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Our Family of Ten Atheists---and God

When Brother Percy Bristow of Peking, China, visited us in 1923, he told us the story of Brother Leynse, a Dutch missionary in China, who had come from a family of converted infidels, and we printed the same in the *Evangel*. Recently the Sunday School Times published Brother Leynse's testimony in detail, just as he gave it in a meeting in Peking and it was taken down by Miss Jean Graham. As we believe the story will be an encouragement to praying people we are republishing it in the *Evangel*.

I am just going to give a heart-to-heart talk, and I want to praise God and advertise what He can do in answer to prayer.

I was brought up on a little island near the coast of Holland. I had a good home. We were a very happy family of seven boys and one girl, I being the youngest boy. But ours was a godless home. My father and mother were atheists. They were high-principled people, but sternly set against religion.

When I was twenty-one I left home to go to Holland to study law. Before leaving, my mother said to me that I was to aim high. I was to determine to "make myself." She impressed on me what we had been taught, that only what we could see was real, that if there was a spiritual world it was subservient to the material, and that the God that some people talked about was only in their imagination. She filled me with the determination to oppose religion in whatever form I might meet it. Till then I had not read the Bible, heard the Gospel, or ever heard a prayer. I loved my mother very much and was determined to obey her.

But there was always an unsatisfied feeling in my heart. I wanted joy. It was not pleasure I craved. I knew that, if plunged into the rivers of pleasure as I saw them, I would dash myself to pieces on the cruel rocks at the bottom. There was a still small voice, but I did not understand. If only some one had spoken to me then. But no one ever did.

We had one sister, our "queen." She

was very beautiful, and we boys almost idolized her. She had lived a sheltered life and was jealously guarded against evil, especially the "evil of religion." She became engaged to a fine young man, a military officer. The time for the wedding drew near and great preparations were made. A big dancing party had also been arranged, to which a hundred and fifty guests were invited. I went home for the wedding.

Two Days Before the Wedding

Two days before the wedding my sister

was walking out in the street with a friend, when they saw an announcement that some services were being held in a hall. She inquired who these people were, and was told that they were called Salvationists, who had come from England and brought a new religion with them. She thereupon decided to enter the hall, and she sat through the service as one transfixed. For the first time in her life she heard of the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus. She heard of God's plan to forgive sin. At the close her friend urged her to go home, but she refused. A strange light shone in her eyes as she went forward and asked the speaker if what she had said was really true.

"Yes," the Army captain replied, "and true for you if you will believe it."

My sister knelt down and with all her heart believed it, and surrendered to God.

She went home very happy and told her mother. It was a terrible blow for her, but she thought my sister would soon get over it. The next morning the Salvation Army captain called. I watched through the window. I could not understand it. I watched the face of the woman as she talked to my mother, who met all her advances with icy answers. She said she regretted that her daughter had been "caught," but that that was the end of their influence. I saw the earnestness on the captain's face, the light in her eyes; I knew she had something we did not possess. And I envied her.

My sister was like an angel. No argument could shake her faith. The wedding day came. I remember her looking down on the carriages as they swept up to our house (a wedding is a very great event in Holland), and I was longing for joy, but found it not even in the gay preparing for the party.

The wedding ceremony was performed, and my sister looked very lovely in her bridal robes. There was an unearthly light in her face, as if she were living in another world. The dance party was opened; she only danced a little and then,

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How Many Soul-Winners?

Of all the tracts that I have ever seen that one called "Suppose" came to my heart with the greatest power. It asks the question whether if a church should offer a reward of a thousand dollars each for every sinner its members would induce to accept Christ, there would be more activity in the soul-winning activities of the saints.

Isn't it true that if this article were a bona fide offer to you of a thousand dollars for every sinner you would induce to accept Christ, without neglecting your present household or other duties, you would sweep and dust and bake, or plow and sow and reap like one in a dream? Knowing the efficacy of prayer, would you not spend every possible moment of the day earnestly asking God to convict the sinners around you and make them ready to listen to your pleadings? Would you not as soon as the daily tasks could be gotten out of the way, plan and work and plead with the most intense earnestness, to induce sinners to be reconciled to God?

I believe if that promise were contained in this article and it was said that the exact terms of the offer would be given upon application, we would have such an avalanche of letters, telegrams, phone calls and personal visits that would overwhelm the office force to attend to them.

Suppose you get the pastor to ask this question of every one in your assembly: Do you believe that all sinners are dishonoring the Lord Jesus, and that unless they are born again they will spend eternity in hell? All, probably, would answer, "Yes, I believe it." Then let him ask another question: Do you act as if you believed those things? If you were in the assembly and called upon to answer what would you have to reply to the second question?

If you saw a deaf man sitting on the railroad track and knew the train would soon come thundering along, crushing the life out of him unless he gets off the track, would you do anything about it? We all know that a man passing who knew the train was coming and knew the deaf man was likely not to get out of the way, who would refrain from warning the deaf man, would be looked upon as an unnatural and inhuman brute. But you who sit reading these words know that your sinner friends do not realize the danger they are in, and that unless some one warns them they will be destroyed. What are you doing about getting them off the track?

There is an unspeakable lack of interest in the salvation of the lost among the saints. God says in substance to everyone, "Tarry and be endued with power, for you are to be witnesses to Me near and far." Many have tarried and the wonderful Baptizer has come in and has given power to witness. It may be that

you who read have yourself been filled, and yet cannot you count in a minute a large number of sinners to whom you have never witnessed? Do you not know too that if you had witnessed before them with a perfect life and pleaded with them with tears to be reconciled to God, many of them would have ere this been saved?

Now look closely at yourself for a moment. Why do you do so? It is not bashfulness. You would not be too bashful to pull any one from before a train. It is not that you feel awkward and do not know how to begin. You would not stop to think whether you knew how or not, in pulling the man from before the train. Saying one is too bashful or doesn't know how is mere sham. The real reason is something else. You pull the man from before the train without stopping to think how awkward you may look and without ever having had a bit of experience in doing that sort of thing. You do not hesitate or spare your strength. Why? You believe the man will be killed unless you act, or at least unless some one acts, and you feel that it would be wrong for you not to do what you can.

Why do you let sinners go unhindered down to hell before your eyes, even when they are your own loved ones? Why do you not forget everything and try with all your might to get them saved? I give you two big reasons: You do not think enough about sin and hell and the anger of God to be awake to their danger. Thus you can laugh and talk with sinner friends without even remembering, much of the time, that they may be in hell to-morrow. And you do not understand

that God in any way lays the responsibility of their salvation on you. It is the business of a preacher to get sinners saved, you say, but you are no preacher. But God filled you with the Holy Ghost and commanded you to go and "teach all nations." It is easily seen that no one person could teach all nations. Jesus did not give any such instructions. What He said to His disciples was that **they** should go and teach all nations. If you do your part and I do my part and all other saints do their parts in teaching all nations, how wonderfully the church would forge to the front. But, knowing the church as I do, I feel sure that the vast majority of those who read this have not been doing their part in the teaching all nations. Most of them have been slackers, hoping some one else would do their part but resolved that if no one else does do it, it must go undone.

When you stand before the Judge and He calls your attention to the sacrifice He made that your sinner friends might be saved, and asks you if you did all you could to make His sacrifice effective in their lives, what will you have to say? What have your words with your sinner friends been about? Do you remember that Jesus said that by your words you will be either justified or condemned?

Now it does not take learning to win souls. It is well known in the church—probably you have observed it yourself—that the greatest men in the ministry of soul-winning are those who have had relatively the least training in science, philosophy and theology. You may not know why the great Hebrew scholar you know has no profound concern for the salvation of men, nor why the unlearned and awkward young minister at the mission loves sinners so, but you do know the fact. You know too, that no unconverted man ever became concerned about his soul until some converted man got a concern for him. The man might get out of the way of the train without help, but the sinner will go to hell unless he is helped. It calls for love and compassion to win souls.

When a revival is on, a large number of the saints become concerned for sinners. They pray and agonize before God, and go out both in the congregation and in the community doing their best to get them to turn. Why is this? They are alive. A revival is where people are revived, that is, made alive again. That is dead folks are made alive. Being alive they begin of course to be concerned about sinners and to try to rescue them. That is what live folks do. Any saint knows that sinners are in peril of damnation and that they are apt to sink in eternal and horrible suffering any time, and a live saint cannot rest without trying to get men saved. So you can tell whether one is a dead saint or a live one by what he does. If he is so cold that he feels no heart concern, no actual distress which moves him to pray and weep and work, he may know he desperately needs a revival in his soul whereby he will be revived or made alive again. Do you need a revival in your soul just now, dear? God help us. Is it any wonder that Jesus says He will spew the lukewarm ones out of His mouth? Lukewarm saints

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are so careless that they let sinners slip down to hell right before their eyes, without making any real effort to save them. You know Jesus, who gave His life for these sinners, must feel terribly about it.

Do you remember the result of the witnessing of the woman who went, saying, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did"? The whole city, it seemed, came out to find Jesus. Recently a man in the jail here—one who was then for the fourth time in one year in jail—surrendered his life to Christ in compliance with the loving pleadings of the jail workers. He was 34 years of age and had lived in sin all his days. He began to testify to his cell mates that Jesus had saved him. He prayed for them very much and prayed with them whenever they would give him a chance. He kept telling them how Jesus had saved him from evil desires and had delivered him from the craving for cigarettes. The prisoners watched him and could see that the thing was real. God began to work, and in the few weeks he had still in jail 13 out of the 25 in that cage were saved. The jailer testified that the whole atmosphere of the jail was changed—"revolutionized," he said. The revival spread to the upper cage, where this man was allowed by the jailer to go and give his testimony. He had a real testimony and a burning love for sinners. God did the rest. Seven men wept their way through to a glorious salvation in one night in this upper cage, encouraged and assisted by this new convert.

Have you a real experience? Can your friends see that God is a reality in your life? Is He genuinely precious to you? If these things are not true, I suppose you will agree with me that you should be a seeker. But I suppose they are true of you, and if so you have a splendid story to tell to your sinner friends. Let them see you every day smiling and happy; let them hear you speaking always good things and never speaking evil of any one, whether true or false; let them see that the world, the flesh and the devil are all ruled out of your life, and then as you weep over them and testify to them, ask them to give up to the Lord Jesus. The result is sure. You will no longer be a slacker but will be teaching your part of the "all nations."

Two more things and then I am done: See if you cannot get your pastor to hold some conferences with the saints and preach to them and teach them until they get alive to the actual awfulness of being a sinner condemned already to an eternity in hell, and that God has called every one of them to be actual soul winners. Then get him to divide up the community, giving little groups of saints the responsibility for every sinner in their several districts. This teaching will bring about a burning love for sinners in the hearts of the saints producing tears for them and willingness to go and hunt them up; and the assignment of territory will give definiteness to the task and will be a great help practically.

Here is the other thing: Let those groups of saints be supplied with rolls of *Evangels* to be sold throughout their territories or districts and tracts to give

to everyone. Going with the *Evangels*, covering the same ground week after week, and trying to see and talk with everybody, gives you the finest sort of an opportunity to bring your witnessing home effectively to the hearts of the sinners for whom you have thus been made responsible by the assignment of the pastor. The *Evangels* you sell will work while you are at home, and the paper coming the next week will give you a good opportunity to call again, and follow up the work you have begun. Many sinners are already church members, but they need saving none the less.—C. E. R.

LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

Christ said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me." Acts 1:8. Power! The "dunamis" coming upon you—that ye shall be witnesses unto Me! A dynamite witness! "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 4:23. They witnessed by tongue—by supernatural tongue and by their native tongue—by action and by their lives, of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The power that Peter and John received was not so much for the healing of the lame man at the beautiful gate, but the healing of the lame man was to testify and be a powerful witness that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pentecost meant resurrection. Why? How do you know? For the Holy Spirit came from above where Christ was seated at the right hand of the Father. The supernatural language that the disciples spoke when they spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance was a proof of the resurrection, glorification and ascension of Jesus Christ. We too must be powerful witnesses of the fact that Christ is ALIVE, that He is the same to-day. No curtailment of His power! No limitation of His power through the lapse of time! No limitation of His power through the failure of His church! The church has failed but He never has. And He wants a resurrection of faith in the fact that He is resurrected. A resurrection of faith that He is the resurrection. A resurrection of faith that He is faithful.

Peter and John and the church in that place where they were assembled (Acts 4:31) had a revival of faith when they prayed for a repetition on a wholesale scale of the acts that Christ did when He was on earth. "By stretching forth thine hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus!" The sick from all over Judea were brought in, and the church was busy in praying for them. "Many signs and wonders were wrought among the people . . . there came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed every one." Acts 5:12-16. Great faith brought great answers from the great Saviour. He has not changed one iota. He is just as anxious and willing to answer the prayers of the Peters and Johns and Marys and

Marthas of to-day as He was in the days of old. The need is the same, the faith is the same, the avenue of prayer is the same, God is the same, and He is just as willing to answer prayers offered in the name of His Son.

"Launch out into the deep," is the command. "Lord, we have toiled all night and caught nothing," is man's reply. But with a protest in his spirit he adds, "Nevertheless at thy word—mind, the failure will be on Your side; if we catch nothing You will be to blame—nevertheless at thy word, we will venture." In spite of our protest and our weak faith, He will send the fish to load the net. Do you hear the injunction? If so, launch out, minus the "nevertheless." Amen!

MASTERED BY THE MUD

A man at Rin Cone once said to a minister of my acquaintance as they stood by the Rio Grande River:

"There is an engine buried out there! The trestle broke on one side and tipped it into the river."

"Didn't they try to save it?"

"Yes, they put down long iron bars, and the last I knew it was sixteen feet below the bottom of the river, sixteen feet deep in the mud, and still going down."

The fine mechanism of the engine did not save it, no matter how polished or oiled or in how fine condition. None of these things were of avail to it when mastered by mud. It was built for a great work, but to do it the engine must remain on the track.

So man to succeed and do his work must remain on the track of God's law. When he leaves the track of that morality for the mire of sin and vice and intemperance and all transgression, he is like the engine at Rin Cone—mastered by mud. No matter how fine his genius or talents or disposition or temperament—none of these avail if he has allowed himself to be mastered by mud. The grandest fire of genius in the world soon burns out in the acrid flame and vice and sin.

But Christ can place the human engine again upon the track of obedience to the holy will of God. He can lift from the mire and the pit. He can save even the soul that has been mastered by the mud of sin.—Wonderful Word.

HOW GOD ANSWERED

Dr. Arthur T. Pierson once testified:

"In November, 1875, I discovered that I myself was the principal obstacle to a revival of God's work. I had been preaching the most elaborate literary sermons I could produce. God showed me that I was laboring for human applause. I had a magnificent church building, and \$35,000 was spent on the interior decoration of that church. Then and there I said to God that I would renounce all the idols of which I had been made conscious, if He would only let me do His work. While I was praying for this blessing, the church took fire, and in half an hour it was in ashes! We went to the Opera House, and I threw aside my elaborate manuscript, and the Holy Ghost came."

Here and There

Many Jews Turning to Christ. Many Jews in different parts of Eastern Europe are taking the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. According to the Christian Herald, "Forty thousand Jews in Hungary have declared themselves Christians since January 1918. In Budapest alone over three thousand Jews have joined the Protestant churches. The same thing is happening in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Ukraina. Hans Herzl, the only son of the founder and "Modern Moses" of Zionism, who once stated that he despised no man in the world except a Jew who became a Christian, has accepted Christ as his Saviour and has become a member of a Baptist church. The Jewish missionary, Johannes Ginsburg, states that in Jassy, Roumania, there is a secret brotherhood of Jews who believe in Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour of the world. They wish, however, to remain Jews by nationality and retain their Jewish customs, expecting to establish themselves as a colony in Palestine. In Vienna also a secret movement among the upper class Jewish women is said to be developing.

China's Nation Wide Bible Campaign. In spite of the unrest in China the work of distributing Scriptures among the Chinese people, especially among the soldiers, is being pushed vigorously. According to God's Revivalist, "God Himself is raising up evangelizing forces right among the Chinese people. There are 90,000 Christian soldiers who carry New Testaments in the pockets of their uniforms, who arise an hour earlier daily to read and pray, who march singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and 'Oh, Happy Day That Fixed My Choice.' Not long ago General Cheng ordered \$5700 worth of Bibles, and his order brought 2000 leather bound Bibles and 6000 New Testaments by military train to the Mongolian frontier. These are to be distributed to the officers and men in General Cheng's army. In each copy has been placed a personal tribute by the General to the Scriptures and to their influence upon his own life." According to the report of the British and Foreign Bible Society in the year 1925 they distributed 4,261,455 Bibles, Testaments and portions in China. In addition to this the American Bible Society distributed 3,734,477; and the National Bible Society of Scotland, 3,171,406.

Revival Work in Shanghai. Mr. George T. B. Davis says, "The hearts of the Chinese people are peculiarly sensitive and responsive just now, and as a great volume of believing prayer ascends to the throne, I should not be surprised to hear ere long of gracious outpourings of the Spirit in various parts of the country. It was my privilege to get a glimpse of some revival meetings in Shanghai, held by the well

known evangelist, Leland Wong. Mr. Wong was formerly an officer in the Chinese navy. Following his conversion he gave up his post, and now devotes himself wholly to the work of God. The church where Mr. Wong was speaking was crowded, with a score or two on the platform. He seemed to be speaking under the direct control of the Spirit. Some went to the front, and then others, and still others, as they sang verse after verse of an invitation hymn. The atmosphere was charged with spiritual power. Although I could not understand the words of the hymn, tears began to flow, and I was carried back in spirit to a somewhat similar scene in a crowded church in Swansea, Wales, in the midst of the Welsh revival. Mr. Wong is saturated with the Word of God. He reads eleven chapters of the Bible daily; five Psalms, one chapter of Proverbs, three others in the Old Testament, and two in the New. He has applied for 5000 of the pocket Testaments. He told me that he recently had a fresh realization of the truth of Isa. 55:11, that the Word of God 'shall prosper' and 'shall accomplish.' Mr. Wong, with other Christians, plans to shortly spend three days in special intercession for revival in China."

The Power of the Word in China. Mr. Davis reports an instance in the province of Kiangsu where a native evangelist was given a number of New Testaments and warned to give them only to adults, and only to those who agreed to read and carry them. Contrary to the instructions, he gave one Book to a ten-year-old boy. The lad carried the Book to his home three miles distant in the country. Day by day the boy, or his father, read aloud from its pages. Such interest was aroused that the farmer, like Cornelius of old, sent for the missionary to hear more of these wonderful words of life. At first the grandfather would have nothing to do with the new "Jesus doctrine." For twenty years the family had been ardent Buddhists, they had over thirty-six idols in their home to which they made more than a hundred bows daily. Now, however, all is changed. The home is transformed. The idols have been destroyed. Hymns of praise ascend to the one true God. Three generations, the grandfather, the father, and the son are asking for baptism. A few months ago when a missionary examined the grandfather and asked what he knew about the doctrine, he replied, "I do not know much about the doctrine; but I know that I am a sinner and that Jesus has saved me." Mr. Davis is planning to circulate a million copies of the New Testament in Chinese homes, and believes that in doing so this will be a mighty factor in bringing about a great spiritual awakening in China.

Pentecostal Work in China. Pentecostal work continues in South China, and Sister Kelley writes in the Latter Rain Evangel, "Twelve recently came to God in Sainam in one week and are asking for baptism. In Canton there is a constant revival spirit. Lunn Sam Koo and a Miss Woo are having a real ministry. Miss Woo preaches to the heathen while Lunn Sam Koo is helping many to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. She was invited to Toi Shan for a meeting a few weeks ago, and when the fire began to fall the church closed against her. Then another church invited her, and when the fire began to fall there, she was put out. By this time 30 had received the Holy Spirit; a Chinese lady opened her home for Pentecostal meetings where over 20 received the Holy Spirit. Last Sunday while Mr. Kelley was preaching at Sainam the power of God came down and blind A'Ting began to speak in tongues and prophesy. She said, 'Jesus is coming very soon, and God is about ready to pour out His wrath upon the whole earth.'"

Mrs. Percy Bristow writes in the Australian Evangel of a gracious visitation of the Spirit in Peking. "On Dec. 23rd, while in a waiting meeting, Mrs. Wang received the Baptism, and her son two weeks before. Dec. 26 was a red-letter day. The Spirit descended while the evangelist was giving out his subject. The Spirit fell on a sister who began weeping, and all felt the power and got on their knees. The others, Mrs. Wang, Mrs. Chang, my cook, and Mrs. Wang's little sister all received the Baptism. Others were under the power. Praise God for the Wang family, six have received the Baptism. During their family worship they were filled with holy laughter. Mr. Wang is an educated gentleman and holds a government position."

Wealthy Brahman's Son Turns to Christ. Miss Marguerite Flint writes in "Trust" concerning the work in Bettiah, India, "I must tell you how precious the Lord is undertaking for us here. Souls are coming in. The last case is interesting, a Brahman of the Brahmins, and of a class so difficult to reach for God, well educated, speaking six or seven languages and rather good English among them, from a wealthy home. Four years ago Sadu Sundar Singh gave this young man a Bible and taught him something of Jesus and prayer. The boy went back to his home in a native state—no missionary near, not a Christian of any kind within a good many miles, and his father a hard, strict Hindu. During these four years there has been a constant struggle in the heart of the boy, always hungering for more of the Christian's story, dissatisfied with the empty form of idolatry, ever at war with his father because he could not enter into the worship of their family gods as heretofore. This month there was to be a pilgrimage, some twenty-five or thirty of the family and relatives coming up this way to visit certain temples; and although very reluctant about it, the son yielded to the persuasion of the rest and came along.

"On Tuesday night the Lord Himself

appeared to this young man in a dream. He was all in white; and the Face, so often described by our Indians as 'shining and sweet,' won the heart of the young Brahman once and for all. The Lord spoke to him again about choosing the things eternal rather than things temporal, things true rather than false, heart peace and purity rather than vain idol worship, and said, 'How long will you resist Me?' The dream was so real that the young man did not dare go on with the Hindu pilgrimage. In the morning he boldly declared himself on the Lord's side, there was a scene on the train, the father cursing the day he had ever sent him to be educated, cursing the day the gods ever brought into his proud home one who should disgrace the family. The mother pleaded and wept, but it was useless, and when the train stopped at Bettiah station, as God would have it, the boy left them all. The father said he could go empty handed, if he left them it would be as a beggar, but the mother had pity and gave him a small tin box of clothing and his blankets.

"Then the train pulled away and the young man was left standing on the platform, a stranger among strangers, only a few coppers in his box, and all he had in the world pulling away from him down the track. That is what it means in India to be a Christian. Some one told him of our mission. We have given him a room in the new house God has given us and he is eagerly studying the Word of God, spending much time in prayer and seeking the mind of God for the future."

Stirrings in Moslem Persia. There are many who have been led of God to pray that God would sweep through the Mohammedan system, the Roman Catholic system, and the Greek Catholic system, and bring many to a knowledge of himself. "The Sunday School Times" contains an encouraging word, "Bishop Linton tells of a Christmas service in Ispahan, attended by 450 Mohammedan men on the men's side of the curtain, with even more women on the women's side, and an overflow meeting of 350 elsewhere. Yet it is but a few years since no Christian was allowed to live in the city, to say nothing of preaching Christ there. 'Persians,' he says, 'sat with tears running down their faces at the story of the Cross.' A Persian Christian doctor in the army has asked to be trained as an evangelist, and three students have chosen to become evangelists rather than to accept posts with good salaries." He speaks of the sale of 20,000 Scripture portions in Persia during the year, and affirms that, as soon as real religious liberty comes in Persia, there will be thousands requesting baptism.

The Work of God in Slavic Countries. A letter from Omsk says that the preaching of the gospel is meeting with great blessing in Siberia; 410 baptisms were reported in 16 different towns in this area last summer. Mr. I. S. Prokhanoff, the Russian Evangelical leader, states that there are now about 8000 believing assemblies in Russia. These people give much time to prayer and Bible study, at times passing whole nights in prayer for

the advancing of the kingdom. Some time ago, at a congress in Moscow, the question was raised by Kalenin, the head of the Soviet government, as to how best to attract honest and able men to the economic departments of the state. Bonch-Bruieich, who had made a special study of the religious life of Russia, arose and said, "The economic life of Russia is crumbling. In the Moscow region alone there are 300 factories that are in a state of dissolution. If we wish to keep the Russian political economy from falling to pieces we must call the Evangelicals to our aid." The conference later resolved: "We must see how to attract and enroll the best elements of the believers as members of the government administration." In spite of persecution, Roumanian Baptists were able to record last year 3400 new converts baptized.

A Gracious Miracle in Poland. Brother J. A. Harris writes, "God is wonderfully blessing in Poland, saving, and baptizing people in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Many new places are open and a number of Baptists are receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the Scriptural pattern. In one village of the district where I work a little baby was very sick. When the father came from work his wife said, 'Do not go to meeting to-night. Our baby is nearly dead.' He said, 'If I go I will ask the brethren to pray for the baby that it might be healed.' He went to the assembly but his child died. When he came home he met his wife with the dead child in her arms. She was crying. There were some unbelievers in the house, so he went out to pray to God that the life might be returned to his child. He prayed until he got an answer from God that his child was living. Then he got up and came to the house and saw his wife on her knees thanking God for the child's life. Then they praised God. Thank God for His work and blessing in Poland."

Many Turning to Christ in Switzerland. Some of the most remarkable revival meetings ever held by the Salvation Army, in the days of its early purity and power, forty-four years ago, were those held in Switzerland by La Marechale (Mrs. Catherine Booth-Clibborn, General Booth's eldest daughter). There was great opposition to the gospel and it resulted in the Marechale being arrested and imprisoned in the city of Neuchatel. Recently this evangelist has been laboring in Switzerland and has been having remarkable results. She went to the city of Neuchatel. Huge audiences went to hear her. When she asked those who wished to accept Christ to declare it boldly, large numbers would respond each night. On the closing evening the number amounted to 274. Among those who accepted Christ was the daughter of the Prefect of Police who arrested the Marechale in 1883. The Marechale returned to the prison and spoke to the prisoners there and left them gifts of flowers. In the city of Geneva the meetings were held in the Hall of Reformation. Even the aisles and stairways were crowded. The Geneva Journal says, "Never during the sittings of the League of Nations has the hall been so full." "Jews,

Catholics, students, merchants, aristocrats, have been among the converts to Christ. The most remarkable meeting was one in which the speaker testified, before an immense audience, to her hope in the second coming of Christ. This witness to a doctrine practically unknown in Geneva made a profound impression, and 176 persons responded to the altar call at the close of the evening. At LaChaux de Fonds there have been similar crowded meetings. The theater which is supposed to hold 1250 was packed with 2000. Hundreds came out into the Light. On the night of her departure a large company gathered to sing farewell before her lodging. All about, windows went up and heads were thrust out. From her window the Marechale pleaded with her hearers to hold fast until He comes."

Revival in England. The latest edition of Redemption Tidings, the official organ of the General Council in Great Britain, reports a remarkable campaign conducted by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys at the town hall at Bishop Auckland in Durham. Although the meeting has only been on for two weeks, 964 have gone through the inquiry rooms, professing Christ. There have been as many as 1500 turned away disappointed after waiting in a queue two hours before the commencement of the service, who have complained, "When we have a bit of gospel we cannot get in to hear it." "There have been some wonderful divine healing cases—the lame walking—the deaf hearing—and all manner of diseases healed in the name of Jesus. A born-blind little girl, twelve years of age, from Newcastle on Tyne, had her sight, and the first face she saw in the world was the pastor's. A dear man who had been in an invalid's carriage and on crutches for seven years, came to the meeting on Friday night and could hardly move on his crutches, an object of pity. The pastor laid hands on him as he sat helpless in the chair. Immediately he came to his feet, and putting his crutches on his shoulder, walked home. This man walked into the meeting on Sunday night, and as soon as he was noticed the whole congregation of 1000 began clapping their hands as they saw him mount the platform. This man has come every night since, dancing and leaping for joy. Another woman, Monday night, never able to walk from birth, of about forty-five years, was prayed for. As the evangelist laid hands on her she stood and walked, and then in sheer joy sobbed. After this she walked out of the building, being embraced, kissed and followed through the town by hundreds of people. This indeed is a return of the power of Pentecost, and a reproach to the churches here. The people's cry is, 'Oh, for a larger building!' Sad to say, this is the largest building in town."

Scotland Being Stirred. The Elim Evangel contains news of some remarkable campaigns being held by Evangelist Geo. Jeffreys in Scotland. One telegram received says, "Revival fires burning in Glasgow. Crowds flocking to the services. Hundreds converted. Remarkable healing testimonies. Blind eyes opened. Running wounds dried up, paralysis, rup-

ture, tumor, growths, disappear under power of God. All kinds of diseases healed daily. Hall seating 2000 taken to continue revival." One report states, "Seven hundred and fifty publicly accepted Christ as their Saviour and we have heard of numbers that were converted in their seats. The place was charged with the spirit of revival, and people came from all districts of the city and country to share the blessing." In Paisley, the largest hall in Scotland was taken. In the last issue of *Elim Evangel* there is a telegram from Paisley, "Revival in full swing at Paisley. Throngs besiege the large town hall which is crowded. Ever swelling river of salvation and healing flowing. Whole families converted. Homes changed and made heavenly. Long-standing debts paid up by converts. The preached word confirmed by signs and wonders. The largest and most historical hall in Scotland now booked for final rally."

The Testimony of an African King. Mr. Maynard, a missionary of the African Inland Mission, writes in the *Sunday School Times* of the conversion of Wamba, king of Shinyanga, who was for some years a persecutor of the Christians, an idolator, and an unjust ruler. Writing to Mr. Maynard this king describes how for years he had spent much, very much of his substance seeking spiritual peace. "At that time I did not want to hear the words of God, no, not even a little bit. For I had very great wrath towards all who preached them, and sought to drive them out of my country." Then one day I strayed into a church and listened to the words of God. At first I was like a man awakening from sleep. My heart jumped and ran as I listened. Then it was as though I was feeling glad to be hearing such words, and from then I began to listen and to understand. From the time I first believed in Jesus, I have had rest from the words of my ancestors and great love and joy in my heart. My hiding place is Jesus, and there is nothing that can remove me from Him. I am waiting with joy for His coming and for that crown of rejoicing that will be mine all my days. I praise God for the grace that redeemed me by the blood of His Son. I was a thing of corruption and an offense before Him; but now I am washed and acceptable in His sight. I have sorrow that I have nothing more to give Him, but I have given Him all my heart, and all that I possess I count as His in my stewardship. I want to be ruled by Him all my days. I am your child, Paulo Wamba, king of Shinyanga."

Remarkable Healings in Australia. The *Australian Evangel* contains the report of a meeting held by Brother Smith Wigglesworth and his daughter, Sister Salter, in Orange, in which fourteen were saved and twenty-five were healed. "A well-known lady of Orange, who was prejudiced against divine healing, came to the meeting and on seeing people healed before her eyes was compelled to believe. This lady, seventeen months ago, as a result of a fall, was severely injured, causing arthritis and synovitis and displacement of the internal cartilage of the knee and fractured knee-cap. No permanent

improvement resulted, and the injuries necessitated the use of a special steel support when walking. On Saturday night she was prayed for by Brother Wigglesworth. No immediate change was noticed, but on returning home and after alighting from the car she found no pain was caused by walking. Then, to her amazement, she discovered she was healed. Discarding crutch and steel support she since has been enabled to walk without any assistance whatever.

"So full was her joy to know that she was healed that very soon the people in the hospital where she was knew about it. Another woman in the same hospital, when she knew of this woman's remarkable healing, had her faith quickened. This lady, who was widely known in Orange, had been confined to her bed for sixteen weeks suffering from anaerism and other complications and was practically helpless and in a very low state. She sent a request for Evangelist Wigglesworth to come and pray for her, believing that God would raise her up, and immediately on prayer being offered and hands laid on she rose from her bed, lifted aside some heavy suit-cases and dressed herself, and on the same night attended the mission and testified that she had been perfectly healed. Her many friends were naturally overjoyed at the wonderful deliverance from the jaws of death, many of them weeping for joy."

An Orange newspaper reports that the evangelist one night invited all who were in pain to stand up. "Among the number who responded was a lady who had been suffering for eleven years with a varicose ulcer. He prayed for her. Immediately the pain ceased and she has since declared that no further pain has been experienced and that she has been healed."

Episcopal Ministers Baptized in the Spirit. We have received a letter from Mrs. Ruby Madigan of Wellington, New Zealand, in which she testifies, "I was a shop lifter, and almost a drunkard. I made good money as a cook in good hotels, but the shop lifting became a mania with me. I spent three months in jail, that was part of the pay I got from Satan. In September, 1924, when dear Brother Valdez came over here to New Zealand I was deep in sin. One Sunday night all the old things passed away and all things became new. Glory to God for the precious blood of His Son Jesus Christ! It can cleanse the vilest and make them whiter than snow. Brother Valdez is preaching some very strong sermons to the churches here. Two Episcopal ministers have received the Holy Ghost at his meetings."

Power Still Falling in Venezuela. Brother G. F. Bender writes "The Lord meets us in such a precious way in our meetings and in our work. We can report that souls are continually being saved and some are being baptized in the Holy Ghost. Recently the railroad station master's wife broke through to full salvation just while the congregation was standing in prayer. She burst out as one exploding, her repentance was so deep. Oh, I wish you could see her! She is a

transformed creature and very near the full Baptism of the Spirit.

"We recently opened up a new outstation further up in the interior, and our native preacher is overwhelmed with joy as he writes of God's visitation on that work, how souls are being saved and, on watch night, they also had a visitation of Pentecost. The prayer of the church here is: 'Laborers and souls!' We are keeping right on with this prayer and there is already a 'sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees.' Laborers are beginning to come and souls are being saved. New ones are drawing near to hear the gospel and God will do the work in their hearts. We accomplish the most when we pray the most. Lord, teach us to stick by the prayer life. Through faith and confidence and waiting on Him, He has granted us in these seven and a half years a home, a church building, a beautiful school building and a small house in connection with it. Can God still do great things? He can and He will do far greater as we get more hidden away in Him.

"Last Sunday afternoon while Sister Fearey and some other workers were having a meeting in the outskirts of the city, the devil used a half witted boy to begin a disturbance which ended up in hooting, jeering and stoning. Surely it was only God who saved us from the flying stones. I wish I had the power to paint you the picture as we saw it. It reminded one of a pack of howling wolves after a few innocent sheep. There they came, our Christians pretty well together, surrounded by careless gaudily dressed women, men with big slouch hats, some gaily dressed, some very shabbily, hooting, yelling, hissing, throwing stones and dirt. So you can see we have both sides of life in Venezuela. But we are happy in His will, and especially as we see souls saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost."

THE GIFTS AND OFFICES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Donald Gee

(Continued from last issue)

THE OFFICES OF THE SPIRIT. Eph. 4:11.

From the study of the gifts of the Spirit it is a natural transition to the study of the offices, or the divinely-appointed ministries in the church. Thus we find that Paul, in 1 Cor. 12, passes from the study, in the early part of the chapter, of the gifts, to the study of the offices in the latter part.

Offices are never viewed in the New Testament as existing for their own sake; they naturally arise out of the gifts exercised, and are full of power and reality. It is a mere travesty of the divine order to nominate men for office who do not possess the needed qualifications. The divine method of "setting" these officers in the church is by the obvious bestowal of the needed gifts, and the New Testament nowhere sanctions any other basis for appointment to office. Human recognition or ordination can only rightly proceed on the line of this previous divine ordination.

In Eph. 4:11, these ministries are gathered into five distinctly recognized of-

ances; and are very beautifully described as Christ's gifts to His church.

1. The Apostle.

This is plainly the greatest of all ministries in that it practically embraces them all, and would seem to imply the possession in some measure of practically every spiritual gift. (They can nearly all be traced in Peter and Paul). There were only TWELVE "foundation" apostles (Eph. 2:20; Rev. 21:14); but the office continues in the church no longer for laying the foundation, but for building up the body. Eph. 4:12.

The great work of an apostle consists in opening up fresh ground (Rom. 15:20), and leaving behind established assemblies. An apostle will always have "powers of organization" (Weymouth's translation of "governments" in 1 Cor. 12:28).

The word "apostle" literally means simply "a sent one;" but it is one sent by God, and clothed with a divine commission. A large measure of authority is vested in this office, but the New Testament also reveals that it is confined to the churches of an apostle's own planting (1 Cor. 9:2); moreover it is not the authority of a master over servants, but of a father over children. 1 Cor. 4:15.

2. The Prophet.

While all may prophesy, as we have already seen, yet it is plain that certain persons are regarded as "prophets" in an official sense. There were such at Antioch (Acts 13:1); and this class included men like Agabus (11:28); and Judas and Silas (15:32). Undoubtedly such "prophets" are men who by the continual exercise of the gift of prophecy, by the established proof of its genuineness, and by its proved power through them for edification, have come to be properly regarded as having a recognized ministry from God on this line.

They number among them inspired preachers whose ministry will often produce revivals should the divine fire burn low in the church and in this respect they are analogous in part to the Old Testament prophets.

As the channels of inspired utterance in the church, true prophets also fill an invaluable position, and it is an evil day when their utterances are despised (1 Thess. 5:20) and quenched by lovers of purely logical and didactic ministries, as has sometimes happened in the history of the church with disastrous results. The office of the prophet is complemented and safeguarded by the other offices. Prophets should never become the sole guides of the church; their limitations on the line of fallibility should be carefully noticed as suggested in 1 Cor. 14:29-32; and it is significant that there is not a single instance recorded in the Scriptures of the church going to prophets for guidance. The utterances of fully recognized prophets were nevertheless treated with great respect. Acts 11:27-29.

3. The Evangelist.

The evangelist is the one who carries the Evangel, or Gospel; literally "the Good-News." His great work is to reach the sinful with the message of salvation. His aim is to produce conviction of sin

and to precipitate decision to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and conversion. Those engaged in other ministries may often very profitably "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5); but some are manifestly specially gifted for this work, and are called to devote their whole time to it. The ministry of an evangelist is not complete in itself: it always requires other ministries to follow on (Acts 8); and a highly successful evangelist may often completely lack the necessary gifts of organization provided by other offices. He will often have gifts of healing, however.

4. The Pastor.

These are the "shepherds of the flock." To profitably fulfill such an office they must naturally remain mostly in one locality. The pastor does not necessarily require great gifts of utterance; a vitally important part of his work is individual attention bestowed upon his members. The one great essential gift for this office is a God-given love for the sheep, so that there is a readiness to die for them if need be (Jno. 10:11); indeed the true pastor will be "dying" to himself all the time, in order that his sheep may live.

For his work as leader, guard and guide to the people under his charge he is always clothed with divine authority. A true pastor should never be ruled by his people, but vice versa. Yet he is also their servant for Jesus' sake.

This office is of great importance if the work of the other offices is to be established and safeguarded. Every assembly should have a pastor. It is a divine ordination also that where the Lord has definitely called a man to lay aside all secular employment for the more perfect discharge of this great office, he should be maintained by those to whom he ministers. 1 Cor. 9:6-11. This principle may equally apply to other offices also.

5. The Teacher.

This office is often coupled with that of "pastor," and indeed the two ministries naturally go together. Nevertheless the teacher can often exercise his ministry quite independantly of responsibility to look after a flock. His work is to instruct and enlighten his hearers along the great lines of Christian truth and experience; and to achieve this purpose the teacher's ministry will usually be calm and collected, and proceed along methodical lines. The appeal of the Spirit of Truth through a teacher will be to the logical and mental faculties, rather than to the intuitive and emotional, as in the ministry of a prophet. It is possible to magnify the importance of this office out of proportion to its place as one amongst others; but the value of a real teacher's ministry is too great for words.

Elders and Deacons.

The five great ministries we have studied may all be described as essentially spiritual offices: but in the New Testament Church we also find what may be called natural offices. These are also necessary for the government of the church, and are greatly helpful to the work of God.

In Acts 20:17 we find that Paul calls

the "elders" of the church at Ephesus; and in verse 28 he refers to the same men as "overseers." This proves that the office is really one and the same, and the word accurately describes its nature. The term "bishop" in 1 Tim. 3:1 is only a translation of the same Greek word ("episkopos"), and in Tit. 3 "elders" (vs. 5) are after referred to as "bishops" (vs. 7).

Although the term "elder" sometimes merely refers to a person of mature age and nothing more, yet it seems impossible to escape the conviction that it also often carries an official sense in the New Testament. For instance: we find that elders were "ordained" by Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14:25. That the choice of overseers would be made from among the older members of the Assemblies would only be natural.

Among the elders would usually be found those exercising the spiritual ministries we have noted above; and for purposes of general church fellowship and business those holding these offices would be reckoned "elders" along with the others. Thus we find the apostles Peter and John calling themselves elders. 1 Peter 5:1 and 3 Jno. 1. The elders collectively formed the "presbytery" (1 Tim. 4:14), and would constitute the governing body, as in Acts 15. In local assemblies the pastor would naturally be the presiding elder.

The word "deacon" simply means a servant or minister, and would apply to those who saw to the more temporal and business side of assembly matters. These might possibly be young men (Acts 5:6), and although the seven chosen in Acts 6 are never officially called "deacons" yet they well illustrate the nature of the office. From 1 Tim. 3:8-13 it is plain that this office should be regarded very highly, and spiritual qualification is quite as essential as for elders.

In closing this hasty sketch of New Testament offices it should be borne in mind that the Scriptures nowhere lay down a completed system of Church government; much controversy on this matter might have been avoided had this been always remembered. The Early Church was guided by the Holy Spirit to just that organization which met the needs of the moment. Our part is to grasp its principles and trust that same Spirit to equally be our Guide in these latter days. There is danger in both over-organization and under-organization, and neither are loyal to Scriptural principles.

Above all, let us remember that these spiritual offices are great realities, or they are nothing. They are not parts of a "system;" they are mighty living forces sent from the living Christ. They can and often do exist without ever receiving their official "label." A man may do the work of an apostle who would shrink from laying any claim to such a title; and this is true of every office. A title can never make a ministry; but the ministry does justify the title should it be given.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called. 1 Cor. 1:9.

Children's Corner

GOD'S OTHER RAVEN

By Dorrice Pressly

A dear, white-haired missionary, who has been long, long years in India, tells us this incident of her work there.

She and her native helper, a Bible woman, were out on a tour among the needy ones and becoming very weary, they sat down in a sheltered place to eat their lunch. The missionary had her bit of bread and her tea; the other proceeded to make herself a **chepotie** (maybe that isn't spelled right) after the native fashion. It was a good sized one and looked so appetizing to the hungry worker. But she never ate a crumb of it, for just as she was ready to eat, after bowing her head silently for a moment in thanks, a large crow circled out from a passing overhead flock and swooping down lower and lower, it fastened its claws, one on each side of the **chepotie**, and rising higher and higher in the air, soared far away before the astonished eyes of the workers.

Farther and farther it went until it was only a dot against the sky, then lost to sight completely. They wondered and wondered over this strange occurrence, then went on their way still "pondering it in their hearts."

Several days later they saw a thin, gaunt woman with a starved looking babe in her arms and another clinging to her skirts, in the midst of a crowd of natives. She seemed to be telling them something strange, and there was a bewildered look on the listeners' faces. The missionary drew near and found the woman was telling of how a few days ago as she and her children were on the road to some relatives, they became so famished they could not go farther, so they sank down by the dusty road. She began to pray earnestly to first one heathen god, then to another, but no help came from any of them. At last the thought came, "I will pray to the white missionary's God; maybe He will hear and help me as she says He does her." So she began to voice her cry to the "unknown God," when to her great surprise a crow flew down out of the sky and dropped at her feet a large **chepotie**. She and the famished children quickly made a meal of it, then in the strength of it went on to the nearest village.

She told her story there, but soon saw their **chepoties** were not so large and good as the one the crow had brought her. Some one suggested that maybe it had come from some one in the missionary's village, so she passed on with a crowd of followers after her, and there it was she found what she wanted. The missionary and her Bible woman soon told their side of the story; it so impressed the woman that she cried out: "Teach me to know your God who listens when His children cry in sorrow for bread. I'll pray to none but him after this." And, of course, this the dear missionary was only too glad to do.

The story spread far and wide and many who had held out against the white teacher were compelled to see that hers was indeed a wonder-working God and they must now let their children come to her school to learn about Him.

Doesn't it seem that even yet, especially when our God says, "Prove me now herewith," that He may have some sort of raven to answer **our** cry, too?—S. S. Times.

LOVE WINS

In the prison at New Bedford there is a man serving out a life sentence who some years ago had a strange experience. He had previously been regarded as one of the most desperate and dangerous inmates. He had planned outbreaks and mutinies, and been repeatedly punished in vain. His heart was full of bitterness. But one day a party of strangers came to visit the institution, an old man, with several ladies and a little girl. It happened that this prisoner had just been assigned for some misdemeanor to the menial task of scrubbing the corridor. The warden, leading the visitors about, saw him, sulky and morose, at the top of the stairway. "Jim," he called, "come and carry this little girl up." The convict scowled and hesitated. The little girl at the foot of the stairway held out her arms and said,—"If you will, I'll kiss you." He looked at her seriously a moment, then slowly came down, and lifting her upon his shoulders as tenderly as any father could have done, he carried her to the upper corridor. She raised her face. He gravely stooped and kissed it, then returned to his task. And they say at the New Bedford jail that he has never been the same man since that day. The kindness of that child in some way transformed his life.—D. J. Burrell.

REVIVAL IN LODGE HALL

Brother G. W. Pitts writes: "Brother J. M. Hart and myself held a 6 weeks' meeting in the Odd Fellows' hall at Alba, Texas, at which good crowds attended. Ten found the Lord as their Saviour, 8 were baptized in water and that number are seeking the Holy Ghost Baptism. The meetings are to continue once a month in the same hall."

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MIGHTY MIRACLES AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

We desire to praise the Lord for a real visitation of Pentecostal power and blessing in the campaign just completed with Evangelist Harvey McAlister. Brother McAlister came to us fresh from the Wilmington revival, and spent four weeks with us in evangelistic ministry. A thrilling feature of the revival was the way in which the Holy Spirit broke down all denominational and sectarian barriers of prejudice and bigotry. Night after night from a dozen to a score of different faiths and denominations crowded the altar for salvation and healing. Jews were saved. Forty or more Catholics came up for salvation and many precious souls were brought to the light out of such dark cults as Spiritualism, Christian Science, etc.

The power of the Lord was wondrously present to heal the people. Different ones testified to being healed in their seats as the preaching of the Word of God wrought faith. Reports came in of sick ones being healed a hundred miles away, as they were mentioned in prayer. The anointed handkerchiefs accomplished a blessed ministry. One woman who had suffered long with cancer was instantly relieved of pain upon the application of an anointed handkerchief. Another man crushed in a railroad accident made a marvelous recovery after the applying of the handkerchief. Other needy ones received the healing touch as they listened to Brother McAlister's sermons on healing over the radio, the Lord having made it possible to broadcast five of his messages on healing. Scores testified nightly to having received healing upon Brother McAlister's ministrations according to James 5:14, at the close of each service. Brother McAlister prayed with at least one thousand people.

It was our privilege to witness all manner of incurable diseases healed. Cancer was healed, several cases of paralysis, dislocations and spinal curvatures were made whole as the Great Physician passed up and down the aisles and altar at the City Theater. Many people afflicted with nervous disorders and neuritis and rheumatism were healed. Numerous cases of deafness were healed, one boy deaf and dumb from birth began to speak after being prayed for and his ears also felt the healing power. The Lord also laid His pierced hands on blinded and afflicted eyes, an outstanding case being that of a negro totally blind in one eye and seeing but little with the other. After prayer the eye which previously afforded dim vision could see perfectly and the eye which had been stone blind was "opened" so that he could see with it.

During the course of this four weeks' campaign well over two hundred souls sought Jesus as Saviour, and more than a score received their Pentecostal Baptism. The Spirit of God saturated each meeting with His Brooding Presence. Some received the Baptism at home, others on the way home, one in a Ford car and another in a public bus.—Harry J. Steil, pastor.

The Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil. 2 Thess. 3:3.

A FAMILY OF TEN ATHEISTS —AND GOD

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accompanied by one of the bridesmaids, went upstairs. In a short time an alarm was sent through the house and we all crowded to the upper floor.

There she lay, the bride of a few hours, her lifeblood staining her bridal dress. She had had a hemorrhage of the lungs; we could see that her hours were numbered. But God left her with us till the next day, so that she could speak to us all about what had become so precious to her. Mother was very hard and unbelieving, and did not even relent when the last moments came. My sister said to her, "O Mother, if you fight against God, you and I can never meet again. I am going to heaven where every one is in harmony and loves each other and God. If you resist God, you cannot come to that place."

We all gathered to see her die. We faced eternity on that Good Friday. God sometimes speaks in a still small voice, and sometimes in a voice of thunder. In this latter way He spoke to us. This awful sorrow shook our foundations. We could not help her, and she passed from us.

The whole town was moved. As the funeral procession passed, blinds were drawn and shops were closed all along the way. We were well known. The people talked in hushed tones of the young bride that lay in bridal robes in her coffin.

My mother was overcome with grief. For a time she lost control of her mind, and thought my sister was still a little child, and she went through the house searching everywhere for her and calling her baby name. The doctor said the only hope was a complete change. My father hurriedly engaged a nurse, not waiting to inquire if she were "religious" or not. Under the guiding hand of God a Christian nurse was engaged. This woman set herself steadily to seek healing for both the weary mind and the sick soul.

At the end of a year my mother returned, restored in mind and a changed woman. As she came into the room I saw the same look in her eyes that I had seen in the Army captain's when she had come to visit my sister. Mother laid a Bible on the table and said:

"I am fifty years old, and I have just found out that I have built my life wrongly. I have shut out God. But I am starting now to live right. And I am going to pray till every one of my family is converted. I am going to make it the business of my life to win you one by one to God. I believe God will allow me to live to see you each converted. When any of you feel yourselves even a little interested in God you will know that He is answering my constant prayers for you." She then knelt down and prayed for us all.

I Hear My First Sermon

We were all bitterly opposed to her religion. She went on her way believingly and prayerfully. One day she asked me to go to church with her. I loved her too much to refuse. That was the first time in my life I had entered a church or heard the Gospel preached. I myself

had often given addresses on atheism. I made up my mind I would not listen to the preacher. Said I to myself: "How can that man believe what he preaches?" I found, after awhile, that I was **compelled** to listen, and I was strangely moved by his words. My whole being seemed to be influenced, and I was strangely impelled to yield and believe. But I pulled myself up sharply and repulsed the influence. "This is man's imagination," I said; "I will have nothing to do with it."

I was strangely unhappy. I was still seeking joy and finding it not. I listened to talks on character culture; I searched into science; strove to reach heights of education; tried to find happiness in helping the poor; yet I failed to find what I was seeking. I know now it is not giving,—it is receiving; receiving new life from God.

I heard of a minister who was called "modern," and I visited him. I explained my search after joy, and he told me I was taking life too seriously—said I needed amusements, invited me to dinner, and said we would have some games later. I was disappointed.

I spent nine months of misery. One day I was so sick of the search for satisfaction, life seemed such a burden, that I determined to end it. I went to the beach and, without telling any one (it would all appear accidental), I got into my bathing suit and swam as far out to sea as I could. My strength gave out, and, before sinking into unconsciousness, looking up to the heavens I cried, "If there is a God, I hate you. You took my sister away."

But some one had noticed my swimming so far out, and help was sent. When I became conscious I found myself staring at the wall-paper in my own room. It was a keen disappointment. I thought I had finished with life.

When I recovered I left home one afternoon and walked and walked into the woods. Hour after hour I walked, struggling with misery. I did not return home till two in the morning. I passed my mother's door. The light was still burning. We always went in to kiss her good night. But I could not face her. She heard me pass, and guessed I was having a struggle. Although not strong, she got up and knelt in an agony, wrestling in prayer for me. She prayed until her strength was spent. But at five she had the assurance that her prayers for me were answered.

I could not sleep, I could not rest in my room. The unrest and struggle brought me eventually to my knees, and in absolute desperation I yielded myself to God. In a strange yet blessedly real way He revealed Himself to me. Oh! the peace—and the happiness! It was heaven!

When I went down to breakfast the next morning my mother met me with beaming face. I wanted to tell her, but she said, "I know it, my son."

"O mother, the joy of it!" I said.

And she responded quietly, "Yes! And the duty." I did not then understand. I do now.

I Tell My Father of My "Foolishness"

My father was opposed more and more

sternly to God, and met my advances unmoved. I felt myself burning with a desire to do all I possibly could to undo the past, and to spread the good tidings of great joy. Although I had studied much for the law and was almost through with my studies, I could not go on with that. I must be a missionary. I told my father of my intention. He was a good father, and had made provision for me to get on in the world. I was almost ready to take the place he had hoped I would take. He thought my new plan was absolute waste of life. How could any one make a success of another line when so equipped for one, and having spent so much time preparing? And the thought of this "religion" was awful to him.

He very plainly told me he could not abide such foolishness and would give me one day to think over the matter; I was then, in a word, to give my answer. I could not alter my decision. My father made it clear that I would be banished absolutely from the home—he would have one son less. I came to give him my answer. I wished to soften the blow by explaining. I felt so sorry for him. But he sternly asked for the one word. When I gave it, I had to go—at once.

Only God and myself know what the next two years meant to me. To work one's way through college was unheard of in my country,—it was not done. I was cut off entirely from home. Part of my punishment and the planning to turn me from my course was to forbid my mother to write to me. My letters were returned unopened. But we had made a compact that we would pray. How I prayed for my father! In the street, at my studies, always, everywhere, I besought God to save my father. I struggled with poverty,—from two rooms to one room, from one to a garret, from three meals a day to two and less.

Then after two years, my father came to see me. Oh! the change! At sixty-eight years of age his proud, atheistic heart was broken down, and he received Jesus as his Saviour like a little child.

And my brothers were all saved. One by one, as my mother said they would, they came to Christ. My father has gone to heaven, and my mother is now frail and ill. I am hoping to be able to see her next year (now this year) once again. She is very ill. I ask your prayers for her.

NEWS FROM AMARILLO, TEXAS

Evangelist J. Edgar Freeman of Tulsa, Okla., just closed a two weeks' campaign with our assembly, in which some 50 souls came to the altar for salvation. Mrs. Dake extended the meeting on through the following week and a number were saved and some received the Holy Spirit. Revival fires are still burning in the hearts of our people here. God gives us a fully packed house on Sunday nights in addition to conversions and Baptisms in the Holy Ghost in the old-time way. Praise God for victory ahead!—Finis J. Dake, pastor.

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord. Jer. 30:17.



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MIGHTY REVIVAL AT ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE, EGYPT

Word just comes from Sister Lillian Trasher telling of a gracious visitation of God to her 400 orphans and widows: "To-day I have witnessed the greatest revival I have ever seen in my life. I cannot describe it. Three days ago we started a revival meeting for the children. The Spirit was with us from the very first meeting, dozens getting saved and dozens seeking the Baptism. This afternoon I thought the children had better not have a night meeting as they have been praying and crying for hours. So I said that every one was to go to bed early. I went to my room early also, but soon I heard such noise coming from all sides that I sent a girl to see if there was a funeral passing by. She returned and said it was the children praying everywhere. I went first over to the widow's and blind girl's department and found them all crying and praying. I went to the kitchen; they were praying, clapping their hands, crying, talking in tongues. I went to the big girl's room; they were all on their faces crying to God or shouting. But the most wonderful sight I ever saw in my life was when I followed the noise up to the housetop. There were dozens and dozens of little girls, shouting, crying, talking in tongues, rejoicing, preaching, singing—well, just everything one can think of that praises God. Several of the children saw visions. I have no idea how many have received the Baptism as you cannot hear anything; it is as the roaring of mighty waters. The meeting has just begun. Eternity alone can tell the results. The whole house seems strange. It is as if a mighty fire struck us. Nothing can stop it. It is as it was in the days of old when the Spirit of God fell upon the disciples. All school has been stopped. They pray in the fields, on the canal banks, and in all the rooms. The house and grounds have become the 'House of God.' Pray for us. I felt I must stop a few minutes to write the wonderful news. God is doing wonderful things for these little orphans."

A MOSSI'S HOME-GOING

Lloyd Shirer

Recently one of the oldest men in our congregation passed away. He had been coming to the meetings almost from the beginning and for three years has showed every sign of being a new creature in Christ Jesus, both by testimony and by his life. His testimony always encouraged us as he told with shining face of his new found joy and peace in Christ

Jesus. He was sick for about ten days and while we did not consider it serious at first, he himself seemed to feel that his end was near, for one day when visiting him he said to us, "An old man never knows the day of his death, and as you people are often absent from the mission I want you to give my wife and me full instructions for a Christian burial. I have believed in Jesus for a long time and I want to continue so to the end. I desire that my burial shall not be like those who know not God, but according to that which is pleasing to God." We assured him that he would receive Christian burial. He died in the faith, leaving a good testimony and when he was laid away to await the resurrection morning we said, "All is worth while, there is one Mossi safe in the Kingdom." He leaves his wife, a son and a daughter. All three are Christians. We know that you will take these people and this field upon your heart and will bear them up before the Throne of Grace. Years of superstition must be overcome, darkness must be dispelled by the glorious gospel light. Prayer is our greatest need at the present time.

SOUTH INDIA

Blossom Cook

We have had a blessed time in the women's meetings; the Lord was truly in our midst. After one meeting a mother brought her little one to me to be prayed for since it had a high fever. I took the babe up in my arms and told those who knew how to pray to join with me. We prayed and the child was healed immediately. There was another child that had some bad sores on its hand. We prayed for her, and a few days later they told me that the child was much better. Praise be to Him who is the same today as He was when He walked this earth in days of old. We have a mighty Saviour. He is the very same Jesus, the wonder-working Saviour.

One day one of our workers who knows how to take the Lord as his healer, said that both his wife and little child were very sick and that he would like us to pray for them. I said that we would remember them in prayer that night in our prayer meeting. We all came together and I requested prayer for these dear ones and we are glad to say that the next time I saw the worker he told me that they were healed that night. I asked him the time and he gave the same time that we prayed for them. Oh, it is wonderful when I see how the Lord can be listening to our prayers and then be in the other place and give the healing touch.

NEED OF PENTECOSTAL LITERATURE IN INDIA

Sister Violetta Schoonmaker who has put in a long and valuable term of service in India, writes us of her desire to publish a book in Roman Urdu, so that the natives of India may read about Pentecost in their own language. Realizing the tremendous need of Pentecostal literature in the vernaculars of India, Sister Schoonmaker published one edition of her book "What meaneth this?" in Hindi, and the demand was so great that the edition is now completely exhausted. The book tells of the present day outpouring of the Holy Spirit and includes a chapter on "How I may receive."

It also devotes pages to questions and answers, taken from her own personal experience in dealing with people along these lines.

After it is published in Roman Urdu, Sister Schoonmaker wishes to have it published in Punjabi and republished in Hindi.

There is only one hindrance which is the lack of funds. All offerings for this worthy cause will be gladly forwarded to Mrs. Schoonmaker.

Address all communications regarding this matter to the Missionary Secretary.

AMONG THE LISU TRIBES IN SOUTHWEST CHINA

Mary Lewer

"I still find much joy in visiting the homes and there has been an increase of women who come to women's meetings. It is such a joy to sow the Word of life here and there. We are trusting God to pour out His Spirit among the Lisu. They are an open-hearted, humble people. Pray with us that God will take hold of these Lisu young men. They are such promising young men for future work, their ages being from 18 to 25. They farm on the mountains and most of them are married and have children. In the winter time they sit around the open fires and study the Word of God. Pray for us."

YU TSI HSIEN, CHINA

Alice F. Stewart

The Lord is blessing us here and while we haven't seen any remarkable results, still the sinners are coming in to the meetings and hearing the Word, and His Word shall not return unto Him void. Therefore we are trusting that the Lord will open the eyes of these dear people, that they may see the Lord Jesus and come to know Him, whom to know is life eternal.

THE SORROWS OF WAR**Brother and Sister J. C. Morrison**

Early in the summer there was trouble between here and the capital, fighting between Yunnanfu (the Governor there) and a man not far from Wei Hsi, which lasted for over two months. Finally the governor defeated his enemy. The final battle was fought at Talifu, half way between here and the capital. The defeated man had appointed magistrates at Wei Hsi and other places this side of Talifu, who at his defeat were thrown into prison and put into chains until the Governor appointed other magistrates to take their places. Then these poor men were taken out of prison and shot. I shall never forget the Sunday when the poor "would-to-be" magistrate here was put to death. The bugles were blowing a mournful, weird tune which in itself sounded like a death knell; then as we stood on our verandah we heard three shots and knew that another soul had entered eternity without God. A few minutes later we saw two men climbing up the mountain carrying a coffin to where the shots were fired. He was a refined, well educated man. At the time he came to see us he seemed very restless and nervous. For over two weeks he hadn't had any word how the fighting was going, down the line, and he was anxiously inquiring if we had had any word. He knew, should the man who placed him in office be defeated, that his life would be the penalty. Just the night before he was thrown into prison he had packed all his clothes expecting by day-break to flee for his life, but that very night word came from the governor to arrest all usurpers, so he was let sleep in peace that night and the next morning was thrown into prison where he remained for a week and then was taken out and shot. Such are the sorrows of heathenism.

Wei Hsi has been a very hard place to reach; the people seem so hardened, but we believe the gospel which is being preached in the mission and in the homes is bound to take effect sooner or later. Most of the work is being carried on among the tribes where hearts are more open and hundreds have been saved. Among the Lisu tribe especially we find when the gospel reaches different places, the whole village generally turns to the Lord. There is a great work to be done among this people and we need your prayers and help that the gospel may reach this needy people hid away in their mountain homes. There are many villages where the white man can never go because of the steep, narrow, dangerous roads and deep ravines and gorges. The natives are far more sure footed than we are, and they can go where it would mean death to us. There are so many places where they are calling for us to come over and help them and teach them about Jesus and the true way, but our forces being small, and most of us new to the Lisu language, it has been impossible for us to fill all of these calls. Our first duty on coming here was to study the Mandarin language as that is the language all business is transacted in. Some of us who have this pretty well are beginning to study the Lisu, which is an easy dialect and by good hard study can be

learned in six months. Pray for us as we long to launch out more and more into the work.

BLESSING IN CAPE PALMAS**Ruth E. Erickson**

My soul rejoices for the work He has wrought in our midst, and His blessings continue to flow. Praise the Lord! Hungry souls are seeking salvation in every Sunday service. Last Sunday several heathen men, attending for the first time, knelt at the altar where it was our privilege to point them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. Oh, the wonderful power of the Blood! We are made to realize this as we see such deeply degraded and sin-stained lives transformed.

**OFF TO AFRICA**

Pray for Brother and Sister Eric Johnson as they will shortly be going to the Belgian Congo. Brother Johnson's testimony was in the last Evangel.

THE AWAKENING OF EGYPT**C. W. Doney**

Before the war, conditions even in the largest and most enlightened cities, Cairo and Alexandria, were in a primitive state in many respects. The call from the towering Moslem minarets to the faithful followers of Mohammed, to pray, was often heard. Even on the streets, especially during the Moslem feast of Ramadan, one might often see the dervishes twirling and howling, and calling upon the Name of Allah and Mohammed, whirling around with such rapidity as to froth and foam at the mouth and finally fall exhausted on the ground.

Then at the overflow of the waters of the Nile, a maiden was sacrificed every year by throwing her into the rushing waters and letting her drown before their eyes. This sacrifice was made in expectation of the great harvest the overflow of the waters would insure. This heathen custom was abolished by the authority of the British and is practiced no more in Egypt. And seldom does one hear the prayer call from the minarets of Cairo, or witness the crude and unseemly sight of howling and twirling dervishes.

Prior to the war all mosques were held most sacred for the Moslem worshipper. Since the war some of the largest mosques in Cairo are being used as public schools. While in Constantinople we heard of one

of the largest mosques now being used as a theater and that an American theatrical company has taken it over for jazz music performance.

Also before the war scarcely an automobile could be found even in Cairo, the capital of Egypt. Now the streets are thronged with all kinds of autos just as in America, while mail and military aeroplanes can be seen every day racing to and fro. The people are looking forward, not only to their own awakening, but to some great event soon to come. They know not what it is, but the ready watching ones know that His coming is near, even at the doors.

In Cairo, right in front of the large Central Station, the Egyptian government is erecting a great statue called "The awakening of Egypt." The Egyptians have secured from the British a measure of independence, and now have their own parliament and government.

The young Egyptians following in the footsteps of the young Turks are awakening. Turkey has abolished the tarbouch and the turban for the hat. The women also have removed their veils and wear hats. They have been given freedom to leave the harems and move freely in the society of others. Now some of the Egyptians are donning hats, and the Egyptian ladies dress like American ladies and mingle freely in the society of others, no longer shut in behind closed doors and darkened shutters in the harems.

Best of all there is now in Egypt a spiritual awakening. Many young Moslems are beginning to realize that the Moslem faith is no faith, and that there is no saving power and no healing balm in the religion of Mohammed. Just recently a young Moslem came to us for counsel and help. He stated that he, with twenty-two other young Moslems, were personally persuaded that the religion of Mohammed was not right, and they were studying together and searching for the right way. They wanted Bibles—whole Bibles—not Testaments, so that they could study the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We gave them a number and they are now studying God's Word instead of the Koran, and some of them are attending our meetings. They all agreed that Mohammed could not forgive sins. He was a sinner and confessed he had committed many sins. So they reasoned, How could a man who was himself a sinner forgive sins? They knew Mohammed could not, and they are seeking One who can. We pointed the young men to Christ THE SINLESS ONE, One who is mighty to save from the uttermost to the uttermost, and fill them with the Holy Spirit.

Thank God these young Moslems are awakening. We trust they are coming out of dense darkness and the bondage of sin into the light and liberty of the children of God. They confess if Jesus can take away their sins He is the one whom they seek, and will doubtless accept Him as their personal Saviour and Redeemer.

Will the people of God pray for these anxious, inquiring young Moslems, and for the spiritual awakening of Egypt.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

WILSON, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist C. M. Riggs writes from Wilson, Okla.: "I am in the first week of a meeting here. One has been saved and 3 baptized in the Holy Ghost. I am open for calls anywhere the Lord leads. Write me at Jenny Lind, Ark."

PROSPERING IN LINCOLN

Brother M. J. Thompson writes from Lincoln, Nebr.: "Brethren Shafer and Oliver are holding a revival here in which several have been saved and 4 have received the Baptism. We are planning to be set in order and be under the jurisdiction of the General Council."

ANOTHER TULSA MEETING

Pastor W. R. Brock writes from Tulsa, Okla.: "We have just closed a 4 weeks' meeting, Elder R. V. Carter of Booneville, Ark., doing the preaching. Several saved, 3 baptized as in Acts 2:4, and several prodigals returned to Father's house. The saints were encouraged to press the battle for Jesus."

NEW WORK STARTED

April 14th we held our first regular prayer meeting in Flemington, W. Va., with good attendance. Evangelist Harry Schaeffer of Mt. Storm, W. Va., will conduct a tent or tabernacle campaign here commencing June 1st. Other Council workers expected. We are expecting to establish a regular Council work here.—A. E. Snider.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED

Dedication exercises were held April 3, in Sedro Woolley, Washington, in order to dedicate the Bethel Temple, recently constructed. Followers have been praying for such a temple for some time and feel it is a result of these prayers that the temple was completed. Meetings have been held during the past year in a hall in Sedro Woolley. Everett B. Parrott preached the dedicatorial sermon. Sister Riedegear is now in charge of the services; but it is principally due to Brother and Sister Perks that the faith was started here.—C. Walberg.

SUCCESSFUL COTTAGE MEETINGS

Evangelist J. H. Runcie, 1271 E. 61st St., Cleveland, Ohio, who is open for calls, writes from Avon Park, Fla., "We have been holding prayer meetings at various homes and God has been graciously near. His presence has filled the house time after time, and wave after wave of His glory has swept over us until we wondered what was coming next. Several just recently have received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, several have been reclaimed and others saved. One man was saved, healed and baptized in the Holy Ghost."

NEW OKLAHOMA WORK

Brother N. B. Raybon writes from Morris, Okla.: "Evangelist U. V. Scroggins just closed a 4 weeks' meeting at Haskell, Okla., which is a new field, with 30 saved and 14 baptized in the Holy Ghost. The new assembly has called Brother L. L. Ferguson as pastor, expecting to be soon set in order. Council preachers are invited to stop with us."

NEW FIELD IN GEORGIA

Sister Mamie E. Williams of Tampa, Fla., writes: "Brethren P. C. Gillispie of Pelham, Ga., C. M. Henderson of Doerun, Ga., and myself just closed a revival at Spence, Ga., which is a new field. People who had never been touched before fell at the altar and 10 wept their way through to God. The mighty power of God swept the place night after night and the saints were drawn closer to God."

FINE MEETING IN SYRACUSE

Evangelist R. A. Babcock and wife just closed a series of revival meetings at Grace Tabernacle, 662 South Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y. at which the simple gospel story was preached with power; and according to the promise, it did not return void. Several sinners surrendered their lives to Jesus their Saviour. Three were filled with the Holy Ghost according to the scriptural pattern, one of whom was a woman recently brought out of Christian Science. A wonderful feature of the revival was the healing service which was held the last week of the meetings. About 20 persons were prayed for, and among them were some miraculous cases of instantaneous healing. May all glory be given unto God for His wonder working power.—Ray S. Armstrong, pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE FORGING AHEAD

Pastor Fred P. Leonard writes from Tulare, Calif.: "A few days ago Rev. J. H. Hoover of Santa Cruz, Calif., closed a successful campaign with us, in which the presence of the Lord was manifest in a marked way in the salvation of souls, the healing of the sick and the baptizing of believers. Large crowds attended the services, and the afternoon Bible lessons were a blessing to all who attended. A principal feature of this campaign was Young People's Night, in which representative young people were present from all over the San Joaquin Valley. At the close of this service, a call was made for those who would consecrate their lives to missions, either in the home or foreign fields, and about 60 knelt at the altar, so consecrating their lives. The Lord is blessing our young people's work in a marked way. We have just erected a new stucco tabernacle in the center of town accommodating some 400 people. The dedication service is to be May 1."

GOOD MEETING IN FARGO

We have just closed a two weeks' campaign with Evangelist Edward J. Axup from Stockton Calif. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Axup, who faithfully preached the Word of God without compromise, and the Lord confirmed His Word with signs following. Several came for salvation, and about 8 or 9 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The campaign was a great spiritual uplift to the whole assembly, and we are looking for a return campaign with our brother in the near future.—Henry H. Ness, pastor.

AVINGER HAS GOOD MEETING

Mrs. G. W. Stuckey, a member of the Baptist church, writes from Avinger, Texas: "Evangelist Chas. Williamson and family are in our midst. We have been attending some of the meetings they hold each week in the towns around. Hundreds of eager people listen to the Word of God as he delivers the message. We praise God for their coming, although the devil is working hard to discourage them financially. The Lord has opened the way for him to get a good truck, and as the Lord provides means they will fix it to carry the gospel to new fields."

LACKAWANNA YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

A large and most enthusiastic afternoon and evening gathering of young people representing ten different assemblies in northeastern Pennsylvania was held in Scranton Pentecostal Assembly, Sister Flower presiding. Delegations of from 20 to 50 were present from Wilkes-Barre, Taylor, Old Forge, Pa., Elim Bible School, Endwell, Avoca, Lake Ariel, Harvey's Lake, N. Y., Vineland and Camden, N. J.

Pastor Phillip Brouchler gave the afternoon message, exhorting all to seek the fuller glory in their lives. An altar call was greatly blessed by the Spirit's presence, and some yielded to God for the first time. The service closed with a rousing praise service.

A capacity meeting at night made it necessary to provide extra seats. Orchestral music was furnished by the various delegations. Sister Nellie Barton of Japan appeared in native costume and brought a most appealing missionary address. She spoke and sang in Japanese. The Old Forge delegation of Italian young people sang in their native language. A student from Elim Bible School rendered "The Old Rugged Cross," and "What a Friend we have in Jesus" on a common carpenter's saw. God delights to bring His sweetest music out of most unlikely things if yielded to Him. A fiery message by Irene Murphy of Taylor, Pa., stirred the entire assembly, the Holy Spirit precious sealing the message with tongues and interpretation. Again and again the company responded to the moving of the Spirit in shouts and praise.

The entire rally was marked by unity and warm fellowship. Plans are under way for similar rallies at short intervals. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to become C. A.'s, and the supply of Ambassador pins was quickly exhausted—Carl E. Schmidt, Dist. Pres.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

Pursuant to a request from Chairman H. M. Cadwalder, and other leaders of the Texas and New Mexico District, this call is issued to all pastors within said District to have elected or appointed at least one representative woman member to be in attendance at the coming District Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas, beginning June 7th, to take part in discussion of the Woman's Work. Inasmuch as the afternoon of the first day has been set apart by the Presbyters for the session of the Woman's Missionary Council, that body through its executives takes this opportunity to extend a cordial invitation to all women attending the Convention, irrespective of membership in the Council, to be present at the session and take part in the proceedings.—Mrs. O. P. Shirar and Mrs. John Calhoun.

GOD IS WORKING!

Here at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Santa Cruz, Calif., we received 27 into our church Sunday, 31 in the last two weeks. Our congregation has doubled itself in the last four weeks, and a very sweet spirit is manifested in our midst. We are looking for great things to happen here. We have had some wonderful healings in the last few weeks. We have found that Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.—Pastor and evangelist, Big Ben Smith.

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Pray God's richest blessings on these meetings.

LODI, CALIF.—A Watson Argue will conduct an evangelistic campaign in Bethel Tabernacle here, starting April 17, and lasting about a month.

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.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y.—A revival campaign will be conducted by the fisherman evangelist R. A. Babcock and wife at Faith Tabernacle, 34 Tayntor Ave., April 28 to May 15.—John Kellner, Pastor.

PITTSBURG, KANS.—The Morton Sisters will conduct a revival campaign in the Lincoln Park Auditorium, W. 9th St., May 1-22. Auditorium seats 2,500. Write Pastor R. R. Morrison, 101½ E. 7th St., Pittsburg, Kans.

URICHSVILLE, OHIO.—Will carry on an old-fashioned revival at Assembly of God Church, beginning May 22, D. R. Speck of Canton, O., evangelist. Note change of date.—Pastor Delmar Johnson, R. F. D. No. 2, Urichsville, O.

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.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth and daughter are to arrive May 4 to conduct a series of two weeks' services under the auspices of the Sixth Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle, 6th and Fir St.—F. R. Maddaford, pastor, 1595 12th Ave., West, Vancouver, B. C. Canada.

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.

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 Hutshell, Shawnee, Okla.

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.

GLENDALE, CALIF.—Evangelist J. S. McConnell will begin a revival at Bethel Church, April 24, to continue as long as the Lord leads. Church is located corner of Chevy Chase and E. Harvard St., near car barns of Pacific Electric Railway on E. Broadway. Meetings every night except Monday at 7:30. Sundays, 11 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m.—A. W. Frodsham, pastor.

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

NEW YORK CITY.—The 20th anniversary revival campaign will begin at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 W. 33rd St., New York City, April 29th, and continue 17 days, Evangelist Harvey McAllister doing the preaching. Ben Cockerfan, the singing evangelist, will lead the singing. Services every night, except Mondays, at 7:45; services on Tuesdays and Fridays of the campaign at 3 p. m. Sunday services 10:30 a. m., 3 and 7:30 p. m. For further information write Pastor Robert A. Brown, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

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.

THE OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING AND COUNCIL

will convene in Woodward, August 2-12. Council being last four days of time. All the brethren are requested to be present as there are some important matters to come before the Council. Woodward is in the western part of the state and is the historical center of western Oklahoma. Elder L. L. Riley of Russellville, Ark., will have charge of night evangelistic services, while various brethren will have charge of day services. This will be an ideal place to spend your vacation, come and partake of the good things of God. Three meals a day will be served on freewill offering plan. Those wanting to rent tents, notify secretary ten days or more before camp. For further particulars notify Oscar Jones, Chickasha, Pastor E. M. Adams, Woodward, or Secretary James Hutshell, Shawnee.

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 Freimark 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 committee men: I. 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.

SAXOPHONE WANTED.—Any one having one in good condition for sale, please write G. E. Doerksen, Box 6, St. Agathe, Man. Can.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I have tendered my resignation as pastor at Colorado Springs, and after May 16 shall be open to calls.—R. Elmer Baker, 719 E. Cache la Poudre St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Amount previously reported 10,114.52

Total amount to date \$13,151.25

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TENT WANTED.—Wanted to buy a tent for gospel work, one that will seat about 200 or 300 persons.—Evangelist T. W. Wellard, 310 Richter St., River Rouge, Mich.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am open for calls any place on the field where the Lord leads.—Burk A. Lane, Vernon, Texas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—After the resignation to go on the field, of Brother C. E. Shields, former pastor of North Cincinnati work in Tulsa, I accepted the pastorate of the church and my new address is 216 E. Newton Place, Tulsa, Okla.—S. M. Padgett.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—After about June 15 we shall be traveling west. Any one wanting meetings in Oklahoma or Texas, please write us. We have been in gospel work 6 years and are in full fellowship with Florida District Council. References if desired.—Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Miller, Box 411, Auburndale, Fla.

VACANT PASTORATE, AND OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am leaving the pastorate at River Rouge on the 24th of this month, and am asked to announce that those desirous of coming here should write to Mr. Ernest Green, 217 Fairmount Ave., River Rouge, Mich. Any assembly needing my services, kindly address me at 310 Richter St., River Rouge, Mich.—Evangelist T. W. Wellard.

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