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A Remarkable Work of Grace

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Twelve men and a woman walked quietly but purposefully along the street last week in the city of Springfield, Mo. Nine of the men and the woman looked about them with evident pleasure and their faces exhibited something of the great joy with which their hearts were swelling. While there was nothing visible showing them to be other than an ordinary group proceeding along the city street, any one passing near them would have detected that peculiar odor always in evidence about prisons, and would have known, had he been wise in such things, that they had just come from jail. It was a group of ten prisoners accompanied by three officers in civilian's clothes on their way from the Greene County jail to the Assembly of God church.

For months we had been going every Sunday to hold services in the jail, thirty minutes to each of the three cages, and while some were saved from time to time, probably more than one to a service, on the average, they would get out on bond or otherwise and the Christian population in the jail remained small. Four weeks ago, however, a man in the jail whom God had been drawing for months finally surrendered, and dedicated his life to the ministry in response to the call of God upon him.

God speedily raised up helpers about him and a revival broke out in the lower steel cage so that the entire moral atmosphere of the place was completely changed. By common consent two of the prisoners who felt called to preach became leaders and announced prayer meetings oftener than once a day. All the prisoners were urged to attend, and many did attend these meetings. At these meetings of prisoners the Bible was read, the altar call always given and here many prayed through to glorious victory. Some got out and one dear boy fell back into sin, but when Saturday, April 2 came, nine from that cage and one from the women's cell were ready for baptism.

Some were Federal prisoners under the

jurisdiction of the United States marshal, while others were under the control of the sheriff. When asked about the matter both the sheriff and the marshal testified to their belief in the reality of the salvation the ten had, and the sheriff offered to accompany them to the church for baptism.

In the meantime the wife of one of the prisoners, who had left him because of his meanness, and who was herself living in sin, heard of his being saved and returned to town. She went to see him at the jail and he pleaded with her to be a Christian. She finally came to our home where she was gloriously saved. She went back to the jail where she confessed her misdeeds to her husband as he did his to her and, all forgiven, the broken home was made whole again. This lady desiring to be baptized with her husband came to the church and, when the prisoners arrived, was ready to go into the watery grave with the rest.

It was a wonderful service. Some said it was the most touching time they had ever known. A large crowd was in attendance and it seemed every one was moved to tears. Special music had been prepared as a sort of treat for the new converts and as a celebration of the great event. There were little sermons

and exhortations given by three of us who dearly love the prisoners, and then there was the baptismal service itself, all occupying about an hour. It was a wonderful time.

After the wet clothes were off, the happy company marched back to the jail and again the big steel doors clanged viciously shut behind them. There we found them Sunday night when we went for our regular services, although the two who feel the call to preach were not in the cage, the sheriff having let them out into the corridors so they could assist with the services.

When we came to the upper cell, where there had been no particular move of the Spirit for several weeks, a great wave of conviction swept the place. The conviction was so great that the sheriff, finding it out, opened the cage and allowed us all to go inside so that we could pray to better advantage with the seekers. It was a wonderful time of weeping and crying for mercy. The two new-convert ministers and the newly baptized wife of one of them went in with us. In a few moments the door opened and a trusty with whom we had labored for months and whom we familiarly called Johnnie, was let in. He had heard of the meeting in the cage and had begged the sheriff to allow him to enter so that he could get saved. A few minutes later the door again opened and in came the saints from the lower cage. They came bounding in and fell upon their knees with a speed and enthusiasm that reminded us of boys eagerly racing down the bank into the old swimming hole. The sheriff had seen what a powerful meeting was on in the upper cell and had opened the lower cage to allow the converts from there to go up and join in the service. Oh, the joy of that wonderful meeting! How those new converts did pray and labor with the seekers in that upper cage. It was perhaps the most remarkable meeting I was ever in. Praise the Lord!

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GOD'S PATIENCE

Oh, the wondrous loving-kindness
Planning, working out of sight!
Bearing with us in our blindness!
Out of darkness bringing light.

Weaving blessings out of trials,
Out of grief evolving bliss;
Answering prayer by wise denials,
When Thy children ask amiss!

And when faith shall end in vision,
And when prayer is lost in praise;
Then shall love in full fruition
Justify Thy secret ways.

—T. D. Crewdson

Things Pertaining to Life

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"His divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; . . . and beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." 2 Peter 1:3-7.

Peter, like the apostle Paul, is not always easy of comprehension. I do not mean to say that he is in any sense ambiguous; but that it is always necessary to read him with care in order to catch the sequence of his thought. The passage from which our theme is drawn is an illustration in point. Upon first reading, one is likely to see here but a kind of running comment upon spiritual things in general. Upon more careful reading, however, one discovers a well-ordered, perfectly arranged setting-forth of truth, which is at once a serious attempt to solve for us the greatest of all our problems, namely: the problem of spirituality. Peter attempts to solve this problem by first showing how we are made spiritual, and then by showing how spirituality is maintained. He does this by showing the relation of the divine to the human, and of the human to the divine in the matter of character production and character building. In other words, he shows us what we have been very slow to see, namely: *that life and godliness are essentially one and the same thing, and that godliness is developed along precisely the same lines as is any other life.* It is the province of this little talk to discuss, in a very simple and practical way, this proposition.

It is entirely contrary to my design, as well as beyond my ability, to make a literary production, or to meet all the requirements of a critical, scientific discussion of the question of life. I only hope to help some who have been made partakers of the divine nature, but who are making the fatal mistake of supposing that life begun in the Spirit can be perfected in the flesh.

The How of Life

If Peter has the correct viewpoint; and he undoubtedly has; there is, as we have already observed, no life in the gospel sense, without godliness. He makes the same sharp distinction between life and existence as does the Lord Jesus in the tenth chapter of John's Gospel at the tenth verse. "I am come (and He is evidently speaking to persons that were having a physical existence) that they might have life." And in the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel at the third verse He makes very clear His meaning when He uses the word life—"This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God." To know God is to experience God; to experience God is to be

made partaker of His very nature. This at once accounts for the language used by Peter in the passage under consideration: "made partakers of the divine nature." In other words, the first thing essential to life is godlikeness. Some things, both with reference to character production and character building, may be; this *must* be. It is evidently not directly essential to life that we be baptized by a certain mode, or that we eat or abstain from certain kinds of food, or that we attire our bodies in certain kinds or cuts of garments; *but it is absolutely essential* to life that we be made godlike in our deepest inner self.

But how is this to be accomplished? By what method are we made godlike? According to Peter we are made godlike by being "made partaker of the divine nature." Spiritual life, like physical life, *must be imparted.* It cannot spring up of itself any more than physical life can spring up of itself. There is no spontaneous germination in either the physical or spiritual realm. One must be "born from above" in order to "enter into the kingdom of God" and one must be *clean in heart* to experience the constant indwelling of Christ, and His indwelling is the how of life. "He that hath the Son hath life." Hath the Son, not theoretically, but experimentally—indwelling his very personality. Without this experience we may exist physically, mentally and even morally to a certain degree; but there can be no life in the vital, spiritual, New Testament sense. "He that hath not the son hath not life." The "must" in the passage which reads, "Ye must be born again," is not an arbitrary must; it is a scientific must. Birth is, in the very nature of the case, the only method of passing from one kingdom to another. Mineral may not pass into the vegetable kingdom only as it is seized upon by the vegetable and lifted up into the kingdom above it. So we pass from the physical to the spiritual by being "born from above," and we experience the indwelling of Christ by being cleansed from that deep, subtle, sin principle, which Peter here calls *lust*.

We may not pass this point in Peter's exhortation until we are distinctly conscious of having experienced "that act of divine grace which purifies the heart from all sin." When this is accomplished, and the divinely wrought work is attested by the Holy Spirit, we may then move on into the realm of life development. It were senseless to talk about painting, decorating, and generally beautifying a building which has not as yet been erected. So it is senseless to talk about developing and beautifying a character which has not been produced. Peter, like all of the inspired writers, "keeps first things first," hence he talks to us about "being made partakers of the divine nature" before he exhorts us to give all diligence in adding to our faith virtue, etc. In other words, he recognizes the fact that *being*

must precede development. He does not make himself ridiculous by exhorting us to develop what we do not possess. Partakers of *divine nature*, then growth in knowledge and in spiritual stature, is the divine order; and it is the divine order because, in the very nature of the case, there is no other order.

The How of Sustaining Life

Having been "born from above" and "made partakers of the divine nature" by the purifying of our hearts and the indwelling of Christ, we are at once face to face with another problem, namely: The How of Sustaining Life.

Spiritual life is sustained according to Peter—and indeed according to Jesus and all of the apostles—precisely as all other life is sustained, namely: by correspondence with environment. Divine life having been imparted and the new life having opened correspondence with spiritual environment, the correspondence that has been begun must be deepened, broadened and enriched. Here then is seen the deep reason for the manner as well as the order of Peter's exhortation: "Giving all diligence add to your faith courage," etc. Add, not in the sense of bringing in from the outside certain elements and in a mechanical way attach them to character, but add in the sense of a *spontaneous growth from the inside* where the germ of life has been deeply implanted in the very nature.

We are here reminded of a deep and necessary truth, namely: that growth is an organic thing; it is spontaneous. Spiritual life, like physical life, unfolds itself from within according to type. We are changed "from glory to glory" not by mechanical adjustments, but "by the Spirit of the Lord." It is "God that worketh in us." It is ours, of course, to keep ourselves adjusted to the environment of spiritual life, but growth itself is spontaneous. "I am the true vine," said Jesus. "Abide in me." And this abiding is the secret of life and fruit. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself. Without the vine it can do nothing. There is no mechanical process by which the branch may live and bear fruit. As it abides in the vine, however, both life and fruit are spontaneous. So there is absolutely no mechanical process by which we may live and develop a spiritual life.

Nearly every Christian is betrayed at some time or other into attempting to add a cubit to his spiritual stature by the application of some rigid rule. We may by this method succeed in imitating the fruit, or manifestations of life, but imitation is not life. A glass vine may be so skillfully wrought that it looks exactly like the living vine in both form and coloring, but if put into the ground beside the living vine, the difference between life and imitation is soon detected. Sunshine, rain and soil mean nothing to the glass vine. It will be quite different, however, with the living vine. It will adjust itself quickly to sunshine, rain and soil, and this adjustment to environment will promote larger and larger life and fruitfulness and beauty. Like the glass imitation is the person who tries to imitate Christ by mechanical adjustments of conduct, observance of religious forms and ceremonies, reforms of dress and eating and recreation, etc. Years hence they will be

what they now are—an imitation. There is deep meaning in the words of Jesus, "Without me ye can do nothing." And these words were uttered in this very connection. "The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; *no more can ye, except ye abide in me.* . . . Without me (abiding in me, and I in you) ye can do nothing." To merely attempt to imitate Christ is to miss the whole mission of His coming. "I am come *that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*"—in larger and larger measure.

With all of this in mind, we evidently have the exact thought of Peter's exhortation. Having been made partakers of the divine nature, there is to be a spontaneous growth in everything essential to spiritual life. Faith, Courage, Knowledge, Self-Poise, Stability, Kindness and Love *are the very essential elements and functions of spiritual life*, just as breathing, circulation, digestion, assimilation, reproduction, etc., are the essential elements and functions of physical life. And just as these physical elements and functions properly adjusted both to themselves and to environment move on into advanced physical life, so these spiritual elements and functions properly adjusted both to themselves and to environment move on into advanced spiritual life. If any have wondered why there is here no exhortation to unworldliness, and no detailed list of "don'ts" and "do's" we have here at least two reasons.

First, those who are made partakers of the divine nature have been unworlded at the very fountain of their being by a complete and revolutionary change. The divine seed has been implanted deep in the hidden soil of the inner life, and since "like produces like," there is no occasion to exhort to unworldliness.

Second, there is no detailed list of "don'ts" and "do's" because, in the very nature of the case, life begun in the Spirit cannot be perfected in the flesh. If spiritual life is in one, one will grow—and without rules—at least not many of them. The rules of growth are very few, and very simple. If spiritual life is not in one, one cannot grow no matter how many rules one applies. "The lilies," said the Lord Jesus, "do not grow by toiling and spinning." They grow by keeping in their element, and by a proper adjustment to environment. The how of a lily's growth is the how of spiritual growth. Lilies grow not by prescribed rules laid down by horticulturists; they grow spontaneously, without toiling and without spinning. A simple rule or two is fulfilled and growth is natural and sure. Neither do Christians grow by prescribed rules laid down by theologians and radical disciplinarians. They grow by *abiding in God*; and abiding in God is accomplished by simple, restful, trustful faith without religious toiling and spinning. Just a simple condition or two is fulfilled, and life develops naturally and surely.

Again, we have in all of this a perfectly natural basis for, not only the manner, but the order of Peter's exhortation. Notice how he has the elements and functions of spiritual life in perfect adjustment in their spontaneous movement into large and fuller development. A great, heroic, fine courage

is to function with an increase of knowledge in order that courage may be intelligently directed lest it endanger the whole life by becoming presumptuous and rash.

With increasing courage and knowledge there is an increase of temperance, or poise, that increasing illumination may not engender a stilted boorishness. This increase of poise must be safeguarded by an increase of patience, or stability, lest poise be betrayed into super-suaveness. And all of these must be shot through and through with a deep, increasing piety, brotherly kindness, and passionate love for both God and man. These all thus perfectly adjusted, will move on spontaneously into an ever-increasing life, saving us on the one hand from spiritual dwarfage, and on the other hand from spiritual lapse. Indeed, Peter calls attention to a threefold reward coming directly from this increasing flow of life. "If these things (the things to which our attention has just been called—the essential elements of life—faith, courage, poise, love, etc.) be in you and abound"—and the word "abound" is here more literally translated "flood"—*and a flood-tide is a rising-tide.*—If these essential elements of life—Faith, Courage, Poise, Kindness and Love be in you *a constantly rising tide, "THEY MAKE YOU,"* that you shall never be unprofitably employed, you shall never lapse into sin, and you shall never fall.

This threefold promise is followed quickly by a warning. "But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off." By failing to keep the adjustment which makes for an increasing flow of "these things," one becomes spiritually near-sighted, and with this loss of vision one is almost certain to begin to substitute second-class things; such as reforms, ceremonies, increased religious activities, ordinances, etc., and on this receding tide *drop down eventually into the old sins and worldliness* from which he was so gloriously and wonderfully saved when he was made partaker of the divine nature.

Here is without doubt the deep reason for spiritual decline and moral collapse seen on every hand. Many who are being borne forward on the "rising tide of these things" become careless about keeping themselves in proper adjustment to spiritual environment so that the essential elements of spiritual life could function normally and in an ever increasing flow, and as a result have died in their inner life, while they dream of a superior spirituality made possible by mechanical rather than spontaneous living.

Faith, Courage, Knowledge, Poise, Stability, Piety, Kindness and Love are, as we have already observed, the very essence of spirituality. To attempt to add to them is superfluous, and to attempt to take from them is disastrous. Perfectly adjusted, and functioning in perfect harmony, they move on into larger life spontaneously and gloriously, as the lilies grow. To attempt to mechanically attach to this already perfect life, and perfect movement of life, *is to bungle the whole scheme of God!* Gifts, reforms, etc., attached to this are like paper blossoms tied to a rosebush. And the tragedy of tying paper to a living rosebush is, that the bush can be so loaded with imitation that it will succumb. If gifts and reforms are the natural, spontaneous movement of the

life of God within, well and good; but if, on the other hand, they are the result of merely human effort, adjustment to discipline, etc., one has need to beware lest one find oneself contending for mere outward imitation with the whole inner life in complete moral collapse. And the tragedy of this condition will be that the inner collapse will soon be carried to the conduct so that one will find oneself actually committing sin while pretending to possess a very superior spirituality, and attempting to prove his superior spirituality by the manifestation of a gift, or a very radical reform of dress, or recreation, or the observance of a special religious ceremony, etc.

With all of this in mind, no marvel then that Peter exhorts us to beware lest the mere doing of religious things be substituted for life and the spontaneous movement of life. And in this exhortation he has not only shown us the how of life and growth, he has shown us the how of entrance into the "everlasting kingdom." Just as growth is the natural, sure outcome of observing one or two simple conditions, so entrance into the "everlasting kingdom" is the natural, sure outcome of being borne ever upward and forward on the "rising tide of these things." And just as growth cannot be promoted mechanically, so we cannot in the very nature of the case, enter heaven by "arbitrary decree," or by "exciting the compassion of a loving God." "Election," according to Peter, is provisional and open to all. It is made "sure" by appropriating by faith the "exceeding great and precious promises," and by so doing, being "made partakers of the divine nature," and then by fellowship with God giving free, full, unhindered opportunity for the expansion of the divine life within. *To such, the promise is, "Ye shall never fall," and "so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

I stood with others one sunny afternoon watching a great ocean-going vessel being "locked through" from Puget Sound into Lake Union—a body of fresh water lying within the city limits of Seattle, Washington—and as I stood thus watching the different movements of the operation as executed by the men who are employed by the government for this work, there came into my mind an illustration of the truth here presented, which has left a lasting impression. The great vessel moved slowly into the lock on dead level with Puget Sound. Her "lines" were taken and she was "made fast." When this was accomplished, the great steel and cement gates of the lock were closed behind her, and by opening a hidden gate down underneath, water was allowed to pour in from Lake Union. This in-coming water became a "rising-tide," and on its resistless, swelling, heaving flow the great ship with its cargo was lifted to the level of Lake Union, so that when the forward gates were opened and she steamed ahead, she, of course, passed out of the lock into the lake.

So we are brought "through the gates into the City." Coming into the grace of God on dead level with the world around us, and having closed the gates by a hearty, deep repentance for sin, we are in a mys-

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Impending Judgments and Strange Phenomena

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" Gen. 18:17. Abraham was the only man at that time to whom God could reveal Himself. He could reveal His secrets to Abraham because he was a man of faith. Lot was the one most interested concerning the impending destruction of Sodom, but he was not in God's secret. Why not? Because he lived on a lower plane. He had pitched his tent toward Sodom and later went to dwell in that evil city. But the self-sacrificing Abraham, the man of faith, was given God's secret revelation.

"Shall I hide from Abraham?" God is always in hiding, but He wants to reveal secrets to His own and especially concerning things that will shortly come to pass on the earth. He gave the revelation to Abraham concerning the destruction of Sodom and concerning His willingness to spare the city if but ten righteous were found therein. God took Abraham into His confidence concerning these things. Abraham interceded. Sodom was not saved through his intercession—but Lot was.

Don't let up in your intercession. In response to Abraham's intercession there was a special visitation of angels, sent to rescue backslidden Lot. There was a coming forth of the supernatural to deal with a man who lived on the natural plane, and this was brought about by Abraham's intercession. Abraham was not sent to his nephew. Lot would probably have invited him into his house and have sought to provide a home for him. God sent His angels who could not be contaminated by such an offer.

"As it was in the days of Lot . . . even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:28, 30. Angels were sent to Sodom and they were insulted. God has in the last days sent an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and men have sought to decry, belittle and destroy this revival. The speaking in tongues was a strange thing to them and men have rejected and refused and stopped their ears against God's last day message. But He has declared, "For the Lord shall rise up . . . that he might do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act." Isa. 28:21. It will not save Sodom, but it will be the means of saving Lot and his children, but the wife will be caught half way. She was on the edge of the cloud of destruction—a few yards too near Sodom. "Remember Lot's wife."

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." Do not touch the unclean even with your foot or even with your eye.

Abraham did not recognize these messengers on their way to Sodom. But he was given a special revelation of God's plan. Forget not to entertain strangers

—angels. Entertain the strange phenomena that come from Him. Recognize the strange thing He is going to do. Strangers, yet angels! God declares that He is going to do a strange thing. (Isa. 28:21). The Word says, "Be courteous." Abraham was courteous and hospitable. Be courteous and hospitable to heavenly visitors, and get the reward of the supernatural which is yet to come prior to the destruction.

GIVING AND GETTING

A man out in the West had a great cattle ranch, and had a wife and one son, but he did not know where that son was. He had not known for years. He went away a wild and reckless boy. A minister was holding meetings in a tent on that man's ranch. At the close of the sermon one night, the man went to the preacher's room and said: "I have come to have a talk with you. I have had a vision that I am all wrong, and though I have prospered, I have prospered in spite of the fact that I have been all wrong. I want you to tell God in prayer, that I have two thousand acres of as fine cattle land as there is in the West, and I, to-night, give it to Him. Then tell God that I have ten thousand head of cattle roaming somewhere over these prairies, as fine cattle as there are in this country. Tell God I will give Him every one of them. And tell God that I have the worst boy in all this world, somewhere, and I will give Him my boy, too."

And the preacher with broken heart, told it all out, and was rising from his knees, when the man said, "Hold on, preacher, something else has come to me.

Tell God that I will give myself to be a workman, a cattle rancher, if He will, and I will let Him fix my salary, and all that I make beyond that is His." And the preacher told Him. At the end of the next week, when the meetings came to a close, there rode into that little town a handsome young fellow, who made his way over to his father's tent, and flung his arms about his neck, and said, "Dad, I have given my heart to Jesus out there in Colorado, and I have come home to tell you about it."

THE COMMON TASK

Many years ago there lived in Dublin a beautiful and talented young lady, the wife of a young captain. At that time duelling was in vogue, and the captain having quarrelled with O'Connell, the Irish Patriot, challenged him to a duel and was fatally wounded, and the young lady became a widow before she was eighteen. First she tried solitude, and then the gaieties of life to rid herself of her grief, but all in vain. One morning, early, she went down to a river to take her life. Just as she was about to take the fatal plunge she saw in a distant field a farmer plowing, calling to his horses and whistling cheerily as he followed the plow; and she said, bitterly, "Happy man! he has something to live for; he has a niche to fill."

And there came to her a message from God, "You have a niche to fill. You have life, talents, opportunities. Why throw them away?" And turning from the river brink, she hurried home, saved from a suicide's death and doom. Soon afterwards, under a sermon upon John 3:16, she was led to Christ, and several years after that married a Christian captain. A son was given them and grew up to become Dr. Grattan Guinness. Not very long before the lamented death of Dr. Harry Guinness, I heard him say, "If my honored father was used of God to turn thousands to Christ, as he was; if he was the means of training hundreds for the mission field and of opening up dark parts of the earth to the Gospel; if by his writings he has enriched the Church and glorified his Saviour; and if I, his son, humbly trying to follow in his steps, have done any service for God, then you must trace it back to that humble farmer doing his common task."

A MISSIONARY PARTNER

A recent issue of the Manchester Guardian tells of a man who "ten years ago was prevented from carrying out his desire to go as a missionary to Africa, but who began to send instead all his annual profits to the Baptist Missionary Society for work in that land. In 1917 he sent 400 pounds (\$2,000). This year a gift of 5,267 pounds (\$26,335) has just been received, making a grand total in ten years of no less than 37,575 pounds (\$180,000) contributed by this vicarious missionary. The profits of his business, except in 1924, have shown a steady rise, and in addition to his gift last February he sent special sums amounting to well over 2,000 pounds (about \$10,000) for special purposes. No information can be obtained as to the identity of this anonymous benefactor.

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WHY "PRAY FOR REVIVAL"?**1. Because of heaven's down-stretched hands.**

SO EAGER IS THE WORLD ABOVE for human salvation that there is joy in heaven "over ONE SINNER THAT REPENTETH, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." Luke 15:7. What then would be heaven's joy if "ALL MEN EVERYWHERE" would repent, as they are commanded (Acts 17:30), and as multitudes would do—IF THE CHURCH WERE REVIVED!

2. Because of humanity's out-stretched hands.

SO EAGER IS HUMANITY for deliverance from sin that, says The Sunday School Times of Philadelphia, March 12, 1927: "Men are hungering for salvation as never before, even though they may not know it; and this means that all who know Christ as Saviour and Lord have such an opportunity as has not been since the world began to tell out the Good News and bring men from death into life." A REVIVED Church is a WITNESSING, and a SOUL-WINNING, Church!

3. Because of hell's up-stretched hands.

UPSTRETCHED IN DEVOURING GREED! For so eager is the world below to people its domain that sheol never cries "Enough." Prov. 30:15, 16, R. V. "Hell and destruction are never full." Prov. 27:20. SO SURE is "the wages of sin" that the souls of the unrepentant (for whose salvation Christ died, but for whose salvation the Church seems little concerned) — "THESE SHALL GO AWAY INTO EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT" (Matt. 25:46), but their blood will be required of a Church which sits with hands neither down-stretched, nor out-stretched, nor up-stretched—WHICH ALONE SITS WITH HANDS ENFOLDED—all but unmoved by the pleas of Heaven, the desolations of Earth, the insatiety of Hell! Oh, intercessor,

Pray for the Church's Revival

NO ASSEMBLY TOWNS

Many readers of the Evangel live in towns or cities where the wonderful truths of Pentecost are not being preached. This short word is to that list of readers.

You have found the mighty truths of Pentecost. Not long ago you did not know them. You understand that your neighbors do not know them now. You know how vital they have been in your experience, and how they have led you forth to what you are now, a born-again saint of God. But it may be you have not thought about being placed under obligations by thus having received the light of Pentecost. Listen:

If you and three other people were lost in Labrador, and you should find a map by which you could guide your course to food and safety, could you be guiltless in looking secretly at that map and finding your way out, leaving your companions to perish miserably from hunger and cold? You are quick to see that that would not be right.

But those about you are lost now, and in danger of falling into hell. You were lost too until you found the way made

plain by the full-salvation teachings. You recognized that you had found a map showing you the way out, and you are now rejoicing that you have already found Jesus and in His tender care are safe. Can you sit comfortable and safe, held close by Him, while the others about you, still lost as you were, cannot see their way?

The Evangel and the free tracts we send out, placed in the hands of your lost neighbors, would show them the way. Some would be joined to their idols and would not heed, but would it not be a tremendous satisfaction to you to know that you had given them the map that enabled you to get free from the wilderness of sin? Some there are who will heed, and do as you did, flee for their lives, when you show them the way by the Evangel.

Wouldn't you like to send us \$2? If you will we will send you 11 Evangelists a week for 10 weeks and you can go forth and sell them, giving away to every one the tracts we will send. If you would do this in your town for three or four months you would find it a means of discovering and drawing into a group those people who are willing to go on with the Lord at no matter what cost. You could gather and pray and presently interest an evangelist to come to you and hold a revival, organizing an assembly. That church would be, under God, your child. Pray, decide, act.

THE MORE EXCELLENT NAME

In the first chapter of Hebrews, Christ is three times referred to as the **SON**. This gives special emphasis to His relationship to God the Father. Jesus was the only begotten Son of God. As such, there is special significance in His commission to His disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." In being baptized in obedience to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, it means that we are baptized into His relationship to the Father. To man there is a special significance in the name Jesus—Saviour—for he needs a Saviour. But we need to realize that the word Son has a special significance with the Father, who declared "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

Give Him special honor as Son of God.—Arthur W. Frodsham.

ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE

Security pacts in a lawless world are an attempt at roofing a volcano. "Whence come wars?" "Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (James 4:1). "Peace is the dream of the wise," says Segur: "war is the history of man." It is extraordinary that the professing church which holds in her hand the Divine statement that, exactly when the world most stresses peace, in peace treaties, and safety in security pacts, "sudden destruction cometh" (1 Thess. 5:3), should be the main upholder of the peace compact that was drawn up at the close of the great war which has not the word "God" in a single document, nor yields the remotest acceptance to Calvary.

THE LOVE OF LUXURY

According to the 1926 figures, 90 per cent of the automobiles, pianos and phonographs sold in the United States are sold on the installment plan. Cabinet radios to the amount of 85 per cent are sold on this plan, and 75 per cent of the washing machines, vacuum cleaners, kitchen cabinets and similar articles.

When statesmen become alarmed over this situation, and for business reasons, as well as for reasons of sound character influence, call upon the people to put the brake on, it is certainly time for Christian people to be concerned. Installment buying as a habit is not only enervating to character, but is leading hundreds of church people to assume greater burdens than they should carry, forcing them into a mad rush to make payments and keep up appearances. The result is that it is little indeed that God gets out of them, and they in turn are deprived of the blessings of heaven which are poured out upon those who bring their tithes into the storehouse. Mal. 3:10.

Few people realize that merchandise sold in this way is usually extravagantly priced to begin with. A famous manufacturer has admitted that he would rather make a sale on installment than for cash. He can get 24 per cent from the installment buyer for the credit accommodation, and can borrow money at 3½ or 4% to carry the load. Even after deducting collection costs, he can make 12 to 15% clear. He argues that if the American people are so ridiculously foolish as to be willing to pay such usury, why not let them?

If the orgy of installment buying was confined to necessities, it would not be so serious, but it is largely confined to luxuries. This means that in many cases the purchasing is done in order to keep pace with neighbors who perhaps are in better condition to have these luxuries. As one put it recently: "In these days there is no disgrace in poverty—unless your neighbors find it out."

It is a sad fact that many who make high professions of Christianity are in debt on all hands, and distracted with care because of a desire to make as good a showing as some other person. One man admitted that he was a human dynamo—everything on him was charged.

It is well to remember that the poor as well as the rich may be caught in the toils of the love of luxury. The would-be rich, as well as the rich, have little place in their thoughts for Christ. Bishop Mann said: "The love of the penny may create as much impediment as the love of the pound."—King's Business.

"TRULY AN INSPIRATION"

"Just received your wonderful book, 'With Signs Following,' yesterday afternoon. It is all so interesting and wonderful to me. I can scarcely lay the book down when I start reading it. I felt like writing you to express my satisfaction in this book. It is truly an inspiration.—Mrs. W. L. Barron, Portland, Ore."

You can secure a copy this month for \$1.00 instead of the usual price of \$1.50. Send your order to-day.

The Testing of Job

Job 1:6-22

Ernest Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.

Having noted, in a recent issue of the Pentecostal Evangel, the recommendations which the Lord gave concerning Job, our eyes are now turned to another scene—there is a controversy in heaven. The cause of this is the presence of Satan among the sons of God. From the early chapters of Job it would seem that there are definite periods when these angelic beings present themselves before the Lord. But by some method, known to the counsels of God, Satan came also among these holy worshippers, and came with no good purpose. His very presence meant trouble. "Whence comest thou?" said the Lord. "From going to and fro in the earth and from walking up and down in it," was his answer. Thus is extracted from him a mighty confession. He is not only as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour: he is the restless one, "seeking rest but finding none": the reason why "the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." What a condition, to be under Satan's power!

God knew whence Satan had come. He also knew the purpose for which he appeared at the court of heaven. He would accuse the servants of God. The Lord said, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" Here we see the jealous care of God. He knew Job and all about him, and He knows us. We are His sheep and He calls us each by name. He has our names engraved on the palm of His hand.

God also takes a holy pride in His saints. That He could refer Satan to Job, knowing that up till now he had been victorious against all the fiery darts, gave Him delight. He lovingly acknowledges Job as "my servant," as He ever stands ready to acknowledge us. "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." But in what terms God speaks of Job—he fears God, is perfect and upright, and, he eschews, or turns away from, evil. To so declare to the accuser, and that before the assembled hosts of heaven, what superlative confidence!

But Satan is the accuser and is not to be daunted even by words that are divine. His ready answer is, "Doth Job serve God for naught?" Here is a wrung admission, the enemy must acknowledge that Job does serve God, but accuses that he does so only because it has helped him to gain material things. "Hast thou not made a hedge about him and about his house, and about all that he hath?" Here is raised the question as to motives of service. Will men serve God from love and a sense of principle, or have they no better object in serving Him than "loaves

and fishes." In his effort to prove his insinuation correct he continues his calumny saying (to use a free translation), "If you will bring the matter to an issue and touch what he has, he will curse you openly—to your face."

Have we carefully considered what all this accusation involves? It was really not so much a slander against Job as it was a thrust at God. As much as to say, "You call Job Your servant, there is no efficacy in redemption and You have not power sufficient to keep him." Its meaning was, "If You do not give to Job all he wants, and let him have his own way," he will boldly curse You to Your face." Here rests the underlying reason for Job's stupendous tests, each of which was a test of holy character, in which redemption and preservation were proved. It seems a pity that one so devoted and pure must be placed between the hammer and the anvil, but it is a most welcome thought that the grace of God proved sufficient.

It was a serious time when this patriarch was tried. The scene was viewed with breathless concern as Satan went forth from the presence of God determined to destroy and invalidate the work and power of the Almighty. But to make the test Satan had first to get permission, for then as now he could go no further than God permitted. But what a surprising permission this was when one considers to whom it was given, and against whom, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power." The hedge is now down, a ruthless foe enters the estate, and it is not long before havoc is made of all that Job has. Beginning with the lesser, sheep and oxen are destroyed, then camels and servants, after which, hasty destruction falls on those things nearest one's heart, sons and daughters, and these are all taken with one stroke.

How sadly the loving heart of God must have looked upon these desolating scenes! But the test must be. If man serves God only from selfish gain then is his service base and vile, but if he serves from pure and disinterested love, then is his service noble and divine. Moreover, if God cannot keep His own without pampering the flesh and gratifying selfish interests, then is religion not pure nor the grace of God efficient. It is indeed a serious hour. Imps of perdition look to see the overthrow of God, while, from His throne in the skies, the great I AM watches the scene with grave admiration. Satan is confident! God is confident! And as the different servants come to impart to Job their calamitous news what will he do? Let us note the reply. "Then Job arose and rent his garments." He has overwhelming grief. The blow is sufficient to crush the stoutest and bravest heart. Satan, are you about to see your victory? Is the man of

whom God boasted about to give way? We look a little longer and see the humbled servant moving toward his chamber, where, taking up his razor he calmly shaves his head. He suffers grief, overwhelming grief, but he is deliberate. Within there is a calm and a resignation to the will of God. His consecration is complete; his religion is a success; he worships God from love. We wait for him to speak and now we hear it, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." What a climax! What defeat of Satan! What proof of the falseness of his claims! What rejoicing in heaven as this son of the desert thus brought the controversy to its close!

And do you know brethren, that we, as Job, are made a spectacle unto men and to angels? We are being called to join the vast multitude who overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and who love not their lives unto death. He who intruded himself even into heaven, will not fail in visiting among the saints here below. We must expect testings, severe testings, but may our faith be encouraged to trust Him who sustained Job and who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

PETER'S ANGEL IN CHINA

"He led them all the night with a light of fire." Ps. 78:14. "Yes, we believe God did that hundreds of years ago for the Israelites in the wilderness, but He does not do such things now." So we limit the Holy One of Israel. Ah, I would that those who would cut out various portions of God's Holy Word, saying that such things are too wonderful—improbable—unworthy of our belief—could come and live for a time among our dear Shantung Christians, whose simple faith is a constant inspiration to me, and for whom God works miracles to-day, just as He did for those who trusted Him hundreds of years ago. Listen and I will tell you the story of one whom God led—"all the night with a cloud of fire."

He bears the strange name of Ging-Hua, or Golden Flower. Twenty-five years ago none in the little village where he lived among the high mountains had heard of Jesus. It was the joy of our Pastor, Mr. Diong, to bring two or three of his Christians to that mountain-top village, and, gathering the people together, to tell them the new wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

One would not believe; a tall, strong man named Iong-King. He had a friend who greatly loved God and greatly loved Iong-King. He stood between these two whom he greatly loved and day and night he pleaded with God to save Iong-King, and one day Iong-King promised him to come to church the next Sunday. But when Sunday came Iong-King had forgotten his promise, and taking his hatchet-pole and rope, had climbed the mountain to cut wood. The disappointed friend was still longing, still praying, and presently to his great joy, Iong-King, hot and tired, came into the Church service, and greater still was his joy when Iong-King that very day took the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He told them that as he was cutting his wood God had flash-

ed into his mind the memory of his promise, and hiding his hatchet among the bushes he had started for church. His whole large family—four generations—became Christians, all living bright, consistent lives, the boys and girls coming to our Christian schools in Shan-yang.

Last year great trouble came to this Christian household—a horde of robbers came and carried off Iong-King's eldest son, Ging-Hua, as a hostage. Now when the robbers take a hostage they demand enormous ransom, and if it is not paid very quickly they sometimes cut off one of their captive's fingers, and send it to his home. If there is further delay they kill him. But prayer was made for Ging-Hua—his family, his fellow Christians and he himself cried mightily to God. The robbers brought him up the mountains by unfrequented paths till he did not know where he was. At night they came to a hut—they bound Ging-Hua's hands and feet with ropes, and laid him down to sleep between four robbers, two on each side. The other robbers slept outside. But Ging-Hua kept awake earnestly praying.

Suddenly a soft golden light shone round him, lighting up the figures of the sleeping men on each side. He worked at the ropes which bound him and the knots opened very easily, and he stood up. Then he thought, "Nonsense, that light comes from one of the robbers outside lighting a torch—it was not God-sent," and immediately the light went out, and he stood in darkness. "Now I was wrong to doubt," said he, and kneeling, he told God he knew He had heard his prayer and had indeed come to deliver him.

As he stood up the soft golden glory enfolded him once more, and by its light he stepped over the bodies of the sleeping robbers, and out into the open, where he picked his way among the many outside, all of whom still slept soundly.

He was clear of the robbers, but where was he? What direction should he take? Once more he knelt before that present, almost visible God. As he rose from his knees the light, which had surrounded him, formed itself into a long lance, pointing from heaven right on the path before him and as he went towards it, that glory-finger also moved forward. It led him straight to his uncle's house, not so very far away, and there he spent the rest of the night. The following day he reached his home safely, and we can fancy what a praise-meeting was held there!—F. R. Burroughs in "India's Women and China's Daughters."

IT PAYS TO OBEY

Pastor R. M. Shearer writes: "God marvelously moved upon the waters in Marysville, Ohio. There had never been even a Holiness work there, and as a consequence the entire place was dead. God definitely spoke to our hearts to go in with the gospel, and in obedience to His command, we went. I often wonder how we would ever be able to face Him, had we not obeyed. We were led to rent the opera house, at \$20.00 per night. From the very first Sunday night, we had a crowd. The place seated 800, and as a rule was full. We saw at least

100 weep their way through to God. The rich and the poor, the old and the young came together. Truly God used that meeting as a melting pot. They came from miles around the country, and from every known denomination. How good it was to see God breaking down the fences of denominationalism, and to see hands and hearts and forces all joined together in this great battle of right against wrong. For the first time too, the colored folks were made to feel welcome in a public meeting, and rendered valuable service in song and with instruments. Barriers and prejudice seemed to melt away like snow. The Holy Spirit was having His way.

"The Great Physician too was present to heal. One young man was healed who

CRISIS TIME IN CHINA

The following cable has been received from Tientsin on April 8th. "L. M. Anglin asks for \$1,000.00. Has been ordered to come to the Coast without delay. Situation gives great cause for concern."

Will the brethren kindly take this need upon their hearts and help make up this amount. This is a crisis time and will require a special effort on the part of all that we may meet these needs arising because of the situation in China.

Noel Perkin,
Missionary Secretary.

had been afflicted for 15 years. A doctor brought his own wife for prayer. She had a sack of pus at the base of her brain and other spinal trouble as the result of an accident. As she was anointed and prayed for, the Lord immediately healed her completely. Her husband is going to write up the testimony of this healing. We preached and prayed with the people many days from 10:30 a. m. until 10:30 p. m. Never have we seen such fertile soil for the gospel. We are now opening up a work in Marysville.

"God gave us the privilege of holding services twice at the Marysville Reformatory. This institution is maintained by the state, and is really the Women's Penitentiary. They have about 500 inmates, 19 of which are in for life. The buildings and grounds are beautiful and well kept up, but they contain a host of blighted lives and broken hearts. We were not allowed to deal personally with the girls, but 300 hands were lifted for prayer, and one could hear the sobs all over the place, as they were told of One that loved them and would forgive their sins. The superintendent said to me, "This gospel that you preach is the kind that is needed," so we are invited back for two more services. Please pray for this place in a special way."

PIONEER WORK

Pastor Glenn Millard and wife write from Oakwood, Okla.: "With two workers, Miss Dovie Grindstaff and Miss Opal Maston, we came to this new field about a year ago. We secured the Christian church building for a meeting. We did not want for crowds from the first, and with much waiting on God there were

50 who made a profession of salvation, and several received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Besides many of the best people from other churches lined up with Pentecost, and began seeking their Baptism. We held another meeting in the summer in a tent, with fair results; also another meeting 7 miles from town in a school house, with fair results. A little later we were refused the Christian church for another meeting, and therefore set about erecting a building of our own. This resulted in a house 32 x 44 feet, nicely furnished, and nearly paid for, but which is proving entirely too small. We have just closed a meeting, with Brother W. J. Higgins as evangelist. A few were saved and several received the Baptism. We have a very nice Sunday school. Our record attendance was last Sunday when we had 140."

THINGS PERTAINING UNTO LIFE

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terious way "shut in with God" by being "made partakers of the divine nature," and there is opened in the inner life a hidden flow of "these things" which becomes a constantly rising tide, and on this resistless, ceaseless, mighty flow we are lifted to the level of "the everlasting kingdom," so that, after awhile, all that will be necessary will be to open the forward gates and we will pass out of the lock into the great mysterious beyond, to be forever with the Lord! The great vessel came into a land-locked body of water with very limited navigation possibilities. We shall have passed into a shoreless realm of limitless expanses where redeemed men who have in them the surging life-tides of God will go on exploring new mysteries and finding new secrets world without end! The countless millenniums may grow weary and one after another drop out by the way, but "the sons of God" with eager pace will move ever on and up chanting the thrilling march song of the apostle John, "it doth not yet appear what we shall be."

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NEW BROADCASTING STATION

The Full Gospel Church, E. 9th St., and Phillips Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla., Elder William Kitchen, pastor in charge, has installed a broadcasting plant, KGFG broadcasting on wave length of 384 meters, between KVOO, Bristow and WOAL, San Antonio. Brother Kitchen has the co-operation and assistance of some of the best Christian talent in the city every Sunday afternoon 2:45 to 4 o'clock.

In sending in his order for Sunday school literature this quarter Brother Kitchen says: "We think your literature fine. You will notice that I am ordering 20 Teachers' quarterlies, 6 for myself and teachers and 14 to give away, one to every preacher and Sunday school teacher who visits our church, as they come to sing over the radio. I think them the best tract I can buy for the money."

GOD'S AMEN

The resurrection is God's "Amen" to Christ's "It is finished."—Footsteps of Truth.

Is the Antichrist at Hand?

Just as that is an arresting heading, the new book by Oswald J. Smith, bearing that name, is an arresting book. It will be read with great pleasure and profit by those who look for the coming of Jesus, and surely it will be read with a fear that increases as the reading progresses, by those who are not ready for Jesus to come.

"Is the Antichrist at Hand" is a book in which the author has answered the question in the affirmative and given a multitude of deeply interesting facts, exciting facts in truth, as proof that his answer is right.

It is scriptural, logical, simple, highly entertaining and compels attention and acceptance of its conclusions. At the Publishing House we have judged it to be so good a book for our people that we have purchased more than 1,000 copies to pass along to you.

That you may get an idea of what it is about and the style in which it is written I give you a few passages quoted from it:

"Some time ago a very interesting cartoon appeared in the Russian papers. It depicted a ladder at the top of which were three figures representing the Trinity. In the center was God the Father, portrayed by an old man and at either side God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. Climbing up the ladder was a Russian workman with a large mallet in his hand; his face was turned toward the figures at the top and wore an expression of bitter hatred and malicious determination. Underneath the cartoon was the inscription as follows: 'We have finished the earthly czars, now we will tackle the heavenly ones.' Such a cartoon plainly indicates the trend of the present movement in Russia, and in fact, throughout the world."

"Mussolini has already been guilty of blasphemy; he has no scruples even about antichrist. In a recent statement he spoke as follows: 'I would enter into alliance at this moment with the devil himself, with the antichrist, if that would give this poor country tranquility.' And again 'If the Eternal Father would say to me, 'I am your friend,' I would put up my fist to Him.'"

"The ominous events in China, Morocco and India, apparently are the preliminary stages of an unparalleled war to death between the white and colored races with the Pacific as the central battle ground. The white man's prestige will disappear when the savage, barbaric millions from Africa and Asia can defy the white man. The colored races hate the white man with a hate whereof we have no conception."

Referring to the incorporation of the Association for the Advancement of Atheism, Mr. Smith says, "This is probably the first time in history that an athe-

istic organization looking forward to the destruction of religion has been recognized by the authorities. Avowedly a destructive agency, the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism has set up for itself an ambitious program calling for ample expenditure and a large body of men to carry out its work in every state."

"Already the nations are becoming more favorable to Rome. For the first time since Martin Luther, England has sent a representative to the Vatican. France and Italy are rapidly drawing nearer to the great harlot. And Rome, with her century-long ambition to rule the world, will welcome any kind of an alliance which will give her the power she desires."

"Those who are familiar with this know perfectly well that for 1,500 years the name of Jesus was never mentioned among the Jews and that no Jewish writer ever commented on Him or wrote about Him. But now a complete change has taken place. His name is more or less freely used both in conversation and in books."

"Every seventh marriage in America ends in divorce. Crime has increased over 400 per cent since 1910. 'Every fourth person,' says the Chicago Health Institution, 'has a social disease. Social diseases kill 300,000 annually in the United States.'"

"Rabbi Michael in 1868 made a very exact calculation, based on the prophecies of Daniel. He predicted a great conflagration to commence about 1913. He also predicted the emancipation of the Russian Jews, which took place at the overthrow of the czar and gives this date as the finish of Ishmael's reign over Palestine. He states this upheaval will last more or less for 14 years, during which time Israel will have been restored to the land of Palestine and the temple rebuilt, which will take three years. He placed the time of the complete redemption of Israel at sixty years from his time, which will come to the year 1928."

"Hence we are almost immediately confronted with the fulfillment of Christ's marvelous prediction in the 24th chapter of Matthew, as we contemplate the return of the Jews in unbelief. The fig tree has begun to bud. That was the great sign. 'Your redemption draweth nigh,' declared Jesus. How close then must be His return! The budding fig tree is here, rapidly shooting forth. Soon now must dawn the glorious day of redemption for all creation."

"Startling news has recently been received of a contemplated Eastern league of nations. The headlines in the daily press read as follows: 'Islam will unite in Eastern League. Mecca as foreseen is a strong rival to Geneva. Moslems awake to a new sense of power.' I need

not remind you of the attitude of Asia towards Europe, nor of the possibility of a racial war."

"Sectarianism has been exalted and the church rent by schism and strife. It has spread into the various denominations until sectarian pride has taken the place of spirituality and humility. Roman Catholicism is rapidly gaining. There has been a growth of nearly five and a half millions in the United States alone during the last two decades."

You can see from these little quotations from various chapters in the book, that you must have it. We have it in paper and in cloth at 50c, and \$1 respectively. Buy as many as you can afford, so that you can lend them freely and to many, and thus stir up in your community the revival spirit.—Chas. E. Robinson.

A REMARKABLE WORK OF GRACE

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hour and twenty minutes of earnest crying to God, seven men were able to testify in ringing tones to a new-found heart knowledge of our God. After telling the happy fellows how to organize themselves for daily prayer meetings, with great joy we passed out, leaving them singing a hymn as we went down the stairs.

As one of the prisoners who had been admitted to the upper cell from the lower cell came out with the rest of the workers, he took the deputy who was acting as turnkey, lovingly into his arms and besought him to be reconciled to God.

Tuesday when Mrs. Robinson visited the jail to say good-bye to some who had been convicted Monday and who would be leaving for the penitentiary soon another wonder came to light. Our God is a doer of wonders.

One of the two leaders of the lower cage group appearing before the judge, as they all did, without a lawyer and making a clean breast of all his misdeeds, had been discharged; but the other one of these two had been given two years in Leavenworth. He felt depressed and was much tempted by the devil. He finally went to bed Monday night promising the Lord he would serve Him no matter where the way might lead. In the night Monday, God gave him a vision in which he found himself speaking in tongues, and thus awakened. After he was awake he continued speaking in tongues and a joy which he spoke of as altogether indescribable possessed him. God could see that this hard pressed child of His needed help, and so He sent the blessed Comforter. Isn't our God wonderful!

So far as the jail population and the Christian workers who labor there is concerned, it may be truly said, "There was great joy in that city."

A VISIT FROM BROTHER HAWLEY

We have been pleased to have a visit from Brother Geo. Hawley of Auburn, Nebr., at headquarters. He spent some time at the Central Bible Institute and Gospel Publishing House. Brother Hawley would like to get in touch with some Council evangelist with a view to holding a campaign in Auburn.

Children's Corner

A BREEZE FROM GOD

My first voyage to China was a very tedious one. We lost a good deal of time on the equator from calms; and when we finally reached the Eastern Archipelago were again detained from the same cause.

Usually a breeze would spring up soon after sunset and last until about dawn. The utmost use was made of it, but during the day we would lie still with flapping sails, often drifting back and losing a good deal of the advantage we had gained during the night.

This happened notably on one occasion when we were in dangerous proximity to the north of New Guinea. Saturday night had brought us to a point some thirty miles off land, but during the Sunday morning service, which was held on deck, I could not fail to notice that the captain looked troubled, and frequently went over to the side of the ship. When the service was over I learned the cause—a four-knot current was carrying us rapidly towards some sunken reefs, and we were already so near that it seemed improbable that we should get through the afternoon in safety.

After dinner the long boat was put out and all hands endeavored, but without success, to turn the ship's head from the shore. As we drifted nearer we could plainly see the natives rushing about the sands, lighting fires here and there. The captain's horn-book informed him that these people were cannibals, so that our position was not a little alarming. After standing together on the deck for some time in silence, the captain said to me:

"Well, we have done everything that can be done; we can only await the results."

A thought occurred to me, and I replied: "No, there is one thing we have not done yet."

"What is it?" he queried.

"Four of us on board are Christians," I answered (the Swedish carpenter, our colored cook, the captain and myself); "let us each retire to our own cabin and in agreed prayer ask the Lord to give us immediately a breeze. He can as easily send it now as at sunset."

The captain agreed to this proposal. I went and spoke to the two other men, and after prayer with the carpenter, we all four retired to wait upon God. I had a good but very brief season in prayer, and then felt so satisfied that I could not continue asking and very soon went up again on deck.

The first officer, a godless man, was in charge. I went over and asked him to let down the clews, or corners of the mainsail, which had been drawn up in order to lessen the useless flapping of the sail against the rigging.

"What would be the good of that?" he asked.

I told him we had been asking a wind from God, that it was coming immediately and we were so near the reef by this time that there was not a minute to lose. With a look of incredulity and contempt, he said with an oath that he would rather see a wind than hear of it! But while he was speaking I watched his eye and followed it up to the royal (the topmast sail), and there, sure enough, the corner of the sail was beginning to tremble in the coming breeze.

"Don't you see the wind is coming? Look at the royal!" I exclaimed.

"No, it is only a cat's paw," he rejoined (a mere puff of wind).

"Cat's paw or not," I cried, "pray let down the mainsail and let us have the benefit."

This he was not slow to do. In another minute the heavy tread of the men on the deck brought up the captain from his cabin to see what was the matter, and sure enough the breeze had come.

In a few minutes we were ploughing our way at six or seven knots an hour through the water, and the multitude of naked savages whom we had seen on the beach had no wreckage that night. We were soon out of danger and though the wind was sometimes unsteady, we did not altogether lose it until after passing the Pelew Islands.

Thus God encouraged me, ere landing on China's shores, to bring every variety of need to Him in prayer and to expect that He would honor the name of the Lord Jesus and give the help which each emergency required.—From "A Retrospect," by J. Hudson Taylor.

THE STORY OF A LEPER BOY

The old tale of Hansel and Gretel has a living illustration in a little village in Chosen, on the Sea of Japan. Henry M. Bruen, of the Taiku Mission, says that some years ago the leading men in this little hamlet came together one day to hold a mass meeting of protest against a family in the place which had a leper son. The villagers were afraid the town would become contaminated if the boy were allowed to stay in it, and they insisted that the family must either get rid of him or move away. The parents of the lad were filled with despair. They finally decided to send the boy out to beg his living with other homeless lepers. He would die soon of the disease anyway, they reasoned, and it was better for him to die a little sooner than for all the family to have to go away and starve to death. But the poor boy was afraid of going into the world alone, and with tears he begged to be allowed to stay with his parents. Conferring together, the father and mother decided to kill him. Without telling him what they intended to do, they went down to the ocean with him, and, watching his opportunity, the father

pushed the boy off a high rock into deep water. Then they fled home, sure that their son was drowned. But the boy managed to scramble out, and, dripping wet, sneaked home again. Then the disappointed mother decided to do her part. Securing a fearsome-looking general utility knife from the kitchen, and brandishing it in the air, she threatened to kill her son if he did not leave home. The frightened lad promised to go the next morning. And the next day he set out, without knowing where he was going. He finally found his way to Taiku Leper Asylum. After three years he was discharged as cured. But the best part of the story is the last. What the boy learned in the leper asylum put into his heart love and charity, even for the family and neighbors who turned him out three years before. Recently the evangelist went to this lad's home village, and, with the healed young man's co-operation, won many converts. A new church was organized and started with eighteen members, most of them young. The former leper boy is one of the church leaders.—S. S. Times.

CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

The home-going of our beloved Brother D. W. Kerr and his previous weakness has hindered the production of Correspondence Course No. 8, on the Fundamentals of the Faith. Plus. Brother Kerr was faithfully at work on this and kept ahead of students enrolled, but some one else will have to take up the thread where he left it. Until this can be arranged for, Course 8 must be held in abeyance. Do not order it. All the others are ready.—Frank M. Boyd, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

NOT COMING OUT EVEN

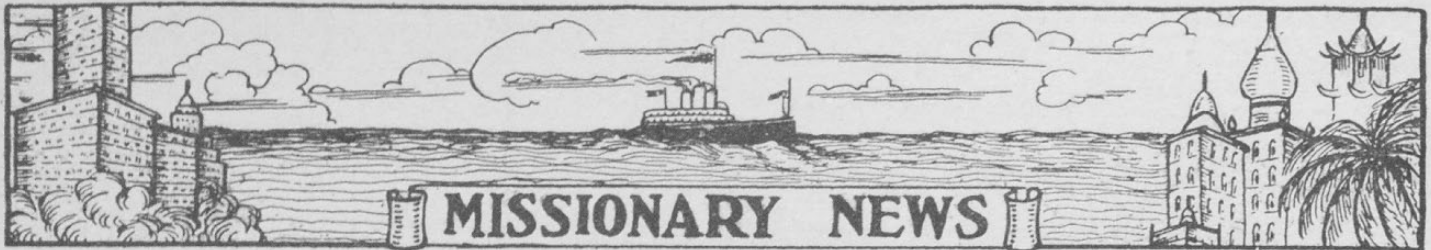
Charlie had to have another biscuit to finish his molasses and then more molasses to finish his biscuit. He couldn't make them come out even.

We had much more money sent in with which to send Evangel subscriptions to denominational pastors, than we had names of pastors to be sent to. But now we have more names of pastors than we have money. The money is all gone but still the names of pastors keep pouring in. Who will send in more money? Many pastors when they read the Evangel find what they have been unconsciously longing for, and seek the Baptism. Thus their power to save the people under their ministry is greatly increased and thus very much good is done by such subscriptions being sent out. One man sent in \$100.00. Maybe you could do that too, or at least some smaller sum.—C. E. R.

EVANGELIST WANTED—Wanted a Spirit-filled Pentecostal preacher to bring the full gospel to a new field. Please write for full information before coming.—Zylla Chipman, Violet Hill, Ark.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS—After April 8 my residence will be at the Pleasant Grove Camp Ground (one mile east of Durant, Fla.) My mailing address R. F. D. No. 3, Plant City, Fla. Perry W. Hadsock, Florida District chairman.

ADDRESS ANNOUNCED—Brother and Sister John R. Hardt have requested that we announce their address in the Evangel. It will be until the fall c-o C. W. Doney, Apostolic Assembly, Shubra, Cairo, Egypt.



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

A CRISIS IN SOUTH CHINA

Geo. M. Kelley

"Just walk out down the streets and let the people see that you are here," was the request of our workers. We had been suddenly called away and now we had returned to Sainam for some special business; the workers had gathered and we had exchanged greetings. Somehow the people of Sainam seem to feel that they are perfectly safe so long as we are in the city, thus they have come to look upon the foreigners as a sort of political weather forecast. It was with pleasure that we complied with the worker's request to walk down the street and thus bring calm to their troubled hearts.

But infinitely more important matters awaited us. The South China District Council for the Chinese church elected five of us for their Executive Presbytery. For many reasons offerings for the work had dropped off until we found that the mails were bringing only \$800 per month to meet a bill which amounted to \$1,600.00. The Chinese church had been doing wonderfully well considering the fact that the country had been in the throes of civil war for fifteen years. One little church one would think scarcely able to do anything, had made great sacrifices and thus had paid in \$25 a month besides collecting the funds to repair their church amounting to something like \$700. Another church from which we had expected nothing had given about \$150 to repair their chapel. Sainam had given over \$400 for incidental expenses; the Canton church had given \$500 to repair their hall in addition to supporting two of their workers and carrying all incidental expenses, so we, as a committee representing the church on the field, knew very well the futility of trying to make up the deficiency by appealing to the churches, which were already doing marvelously well—all they were able to do it seemed. We realized that we were in a critical position.

For a time not a word was spoken. As they heard the explanation of the crisis through which we were going, the committee men dropped their heads rather low and with countenances changed they pondered the question, until finally the silence was broken by one man from the far end of the table who said, "We will have to close the work." This was the strain upon which all were talking for a few minutes and finally I said, "Brethren, let's do something constructive." Brother J. E. Morrison, treasurer for the committee said, "Let's introduce the tithing system; and with this suggestion there seemed to enter a new spirit of hope and

life and the committee room seemed to be saying from all four walls, "Be of good courage." The committee pledged each one to turn their tithes into the treasury and there started a movement which has been carried to every station, and the returns from the tithers who are workers amount to the sum of approximately \$600 (U. S. A.) a year. But this by no means meets the deficit.

It was suggested then that we cut down the work. This was a task more arduous and difficult of execution than at first it would appear to be. Some of the workers had been with the mission for ten and fifteen years. The schools, in which we had orphan children, as well as those who attend purely for the educational values of the school, had won a deep place in the heart of every worker and missionary. In the little school at Shiutong there had been a number baptized and the work had taken on new life. At Ngau Pui Leng we had the best school in the mission, which had been established for more than ten years, and it was from this place some of the best workers had come who have gone into secular work as well as the ministry. We asked the question then, **What part of the work must we dispense with?** We began with the sextons who clean and care for the church buildings. Without an exception they were all dismissed; only where the church could pay for them were they retained. Four of the schools were closed already because the Government registration laws seemed to be antichristian, and too, because of inadequate funds.

Some one said that deciding which we were to part with in this crisis, where we loved all alike, was much like the mother who is forced by circumstances to sell a baby when she finds it a real crucifixion of her mother heart to sell any of them. But we acknowledged the Lord's hand in these very serious circumstances. So we continued to reduce the budget till we have come very nearly to the place where our expenditures will not exceed the receipts. And we feel that the spiritual tone of the work has improved. For instance, two of the schools that were closed have reopened on a self-supporting basis. One of the churches also has launched out on the Lord and is taking no support from the mission treasury, while there is much prayer going up in every church daily for God's pleasure to be wrought out in the churches this year in South China and all over the work.

Personally, we feel that a very important step has been taken. To evangelize some of the unworked regions, a band of

workers is being sent out to be on a tour from four to six months in the towns and villages that are unworked by any mission, where the name of Jesus is not known. This last mentioned project is one purely of faith and we are sure that the people of God in every clime will welcome such a step as being most timely, knowing that the Lord is coming soon. The sum of \$150 per month is needed to support these workers, but we stand firmly on His word, realizing that the command "GO YE" is as unchangeable as God, and the promise I will be with you is as fixed as the stars. Therefore, we know He will supply for this most needy phase of the work. We are sure that He who is helping the South China church through this important moment will allow no trial too great for us to bear and that He will continually reveal Himself as the God of every crisis.

"SION" MISSION, HUANCAYO

Forrest G. Barker

"Our hearts are encouraged with the work. Doors are opening to us in different directions. Yesterday morning we had our first service in a town six or seven miles from here and some of the leading men of the town were present. They seemed to be arrested by the Spirit as we spoke to them of the resurrection and judgment. They gave us a hearty invitation to return every Thursday morning at nine o'clock and said they would arrange for us to speak in the club hall. At about six o'clock each Saturday morning we leave here for an outstation and arrive there one hour later. We have the service early in the morning in order to reach the people before they go to work. There is a move on among the converts to build a church at this place. They say they will build the adobe walls if we will furnish the material for the roof. Galvanized corrugated sheet iron is the most practical roofing and should not cost more than \$175.00. We are having services in the front room of our house and shall continue to do so until we can build. The attendance and interest are increasing weekly.

"We shall not be able to do much for the Indians until we can buy land and build. We have about eight hundred dollars toward the price of the land and about one thousand dollars pledged. We should appreciate it very much if those who have pledged toward the erection of "Sion" Mission Station and quarters for the Indians would remit as soon as possible for we shall be handicapped until we can build, and pray that the balance required may be forthcoming."

WHO WILL HELP?

We very much appreciate the excellent response we have received to the many urgent appeals we have had to put in the paper. Again we want your help in meeting the following imperative needs:

Return fares for Brother and Sister Slager of China \$300.00; for Brother and Sister Mueller of India an additional \$400; for Brother and Sister Doney of Egypt \$500.00; for Brother and Sister Sugar of India \$1,000.00; \$500.00 for Sister Anna Helmbrecht of India. In addition to these needs for return fares, \$500.00 is required immediately to help Brother and Sister J. C. Morrison of China who have been robbed and need this sum of money to help them in their difficulty. Also there is the great need in the China situation, to bring our missionaries out of danger.

We should be glad if all who can send offerings for these needs would send as soon as possible, since we have no emergency funds on hand.—Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary.

DISTRIBUTION OF MARCH 1927 MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

An asterisk (*) indicates entire amount has been designated. A dagger (†) indicates part of the amount has been designated and the balance made up by the Treasurer from undesignated funds.

It will be noted that a large percentage of the money sent to the missionaries is designated for them and accordingly is forwarded exactly in accordance with the wishes of the donors. The balance of undesignated money is divided according to the individual needs of each missionary, taking into consideration Mission Station expenses as well as the number in the family if married.

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Table listing offerings for non-council missionaries, including names like Cyril Chase, Herman Becker, J. E. Norton, etc., with amounts.

BLESSING IN ARGENTINA

Alice C. Wood

"There shall be showers of blessing." Praise God, He has begun to do a new thing in our midst. Last evening Juanita Serra received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It was truly wonderful and a great pleasure to us who have so long expected to see God work in this way. She spoke in Russian, and prophesied that Jesus was coming soon. Others have been under the power lately, so let us continue to pray to God to have His way with many. Juanita is the first to receive the full consummation of the Baptism, although a good number have been under the power from time to time. Our house is like a hotel, only the people do not pay what it is worth, but they come from outstations to be in the meetings and receive blessing. It is a good work so we must trust the Lord to provide for every need.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

PENNVILLE ASSEMBLY BLESSED

Sister Fern Haynes writing from Green City, Mo., says: "A 4 weeks' meeting in the Pennville assembly conducted by Evangelist Haynie Nichols from Arkansas has just closed. We praise the Lord for working in our midst. Two were saved and 2 filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4."

SALVATION IN COLORADO

Brother Frank Benintindi, writes from Ault, Colo.: "We have just closed another revival here, Brother J. Logan Stewart of Ft. Collins, Colo., in charge. God wonderfully blessed and a goodly number of souls were saved. We have a mission here now and we are going to organize a Sunday school."

SPANISH-SPEAKING WORK

Brother R. S. McBride writes from Whittier, Calif., that God has opened a ministry for him, giving him the pastorate over three assemblies where services are held in the Spanish language. We trust the Lord will bless our brother in his new undertaking and that many souls will be saved. His address is R. S. McBride, P. O. Box 377, Whittier, Calif.

NEW ASSEMBLY IN GALESBURG

In a letter written by Brother Philip J. Shabaz, we learn that he went to Galesburg, Ill., and seeing that a good opportunity was offered for organizing a Council work, sent for Brother Jamieson, who came down and on March 25 set a church in order with 43 on the roster roll. Enough more to make 60 are expected at once.

THE SAINTS ENCOURAGED

Writing from Teaa, hamlet, near Oak Hill, Mo., Brother Fred Wiess says: "We have just closed a 3 weeks meeting here. Brother Clarence Smith from Sorento, Ill., did the preaching, and Sister Lydia Butler of Wood River led the music and helped in the meeting. Five saved and the saints were encouraged to go on with the Lord."

AMBASSADORS PUSHING ON

Treasurer Lottie Raymond writes: "The young people of the church at Portland, Ore., have adopted the name Christ's Ambassadors for the young people's work. Brother Ralph Butterfield of Gresham brought us a soul-stirring message on Saturday night, warning the people about the second coming of the Lord, which greatly stirred the young people and several have been coming to the altar and giving their lives to the Lord. The Lord has opened the way for one of our young ministers to hold meetings in Vancouver two nights a week and on Sundays. A Baptist church has also opened its doors to him one night a week."

BENTON, ILLINOIS, REVIVAL

Pastor W. F. Lankston writes from Benton, Ill.: "In a revival just closed here, in which Sister G. C. West preached and her daughter Viola ministered in song, about 32 professed faith in Christ while 4 were baptized in the Spirit. At a rally held for the old people we had a fine time listening to them tell of good times they had had with the Lord 40 and 50 years ago. How they did praise God for salvation in the good, old-fashioned way."

SHOWERS IN BELLINGHAM

Pastor R. D. Streyffler writing from Bellingham, Wash., says: "Three years ago we came here and found the saints enjoying the favor of God but worshipping in a hall down town. God has since blessed us and we have bought a well-built church only 4 blocks from the heart of the city. A revival soon began and has continued until now. Our dear sister Mamie B. Keel came into our midst Feb. 27, and carried on a meeting for us for 4 weeks. As a result of these efforts about 16 were saved and 11 received the Baptism in the Spirit. At our last communion service we had about 200 participating in the holy fellowship."

A FERTILE NEW FIELD

Pastor Abram K. Brubaker writes: "Danbury, Conn., is glad to report a real season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord under the ministry of Sister Evelyn Becker of Baltimore, Md., who was with us from March 6 to 27 inclusive. Souls were saved, the sick were healed, one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. Miss Gladys Mitchell and her Gospel violin came over from Everett, Mass. She will also help Miss Becker in her meetings in Mystic, Conn., and then on to northern Maine.

"Danbury has had its first taste of a real Pentecostal message. Brother Abram K. Brubaker of Lancaster, Pa., has accepted a call to the pastorate here."

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Pastor Martin L. Ault writes from Huttig, Ark.: "We have just closed a revival with good results. Evangelist Roy Gilliam of North Little Rock, was with us. Some were saved and some baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The first Sunday the tide rose high, with an all-day meeting and dinner at the church. Some visiting ministers were with us. Many baskets were brought and the tables groaned with the good things. In the afternoon the power of God swept down and for 2 hours they were shouting, dancing and praising God. At the close of the meeting great crowds swarmed in and around the church and the spirit of rejoicing gripped the people."

CORTLAND GREATLY BLESSED

Pastor V. K. Fries writes from Cortland, N. Y.: "God is moving in our midst as never before and is visiting Cortland in latter-rain power. Having with us Evangelist John J. Ashcroft and wife and their son, Samuel, we have been greatly blessed. Hearts were touched as never before and a sweet spirit of love and unity prevailed. Many new people are coming in and our assembly is being built up."

A GOOD MEETING

Pastor A. H. Hintz writes from Chambersburg, Pa.: "Chambersburg is being blessed with an old-time Pentecostal revival. Evangelist Jack Saunders, expugilist, of Lethbridge, Canada, has been with us for over 3 weeks. The church being too small, we held the meetings in a theater, in the heart of the city. Brother Saunders drew large crowds and many new people were stirred with the Pentecostal message. A goodly number were saved and baptized in the Spirit. Many were healed. Two remarkable cases are, a woman healed of goiter, and a woman healed instantly of asthma of many years standing. The saints of the assembly were much stirred and refreshed. To God be all the praise."

HOW PENTECOST CAME TO PRESTONSBURG, KY.

A dear sister came and was holding a meeting in the schoolhouse. When I heard her preach on the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, deep conviction seized my heart. I was saved and in the Methodist church, living up to all the light I had and thinking I had all there was for me. After I went home, a deep yearning still within, I said, "Lord, if this is for me, I want it." Praise God, He began to pour out His blessed Spirit upon me and I began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance. Thank God! Since that time God has worked in a marvelous way. We have a Pentecost church here and several more in the surrounding country; hundreds have gone through to the Baptism and God has called me out to preach. I have seen many souls pray through to victory.—Evangelist Cora Fannin.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

We were privileged to spend Sunday, March 27th with the brethren and the assembly at Salem, Oregon, at the dedication of their new tabernacle, 50x120, with a large seating capacity, which was overtaxed on the opening day. The pastor, Brother H. Hansen, has been laboring faithfully the past months, and has been very ably assisted by Evang. E. F. Hewitt. The brethren are surely to be commended for the accomplishment, and there is every indication of a growing and healthy work for God. Evangelist C. Orville Benham and wife began a series of Evangelistic meetings Sunday night, with a crowded house and a deep interest and response to the message. Other strong evangelists are being arranged to continue meetings after Brother Benham leaves, and there is a deep spirit of prayer, and an indication of a city-wide revival. Pray for the work.—Frank Gray, Chairman, N. W. Dist.

REVIVAL CONTINUES AT JASONVILLE, IND.

Pastor Flem Van Meter writes from Jasonville, Ind.: "On Feb. 20, Sister Hattie Hammond returned to Jasonville and for three weeks we have been in a wonderful revival. The power of God accompanied the gospel message, and large numbers have been saved. While we have no positive record, the number will reach between 80 and 90, and about 13 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Large crowds were in attendance, and several nights there was not standing room in the church, and the people were turned away. People were saved in their seats, some at their homes, and others at the altar and in the prayer room where the glory of God was manifested almost every night. This revival is the main topic of the day in the homes, business houses, on the streets and in the mines."

THEY AROSE TO BUILD

Superintendent of Sunday school, W. A. McLaughlin, writes from Centralia, Wash.: "Since Dec. 28 we have built and dedicated a new tabernacle 48 by 94 feet, 16 ft. ceiling with 14 by 48 ft. balcony, stucco and side plaster inside, seating 700—can crowd in 800—costing between \$11,000 and \$12,000, including lot. God wonderfully undertook for us as we had less than \$25 when we took a week's option on the lot. We decided to circulate no subscription list but trust God to work it out and He surely did. Our lot is only one block from center of town, on the east side, where there are no other churches. The wonderful spirit of unity which prevailed and the magical way it went up was the talk of the town. We had as high as 34 men on the job in one day. The sisters got together of their own free will and served warm dinner at the building for three weeks. Elder Everett B. Parrott and wife dedicated the house and are continuing a revival in which God is baring His arm. Our altar, which is 28 feet long, has been filled almost every night of the two weeks and the house has been crowded to capacity. Many are being saved and reclaimed and some are being healed."

ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE

Sister Nell Branch writes from San Diego, Calif.: "A recent rally of the young people of southern California was held in San Diego at the Gospel Tabernacle, March 13. Delegates were present from Long Beach, Inglewood, Glendale, Burbank, Verdugo City, Wilmar, Lankershim, National City, Riverside, East San Diego, and Los Angeles (Bethel Temple and Gospel Tabernacle, 68th and Denver). Saturday evening the majority of the visiting young people went over to the Glad Tidings Assembly in East San Diego to help Brother Read Stearman hold his first young people's meeting. Brother Carl Hatch, president of the Christ's Ambassadors of southern California, brought the message and the Bethel Temple orchestra assisted with the music.

"Sunday morning was a very impressive devotional service. After several

special musical selections Rev. Charles Opie of Bakersfield exhorted the young people not to become tainted with the world, and at the end of his message gave a call for real consecration. The young people filled the altar and gave themselves over anew into the hands of the Lord. Between the morning and afternoon services all the visiting delegates together with the San Diego young people assembled in the pepper grove of the beautiful Balboa Park where they enjoyed a picnic lunch. The afternoon service was given over to reports from the delegates. It was blessed to hear each delegate sound a note of victory from their own particular young people's organization, and tell of the work they had, with God's help and guidance, been able to accomplish in the jails, hospitals, county farms, battleships and various other places. Dean W. R. G. Phair and Elder W. H. Harriss gave short addresses. Dean Phair spoke on missions, while Elder Harriss emphasized the need of intercessory prayer in young people's work.

"A combined orchestra from Riverside, East San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Diego, under the direction of Professor N. L. Ridderhof, rendered sacred music the first half hour of the evening service, after which Carl Hatch favored us with two violin solos. Rev. Charles Opie's evangelistic message on sin brought afresh to our minds the great need of true ambassadors for Christ. It was a precious, profitable day of fellowship and now we are looking forward to the next convention, which is to be held in Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, May 28, 29, 30."

THE PENTECOSTAL STORY

Brother Frank Gray of Tacoma, Wash., writes: "I greatly enjoy, 'With Signs Following,' and am giving it out to others. I believe God will use it to open the eyes of many who never attend the meetings."

Have you purchased your copy yet? The regular price is \$1.50, but you can purchase a copy this month for \$1.00.

PRAYING DOWN A REVIVAL

Pastor A. Chase writes from Carney, Okla.: "Fearing that Satan was planning to disrupt our assembly, a week of prayer was announced to ask God to send us a revival. In a few days word came that Brother Wheelchel was coming and our hearts were made glad at the answer to prayer. Feb. 19 he began the meeting in which 8 were saved, 7 reclaimed and 6 baptized in the Spirit. The meeting closed with victory and 3 have been saved since. Any Spirit-filled minister in good standing with the Council will find a hearty welcome."

REVIVAL IN THE OIL FIELDS

Evangelist Dollie A. Simms writing from El Dorado, Ark., says: "Pastor Luther L. Riley and daughter have been with us for 3 weeks; and although the weather hindered, quite a number prayed through and some were baptized in the Spirit. The state Sunday school superintendent, Elder David Burris, was with us a week before Brother Riley came. Eighteen were added to the assembly roll. We began a great campaign on the 21st with Elder A. W. Kortkamp and party. Any time we give an altar call here, even in regular services, we have from 6 to 20 at the altar."

EVANGEL SELLING REPORT

Brother Curd writes from Ennis, Texas: "Another two issues will complete my first three months selling Evangels. I have sent to the Publishing House \$24 on bundle orders. I have tried out this field and I feel sure I could sell \$24 worth of Evangels every 3 months, easily. Last week I received 6 dozen on Wednesday and sold them out before Saturday. Saturday I received another 72 and sold most all of them the same day to the farmer folk who came to town to trade. To-day I received 72 for next Saturday and sold 60 of them this afternoon between 2 and 5:30 o'clock. I keep 12 for the house-to-house work as I go selling my books."

HAVE YOU INVESTED YOUR DOLLAR YET?

We want all our Evangel readers to have a share in building the new addition to the Gospel Publishing House. When this addition is built and a new press installed we shall be enabled to print and send out a far greater volume of Pentecostal literature to the ends of the earth. It is recommended that every one shall share in this great voluntary co-operative effort, each one sending in a dollar as an Easter Offering, and thus enabling us to erect the new building at once.

Last month we sent from the Gospel Publishing House more than a quarter of a million free tracts. But we expect to do better than this in the future. Don't you want to have a share in this work? You can use the form below for your offering.

Gospel Publishing House,
Springfield, Mo.,

Inclosed please find my offering of \$1.00* toward the building of the greater Gospel Publishing House.

Yours in Christ,

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*If the Lord leads you to give more than \$1.00, you may insert the amount you want to give.

Forthcoming Meetings

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The annual District Council Session to be held in Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, on May 9th to 13th, Inc.—A. G. Osterberg, District Chairman.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS.—Revival beginning April 24. Brother Fred Eiting and wife of Okmulgee, Okla., with Pastor R. W. Griffin, So. Side Assembly of God, 1326 So. Jennings Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

CANTON, ILL.—Notice is given that Dr. Chas. A. Shreve, of Washington, D. C., is to conduct a revival in the Canton Gospel Mission Tabernacle, Canton, Ill., May 1 to 5.—Pastor Charles H. Gray.

KANSAS DISTRICT CAMP-MEETINGS.—Three Kansas district camp-meetings have been arranged for, to be held at the following times and places: July 7-17 at Ottawa; July 21-31 at Attica, and Aug. 4-14 at Woodston.

DELANO, CALIF.—The Humphrey Evangelistic Party will conduct a revival campaign at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Delano, Calif., April 26 to May 15. We are looking to God for a mighty wave of salvation to sweep over this place. Pray for Delano.—Pastor Fred F. Snyder, P. O. Box 921.

WARREN, O.—Revival meetings at the Pentecost church will be conducted by Brother and Sister Meyer Tan Ditter, preaching and singing evangelists, May 1-22. Services every night.—John Waggoner, 8 Second St., Warren, O.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLY
The Illinois State Rally of Christ's Ambassadors will be held May 28-30 at Mattoon, Ill. Free entertainment will be provided for all who come. If any further information is desired write to Elsie M. Baker, chairman program committee, Percy, Ill.

LYNN, MASS.—Special meetings will be held at the Pentecostal assembly, 34 Andrew St., from April 15 to May 1. Brother Wm. A. Cox, assisted by his daughter Mary, will conduct these services, which are every night in the week except Monday, and all day Sundays. For further information write Evangelist C. F. Ryans, 119 Hawthorne St., Chelsea, Mass.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Dr. Lillian B. Yeomans and her sister, Charlotte A. Yeomans, will conduct a religious campaign in the Christ Covenant-Glad Tidings Assembly, 2120 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Ill., May 1-15. Don't fail to hear these noted ambassadors of Jesus Christ. For further information confer with Rev. S. A. Jamieson, pastor, 2120 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL CAMP MEETING

The eighth annual camp meeting for the eastern section of the Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God will be held, D. V., August 5 to 18. Dr. Charles A. Shreve will be the evangelist. Other well-known ministers and evangelists will take part in the services. The location of the camp meeting will be announced at a later date.—Joseph Tunmore, Chairman; Harold H. Moss, Secretary.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The Central District Council meeting of the Assemblies of God of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan will be held at the Pentecostal church, N. Howard and York Sts., Akron, Ohio, May 17-20. All ministers, missionaries and delegates are requested to notify the Chairman of their coming, so that ample provision can be made for their entertainment. Any cars going north on Main will take you to York St., then walk 2 blocks west to church, or take N. Howard St., bus line at Portage hotel, and get off at church.—C. A. McKinney, Chairman, 93 5th St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

There will be a fellowship meeting for northern and central Oklahoma at Bartlesville, Okla., May 3 to 5. Make your arrangements to come and let us make it a time of real fellowship together in the Spirit. Some of the good things on the program will be Bible teaching for the deepening of our spiritual life, and evangelistic services at night. Special invitations have been given Brother Fred Henry of Tulsa, Okla., and Mrs. Ruth Cox, of Yukon, Okla. Definite place in the program will be given Christ's Ambassadors. The Bartlesville assembly will do their best to provide free entertainment for all who come. Bartlesville is sixty miles north of Tulsa, Okla., on a paved highway.—H. B. Laws, pastor.

UHRICHSVILLE, OHIO.—Will carry on an old-fashioned revival at Assembly of God church, April 17 to May 8. D. R. Speck, of Canton, Ohio, evangelist. All ministers in the fellowship are welcome. Those who come for a few days, please let me know by mail that I may make arrangements for sleeping rooms.—Pastor Delmar Johnson, R. F. D. No. 2, Uhrichsville, Ohio.

EL DORADO, ARK.—City-wide campaign at Bethel Tabernacle, 1213 Ross Ave., under leadership of the Alton Evangelistic Party of personal workers and musicians, in charge of Elder A. W. Kortkamp of Alton, Ill., April 21 to May 8. Special healing services will be held during this campaign. Bring the sick. For further information write Pastor H. E. Simms, Box 942, El Dorado, Ark.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY, SALEM, ORE.—A very cordial invitation is extended to all interested in the work of the Young People in the Gospel throughout Western Oregon and surrounding territory, to attend a "Young People's Rally" to be held at the New Tabernacle, corner 13th and Ferry Streets, April 23rd and 24th. Entertainment will be arranged by the Local Workers and the two full days of profitable meetings will be arranged with good workers from outside points.—H. Hansen, Pastor.

INTERSTATE CAMP MEETING

The second annual Interstate Camp Meeting will be held at Eureka Springs, Ark., in the auditorium provided for it, August 18-28, 1927. Speakers will be announced later. Committee, H. M. Cadwalder, chairman, 609 Reinicke St., Houston, Texas; E. J. Bruton, secretary, Eureka Springs, Ark., phone 229; Fred Vogler, Ottawa, Kansas; A. A. Wilson, Puxico, Mo.; James Hutsell, Shawnee, Okla.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The ninth annual session will convene with the Upper Room Mission, Fourth and San Antonio Sts., San Jose, Calif., May 17-20. We are expecting our General Council Chairman, Brother W. T. Gaston, to be with us all through the convention. Those desiring license or ordination, please secure "Application Blanks" from the Secretary, Pastor J. Paul Thommen, Box 656, Sunnyvale, Calif. Fill them all out and send them back right away so they will be in the hands of the committee the first day. Those carrying license with the district now, and wishing to renew them should also send for your blanks. Free entertainment will be provided for all the ministers and delegates, so you had better write Pastor Max Freemark at least two weeks ahead of time so the entertainment committee will have a chance to look after you.—M. T. Draper, Dist. Chairman.

FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING—May 5-15, at Pleasant Grove Camp Ground, one mile east of Durant station, twenty miles southeast of Tampa. Good roads from all parts of Florida lead right to the Camp Grounds. Those coming by rail, buy your ticket to Durant, Florida. Come prepared to camp, plenty camping space. The committee recommends that each local Assembly see that their pastor and workers are provided with sufficient means to take them through the camp meeting. There will be a restaurant on the grounds serving meals at reasonable rates. All those desiring to be ordained during the camp meeting should communicate with the Florida District chairman before the date of the meeting. The committee asks that April 24 be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for the camp meeting. For further information write either of the following named committeemen: I. T. Bolton, R. 2, Tampa, Fla.; A. G. Voight, Miami Shores, Fla.; Sam C. Perry, 52 N. W. 35 St., Miami, Fla.; Perry W. Hadsock, Florida District chairman, residence at the camp ground, mail address R. F. D. 3, Plant City, Fla.

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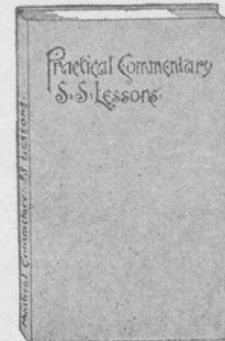
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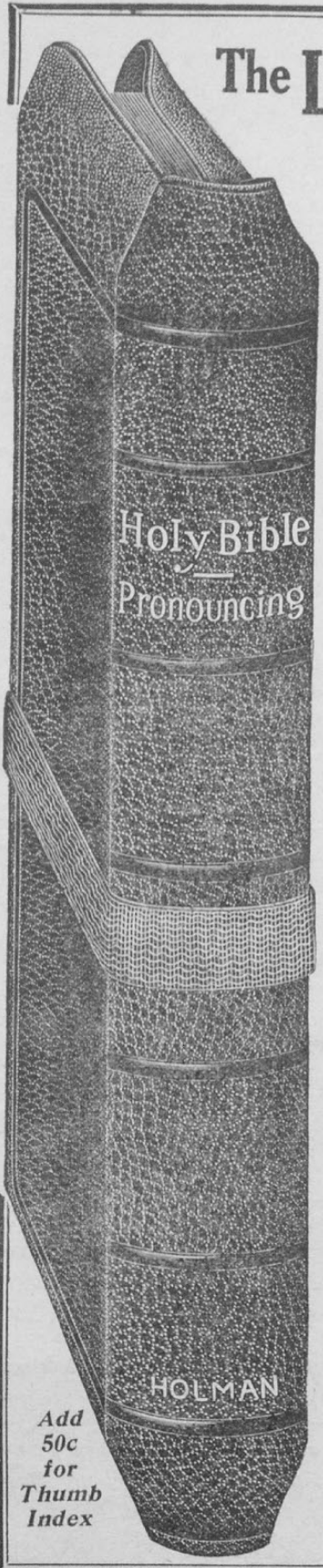
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^k Is. 9. 1, 2.
^l Is. 42. 7.

^m Luke 2. 32.

ⁿ Mark 1. 14, 15.

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^p Luke 1. 16, 17, 18.

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