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SCOFFERS -- A Last Day Sign

"There shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming?"

In these last days we are seeing these scoffers who are denying the coming of Christ. They do so because they deny the veracity of the Word of God. They call themselves Modernists. God calls them scoffers. If they are Modernists, they are certainly last-dayists, who are described as departing from the faith. God tells us that prophecy came not by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved, led and inspired by the Holy Ghost. Man has the audacity to discount, to disbelieve, to destroy the truth, the matter and the meaning of the books of Moses and other prophets. They willfully are ignorant. But they are wise in their own conceits. Willfully ignorant of what? The most momentous event that is shortly to come upon mankind. They are handling the Word but they are missing its message.

Herod sent for the scribes to find out about the birth of the Messiah and of the kingdom of Jesus. A bad man was more concerned about the first advent than those who had the custody of the word of prophecy telling of the place of the birth of the Messiah. Colossal knowledge is circling the globe in every department of science, running parallel with the colossal ignorance of the true science of the advent of Him who created all things and hereby is the fountain of all science.

Man is concerned about feeding the people on the earth. He should be more concerned in considering what manner of people we ought to be. It is not the production of the earth that is the question. It is the *destruction* of the earth that should be the uppermost question in the last days.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10. Here we see four objects upon which will be displayed, the

wrath, power, majesty and might of God. The *heavens* shall pass away—the incomprehensible, mysterious place called the heavens, the firmament, inhabited and controlled by powers, dominions, principalities—they shall pass away with a great noise. They will be folded up as a scroll, and there will be a loud noise as the scroll is being wound up, finished with, set aside and terminated. God commences with the highest first.

And the *elements* shall melt. The elements, full of self-contained combustibles, need only the touch of the finger of God's wrath. These elements that puzzle the chemist because of their variety, quality, nature and extent, are all to be dealt with and all alike will melt with fervent heat!

The next in order is the material. "The *earth* also and the *works* that are therein shall be burned up." The fervent heat of the elements will operate upon that which is in close proximity; and the vast heavens, with its immense supply of elements, will operate upon the oceans just like a flash of lightning falling on a tree, smashing it, withering it, firing it; but this will be on a vaster scale. Every part of the ocean and of the land, operated on and covered by the elements, is fired; and as a natural consequence the works thereupon have a like fate. Your fireproof buildings will not be proof against God's fire. The noise of the heavens disappearing will level every earthquake-proof building. Rocks, mountains, oceans and forests will be consumed, destroyed, dissolved, and the place thereof shall know them no more forever.

Seeing then that all these things *shall be*—not may be—dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be? Boasting of our skyscrapers, of our court buildings, of our state buildings, of our churches, of our homes, our mansions? Oh, no, no! Look upon them as doomed; and be more concerned to see what manner of persons you are than what manner of buildings your city possesses.

Men are saying, "Look at our buildings, our
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Love and Spiritual Gifts

By Donald Gee

1 Corinthians 13 is without question one of the greatest chapters of the Bible. Its readily apparent truth and beauty; its glowing analysis and exposition of LOVE—that which Drummond has finely called "The Greatest Thing in the World"—has given it a place in universal human regard which is imperishable. All classes unite in appreciating its lofty inspiration. It seems to tower like a mountain-peak, even among the many other great outstanding passages of inspired Scripture.

Yet our present purpose is not to meditate on the beauties of Paul's treatment of this great theme: nor yet to attempt a correction of some very false ideas about it which we fear are prevalent, though some of these may be touched on as we proceed. Our immediate object is to try and reveal the true significance of this great chapter when considered in relation to its proper setting and context.

A Forgotten Context

For 1 Cor. 13 is NOT an isolated "Hymn to Love." It is an integral part of the methodical treatment by a master-teacher of a specified subject. And that subject is the question of Spiritual Gifts.

Paul definitely introduces this Section of 1 Corinthians in the first verse of chapter 12 with the words, "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren;" and he as definitely closes it with the final summing up of the last verse of chapter 14, "Let all things be done decently and in order." He then proceeds in chapter 15 to an entirely new theme—the Resurrection.

It will thus be seen by the simplest student that chapters 12, 13 and 14 constitute a complete section in themselves, dealing with the question of Spiritual Gifts. The division into three chapters is almost unfortunate in its tendency to obscure the unity of the subject. Note how the last verse of chapter 12 naturally leads into chapter 13: "Covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." Note equally how the first verse of chapter 14 as naturally leads out of chapter 13: "Follow after love, and desire spiritual gifts." In public reading we always prefer to include these two extra verses, to preserve the setting. It was while Paul was dealing with spiritual gifts that he was moved to write in such an eloquent manner on love. Evidently the subject can provide fruitful soil, whatever some folk say!

The "More Excellent Way"

Now it will be of the utmost importance to rightly understand and interpret this pivotal phrase if we are going to receive the true teaching of the Scriptures here. We had better go carefully. Some friends may probably jump to hasty and mistaken conclusions.

1. Paul does NOT teach here that believers have no need to bother about possessing spiritual gifts if only they have

love. He encloses chapter 13 between two VERY STRONG exhortations to "covet earnestly" and "desire" spiritual gifts. The same Greek word (*zeloo*) is used in each case, and means "to be zealous towards, to desire ardently, to be eager for," (Robinson Lex.). (Note—To speak of love as a "gift" is really quite incorrect. Love is not one of the gifts of the Spirit, —see 1 Cor. 12:8-11—love is the first Fruit of the Spirit—see Gal. 5:22).

2. Neither is Paul inferring here that spiritual gifts mark a "baby-stage" of Christian experience, and are merely "toys" (we quote expressions we have heard used) that mature believers will grow out of. If this were so then the powerful exhortations noted above to desire them would be grossly inconsistent; the rather he would have urged them to leave them behind. Note moreover that Paul thanks God in chapter 14:18, for possessing in abundant measure even one of the last on the list, to say nothing of others.

It is perfectly true that in 13:11 he uses an illustration of becoming a man and putting away childish things: but the application is settled with an exactitude beyond question by his use of the words "now" and "then" in verse 12. The contrast is not between different stages of spiritual growth here below; it is between this life ("now"), limited at its very fullest; and the perfect life hereafter ("then"), when we shall see "face to face."

A Gateway, but not a Goal

When Paul speaks about showing a "more excellent way," his purpose is to remind them that the possession of spiritual gifts should never represent the summit of their Christian ambition.

A. S. Way has a beautiful translation of the verse as follows: "It is for you to emulously seek the higher gifts. Nay, but none of them should represent the summit of your aspirations—I now point you to a path that leads to heights beyond all heights."

There is yet a Fuller Life into which the exercise of Spiritual Gifts should bring us. There is a Nobler Atmosphere in which their exercise will be always pure and true. Paul saw that it was the failure to stretch out and on to this Higher Principle, this "more excellent way," that had given rise to nearly all their troubles regarding Spiritual Gifts. They had stopped part way. That which was intended for a Gateway had become a Goal.

Therefore he writes this inspired description of the Way of Love in order to stir them up to once more "press towards the mark," and never be unworthily satisfied: yet it is always with the subject of Spiritual Gifts as the real matter in hand. He instantly returns to it in minute detail after the eloquent outburst of chap-

ter 13; lest they should miss the balance of truth, and now neglect and forbid that which before they were in danger of exaggerating. This double danger exists today.

Let us glance at two opposite sides of the mutual reaction between Love and Spiritual Gifts:

(a) Spiritual Gifts Build Character

The Love described in 1 Cor. 13 is the very embodiment of the ideal Christian character: and it is the building up of such a character that is the finest outcome, and the Divine objective of God's grace at work in the soul. Paul ever has this in view.

Therefore his main point regarding all exercise of the spiritual gifts is summed up in chapter 14:26: "Let all things be done unto edifying" (i.e. building-up): or again in verse 12, "Seek that ye may excel, to the edifying (building-up) of the church." The Lord purposes solid growth in character to be the outcome of Spiritual Gifts.

Even the mysterious, enraptured utterances of those who speak with "tongues" edify (build-up) themselves (14:4); but as this particular building-up does not extend beyond the individual unless his utterances are "interpreted," the exercise of this gift is undesirable in public apart from interpretation (verse 5).

There is an inspired passion running through these chapters for believers to be "built-up;" and chapter 13 supplies the finished picture, the ideal, the "plan" to which they should all the while be working.

But there is more than an intense desire to see them thus edified: there is the teaching that Spiritual Gifts rightly exercised DO greatly assist that building-up. The "manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (12:7).

The mistakes and abuses corrected in chapter 14 all need correcting, NOT—be it specially noted—because something inherently wrong had crept into the nature of their Gifts; but solely because they were not fulfilling the great Divine purpose of their bestowal, the building-up of the Church in every possible way both without and within.

(b) Character Protects Spiritual Gifts

Practically all the abuses of spiritual gifts which Paul deals with in these chapters spring from imperfect love and lack of love. There is a lack of mutual appreciation of each other's gifts; and envy of those who seem to have more splendid gifts, indicated in chapter 12. Paul gives the marvelous illustration of the "body," and later reveals the perfect remedy in the Love that "envieth not," that "is not easily provoked," and "thinketh no evil."

There are abuses of the gifts dealt with in chapter 14 that spring from spiritual selfishness, the desire to edify, enjoy and glorify SELF at the expense of and the neglect of others (e.g. verses 12-19). All such abuses will automatically cease when believers become more perfected in that Love which "vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own."

Because Paul gets right down here to

bed-rock Principles there is an application of these passages possible in almost every department of life: but the immediate application is to spiritual gifts. Thus more love, more true growth in Christian character is revealed as the master-remedy for all misuses and abuses of the Spirit's Gifts.

Gifts without Character

But what of those who refuse to aspire to the "more excellent way"? What of those who insist on magnifying the mere possession and exercise of spiritual gifts; and neglect growth and character, and increase in Divine Love?

Such call forth the most solemn part of the whole section, the first three verses of chapter 13. Paul unflinchingly views the possibility of possessing genuine Gifts of the Holy Spirit, (note carefully that he never hints for one moment that they are "counterfeits"); and yet completely missing the Divine Purpose. He uses the strongest possible language in describing the net value of such believers. They are "NOTHING," and they profit "NOTHING." This is sufficiently drastic to be very heart-searching.

Moreover he includes in the condemnation those who possess even the gifts of the word of knowledge or faith—gifts which are generally reckoned among the "best" by most believers.

The reference to speaking with tongues here is of great importance when it is remembered that the consistent revelation of the Book of Acts is that speaking with tongues is the divinely appointed initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. As an INITIAL evidence this manifestation supplies just what is needed; something immediate and unmistakable, satisfying alike the recipient and all other believers present that the Comforter has truly come (see especially Acts 10:44-47).

But the unique value of tongues as the initial evidence of receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost must never be confused with its comparatively small value as an evidence of the believers growth in grace afterwards, the continual "walking" in the Spirit. Much confusion, much misunderstanding, would have been avoided had this always been remembered.

The Holy Spirit so graciously bestowed may not be yielded to, not be obeyed, not be sought and received in an ever increasing fullness (Eph. 5:18) as He should be. Consequently there is little of His "fruit" (Gal. 5:22, 23)—of which the first is love.

Yet the soul may seize upon and retain the gifts He has given, and utilize them to its own pleasure and pride, thinking perhaps to pass thereby as genuinely spiritual. Alas! it is a vain delusion. That which, when normal and in the Divine Order comes with music like the bells of heaven or the rippling brook, becomes only "sounding brass or tinkling cymbal"—both discordant and powerless to God and man.

And all this is not because of any inherent change in the nature of the gift; but simply because the recipient has not advanced in love, is deficient in Christian character, has entered the Way, but has not gone on with God.

The simple possession of gifts may result in a showy testimony, and apparently in a successful ministry in outward results; but of such vital importance is the growth of personal character in Christ, that in this searching inspired analysis, (a foretaste in very deed of the judgment seat of Christ), it amounts to—NOTHING. No wonder the apostle urged them to remember the "more excellent way," and pleaded that the keynote of exercising all spiritual gifts should be "building-up" in character.

Love Eternal—Gifts Transient

The inspired eloquence of chapter 13 seems to reach its very zenith in verses 8 to 13, where Paul writes of the unflinching and always-abiding character of love. Love is Eternal. Its full growth, its finest flowers, never bloom in this land of dim vision and imperfect understanding. They will only appear yonder.

Therefore the soul that is increasing in Love is already growing for Eternity. To rightly appreciate Love is to evidence a true sense of values that has been already adjusted to the Everlasting Standard.

Viewed from this high and ultimate standpoint, spiritual gifts assume their true perspective: and the exaggeration of which some members of this Corinthian Assembly were guilty is corrected. Even the best gifts shall one day "vanish away." In contrast with that which is eternal they are seen to be but transient after all.

Yet this truth needs safeguarding. The contrast here between Love and Spiritual Gifts must be carefully defined. The Gifts are transient, they are to "fail," to "cease," to "vanish away," BUT NOT UNTIL "that which is perfect is come" (verse 10). The Greek word for "perfect" (teleios) means "ended or complete." And as we have already noticed, the vision of the apostle runs right on into the future. The coming of the "perfect" is not in Time at all, it is in Eternity; it is not "now," but "then." Until that glorious Consummation is arrived at the Gifts of the Spirit will continue.

Moreover the passage gives no justification for distinguishing (as some have sought to do) between any particular gifts, and so work up an artificial inference that certain gifts will "cease" before others. They are treated as a whole; and the Scripture gives no indication that "tongues" will cease any sooner than "knowledge" will vanish away.

So long as ministry is needed on earth, spiritual gifts will be needed also. For it is the Divine Gift that makes the ministry and "sets" it in the Church, (chapter 12:28). The parallel passage in Eph. 4:11-16 may well supply us with the concluding illustration of the true relationship between Love and Spiritual Gifts.

For here these gifts may be regarded as part of the Divinely appointed Scaffolding erected on purpose for the "building-up" (edifying) "of the body of Christ, till we all come . . . unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." They are only needed "till;" (note the time-limit).

It is obvious that the scaffolding will be

done away when the building is complete; and Eternal Love is manifested forever in the Glorified Church. But until that time it is the height of folly and presumption to endeavor to dispense with any part of the scaffolding. It may also be that some parts of that scaffolding, which we deem least necessary, are the very parts most needed for the Divine Spirit's finishing touches. Let us retain it all; let us jealously guard EVERY gift of the Spirit.

He is mistaken indeed who makes more of the scaffolding than the building; but he is scarcely less mistaken who would dispense with the scaffolding before the building is completed. So, likewise, he is greatly mistaken who thinks that the possession of Spiritual Gifts is of more importance than increase in Love and all that makes for Christian Character. But he is likewise mistaken who thinks he can do without the Gifts, and yet become perfect in character according to the mind of God.

"FOLLOW AFTER LOVE—AND DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS."

STEAM TO RUN WITH

A reformed and converted drunkard, Jesse Pullen, was trying to lead to Christ one of his old companions, and, when the latter expressed a fear that he would not hold out, Pullen said: "You know that I run a little steamer in the summer. I don't wait until I get up steam enough to carry me across the sound before I start. I would blow the boat all to pieces. The boiler wouldn't stand it. But when I get about twenty pounds of steam up, I sing out, 'All right, captain go ahead!' Down in the hold I have plenty of coal and as fast as we use up the steam we make more; and so we go across the sound, though we never have more than twenty or thirty pounds of steam at any one time.

"Now the Lord does not start us off with grace enough for a lifetime. Poor human nature wouldn't stand it, I suppose. But He wipes out all our past sins with His mercy and gives us just enough grace for one day's duty. But mind you, He provides plenty of fuel to make more grace, even the Bible and prayer and the Holy Spirit; and so all the way along the voyage of life we have grace and help in time of need."—Publisher Unknown.

PROGRESS

A writer in the Georgian-American has ironically said: "The League of Nations during its session recently closed was able to report great strides in the direction of universal peace. While the League was in session there were two wars, five revolutions, three attempted assassinations, 29 earthquakes, five hurricanes and over 8,000 Paris divorces."

"Whom the Lord employs He empowers."

"Some churches would be more strengthened by subtractions than by additions."

Go Work in My Vineyard

Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do. It is the loafer who gets into meanness. One of the reasons assigned why such a large percentage of our really great and successful men became so great as they are, is that as boys they had to work. It is difficult for a boy who does not have to work to grow to be a great man.

In writing this editorial I am thinking mainly about the young people of our assemblies and the boys and girls in the homes of the saints. They want to grow into good and earnest Christian men and women, and we want them to do so, but very often they find themselves slipping into worldliness and sin. They become discouraged. They are disappointed in the Christian life. They thought they would be faithful, but they are not so.

Now what is the matter? One of the big things is they are idle. They are usually not given anything to do in the church. In times of revival they often get busy leading their friends to Christ and they grow in grace and are happy and contented in the Christian's walk. But the revival over, the church seems no longer to expect people to try to get folks saved, and they find themselves out of work. With nothing to do for the Lord they speedily take employment for the world, and the next thing they know their joy in prayer is gone, their enjoyment of Spirit-filled meetings has grown less and soon they begin to feel that they have backslidden. It is thus that multitudes of young people who ran well for a while and had the best of intentions, finally drifted away from God and from the church and joined the army of backsliders.

There is something that is now being talked of in many places which the young people can take hold of and so be greatly blessed in the fact that they have something to do which they can do and which they can see is of the greatest benefit to the work of the Lord where they are. It is something that is hard enough to do to make it exciting. It has in it enough of the spirit of sacrifice and enduring as good soldiers of Jesus Christ to bring out the manliness in the young men and the womanly courage in the young women.

I am speaking of selling the Evangel to people who do not know the great and wonderful truths that we know, even to the people who suppose they dislike or disapprove of Pentecost. Honest people who disapprove of us and do not like our literature are people that do not know. If they knew that Jesus actually does save from the power of sin and does deliver from the craving of tobacco and other drugs to which one may have become habited; if they knew that He baptizes with the Holy Ghost and understood all

that that wonderful experience means; if they knew that Jesus is soon coming back to the earth and that He will call up to Himself those who look for Him, they would be delighted to read the Evangel. But not knowing these things they have no appetite for such reading.

How great a blessing it will be to such people as are still ignorant of these great, wonderful and blessed truths, when the young people sally forth with rolls of Evangels in their arms and with radiant faces and pleasant words sell them at 2c each to all who will buy!

Where is the man who is so callous as to refuse to buy a paper for 2c when he is sweetly and persistently asked to do so by a couple of fine, earnest, Christian, young women, or a couple of up-standing, pleasant-faced, Christian young men? Such a man would not be often encountered. The Evangel can be sold. In fact it is being sold. In many places this idea of thus preaching this wonderful Gospel to those who will not hear it any other way has taken root in the hearts of the saints, and they are proving that the Evangel can be sold. Often you can sell a man a paper when you could not give him one.

If the Young People will make it an arm of their work to sell every week as many Evangels, say, as there are members in the society, appointing from week to week those who are to sell, and letting them go forth in pairs, even as Jesus long ago sent them before His face in pairs into every city and place whither He Himself should come, it will have a strong tendency to keep our boys and girls out of mischief, by giving them something to

do for the Lord which they can do, and something which has in it great possibilities of doing good.

If you who read are of the older saints, will you not assist the young people of your assembly to catch the idea of service and to go forth selling Evangels? It will be a means of helping the young folks to stay saved and to continue growing in grace and will be a splendid thing for the community. People who are not interested but who buy the papers will often hold on to them and, because they have paid something for them open them up to see what they have bought. When they read they will soon be wanting to come to church to see more about it, and so the news will spread and the church will grow.

Young People, you have a world of energy and fire. Grab this idea and put it across in your society. It is a winner. May God bless you.—Chas. E. Robinson.

LASHED TO THE WORD

About forty-five years ago, during a frightful storm in the Georgian Bay of Canada, a ship was wrecked. A number of persons perished. The mate with six or seven strong men, and one timid girl, leaped into the boat, and escaped from the sinking vessel. But the waves ran high, and the boat was turned over and over, until one by one the strong men lost their hold upon the sides of their frail support, and disappeared beneath the angry billows. The mate, however, had taken the precaution to lash the girl to the prow of the boat, and thus she drifted to the shore, where she was found by an Indian. She lived for many years after her experience. She did not escape by her skill or wisdom, but because she was fast to that which could not sink; and when stalwart men went down with a shriek of despair, the thoughtless girl was saved through the thoughtfulness that lashed her to the lifeboat.

James H. Brookes, during one of the Niagara Bible Conferences related this incident and made the following remarks. "A storm is gathering over the Church and the world, such as never yet has beaten upon our sinful race. The apostasy has already set in, and multitudes will be carried away by it out into tempest, darkness and death. Let me say that there is no hope for you, unless you are lashed to the Word of God, and to the verbal inspiration of that Word. You may suffer contempt and derision now, if you stand fast by the verbal inspiration of the Bible, but the smile of approval which you will receive from the Lord at His coming, will be worth more to you than the applause of a million worlds."

THE CROSS

It is said that when the Passover Lamb was roasted (Ex. 12:9) a spit was run through the lamb from head to tail and the other through the shoulders. Thus a cross was formed on which the lamb hung while subjected to the fires.—King's Business.

"Don't be yoked to one who refuses the yoke of Christ."

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"EVERYTHING BY PRAYER"

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

1. THE REVIVAL OF THE CHURCH—BY PRAYER

For "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; . . . and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isa. 64:6). "Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved" (Psa. 80:19). "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy" (Hab. 3:2). "Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psa. 85:6.)

2. THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD—BY PRAYER

THEN will we "teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee" (Psa. 51:13). "O send out thy light and thy truth." . . . "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" (Psa. 43:3; 67:2). "That the world may believe" (John 17:21). (See further 1 Tim. 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:8, 9; Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 17:30; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; Rom. 11:25:33).

3. THE ADVENT OF THE LORD—BY PRAYER

"O that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, . . . that the nations may tremble at thy presence" (Isa. 64:1, 2)! "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20). "THY kingdom come THY will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:6). (See further Acts 1:11; 1 John 3:2, 3; Titus 2:13, 14; Heb. 9:28; Rev. 22:7, 12).

Christ's LAST WORDS before ascending to heaven commanded the world's evangelization by a spiritually quickened body of believers (Acts 1:8); and the FIRST WORDS that came from heaven after His ascension promised to that body of believers His sure return (Acts 1:11). Therefore the three things that seemed to lie closest to His heart, and for which because of their importance He would have the Church unceasingly to pray, were—

REVIVAL, EVANGELIZATION, ADVENT.

PERSECUTION!

A Baptist church in Naples, Italy, was recently to be dedicated. It had been furnished admirably and provided with a splendid organ by Italian Baptists in the United States. In broad daylight Fascisti bands attacked this church, soaked it with benzine and burned it to the ground. The police were called on to prevent the outrage, but refused to lift a finger.

Similar reports are coming from Spain. We are told by the London Times that the government is now punishing men for singing hymns in their own homes and for distributing religious leaflets. Speakers have been forbidden to mention the Bible in their addresses, and evangelical papers are forced to delete all references to evangelical work in Spain. No doubt this is the prologue to more thoroughgoing persecution, for one of the provincial gov-

ernors has recently said: "I have always made difficult and will make difficult all propaganda against our religion, the only true religion."—S. S. Times.

SPEAKING-TRUMPET "RESCUES"

There was a terrific wreck off the coast of Italy. The captain of the life-saving crew, instead of manning the lifeboat, stood on shore and shouted directions through a trumpet to the drowning sailors. The report that went to the government said: "We rendered what assistance we could through the speaking trumpet, but the next morning there were twenty bodies washed ashore." And the church that uses its pastor as its speaking trumpet and fails to man the lifeboats with the entire crew and push out to save the lost who are going down will be responsible for a great company who will one day be thrown upon the shores of a Christless eternity."—From "Every-Member Evangelism."

"DIVINE FIRE"

Burn in me, fire of God,
Burn till my life is pure,
Burn till I love God fervently,
Burn till my faith is sure.

Burn in me, fire of God,
Burn deeper, deeper still,
Burn till my one and sole desire
Shall be the Father's will.

Burn in me, fire of God,
Burn though it cost me dear,
Burn till my wakened, quickened soul
God's smallest whisper hear.

Burn in me, fire of God,
Until within shall rise,
And out and up to God's great throne,
A pleasing sacrifice.

Burn in me, fire of God,
Yes, burn and burn again,
Till all I am, by God consumed,
A flame of fire remain.
—From Redemption Tidings

SAFE FOR THE FOX

A minister who paid more attention to the pleasures of life than to his sermons, was taken to task for his worldliness by his Quaker friend. The rebuke he received was tactful. "Friend," said the Quaker, "I understand thee is clever at fox-catching." "I have few equals and no superiors at that sport," the minister replied complacently. "Nevertheless, friend," said the Quaker, "if I were a fox, I would hide where thee would never find me." "Where would you hide?" asked the minister with a frown. "Friend," said the Quaker, "I would hide in thy study."

The more the Christian student is filled with the Spirit of God the more industrious he will be in his work of preparation. Such a student has his heart in his work. He conquers indolence. He seeks by constant study of the Word to be a workman who needeth not to be ashamed. High standards of Christian education and zeal in the pursuit of a knowledge of the Bible are worthy of the highest commendation.—From the Bible Today.

HINDRANCES TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Obstinacy.	Dependence on man, instead of God.
Self-satisfaction.	Unteachableness
Laziness and lethargy.	Spiritual pride and vanity.
Self's plans.	Lack of desire.
Intolerance of control.	Impatience.
Secular reading matter.	Hasty prayer-time.
Unsaved companions.	Carelessness about known commands.
	Foolish talking.
	Unguarded mind.

Read over this list carefully, and claim the power of Christ for victory over any or all of these hindrances to the full power of the Holy Spirit. Only Christ can prepare your heart for Christ. But you can hinder or help Him as He gets your heart into such a condition that He can pour out unlimited glory of His fullness.

Failure to obey the whisper of the Holy Spirit means—a chance for evil spirits to enter; duller hearing, less keen to hear His voice next time; weakness of spirit and soul, and sometimes of body; failure in work, lost opportunity, wasted hour, fellowship lost, and black sin committed.

Prompt obedience, then, is a necessity if the life is to be filled with the Spirit. Should a fall come, however, there need be no delay in returning to the place lost, for the Blood of Jesus Christ is instantaneous in its power, upon confessed sin.—Homera Hodgson in Gospel Herald.

THE HOUR IS LATE

The fallen thrones of Czar and Kaiser; the seven monarchies swept away in Germany almost in a night; the sudden rise of new republics—China, Russia, Portugal; the twenty-two 19th century republics in South America: all warn us that the hour is late. The clay has come out master of the Great War. Anarchy will create Antichrist, and both together will force the miraculous intervention of God. How constantly should one pray, as expressed in the golden words of Richard Baxter, be upon our lips: "Hasten, O my Saviour, the time of Thy return! Delay not, lest the living give up their hope, delay not, lest earth should grow like hell, and Thy Church be crumbled to dust. Oh, hasten that great resurrection day, when the graves that received but rottenness, and retain but dust, shall return Thee glorious stars and suns. The desolate Bride saith, Come. The whole creation saith, Come, even so, come, Lord Jesus."—L. L. Langston.

"The earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken." Psa. 18:7.

Huddling in the cold rain and blizzard-swept fields along the Valley of Ararat are thousands of children. Continuous earthquakes have opened deep fissures in the ground, have caused the foothills to sink fifteen feet, have destroyed scores of villages and thousands of homes, killed and injured many people, and left multitudes homeless.—Literary Digest.

Raised from the Dead

A Mighty Miracle in China

With hearts full of praise to God we send this letter to you who in faith and gift share in the Lord's work on this field. We want you to know how, by His blessing, your prayers and offerings and our toils and labors have resulted in a mighty revival and the sending forth of 27 additional laborers into this big harvest field. But for the increased offerings the Lord has enabled His dear people in America to send us during the past few months, we should have been unable to send these men forth preaching Christ to millions in two provinces, and the revival would soon spend itself and burn out in the old work, but now, praise God, with your timely and continued help it will spread its burning flames far and wide and never cease till Jesus comes!

This revival came in a series of Conventions beginning in Taochow, New City, and ending in Minchow. The series included Conventions also in Gospel Garden, Choni, and a mighty miracle at Taochow, Old City. Old City is only 5 miles from Gospel Garden and the miracle occurred in connection with the Convention there.

The theme of these Conventions has been "Overcoming in Preparation for the Lord's Coming," not just as a theory of truth to be studied, but as an actual experience to be lived. Last year we had the need and method of overcoming as given in Rev. 1:3, but this year the Lord by His Spirit led us to take actual steps in overcoming and fighting actual battles in conquering disease, death and the devil; and we know as never before that it is not by might nor power of man but by the Spirit of God truly doing His work as Paraclete in God's Assembly, and in no other way that we overcome.

We have learned in these Conventions that Satan is the same old devil he was in the days of our Lord's earthly ministry; that where and whenever the Lord gives the true anointing with the Holy Spirit Satan gives a false one to imitate and oppose the true. If Jesus had yielded to the tempter in the wilderness He would have received a false anointing with an evil spirit. Where He overcame many others have failed and received an actual anointing with evil spirits and became "antichrists" as John tells us in 1 John 2:18. The literal translation of "Anti-Christos" is "instead-anointed" and this is Satan's chief weapon in his age-long war against God's Anointed Son and His Spirit-Anointed Body. But we should not fear these things for the only means of fighting the "instead-anointed" is with the true anointing. 1 John 2:20-28. We had several of these false anointings in these Conventions and in every case they were detected and overcome by those who were truly anointed with the Holy Spirit and knew the Word of God.

For instance, a sixteen-year-old girl was

carried into the Hall at Gospel Garden and laid down on the floor beside the platform while the meeting was going on. Her eyes were closed, her face pale and her form limp. I asked if she were sick and was told she had been demon-possessed over a year. At the altar service many prayed for her and rebuked the demon in the Name of the Lord but all in vain. But in the afternoon meeting she was lying unconscious under demon power in the adjoining room until the Spirit came on our cook, a young man who had received the Baptism the day before, and led him with eyes closed and in a peculiar waltzing motion all the length of the Hall between the kneeling people, about 30 feet to the side of the prostrate girl. His eyes then opened and in a loud voice he rebuked the demon and commanded him to come out of the girl. Immediately a young Tibetan woman leaped to her feet and sprang to his side and joined in with him in rebuking the demon, imitating the young man in his motions, tone of voice, etc., so well that all supposed she was under the anointing of the Holy Spirit also.

This spirit-battle proceeded for some time, in and out of the Hall, while scores of people looked on in amazement. Finally the young man led the demoniac to the platform and declared the Tibetan woman, who was still following and imitating him, was under Satan's control and the demoniac would not be delivered until we recognized it. We understood at once the cause of the strange battle and rebuked Satan in the woman and immediately the demon left the girl and she began praising the Lord. It took some time before the Tibetan woman was delivered from the Satanic power that held her, but next day both she and the girl were baptized and are now going on in the Lord. While under the Satanic anointing she declared her name to be "Prince of the World" and revealed the close connection between Satan and the war now devastating Kansu.

On June 8th a man came to the meeting from Taochow, Old City, asking Mr. Chow, who has charge of the work there, to come and pray for his niece who had been sick about three months and was now dying but wanted to be saved ere she passed away. He hurried to her bedside while we prayed for him and her. His uncle joined him and they prayed for the young woman who was indeed dying. She confessed her sins and the Lord saved her. The two men then asked the Lord to heal her also and had the assurance that He would do so. They then went home for the night. But next morning they were called again as she was plainly dying. According to Chinese custom she was already dressed in her burial clothes, and her limbs had lost all feeling and

were growing cold and stiff. Her father, a doctor, and all her family knew she was dying, but the two men held on in faith under the anointing which is true and cannot lie. Gradually she sank into unconsciousness, her entire body growing cold and stiff as death claimed her. Finally she ceased breathing and her tongue dropped back into her throat but the two men still kept their hands on the lifeless body praising the Lord for victory over death.

After a few minutes they heard one word from the dead throat, "Faith!" Reassured, they redoubled their praises and soon the mighty Spirit of Life from Christ Jesus filled the lifeless clay and all heard clearly the dead lips speaking in a tongue as He gave utterance! And the same Spirit who gives utterance in tongues raised the dead woman to life! Calling to her father she said, "Except you believe in Jesus, your daughter cannot live," and he dropped to his knees and accepted the Lord he had rejected for thirty years. She then told her husband he too must accept Jesus as his Lord. When he said, "Yes, I will believe," she said, "It must be with all your heart," and he confessed his sins and accepted the Lord. She said there were three who were mocking and her uncle looked outside and found three members of an idolatrous society making fun of the work of God. She challenged them to prove their religion and the Spirit of God declared through her: "To show you that Jesus is true and your religion false, I will cause this woman to stand on her feet to-day, sit up to-morrow, and walk the third day."

Immediately, with no assistance, and to the consternation of all, the woman who was dead but a few moments before stood right up in their midst and **preached the Gospel for two and a half hours!** She who had never heard the Bible read, and who cannot read a word herself proclaimed the terrible judgments now impending, going over much the same ground as the Revelation! Next day she sat up and the third day she walked in the presence of many. As a result of this mighty miracle her entire family have been saved and deep conviction has come to many others. Her father came 60 miles to the Minchow Convention to tell everybody about it and be baptized.

But most wonderful of all was the sweet real-sensed spiritual Presence of our Lord in the meetings. By His Spirit dwelling in His members He revealed Himself as actually in our midst, rebuking, forgiving, exhorting, comforting, correcting, counseling, just as the need arose. "Lo, I am with you always," is literally true. His Presence in the Spirit makes us ready for His Presence in Body. In no other way can we be prepared to see His glory. Apart from the Paraclete ministry of the Spirit we shall all be ashamed before Him at His Coming.

The results cannot be fully tabulated, but aside from the many who have been saved and revived and the great refreshing that has been given to the entire work, 13 former workers who had dropped out for various reasons have been restored and 14 new workers have been

called and sent forth into the harvest field. Four new places have been occupied and four men sent into Shensi Province. — W. W. Simpson, Minchow, Kansu, China.

AMIDST POLAND'S POVERTY

Mrs. Gustave Schmidt

I was passing along a street in the city of Bydgoszcz, Poland, when I saw a little six-year-old girl standing outside a door. She looked nearly starved, and was naked, dirty and trembling with cold. She was crying. It did not take long for me to have the child in my arms, and I asked, "What is the matter?" She said, "Lady, I am so hungry." I asked where her father was, and she replied, "Father is out looking for work and mother is sick." I went into the home with her. It had one big empty room. There had been furniture and a stove, but these had been sold to get a little bread for the children. In the middle of the floor stood a four-year-old boy, freezing also. His dirty little hands were blue with cold, and in them he held a piece of dirty wood. He was eating the wood instead of bread.

There were five other children. In the corner of the room I saw a bundle of dirty rags. I wish you could see what my eyes saw as I bent over that bundle. I thought, "Jesus, Thine eyes are big enough to see all over the world, and Thou hast not forgotten the poor in Poland." Under the bundle of rags lay a mother with a few-days-old baby. The mother was apparently dying. She had fainted for lack of food, and the baby was sucking blood instead of milk.

I do not know how I got home to get a bed, some clean clothes, a stove and some fuel. When the mother had the bed to lie in, the children had something to eat, and the house was warm, the father came in from a day's walking around looking for work. He could not believe his own eyes. The happiness was too great for words, and with tears rolling down his face he went to his wife and said, "Has an angel from heaven appeared?" There was no more talking; all our hearts were going up to God. That family to-day is saved and happy; and they thank God for sending a missionary from America to them.

One day while sitting in my home the bell rang. We were used to hearing the bell ring, but this time it rang furiously. I ran to the door and there stood a lady. She looked at me and said, "Are you the American that is here in Poland to help the poor and needy?" I said, "Praise God, I am." "Then will you please come with me. There are two elderly ladies, who are destitute, and if help does not come they will surely die. We have tried everything we could, have asked everywhere for help, but nobody has anything to give. You are our last hope; if you cannot help they must perish." I was able to answer, "In the name of my Redeemer, I will go with you."

I will never forget the sight that met my eyes. They took me to a large house and we went up many stairs to an attic. I had to creep in the first door, and finally came to a little bit of a room. Before

the war it had been a place for coal and wood. Inside was a cot, an oil stove, a table and one chair. On the cot lay a lady, her face bearing every mark of refinement. She had seen better days. She was so ill she could not speak. Her sister, a few years younger, was sitting by her side. I said, "How long has your sister been sick?" She answered, "She is not sick, she is hungry," and she started to cry. I said, "Do you know Jesus?" She said, "No." Then she told the following story.

"My father was the mayor of this city. We were wealthy. Two of my brothers died in the war. My father and mother went insane when my brothers died. We lost all our property. I have asked many people to give me a position as vocal or piano teacher, or as an embroiderer, but nobody has anything for me to do. I would rather die than beg. And who sent you here?"

I said, "I came in the name of Jesus, God's Son who died for you, and I am willing to help you as far as I can." I kissed her and said, "Trust me. I mean to help you." She said, "Lady, I do believe in you. Nobody has kissed or caressed me since mother died. When we had wealth, everybody was good to me. Now we have nothing, and nobody knows me."

Praise God, it pays to be a missionary. We helped them all we could; paid their rent, bought some furniture, and both of them got well. They came every second day to our home for dinner, and we supplied them as far as God had given us. We were also able to get them clothes, and if you could see them to-day you would not think they were the same persons. They are both saved and are praising God for His loving kindness and mercy.

We had a week's meeting in a certain place and souls got saved. It was just a little church with one room, but praise God, big things can be done in little places. In such a place, a meeting does not last about an hour and a half; it begins at eight in the morning and lasts till after midnight. The people do not seem tired and weary; they never hear enough about Jesus and His wonderful love. This particular night it was between twelve and one o'clock and the meeting was over, but there were still a lot of people hanging around. We were very tired, for missionaries do get tired sometimes. There was no bed in the room, only a few benches, so I asked my husband, "Where can we go to sleep?" He said, "Have patience, God will look out for us." I sat a little while, then asked again. There were no signs of any place to lie down. Then out came the woman of the house with her arms full of straw. She spread it in one of the corners and said, "Now you can go to bed." I looked at my husband, and we both smiled.

It was bitterly cold outside and not much warmer inside. In the middle of the night I woke up and was so cold that I commenced to complain. I said, "O God, it is not Thy will that we should suffer so. I want to go home to my bed in

Bydgoszcz." Then He spoke to me and taught me a lesson that will be good for eternity. He spoke like this, "Why are you complaining? Did I have straw when I was on earth? Did I have anything to lay under my head?" I said, "O God, forgive me." And I fell on my knees and thanked God for the straw He had given me, for it was more than my Master had. Then I slept beautifully until morning, and never have complained since; and by His help I never will complain again.

Another time a young, beautiful girl came to our door. She was soon to become a mother and was in despair—no home, no friends, and no place to go. She said, "For God's sake, have mercy on me. I just came from the hospital but they will not take me in without a hundred zloty (\$20). What will I do? Can you take me in your home?" Our home was full. I went in to my husband and we prayed. God said, "Help," and so we did. She had in her hand a little bundle—two baby shirts and one pair of stockings.

I went with her to the hospital and spoke to her about Jesus. She said, "If God can forgive a fallen girl, pray for me." We prayed together and God fully forgave her. A few weeks after that a sister from the hospital sent for me. This girl was very ill. She said, "I must die. Will you take my baby?" I said, "Yes." She reached out her hand and looked into my eyes, and then said, "Sister Schmidt, when I meet Jesus I will thank Him for you. Where would I be to-night if God had not sent you to Poland? I would not be dying now, if you had come before and told me about Jesus."

Both she and her baby went to be with the Redeemer. She did not have a dress to be laid out in, so again they came to me and asked what they would do. I had a beautiful white dress I did not care to give away but I said, "O Jesus, I will give the best I have." And they laid her out in this dress. Later Jesus appeared to me in a dream, and He was wearing the dress I had given that girl.

A GREATER THAN GARIBALDI

During the dark days of the struggle for Italian liberty, the people generally looked upon Garibaldi as their invincible deliverer. Prisoners, hurried away to loathsome dungeons, would be cheered as they passed along the streets by friends whispering in their ears, "Courage, Garibaldi is coming!" Men would steal out at night and chalk on the walls and pavements, "Garibaldi is coming!" And when the news of his approach near to the city was announced, the people would break out into rapturous shout, "Garibaldi is coming!" He came, and Italy broke her political and religious fetters. But a greater than Garibaldi is coming to God's people. The desire of all nations is on His way. Jesus is coming to reign, and His kingdom is a kingdom of peace and joy and blessing eternal.—W. E. Biederwolf.

"Children have more need of models than critics."

Children's Corner

MAGGIE'S GIFT

Gertrude M. Jones

The minister's eyes swept with intense searching the apathetic faces of his stylish, worldly congregation. He had made an impassioned appeal for help in the support of a little mission church among the mountains—a section where rough men and women knew scarcely anything of God and of the religion of Christ. He had hoped to inspire the people with the spirit of giving, to make them feel that it was a sweet, blessed privilege—and he had failed. A sense of desolation crept over him.

"God help me," his lips murmured, mutely. He could not see the bent figure of little crippled Maggie in the rear of the church—a figure which was trembling under the fire of his appeal.

"Lord Jesus," the little one was saying, brokenly, "I ain't got nuthin' ter give: I want the people in the mountains to hear 'bout my Saviour. O Lord, I ain't got nuthin' ter—"

What was it that made the child catch her breath as though a cold hand had taken hold of her heart?

"Yes, you have, Maggie," whispered a voice from somewhere; "you've got your crutch, your beautiful crutch that was given ter you, an' is worth a lot of shinin' dollars. You kin give up yer best frien' what helps you ter get into the park where the birds sing, and takes you to preachin', an' makes yer life happy."

"Oh, no, Lord," sobbed the child, choking and shivering. "Yes, yes, I will. He give up more'n that fer me."

Blindly she extended the polished crutch, and placed it in the hands of the deacon who was taking up the collection. For a moment the man was puzzled, then, comprehending her meaning, he carried her crutch to the front of the church, and laid it on the table in front of the pulpit. The minister stepped down from the rostrum and held up the crutch with shaking hands. The sublimity of the renunciation unnerved him so that he could not speak for a moment.

"Do you see it, my people?" he faltered at last; "little crippled Maggie's crutch—all that she has to make life comfortable? She has given it to the Lord, and you—"

There was a moment of silence. The people flushed, and moved restlessly in their cushioned pews.

"Does any one want to contribute to the mission cause the amount of money this crutch would bring, and give it back to the child, who is helpless without it?" the minister asked, gravely.

"Fifty dollars," came in husky tones from the banker.

"Twenty-five."

"One hundred."

And so the subscribing went on, until papers equivalent to six hundred dollars

were lightly piled over the crutch on the table.

"Ah, you have found your hearts—thank God! Let us receive the benediction," almost whispered the minister, as he suddenly extended his hands, which were trembling with emotion.

Little Maggie, absorbed in the magnitude of her offering and the love which prompted it, comprehended nothing that had taken place. She had no thought of the future, of how she would reach her humble home, or of the days in which she would sit helpless in her chair as she had once done. Christ had demanded her all, and she had given it, with the blind faith of Abraham. She understood no better when a woman's arm drew her into close embrace, and soft lips whispered into her ears:

"Maggie, dear, your crutch has made \$600 for the mission church among the mountains, and has come back to stay with you again. Take it, little one."

Like the flash of light there came the consciousness that in some mysterious way her gift had been accepted of God and returned to her, and with a cry of joy the child caught the beloved crutch to her lonely heart; then, smiling through her tears at the kind faces and reverential eyes, she hobbled out of the sanctuary.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3: 10.

LITTLE MARGARET'S TESTIMONY (If She Could Tell it)

I arrived several weeks before I was expected and the doctor said it would be but a matter of a few days before I would slip away; but I seemed to hold my own pretty well until yellow jaundice set in so severely that I was the color of dark oak woodwork, and my little limbs, no larger around than the knuckle of mother's thumb, grew tinier. I could not swallow the drop of food they gave me with the medicine dropper, and it began to look as though the doctors were right. But there was a Greater Physician whom they called upon, and while the saints prayed a mile away for my little life, I suddenly awoke to the fact that I was alive and hungry. No need of a medicine dropper now to feed me, because I changed into a real normal baby from that stupor in which I had been for a couple of days, and the dark soon was all gone and my flesh pinky-white like it should be.

But when six weeks old I was ruptured. How my tiny face puckered with pain, and again the Great Healer of long ago

and now, was called upon and He took away all pain instantly, and in a few weeks one could not tell there had even been a rupture. Glory to God.

But my teeth—what a test of faith they were. At one time when they would not come through, the fever got so high that convulsions racked my little body, but Jesus seemed to come right down and hold me in His arms a moment and handed me back to mother, healed, the fever gone.

Then another cold settled on my lungs and soon I was very sick; this time they thought surely the Lord was going to take me home to Heaven. I could neither eat nor sleep and prayer did not avail. Then, when at the very worst, Jesus seemed to descend and lay His hands on my chest and instantly the congestion was relieved and I fell into a peaceful sleep; no more struggling for breath.

So it went the whole first year of my life, one attack after another, healed each time in a miraculous way only to have something else in a short time.

I was so tiny and so frail that folks would shake their heads when they saw me. Then when a serious illness came in my twelfth month, it did not take many days to take me down so that I looked more dead than alive, and only by feeling of me to see if I were still warm did they know sometimes that I still breathed. No one had faith for my healing; all were sure I was to be transplanted into the garden above; but a dear old colored sister away down in Georgia was burdened for me and she held on in prayer until one day the Lord gave her a vision showing my small body literally covered with prayer, and He said to her, "She is healed." So prayer turned to praise while this dear colored sister waited for the news from up here in Ohio, that it was a reality. And the recovery was so rapid that it was difficult to tell any one that I had shortly been at death's door, and as the first year was a marvel of His healing power, so has my life since been a miracle of His keeping power, for that was the last bad illness I have had, and there were five candles on my cake last birthday. — M. M. A. Bridegroom's Messenger.

ADVENT DATES

Mrs. White, the "prophets" of the Seventh Day Adventists, shortly before her death received a "revelation" appointing a Mrs. Rowan as her successor, who, however, was never accepted by the sect. Two years ago, Mrs. Rowan gave forth "a Message from God," which ran thus:—"My Son will return on Feb. 6th, 1925; proclaim it; proclaim it from the skies!" The Lord neither returned, nor were the waiting Adventists miraculously transported (as she had predicted). A dateless Advent is the secret of perpetual watchfulness.—Dawn.

Have you a Comfort Box? Keep one of these boxes on your dining table and regale yourself with a promise or two at each meal. The price 35c each, or 3 for \$1.00.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

THIRTEEN CHICKENS

A number of society women had learned of Sister Abigail's work among the poor and helpless in the City of Buffalo. They had heard she had no income from any human source but looked to the Lord alone to supply all her needs. It seemed so like a fairy tale, they longed to meet her and find out if these things were true. They had heard that the blind, the lame and helpless ones were cared for and how in answer to believing prayer God sent all the money to care for the work in the home, also in aiding many of God's helpless ones outside the home.

With the world, seeing is believing. With the child of God, believing is seeing.

One of these ladies called upon Sister Abigail and asked that the little circle be allowed to visit the home and learn just how it all was accomplished, so our sister, desiring to do all for the honor and glory of her Lord and Saviour, decided to give an afternoon tea to these ladies. According to the best of her knowledge of the proper way of doing she invited them to her home. The best she had in table equipment was brought out and her little home made as attractive as possible. Her invalids were dressed in their best and each one looked forward to the event with much pleasure and some excitement, no doubt. Was not one of God's homes to entertain those who knew only the worldly? Happiness and cheer must be upon every face. In fact, this is the normal condition of Sister Abigail's home.

The day of this anticipated event arrived. The guests came and were received by our sister with all the sweet gracious spirit with which both rich and poor are welcomed into her home. After making the acquaintance of those members of the family who are able to be about the house, the ladies were seated at the table. The Lord's blessing was invoked upon this gathering, a passage of Scripture given to each one to read before the viands were passed and a hymn of praise was sung. The daintiest little biscuits and cakes had been made to serve with the fragrant tea which was poured into beautiful china cups. (The Lord does not always provide common things for His households.) After the tea was served, the ladies visited the invalids, who were helpless in their beds, and no doubt learned much of Christ as they met the smiling faces of these great sufferers. Later the ladies desired to question Sister Abigail more definitely as to this work of faith.

One of the ladies then said, "Now Mrs. L., we as a circle send out baskets to the poor. Next Saturday is the day to send out thirteen baskets. We would like very much to put into each basket a chicken but we haven't enough money to do this."

"How strange!" exclaimed Sister Abigail. "I with not a cent of my own and you women of leisure and means can't buy thirteen chickens!"

"So," continued the lady, "will you pray that the Lord will provide these thirteen chickens?"

Sister Abigail demurred, as the Lord had not laid this burden upon her heart. "I am not sure that the Lord will give me the liberty to do this," she replied,

"but let us all kneel before Him and if He tells me to do so, I will ask Him."

"Well," said this lady, "if you will pray for these chickens to be given and God answers the prayer, I will become a Christian and trust God just as you do." So the ladies and the members of the family followed Sister Abigail in kneeling before God. As she lifted her voice in prayer thanking God for His goodness to her, asking for a work of the Spirit in the hearts of these women, liberty was given her to pray for the chickens to be sent.

So this long-looked for visit was over. The ladies departed. We wonder what they thought.

Saturday morning came. About ten o'clock the telephone rang. "This is Mrs. —, the lady who asked you to pray for the chickens. Do you know Mrs. S— of the S— Hotel?"

"No," replied Sister Abigail, "I never heard of her, but I know there is such a hotel and I'm sure she doesn't know me."

The lady exclaimed, "How wonderful! She has just telephoned me saying that she knows our little circle sends out baskets to the poor. In providing for the Sunday dinner, she finds that they have thirteen chickens more than they need. Would our circle accept them for the baskets?"

"Praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to the children of men." Was Sister Abigail surprised? Surely not. Had she not tested God's faithfulness for years and was there not a human soul to be won for Christ? If it took thirteen chickens to accomplish this, what were thirteen chickens to God? He could even make thirteen special chickens, as He prepared that big fish to shelter Jonah until he cried to God and repented. Did not Peter find a coin in the fish's mouth that the Lord might pay His taxes?

To make the story short, the chickens were sent and distributed. The lady became a devoted Christian and was used to do many things for Christ through the position in life to which she had been called, even to gaining the ear of those high in authority when Sister Abigail had need of a friend at court.—From "Does God Answer Prayer?"

A BLASPHEMER JUDGED

A few days after the baptism of several persons into the sacred names enjoined by Christ, a wicked young man took a sheep to the same place in the stream, and with fearful oaths swore he could baptize as well as the preacher. The shore of the stream was a very gradual slope, so there was no apprehension of danger from deep water. Three of his comrades stood on the shore, and witnessed his blasphemous performance. Taking the sheep in, and holding it by its fore feet, he pronounced the formula of baptism, and as he leaned over to immerse the sheep, the animal struck him with its hind feet, knocking him into deeper water, where he was drowned while his comrades stood looking on. When asked why they did not try to save him, they said they were perfectly paralyzed, and could not stir. Let not the tongue be given to blasphemy.—Selected.

HEALED OF ASTHMA

Since I was a child I have had a burning desire to be right with God, and so went to revivals wherever I could, and asked prayer. I joined three churches one after the other, but still the best I knew was to give the minister my hand and join the church. I was unsaved. Finally I found a little mission where the minister taught the people how to be born again and become new creatures. But the enemy trapped me to my terrible loss, by keeping me, through pride, from confessing that I had been saved, for I was already a church member.

Since childhood I had been a sufferer from asthma. I would run out into the cold when very young so that I could get my breath. I would sit on the porch and nearly suffocate. I was prayed for and God instantly healed me, so that now for five years I have had no asthma. A week ago I was suffering greatly from kidney trouble. Doctor's medicines had never done me any good. I sent to Headquarters and to Murchison for prayer and an anointed cloth. I do praise the Lord that the kidney trouble entirely vanished. My little girl scalded her mouth, tongue and lips, so that they were covered with awful blisters. I got an anointed cloth and applied it, asking the Lord to heal her. She was healed in two days, eating like anyone else. My Jesus is a wonderful Healer. For all this do I praise the Lord.—(Mrs.) Clara Anglin, Kerens, Texas.

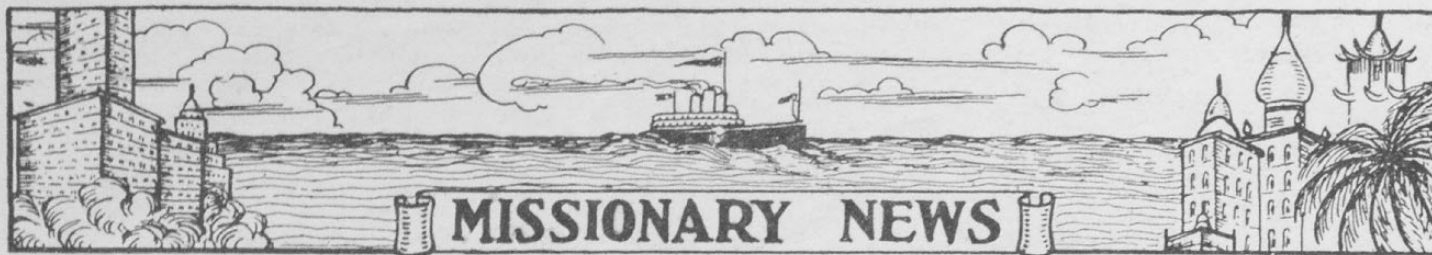
HEALED OF CANCEROUS GROWTH

In March 1926 something similar to a wart began swelling in my left armpit. It had arisen twice before during the past twenty-six years but had in both cases disappeared in answer to prayer. This time it got very sore. Pains would dart from it in all directions, and I felt sure it was a cancer, having heard how cancers act.

One afternoon I was thinking what I would have to suffer with a cancer so near my heart. Suddenly the Lord said, "Lay Brother Wigglesworth's book, 'Ever-Increasing Faith' on that sore." It lay on the table before me and I immediately obeyed. It was astonishing what a sweet, soothing feeling went through my flesh. I held it there for a little while thanking God in advance, as I always do, for the healing. The pain ceased. On the morning of the fourth day thereafter the wart fell out, roots and all. The roots looked like little, white cords all knotted together. How I praised my God for answering prayer. There is nothing left to show for it, but a little scar.

We have such a wonderful Healer. There is a place for us to live where we can be kept from the darts of the enemy. When we are there He says He will not allow any of these things to come upon us.

Two years ago the dear Lord took three goiters out of my neck and throat in answer to prayer, faith and praise. If you do not get healed at once, praise and thank the Lord until the healing comes. The trial of your faith is more precious than gold tried in the fire. Praise the Lord.—(Mrs.) Eva Cotton, 412 N. Simon Street, Ada, Ohio.



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REPORT OF ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE

Lillian Trasher

"We now have in the Orphanage in all something over 400 occupants. About 40 widows, fourteen blind, and the rest are orphan boys and girls, of whom twenty are babies. We keep them until they are well settled in life, and never let people adopt them or take them as servants. We have a very good school where the children are taught English and Arabic and all of the ordinary school studies. Boys who are very bright are sent to the American College until they graduate. Those who do not do well in their lessons are taught trades. We have a shoemaking shop, also a carpenter and cabinet-making shop with very good teachers to teach them. They do some lovely work. The girls are taught all kinds of housework and they do the sewing for the whole orphanage and of course they are in school the same as the boys, only we do not send them to college.

"As to the religious work which we are doing. We have a native Pentecostal pastor, also a missionary and his wife, dear Brother and Sister Post. Brother Post spends all of his time in the spiritual part of the work. Brother Ameir, the native pastor, takes charge of the morning prayers, after which he goes from class to class giving the Bible lessons. This occupies the whole of his morning. Every afternoon just before supper, one of the other teachers has evening prayer when our whole family gather. After supper Monday night there is a prayer meeting for the little boys, Tuesday night the little girls, Wednesday for the widows, Thursday for the whole family, Friday night for the big girls, Saturday the big boys, Sunday morning Sunday school after which we have the regular preaching service. Sunday afternoon preaching again. Thursday night meeting is mostly a testimony meeting. Now is our time of planting the seed in their little hearts. Pray that God may let it take root.

"As to our support: It costs over \$50.00 a day, about \$1,500 a month. We never have anything in reserve. God supplies our needs day by day and we have never missed a meal. We have a very dear Father who sees the needs of His little ones. The Egyptians help me a great deal in every way.

"Some ask, 'What do you need most?' We always need clothes. We dress the children the same as the American children dress, only the girls do not like short sleeves. Packages can be sent by parcel post so long as each package does not weigh more than 11 pounds. We do not have to pay duty at this end. I like

dark red or dark blue best as it does not show dirt so quickly but any color will do. Safety pins and combs are very hard to get in Assiout, also undershirts for the babies under a year old. We can never get any good stockings here. Our greatest need is for the girls over ten. Anything is useful in such a large family. We own our own buildings and we have our own cows. We have separate buildings for the boys and girls, but are very crowded, therefore, we are building new rooms as God sends in the money."

PRAY FOR LO PAU, CHINA

Elmer Morrison

"At present the conditions here are not alarming in any degree, yet there is considerable ill will manifested towards the church in many places, while in other places we have not been hindered very much. Brother and Sister Williamson were forced to flee from Waitsap some time ago but just recently word has come that it is quiet enough for them to return up the river again. The agitation was made by the students of that city against Christianity, not particularly against foreigners. We are told an antichristian program is planned for Christmas week, yet we are by His grace going right on, anticipating nothing but what will redound to the good of the church and the glory of God. As I write, my heart is very happy in God. Why? Well, because in His grace to-day we have had an exceptional opportunity to speak in His name. We arose early, had morning prayers with the workers at 7 a. m., ate some breakfast and set out to walk about six miles to the market at Taai Tong. At this place there is no mission station but hundreds gather there every five days to market their produce. Four of us went not knowing just how we might be received owing to the antichristian feeling everywhere, but thanks be to God we were well received. The crowds gathered around us as we sang, 'Nothing but the Blood of Jesus,' and other familiar hymns. We preached the message of Jesus' saving grace and power, then sold gospels and gave away illustrated portionettes—over 200 each. The people received them very eagerly and the majority were most courteous toward us and received our message. So then you will very readily understand what I mean when writing above I said my heart is very happy as I write. After all, this is the joy that counts and when a missionary has such a privilege it makes every other joy fade into the background. Praise God! He comes so near and makes us to eat of the meat that the world 'knows not of.'"

ANSWERED PRAYER

Jessie Eustace

"I have just recently been down with what seemed for a while to be black water fever. I am just beginning to get my strength back but am still very weak. God heard prayer. Miss Bjorklund stood very faithfully with me in prayer. For a while I thought that God would take me, but praise His name He has raised me up for a purpose. It was wonderful how the boys and girls laid hold of God. One boy said yesterday in prayer, 'We know that God has power because we have seen how He answered in raising our teacher up.' There is a deeper desire than ever to preach Christ to these poor souls. Some of the old chiefs seem very close to accepting Christ. Won't you pray that God will help them to pay the price? It seems hard for them to give up their wives.

"It was very touching after I was able to be up. A number of people came to the house, some carrying rice. I told them I was not buying rice to-day. They replied, 'We didn't come to sell rice but to give you the rice as a present because you are well again and we are so glad.' After thanking them I told them that God had spared my life so that I could still tell them of the love of Jesus. It is hard for me to stay in and not to be out in the town work, but until I get stronger I will not be able to go out. God has been good to us here in saving souls. Quite a number of our boys have been saved. Also there are two men and two women that want to be baptized in water and perhaps there will be more."

CANNPORE, INDIA

Niels P. Thomsen

"I have just come in from a three weeks' tour in Unao district across the river. The Lord was with us and we visited a number of the villages. We made special use of the evening hours just after dark. Then the men are in from the fields and have nothing to do but sit around the fire. So we took a lantern and crossed the fields to the villages and sat with them about the fires talking about the things worth while. In small villages we would have from 50 to 70 men besides the women and children who would come.

"There are three more men ready to be baptized. One a Hindu priest and one is a rich Mohammedan landowner from another district. The third is from our outstation at Ghatampur. We thank God for each of these and are praying for more."

MINISTERING TO THE NEEDY IN NORTH CHINA

Martin Kvamme

"Greetings from China in the name of our precious Lord! We will send you a short report from the war-stricken land of China. When we see and hear what is going on these days we cannot but praise God for the openings we have among the people in these very restless days. China is not like it used to be. The radical spirit is gripping the people everywhere and we missionaries together with the rest of the foreigners sometimes feel the pressure very keenly. We are very thankful at this time for being able to report some definite work wrought by God in the enterprise under our care. During the last half year we have seen the power of God manifested in saving from heathen darkness.

"One woman who was an idol worshiper living near the mission in HoPei came to the meetings and mighty conviction came upon her. As far as she had light she surrendered to God. She took down all her idols and packed them away in a box, leaving them in one of the rooms in the house. One night she suddenly awakened very much disturbed and restless and she could not understand what was the matter. She turned to the Lord in prayer and while praying God reminded her of the idols stored away in the house. She called her son immediately and asked him to remove the box out of the house and he was glad to comply with her orders. They made a clean sweep of everything and the Lord rewarded her faithfulness in refusing to allow anything belonging to the devil to remain in her house, by giving to her, her daughter-in-law and some of her friends recently saved, the mighty Baptism of the Holy Spirit. They are still living lives very close to God.

"We are glad to state that the Lord has blessed by opening up a work among the women in our HoTung station and the prospects of an ingathering of the poor women is beginning to look brighter. One woman whom our native worker's wife and the sisters of the work here visited, suddenly took very ill. Her people being idol worshipers called for one of the witch doctors and when he came to minister to her according to his devilish methods she refused to have anything to do with him. The good seed of the Gospel had already taken root in her heart and she was determined to believe on the Lord and told her people and the witch doctor very firmly that she believed in the true God. As she was repeating, 'I believe in the true God' she suddenly passed away and the last words they heard her say were: 'I believe in the true God.' We have every reason to believe that God honored this woman's faith. Her youngest son is now coming regularly to our meeting and is taking a firm stand for the Lord.

"We have had very good attendance in all our mission halls through the fall and winter. The interest in fact is the best we have experienced in Tientsin and we trust it will culminate in setting at liberty many captive souls. The Lord has indeed

given us an open door in the village where we opened a new station a short time ago. The people there are very favorable toward the Gospel and already about twenty have confessed their willingness to follow the Lord.

"We also praise the Lord for the privilege of doing a definite work among the poor this winter. Our HoTung work is situated in the poor district of Tientsin and the people are poor indeed. Already, last summer, the Lord laid on our hearts to prepare for relief work during the winter months. Some kind-hearted Chinese turned over to us nearly 400 garments to distribute among the poor and

AN URGENT CABLE FROM CHINA

A cable has just been received from China as follows: "Missionaries have been ordered to Hong-kong, funds in hand totally inadequate. Carrie Anderson leaving in about six weeks, but funds set apart for her passage are quite used up. Please render all the help you can," signed "Kelley." We would ask all to unite with us very earnestly for the supply of this need, and for the protection of our missionaries on that field. Whereas we do not believe that this means that it is compulsory for every missionary to leave for the coast; yet it implies that any who do not go will forfeit any protection the American and British governments might be able to give. You will note that Miss Anderson is planning to sail in the immediate future, but owing to the pressing needs all the money that she had for her passage has been used up. Pray also that this need may be met.

It would seem that such emergencies as the above should call forth a manifestation of the brotherly love, that binds us together, in some practical manner. It is needless to say more, "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

we received the garments just at the time when the cold weather set in and you can imagine what a blessing this meant to those with scarcely any clothes in which to face the winter. Two weeks ago we started to distribute millet to those with hardly anything to eat. We have at present over 200 on our 'poor list' and we are having special gospel meetings for them once a week and giving them enough millet at a time to last a week. We feel assured we will be able to keep this work up all winter, and besides saving people from starvation, we hope that some of them at least will receive the Bread of Life.

"The Lord has united our hearts to-

gether in much prayer for the work and we feel this to be indeed the key for solving the many problems. The more we pray the more we want to pray and for that reason we wish to ask that all the praying people who may read these lines unite with us in prayer for the work in Tientsin and for a mighty revival to sweep over China in these days of so much opposition and agitation against the spreading of the Gospel. There is no limit to what God will do for us if we can only hold out in prayer."

C. B. I. STUDENTS TO THE FIELD

Although Central Bible Institute is not so very old, the number of its students on the mission field is growing. Miss Hettie Steffin who graduated from C. B. I. in 1925, and Miss Edna Wagenknecht who would have graduated in 1927 are the newest recruits on the field.

When she left school, Miss Steffin was not clear as to just what service the Lord had called her to. She was engaged in evangelistic work for some time, when the Lord made it plain that His will for her was India. Her consecration was steadfast and she answered the call.

Miss Wagenknecht was intending to complete the three year Bible school course, but the calls for help which she received from her sister who is working with Miss Flint in India seemed so urgent that she could not wait. At the end of her second year she definitely took the matter to the Lord as to whether He would have her finish her course or go at once to the field. The way was opened for her to join her sister in India, so she and Miss Steffin sailed together on December 22, and were expected to arrive in India January 26, 1927. Miss Steffin will work with Brother and Sister Mueller at Laheria Serai, and Miss Wagenknecht with Miss Flint at Bettiah. The prayers of the student body go with these two, and all the friends of missions are asked to join in prayer that God will abundantly bless the ministry of these two lives in every way.

NOTICE

The Burbank, California, Assembly would like to have a line about the work in Africa by the sister who spoke there six or seven months ago.

CONFIDENCE

"In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Psa. 71:1.
Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,
Trust Him when thy strength is small;
Trust Him when to simply trust Him
Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him, He is ever faithful:
Trust Him for His will is best;
Trust Him for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him, then, through cloud and sunshine
All thy cares upon Him cast,
Till the storms of life are over,
And the trusting days are past.

THAT WORTHY NAME

Jesus! Jesus! let us ever say it
Softly to ourselves as some sweet spell;
Jesus! Jesus! troubled spirit, lay it
On thy heart, and it will make thee well.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

PLOWING IN NEW GROUND

Evangelists Wm. S. Moore and E. H. Henegar write: "Have just closed a revival at Frink Switch Schoolhouse, near McAlester, Okla., a new place for Pentecost. Nine saved and others seeking the Baptism. Pray that the revival spirit may continue."

WELEETKA, OKLA., REVIVAL

Pastor E. L. Dameron, writes: "Just closed a 3 weeks' revival in Weleetka. Brother J. F. Miller did the preaching and Brother Nolon Rayburn led the singing. Eleven confessed the Lord and 3 were filled with the Spirit according to the pattern."

REVIVAL IN TULSA

Pastor C. E. Shields, 1601 N. Peoria St., Tulsa, Okla., writes: "Just closed a 2 weeks' meeting with Brother Martin McLellan of Rush Springs, Ark. In spite of the bad weather the meeting was a blessing to many. Our meeting nights are Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Glad to have Council ministers visit us."

SUCCESSFUL PRAYER MEETINGS

Brother Andrew W. Macon, Dallas, Texas, writing as recording secretary of the prayer meeting, says: "In prayer meetings held in different places January 4th, 5th, 15th and 18th, 11 saved and 2 filled. Jesus is passing this way and saving every one who will let Him, and filling with the Holy Ghost."

GOOD MEETING AT EARL, ARK.

Writing from Earl, Ark., Pastor S. B. Drew says: "We have just closed a good revival with Evangelist Chas. Peppers in charge. Despite the unfavorable weather 10 were saved, 6 baptized in the Holy Ghost and the assembly wonderfully built up. We are expecting the evangelist to return in August for a tent meeting."

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Writing from Minneapolis, Minn., Pastor F. J. Lindquist says: "Our meeting with Evangelist E. J. Axup closed Sunday evening. For two weeks the Spirit of God has been poured out. Twenty-eight baptized in the Holy Ghost first two weeks of the year. During the past year we immersed 86 in water, 68 received the Baptism in the Spirit and 65 united with the assembly, besides a large number who sought salvation. To God be all the glory."

SUCCESSFUL EVANGELIZING

Pastor-evangelist Elmer F. Muir writes from Sharon, Kans.: "The Lord is having His way in the work of evangelism in the State of Kansas. Praise the Lord. At the meeting at Topeka, some weeks back, God wonderfully poured out of His Spirit

upon the assembly. The Lord witnessed in healing afflicted bodies, and making glad the hearts of these people.

"From there I was privileged to go to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and again God gloriously blessed, uniting the forces more closely, and erecting the standard of higher and greater efficiency. From this place we were called to hold a meeting in Ottawa, Kansas, the new home of our District chairman. For the first time the assembly worshiped in their new Tabernacle. Souls were saved, and sick and afflicted bodies were healed and God graciously poured out of His Spirit. This place should prove to be a blessed center for Pentecostal work.

"Then we were called to Corwin, Kans. These dear good people have one of the finest groups of altar workers with which it has been my privilege to co-operate in my evangelistic efforts. During the 12 days' stay, there were, I believe, some 16 filled with the Holy Ghost according to the book of Acts. At times during the meetings, which were held in a school house, the crowds were too great to permit entrance into the building. Rev. W. D. Chapman, a former Baptist minister, is pastoring the little group of faithful saints at this place.

"I am now holding a two weeks' meeting at Sharon, Kansas; Brother Amos Farley, pastor. We have the very best church building in the city. It is a former Methodist church, well located on the main street. The Pentecostal people have this for their own work exclusively. The meeting has started very well considering the weather. Each night we are seeing new faces, and are encouraged. Praise His blessed name."

CHURCH OF GOD MINISTER FILLED

On the night of Dec. 12, a larger crowd than usual being in attendance at our mission, I became suddenly impressed by the Holy Ghost to preach on the mission of Christ to all people, using Acts 8: 29, Acts 10:19, 20 and 1 Cor. 2:13.

After the song service, I spoke of God's having changed my message and proceeded the best I could to bring forth the truths of the Word to my hearers: of how He suffered for the lost world; was crucified for our sins; was buried and arose for our justification; ascended to the Father; being highly exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this which you now see and hear (Acts 2:33); and that He was doing the same to-day on all of His blood-washed ones who would believe on Him as the Scripture hath said. We declared His mission was not yet ended, nor would it be until after He had come again, had claimed His waiting bride and until we shall have lived with Him a thousand years in His

kingdom on earth and He finally delivers His kingdom to the Father, and then He will be the light of the city. As I closed my message and made the altar call, a Church of God preacher who was present came forward to be filled with the Holy Ghost and was slain and broken as a reed under the mighty power of God. After two hours of being constantly shaken with the heavenly wind, he burst forth speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The heavenly love had descended and a mighty time of refreshing had come from the presence of the Lord. The first thing he said after he quit speaking in other tongues, was, "I must go back to where I preached last Sunday and straighten up what I preached to the people against the evidence of the Baptism." He told me that that night the devil whispered to him to leave the church and go home for the preacher had just changed his message to load it all on him. Oh, how careful we should be about our words and actions for the Master and how implicitly we should follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The brother stated that his wife had previously attended services at the mission and some one indiscreetly and unwisely had told her that she would go to hell if she did not get the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and so she would not come any more. Jesus said to His disciples, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." How many precious souls are turned from this way on account of lack of wisdom on the part of some overzealous child of God. We can't convince people of other churches of this wonderful truth by telling our experience and then falling out with them because they don't instantly see eye to eye with us; but as Eliezer the servant did, exalt and praise Isaac the bridegroom to Rebecca the bride. Let us as servants of the most high God go forth exalting and praising Jesus our heavenly bridegroom until the hearts of the people will be turned to Him whom our soul loveth. The dove is our emblem of the Holy Ghost, the only bird without gall. There is no bitterness in the Holy Ghost, but He is ever gentle, moving the bride for the Bridegroom.

In closing I want to thank God for His presence with me in 1926. I have had the joy of seeing 3 ministers of the Gospel receive the fullness of the Baptism in meetings I've conducted in the past year, and they are now preaching the full Pentecostal message, so God help us to be patient with other Christians as they can see only as God reveals the light to them through the Word as we give it out with the power of the Holy Ghost. We ask the prayers of the Evangel family for Stigler, Okla.—Charles F. Parker.

There is a time to draw the net even if you are not quite through with your subject—if you have reached it pull for all you are worth.

Every man has a better right to hear the Gospel once than any man has to hear it twice.

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parks, our libraries." But the Word of God exhorts us to look at ourselves instead. We are looking at things material through a magnifying glass instead of looking at ourselves with a microscope.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? These things are to come at the period and time that the Word of God is in the hands of the people, freely accessible to the people, available for the people; not in those days when the Bible was forbidden to be read, but in the last days when the issuance of the Bible is being multiplied and it is encircling the globe. But the scoffers, under the guise of Modernists, are discounting, setting aside, and causing men to doubt the statements of the Word of God with all its terrible warnings and instructions as to how to escape the awful judgments of God. The Modernist is a sign, a distinctive sign of the last days. Amen.



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SELLING EVANGELS BRINGS GREAT JOY

Because this correspondent has struck the keynote and has received a clear understanding of what the Associate Editor has been endeavoring to bring to the minds of the saints, the following excerpts from a glowing letter from Ed. Curd, Ennis, Texas, is printed.

"The first bundle of Evangels was sold the same day they came. They brought such a wonderful blessing to me in selling them. I believe I have not had another quite so rich a day in the past year. In going from house to house with my books I found that I was not privileged to keep going back offering the same things over again, and it takes me a long time to get over the town so that I may start in again to give them another chance at the books. Always in doing such work you meet people whom you feel you would like to see again, not especially to sell to but to talk with concerning their own spiritual problems. Yet one does not feel like letting them know just how deep is his personal interest in those things. Selling the paper opens the way for these later meetings. Then too, in being sent back over the ground many opportunities will be found which were overlooked before, or there will be an unexpected quickening of interest often in the most unlikely places.

"To illustrate my point: at one place I had sold them a Bible, two pocket Testaments and a copy of "Praying to Change Things." They were poor people and I had to go back every Saturday for over a month to make collections. The visits were a great pleasure. They tried to make me feel that they were glad to have me come, and I was able sometimes to draw them into conversation about the things we love best. When the wife handed me the last dollar they owed me she said she was most sorry because they would miss my visits so. Well, selling the paper sent me back. I sold them a copy of the paper and another book and, after having had prayer with them for the first time, left them feeling that far more had been accomplished than on any previous visit.

"I cannot go into the details to tell all the blessings selling those Evangels brought to me that day, but I have sent in another three dollars to increase my bundle order, and feel that I shall have to increase it yet more in the future.

"We understand that we have no assembly in this city.

"The first bundles of the Evangel I sold to a number of persons that I had previously in mind as I told you in the last letter. Yesterday I received the increased order for the fifteenth with the back numbers on the later order. I remembered your advice to 'Overlook no man but offer your paper to even the most unlikely prospects.' I did so and the entire lot was sold in less than an hour and when I had finished I had walked only two blocks. I am sending another three dollars to-day for a further increase in my bundle order. That will make nine dollars I have sent in for Evangels on the

first quarter. I do believe I could have sold three hundred yesterday if I had had them."

NOTICE.—I want to get in touch with some one who is capable of leading singing and who plays on instruments. Young man and wife preferred.—Write W. E. Thurmond, 3401 Elm St., Cairo, Ill.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I have been in pastoral work over three years and am now open for evangelistic calls in connection with my pastorate. Am in full fellowship with the General Council. Clifton W. Nash, 519 E. Market St., Celina, Ohio.

FOR SALE NOTICE.—Being called into the Lord's work I want to dispose of my lease so I can go. I have 3 years' farm lease on 40 acres, 5 room house, gas and water, few chickens, good mule team, wagon and harness; excellent Jersey cow; can spare a little furniture.—E. L. Damron, Weleetka, Okla., Box 825.

Forthcoming Meetings

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.

CHESTER, PA.—Evangelist Meyer Tan Ditter and wife, gospel singers and musicians, will hold a campaign from Feb. 9 to 27 inc. For information write Pastor Martindale, 532 Kerlin St.

WOOD RIVER, ILL.—The Spencer evangelistic party will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God church, starting Feb. 10 and continuing as long as the Lord shall lead.—Pastor M. Hartz.

AUGUSTA KANSAS.—The Morton Sisters trio will begin a 3 weeks' revival campaign on Feb. 13, in the Liberty Treater, Main St. For further information address, Earl W. McCorkle, Augusta, Kan.

EATON, O.—Evangelist-musician R. A. Babcock, the converted fisherman, will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God church, Franklin St., Eaton, O., Feb. 15-27, or longer if the Lord leads.—Elder E. O. Lockwood.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION OF THE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST.—The Indiana State convention of the Ambassadors of Christ will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana, February 11-13, 1927.—Jessie M. Bryan, 1703 Poplar St., Terre Haute, Ind.

OAKLAND, CAL.—Mid-winter gospel campaign in special tabernacle to be erected at 12th St. and 25th Ave. Dr. Chas. A. Shreve will conduct the campaign, February 20 to March 20. Meetings twice daily. For fuller information, write to Pastor M. R. Tatman, 2268 106th Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Special meetings will be held at the Pentecostal Church of God, 240 Poplar Street from January 26 to February 13 inclusive. Brother Wm. A. Coxie assisted by his daughter Mary, will conduct these services all day on Sundays and every evening excepting Monday. For further information write Esther J. Molin, Sec., 136 Hawthorne Ave., Whitneyville, Conn.—E. E. Voland, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Pentecostal revival. Full Gospel Church, cor. Monroe and Saratoga Streets, Baltimore, Md., beginning February 6. Evangelist Ben Hardin, of St. Louis, will preach. Baltimore has not had a Holy Ghost revival for years. We urge the saints everywhere to pray for us.—E. F. M. Staudt, pastor, 918 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, Md.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—The Mid-Winter Convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in Colorado Springs at the Assembly of God church, 429 So. Tejon St., Feb. 15, 16 and 17, 1927. There will be three meetings daily, and the various brethren of the district will have charge of the evening evangelistic services. Ministers and delegates will be entertained. Ministers in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, which states comprise the Rocky Mountain District, are urged to attend. For further information write J. Logan Stuart, 818 Remington, Ft. Collins, Colo., Chairman, or myself, Floyd C. Woodworth, 1220 E. Orman Ave., Pueblo, Colo., Secretary-Treasurer.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Arkansas-Louisiana District Fellowship Convention for northeastern Arkansas will meet at Blytheville, Feb. 18-20 inclusive. Free meals and beds will be provided and all surrounding Sunday schools are expected to send representatives to attend through the three days. Able ministers will be provided to do the preaching. For further information write W. C. Vanbibber, Blytheville, or William David Burris, District Sunday School Superintendent, Russellville, Ark.

NOTICE OF TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO QUARTERLY CONVENTIONS
Southplains Section—Seagraves, Texas, Feb. 15th & 16th.
New Mexico Section—Artesia, N. M., Feb. 17th & 18th.
Northplains Section—Childress, Texas, Feb. 22nd & 23rd.
Northwestern Section—Wichita, Falls, 5th and Broad Church, Feb. 24th & 25th.
Central West Section—Haskell, Texas, Feb. 26th & 27th.
North Central Section—Sachse, Texas, March 2nd & 3rd.
Central Eastern Section—Huntsville, Texas, March 5th & 6th.

Hugh M. Cadwalder,

CHANGE OF DATES

Okmulgee, Oklahoma.—Dedication of our new church, located on 517 North Oklahoma Ave., will take place Sunday, March 6, at 2:30 p. m., in charge of Brother Gaston. The Presbyters of the District Council are calling for a fellowship meeting to be held in Okmulgee, for northeast Oklahoma. The order of services will be: 1. Dedication service March 6, at 2:30 p. m. Elder W. T. Gaston, in charge. Brother Henry of Tulsa, at the Piano. 2. Fellowship meeting, March 8, 9, 10. (Tues. Wed. Thurs.) Especially for workers, Ministers, Sunday school teachers, young people, saints who are unable to go to state-wide gatherings. 3. A definite Missionary program. One day will be devoted to this field of work for the Lord. 4. Young people's Rally, in charge of Brother Webb. A definite place will be given the young people during the fellowship meeting. 5. Day services, Bible teaching, and fellowship. 6. Revival services nightly, for three weeks or longer, Brother Henry of Tulsa doing the playing for us. Place, Two blocks from the site of the old tabernacle, 517 North Oklahoma Street.—Fred Eiting, pastor, Res. 718 N. Griffing.

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Amount previously reported 13,222.16
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HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

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1.00	Mr & Mrs G J U Santa Ana Calif;
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Bible Study Course By Correspondence

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