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## Thanksgiving Day Meditations

Paul had learned how to be content wherever he was, no matter what his outward circumstances might be. If you had visited him in the Roman prison and had said to him, "I'm very sorry for you, Paul; it is just a terrible shame for a wonderful apostle, teacher and preacher like you to be shut up here in prison when you might be out winning souls for the Master," you would have heard him reply, "The things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel, even these very bonds of mine are making some of the brethren much more bold in preaching the gospel; so everything is all right, just you keep praising God; I am rejoicing in all this and will rejoice."

Paul was a new creation and he had a new constitution. He was now constitutionally a rejoicer. The old Adam is constitutionally a grouch. Instead of breathing out threatenings, he was now breathing out thanksgivings. The new song within had never sung itself out; there were always more verses to unwind. Somehow I think Paul will have a hard time keeping from shouting when they have that silence in heaven about the space of half an hour that John tells us about.

Looking past every outward circumstance, Paul's eyes were riveted on Him who was the Author and Finisher of his faith, and he knew that everything that He, in His infinite love and mercy, allowed, was just one more thing for which to be thankful. That transformed the dreary dungeon into a palace of praise.

Lots of folks think that if they could leave the place where they live and work, and be somewhere else, they would be perfectly happy and contented. No, they would not. They would take themselves with them to the new place, and they would still find lots to complain about. It is not the place that you are in that counts but what is in you. Paul could sing in a cell because his heart was overflowing with praise to his Maker. One

of the best known movie actors walked into a building in St. Louis which was being used for a blessed revival campaign and remarked, "This is a good place in which to cuss." Out of the abundance of the heart! It was not the place that he was in that counted with this fellow; it was what was in his corrupt heart that manifested itself in a building that was being hallowed night by night with the salvation of souls. Put a hog in a palace and it will still be a hog.

Normal Christianity as Paul taught it was a thing that just bubbled over continually with gratitude, thanksgiving and praise, giving thanks always for all things, and in everything giving thanks. Listen to what he wrote the Colossians: "Since you have had the Messiah, even Jesus the Lord, brought to you, lead your life in Him, fixed and founded in Him, confirmed in the faith as you have been taught it, and overflowing with thankfulness to God" Col. 2:6, 7, Moffat's trans. God wants an overflowing people, so full up with praise that it has to burst out, folks suffering with the "Can't help it" complaint that can't help praising and giving God the glory.

### A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

O God, I thank Thee for each sight  
Of beauty that Thy hand doth give—  
For sunny skies, and air, and light;  
O God, I thank Thee that I live.

That life I consecrate to Thee;  
And ever, as the day is born,  
On wings of love my soul would flee,  
And thank Thee for another morn.

Another day in which to cast  
Some silent deed of love abroad,  
That, greatening as it journeys past,  
May do some earnest work for God.

Another day to do, to dare,  
To tax anew my growing strength,  
To arm my soul with faith and prayer,  
And so reach heaven and Thee at length.  
—Caroline A. Mason

It is good to have one day set apart each year for Thanksgiving Day, but one day a year is inadequate for folks who are "overflowing with thankfulness to God." They need 364 extra days, and in leap year, still one more, in which to laud and magnify their Saviour. Why? Because they are "fixed and founded in Him." Branches of the living Vine, they can not but produce the fruit of the Spirit, love, JOY, peace, etc. Billy Bray, the Cornish saint, used to say, "As I walks along, one foot shouts, 'Hallelujah!' and t'other, 'Glory!' I can't keep from praisin'. If ye put me in a barrel, I'd shout, 'Glory!' out of the bunghole."

Billy Bray was one who overflowed. Do you? Or has the joy note dropped out? The wells of salvation were clogged once in the life of David, but he prayed out that tremendous prayer of Psalm 51 and cried to God to restore unto him the joy of His salvation, and in response the Lord opened his lips, and his mouth once again showed forth His praise.

The JOY of the Lord is your strength. Be fearful of everything that might cause you to lose that joy. David cried to be washed and cleansed and purged when the joy bells were dumb within. A like prayer is often the only way out. Anything less than a life of joyful praise for a child of God is utterly abnormal.

All things work together for good to them that love God, don't they? So we can therefore be thankful for all things, can't we? We had an illustration of this just recently at the Gospel Publishing House. Burglars broke into the place at the beginning of the month and stole three of our typewriters. One of these was the old rattle-trap, nerve-racker that the editor has used for lack of a better one. There was nothing to do but praise and to look to the Lord to work it out for good. We had not long to wait before a gift was received from England, which was on its way at the very time  
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## The Joy of the Lord

Pastor A. G. Osterberg at General Council

"These things have I spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." John 15:11.

The text says that the Lord ministered to them that His joy might remain with them. It was a joy that was peculiarly His own. The Psalmist David (Psalm 45:7) says, "Thou hast anointed Him with the oil of gladness above His fellows." And in Hebrews 12:2, "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame." These and other scriptures might be used to dissipate the prevalent notion that Jesus was continually sad and of melancholy mien because of the weight and pressure of a sin-stricken world for which He came eventually to die. It is well to remember that if Jesus had sorrows and burdens they were not for Himself, and that when He wept it was not because of His own transgressions or inconsistencies. It was this joy divinely committed to Him that He now wishes His disciples and followers to become partakers of and this joy is of fundamental importance for it, together with righteousness and peace, is mentioned as one of the fundamental principles of the kingdom. Rom. 14:17.

I am convinced that the joy of the Lord is an attribute committed to us through the grace of Christ, and is as divinely supernatural as the act of regeneration or any other operation of the Holy Ghost. For this reason it is not dependent upon any earthly, fleshly, or natural condition or tendency for expression or manifestation, but the joy of the Lord is dependent upon our relationship to Him and dependence upon Him, and Him alone, for its outflow and blessing.

First, it is referred to as "My joy." Without contradiction the joy which the Lord expressed in His life and ministry was profound and deep. It was not the tumbling, roaring, noisy brawl of the shallow brook rolling over the obstacles in its way; but rather, like the silent, outspread ocean lying in perfect calm. I can sense the dignity of the divine Person in this attribute of joy as I can in all the other divine attributes. To me this joy, inwrought in our very natures by the Holy Ghost, does not find its only manifestation in an outburst or explosion of emotional urge, caused by something which has for the moment particularly pleased us, but is soon to vanish, allowing us to fall back into the usual state of depression. This joy is as much present in absolute silence, and probably at times without any outward manifestation as in any other way. The joy of the Lord can be divinely perpetuated, for the text says, "That My joy might remain in you." It is therefore not spasmodic, fleeting. There is nothing in the Scriptures that indicates that Jesus manifested a boisterous, impetuous, overflow of good

feeling; but there is indication that His joy was both most substantial and glorious.

While Jesus came into this world to suffer and to bear the sins of many, the law of divine compensation was a factor in His life of power and victory. The fact that Jesus came doing the will of the Father, even though it involved sorrow and sadness of heart, assured Him an experience of profound joy and gladness which kept Him balanced and of an even temperament in relationship to His humanity. This profound joy was continually manifested at the most unpropitious times. When the natural man would have manifested other characteristics, Jesus reveals that this joy was greater in power than the adverse circumstances that pressed in upon Him.

When the Pharisees hardened their hearts with hatred, and their rebellion was manifested at every opportunity even to the extent that in one instance, they gnashed with their teeth, Scripture records that, "Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, Father I thank Thee that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and the prudent and hast revealed them unto babes." Their attitude toward Him would naturally have caused Him great grief, but instead He had that within Himself which enabled Him to rejoice in spirit.

Naturally, from a human standpoint, that would have been a very sad occasion and probably His darkest hour when He was seated among His disciples with Judas at His side ready to betray Him

shortly. Yet Jesus, knowing all that should come to pass, sang with His disciples; for the Scripture says they sang a hymn and then went out into the night. Wonder upon wonders, what a joy, enabling Him to sing at such a time! What this meant is better understood when we recall that it was customary at the Passover feast to sing a song of rejoicing and thanksgiving. This custom Jesus carried out.

As the work of Jesus comes to a close and as He is about to expire on the cross, knowing that the work the Father had committed to Him had now been accomplished, and while His loved ones are standing around at the foot of the cross, weeping, Jesus lifts His voice with a mighty shout of triumph and exclaims, "It is finished."

Worldly and natural joy is not shown in this fashion and I am absolutely certain that if the Christians of to-day are to have an experience of overcoming victory they must know something of this supernatural and heavenly joy. We are a supernatural people. We are the sons of God. We are a chosen generation. We are the Lord's beloved. We are strangers here but citizens of another land. We neither live nor act nor think as those of the earthly generation. We are a heavenly people as well as earthly; and God has in His divine economy made arrangements to grant us a number of heavenly attributes that will sustain, comfort, help, and qualify us as ambassadors of His own Kingdom.

I have observed that when the world laughs, spiritual folk, sometimes seem as though they would rather weep. I have also observed that when the Lord's people shout and rejoice, worldly folk become very uncomfortable. This joy of which we speak cannot be purchased as or along with a theater coupon, neither can it be received by merely attending a religious gathering. The Lord Himself must give it.

The text says, "That My joy might remain." Therefore it does not consist merely of spells of gladness or emotional outbursts. It is not an incident that is granted, it is a condition; and that condition is to be perpetual, and is therefore supernatural. Again, the Scripture says, "In the world ye shall have tribulation but in Me ye shall have peace," thus revealing the possibility of having tribulation and peace at the same time.

Of what does this joy consist? Shall we subject it to spiritual analysis? Is it made up of component parts? I think it is and I would like to mention some of the factors.

It is the joy of full salvation. I have observed that the more spiritual and God-dependent people are, the more they manifest this joy. Some Christians are noted because of their irritability, man-fear, and changeableness. Others are outstanding and remarkable for their steadfastness, their boldness, and sweetness. Full salvation is a comprehensive term that many folk seem to be afraid of. They want salvation, but they desire to be careful not to get too much of it, as they say. They fear to become "too spiritual." Such

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folk lack many of the attributes of those who are fully saved; one of them being the keeping power of God. They are not kept by God's keeping power as they should be. They do not belong to the martyr tribe. They have not learned the secret of being so yielded, so committed, so surrendered to all the plans and purposes of God concerning them that they can be burning at the stake and shouting the praises of God at the same time. They are afraid of being overly blessed; and instead of being filled with the joy of the Lord on all occasions, they whine and cry and grumble and complain, they groan and they grunt, they weep and they moan, and live a tragic existence.

On the other hand, what a contrast with these complainers Christians may be who are filled with the Spirit. There is no doubt that something tremendous happened to the disciples and the rest of the 120 at Pentecost. They were not afraid of getting all that God had for them. The fact that in getting the fullness they were to speak in tongues, did not seem to bother them as it does folk to-day, but they sought the Lord earnestly; they accepted Him fully; and out from that upper room, as heralds from another land, they went bringing messages of blessing, comfort and joy, and calling for repentance. They had power with God and man, and their listeners cried out saying, "What shall we do, what shall we do?" I affirm that Zion will rejoice and be exceedingly glad when populated with such a heavenly people. May God increase the tribe in these days of half heartedness and lack of a full desire for a full and complete salvation.

Then again it is the joy of constant victory. The Lord has promised victories in the Christian experience; for it is a continual warfare, and so there must be continual victory or there will be partial defeat. The joy of victory in a single battle is great, but the joy is still greater when victory becomes constant. This having the joy of constant victory may be the expectation rather than the rule; but if it is, it is because our total dependence is not on the Lord. If we look to the Lord as the Captain of our salvation, surely we can not concede that He is a loser of battles. It is a question of our relationship to Him. God has so arranged it that in all our actions we reveal whether we are on the loser's or victor's side. Our speech betrayeth us. Brethren, how much is your faith good for this morning?

During the world war I was impressed by the difference of spirit to be noticed in the armies on either side. It was even revealed by the news reporters on both sides in the conflict. Von Wiegand was the international news correspondent reporting from the German side. Thomas Hardy was the correspondent for the Associated Press for the Allies. Whenever one or the other side would be losing, how manifest it was in the report sent in. The land was desolate, the weather was gloomy, the roads were impassable, the countryside devastated, trees and shrubbery denuded, houses barren and empty, hunger and famine on the right

hand and on the left. They even stated that there was not a sign of a bird on the wing or the chirp of a cricket in the grass. It was a dismal picture. But in a report given by the victor, it was remarked how beautiful everything seemed and how wonderful everything was. The difference in the report showed which side the writer was on. The same seems to be true in the Christian experience. It is a fact that you can tell Holy Ghost Christians who are overcomers wherever you see them. No wonder they are filled with joy! No wonder they are overflowing with happiness!

It is the joy of pureness and freedom. The great slaveholder of the universe is Satan; and the greatest agency for slavery is the desire for, and the weakness in, sin. Thank God, we can be set free from all this. Our hearts are made pure and

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**"IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS"**

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Nothing but thanks for my Father's Love  
Who gave His Son for me.  
Nothing but thanks for Him who bore  
My sins on Calvary.

Nothing but thanks for the Spirit's care,  
Lest my faltering steps should stray.  
Nothing but thanks for His keeping power,  
Which holds me day by day.

Nothing but thanks for the Chastening Hand,  
Though it sometimes makes me groan.  
Nothing but thanks for the bread He sends,  
Though it may resemble a stone.

Nothing but thanks for the taking away  
Of all that might mar my walk.  
Nothing but thanks for the doors He shuts  
That only with Him may I talk.

Nothing but thanks for the pilgrim's robe,  
Though it oft is stained with tears.  
Nothing but thanks for the comforting touch,  
When my heart is faint with fears.

Nothing but thanks that I'm not my own,  
To will, or choose, or do.  
Nothing but thanks for my daily cross,  
Which is given to keep me true.

Nothing but thanks for the living hope,  
That some day, face to face,  
I'll meet my Lord, who died for me,  
And saved me by His grace.

—George Bryan.

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we are restored to the divine image not because of what we are in ourselves but because we have been redeemed. As long as we submit to the Redeemer, by His power we are kept free from sin; and with this knowledge and experience there is great joy. In the beginning of the text Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you." What things had He spoken unto them? He had been speaking about the union between Christ and the believers, the vine and the branches, and He said that every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. And then He adds, "Now ye are clean through the words that I have spoken unto you." Without dwelling here too long, it is well to say that this inward consciousness of being clean brings joy to the individual who experiences it. And this consciousness lies at the foundation of real freedom. We see people contending for their individual and personal liberty. Much of this is mere nonsense. My liberty is not taken away because I may be held in restraint by other individuals. My liberty

involves something far greater than that. The power to make me free is vested in Deity and, thank God He whom the Son makes free is free indeed.

There is also the joy of persecution. Half-hearted Christians dread and shun it. Holy Ghost Christians soon learn that the law of divine compensation brings reward out of suffering, and they learn to rejoice in it. It has been asked, "How can you be happy when men are talking against you?" Ah, there is the secret. If you are innocent, God provides the happiness, He is the great compensator. It would seem as though the ones who were slandered must be perfectly miserable, but it turns out that the miserable ones are those who conduct the persecution. Peter slept while his would-be-murderers had no rest. While Daniel seemed at ease and perfectly serene, the king cried out with a lamentable voice. It was Stephen who was being murdered for his testimony and faith in Christ, but he seemed to have a better time than his tormentors. It says his face shone like the face of an angel. While Paul was being stoned at Lystra, where finally he was left for dead, after being drawn out of the city, the Scripture says he astounded the disciples, who were standing around him and who were undoubtedly weeping and very sorrowful, by standing up and going back into the city where he comforted and admonished the saints to stand fast in the faith, adding that it must be through much tribulation that they would enter into the kingdom of God. What a man he was! and what a saint! We are at this point reminded of what Jesus said, "When men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for My sake, rejoice and be exceedingly glad," to which Luke adds, "Rejoice ye in that day and leap for joy." Thank God for the possibility of such an experience.

Then there is the joy of standing alone. It was while John was in exile on Patmos that the Lord opened heaven for him and gave to him the great revelation. It probably was while Paul was being stoned at Lystra and was comparatively alone, that he was caught up into the third heaven. It was after Judas had gone out to make the final arrangements for betraying His Lord; when the disciples, as Jesus had already foretold, were all about to forsake Him; when the menace of the cruel cross hung over Him with suffocating nearness, that He spoke to His followers of the "joy that no man taketh from you."

It is true that blessing comes as we stand along with others, or as we gather in companies, or in conventions; and we are commanded not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. On the other hand, it is a good thing that our joy is not dependent upon others standing with us, or on our being privileged to be in conventions. It is the Lord's joy and is therefore not dependent upon human agencies.

It is also the joy of obedience. It is the disobedient child who is dark faced and sullen. It is the lawbreaker who is

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## ...A Miracle...

Sermon and Testimony by Pastor George Bowie

I want to draw your attention to a scripture that is a very blessed and precious one to my heart. You will find it in Jer. 17:12, etc.: "*A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.*" It is not down in the muck and mire, the sin and iniquity of this world; it is a glorious high throne; it is just as high as it can go, away up beside God. "*O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Thee shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters.*" Your name is going to be written in the earth if you forsake the Lord. I suppose the name of every man and every woman in this church is written somewhere on the earth. Perhaps you have it in some insurance society, in some bank or in a corporation of some kind. But I wonder just how many of us have our names written yonder. It doesn't make so much difference about their being written on the earth, but oh! to have our name written in the Lamb's book of life. He says over in the Revelation that they that have their names written in the Lamb's book of life, *enter in.* They whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life are cast into the lake of fire.

Now the scripture that I want to draw your attention to is the 14th verse. "*Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me and I shall be saved; for Thou art my praise.*" *Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed.* There is no doubt about it. There is no question-mark in his mind, no hope-so, but a definite, positive knowledge within himself that "*I shall be healed.*" And that is the kind of healing Jesus Christ says follows them that believe. He says "*Ye shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*" I like these old "shalls." Oh, they have a ring to them. There is a taste and flavor about them that makes your soul feel good. Then after the prophet has given expression to this desire to be healed, he goes on with another thought and says, "*Save me and I shall be saved.*" These are two distinct experiences.

How did this prophet know that God would heal him? He was not experimenting, he was not trying the thing out, he was not just making an endeavor, having a thought in his mind that he might possibly hit the right track; but he says, "*Heal me and I shall be healed.*" He knew he was on the right track. He knew he had touched God. Why did he know this? It was because God made a covenant with His people away back yonder in Exodus where He says, "*I am the Lord that healeth thee.*" Healing is conditional, and the conditions you will find in God's Word. "*If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which*

*I have brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord that healeth thee.*" That is the covenant that God made with His people. In other words, it is a pledge that He made to them that if they would keep His commandments and all His statutes that He would be the Lord that would heal them.

In James you read, "*Is there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed.*" The reason many people are not healed to-day is that they do not walk in the light of God's Word. "*Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.*" When the Word of God is hid in your heart and you walk according to it, then you have a right to all that God has promised to this generation and for this hour that we are living in; and God will see to it that you get all that is coming to you just as surely as He sees that the sparrows get their daily portion. He is a God that never goes back on His Word.

I will pass on to this thought concerning God's keeping His word. You find it in Jer. 33: "*And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah saying, Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break My covenant of the day, and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; then may also My covenant be broken with David My servant.*" Not until then will His covenant be broken with David. And while people are fighting, and clamoring, and disputing, and spending time and immense sums of money on religion to-day, I am glad that I can take this Word of God that no man can erase a word from, and press it to my heart, and say deep down in my soul, *Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.* The reason why you sin and the reason why you can't get the upper hand of sin is because you do not love the Word of God. And the men and the women who are storing their minds, their thoughts, and their intellects all the time with the Word of God—those are the men and women who are going to come out on the top of the hills of Zion and declare the unsearchable riches of Christ and the whole counsel of Jehovah.

You may have noticed that the subject we advertised for to-night was, "A Miracle." I might say briefly that I am the "miracle." I am the "one that has returned to give thanks." Now to simplify it and make it so that every one will understand, I shall say that the wonderful healing God has just granted me is the miracle that I wish to draw your attention to.

It was in March of this year, after two or three months' struggle with weakness that was overcoming me more and more as the days passed by, that I decided to go with Mrs. Bowie to the South, in the hope that a time of rest and quiet would bring about a betterment in my physical condition and return me to the work that I loved so dearly and to the people I appreciate and enjoy ministering to. So we set out for the South and remained there for a little over two months. I was going down hill rapidly and we decided that we would return home. The church here was praying for me and holding me up faithfully, and I was praying, and looking to God, and expecting Him to do something very special for me. But instead of that I became gradually worse. Just about the time we decided to come home we both noticed that my color changed from its normal hue to a greenish yellow, which indicated that pus was finding its way into my blood stream, and that I was in quite a serious condition.

I am glad that I was persuaded to consult a physician on the way home. I am glad, I say, that I was persuaded to have this interview, for this particular reason—for the glory of Jesus Christ and for the good of the people. What glory would it bring to Him and what good or benefit would be derived from it? I will tell you. There are so many people who say they have been healed from sugar diabetes or some other trouble, and some one begins to question them by saying, "I believe you testified you were healed of sugar diabetes." "Yes." This inquiring mind then says, "How do you know it was sugar diabetes?" and you say, "Well, I had all the symptoms of it." Now that will pass with some people but is not accepted by others. I know some would turn away and say, "You don't know what you are talking about. You only thought you had it." There was no thinking in my case. I saw this doctor and he gave me a general examination. I wanted to know what the trouble was, and after he had spent some time with me he said, "I am going to connect you with a specialist, and whatever he tells you, you can mark it down as the gospel." Well, that was what I was looking for, the gospel about my case. It is good when a man or woman is to be found that is looking for the gospel about their case. If there is any one here to-night that is looking for the gospel about their sin, then I will give it to you in a nutshell. "*The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*" That's the gospel of it.

I only had to cross the street, and fortunately (as I was very weary and worn) this specialist was in his office. Mrs. Bowie went along and she told that specialist all she knew about my condition. It is a good thing to have a wife that knows all about you—it saves you a whole lot of trouble at times. He gave me a general examination in his inner office and then he said to me, "I would like you to walk into that room there." I went in and he closed it all up. It was as dark as the darkest midnight hour that you ever saw. Then he set a little light going down around my stomach. He sat down on a stool right in front of me and examined me thoroughly there for

a considerable time. I did not go to the trouble of asking him what this apparatus was; I feel a little bit sorry now that I didn't. But I concluded that he had a good look inside of me, more so than any man or woman ever had before. In addition to this he made four different laboratory tests.

At the close of two weeks he was to call me; but instead he called Mrs. Bowie early one morning and said, "I want to see you in my office this morning." Mrs. Bowie went down and received his diagnosis. He said, "Your husband is in a very serious condition. It is impossible for him to live very long. He has malignant cancer of the stomach and secondary anaemia. This cancer covers such a large area that even if you desired an operation it could not be done. There is no hope for him."

Secondary anaemia comes through an abscessed condition in your body somewhere. The abscess finds its way into the blood, and the blood eventually becomes like water. There is nothing left for the heart to pump; and in a short time, naturally speaking, you cannot do anything else but die. There is no cure for this secondary anaemia until such time as the cause of it is removed entirely.

Mrs. Bowie came home in great distress and told me, and I said, "We will just have to trust the Lord." I always liked a big fight because you come out in a big place, as a rule. I knew God had planted something in my heart when He said to me as I was gradually sinking, "*Thou shalt not die but live to declare the works of the Lord.*" He didn't put it in my mind, He didn't put it in my thoughts, but He put it into my heart. It is with the heart that man believeth unto righteousness, and it is with the mouth that confession is made unto salvation. You can have all of this Book in your head, and in your thoughts, and in your minds, and you can have your intellect charged with it from beginning to end, but unless it reaches the heart, you still have a heart that is full of sin and iniquity. It is with the heart that man believeth. That is where the trouble lies today. People are groping after it with their minds and trying to feel their way—you don't feel your way into this thing at all, you surrender yourself to God, then God comes in, and He will perhaps say to you as He said to me, "*Thou shalt not die but live to declare the works of the Lord.*" I said those words hundreds of times from the time that I first got them from the Lord until He changed them into another little sentence that I will refer to. It was in my heart that He placed those words. I will never forget them. What a stay they were to me, how they fortified me in the hours of temptation, and how God blessed my spiritual life as these words would come like a living stream from the presence of the Lord in the hours of need and moments of great necessity.

All that was left for us to do, according to the specialist's diagnosis, was to get in our car, come on home—and die. And on the way home, naturally speaking, it seemed as though his words would come true, for at one of the wayside hotels one morning as I sat down to breakfast my heart gave way and just as my head was falling on

the table I said to Mrs. Bowie, "I am going to be very, very sick, but I am not going to die, don't be afraid." She rushed around beside me, held me up, and two attendants carried me to our room.

I attended church the first Sunday I was home, and tried to preach. Those of you who were present will remember that I collapsed and fell back into my chair and almost swooned. I tried it again, and then I feel on my knees behind the pulpit here.

So this thing went on, and it would seem as if what the specialist said was going to come true. But that was not so—God was in the business, and God Himself, was looking after me and I was looking up to Him.

Now it was at this time that I had such severe attacks from the enemy of my soul. I remember one night one of our Sunday school boys came to see me, and just as he was leaving I suggested a word of prayer. As I commenced to pray, it seemed as if hell and Satan and all the demons from the pit came rushing in through our open windows and made a concentrated attack upon my physical being. It seemed for some reason the devil had made up his mind he was going to wipe me off the face of the earth. You know Jesus said he was a thief, and He said, "*The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.*" He tries first of all to steal your spiritual life; and if he fails in that, then he will do his best to kill you. I put my hands up in sheer desperation, and I said, "In the name of Jesus, I command you to leave me alone." You know if you ask anything in the name of Jesus, if you are His children, it shall be done unto you of His Father. I said, "I command you to leave me alone in the name of Jesus," at the top of my voice. I screamed it out with my hands clenched, and with all the power that was in me I commanded him to leave. And as sure as ever I saw a man passing through that door yonder, I saw Satan pass out of my home at the command in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Just about this time on the 14th day of August, the prayer chain was formed within this church to pray me through to victory. For the past eighteen months or two years we have had a prayer chain in this church, the hours of prayer being taken in our various homes. But Brother Wolff had a leading from God that we should have a prayer chain operating in the church here. God laid the scripture on his heart that you find over here in Matthew 18:19, "*And I say unto you that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.*" So he appointed two, and two, circling the entire day and night. Every two hours you would find two new ones in the prayer tower here holding on to God that God would give me a mighty deliverance. Twenty-four hours in the day with never a break, one relay after another would come up, and you would find them there, always two, agreed on one thing, and that was that God would raise me up in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, through the merits of the blood of Jesus, according to His precious Word. I appreciated that very, very much indeed, and in passing I should like to say that I never heard of a church

that ever did anything like that before. I have yet to hear of an assembly or congregation that ever set themselves the task that you dear people took upon yourselves on my behalf in leaving your warm beds and coming out any hour of the night. If you were passing by here at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning you would have found two of our people who had left their comfortable homes and had come to pray for the pastor who was lying at death's door.

This prayer chain, beloved, was supported by prayers all over this country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Over in Africa the natives were praying, in India and in China they were praying, and God had One at His right hand who never slumbers or sleeps, who ever liveth to make intercession for us according to the will of God—and He was praying also. Bless His precious name!

This prayer chain formed up and continued for seven weeks, night and day—but none of them look any the worse for it! I look down into one face here and I have been told by Mrs. Bowie that that one fasted the first seven days of the prayer chain and took hundreds of hours of prayer as the days passed by. The total hours of prayer numbered more than one thousand.

At that time God began to deal with me in another way. My heart seemed to grow weaker and weaker, and I would faint and collapse entirely. And when that would happen to me, invariably this word would come to my heart, the word that you will find over in Isa. 53: "*With His stripes we are healed.*" I remember several times just as I was swooning away, it would seem to be my last breath, that the word would come to me and I would say just in a whisper, "With His stripes I am healed."

The prayer chain was holding on to God and they prayed without ceasing. You will remember the scripture over in the Acts of the Apostles where Peter was in prison and was chained to two soldiers, how the church in Mary's house made unceasing prayer to God on his behalf that God would liberate him. And God sent His angel from heaven who unchained Peter and told him to slip into his clothes and follow him. He walked right out. And isn't He the same God that we serve? Isn't He the same God that the prayer chain was praying to in that tower there for such a long time? Their prayer did not wander around the globe. They did not even pray for missionaries, they prayed unceasingly, incessantly, deliberately, positively and believingly that God would raise up their pastor and bring him back into their midst again.

And now friends, let me say to you that God has healed me of this cancer—for I am healed you know, there is no question about it. Fresh blood has come into my hands, they were more like the color of the wall there when I was sick. The pus has been eliminated and the fresh blood is coming into my body, the strength and power that Jesus Christ purchased for me on Calvary is flowing into my body and into my soul. Hallelujah! (Great outburst of praise from the audience.) You say, "Why make such a noise?" Because the pastor has been healed of malignant

cancer and secondary anaemia in answer to the prayer of faith, fulfilling the Word of God where He says, "Ye shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." I say the God that healed me of this cancer is right here to-night to heal you of every infirmity of the flesh and spirit, if you will meet the conditions. "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved."

The above sermon was sent in by Brother James Leonard as an enclosure with the following letter.—Ed.

"I am enclosing a sermon preached by Brother Bowie, which includes his testimony of his healing after the long test God permitted him to go through.

"The prayer chain referred to by him was formed, as we believe, by the inspiration of God through our Brother Wolff, who was anointed by the Lord to present the chain to our people. We believe God impressed him to suggest to the congregation that on the basis of Matt. 18:19, 'That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven,' that two persons pray two hours in the church, followed by others, and keep it up day and night until Pastor Bowie was back on the platform preaching the gospel again. He asked that as many as were willing to participate in this prayer chain to stand, whereupon a large part of the congregation arose, and God's blessing was poured out upon them. The house and the people were filled with the glory of God, and a great shout of praise ascended to the Lord.

"Some of us who were privileged to visit Brother Bowie from time to time saw him daily getting weaker and weaker. He was literally starving to death and his blood was rapidly turning to water, and as we went from his bedside we realized that unless God interposed it would be only a matter of hours until his spirit would depart to be with the Lord. But God (bless His holy name) kept a great number of us filled with faith in His Word alone that He would answer prayer and that we should again see him preaching on the platform, and **faith has become sight.**

"The faith of our brother Bowie throughout his entire sickness was a great inspiration to all who were privileged to call upon him. Always, no matter how near the grave he seemed to be, he testified that God was going to deliver him and raise him up in health and strength, and that he would again preach His gospel.

"The character of this prayer chain was wonderful. All hours of the day and night men and women, young and old wended their way to the church to keep their prayer period. There was no visiting when they met at these times in the church. Often they did not even exchange greetings. The fresh supply quietly entered, bowed in prayer, and the others quietly withdrew. All who had part in the chain received great blessing from the Lord. Some who came to pray for the pastor, were dealt with by the Lord and brought into right relations with Himself and with

others. One brother and two young girls actually received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost while they were in prayer for the healing of Brother Bowie. The prayer chain has been a great blessing to the entire church. The faith of all has been mightily increased. Some of us have repeatedly declared it to be our conviction that God had permitted this great test to come to the pastor and the church that the church might be drawn to God as it could not have been done in any other way.

"We believe this was not a man-created prayer chain but a God-ordained one.

"As one of the results of this seeking God for the life and healing of the pastor, we are expecting and believing for the greatest Annual Missionary Convention (which is now on) that the church has ever held."

### THANKSGIVING DAY MEDITATIONS

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the burglary took place, more than sufficient to provide the editor with the best typewriter on the market, and to replace the other loss to the House. Hallelujah!

"Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified." How can we best magnify the Lord? David shows us how, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving." Let the words flow out a hundred times a day from your innermost being, "Thank you, Lord Jesus." There is always so much to thank Him for.

There is one reason why lots of folks are joyless and praiseless and lacking in thankfulness to God—they do not delight themselves in the law of the Lord. The psalmist said, "Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage forever: for they are the rejoicing (or joy) of my heart." "Have no time to read the Bible," I hear some one say. You have always time to do the thing you want to do. If you want to read the newspaper, you find time for it. The joyless, praiseless man is the one who is so occupied with things temporal that he has "no time" for the Word of the Lord that abideth forever.

"And whatsoever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, and let it be **through Him** that you give thanks to God the Father." Col. 3:17, Weymouth's trans.—S. H. F.

The editor is away in California on the King's business. He will be surprised to see one of his old shouts of praise, which was printed in the Evangel six years ago, appearing again; but I could find nothing else as good, and surely could not write anything that would do as well, so here it is. We shall all enjoy it together this once more.—C. E. R.

### THE JOY OF THE LORD

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wretched and miserable, whose heart is filled with apprehension. Every officer he meets is a source of fear and torment. His mind is terrorized day and night. He dreams of arrest, and his waking hours are filled with misery, while the obedient citizen without thought brushes the sleeve

of the police officer or walks unconcerned by the jail or penitentiary. As a lad, like other boys, I thought that obedience was a sort of slavery. Now I see that disobedience is slavery. It was Jesus who was anointed above His fellows, who cried, "Lo, I have come to do Thy will, O God."

And it is the joy of sacrifice. One of the immutable laws of the kingdom is, "He that saveth his life shall lose it." I have observed for twenty years that this is absolutely true; and even if I were not a Christian, but knew what I know, I would not dare to disobey that precept. If I have any desire for advancement in any sphere, I know it is not for me, as a Christian, to fight my way through to obtain it. I know this is contrary to worldly philosophy, nevertheless I am certain it is scriptural and right. If we maintain the proper relationship toward God, He will work out His plans for us in His own time and way. On the other hand, if we are clinging to an idea which is not in His plan, and we fight our way to its attainment, we will eventually lose, and will make a fool of ourselves besides. Jesus' whole life was a life of sacrifice, and it was of Jesus that it is said, "He emptied Himself." Can it be said that He had no rights to defend? He did have rights. But His greater right lay in self-sacrifice. The most miserable folk in the world are those who have their own way. They are not happy, cannot be. Happiness does not lie in having our own way. The folk who clamor for their rights and struggle for privileges, that they may live in comfort and ease, have yet to learn what true living is. To them the terms self-immolation, abnegation, and crucifixion are filled with terror. Satan has deceived them. They are living but to die.

### PROVIDING FOR THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving does not take care of itself. It must be provided for. There is a striking description of an Old Testament official position, tucked away in one of the "uninteresting" lists of names that we so often find in the inspired history. They are never uninteresting when we find why God had them recorded. In Nehemiah (12:8), we read that among the priests and Levites who went up with Zerubbabel to Jerusalem was Mattaniah, "which was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren." Here was a Levite specially assigned to direct thanksgiving. Praise and thanksgiving were very prominent in the Old Testament ritual; should they be less so to-day, when God has provided for us "the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ"? But if we would render the thanksgiving that we should, we must take definite steps to do this, setting our heart and mind to it, reading the Word to discover every fresh reason for thanksgiving, and keeping in close fellowship with Him whom we would thank. The Holy Spirit Himself, indwelling us, will be "over the thanksgiving" in our lives, if we will let him.—S. S. Times.

**OPEN FOR CALLS**—As pastor or evangelist. Wife plays piano, son plays trombone. In fellowship with General Council.—R. E. Lister, 407 S. Market, Caldwell, Kans.

## Children's Corner

### LITTLE BROTHER'S THANK OFFERING

"How much have you earned, Fred?" asked Connie.

"Sixty-seven cents, and five more if Mrs. Pitts pays me; but I don't believe she will," was the prompt answer. "How much have you?"

"I didn't begin to save till you had enough to rattle, but there are forty-five cents in my box. If I should give my gold dollar—but I can't. I just love it. It makes me feel so rich."

Little Brother was watching, and looking at the small heaps of coin.

"You've got all money," he said.

"Surely! What else could we have, Pepperkins?"

"I've saved uzzer things."

"You don't mean that you have a thank-offering?" and Fred swung the "baby" into a chair.

"I have—yes, sir. You never told me, but I heard the mish'nary lady say how the brown babies didn't have things to eat; and I'm goin' to send some—in a ship."

Little Brother nodded gravely at every word, but Fred laughed so he could scarcely speak.

"Things to eat! You little goose!"

"Come to sister!" cried Connie. "Tell sister all about it." With one puzzled, grieved glance at Fred, he clasped her hand and drew her toward the stairs, then up to the little playroom, chattering as he went.

"Didn't the mish'nary lady in Sunday school say they was hungry and most dead? Fred eats an' eats, but I saved lots of things."

Little Brother opened his toy box. There were his cars, his Noah's ark animals, his soldiers, and blocks; and there, too, were bits of cake and biscuit, bananas—black with age—apples, candy, and nuts. Connie looked at the funny jumble and gave Little Brother a squeeze, wondering why she felt like crying.

"Does mamma know?" she asked.

"No, 'deed! She'll be 'sprised good. She said I was too little to have a box, but I wasn't. Don't you 'member the mish'nary lady said her girls, no bigger than the children in our infant class, took rice out of their dinner and saved it for the hungry ones? Well don't you s'pose I'm good as a girl that was a heathen child?"

"But, dearie—it's so far we can't send bread and bananas. We have to send money, and the missionaries buy rice—and things."

Connie spoke very gently, but Little Brother's face grew sober. His voice trembled as he whispered: "I wanted the candy awful bad—and the uzzer things. Couldn't they go—in a ship?"

"No—really."

Little Brother's fists went to his eyes.

"I've thought of something," cried Connie, joyfully. "You shall have my gold dollar. Then you'll have more than Fred to put in the thank-offering, and that will pay for all you have saved."

Little Brother laughed through his tears. "An' you can have all these nice things."

Connie brought a pasteboard box, and they picked out all the dry bread and cake and sad looking fruit. Then she put the gold dollar into his small hand.

"Little Brother is the only one who made a real sacrifice for a thank-offering, I am afraid," said his mother, when she heard the whole story from the happy little financier; "but I hope he has taught us a lesson, bless him!"

Connie thought of her gold dollar, and

### A CHILD OF THE KING

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be,  
When Christ, the King, is taking care of me?

Tired? Sometimes;—yes, more than tired; but then,  
I know a place where I can rest again!

Lonely? Ah, well I know the aching blight;  
But now,—I've Jesus with me day and night!

Burdens? I have them; oft they press me sore,  
And then,—I lean the harder, trust the more.

Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of it is  
That I should know such boundless love as this!

And so I'm rich; with Christ I am "joint heir,"  
Since He once stooped my poverty to share.  
—Edith Lillian Young.

a happy feeling was in her heart, for had not she, too, "made a sacrifice"?—Sel.

### THANKSGIVING THE YEAR ROUND

We recently read of a woman who has an old-fashioned faith in Providence who keeps what she calls her "thank offering box." Into this goes through the year, from one Thanksgiving to the middle of the following November, a sum of money for every accident escaped, calamity averted or special joy.

These offerings are not confined to her own escapes, but each time some member of her family bobs up from some threatened woe, into the box goes the money offering of thanks.

Not the same amount is given each time, and rarely large sums, for the woman is not rich, but a nice little sum is realized.

This is devoted to giving some one a happy Thanksgiving Day. It does not always go into the regular channels. As the woman says, the poor and hospitals are usually well cared for in holiday seasons.

Sometimes a homesick girl in a strange

city is given carfare home for the Thanksgiving gathering she would otherwise miss. Once a music lover was given a season ticket to the symphony concerts. Again a doctor's bill that had worried a young stenographer who had her mother to support was quietly paid.

In speaking of her pretty custom, the owner of the thank offering box said, "Never have I known what thankfulness really meant until I started my box and saw the joy my thankfulness brings to others."

Such a box, besides cultivating one's bump of gratitude and making others equally grateful, cannot but afford great pleasure and interest in the spending. It is a gracious thought one more woman could profitably put into practice.—Wesleyan Methodist.

### "TRY THANKSGIVING"

Paul tried it, and it worked. It works yet. Said Henry W. Frost some years ago: "Nothing so pleases God in connection with our prayer as our praise, and nothing so blesses the man who prays as the praise which he offers. I got a great blessing once in China in this connection. I had received bad and sad news from home, and deep shadows had covered my soul. I prayed, but the darkness did not vanish. I summoned myself to endure, but the darkness only deepened. Just then I went to an inland station, and saw on the wall of the Mission home these words: 'Try Thanksgiving.' I did, and in a moment every shadow was gone not to return."

Would you always be praising the Lord? "Turn constant care into constant prayer," preceding and accompanying and following it with praise.

### "FATHER KNOWS"

A gentleman was one day opening a box of goods. His little son was standing near, and as the father took the packages from the box, he laid them on the arm of the boy. A young playmate was standing and looking on. As parcel after parcel was laid on the boy, his friend began to fear that the load was becoming too heavy, and said, "Don't you think you have as much as you can carry?"

"Never mind," said the boy in a happy tone: "father knows how much I can carry."

Brave, trustful little fellow! There was no danger, he felt, that his father would lay too heavy a load for him. It is such a spirit of loving trust in Him that God desires all His children to possess.—Sel.

### THE SECRET OF SERVICE

To one who asked him the secret of his service, he said: "There was a day when I died, utterly died;" and, as he spoke, he bent lower, until he almost touched the floor, "died to George Muller; his opinions, preferences, tastes and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame of even my brethren and friends; and, since then, I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."—George Muller.

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## The New Creature in Christ Jesus

By Brother S. R. Fostekew, at the General Council

"If any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a **new creature**." Gal. 6:15.

I am very fond of the Old Testament because it is filled with the beautiful pictures that God has written by the pen of His own servants as they were moved of the Holy Ghost, to open to us the truth of the New Testament. Among these beautiful pictures is one that is very, very precious to my heart—creation. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." He created it for one purpose—to show forth the glory of God. We know that through the fall of the archangel judgment came upon the earth, and we find the earth void, in chaos as it were, without form; and dense darkness, such as we who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb do not know, was upon the face of the earth. Then the Word says, "And the Spirit of God moved (brooded) upon the face of the waters." When the Spirit began to brood; something began to happen; out of the chaos God began to call forth a new order of events, a new order of things, a new order of beings, for the express purpose of filling the earth with the glory of God.

And so we find that God brought forth man; but Satan was right there on the job, and man failed. Man failed God for the same reason that Lucifer (Satan) failed—pride. And all creation was upset again. Since that time God sent His only begotten Son to restore order, to restore mankind into relationship with God, to bring forth a new creation that would show forth the glory of God.

It seems in these days as never before, men who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb are trying to help God out. They are endeavoring to make of themselves a new creature. But the battle is not ours, it belongs to God, and God is the only one who can make us new creatures in Christ Jesus. Our own efforts will fall flat and become void, but if we let God do the calling forth it will bring glory unto His name.

"The earth was without form, and void." Similarly because of the sin of one man, all are sinners. And the human heart and life, outside of Christ, is void, is without form as it were. And darkness, not the partial darkness of the night but the darkness wherein not one ray of light doth shine, is in that heart and life. Just as when the Spirit of God brooded over the darkness after creation, something began to happen, so when He broods over

the hearts of men and women the work is begun.

We come to the first day of creation, to the calling forth of the re-creation, the calling out of the void unto the glory of God and into the new creation. God said, "Let there be light; and there was light . . . and God divided the light from the darkness." I am not going to dwell long on that point for practically all here are converted men. The darkness hath fled, the light has come in, not by anything we could do, but by the Word of God. The light of the Word, Jesus Christ, hath shined into our darkness and showed us the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Just as on the first day of creation, light came forth; so the first step in man's becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus must be the light of the glory of Jesus Christ shining into his heart. Some try their level best to work out their own salvation; and it is according to the Word to "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." But those people forget the last part of that verse, "For it is God that worketh in you"; and only as He works in us can we work out our salvation.

The next step is that of the second day—separation. "And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." If there ever was a time when the children of God needed to be separate, it is now. The Word says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing." No man who is a new creature in Christ Jesus should dally with the things of the world. I believe the time has come when we have to draw a straight line of demarcation between us and the world and the things of the world, and stay on the side of the things of God. I am reminded of the town where I was born and reared, in which there was a bridge crossing the river. In the center of that bridge is the county line. On one side is the county of Berkshire, on the other side is the county of Oxford. As little tots we would go down to the bridge and try to figure out the very center, then we would say, "Now half of me is in Berkshire and half is in Oxford." I think many of us do that way with the world, and it is time we got on one side or the other.

The third day God said, "Let the dry land appear . . . let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind." That speaks of resurrection, calling the land to appear. And out of that resurrected life He calls for herbs and trees to appear—the fruit of the earth. And, beloved, the third step in this new creation must be the same thing—a resurrection life. What does it mean? It means to die to self and live unto Christ

—"Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." "For me to live is Christ." When we die to self and are alive unto Christ, we will not need to worry about the fruits coming forth. We are trying to be meek—going around with a meek expression and attitude. We are trying to be long-suffering—desiring to make the impression that we are long-suffering. We are endeavoring to love one another, when down deep in the heart there are little hatreds. Somehow we are missing the mark, and I believe it is because we have not fully entered into the third step. And when we do enter, there will be a Spirit-filled life. The Spirit will take of the things of Christ and reveal them unto us, and as a result there will be the fruit of the Spirit. It will not be worked-up fruit, something that is attached to us, but it will spring up spontaneously by the Word of God. My own heart longs for the day when we shall truly see the fruit of the Spirit manifested in the church of the living God—no pretense about it, but the real thing.

The fourth day God made "two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; He made the stars also." We have here the picture of the sun, moon and stars. The sun was to shine in the daytime. The Sun of Righteousness, Jesus, sheds light in the daytime. He is the Light of the world. The moon, I believe, is a picture of the church; and the stars a picture of the individual members of that great body, which give forth light unto a darkened world during the night. But remember, the moon has no light of its own, its light is borrowed, but it reflects the glory and light of the sun. Some nights we can almost see to read because of the added glory and beauty that the sun has given to the moon. If, however, the moon were to topple from the heavens and land somewhere else, we would not see the glory of the sun reflected in it. Beloved, it is only as we are seated with Christ in heavenly places that we shall be lights in this perverse and sinful generation. God has seated us in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and given us richly all things to enjoy.

God called Abraham and said, "Abraham, come here. You know about the sands of the sea. Can you count them?" "No, Lord, I can't count them." "All right, Abraham, so shall thy seed be. Now come out and see the stars; can you count them?" "No, Lord, I can't." "So shall thy seed be." And in the promise of a seed as the sand by the sea for multitude, God was speaking of an earthly people—Israel. In the promise of a seed as the stars of heaven for multitude, God was speaking of a spiritual seed—the church. You and I are the seed of Abraham, the father of the faithful. We are the sons of God a heavenly people, and He has made us to be seated in heavenly places. How often we grovel in the dust of the earth instead of soaring up in the heavenlies and abiding in Christ.

The moon must be dead in order to re-



flect the glory of the sun. Just so we must be dead to self before we can reflect much of the glory of our Lord. All around we are seeing manifestations of healing, of speaking in tongues. Spiritualists are speaking in tongues. Christian Scientists are having healings. The devil is not asleep these days. But what the world needs is Jesus Christ. And when we get to the place where we are willing to be unseen, where self goes down, and only the glory of Christ is seen, then we shall be able to meet the challenge of the world and show them Jesus.

The fifth day God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly." The fifth step in the Christian experience is the stirring of the waters. You remember that when the servant came to Rebecca and began to tell about Isaac, he said to her, "Will you go?" And Rebecca answered, "I will go." She received his gifts and then was placed on a camel, and started off. If any of you have ridden on a camel you will understand something of what that trip meant—one hump up and one hump down. Away went Rebecca, but because of that camel route she one day lifted her eyes and beheld Isaac out in yonder field. The servant said, "This is thy bridegroom, my master." As a result of the stirring of the waters on the fifth day, life began to issue forth. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, so the Lord stirs our nests. It is not always pleasant, but out of the stirring will come a more abundant life.

How the Lord stirred Job! When stripped of everything he had, we read that he said, "I have heard of Thee with the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee and I abhor myself." And he got down before God. He had heard about God, but through the stirring of the waters (the sickness and stripping) he came into a deeper place where he not only knew about God but where he knew God. And the fifth-day experience is one that brings us to know God.

A fellow pastor, one I know personally, has reached a place where he can trust God for every need. He seems to have caught the revelation of God as the supplier of every need. I have never met any one just like him in that respect. We all trust the Lord, but somehow he seems to have gone far ahead in that respect. One day he was meditating on these things—"Well, I somehow have obtained a pretty good place of faith in God. Why, I can trust God for almost anything—in fact I do." Like a flash came a voice out of the heavens, "But listen, if you had a son that was a reprobate; if you had a son that was a helpless imbecile, useless to the world and to yourself, would you not provide for that son first of all? would you not provide for that son before you provided for the son that could go out and earn his own living?" In an instant God pricked his pride, and he was made to know that he was dependent upon God; and he began to know God better. Let God prick our pride. Just when we think we know God is just the time something will come along and all our faith is gone. But let

us cast ourselves upon Him, and He will bring us into a deeper knowledge of Himself.

The sixth day God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion." After all the preliminary steps were taken, the final thing came forth, that which was to bring the glory of God upon the earth. Out of the dust, that which was no good, God formed the man, and breathed into him the breath of life, and man became a living soul, a new creature. And God said to man, "Go out and have dominion over everything. Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth."

When the light has dawned upon our souls, and we walk in the light as He is in the light, then we shall come to a place of separation, a place where we overcome the world. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Jesus Christ is our faith. He is the one who can help us. When we have taken the second step of separation then we come to resurrection life. Then we are ready to pray, "That I might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings." And when the fruit of the Spirit is coming forth, the fourth step will be that we must necessarily be seated with Christ in the heavenlies, and we will enjoy the spiritual things God has given. Through the restless experiences of our Christian life we shall have a deeper knowledge of God. Then there will come the new creature to which God will say, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth with My glory."

The seventh day God rested. Up to this seventh day we read at the close of each day a calling forth. "The evening and the morning were the first day . . . the evening and the morning were the second day, etc." We naturally speak of the morning and the evening of the first day. But God reversed the order. There was darkness first. But on the seventh day He looked upon it and said it was complete. Sad to say, in a short time they failed. But the purpose of God is still to fill the earth with the glory of God, and God will again look down and say, "It is good, it pleases Me." The seventh day of rest will come when our Bridegroom shall break through the skies and the glorified Christ appear, when this old corruptible shall put on incorruption, and we shall see Him as He is and enter into rest. I know Christ is our rest. I know that in Hebrews we are urged to enter into rest in Christ Jesus. But our rest shall never be complete until Jesus comes.

May God help us to go down in humility, that Christ may be glorified.

#### TRUE GREATNESS

"When I was in London," said Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, "I received word that if I was at the Salvation Army headquarters at ten o'clock sharp, I might meet General Booth. I hurriedly made my way there, for he was to leave for the Continent in a few minutes.

"When I looked into his face and saw him brush back his hair from his brow,

heard him speak of his trials and conflicts and victories, I said, 'General Booth, tell me the secret of your success all the way through.'

"He hesitated a second, and I saw the tears come into his eyes and steal down his cheeks, and then he said: 'I will tell the secret. God has had all there was of me. There have been men with greater brains than I, men with greater opportunities; but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do for the poor of London, I made up my mind that God would have all of William Booth there was. And if there is anything of power in the Salvation Army, it is because God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, and all the influence of my life.'

"Then he looked at me a minute, and I soon learned another secret of his power. He said, 'When do you go?' I said, 'In five minutes.' He said, 'Pray,' and I dropped on my knees with General Booth at my side, and prayed a stammering and stuttering prayer. Then he talked with God about the outcast of London, the poor of New York, the lost of China, the great world lying in wickedness; then he opened his eyes as if he were looking into the very face of Jesus, and with sobs he prayed God's blessing upon every mission worker, every evangelist, every minister, every Christian. With his eyes still overflowing with tears, he bade me goodbye and started away, past eighty years of age, to preach on the Continent.

"And I learned from William Booth that the greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender. It is not a question of who you are or of what you are, but of whether God controls you."—Selected.

#### "RUN AWAY, BOY, I'M BUSY"

Doctor Potter tells the story of a young man who stood at the bar of a court of justice to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had known him from a child, for his father had been a famous legal light and his work on the "Law of Trusts" was the most exhaustive work on the subject in existence. "Do you remember your father?" asked the judge sternly, "that father whom you have disgraced?" The prisoner answered: "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the 'Law of Trusts' and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book and here I am." **The great lawyer had neglected his own trust, with awful results.**

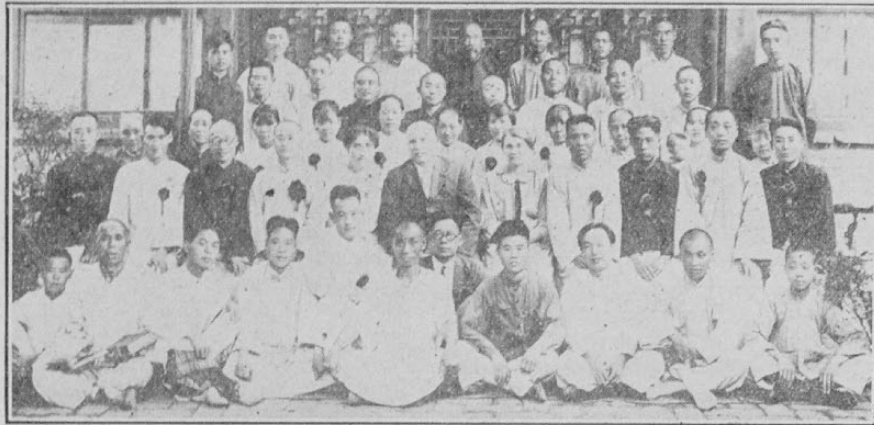
Some Christian parents seem to be making the same mistake.—Sel.

"Beware of a faultfinding spirit as you would of the most poisonous reptile. Learn to have patience with others' weaknesses and bear with them as you expect others to bear with you."

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? Jer. 32:27.



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The above photo was taken after one of the morning meetings of the Native Conference. The foreigners left to right are; Sister Kvamme, Brother Kvamme, and Sister Inga Peterson.

We are very happy to receive this encouraging report, believing the way the native church is launching out is a step in the right direction. Let us uphold our Chinese brethren in prayer as they assume the responsibilities of church support and control.

#### A GOSPEL PIONEER IN TIBET

We have been most gratified with the excellent reports that have been coming in concerning the work of our Brother W. E. Simpson, Jr.

The headquarters of his work is established in Labrang, which is the most important Lamasery (convent of Buddhist priests) and center of influence in all the Northern Province of Tibet. At the present time he is the only missionary in that part of Tibet contiguous to China, since the missionaries of other denominations have either gone home or left for the Coast.

Mr. Simpson left this summer on perhaps the most extensive preaching tour ever undertaken in Tibet. He has almost perfect command of the language and possesses the respect and confidence of the people to a remarkable degree. Escorted by a Tibetan priest appointed for that purpose by the living Buddha and his father of Labrang, who are the most influential authorities in all Northeast Tibet, he has gone to carry the gospel for the first time to the Goloks, who are perhaps the wildest tribe of the Tibetan people. These people live in tents along both sides of the Yellow River near its source, and are given over to robbery and violence. They have never been conquered,

are practically self-governing, but zealous in their religion, regarding the Living Buddha of Labrang as their saviour, and worshipping him as such.

It takes nearly a month of travel to reach this people, so that Brother Simpson will probably be absent several months from his station. The constraining love of Christ carries him forward in the face of dangers and hardships, in order to reach some of the most inaccessible tribes and tell them the gospel story. If only more funds were available our brother could penetrate far into the interior of Kokonor province, which is all of Tibet that at present is accessible from Kansu province. We are trusting the Lord may open the way during this next year, should our Lord tarry, for others to come to his help.

A great work is being accomplished in Kansu province and Tibet by our missionaries. Let us remember them in prayer.—N. P.

#### THE NATIVE CHURCH

##### Martin Kvamme, Tientsin, N. China

Some of our Christians and workers from our outstations met with our people in the city for a four days' conference the first part of last month. This was the first conference of its kind held by our people, and therefore of great importance as to the future co-operation in the Lord's work. All the meetings were in charge of brethren they had chosen for that purpose, and I am glad to state that the blessing of God was resting upon the conference from the very first meeting. It did our hearts good to see how able they were to make the necessary arrangements and lead the meetings, and we feel it would help the Christians very much to come together like this

about twice a year. Every afternoon they had a short business meeting when they talked over things that pertained to the spreading of the gospel, and how to establish self-supporting assemblies. Some outsiders sent in letters urging the conference to adopt the independent idea for the future, but I was glad to learn that the majority stood for co-operation with the missionaries even though they should be able to establish self-supporting assemblies.

The Lord has mightily blessed the work at Yang-Tsun where we opened a station about ten months ago. We now have over twenty that have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit there, and over thirty that have really learned to know Jesus as their Saviour. We are hoping to open more stations in some of the large villages as soon as we can find suitable buildings, because we find the people in the country much more open to the gospel than in the large cities. Remember us and the work in the Tientsin district much in prayer. Also pray that God will lay the support of native workers on the hearts of some one. We now have some available native workers that are waiting to join us in the work as soon as some one will undertake their support.

#### PROGRESS IN CHINA

##### By George Kelley

"There shall be showers of blessings"—Ezek. 34:26. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perdue, and Mrs. Carl Hensley, we left Hong Kong September 3 for a month's tour of the stations. Surely the promise that there shall be showers of blessings was fulfilled during this visit. We saw a church of another denomination, with a seating capacity of approximately 500, filled with Christians of different denominations to hear our message on the "Signs of the Times." Demons were cast out, sick folk healed; eighteen were baptized in the Spirit in three days; and the heathen had the gospel preached unto them. We saw men who had been preaching the Word for twenty years throw up their hands and say they felt the need of the Holy Ghost anointing. The born deaf heard the singing for the first time in his life, and the robber's wife sat with rapt attention and drank in the message of life. Even the heathen sang the song we translated "I never shall forget how the fire fell, when the Lord baptized me." Yes, the old grandmother, blind for some years, got really interested, and with lifted hands sang with enthusiasm our new chorus.

On this trip we experienced every form of travel and all kinds of weather, fighting against sickness in our bodies, and battling with the evil powers without, till it seemed we had reached the limit;—**BUT GOD!** While in Canton the heat became so intense that we were unable to sleep until about 1:00 a. m., and were preaching twice a day with body being tested; but God was gracious not to allow us to be tempted above that we were able to bear, and we were made to glorify God in the end for His **WONDERFUL GRACE!** One man sat in the chapel, possibly for the first time. I called out, "How many Christians are here?" This man's hand went up high above his head. The workers, realizing he was a stranger, approached him, and he explained, "I am just passing through. I have been attracted here by your singing and preaching, and I want to become a Christian." He was instructed and sent on his way. One bleary-eyed man, who was unable to look at any one, was brought for healing. His body had been bruised by the evil spirit, but in Jesus' name prayer was offered and he began to weep. Then throwing his hands above his head he shouted praises to God for deliverance. The German State church was represented by a preacher who had been in active ministry for more than twenty years. He asked that hands be laid on him that he might be endued with power from on high. How beautiful to see this man take his place with the children, and lifting up his hands to heaven like a child began to thank his heavenly Father for the Spirit!

We proceeded to Pingchau from Canton. Miss Mary Rasmussen is located here and is doing a blessed work. Some of the Christians met us at the boat-landing to welcome us. During the three days here we had splendid opportunities to preach to crowded houses. Robbers could be seen gaily walking the streets in bands of ten or fifteen, each carrying the latest style of weapons of death. Even in the chapel they could be distinguished by this badge. While we were there the soldiers came and killed one, capturing nine others. Their doom is most certain. How glad we were that we could be there and bring the message to those people who were soon to be carried to the execution grounds. A beautiful girl, with bobbed hair and the latest style dress, came to the meetings and sat with the Christians on the front seat. I learned that she was the wife of the robber chief's right-hand man. It is she who writes all of the letters blackmailing the wealthy. God blessed us there, and all were refreshed, insomuch that they wanted us to stay three weeks instead of three days.

When we arrived at Ngau Pui Leng, the Christians were on the tip-toe of expectancy. This was the second visit this year. How the Lord blessed in the delivery of His Word. Tuesday night, September 20, my message was on the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus, emphasizing the fact of His coming being near—**EVEN AT THE DOOR.** That night after service the boys knelt to pray before retiring, and the Spirit of prayer came upon them. Others came in when

they heard it. Then the teachers came over to join the prayer meeting. This meeting lasted all night and practically all the next day; and the Lord wonderfully baptized the children, some of whom lay on the floor under the power for nearly five hours. No one slept that night. Some of the workers did not undress for bed, but worked with the seekers until daybreak. Eight received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost that night and the next day they kept on coming through until at least eighteen were wonderfully baptized in the Spirit. We translated appropriate choruses—"Give me Oil in My Lamp," "I Never Shall Forget How the FIRE Fell," etc. At 1:20 a. m. the chorus rang out over the valley from the church, "Give me Oil in My Lamp," till near-by villages heard the shouts of joy when God gave the Holy Spirit. One man said next day, "The noise of that shouting last night was loud enough for the dead to hear it—there were so many praying there."

The Lord blessed at Szwei, so that the place was too small. The street was filled—even the heathen sang the choruses with joy. The end is not yet!—In many places idol temples are being torn down, the gods of wood and stone are being torn from the heathen;—but will we spare ourselves, and because of a little danger that might be encountered withdraw and leave them alone without hope and without anything to satisfy that spiritual craving? The American Consul has given us permission to go back to Sainam, but warns us that the trouble is not over. All the old missionaries on the field agree that the opportunity now afforded us will not last long—it is only a temporary permit. Kindly pray with us that we might make the best of it. We are leaving our three children in Hong Kong for schooling. It is a sacrifice to part with them, but we believe it is but for a moment—**BEHOLD HE COMETH,** with ten thousand of His saints!

#### **"AND THIS I DO FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE"**

Forget the bright material prospects of other years.

Think lightly of the long weary trips, incommodities, personal afflictions, stiff joints, dim eyes, wrinkles and gray hairs of advancing years.

Not take too seriously the fleas, bed-bugs, vermin, filth and crude customs we must fellowship in the native homes.

Masticate well all food, drink copiously, eat regularly only, though it be at irregular intervals many times.

Take a cold bath each morning, though the bathroom be but the curtains of night before dawn and the bath tub a gourd with a pint of water.

Take the best care of myself possible consistent with the heavy demands upon my time and the unfavorable conditions under which I must live and labor.

Never murmur at the providences of God or of the faithlessness, inattentions and faults of His children.

Regard every gift and every opportunity as divine trusts to be used only for His glory.

Press forward with divine energy to fulfill His purposes of grace toward poor dark Central America.

Refuse to be puffed up by large successes or discouraged by lack of visible results.

Be always satisfied and live each day in the hope of His speedy return.—C. A. M. Missionary in Central America, in The Connecting Link.

#### **CHRIST IS LIVING!**

"Who does not recall the story of the late Dr. Dale, of Birmingham? After many years in the ministry, he was engaged upon writing an Easter sermon, and when half way through, the thought of the Risen Lord broke in upon him as it had never done before. "'Christ is alive,' I said to myself; 'Alive!'—and then I paused again. 'Alive!' Can that really be true? Living as really as I myself am? I got up and walked about, repeating: 'Christ is living!' 'Christ is living!' At first it seemed strange and hardly true, but at last it came upon me as a burst of sudden glory; yes, Christ is living. It was to me a new discovery. I thought that all along I had believed it; but not until that moment did I feel sure about it. I then said: 'My people shall know it; I shall preach about it again and again until they believe it as I do now.'" For months afterward, and in every sermon, the living Christ was his one great theme; and there and then began the custom of singing in Carr's Lane on every Sunday morning an Easter hymn. When surprise at this was mentioned to Dr. Dale, he said: "I want my people to get hold of the glorious fact that Christ is alive, and to rejoice over it; and Sunday, you know is the day on which Christ left the dead."

#### **LITTLE MARY PAXTON**

Less than half a century ago, a Sunday school superintendent in Jacksonville, Ill., asked each one to bring a new scholar to school the next Sunday. Little Mary Paxton went home and asked her father to come to Sunday school. Now Mary's papa was nearly forty years old, and so ignorant that he could not read. He was rough in appearance, and rude in speech. He hated the church, and despised Sunday schools and religion and everything good. But he loved his little Mary, and when she took him by the hand he did not resist. He went to Sunday school, and was led to Christ. He then learned to read for Christ's sake, and he finally came to be a Sunday school evangelist. He founded fifteen hundred Sunday schools, into which seventy thousand children were gathered, and out of which sprang one hundred churches. When little Mary was leading her father to Sunday school, she was really leading a train of thousands up the shining way that leads to God. It may seem a small thing for a Christian boy or girl to be always in the pew to cheer the pastor while he preaches, and to be always in Sunday school with a knowledge of the lesson. But just such simple, faithful service may lead to mighty things.

## In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

### REVIVAL FIRES IN OKMULGEE

Mrs. F. J. Greve writes: "A two weeks' revival at the Assembly of God in Okmulgee, Okla., Sister Ruth Cox in charge, has just closed. Surely God's blessing has never been more manifest. People from every church in town attended, and many must have heard the full gospel for the first time. Approximately 22 were saved and one received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

### SHOWERS OF BLESSING

Pastor A. A. Lowe and wife write from Delta, Colo.: "The Lord has favored us with great refreshings from His bountiful supply. After serving the people of Delta for 14 months we had the pleasure of having Evangelist M. E. Neville and wife and Brother V. C. Warens, who were with us 3 weeks, beginning Sept. 11. Thirty-five found the Lord and the saints were greatly encouraged."

### SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Pastor Ira D. Shuck writes: "Just closed a 9 weeks' meeting held in Rosenbaum Grove, 12 miles north of Agra, Kans., with Brother A. R. Shaffer as evangelist. The country was stirred for miles around, some coming 70 miles to hear the full gospel. Nineteen received the Baptism. Deep conviction is still on the people and they are calling for more meetings. The assembly was set in order with 37 members."

### TWO NEW CHURCHES

Brother Chas. E. Long writes: "I have just returned from a trip in the southern part of our District and had the privilege of dedicating the new church at Bucklin, Mo., Oct. 23. We had 3 blessed services and the new church was full. On Oct. 30, we dedicate the church at Perryville, Mo.—not a new church, but it had not been dedicated nor set in order. The Lord is working in a marked way in our district."

### MISSIONARY MEETING

Brother and Sister Bolton write: "The first missionary union meeting of seven churches of the Florida district met at Oak Park Holiness Church, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 30. The Lord was in our midst in a precious way. Ten minute talks were given by Brethren M. R. Perry, P. W. Haddock, Spence and Bolton. Helpful talks were given by Sisters Giddens and Kearsy—two 'mothers in Israel' who reminded us that we should think of the needs of the missionaries when we buy our clothes, and even our food; that ours is a life of self-denial, not luxury. Our hearts were stimulated to greater effort for God. The work in Oak Park is being blessed; souls are coming to God every meeting, for which we praise Him."

### ARKANSAS MEETING

Evangelist C. W. Maupin and wife write: "We have just closed a meeting in Fayetteville, Ark. There was great rejoicing as prodigal sons and daughters came weeping their way to Jesus. Twenty-eight were saved or reclaimed and 4 were filled with the Holy Spirit."

### IOWA MEETING

Pastor Ward Houghton, Eldon, Iowa, writes: "We secured the services of Brother Cline, Monroe, Iowa, for a two weeks' revival, which proved a great blessing. Twelve were saved or reclaimed, 2 filled with the Spirit and the saints are much encouraged."

### INCREASING INTEREST

Pastor I. J. Walker, Anacortes, Wash., writes: "We accepted the pastorate here last June, and we desire to praise the Lord for His blessing. A number have been saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. Five were saved last Sunday in our regular services. The crowds are increasing."

### A NEW FIELD

Evangelist Eli J. DePriest and Brother Carl Hayes and wife write from Nelma, Wis.: "Just closed a good meeting at this place. We praise God for the old-time Pentecostal showers. This gospel is new to the people of Nelma, but the Lord set His seal on the meeting. Twenty-four were saved, 20 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

### WISCONSIN REVIVAL

Brother Roy K. Reed and wife write: "We have just closed a meeting at Bonduel, Wis. The last night of the meeting 10 testified to having been saved, 15 testified to healing, and nearly the entire assembly to having been revived. Thirty-six were baptized in water, one brother 78 years old, and a sister 73. Members of this assembly have given pledges to the amount of \$1,000.00 with which to start building a new church when all plans are completed."

### REVIVAL SPIRIT

Pastor B. E. A. Hoffman, Lynden, Wash., writes: "We are praising God for the revival spirit we have seen in the last few months. August 10, we began a meeting at Everson, Wash. Brother R. D. Streiffeler opened the campaign, and a few days later Evangelist J. R. Elsom from Vancouver took up the work. The Lord wonderfully blessed from the first. Eight received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and at least 10 were saved. Two weeks later Evangelist Elsom began a meeting in a hall in Lynden. God added His blessings. Twelve were saved and 3 received the Holy Spirit."

### GROWING ASSEMBLY

Brother Louis Dunzy writes: "A four weeks' revival at Wetumka, Okla., closed Oct. 23, Evangelist C. C. Helvey in charge. Twenty-one were saved, some were baptized with the Holy Spirit, 10 baptized in water. The church has outgrown its quarters and plans are being made for an addition, or a new building."

### TWO GOOD MEETINGS

Evangelist Harry A. Groves writes: "Our meeting at Sand Flat, Md., was very successful. We kept no record of the number saved, but believe there were more than 100. Many believers were filled with the Spirit and a number healed. Many precious Methodist brethren and sisters came into the light of Pentecost and went about glorifying God with an old-time testimony. In the meeting which we have just concluded at Davis, W. Va., 41 souls were saved, about 20 received the Baptism and many were healed. Sister Gerda Orendorf was in charge of the prayer meetings, Sister Rosier and Sister Lena Harvey in charge of the music."

### OLD-FASHIONED MEETING

Brother A. W. Harris writes: "Brother E. R. Winters of Oklahoma began a revival campaign at Draw, Texas, on Sept. 9. This is a new field, but the whole community turned out for the revival. For two weeks it looked as if the enemy would win, but victory came at last. Ninety-nine were saved, several reclaimed and 13 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Many were healed. The revival continued 32 days. Some old settlers said it was an "1898 model." Brother Winters is now in a meeting at Jayton, Texas, where his mail is to be sent in the future."

### MONTE VISTA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Monte Vista Christian School is now well into its second year. The results and experiences of its first year are truly gratifying. The quality and faithfulness of the faculty as well as the loyal co-operation of the students has made the school a pleasant as well as an extremely profitable place to be. Of course it is far from what we see as an ideal, but in opportunity and environment it is so far in advance of the public schools that there is no comparison. Every teacher of the highest Christian character and experience makes for harmony and a fellow feeling toward the students. The students themselves, most of whom are Christians; are constantly striving, both by their example and their prayers, to lead the others into like experience.

The beautiful surroundings in the Santa Cruz Mountains, five miles from Watsonville and about ten miles from the ocean, on a sixty-acre ranch, all unite in helping the pupils to forget the lure of the city and to learn to enjoy nature as God gives it to us.

The high school department is headed by Geo. E. Hanson who is an educator of exceptional ability and training. He is not only certificated but trained to be a departmental head in any high school in the state.

We have a very fine commercial department opened up this year where the students can get a thorough training in bookkeeping, business forms, shorthand, and typewriting. We are just completing a shop where the boys can learn wood-working, simple plumbing, automobile repairing and forging. The agricultural training is not all from books but from first hand as we have abundance of land, stock and implements to work with.

The athletic side of education is not neglected for we have basket ball as well as baseball, football and other sports.

This is not a Bible school but an elementary and high school with a thorough Bible training along with the other subjects taught in public schools. All gather for chapel every morning and evening; the young people have charge of evening worship.

This is the most reasonable Protestant boarding school in the United States although it has no endowment or church back of it. It is purely a missionary effort on the part of the teachers who have come together to make such a school possible. The rates which are but forty dollars (\$40.00) per month includes board, tuition, books, paper, supplies as well as laundry. This is scarcely the cost of board in most places.

If you have a child whom you wish in such a place get in touch with us. Pray for us that we may be enlarged and that many boys and girls may be kept for Christ.—Monte Vista Christian School, Watsonville, Calif.

### CROWDS OVERFLOW TABERNACLE

Pastor Harry L. Collier of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Washington, D. C., reports: "Revival interest reached new heights in the campaign conducted by Evangelist Harvey McAlister, for five weeks, beginning Sept. 16. Brother McAlister came for three weeks but the desire of the public that he remain longer was so strong that the campaign was extended two weeks. The hunger of the people to hear the message of full redemption was beautiful to see. A Baptist minister present said one night, "I can only think of how this reminds me of the crowds thronging around the Saviour for His healing touch." By the end of the first week plans were considered to take care of the throngs, and an amplifier and loud speaker were installed in the lecture room below, where another congregation almost as large as the church listened to the service. The meetings drew from every section of the city, and practically every church was represented. Along with the crowds coming afoot or by automobile, were others coming by taxis from the fashionable hotels. In offices, on street cars, and in public places it became a topic of common interest that the Lord was healing the sick at the Gospel Tabernacle. A goodly number were saved and baptized in the Spirit; probably 2,000 stood for prayer for salvation, healing or the Baptism. Fully 700 non-Pentecostal people knelt at our altars in the meetings. Brother McAlister's meetings were free from sensationalism; prejudice melted, and a

wholesome influence went out from the services. Letters are pouring in telling of the wonderful benefits received."

Once you had no hope, and now you have a light that the wind cannot blow out. Who kindled that flame? Speak out the Name; have no fear: it will do you good in body, soul and spirit to be fearless in your testimony. Say simply, frankly: This is the miracle of Christ.—Joseph Parker.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all. Psa. 34:19.

### THE PINK WRAPPER

If the Evangel comes in a pink wrapper this week, it means that your Evangel subscription expires with the next issue of the Evangel. Please send in your renewal at once. We do not want to lose you from our Evangel fellowship, as we believe our paper will be a blessing to you, and your renewal will be a great help to us at this time.

**OPEN FOR CALLS**—As evangelist—anywhere the Lord leads.—S. A. Rayborn and wife, Hartford, Ill.

**BROOKFIELD, MO.**—Rev. Henry Hoar, pastor of Bethel Temple, St. Louis, Mo., will conduct a "two-weeks" revival here beginning Nov. 16.—W. W. Clark, pastor.

**WANTED**—Clean back numbers of "Pentecostal Evangel" and any tracts on salvation and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, sent postpaid to be distributed free from house to house.—Frank Jeffers, 1656 Milwaukee Ave., Racine, Wis.

### Forthcoming Meetings

**LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO.**—Gideon O. DeMerchant and E. Ralph Foster will conduct a tent campaign here Nov. 3-20.

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.**—Sister Hattie Hammond of Williamsport, Md., will hold revival services at the Assembly of God Church, 645 Front Ave., Nov. 23 to Dec. 18.—Pastor D. G. Scott.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**—Evangelist Dawson McCullough will conduct a full-gospel revival campaign at the Assembly of God Tabernacle, 2938 13th Ave., beginning Nov. 13. For further information address Pastor F. J. Lindquist.

**KENNETT, MO.**—A. Watson Argue, the Canadian evangelist will be in Kennett, at the Assembly of God Church, for a 15 days' revival beginning Nov. 8. Service each evening at 7:30.—Pastor S. K. Biffle.

**CORRY, PA.**—Evangelistic services will be held at First Pentecostal Church, 8 W. Main St., every night Oct. 30, to Nov. 27. All-day rally Thanksgiving Day. Rev. J. A. McCambridge, Cheltenham, Md., will be in charge.—R. N. Miller, pastor.

**JASONVILLE, IND.**—Third State Convention of Christ's Ambassadors, Nov. 24-27, Assembly of God church, Cor. Main and Parke Ave. All planning to come should communicate with Mrs. C. B. Cushman, Jasonville.—Edw. Miller, secretary.

**CALIFORNIA MEETINGS.**—Fellows, Nov. 6-20; Coalinga, Nov. 22 to Dec. 6. To be conducted by Evangelist Frederick W. Childe, chart lecturer on "Daniel and Revelation compared." John H. Kennedy, radio gospel singer in charge of music.

**HARTFORD, CONN.**—Evangelist R. M. Shearer of Ohio will conduct a campaign at the Bethany Pentecostal Assembly, 1138 Windsor Ave., Nov. 6-30. Meetings every night at 7:45 except Monday. Sunday services 3:30 and 7:30 p. m.—Pastor C. H. Meyer.

**BEAVER FALLS, PA.**—Evangelistic campaign Pentecost Church, 27th St. & 9th Ave., Nov. 9-27, Evangelist Wm. A. Coxie in charge. Services every night except Saturday at 7:45. Three services on Sunday—10:30 a. m.; 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.—Glenn D. Jones, pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—Brother S. A. Jamieson of Chicago will conduct a 10 days' Bible Conference at this assembly, 7th and Riverview, beginning Nov. 20. Brother Jamieson was for 25 years a Presbyterian minister and is one of the best Bible teachers of our day. Everybody is cordially invited.—J. T. Wilson, 3005 Cissna Ave.

**TULSA, OKLA.**—Special evangelistic meetings in Full Gospel Tabernacle will begin Nov. 1, continuing 3 weeks or longer, as the Lord leads. Evangelist Ben Hardin of Chicago, in charge. Song service in charge of Fay Williamson, of Denver, Colo.—Pastor Geo. E. Smith, 510 So. Peoria Ave.

**WEST PLAINS, MO.**—Christ's Ambassadors Thanksgiving Rally will be held here Nov. 23-24. All day services Thanksgiving—basket dinner, parade. Officers of Southern Missouri Christ's Ambassadors are expected. Surrounding assemblies expected to co-operate. Visitors will be entertained.—B. E. Hillman.

**MUSKOGON, MICH.**—Evangelist J. Clark Soutles, Byesville, Ohio, will conduct evangelistic campaign at Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 6-27. Meetings every night at 7:45 and Sundays at 3:00 p. m. Take Jackson St. bus to end of line and walk one block east. For further information write Marcus Horness, pastor, 911 Southern Ave.

**BUTLER, N. J.**—Evangelist H. H. Moss will conduct a full-gospel revival in the First Baptist Church of Butler, Nov. 6-20. Meetings every night except Monday at 7:30; Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A special young people's rally will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19. For further information write Pastor Leo S. Starner, Lock Box 143, Butler, N. J.

**TULSA, OKLA.**—There will be a two days' Fellowship meeting at Full Gospel Tabernacle, E. 5th St., & Peoria Ave., beginning Nov. 29. We are expecting some of the brethren from Springfield to be present. Those who have been actively engaged in the work of the Lord for six months and want license, may make application in person. For further particulars, address James Hutsell, Slick, Okla.

**ENID, OKLA.**—Southwestern Bible School now open, is indorsed by Oklahoma District Council and purposes to work in harmony with all the other Assembly of God forces in the field. Eight teachers standing for the Pentecostal testimony, constitute the faculty. All desiring better knowledge of the Word, or thorough training for Christian work, should send for bulletin.—P. C. Nelson, president, 316 E. Cherokee, Enid, Okla.

**TEXAS-NEW MEXICO** Sectional Conventions will be held as follows: Pasadena, Tex., Oct. 11-12; Beaumont, Tex., Oct. 15-16; Murchison, Tex., Oct. 19-20; Dallas, Tex., Nov. 1-2, (At Brother Dunn's church); San Antonio, Tex., at Brother Wilder's church 17-18; Lamesa, Tex., Nov. 21-22; Roswell, New Mex., Nov. 24-25; Amarillo, Tex., Nov. 29-30; Burkburnett, Tex., Dec. 2-3; De Leon, Tex., Dec. 10-11.—Hugh M. Cadwalder.

**HUMBOLDT, KANSAS.**—The tenth annual meeting of the Kansas District Council will convene here Nov. 21-25. All ministers are urged to be present. Assemblies should send two lay delegates. Rooms and one daily meal will be furnished free by the local church. Sunday school workers are urged to be present, also Christ's Ambassadors. District superintendents are cordially invited. At this meeting the State Sunday school banner will be awarded.—Fred Vogler, district superintendent.

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**WILMINGTON, DEL.**—Brother Harvey McAlister will conduct an old-time revival in the new church at 23d and Pine Streets, Nov. 27 to Dec. 14. All are cordially invited. Provision will be made for those who come from a distance. If possible, please notify the pastor in advance. All missionaries who can be with us will be entertained. This revival will be followed by a convention, Dec. 14-18. Brother Robert Brown of New York will speak each evening. Brother Joseph Tunmore, chairman of the Eastern District, will be with us.—Pastor M. W. Richards, Jr., 915 W. 29th St.

**BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.**—Pastor David Leigh and wife, of England, have accepted the call to the pastorate at our church, and the presence of the Lord was manifested very preciously at the first service they held in our midst. Our Bible Training School opened on October 3, with a goodly number of students and all are looking forward to a blessed year in Bible study. Brother and Sister Leigh are well qualified to help in the school, as they have spent eight years in China. There have also been other new teachers added to the faculty. We have two- and three-year courses in Bible study in preparation for home and foreign work. Any young people desiring such a training may enter the school at any time and may obtain full information by writing to Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church and Bible Training School, 4741 Hudson Boulevard, North Bergen, N. J.

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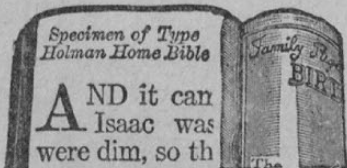
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