye also must bear the same reproach. Every gift of the Spirit must be tried by fire because these are testing days. Because the gifts are the fruit of the same Spirit which filled and actuated the glorious Christ, they must meet the same thing which He meets. That which is pure is received, is welcomed by the saint that is of quick scent in the fear of the Lord; but from the world it receiveth reproach, for is it not foolishness unto the world?

The heart that is attuned to its Lord, the heart that is under the blood, the heart that seeketh the will of God, though hindered by weaknesses of the flesh, though handicapped by habits of the old life, though oppressed by criticism, whether from the world or from unseen saints, that heart must bring forth pure gifts. When the whole being is covered with the blood, the true gifts will be manifested, pure gifts will be manifested.

Letting down the barriers to little foxes, little sins, growing careless in daily living, neglecting to give to the Lord the Most High His due, His adoration, His worship, letting the human thoughts stray to forbidden things, will permit error to creep in. The soul that would be wielded by the Holy Spirit for the edification of the saints must be under the blood. He must bring into subjection every thought to the obedience of Christ. He must gird up the loins of his mind lest his own thoughts run away with him, lest they leap over bounds and run wild.

Every gift must be proven by fire, and that which is pure shall stand the test. The instrument has but to stand still, and if he be true, God will in His own time vindicate him. For the Lord loveth His own. If they walk with Him, they do also share His reproach. But this is the persecution for His name's sake and is greatly rewarded in heaven.

Fear not to give thyself unto Him. Fear not to let Him have His full way. He will work in thee such gifts as He pleaseth. He shall distribute unto thee such gifts as He will. But know that every gift of the Spirit must be tried by fire. Yea, and the instrument that is true is willing for the testing, is willing for the proving, that God may be justified. For know ye well that the instrument is nothing.



Persecution and Power, Power and Persecution

By Elizabeth Sisson

Just lately, in going over afresh that wonderful book, the life of the beginnings of the Christian church—"The Acts of the Apostles"—I could not fail to see the marvelous gift that God gave her, in His permissive providence, in the persecutions that arose upon her. Oh, that we might have the old-time persecutions of the church of God! Can we? I believe we can. Then shall we have the old-time spectacle—God the life, and the church the body which clothed that life—which we see in the beginning church.

The very title of that book, "The Acts of the Apostles," might be more properly rendered, "The Acts of the Holy Ghost through the Apostles," or "The Apostolic Church." All that made the first church worth while, was the mighty way in which God wrought through her. It was "a sect everywhere spoken against" (Acts 28:22). Nothing could be of greater ill-odor. For the most part, a body of uneducated weaklings, converted according to Paul, from the lowest state of society, the scum, "fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners" (1 Cor. 6:9, 10). And as he elsewhere exclaims, "Ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the mighty, and the base things of the world, and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not to bring to naught things which are, that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29).

However Paul hastens to add—**BUT OF HIM; of GOD** who hath called you, ye motley crowd, **ARE YE**. Ah, it was the spectacle of **GOD** in man that provoked the devil's ire, moved him to stir his own, the world, to persecute the church. And those blessed, healthy persecutions pressed her still deeper into the life of her Lord, to in turn bring upon her more bitter, more hellish persecutions, each again to bring the victories of God upon the growing church. Till in his day—the first generation of Christians,—Paul said the gospel had been preached in the then known world! And one of the titles of the church was "These that have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6).

Yes, they were "of God," in those days and their purity evoked their persecutions, and their persecution evoked a blessed time, an increase of their power! The healing of the lame man by Peter and John because God was in them, turned on them the rage of the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees (Acts 4:1), and they put them in prison. Oh, blessed prison! Oh, blessed persecution! for in that purity, in that power of the church, not only the rage of many,

but the faith of, many was increased. "Many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand" (Acts 4:1-4); and the next day, when they brought them to court, and set them in the midst, and asked, "By what authority, or by what name have ye done this?" there was a sudden fresh influx of God into Peter, and "filled with the Holy Ghost" he preached the most wonderful sermon to them. **The persecution** furnished the pulpit, and the text, and preached Peter into a new place of power in God! Oh, would we have these blessed, blessed persecutions? then we must have more of the purity and the power of **GOD** in us, then the persecutions will fall upon God in us, and all will be well.

The power and the persecutions, the persecutions and the power walk hand in hand through the Book of Acts and will walk hand in hand in our lives if we let them. For we too are called to the Acts of the Apostles, namely, the life of **GOD** in frail humanity. But let us follow the narrative and see how plainly all this is set forth. When Peter and John had been released from prison and brought to court, they turned the court-room into another preaching place where they boldly proclaimed the despised, crucified Redeemer as risen and as Lord of heaven and earth. Being commanded by the same Jewish power which through the Romans had put Jesus to death,—to speak no more in "this name," they boldly declared "whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, **judge ye**; for **WE CANNOT** but speak the things which we have seen and heard." And being let go, they went to their own company, and filled with the holy fruit of a single-eyed purity to God, they called a prayer meeting, waited on God and prayed for more power and purity (which of course meant more persecutions) and still more boldness, purity and power.

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant unto thy servants that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." Immediately, the place was shaken where they were assembled together—(Think of it! Not they, their spirits and their bodies only, but the very material walls, floor, ceiling were supernaturally shaken of God!)

In the first, or upper room outpouring of the Spirit, we read the place was filled of God the Spirit—here it was shaken by Him. **Ever-increasing power**, fresh and mightier outpourings upon on-going souls! Hallelujah! Now they were oiled and more deeply energized of God! "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the words of God with boldness." Afresh they were unified in

God. Something of the wonderful unity of the Father and the Son got possession of them. Something of the answer to the powerful prayer of Jesus—"that they all may be one, as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us—" got possession of them! The unifying love of the three Persons in the Godhead took hold on them also! "And the multitude of them that believed were of **one heart** and of **one soul**! neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things in common." Oh, glorious persecutions which pushed them thus far into God! And now "With **GREAT** power, gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **GREAT GRACE** was upon them **ALL**." "All," now numbering at least eight thousand! for three thousand was the fruit of the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:41) and five thousand more (Acts 4:5) the result of Peter and John's imprisonment. Oh, glorious power of God, pushing saints into the cage of Satan and his world! Glorious effect of that cage, driving them still further out into God!

But Satan's thousands of years of wily cunning will still try to get the leprosy of sin on God's advancing hosts. He is always looking around in the Christian assemblies for some Ananias or Sapphira who will not live altogether straight with God, by whose dissembling he may enter in, tempt the Holy Ghost to withdraw His presence, His purity, His power! But if God's people will let Him keep them white, then death (God's judgment) will wipe out the Ananias and Sapphira trick and leave His people still further in the grip of the Holy Ghost.

God's children have absolutely **nothing** to fear but sin; nor do they need to fear that either if they let Him hide them in Himself! Satan cannot touch God! Glory! Glory! Glory! God's permitted persecutions are only blessings in disguise and a framework in which He hangs out His beautiful pictures. Oh, Thou blessed Sovereign of the universe! How we praise Thee for the glorious persecutions that didst enframe thy first Christian martyr Stephen! Only an uneducated deacon in the church at Jerusalem (deacon's office then being to "serve tables"), but he was "full of faith and of power." And to such an one, serving tables was a fine pulpit in which to preach, as he did, so that "great wonders and miracles" were wrought among the people. This could not long go on without stirring up the devil's rage and he brought the learned ones from among the Jewish colleges, the "libertines, Alexandrians, them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen." "And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke." Then they proceeded to violence, stirred up the people and stoned Stephen. Oh, blessed persecutions! Opportunity for an exhibition the like of which they had never seen before! They had a glimpse into the heavenly glory—ungodly men and persecutors as they were. "All that sat in the council looking steadfastly on him saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

The hour, the place, became for Stephen

another pulpit; the last in which he ever preached, and the sermon he sealed with his life blood. But not till he too had a heavenly vision. He saw the risen and glorified Saviour not sitting—Christ's ever rightful place since His glorious ascension—but **standing**, waiting to receive **him**, torn and bleeding and mangled at the hands of a dirty mob. And Stephen cried out, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God."

Oh, blessed persecutions, that could be the instruments in God's hands of such heavenly glory on an earthly, ghastly, bloody scene! Yes, and still further it filled Stephen with such divine glory and power that, overcome with love to his persecutors, he knelt down and with a loud voice cried, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (And in God's answer to that prayer, doubtless, among many other things was wrapped up for us and the church of all ages the glorious Pauline epistles in which our souls have reveled and we have grown fat in God!) Truly the whole church was enriched by that persecution! Oh, blessed God! that permits the devil to thus prosper the church.

After this love-cry of Stephen's, without any more pangs of dissolution, quietly breathing to his standing, waiting Saviour, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit," he fell asleep. But the mighty violent agitator, Saul, grew more furiously enraged against the Christians. His feet, however, were in a net, he was kicking against the "pricks," and in his mad hunt for human prey on the way to Damascus, Jesus drew the net and landed the big fish. All that Paul through the ages has been to the Christian Church came out of the persecution of Stephen!

It has ever been so down the ages. Oh, how we need to pray for a purity and power upon us today that will bring the persecuting energy of Satan down. It has passed into a proverb, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." It is history's commentary upon all that persecutions did for the church in the second and third centuries, and under the dark pall of Rome from the sixth to the sixteenth centuries; when at last the very voice of the living church was muffled. Then the persecuting power was searching out the hidden believers and dragging them to the stake, making it a high holiday when all were invited as to a festival, "Come see the heretics burn." They assembled by the thousands to feast their eyes upon the bloody spectacle; and God wrought the joy of the Lord into the one who was being persecuted. "Come," said a victim, "draw near all ye papists and see how a Christian can die. My arms have fallen from my body, my legs have dropped off in the flames, my body now fastened to the stake is consuming, but my soul is filled with unutterable glory."

And some of those who came to scoff and view "a heretic roast," went home with their hearts more torn than could be accomplished by the most pungent preaching; and the scoffers of one day became the confessors and martyrs of another. And so the persecutions fed the church of God and the persecution power released a sermon that kept on feeding a

great revival. Multitudes of spectators at each death-scene went away "pricked," only to find later the same Jesus whom they had seen so blessedly bear "far above all" His faithful witnesses. And these in turn were discovered and dragged out to the same glory of martyrdom. And thus the persecuting power itself carried forward the revival!

"Shut up in God! Oh, wondrous thought,
That takes a worthless worm like me,
Exposed to sin and Satan's power,
And hides me in Divinity!
In Christ I hide and have a feast—
Now let the devil do his worst,
He cannot harm me in the least
Unless he harm my Jesus first."

Oh, we are so rich! fallen "heirs of God!" yea, "joint-heirs with Christ" of God! Let us push on into our full inheritance of purity and power to their attendant illuminations of persecuting flames! Glory! Our colored sister, Amanda Smith (freed from old-time Southern slavery) used to say of any big promise she found in the Bible "It is in the will and I'll probate the will if I break the courts."

A young English nobleman born to great wealth ran amuck, was disinherited and escaped to Australia. There he finished sowing his crop of wild oats, married and settled down to a humble, obscure life. He had one son, who after his father's death, continued on in lowly servitude. Years after, the estate in old England, through course of law, reverted to this dead man or his heirs. Hunt was made and this son picked up. He went to England to enter into possession of the ancestral mansion and other wealth. Arriving in the old country, he made his way to the birthplace of his father, made inquiry for the home, and finding one of the entrances to the vast estate, he was delighted to see a house, to him so beautiful, so far superior to anything he had ever known. He took possession and settled down to life; but it was only one of the porter's lodges that guarded the various roads leading to the great ancestral mansion. A pursuing barrister, calling to invest him with more of his wealth and power, and finding him at one of the porter's lodges said, "What are you doing here?" "Living in my home," said the simple Australian. "Oh, this is not your home," said the lawyer, and proceeded to invest him with all the grandness of the ancestral estate, its palace home, its miles of cultivated lawns, flower beds, rides and drives, and boat upon the pretty river that flowed through all this cultivation.

Ah, beloved, we people of the Upper Room experience (Acts 2:4) are but come into the porter's lodge. Let us move out, and on, and up, and in, for

"Our home is God."

Let us push on into an ever-increasing hunger for God. All is ours if we will but let Him teach us how to feed! how to draw!

Now at the end of the age it seems we must be coming upon a martyr-hour. There must be those among us who have enough of God in them to live a martyr life, or feed martyr flames. God is all our own. Let us **draw** upon Him. One

midday in a rural town, I formed one of a long line who were waiting to cash checks. Mine was a little five-dollar note, but just behind me in the line was a most inconspicuous Jap waiting his turn. Now, Japs as a nation are not inconspicuous—many of noble bearing are seen—but this one was certainly insignificant looking. I cashed my little five-dollar note; then came Jappy and planked down a \$1,000 check and with shining face said, "Three hundred in gold, three hundred in silver, bills of such a denomination, and of such!" It was a little bank. They did not cash thousand-dollar checks every minute. All stared at the Jap, the most conspicuous man in the bank at that moment, as with beaming face and gloating eye he packed away in his various pockets his wealth. The bigness of the check he drew was his importance at the bank. Down in my heart there thundered, "Yes, Elizabeth, you are always coming to MY BANK with your little five-dollar checks where I would have you cash \$1,000!"

"We are coming to the King—

Let us large petitions bring,

For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much!"

Even now He is ready to cash checks for purity and power that will bring the old-time glory and persecution and fruitfulness!

In a recent number of the "Missionary Herald" (organ of the Congregationalists). I read that it was one of their young lady missionaries who in the far interior of China, in the time of the Boxer Uprising, came out of a church building where these missionaries and Chinese Christians had huddled together, and faced the boxers with this proposition—"Kill me and let these missionaries, fathers and mothers of these helpless Chinese, go free." Well, they killed her and then all the others also. But did her offer leave no fruit? A young soldier in the ranks, Fang Lee Hsien, heard and saw it all. From that hour it rankled in his heart, and step by step it brought him to Jesus. And so we have Marshall Fang, and the Christian Army, and all that that has meant up to date in China. "And the end is not yet, praise the Lord." Purity and power—the purity which is emptied of self and the power that is filled with God.

"None of self and all of Thee,

Pardoned and cleansed and filled with
God—

Filled with God, yes, filled with God."

"Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you!" "Blessed are ye when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you, and cast out your names as evil for the Son of man's sake; rejoice ye in that day and LEAP for joy' (Gr. jump up and down **very much**) for behold your reward is great in heaven" (Luke 6:22, 23).

A cracked bell is sure to be heard. Everyone notices a foolish speech, though they forget sound teaching

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A SURE FOUNDATION

On merit not my own I stand;
On doings which I have not done.
Merit beyond what I can claim,
Doings more perfect than my own.

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life, Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed:
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears, Another's griefs,
On them I rest, on them alone.

Jesus, O Son of God, I build
On what Thy Cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read,
My guilt, my pardon there I see.

ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF FAITH

Andrew Murray
Matt. 8:13

This passage of Scripture brings before us one of the principal laws of the kingdom of heaven. In order to understand God's ways with His people, and our relations with the Lord, it is needful to understand this law thoroughly and not deviate from it. Not only does God give or withhold His grace according to the faith or unbelief of each, but they are granted in greater or lesser measure, only in proportion to the faith which receives them. God respects the right to decide which He has conferred on man. Therefore He can only bless us in the measure in which each yields himself up to His divine working, and opens all his heart to Him. Faith in God is nothing else than the full opening of the heart to receive everything from God; therefore man can only receive divine grace according to his faith; and this applies as much to divine healing as to any other grace of God.

This truth is confirmed by the spiritual blessings which may result from sickness. Two questions are often asked: (1) Is it not God's will that His children should sometimes remain in a prolonged state of sickness? (2) Since it is a recognized thing that divine healing brings with it greater spiritual blessing than the sick-

ness itself, why does God allow certain of His children to continue sick through many years, and while in this condition give them signal blessing in sanctification, and in communion with Himself? The answer to these two questions is that God gives to His children according to their faith. We have already had occasion to remark that in the same degree in which the church has become worldly her faith in divine healing has diminished, until at last it has disappeared. Believers do not seem to be aware that they may ask God for the healing of their sickness, and that thereby they may be sanctified and fitted for His service. They have come to seek only submission to His will, and to regard sickness as a means to be separate from the world. In such conditions the Lord gives them what they ask. He would have been ready to give them yet more, to grant them healing in answer to the prayer of faith, but they lacked the faith to receive it. God always meets His children where they are, howsoever weak they may be. The sick ones, therefore, who have desired to receive Him with their whole heart, will have received from Him the fruit of the sickness in their desire that their will should be conformed to the will of God. They might have been able to receive healing, in addition, as a proof that God accepted their submission: if this has not been so, it is because faith has failed them to ask for it.

THE "SOFT DRINKS" CURSE

Of course well-informed and up-to-date Pentecost people understand that a child of God has no business around pool halls, dance halls, movie shows, professional ball games or soft drink stands. They have long ago realized these places are of the world, worldly. But for the assistance of newcomers in our assemblies the Free Methodist editorial appearing under the above caption is quoted. We are very glad to see that the Free Methodist friends also are awake to the menace of the cold drinks stand.

The editorial is as follows:

"Under the above caption the Pathfinder of July 24 discusses the evil in the use of, and traffic in, soft drinks. On the floor of the United States Senate five years ago there was a similar discussion. More than one senator at that time denounced the traffic because the drinks were habit-forming and injurious. Certain senators declared these things to be especially true of the most advertised and most widely consumed of these drinks.

The following excerpts from the Pathfinder article are worth our consideration:

"The profits in this traffic are so big that great temptations are held out to boost the business. Youngsters are encouraged to tease their parents for all sorts of drinks with seductive names. Working girls and boys get to drinking them regularly several times a day, and learn to depend on them; it becomes a habit, a bad habit.

"No one knows what's in these bottled drinks. Some of them are tasty and no doubt made of materials harmless in

themselves—but practically all of them are injurious to the stomach and digestion. Artificial sweetening, flavoring and coloring matter are liberally used in many cases because they are cheap. There is practically nothing of any value in the stuff in most instances. When you drink lemonade, for instance, made from fresh fruit, you are getting something genuine and beneficial, but not so with the average "lemon" pop, which is "lemon" only in name.

"How much better it would be if parents would realize the harm that is done by all sorts of mysterious bottled concoctions with fancy names and would forbid their children to indulge in them. There are plenty of legitimate, wholesome beverages and concerted efforts should be made to bring about a reform in this direction.

"The churches have done some work of this sort, by condemning drinks which are believed to be detrimental to health. Some of the schools have also taken up the matter; the teachers have impressed upon the pupils the injury to digestion that may result from the drinking of beverages of unknown content and effect."

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?"

AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT

Wouldst thou be a teacher? Then let God teach thee. Wouldst thou be a leader? Then let God lead thee. Wouldst thou be a guide? Then let God guide thee. Wouldst thou be a helper? Then let God help thee. The prepared soul must be of most exquisite sympathy and have a tenderness that is born of suffering and the compassion that is conceived in love. The effective instrument must be so attuned to the heart of Christ that he may be freely wielded.

Even the Christ was perfected through suffering, and because He suffered He knoweth how to succour them that are tempted. How much more need the sons of men to come into that deep sense of divine love for other human beings in order that they may teach them by divine life, divine power. Whom the Master would use, He must teach, and lead, and guide and help.

A BIG LITTLE SERMON

Text: "Epaphras who is . . . always labouring fervently for you in prayers" (Col. 4:12).

We are exhorted to take time to be holy. It takes time. Praying through is often spoken of as a prime virtue. It takes time to pray through. Jesus prayed through about the naming of the twelve apostles, but He spent the night at it.

The laboring of Epaphras in prayer so fervently is mentioned as one of the virtues of this child of God. We do not know much else about him. Many people fail to succeed in temporal matters because they are too trifling to labor fervently. Work is an essential part of success. The same is true of spiritual things. You will find a man saying he will just submit to the will of the Lord. If God wants him to get well He will

make him well. He is willing for God to have His way. This sounds pretty good, but God knows often it is mere sheer laziness. The man is just too lazy to labor in prayer for the thing God wants him to have. God wants him to be well. He says so. Listen, "Beloved I desire above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health." But the man is so lazy that he makes a pretense of being submissive to the will of God, slandering God by making it appear that God wants him to be sick, whereas the simple truth is his supposed submission is nothing but laziness. He is too lazy to pray through to the skies for his healing. He loafs around home, and everything gets run down and dilapidated. The house is ready to fall down over his head, the premises are sold for taxes, the children are undernourished, the wife is overworked. Have you seen him? He says he doesn't understand why the Lord afflicts him so, but he is determined to be contented with his lot, and be in submission to God. The neighbors bring in things to eat, and he takes the best because he is sick and his appetite must be pampered. Isn't it too bad that the spanking machines have gone out of style?

A man can be found in almost any town who has been going to see the doctor every day for weeks on end. It takes an hour and a quarter altogether going and coming. If he gets better by microscopic degrees he boasts about his doctor and the treatments. Would that man spend an hour and a quarter every day giving himself wholly up to the care and direction of the Lord, cooperating with Him and asking and doing His will about his sickness? No, that would be too hard. He is too lazy for that. If someone would come and pray the prayer of faith for him and raise him up without his having to pray much, he would be very glad, but to labor in prayer like Epaphras is too hard.

Here is a much overlooked principle regarding prayer—labor in prayer. Is the thing you want something that you consider very difficult and important, something that if you knew how to do it and could, would surely take you a lot of time and effort? Well get to work and put the same time and effort into praying for it. If you have not tried it, the results will amaze you.

Here is a story that is said to be true, although I do not know that it is. However if it is not it could be, for the story illustrates a great and much neglected prayer truth. This is the story.

Some saints baptized in the Holy Spirit believed themselves called to go and labor among the lepers of Madagascar, where there is a colony of them. When they had made the journey and presented themselves for admission to their field of labor, the authorities would not let them land, and prevented their going to the leper colony. In no wise discouraged by this they turned aside into a place where they could have quiet access to the Lord in prayer, and proceeded to spend the same amount of time in prayer for the lepers day after day that they would have spent in working among these unfortunates had they been permitted to

go among them according to the plans they had originally made. In their prayers they asked God to do all for the lepers that He would have done for them had these missionaries been permitted to go and labor among them. As the days came and went and they labored tirelessly in prayer through the long hours, news began reaching them of great things taking place in the leper colony which they had never visited but for which they were laboring in prayer by the day and week. The lepers were saved, healed and baptized in the Holy Ghost in large numbers.—Adapted from *Intercessory Missionary*.

LAYING UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Can you think of any way you could make a hundred dollars do as much to spread the glorious news about the full Gospel, as by sending a couple of hundred pastors a six months' subscription for the Evangel? To get ministers to understand Pentecost brings very great results. What you give in this way to these poor preachers scrubbing along without the Baptism the Lord will repay you again when you get to heaven.

PRAYER POINTERS

1. Let us think of our friends always with prayer. It was said of Forbes Robinson, "All his thoughts of men gradually became prayers."

2. Pause before writing your letters to lift your heart to God in prayer. John Forman practiced that and how uplifting his letters!!

3. Keep a Prayer List. Put on it the workers who are out in God's harvest field. You may work through them by prayer. Add to your list the names of people and subjects as God gives them to you.

4. Set others to praying. Pastor McGregor sent out seven missionaries from his own church. He said, "I would rather train one man to pray than ten men to preach."

5. Keep the Morning Watch of Prayer and Bible Study. The morning is the best time for prayer. Get up earlier if necessary. A British General said, "I stand every morning at attention before God." There he got his orders and the mind of the Commander.

6. Pray in spare moments. Peter did this. He came home hungry and "while they made ready" he gathered up the spare moments and went to the house-top for prayer and got the vision of his life.

7. Unite with others in prayer. On the second Wednesday of each month, scores of prayer meetings are held all over the country to pray for revival. Can you not arrange a band in your city to unite in prayer for revival.

"Not what, but whom, I do believe,

That, in my darkest hour of need,

Hath comfort that no mortal creed

To mortal man may give;—

Not what, but whom!

For Christ is more than all the creeds,

And His full life of gentle deeds

Shall all the creeds outlive."

—John Oxenham.

HEALED OF SUNSTROKE

I wish to give a note of praise to God for healing my daughter of sunstroke. She could not speak and did not know anything from Wednesday noon until Thursday at 8 o'clock in the morning, when God answered the prayer of faith. I give Him all the glory.—Mrs. Atkinson, R. 3, Marionville, Mo.

FAMILY PHYSICIAN

I am giving the following testimony for the glory of my Saviour:

I want to praise Him for what He has done for me and my family. He wonderfully blesses my home; He is our family Physician; He has healed our little boy of earache and toothache; He has wonderfully healed our baby of stomach and bowel trouble and of chills and fever; He has healed many different times in my home.—Pearl Jordan, Tennille, Ala.

BROKEN BACK HEALED

During the last six years I have been totally blind at three different times. I had my spine broken and have been in the hospital for three operations. I have taken over five hundred treatments from different doctors and was told by one of them that I could not possibly live, as I was suffering internal injuries from having been rolled on by a horse. But praise God, I was healed on July 6, 1926, at the camp meeting held on Brother Joe Thomas' farm by Evang. D. E. Collins. I am now completely restored to health; have even put away my glasses which I had worn for twenty years. I have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and God has called me into the ministry. I am going to sell my farm and get busy in the harvest field for the Master—H. F. Johnson, R. 1, Newark, S. Dakota.

YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD STREET MEETINGS

Brother Jas. Medley and wife write from Wills Point, Texas: "We went to Sachse the second Sunday in July, where we found Brother Lewis and his loyal band of saints praying for a revival. The Lord met us in the first service. I don't know the exact number saved, but 7 received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4 and 14 followed the Lord in water baptism. At Sachse they have a live Sunday school with something over 100 enrolled. There is also a fine band of young folks who are pressing on. They go with their pastor and hold street services in nearby towns. There were some marked cases of healing during the meeting. Pray for us as we are beginning a meeting in a new place."

"If after kirk ye bide a wee,

There's some wad like to speak with ye.

If after kirk ye rise and flee,

We'll all seem cold and stiff to ye.

The one that's in the seat with ye

Is stranger here than ye, may be.

All here hae got their fears and cares.

Add ye your own unto our prayers,

Be ye our angel unawares."

∴ Faith Optimism ∴

(Chairman W. T. Gaston at the Springfield Assembly)

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

There are in the world two extreme classes — pessimists and optimists. The orthodox optimist preaches that every day in every way everything is getting better and better. He stresses the importance of looking on the bright side and making the best of everything, but the pessimist declares that everything is going to the bad. He moans over the good old days, and looks out on the future with little hope. Through his blue goggles the whole world looks blue.

Strange to say, but a fact nevertheless, the Christian is both a pessimist and an optimist, and both at the same time. When he looks out on the world system he gets pessimistic. The reason is he has been enlightened by the Holy Ghost and he knows that judgment is pending, for the whole world system lieth in the wicked one, and one of these days according to the sure word of prophecy, the wrath of God shall fall upon it and smash it to pieces as a potter breaketh his vessel. The Spirit-taught Christian knows this, and with anointed eyes he watches the gathering clouds of the coming tribulation. Such a one cannot become enthusiastic about anything that belongs to the present world system. He is unable to prophesy "smooth things" for an age that is fast ripening for judgment; but touching the world, its hopes and ambitions, he is decidedly pessimistic, and if you ask how it is that the Christian has any advantage over others in understanding the signs of the times, I will answer in the words of Paul, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief."

Sodom was in darkness concerning the fact that she was nearing the end of her probation, but the Lord said, "Shall I hide what I do from my friend Abraham?" Could Abraham get optimistic concerning the future of Sodom after that little talk with his Lord? Even so we read in the prophetic Word that in the time of the end "none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" (Dan. 12:10).

I approach my subject in this manner because I would make it plain that the optimism breathed in my text does not belong to the world or to worldlings. It is one of those texts that belongs exclusively to those who love God. There are many such in the Bible, but we will notice only one other.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his de-

light is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away" (Psalms 1:1-4).

How emphatic, how clearly defined, are these two opposites. No sinner can be optimistic and intelligent at the same time. Don't overlook this fundamental difference in the children of God and the children of this world. A worldly man's happiness is based upon ignorance of real facts while the Christian's joy is based upon knowledge divine and eternal. Here is where the Christian's optimism begins.

We know! What makes him smile when apparently there is nothing to smile about? He is happy because of what he knows. He knows some wonderful things that no one else knows nor can know. God is letting him on the inside of mysteries and wonders. He is whispering something in his innermost being that gives him to understand that everything is working together to bless him and make him eternally rich and happy. This is not a fancy of his or a passing emotion, but a definite knowledge. **We know** that everything is all right. You get a man in that condition and he smiles. He does not have to pump it up or put it on, but he is normally and naturally happy.

Now the text declares that "all things work together for good." Not that finally everything will come out all right, but that all things work together or conspire together for the good of those who love God. What a tremendous statement!

People use the Ford automobile for almost everything, so we will use it to illustrate the text. If you would visit the factory in Detroit you would see thousands of hustling men, not all doing the same thing, but all doing something. One man makes screws, another bolts, another spark plugs, while others are busy building bodies. Here comes another fellow and sandpapers things, and still another spreads on paint, and finally, the whole crowd working, the finished product is a Ford, and if you want to go, just get in and step on the right thing and you are gone.

Now that car did not evolve. The thing did not come together of itself, but all those men cooperated to make the car. Back of every Ford car is a Henry Ford—a man who formed a plan and set all these men to working to produce this result.

God has a plan for your life, and He has a lot of folks working on you, but

they are all working to help you out; and when the last little touch is put on this great scheme of God in your life, you will look like Jesus Christ in the glory. Hallelujah!

It may be that you don't understand at all times that everything is working together for your good. Somebody will use the sandpaper rather freely, or they will tighten up the loose nuts, so to speak, in a way that seems pretty rough, and perhaps you won't understand. But the reason the Holy Ghost gave you this text, and many others like it, was to give you faith when you can't feel.

Our children don't always understand why they should go to school. They would rather go fishing any day. What's the use of all that nonsense about the value of x and y? What's the use to bother my brain studying over a problem, for just as soon as I get it, the teacher just gives me another a little more difficult! But the teacher sees sense in it, and parents understand that the child's mind will never be developed without study, so all the time the lessons get harder and harder as the child's mind grows and his capacity increases. It is only that which requires effort that will serve to enlarge their mental caliber, and give them power in later life to think out problems.

Are we not like children in many respects? We want easy problems. It is all right with us when there are no burdens or difficulties, and when all is sunshine and singing, but I want to tell you that if you go through with Jesus these days you are going to be put through the crucible. Jesus said, "In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Have you ever thought there was no use in your trying to live a Christian life with so much opposition? If only your kinfolks saw things your way, and there were not so many things to hinder, you would do beautifully for Christ. Did you ever get that idea? Then look around and watch these folks that have no cross and no battle. They have all the money they want and everything looks easy. Just watch these people and see how fast they go up the shining way. Look over any assembly of saints for the bright faces, for the glowing, burning testimonies, for the prayers that pull heaven down on folks. Watch their lives and in all probability you will find that they are the ones who are having trials and opposition. Easy circumstances are not conducive to sainthood. God is not growing hot-house flowers.

Jacob had a favorite son, Joseph. He made him a beautiful coat and dolled him all up, but this manifest favoritism did not set well with the other boys. One day Joseph had a dream, and told it to the family. Then he had another and told it likewise. In these dreams there was an intimation that the whole family would eventually bow down to Joseph, so the brothers became jealous and full of prejudice, and when one day the father sent him to see how they were getting along, they conspired against him and

sold him to the Ishmaelites, who carried him into Egypt. Then they took a kid, killed it and dipped the coat in the blood, and taking the coat to the old father, said, "Is this your son's coat?" The old patriarch looked at it and replied, "It is my son's coat. Evil beasts have torn him." And it broke his heart.

In the meantime young Joseph was having a hard time. In a strange land, with strange people, misunderstood, falsely accused, and thrown into prison where he suffered most cruel bondage.

I don't know whether Joseph could feel that everything was all right or not, but I know one thing, he was true to God. Though having trials enough to discourage any man, (if he had allowed discouragement or if faith could be discouraged), yet he did not break with his God, nor compromise with sin.

I know how the old father felt about it, for we have it recorded in the Book. "Ye have bereaved of my children. Joseph is not and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away. **All these things are against me.**" Did you ever feel that way? Were you ever so circumscribed, so shut up, that everything seemed against you? Well that is the way Jacob felt, but here are the facts as later revealed. "**God meant it unto good** to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive. . . . God did send me before you to preserve life."

These evil-minded men conspired together against their helpless brother, but through all the conspiracy against the lad, God overruled and used those circumstances which took Joseph down to Egypt, and through the dungeon to bring him to a throne, and through the throne to save the whole crowd and bring us a lesson of faith and trust. "Surely he maketh the wrath of men to praise him."

Did you ever get into a place that looked darker than the picture here? God help us to learn the lesson, "God meant it for good." "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

What a luxury to walk about among men feeling the life of God surging up and down your spinal vertebra, and with full knowledge that through an overruling providence three worlds conspire together to do you good. People may not understand you, but they did not understand Joseph. These things are "hid from the wise and prudent." But let the heathen rage and the people imagine vain things. Everything is all right. "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Hallelujah!

Get this knowledge down in your soul and you will not need to patronize the beauty shop. It will put a radiance in your face that the beauty doctor cannot imitate. The great secret of triumph in a Christian life is simply to love God with all your heart, for "all things work together for good to them that love God." Now the Lord knows all the time that this wonderful text is true of all real believers, but He wants the believer to know it.

If you had an inheritance of a million dollars in New York City or some other

place and you did not know it, it would not do you any good. You might be having a pretty hard time to make a living, but just as soon as you know you have that inheritance you will have a different viewpoint altogether. You will feel and act differently. Here is one of the great difficulties—to get the Christian world to **know** what they have in

Christ. When we **know**, we will be victorious. Yea, we will glory and revel in this great salvation and seek to further explore its depths and wonders. There is a wealth in Jesus Christ, a fullness in the Son of God yet unknown to all of us.

May God enlighten and instruct us by "the Spirit which searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Children's Corner

THE POWER OF LOVE

A kind Christian lady, met a poor, little orphan girl, who had neither home nor friends. She brought her to her own home. But, finding herself among strangers, the poor child felt very unhappy. She sat in the hall of her kind friend's house, weeping. This lady had three little girls. They tried to make friends with the stranger; but she was timid and frightened, and turned shrinkingly away from them.

"There is a secret," said this kind mother, "which will act like a charm on the poor child. It will draw her to you, and make her willing to go anywhere with you. This secret lies in a word of four letters. Now see if you can find it out, my darlings."

Then the children began to think what this secret could be. They looked among their prettiest playthings to find something that would answer. At last the eldest daughter said—"I know what it is; d-o-l-l is a word of four letters. I'll try my pretty new doll." So she took her best doll and offered to give it to the child if she would come into the parlor. But this had no effect upon her.

Then the next in age said to herself, "M-u-f-f is a word of four letters. Perhaps this is it." So she took her beautiful muff, that was given her at Christmas, and offered to show it to the little stranger. But she only turned away her head and wouldn't look at it.

Grace, the youngest daughter, tried next; but she was puzzled to know what to do. Yet she was not willing to give up, but stood looking at the child and feeling great pity for her. At last she went and sat down by the side of the crying child, and she cried, too. Presently she took the poor child's hand in hers and stroked and patted it gently. Then she said to her tenderly, "Don't cry, dear. No one will hurt you here. We only want to love you." Then she put her little arms around the stranger's neck, and took her head upon her shoulder, and gently kissed her.

The little girl stopped crying. She looked earnestly in the face of this new friend, and then dashing away the tears she said—"I'll go anywhere with you."

So Grace took the little one by the hand and led her into the parlor.

"Well, girls," said her mother, "Grace

has found out the secret. The four letters to which I referred spell the word l-o-v-e. Love has greater power than anything else in the world."

God is love, and, love is of God.—The Labor of Love.

HIS MOTHER

Judge Lindsey tells a striking incident of a little fellow who was before his court, and was many, many times admonished about truancy from school. The teacher kept writing, however, that nothing had been accomplished, and that Tim seemed bound to work and to let school go. One day, in reproving him, the judge said: "Now, Tim, there will be time enough to work when you are a man." The boy replied like a flash: "My father was a man, and he didn't work. He went off and left mother and me, and I guess that's what killed her, too."

Finally, after breaking every instruction, Tim appeared in court one day with a changed expression, his face ablaze with satisfaction. Walking up to the judge, he pulled from his pocket a dirty piece of paper, all crumpled up, and handed it up for inspection, saying: "I'm going to remember all the things you have told me now, judge, and I am going to school regular now, for I've got that job all done."

Judge Lindsey unrolled the paper, and found it to be a receipted bill, and discovered that little by little poor Tim had actually paid with pennies and nickles fifty dollars for a headstone for his mother's grave. "My boy, is that what you have been doing while you have been missing school so much?" said the judge; and Tim answered, as he wiped the tears from his dirty little face: "I wanted her to have a monument, too, judge, like the others had. She's done a lot for me; that's all I could do for her now."—Expositor.

The best method of defeating heresy is to establish truth. One purpose to fill the basket with tares; now if I can fill it first with wheat, his efforts will be in vain.—J. N.

A charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky.

He Is Faithful That Promised

By Mrs. Anna Sanford Brodhead

It will be forty-two years in April since I took the Lord Jesus Christ as my Great Physician, and I praise God for all the blessings resulting therefrom. In my childhood and youth I suffered with spinal weakness. When I was born my spine was very limp and a number of doctors who came to examine me, said it was impossible for me to live. My mother, however, was a wonderful nurse, and her patient and constant care, by the blessing of God, saved my life.

I was not normal and my earliest memory is of awful weariness, especially each morning. I used to wish I had never been born and the strain of being dressed seemed more than I could endure. I could not walk until I was about five years old. After I began to walk my spine became curved for lack of strength to bear my slight weight. I was unnaturally wakeful from my birth. As a tiny infant my mother said I was wide awake and noticing everything around me almost day and night. She said she had never seen anything like this in her life and it was so pitiful. This wakefulness troubled me greatly all through my youth until I was Divinely healed.

My doctors all said I must not go to school, but I loved to study and longed so much for an education that my parents let me attend school, when I was not ill in bed, because I fretted so. Study was a delight to me and I could master my lessons easily, but many a time when engrossed in study, I would put up my hand to knock off the hot brick or stone which seemed to be burning on the top of my head and pressing its weight painfully, only to realize anew that the burning was inside of my poor head instead. I was ill in bed much of the time.

When I was ten years old I had scarlet fever so severely that I almost died and it settled in the weakest part, the spine. Again my mother's wonderful nursing saved my life. I became somewhat stronger when I was about fifteen years old, but had to be extremely careful.

Four and a half years previous to my taking Jesus as my constant Physician, I had a wonderful deliverance, but at the time I did not see healing in the atonement. God gave deliverance in my extremity of need, ignorant as I was.

I had gone to Erie, Pa., to study industrial drawing. I boarded with a Universalist lady. I had just money enough to pay my expenses for the time I expected to stay and buy my ticket home. I was doing well when suddenly I was taken violently ill. I managed to finish the day in the office and went to my room at the usual time, but could not go down to supper. When my landlady came up and learned why I did not come down, she was greatly alarmed. I think the trouble might have been spinal fever. My temperature was very high and I was

suffering all over. As I had no money to pay for a doctor, and I feared because of not knowing of a prenatal injury, he might be liable to misjudge the case, I begged Mrs. M not to call him, at least until morning.

After she left me, in my desperate need I cried to my Heavenly Father who had done wonderful things for me before. I opened my Bible to Isaiah 40:27-31 and the sudden inspiration came to ask God to fulfill that promise to me since I was one who "waited on the Lord," and He did it. I felt at once better and comforted. I went to bed and slept well and found myself like a new person when I awoke in the morning, perfectly healed! When I came down at the usual time for breakfast, ready for the office, Mrs. M. lifted up both hands in utter amazement! When I showed her this promise in Isaiah and told her what had happened, she impulsively exclaimed, "If others who profess to be Christians had deliverances such as that, some of us unbelievers might come to think the Bible is true." At that time I had never heard of a case of Divine Healing, in the present age, my own being the very first one known to me.

I finished my work successfully on schedule time and went home, and for six months I continued to be better in health than ever before in my life. One morning I rose, long before daylight, to work, and when very weary I walked rapidly to the postoffice early in the morning when the thermometer was far below zero. I was in a small village and the postoffice was in a private house. As I stood on the veranda I could hear the family at worship and waited for them to finish before I knocked. There was a strong, icy wind blowing and suddenly a strange numbness struck my spine and went all over me. That numbness lasted about three weeks—it was as if I were numb with cold. Gradually it wore off, but I found myself without strength, especially my hands were powerless. Afterwards when under the care of a specialist I was told that when this numbness struck my spine the rootlets of nerves were all-torn asunder so that my food did not nourish them. I went to Philadelphia and was under the care of another specialist for six months and then went to the seashore for six weeks. While I did not try to do anything, I felt quite well, but as soon as I attempted to do something I could not work.

While in Philadelphia a lady by the name of Miss Jennie Smith came to see me. She had been wonderfully healed and was giving her testimony in large meetings at that time. She was the only one I had ever seen or heard who had been physically healed by the Lord except myself. Later on I heard Miss Carrie

Judd, now Mrs Carrie Judd Montgomery, tell her story of healing in Erie.

About October, 1881, the Holy Spirit began to show me the truth in God's Word about healing and for about six months I could hardly open my Bible without seeing things on that line. I got under definite conviction that I was not measuring up to it. I belonged to the Lord, but was not trusting Him as I should. I had a desire for healing for God's glory only. I knew of no one who prayed for the sick, except Mrs. Edward Mix of Connecticut, who had prayed for Miss Judd at the time of her healing, and Dr. Charles Cullis of Boston. Thinking that Dr. Cullis was very busy with other things, I wrote a little note early in April, 1882, to Mrs. Mix telling her I felt I ought to trust the Lord for healing and had not faith for it, and asked her to pray for me. While I was writing, the pencil became such a heavy weight in my hand that I could hardly write the little note, only for a few minutes at a time.

Mrs. Mix set a time for prayer. I told no one but my mother about it, and asked her to unite with me. I was in my own room and she was in her room. I just put my case in the hands of the Great Physician the best I knew how. I did not feel any difference physically, but I deliberately once and for all took Him as my Physician. It was almost bed time when I left my room. The next morning I got up early and did a hard day's work which would have been impossible for me to do before. I did not even feel tired when night came. I was so devoid of muscle that the strength had to come from above, and He has given me strength ever since, moment by moment as I did His will.

My mother came into this blessed light less than two weeks after I did. It happened in this way, that one of my brothers went to take care of two of his boy friends who were ill, and who lived nearby. The father would not have a doctor as he thought they had mumps and measles, and thought he knew how to treat the two diseases better than the doctor could. After working with them all night, my brother came home in the morning and told mother how they were. She said that their illness was not just mumps and measles and she disinfected his clothing. He had cut one of his fingers and it had become inflamed. He said he was inoculated with whatever it was. Both the sick boys died a few days later. Their father had a large dairy and the boys had helped him and now the neighbors had to help. Immediately after my brother left, these neighbors sent for the city doctor who, on his arrival pronounced the case small-pox.

When the time came for my brother to show symptoms of the disease, he had a terrible headache and suffered greatly through all his body. The doctor said it was probably "small-pox struggling" and he would give him until Monday morning to break out with it, and advised him to stay at home rather than go to a hospital. All that Sunday my mother was arranging to care for him separately from the family. That night she did not sleep, and all night

long God was showing her to trust Him and He told her that if she would take Jesus as her Physician, as I did, He would heal her son. In her quiet way she said nothing to any of us that morning, and about ten o'clock on Monday morning my brother came bounding down stairs, taking several steps at a time, and called out in a ringing voice, "I'm well! I'm well!" He said he had never felt so well for years. From that time my mother's health and strength was wonderful. Since my earliest recollections, my mother had had such trouble, periodical headaches that the look of suffering in her face almost made me ill. Nothing the doctors suggested helped her, but from that Sunday night she never had another attack. Praise God!

In those early days I had many experiences, and will relate one here. I was visiting three girl friends and while there I was taken suddenly ill with diphtheria. As I had had this before, I knew what it was. The oldest girl begged me to let her send for a doctor. I coaxed her to wait until morning. She said, "You are not fit to be left alone tonight." I said, "I want you to go to bed and forget I am sick." Finally she left me. I rested well all night and the next morning I was all right, only weak as though I had been ill for some time. The fever and the swelling in my throat had gone. I waited around quietly that day, but the next morning I awoke and found myself perfectly well.

After nine years of missionary work in Africa, returning home on my first furlough, I met this friend and she asked me if I remembered that time and I said, "I certainly do." She said, "Anna, when you got well so quickly I knew you were right in trusting Jesus. There must have been something deeper than I had known. I believed after that and read everything I could get on the subject of Divine Healing, and I too gave my case into the hands of Jesus, and He has been my only Physician ever since." Also some of her family have been trusting the Lord since then.—Triumphs of Faith.

A FAMISHED SOUL FILLED AND SATISFIED

This blessed, sweet experience is so new to me, yet wonderfully real and precious. Only three weeks ago the Lord Jesus Baptized me in the Holy Spirit, according to the pattern in Acts 2:4. I want to give my testimony to the Evangel hoping that some one reading it may be led to seek for the Holy Spirit also.

I came from a family of preachers and ardent church workers, on both my father's and my mother's side. I have an uncle who is today a well known and highly honored bishop in the Methodist church. I was brought up with preachers and Christian workers and naturally always attended church. But with all the good examples that were set before me and my constant attendance at church and Sunday school, I was never satisfied. I wanted God. My people seemed to take it for granted that I was a Christian, and I was taken in the church, as so many are, without a definite change of heart. I had read my Bible from child-

hood, and often the Spirit would speak to my heart. We lived in Kentucky, and often on a starlight night I would slip out of the house and gaze up into the heavens and my heart would thrill as I thought that God and Jesus were up there. I hungered for God, but knew not how to find Him. Oh, if I had had some one to talk and pray with me and really explain the plan of salvation to my young heart I would have been saved and missed all these years of doubt, defeat and uncertainty.

I drifted along until I was twenty-two years old, when one night I was literally stricken down with conviction. It was on a Sunday, and I was coming home with some companions after a gay time in the city park, when God spoke to my soul and I suddenly realized what a sinner I was. My body became numb and my tongue was unable to articulate. My companions were frightened at my condition. I promised myself then that I would serve the Lord if He spared my life, but I did not do it. The world with its flattery and vanity lured me on, and I plunged into society and tried to drown the conviction on my soul. All these years not one person ever spoke a word to me about my need of Christ. The world failed to satisfy and one day I became desperate. I felt I must die unless I found peace for my soul. I rushed out of the house and down the street to the Baptist parsonage and asked to see the minister. He came in the reception hall with his hat in his hand and found me sitting there. I told him I wanted to be saved; would he lead me to Jesus, or tell me what to do. The pastor excused himself, saying that he was in a hurry and had to make a call. I went home with a leaden heart. After that it seemed settled that I could not find God, and so the conviction again wore off.

Some months after we moved to another city and I joined the church in that city, a Methodist church and one of the most fashionable. My "Christian service" consisted of waiting on tables at ice cream socials and helping to get up chicken suppers. Oh, how unhappy and miserable I was. When I united with the church, not a word was said to me about my Christian experience. I was not asked if I was saved. The pastor just said, "We are glad to welcome you into the fellowship of the church," then the secretary followed with a pencil and paper and took my name.

After a few months I stopped going to church and became almost hardened. Praise God, His Spirit would not leave me, and one night in my own room, I threw myself on my knees and cried unto God. He spoke to me. It seemed His voice sounded aloud through my room. I had a vision of Jesus who died for me and I know that God forgave my sins and saved my soul.

Soon after I was saved I felt, as I studied the Word of God, that there was something more for me, and I began to get hungry again. One day a lady who was a stranger to me came to my home on business. I was then living in Denver.

We got to talking on the subject of religion. She was a Seventh-day Adventist. I told her how hungry I was for more of God. "I believe I know what you want," she said. "You ought to go to the Pentecostal church." Then she told me that she had been to one in Seattle, and that the people talked about the Holy Spirit and the Baptism. As soon as she was gone I took my telephone directory and started hunting for a Pentecostal church, but I could find none. I called "information," told her what I was looking for. "There is no such place listed," she said. At last she said, "Spell it." I spelled P-e-n-t-e-c-o-s-t-a-l church over and over again for her. "Never heard of such a place," she said, and I hung up the receiver, disappointed. Three days after this I was on a street car, when suddenly, on a level with my eyes, I read, "Pentecostal Assembly." The following Sunday night found me there. As I listened to the testimonies and message I knew that these people had something from God that satisfied their souls and I wanted it. The Evangel was placed in my hands and I read the first installment of Mae Eleanor Frey's experience. I cannot tell you how I devoured it, or how eagerly I waited for every paper. I prayed, "O God, please give me just what You gave this sister." I thought if I could only meet this woman and talk with her, but I never expected to see her. Then, just a few days later, Sister Frey came to Denver to hold a tent meeting with Brother Patterson, pastor of the Assemblies of God.

I was one of the first seekers for the Baptism. I had been seeking so long and was so hungry for God that I had almost become discouraged. I heard of others seeking for years, but it seemed I would die if I had to wait much longer.

One night the meeting had closed and almost every one had gone and I lingered at the altar. Sister Frey, just leaving, saw me alone at the altar and came to me. "Dear sister, what is it you want? Oh, I know, you are the one that is so hungry for the Baptism," she said. I said, "Yes, and it seems I cannot stand it another day. Then Sister Frey asked me to come to her place the next day and in company with another sister who had received her Baptism, I went. We sat and talked a long time, Sister Frey unfolding the Scripture to me, then she said, "Sister, Jesus is waiting to baptize you just now." We knelt and began to praise the Lord. The power of God fell in that parlor, and I went down under the mighty touch of God. For hours I lay there, the Lord filling my soul to overflowing, while the Comforter came to abide. My joy was so great that it seemed a perfectly natural thing for the Holy Ghost to take my vocal organs and my tongue and praise God, magnify Jesus in His own language. NOW I AM SATISFIED. Praise God, praise God. My heart is burdened for souls and He is using me, unworthy as I am, to win others to Himself, and I have been assisting in the shop meetings during Sister Frey's campaign. Pray for me. Your happy sister, Ida Gates.

Missionary Department

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MISSIONARY CRISIS

What is a crisis? It has been said a crisis is a combination of grand opportunity and great responsibility. Many open doors are before us. Heart-rending are the appeals for help. Here are tremendous possibilities. Our missionaries in the various fields are standing in the gap. They are attempting to take the land for Jesus. They need our backing. The battle is on, the conflict intense. They feel like Jesus when He looked out upon the multitudes and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. "His heart was moved with compassion." These facts present us a crisis, or a combination of opportunity and responsibility. Our part is to accept the opportunity and share in the responsibility. We are sharers or partners in the great missionary enterprise.

Recruits are needed for the missionary fields. The most outstanding at the present time is the Congo Belge, Syria, Palestine, French Sudan, West China, Tibet and South India. Who will come to the help of the Lord in this hour of crisis? As we hear the plaintive cry of these dire needs, our heart goes out in great sympathy, tenderness and compassion. The Apostle Paul says, "Pray also with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." A great achievement lies before us. Shall we rise and meet the occasion?

The Congo Belge is a most needy field. The Foreign Missions Department earnestly requests all our constituents to join heartily in intercessory prayer that God may speedily send forth new recruits to the field. There are big possibilities before us but before we can realize these ideals we must have more workers on the field. Pray that God may call more of our young men and young women to the missionary work in Congo Belge. The field is big; the cry for help is loud and the possibilities are great, therefore, pray as you have never prayed before, in this hour of crisis, that God may give us the courage to go forth in His name and take the land for Christ. Shall we let the work dwindle until only one family is left to hold the fort for Christ?

We cannot, we dare not, retrench at this time of opportunity. Our Commander orders us to go into all the world. Again we urge you to pray, supplicate and intercede before the throne, for Spirit-filled, consecrated, qualified volunteers for the missionary work. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the needy harvest field."—William M. Faux, Missionary Secretary.

STILL THEY COME

Another new missionary. He only weighs nine pounds and just reported for duty on August 11—but wait, just wait. His name is Donald and he has extraordinary confidence in Sister Fred G. Leader, who is his mother, home on furlough from the Belgian Congo.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Partly to relieve for a while her mother whose health seemed to be breaking down, Sister Fannie M. Van Dyke has returned home for a furlough. Another reason is because of changes in the Mission with which she has been connected, and feeling the Lord wanted her only in a work which would be wholly Pentecostal. She has asked the Lord's guidance for the future. She is praising Him for a well body and for the wonderful strength He gives her to be used for His service.

BLESSINGS IN PERU

"Praise the Lord! We have been encouraged by the spirit of our work here of late. Many new persons are visiting our meetings and we have announced a baptismal service in the Baptist church of Lima on August 2nd. I think about eight persons will be ready to follow the Lord in that holy ordinance. Our outstations are small but are really owned and blessed of God. Last week we held a meeting in a thickly populated 'barrio' section of Lima where about a dozen Roman Catholic women heard the Gospel for the first time. They said they wanted us to come back and hold a meeting for them each week. Going to Lima one night last week a Spanish priest fell into conversation with me and I quickly told him what I was. He was nice and said he had a 'Protestant' Bible on his desk and found no fault with it. Before leaving, I spoke to him about the necessity of regeneration and an intimate communion with God. He told me he was the chaplain of a certain hospital and I hope to meet him again. What a joy it would be to bring to Christ one of these enemies of the Gospel. I have been led to pray for him since our conversation. I am so glad to be here and do what I can for the advancement of the Kingdom.

"We have just received into our home to raise for the Lord a sweet little baby girl, two years old and she is a real little sunbeam. The child was almost abandoned and was exposed to grow up in an unwholesome environment. So we practically rescued the little lambkin, and her playfulness is a real comfort to us. In dealing with her as a foster parent, we are learning many beautiful and helpful spiritual lessons of God's dealing with

us, His unworthy children. Little Mabel shows rare intelligence and we have already begun to teach her to kneel with us in family prayers and to tell her about God."—J. R. Hurlburt.

MOVEMENT IN BAGHDAD— MESOPOTAMIA

When I returned to my nation in Baghdad, at the first opportunity when I was alone, I began to hold holy services and found some sisters whom I knew before. I pray for them in weeping and tear of eyes. I hold week prayer services without anybody's help. So God has helped me some time in Armenians and some times in Assyrians. Glory to God with faith and prayer and fasting several times diseases have been cured. I was very sad because of not having any brother to work with me. But none was available for a period of three years. I was alone in Baghdad waiting for the help of God. I had prayed for a Missionary to look after the work with me, but all in vain. Then we were visited by Brother John G. Warton who spent 20 days with us at Baghdad holding holy services. Then after some months another brother came. His name was Odeshoo Sarmas. We hold services together with him. The church is being blessed more and more. Glory to God, which hears the prayers and eyes tear, when I was for a long time alone. But the Lord was with me and blessed me, Praise ye the Lord. Now we have about 60 members, Assyrians and Armenians. Our work is very greatly in need of workers and money. Brother Odeshoo intends to go to Urumia as his parents press him to visit them. Then how will this work at Baghdad be carried out? Dear brother, though your letter does not require this report from me I thought it will be useful as this is the first time you hear from me.—Mariam Shimon.

CHRISTIANS AND ANTI-CHRISTIANS IN SOUTH CHINA

"It does not seem possible that I have been in China seven months and eleven days on my third term, but such is the case. The welcome given me by the big hearted missionaries and by the Chinese Christians as well as by some of the heathen was very touching indeed. Even when the Chinese were making their speeches of welcome they could not restrain the tears. One big-hearted business man said in part, 'I seldom ever weep, but do so today because our pastor has come back from America. The whole family is glad today.'

"The commercial relations with Great Britain have been severed for over one year. Hongkong being British, there is a boycott on Hongkong and the boats which used to ply the rivers between the interior ports have all been taken off the river, thus paralyzing business, and making it exceedingly difficult to get down to Hongkong for groceries. There is only one British boat on the river. In order to get to that, one has to pass the pickets and pass over to the British concession and there get an electric launch to the boat.

"Demonstrations in the form of street parades are held in Canton practically every day protesting to the public against the 'Imperialist,' trying to stir up public sentiment and get the people to act unitedly to overthrow all the enemies of China. Much of the injustice done to China is caused by the presence of the Christian religion (?) consequently, the anti-Christian agitators have been busy. The Bolsheviks say that religion is the narcotic of the people. So as these processions pass a Christian institution of any description they shout, 'Put down the Imperialist and put down the Christian religion.' There has been organized regional peasant organizations and one year ago there were 33 of these organizations in existence representing 450,000 peasants, and a very significant thing about these organizations is that no Christian worker is allowed to join. So if his people are farmers they cannot get the help others get because they are not members of these unions, they are not members of the unions because they are Christians. Such are some of the activities of the friends (?) of China in our province.

"Thanks be to the Lord, He has been working too. Although the organized effort of the anti-Christians has apparently hindered, it seems that the best results have been obtained where the opposition has been the most severe. There are 42 churches and chapels in Canton City and all of these have felt the effects of anti-Christian propaganda, but they have also felt the results of the revival that is going on in our chapel in the city. The workers there are of the most consecrated type. The Bible woman whom the Lord uses has been unwilling to take a salary for many months, she prefers to trust the Lord. She told me that people from every part of the city have been there for healing, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and other spiritual blessings, and that practically every denomination is represented in this company who come for prayer. The church is open from early morning till late in the evening. A Baptist teacher received healing and the Baptism with the Holy Ghost after which she gave her life unreservedly into God's hands. He led her to open a faith school where young people who wish to get a knowledge of the Bible might do so without money and without price. She is now running this school and there is a company of consecrated young girls who attend her Bible school part of the day and then go out for personal work the other part. They have no support but the teacher and students say that the Lord opened the school and that He supplies the need. Numbers get healed, baptized and reclaimed in the school. One ex-preacher got reclaimed and has organized cottage prayer meetings in different parts of the city. We are expecting God to work in the City of Canton, and if Jesus tarries, possibly send a revival there that will be greater than anything witnessed in China yet. Some of the healings that occur at the chapel there are nothing more than are happening elsewhere possibly but for China they are marvelous indeed. One

woman came the other day for healing of a growth on her neck, the Christians placing their hands on the growth rebuked it in Jesus' name and it disappeared while they were praying. A patient with a sore leg came for healing, the doctors had been tried and they pronounced him an incurable, saying that the bone was decayed. The mighty power of the Lord came upon him and today the leg is well like the other. Hallelujah! "I make periodical visits to Canton and through the ministry the Lord has been pleased to give there I got an invitation to preach at the Baptist church (Chinese) and accepted the invitation. For four days the Lord blessed my ministry there. The largest auditorium they had was the Woman's school and that only held seven hundred. The Chinese crowded the place and Sunday night some were turned away because there was no room. I shall long remember the blessed four days spent in ministering the Word of the Lord in that place, for the people drank in the truth with such eagerness. There is a turning to the Lord in many places these days. One little girl, when asked if her future husband should try to hinder her after she had begun living the Christian life, what would be her attitude. She replied, 'I will be a Christian if it costs me my life.'

"To encourage the converts a Christian woman told how her little boy overheard her saying that these were such trying times. He called out, 'Mamma, Jesus is here why not call Him up on the telephone.' The Gospel once instilled in the hearts of the children goes far toward making the home Christian. In the Boat Mission in Canton a little boy had believed the Gospel, but his mother being very superstitious, she compelled him to offer incense to the idols. He refused as long as was advisable. Then when he saw there was no way out of it, arranged the incense sticks, took his place before the idol and began singing, 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow,' like the Christians sing it in church. Evidently the Christian truth had taken deeper root than the mother had thought. The boy meant that though he was performing his rite before the god of wood, he let his heart go up to the God of heaven in praise."—George M. Kelley.

GOOD WORK IN POLAND

"Recently the Lord is meeting us in a special way here in Lodz. A number have been saved and they are making good progress. One young woman is exceptionally zealous for her Lord. The first time she came to the meeting she heard about Divine healing. At that time her little boy was sick, so as soon as she got home she prayed for him and the Lord healed him. She was so filled with joy she told everybody about it. Then she brought her husband to the meeting, and he was saved, so now the little family which was before so unhappy and dissatisfied, has been turned into a little prayer band where peace and joy reign supreme. The next Sunday she brought her sister and a young man to the meeting, and praise the Lord, they too found the Saviour.

"The Lord has also again manifested unto us His power to heal. One young man had a running ear and was almost deaf, but one touch from the Lord removed all the trouble and now he hears as clearly as any of us. Every opportunity he gets he thanks and praises the Lord for his deliverance. A young woman who had been suffering with sores in the face and other afflictions in the body was saved and healed in the same meeting. A woman who had for a number of years had running eyes was also healed. Others also received a touch from the Lord and were relieved from their distress. Praise God!"—Ferdinand Ewald.

"ALL KINDS OF MUSICK"

Brother Orval Doan writes from Mt. Carmel, Ill.: "The Cardiff Evangelistic Family have just closed a fifteen-day tent meeting here and God blessed in saving souls and healing the sick and we believe the Gospel has taken hold of the hearts of many who have been misinformed about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The saxophones and xylophone and stringed instruments, and special solos help in stirring the hearts of the people. Some who have had a call to preach the Gospel, have been stirred up and are going out to proclaim the Glad Tidings."

MANY SAVED AND FILLED

Brother H. M. Savage writes: "Our revival opened in Alvord, Texas, July 12, conducted by Evang. S. G. Shields and wife, Brother C. L. Musgrove and wife, assisted by special singers and musicians from Houston. From the first the crowds were large and interest good. After a week, the power fell and people came to the altar crying for mercy. For two weeks the altar was filled and many prayed through. The country was stirred for miles. Old settlers say that they have never seen such meetings in this country before. Five denominational preachers attended the meeting and some people were filled with the Spirit in their homes. One lady received the Baptism and spoke in tongues all the way home and did not stop until 3 o'clock in the morning. Another fell in a trance and had a wonderful vision of heaven; when she awoke, she led others to Christ. Twenty-six were baptized in water. The meeting reached its height the last two nights when the crowd was estimated at 2500 people, with many seeking God. I cannot give an accurate account, but there were about 60 saved and 50 who received the Baptism. The Shields Evangelistic Party will go to Duncan, Okla., but we have made arrangements with Sister Whiteside of Ft. Worth to take over the work here at Alvord and to help us in the meeting at our assembly at Hull Wood church which is located fourteen miles out. Pray for this new place."

A Christian in the world is like a man transacting business in the rain. He will not suddenly leave his client because it rains; but the moment the business is done he is off: as it is said in the Acts, "Being let go they went to their own company."—J. N.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

THIRTY SAVED

Brother J. F. Moore writes: "Brother Tom Ingle of Webber Falls, Okla., held a two weeks' revival at Riverside, near Russellville, Ark. Thirty were saved, 15 baptized in water and 8 received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The community is stirred and the people are on fire for God."

MEETING AT BIG CREEK, ARK.

Brother and Sister Roy Hull write from Earle, Ark.: "We just closed a two weeks' meeting at Big Creek with Brother J. R. Dunn of Monette, Ark., as evangelist. Ten were saved and 2 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. Six were baptized in water and the saints are wonderfully encouraged to press forward."

GOOD THREE WEEKS' MEETING

Brother and Sister Walter Brock write: "We are praising the Lord for the wonderful showers of blessing received while Brother and Sister Rube Fowler were with us in a three weeks' meeting. Twenty-two were saved and 15 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. Several new names have been added to the church book. Pray for us."

PENTECOST IN NEW FIELD

Brother J. C. Morgan and wife report: "Just closed a six weeks' revival, at Williamsville, Mo. After a hard fight, a wonderful victory was won. The city and country was stirred when they heard the full Gospel message. Twenty or more were gloriously saved and 15 received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Twenty-four were baptized in water. The meeting closed with great interest, the altar being full of seekers. Pray much for this new field."

THIRTY-ONE SAVED

Brother Clarence Franks of Tulsa, Okla., writes: "We have just closed a very successful revival of two weeks at Happy Home Assembly of Hampton, Ark. Thirty-one were saved and reclaimed, 1 received the Baptism, and some were healed. The altar was full every night. God wonderfully blessed and the saints are built up and the pastor, Brother Jewel Murry, is greatly encouraged."

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, REVIVAL

Brother H. B. Laws writes from Port Lavaca, Texas: "Just a word of praise to the Lord for the good meeting He gave us with the assembly at Port Lavaca. Nine were saved and reclaimed and 4 were baptized in the Spirit with the Bible sign. We feel that much good was done that was not manifested during the meeting. Many were convinced of the pow-

er and reality of the Pentecostal experience. Large crowds attended. We are at present in a camp meeting at Grace-mont, Okla. The power is falling and souls are going through to victory."

JAMAICA, N. Y. TENT MEETING

Pastor Homer A. Tomlinson of the Jamaica Tabernacle Church of God, in Jamaica, N. Y., writes: "The providences of God made it possible for Sister Mary F. Ayers and Sister Louise F. Quitsch to come as evangelists for this campaign and surely God was with them. This was not a convention, it was a soul-winning campaign, and the tent was pitched right on the main thoroughfare, in front of our Tabernacle, from July 4 to August 1. More than fifty found Christ.

"Many were sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four followed the Lord in water Baptism, with a dozen more to follow a later Sunday. Forty-one were added to the Church.

"All hearts were set on the salvation of souls. There were as many as thirty-seven instruments in the orchestra—the young people did do themselves proud.

"One was healed instantly of rupture—and gave the brace as a souvenir to Sisters Ayers and Quitsch. Two were healed of poor eyesight. Scores were healed of stomach trouble and other ailments. Handkerchiefs were anointed and prayed over, and some remarkable healings were reported from these—one a paralytic."

THE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND, JUNE, 1922

Only to a few people throughout New Zealand was anything known of the marvelous outpouring of the Spirit in other countries. Then God answered prayer. To our shores came a "man of God" named Smith Wigglesworth.

The following appeared from the pen of Mr. E. E. Pennington, Chairman of the N. Z. Evangelical Mission (Inc.), Wellington:

"In June of 1922, Brother Smith Wigglesworth, came to Wellington little known to any of us. There was no flourishing of trumpets to herald his advent—a few small advertisements in the local press announced his meetings. It was only natural that a good deal of curiosity should obtain as the sick were invited to attend and be prayed for. Those most interested hoped that reasonably large numbers would gather to hear the man with the message, but even their wildest dreams had never anticipated such scenes as those that followed. About 1000 attended the first meeting on a Sunday evening, and the night following this number was increased by about

500 to 600. From then on it was impossible to secure buildings large enough to accommodate the crowds and the large Town Hall, seating 3500 was packed out every evening. On some occasions the crowds waited for hours about the doors before the commencement of the meetings rather than be denied the opportunity of hearing the man and his message.

"His message was truly wonderful, and could be rightly described as 'Not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.' If ever it could be said of a preacher of righteousness since the days of Philip, the Apostle, that 'he preached Christ unto them,' it surely would apply to Brother Smith Wigglesworth. Never has the writer witnessed such scenes as followed the presentation of the Word of God by this Spirit-filled man, although being associated with such mighty evangelists as Dr. Torrey, Henry, Chapman, and others in part of their N. Z. campaigns. On every occasion when an appeal was made for the unconverted to decide for Christ, the response was immediate and great, sometimes as many as four to five hundred responding in a meeting—over two thousand made the great decision during the mission in Wellington—in some cases whole families entered the Kingdom of God.

The spiritual and healing results of the Campaign were phenomenal. Converts to Christ were made from all sections and shades of the community; many of the converts were unattached to any Christian body, and as the ministers of the various churches had withheld their support, these newly formed believers in Christ Jesus were like sheep without a shepherd, and so a mission was formed to conserve the fruit gathered.

Tarrying meetings were held at the address of the local Secretary, H. Roberts, Jr., Brooklyn. A review of these meetings appears in N. Z. Evangel October, 1924.

"In the early days of the Mission the Secretary opened his large dining room and it was a remarkable testimony to see the numbers who attended. No matter how bad the weather, in summer and winter, scores of people of both sexes struggled up the mountain's height often in the face of a heavy gale of wind and rain. Nothing daunted their ardor and their hunger and thirst for the mighty Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Every room in the house would be filled, over 100 frequently being present.

"Needless to say most of those who attended received the endowment, with the Scriptural sign or evidence following."

At these meetings the power of God was very remarkably manifested, scores receiving the blessing and each night the slain of the Lord lay all over the house: triumphant shouts ascended on high, and at times the house swayed and shook under the mighty breath of God.

Husbands coming at a late hour for their wives, on crossing the door-step were slain by the power that permeated the house.

Oh, what times of refreshing in the presence of the Lord when the Spirit of

Power had the place of honor and pressed down great overpowering blessings of joy unspeakable and full of glory.

In less than two years from 350 to 400 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Fully 1200 apart from the Smith Wigglesworth campaign made a decision for God, professing faith in Jesus Christ, and 280 were baptized in water. Scores were definitely healed of all manner of diseases.

The following definite cases of healing under the hands of Smith Wigglesworth are all personally known to us and the healings still hold good (five years after).

Mrs. E. Curtis, 249 Manchester Street, Christchurch: "I should like to tell you of my wonderful healing. On the 11th of June, 1922, I went up for healing during the Wigglesworth mission in Christchurch. I was very weak and could hardly walk. Had taken nothing for seven weeks in the way of solid food. In fact, was suffering from septic poisoning. Doctors told me they could do nothing for me; that I would never be able to digest food without aid. I had gone to almost a skeleton. Had agonizing pains all day and all night. **I was healed immediately.** Glory to Jesus, my Lord! Before I was healed, I used to say, 'If I only had one whole day free from pain I would not know myself.' For the past 16 years I have been a martyr to pain, and especially during the last five months I have suffered dreadfully. I am now wonderfully well. Praise the Lord."

Miss Ruby McInnes, of Ngaio, Wellington, aged 20, was miraculously healed, June, 1922. Double curvature of the spine from infancy, hip disease, weak heart, leg lengthened three inches, which grew normal like the other leg—was also three inches less in circumference. Wore large boot; now walks on even feet—boot discarded.

Mrs. Greenwood, of 27 Vivian Street, Wellington, received this report from a well-known neurologist, that on the 24th of November, 1922 (five months after the healing took place) he examined her son's arm, and found it quite straight and under perfect control. "When you brought him to me some months ago he was unable to properly straighten his arm. As there was no contraction of nerve, muscle or ligament responsible, I advised it was no case for me. At the elbow joint the bones locked prematurely. The doctor you consulted could not do anything for the arm. Therefore, whatever you have done for the boy has exercised a physiological power sufficient to lever the joints and sockets into their natural position, and restore the arm to its full usefulness. I congratulate you, indeed, and am sure that God in one of His subtle yet natural ways has straightened your boy's arm."

Mr. F. Willoughby, 222 Featherston Street, Palmerston North, states his boy was healed of sugar diabetes, and four months later writes. "The lad is perfectly free from all trace. Had two doctors examine him. Thanks and praises to our Lord for His healing power."

Miss Eileen Clapham, Box 1349, Wellington who was healed of goiter by means

of a handkerchief prayed over by Smith Wigglesworth, says, "May God bless everyone who hears you, as He has me."

Miss Eva Macdonald, 115 Thorndon Quay, Wellington, sends a remarkable written testimony to her healing: "When Mr. Wigglesworth came back from the South Island, I went up for healing. I was sure that the Lord would heal me of my deafness, goiter, adenoids and bad eye sight. I was attended to at the Wellington Hospital for my eyes and wore glasses for four years. As soon as I was prayed for I was completely healed of all my complaints. So I give God all the glory, and I never will cease to praise Him."

To God be the glory for the great things He hath done.—H. Roberts, Pastor of the Wellington Assembly.

CEDAR GLADE, ARK., MEETING

Brother W. S. Pearle and wife write from Cedar Glade, Mt. Vernon, Ark.: "The Lord is pouring out His Spirit here in the old-time way in the true power by saving and baptizing souls. Glory to His name! Twelve have been saved, 10 received the Baptism, and we expect greater things from the Lord. Sister Nora Journey is in charge of the revival."

REVIVAL AT CHINA GROVE, TEX.

Sister Irene Hodges writes from China Grove, Athens, Texas: "The Lord is blessing in this part of God's field where I have been acting as pastor over a small assembly. We pitched a battle against sin on July 11 and closed July 25. Owing to rain, we had only about a one-week meeting. Three received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, several were saved and reclaimed, and some were healed. Sister Jimmie Glass, from near Tyler, was our Evangelist, and Sister Rosa Boulter assisted. I covet the prayers of the Evangel family for this place."

FORTY-TWO SAVED

Brother Paul Jones writes from Tuckerman, Ark.: "We have just closed another successful revival in which 42 were saved and several received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There were also some wonderful healings for which we give Him all the glory. With the assistance of Brother W. D. Smith and Brother Walter Ivey, we set an assembly in order with 43 charter members. We are now in a hard battle in a new field at Sylamore, Ark., but I think I can see a Pentecostal cloud the size of a man's hand. Victory is in sight. Praise the Lord."

A FINE NEW WORK

Some time back the Lord opened the way for the preaching of the full gospel among several of the churches in Seattle and the surrounding cities, and in every case the Lord broke through and souls were saved and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. This created a general hunger and enquiring for more of God, which has since increased in volume and intensity.

These church people affected, after a time found it necessary to sever their denominational connections in order to maintain alive in their hearts "the faith once for all delivered." They banded together and formed the Pacific Northwest Evangelistic Association with the full gospel as the foundation. These people represent some of the best Christians in the city. They know how to pray and wrestle with God, and are anxious above all things for the salvation of souls. God's power operates among them to the manifesting of the gifts of the Spirit, but at the same time governed by a spirit of order and decency. This has made the work very attractive to a class of people that ordinarily would never be reached. While building their permanent tabernacle, meetings have been held in a rented church and God has worked to the salvation of many and the Baptism of believers according to Acts 2:4. The present place has become far too small and the Sunday school is growing very rapidly.

The tabernacle just completed is a concrete and frame structure 68x112 feet on a 100x130 foot lot, and represents an outlay of \$35,000. Evangelist Frank Lindblad is president of the association and pastor of the congregation and has been asked to continue in this capacity, using part of his time in outside evangelistic work.

August 29 is dedication day and the commencing of a full gospel evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Evangelist John McConnell and party, to run from three to five weeks. The cooperation of the surrounding saints is desired in this meeting and other campaigns to follow.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATION

Brother Frank Gray, chairman Northwest District Council writes from Tacoma, Wash. We are just completing a new brick building for our assembly, and expect to hold the dedication service September 5th. We have arranged with Brother David H. McDowell to be with us for at least two weeks beginning on that date. The Lord has been very good to us in giving us this place of worship. It is located on the corner of South 12th and "G" streets, one block south of the County Court House. There are to be three meetings on dedication Sunday, the Lord willing.

AN EXPLANATION

Sister Lottie Inman who in last week's Evangel reported a meeting at Virden, Ill., wishes it stated that while she was formerly Secretary she is not so now, as might be inferred from the report.—Ed.

A NEW ASSEMBLY FORMED

Sister Daisy Renick writes from Knox City, Mo.: "We closed a six weeks' meeting on Aug. 1. God did great things in this new field, wherein we are glad! Over 50 came to the altar for salvation and an assembly of 36 members was temporarily set in order."

A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Seeing an account of the Monta Vista Christian School near Watsonville, Calif.,

in the Evangel of July 31, I should like to add a few words which may be helpful in encouraging parents who may consider sending their children.

I am very glad that such a project was started and am especially thankful to the Lord that both the owner of the place and the teachers are godly Pentecostal people, and that through the leader, Brother Price, the undertaking is so closely connected with our Council Fellowship. Though it is a private undertaking yet it should have our hearty endorsement.—Max Freimark.

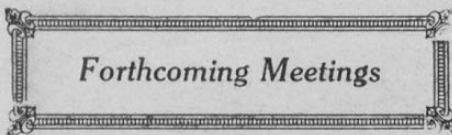
BASKET DINNER AND BAPTIZING

Sister Addie Cunningham of Bristow, Okla., writes: "We have just closed a twenty days' meeting at Wyatt School House. Thirty-three were saved and several filled with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The Lord has laid His hand on this place, so we look forward to greater things. The Lord sent Brother Omer Jerrell in our midst to help gather in this harvest of souls for His kingdom. On the last day, an old-fashioned basket dinner and baptizing was held. Twenty-two were buried with Him in baptism. This is the fruit of five months of prayer. The shield of faith defies the foe. We expect to have the church set in order at an early date."

If two angels were sent from heaven to execute a divine command, one to conduct an empire and the other to sweep a street in it, they would feel no inclination to change their employments.—J. N.

If there be any virtue in the thing, and if there be anything in it to "praise, think on these things."

OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC CALLS.—Brother William A. Cox, 2102 Locust St., Wilmington, Del., who has resigned the pastorate of the Assembly in Wilmington to enter the evangelistic field, open for calls anywhere.



All notices of meetings should reach the Gospel Publishing House three full weeks before the meetings start. Our printers demand all copy to be in their hands fifteen days before the date shown on the paper.
Pray God's richest blessings on these meetings.

CLARENDON, ARK.—A camp meeting will begin here Sept. 4. Everybody come prepared to do your own camping. Nice, large, shady camp ground. W. H. Shands will be the evangelist.—J. D. Phifer, pastor.

INTERSTATE CAMP MEETING, EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.
The five District Councils of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas, comprising eight states are holding their first annual Camp Meeting in that unique city of the Ozarks, Sept. 2-12, 1926. Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth of Bradford, England, and J. W. Welch of Springfield, Missouri, have been secured as speakers for the meetings. The city is furnishing free convention and dining hall equipment with free camp ground. Hotel accommodations, furnished rooms, and cottages can be had at reasonable rates. Meals will be served. Special railroad rates on all roads. Excellent highways leading into the city. Write for any desired information. If you want to rent a camp tent, write the Secretary of the Camp Meeting Committee, before August 15.—Hugh M. Cadwalder, Route 4, Box 633, Houston, Tex., Chairman, E. J. Bruton, Secretary, Box 415, Phone 229, Eureka Springs, Ark.

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.—Beginning Sept. 14 there will be an old-time revival conducted by Brother Smith Wigglesworth of Bradford, Eng. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. Bring the sick.—L. L. Riley, pastor.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Revival meetings during the whole month of September at Apostolic Faith Church, Anderson St.—Pastor Albert J. Jenkins of Bradford, Pa., will have charge.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Bethel Pentecostal Mission, 26 S. Third St., is having a revival meeting in tent, between 12th and 13th on Santa Clara St. every night at 7:45 except Monday. Young people's meeting on Sunday at 6:45 p. m. and Wednesday at 7:45 p. m. The full Gospel is preached by special evangelists.—J. H. Sparks, pastor, 580 N. First St., San Jose, Calif.

KENEDY, TEXAS.—We are remodeling our church and will begin a campaign Sept. 12 to continue indefinitely. All neighboring assemblies are invited to come and co-operate. All visitors, ministers and workers will be cared for. Elder D. A. Lindsey from Daisetta will do the preaching. Pray with us for a great harvest of souls.—Will Cunningham, Box 522, Kenedy, Texas.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AND FULL GOSPEL CONVENTION.—beginning Aug. 29 and to run from 3 to 5 weeks, under the leadership of Evangelist John McConnell and party. To be held in the Stoneway Tabernacle, just completed, 3825 Woodland Park Ave., Seattle, Wash. A hearty invitation to the saints of the Pacific Northwest to attend our dedication services Aug. 29 and to remain for the meetings to follow. Address Frank Lindblad, 6526 Latona Ave., Seattle, Wash. Take Green Lake car, off at N. 39th.

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