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## Mussolini: Is the World Preparing for Antichrist?

Taken from Brother J. N. Hoover's Address at General Council

The eyes of the political, commercial and religious leaders of the world are upon Mussolini. By his indomitable will-power he has forced himself to the front, bringing with him Fascism, of which he is the originator and dictator. This distinguished Italian, endowed with gigantic energy, impelled by a master brain, "the would-be Emperor," has for his goal the return of the old Roman Empire; and the manner in which he is handling conditions in the little country which one time was the center of European power, is causing no little stir. Political, commercial and social leaders are shocked with the audacity of this astute dictator, while prophetic scholars see the certainty of the return of the old Roman Empire.

The manner in which Mussolini ascended to his present position of influence and power, is significant. The thunder clouds of a civil war were darkening the horizon of the Italian sky, and the crash of discord in the awful canopy was deadly. Under these depressing conditions Mussolini seized his opportunity, and with his black-shirt army at his command marched forward, peacefully entering the door of his own making, while his admirers exclaimed: "Who is like unto him?" I wonder if those Italian officials realized they were reciting a statement found in Revelation 13.

Mussolini continues as he began. He speaks as one having authority, and the fear to resent him seems to be national. He seems to have even a greater hold upon Italy than Napoleon had upon France. A government by the people seems to have no part in his program. Many of the laws of the past are only a scrap of paper to Mussolini, and soon destroyed by the breath of his mouth. Mussolini seems to have overlooked the statements of similar dictators and the rocks upon which they inevitably landed. There seems to be no stone unturned in the path of Mussolini and his allies, to strengthen their government in matters of finance, upon which hangs the destiny

of his regime. The obtaining of money by taxation, from every conceivable source, for the furthering of the Fascist government, is the self-assumed responsibility of Italy's present dictator. This individualistic regime moves on with but little interruption; but history authorizes the statement that mushroom governments go down about as quick as they rise.

Mussolini is an astute politician, and in many parts of Europe is gaining the confidence (if not the outspoken support) of men in high places of political, commercial, social and religious authority. Under the European quilt there is no doubt a gigantic secret movement which at the least provocation, will burst forth into another world war, destroying territorial boundaries and bringing helpless people into the most austere, autocratic, dictatorial government the world has ever known.

The very machine which Mussolini is building, and the very despotism which he is creating, is as certain to bring on war as day is certain to follow the night. With Italy practically under the control of Mussolini, and with a sufficient number of nations lending him their friendship, the restoration of the old Roman Empire is not an impossibility.

### HOLD THOU MY HAND

(Air: Sweet Will of God.)

Hold Thou my hand, Lord, keep me humble,  
Thy will be done, and not my own,  
For I would lose my way and stumble,  
If I should try to walk alone.

Chorus

Oh! bless the Lord, I'll sing and praise Him  
For what His grace has done for me.  
His blood has purchased my salvation.  
And set my soul forever free.

My thirsty soul, for Thee is pining,  
Oh, send Thy holy Spirit down  
And satisfy my earnest pleading,  
With love, Thy richest mercies crown.

Lead Thou me on, give grace and glory,  
That I may live for Thee alone,  
To tell abroad the old, old story,  
That others of Thy love may know.

July, 1918

O. A. Kley

Some of the countries of Europe that formed the ancient Empire of Rome, are Italy, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, France, Holland, Turkey, Greece, Armenia, Persia, Palestine, Arabia, Egypt, the north coast of Africa, the islands of the Mediterranean, England and Wales, and much of the territory in central Europe. This is the map of the old Roman Empire which Mussolini is seeking to regain, and with the coming federation of the ten nations of Europe he is certain of magnificent victory.

The territory once controlled by the Romans will again return to their control, and the devotion of her citizens to the old custom of Emperor worship. Such a development is not only in operation to-day but is in harmony with divine prophecy. No one need be ignorant about these things, or of what they will culminate in, for the Scripture reveals the whole program with marked clearness.

Our most eminent prophetic scholars believe that the coming Roman Empire will eventually swallow up all ecclesiastical power for, according to the Holy Scripture, the Beast is not only the political but the religious head to whom absolute worship and tribute must be given. The return of the ten kingdoms referred to in the Bible is inevitable, and the time is rapidly approaching for such a monarchy. While I believe Mussolini will never be the Emperor of the new Empire of Rome, he will nevertheless have no small part in its resurrection, which according to Scripture will culminate in the greatest catastrophe man has ever known.

I do not say Mussolini is the Antichrist, or that he is likely to be; but basing my opinions upon what he has done and is doing, I do say he is paving the way for that blasphemous, autocratic monarch, so clearly pictured in the Holy Scriptures, as playing no small part in the last act of the drama of nations.

Some would have us believe Antichrist,  
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## The Coming Glory

Elizabeth Sisson

"Pray on! sing on! ye daughters of Jerusalem;

Pray on! sing on! ye daughters of a KING!"

Fundamentalists will all lift up their heads, and Modernists will run to hide in corners, when they see the credentials of our holy religion walking in, all clothed with flesh and bones! It must come, for Jesus said, "These signs shall follow" believers. Not church members, not the clergy, not university professors with half the alphabet appended to their name, not great writers and teachers of the Word, but simple believers—the rank and file of born-again ones. "These signs," the credentials, shall follow the church as a whole. It will be the display of the invisible God—His power made visible:

1st—In His release of the demon possessed.

2nd—In His healing of sick ones.

3rd—In the resurrection of those on whom death had wrought.

4th—In speaking with tongues by the Holy Ghost; the human medium, through whom the Holy Spirit spoke, not understanding what is said.

5th—In believers handling deadly serpents with immunity, when Satan sends them to attack God's child. Acts 28:4-6; Mark 16:18.

6th—In drinking deadly poisons without being hurt.

This army of stalwart believers will live out the New Testament pattern as given in the beginning by our blessed Lord Jesus. It will not be so much the Fundamentalists' preaching, but the Fundamentalists' acting out the commission of our Lord as He gave it to them in the power of His resurrection, just before His ascension. Mark 16:15-18. Matt. 28:18-20. For in connection with His mighty commissioning of them Jesus had before promised, "He that believeth on Me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:38, 39.

Oh, blessed glorification of Jesus; it has come! He lives in the power of it; and now the credentials, the signs, await all believers. You might hold all the offices of the church, and append to your name all the letters of the alphabet bestowed by all the universities of Europe and America, but these things of the power and learning and intellect of man will not release the demon oppressed, will not heal the sick, etc. But praise God, through the simple believer, under the power of the Holy Ghost, these things are wrought. Yet you miss the believer's credentials unless you obey Jesus in Acts 1:4, 5, "Wait for the promise of the Fa-

ther"—the Holy Ghost; for the believer's power to believe and to work the credentials, **lies not in the Christian**, but in the Holy Ghost in him. "These signs (the credentials) follow them that believe." Have you noticed that the Lord Jesus attributed His miracles to God in Him? He said, "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." "Have faith in God," He said, when they were astonished at the withering of the fig tree. If there is no doubt in the believer's heart, Jesus says he "shall have whatsoever he saith." It was so at the grave of Lazarus—"Father I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me . . . Lazarus, come forth." And Jesus, filled with the Holy Ghost, went that way—the way of empty faith, "I can of Mine own self do nothing." And the disciple, filled with the Holy Ghost, is to go that way too. He said, "The works that I do shall ye do also . . . and greater!" The reason? "Because I go unto My Father." Time's up! He has gone to the Father! The works commence! From the hour that the Holy Ghost falls on believers in the upper room, the miracles begin to work. The Holy Ghost is the Bell-Ringer—from seventeen different nations Jews come pouring in, tens of thousands of them, who were stopping over at the feast at Jerusalem, and they hear the Spirit-filled believers speak in their own languages. Three thousand of them were baptized that day. No wonder Jesus said that greater works than He did should be done by the believers; for neither John Baptist, Jesus, nor the disciples in

Jesus' lifetime, baptized three thousand in any one day. But this was not the work of the preacher. No mere Fundamentalist, speaking ever so convincingly of the Fundamentals, has this success. It was not Peter's speaking, that did the work, but the Spirit of the Father who spoke through him.

Credentials! Yes! "By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought . . . and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women, insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that **at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them . . . and they were healed every one.**" Acts 5: 14-16. "Then Philip," a Holy-Ghost-filled believer (It is so easy for the Holy Ghost in us to believe, when He has full possession of our faculties) "went down to Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed . . . hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits came out of many . . . and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city." Acts 8:5-8. And the whole book of Acts is full of fresh fills and thrills from heaven, which exhibit that supernaturalism which Modernists so despise, and which Fundamentalists labor so hard by weighty reasonings to prove.

Well, when God started the Christian church, it ran afoot everywhere, and our Lord said that what He then inaugurated was to run to the ends of the earth (into all the world), and to continue to the end of the age. He will not catch away to Himself a church of a different pattern from the one He started. The unchanging Jehovah, the unchanging Redeemer, in His unchanging love will catch up to Himself a people abiding in His unchanging grace. Miracle working and supernaturalism! "I am the Lord; I change not." The same power, same fillings, same miracles, same gifts of the Spirit that were manifested in the beginning of this age, will show forth His glory in the end of the age. We see signs of it all over the earth. The converts from among the raw heathen, who have become **believers**, are praying healing on the sick and are seeing Jesus answer their prayers. In one of the islands of Australasia, a convert has laid hands upon and seen healed ten thousand people! A witless one in Belgian Congo, terribly deformed and suffering, had found Jesus and had been healed. Too foolish to learn to read, but eager to spread the gospel, he wandered from tribe to tribe. He found a mighty warrior king of a big tribe, sick; and he told him of the double cure. The weak-minded one (weak-minded, but a **believer**) laid hands on the chief; and the chief was healed and converted. This big chief kept pressing his teacher for more of the wonderful story. He answered, "I have told you all I know, but there is a Book, and if you will go to the missionary he will teach you how to read the Book—and oh, there is so much more!" So away went the chief a long journey to find the Book out of which had

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come to him salvation and healing. "Ye see your calling, brethren; not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble, are called; but God hath chosen the foolish . . . to confound the wise." The chief found the missionary and the Book and became empowered to go forth preaching the Word with signs following.

It was toward His work on the day of Pentecost that Jesus was looking when He told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel, telling every one that received the word to take it up and proceed to the end of the world. This was to be the apostolic and the believer's succession to the end of the age. But Jesus told them to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. That which fell on them on the day of Pentecost and unified them in a body, by historians in all ages has been considered the inauguration of the church.

But when the church was being thus inaugurated, Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, declared that this was that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. Joel 2:23. The figure that Joel used was that of the Palestine climate. The spiritual harvest was to be on the pattern of the natural harvest in Palestine. There they had comparatively slight early or former rains to germinate the seed. While they might have infrequent showers here and there through the growing season, yet the crops were ripened and gathered by the full latter rains. So, said Joel, shall it be in the church age. God hath given you the former rain **moderately**, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." We are in the end of the church age. The coming of Christ to catch away a ready people is near at hand. Tribulation events are near at hand. Is not the giving of the Latter Rain (not in the moderate power of the Former Rain) also near at hand? Shall there not come a host of stalwart believers in the full power of the Latter Rain, penetrating every corner of the earth? They must come, in the doubled-over-power of the Latter Rain. Yes, the glory hour is nearing. Our blessed Lord is trying by the power of the Holy Spirit to push you and me and all Christians into it; by the Holy Ghost crowding us out of our dwarfage as believers into the full gianthood of the provision. And though the writer and reader of these words miss it, a mighty host shall press into the complete fulfillment of the vision Joel saw.

"How do you know it is coming?" some skeptic asks, "How do you know that such hosts of believers will everywhere arise, all over the earth?" Because the word of the beginning of this power, is the word of its end. On the day of Pentecost, when the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost on believers began, Peter standing up with the Eleven, said, "This"—this that you are all wondering about, and some of you saying that these men are full of new wine—"this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel." Turning back to Joel we read of that outpouring having two epochs, the former and the latter rain. It is a com-

prehensive figure of the Gentile age and the Gentile church. All admit that God founded or inaugurated the church on the day of Pentecost with that downpour of heavenly rain. But Joel said that former, or first-rain was only moderate;

#### HUMBLE THINGS

I was a bush, naught but a bush.  
All ragged and unsightly, I stood there.  
No flowers or fruit on my ungainly boughs,  
Unsightly leaves, and few, on limbs so bare.

Far out upon the desert, was the place  
Where God had put me. Few did pass that way,  
None paused to look or notice my poor self.  
And so time slowly went from day to day.

And I repined, almost rebelled at God.  
"Why put me here?" I cried. "What can I do?  
How take my part in that great work of Yours?  
Place me somewhere where I may work for You."

But, ah, He spake—Deep down within my heart  
I heard the still, small voice, "Peace, child.  
Your way is planned, your place is here."  
How loving and how firm the accents mild.

And so I held my peace determined there to stand  
If so it pleased my Lord, 'til death should come,  
Knowing that if He placed me there, there was  
my place  
Tho' seeming to be doing naught for Him, 'til  
He should come.

And then, one day—how can I speak the word?  
How let you know the wondrous, wondrous thing?  
God came Himself, in might power.  
And filled my being, praise my Lord and King.

A bush I stood, still an unsightly bush.  
But burning with such wondrous, holy fire  
That Moses turned aside the sight to see,  
And thus achieved his very heart's desire.

God spake: "Remove thy shoes from off thy feet.  
The ground where thou dost stand is holy ground."  
Ah, how my soul did shake and tremble there,  
To hear my Master's voice from me resound.

And now my task is done. Long years ago  
My body did to earth return, my frame to dust.  
But ne'er, as long as world shall stand, can you forget  
How I did burn and burn in holy trust.

Ah, brother, sister dear, do not repine;  
You may not reason why God placed you here;  
Your work may not seem great, nor many pass  
your way;  
Trust on, and stand where God can find you near.

Some day you'll feel the fire within your soul;  
Some day they'll hear God's voice from you resound;

And how your heart and soul will leap apace,  
And thrill and tremble at the holy sound.  
—Alta M. Olney, San Bernardino, Calif.

the harvest would come with its heavy doubled-together downpour of Holy Ghost rain. And Zechariah (Zech. 10:1), speaking of that latter rain said its harvest should be so abundant that there should be "grass in the field to every one."

Oh they come! a mighty host!  
Armed in full power of Pentecost,  
They live in life! they fight the fight!  
Clothed in His all victorious might.

Commissioned they! credentialed they!  
Believing the word which Christ did say—  
"And greater works" ye soon shall do  
Since Christ in resurrection life broke through.

Unto what shall all this grow?  
The Harvest's full and rich o'erflow;  
For Latter Rains have rushed it in,  
That the church might be ripe and free from sin.

Yes, at last free from sin, for down through the ages how awful her sin—the sin of unbelief. We read in John 20:21-23 that as in the power of His resurrection He returned to them, He declared, "As my Father hath sent Me, even so send I you, And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain they are retained." John 20:21-23.

Nineteen centuries and more have passed, and the sinners of this time have slipped into eternity with their sins still upon them. No man in the power of the Holy Ghost has made Jesus known unto them. Oh, if it were not for the marvelous cleansing power of the Blood, where would the church in her powerlessness and her unbelief stand in the judgment? Praise God for the cleansing of that Blood! Cleansed but in dwarfage, although Christ had breathed upon her the Holy Ghost that she might have lived from age to age in glorious giant-hood. "As He is, so are we in this world;" "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe." Eph. 1:18,19. Listen: to such He is head over all things. They are "the church," "His body," "the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." "Know you not that Christ is in you, except ye be reprobate?" And "ye are complete in Him."

Yes, some are finding it out, even little ones. A plain untutored woman rose in Winnipeg, to give her testimony. As she did so, some giddy young men at the back of the mission, making fun of the tongues, said: "Hear that woman's gibberish." "Not so," said a young Hebrew standing there, "she is speaking to me in my language." Then as she began to chant something, he said, "Now she is singing our even song" and, deeply convicted by what she had said to him, the young Jew came forward to the altar and was saved. Later he was called into the gospel ministry. Miss Luce, of the Latin-American work, tells us a Holy Ghost-baptized sister was going from house to house with gospels, inviting Spanish-speaking people to the meetings. She came upon a house where there was a Japanese terribly crippled with arthritis, unable to move. She felt sorry for the poor man, but could not speak to him as she knew nothing but Spanish (and that she could not read!), and he knew nothing but Japanese. But she began to pray, and the power of God fell upon her and the Spirit began to speak through her in Japanese, telling him that Jesus was the great Physician and was able to heal him. Some of his relatives came in, and they found some one who could speak to her in Spanish. They asked her how

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## Remarkable Revivals in China

By George T. B. Davis

Several months ago communism was sweeping over China like a tidal wave. The movement was accompanied with intense persecution of the Christians, desecration of churches, and looting of mission property.

To-day a change is taking place. The onward sweep of communism has been checked, and in some places the communists are in hiding instead of the Christians. The opposition to communism by the Chinese people has increased very much during the past few months. This is the Lord's doing in answer to the cry of His children in many lands. It is a striking testimony to the power of united intercession. But a great volume of persistent believing intercession is still needed to make the victory complete.

While the antichristian agitation is still strong, yet it is perceptibly decreasing, and in one place at least has ceased entirely.

Mr. Hermann Becker, of Yuanchow, Hunan, tells of the miraculous manner in which God answered prayer in their city. He writes:

"The students forced the people into a big parade. They wanted to take some of our helpers and Christians and drive them through the streets. The Christians decided that if they should take one of them, they would ring the large bell and all the Christians would go with those bound. I also offered to go with them. The whole city became nervous. We had a day of prayer and fasting. The parade was very big, but, except for some crying against us, they did nothing.

"On the 19th they wanted to have a big lantern parade, and after that to destroy our chapel. We prayed much. Just when the parade started, a big thunder storm came and all had to flee. It was the Lord! On the 20 we still had rain, so they began to parade in the evening of the 21st.

"We wondered how the Lord would intervene this time. About fifteen minutes after the parade started fire broke out in the house of the general. The soldiers drove the people home with rifles and knives. Some were killed and wounded. We are now caring for some of the severely wounded men. All the anti-christian movement has gone. The people are as friendly as ever. It was a real miracle. No one could have foreseen such a change."

Mr. Becker has applied for 13,000 copies of the New Testament for distribution in his district. One thousand Testaments have already been forwarded. Mr. Becker writes:

"We are waiting and longing for the New Testaments. The whole church is praying for the distribution of them."

In a glorious manner the blessing of God is resting upon the nation-wide dis-

tribution of New Testaments in China. The Chinese pastors and evangelists and workers are co-operating most heartily and enthusiastically in the presentation of Pocket Testaments to Christians and inquirers to build them up in the faith, and to the unsaved to lead them into a knowledge of the truth.

Dr. Jonathan Goforth, who has probably been more graciously used than any other missionary in China in revival meetings, tells how he gives the Testaments to those who make profession of their faith in Christ in his meetings. He writes of the readiness of business men and others to receive and read the Word of God. He asks for a consignment of eight or ten thousand Testaments for use in his new field of labor in Szeping-kai, Manchuria.

A Chinese pastor in Shantung province writes to express the gratitude of 7,000 church members for the Books already received, and requests a further supply of 3,000 copies. He says "This year I have been appointed leader in a revival movement and have visited all the churches in this district. I received 2,000 Testaments which have already been given out. But many more are needed. Letters begging for copies come daily without break. I beg that you will quickly send me 3,000 copies.

"From the time we received the Books the believers have made great advance in studying the Scriptures. Those who formerly had no Testaments now have one. Those just beginning to learn the doctrine are more zealous, and have already become believers. The gift of the Scriptures has greatly influenced and confirmed their faith. They are mutually encouraged to search the Scriptures to the great benefit of the church."

One of the most touching requests for Testaments has come from Mr. Hwang, a Chinese Christian—evidently a pastor—who has recently contracted leprosy, and is now in a leper colony in Fukien province. He writes: "My gratitude in receiving your letter was greater than I can express in words; and to know that you look on all countries as one family, and all the people as blood brothers. This is what is spoken of as 'loving others as one's self.'"

"All in this infirmary are lepers who have never been able to hear God's gospel. They dare not go to the different halls for fear of infecting others. In 1900 I went to the South Seas to preach. This year at the age of 69 I have contracted this disease. When I came to this infirmary I gathered my brethren together to worship God. Most of them are poor and unable to buy Testaments. I hear that your honorable society is giving away Testaments. I am pleased

beyond measure. I write to ask for Testaments, and second to thank you."

The last sentence of Mr. Hwang's letter reminds one of the leper in the Bible who returned to give thanks. We are gladly sending him a consignment of the life-giving little Books.

Just as the Lord has so marvelously answered prayer, and has raised up forces to oppose and put down communism in China; so in answer to the united prayers of His children in many lands, He can send a mighty spiritual awakening sweeping over China. Already remarkable revivals have occurred in certain places. In two districts at least the outpourings of the Spirit have been largely along the lines of the Welsh revival. Mr. A. J. Smith recently sent an account of how the revival begun in Tamingfu in Chihli province. He said:

"The missionaries had been praying for some time, and the Chinese also, that God would send a revival in His own way and in His own time. We had ceased to pray for more missionaries and more money, but we were praying for a spiritual revival. Everything else was secondary. We also got to the place where we said, 'Lord, send a revival; no matter in what mission, no matter in what province or station, just so a Holy Ghost revival is started.'

"We were greatly encouraged in our praying as we received letters from America, and from other parts of China, telling how the Lord was laying it upon their hearts to pray for a revival, and of the faith they had in God for a revival. A letter from a friend at T'eng Hsien, Shantung, said, 'Some day there is going to be the greatest revival in the world here in China, and we cannot get ready too soon. His day is coming.' We gave prayer the pre-eminence. The best hours of the day and night were spent in prayer.

"God has wrought far beyond our fondest expectations. If anybody would have told us five months ago what would take place among the Chinese and foreigners we would not have believed it. Some of the missionaries would be called out of bed at two o'clock in the morning to pray. After the burden of prayer had rested upon our hearts for a number of weeks, the burden also came upon the Chinese. They would get up at midnight, and weep and pray for the lost. They would get up early in the morning in the dark and cold and pray for a revival.

"Thousands of confessions have been made. Our best workers confessed to having sins in their lives. All kinds of confessions have been made. Restitution was made to the extent of hundreds of dollars. There was little preaching done. People would get up and quote a Scripture verse, then comment on it. Others would testify or tell of some experience and people would come to the altar of prayer. Such praying, and such godly sorrow for sin, I have never witnessed in all my life. I knew that God had the power to work in such a marvelous way, but I had not expected it at this time nor to such a large extent."

Surely not only in China but in the



homelands as well glorious revivals can be brought to pass if prayer is given the pre-eminent place. Charles G. Finney declared you can have a revival anywhere if you will pay the price. They paid the price in China; and the fire fell from heaven.

Almost simultaneously with the revival in Tamingfu district, an equal or even more remarkable outpouring of God's Spirit took place in the Chao Chen district, across the border in Shantung province. Mr. L. C. Osborn recently sent me an account of how the church was transformed when the flood gates of heaven were opened. He said:

"Since the revival began the Chinese have shouldered responsibility as never before. A large part of the work that we have heretofore carried has been shifted to the shoulders of the Chinese. We will give ourselves to prayer, and the preaching of the Word. Praise the Lord!

"It was such a blessing to see open Bibles all over the house. Some of the sins confessed were as follows: A young man was so deceived by the devil that he intended to murder his whole family, and then to commit suicide. Another stole over \$300.00 worth of narcotics. Still another defrauded a friend out of \$100.00. One church member, before conversion, poisoned two of his neighbor's cows; another confessed to shooting a man.

"A number of workers confessed to dishonesty in giving out famine relief money, and in handling of mission money. Adultery, borrowing things and refusing to return same, deceitfulness of all descriptions, worshiping idols after being in church several years, were among other sins. Many confessed to breaking all of God's commandments, pride in its worst form, love of self, covetousness, years of hatred toward the missionaries, stealing, long grudges where people had not spoken for years, the taking of revenge, mistreatment of parents, and many other sins.

"The revival spread to the outstations and whole families were united and reconciled to each other. One Sunday there were over one hundred seekers at the altar of mercy. Practically all of these were people who had heard considerable preaching: parents, relatives and friends of the Christians. On this day there was much weeping and people dropped to their knees all over the house confessing their sins. Dismissed church members were praying for mercy, and those for whom we had given up hope were mightily revived. People came in for many miles around. God was in our midst. We shall never forget it. But if Jesus tarries and we are permitted to return to our work, we believe we shall see the 'greater things.'

"Five persons possessed with demons were delivered during the three weeks. The enemy was unusually busy, but the Lord got the victory in every case. Praise Him! Some who were under deep conviction ran away from the meetings, but God followed them and they returned, and in sackcloth and ashes bitterly confessed their sins.

"The night before our party left head-

quarters for Tientsin, being ordered out by the American Consul, we had a communion service with the Chinese which was followed by prayer and testimony. The Chinese said, 'It used to be you missionaries and we Chinese, but now we are one.' Praise God!

The benefit of tithing was never understood by many, but now some are having to make up years of back tithing, and tithing in general is a joy. Others who have never tithed are promising to do so.

"What God has done He can do again! What He has done in one place He can do in all places, therefore let us pray and believe for a mighty revival."



Paul Wong: Policeman; Prisoner; Preacher. Mr. Wong was formerly a policeman in Peking. While serving a term in prison he found Christ. After his release he began a wheelbarrow evangelistic tour of China. He has now exchanged the wheelbarrow for a bicycle. The banner on the bicycle bears the words in Chinese, "The gracious gift of God is eternal life." Several consignments of Testaments have been sent to him.

It may be true that we are on the eve of an era of unparalleled spiritual progress in China. A missionary writes from Hong Kong that the leading native evangelist of South China recently said: "There will be a hundred thousand more Christians in China two years from now than there are at present."

Each one who reads these lines can have a definite share in helping to bring to pass a great spiritual awakening in China. Will you not join with thousands of others in daily, persistent, believing prayer for a might outpouring of God's Spirit in this distressed land?

The Chinese pastors are distributing among their people many thousands of prayer cards asking them to spend a few minutes daily in earnest intercession. Will

you not set apart a little time daily for special prayer that a righteous government may speedily be established, and that peace may prevail; for missionaries and Chinese Christians; for the millions of unsaved; for the nation-wide distribution of New Testaments; and for an era of unparalleled spiritual progress?

### THE COMING GLORY

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she had learned Japanese. She told them it was not she, but the Spirit of God who had spoken. They began (not in mockery but in earnestness) to look up in the roof and all around the house to see the God who was speaking to them in such a wonderful way. Finally they agreed to bring the poor cripple to the church to be prayed for, and the upshot of the matter was he was healed and converted, and now he is called as a missionary to his own people.

In Pennsylvania a little girl suffering through an injury and with a frightful cancer, was taken to some services conducted by F. F. Bosworth. She was healed, and her Roman Catholic family are now walking with the Lord.

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our list in the month of October, 1927: Anderson, Lorence R., Homosassa, Fla. Ashworth, R. F., Oswego, Kans. Christopher, Handy Alex, Martinsburg, W. Va. Clark, John A., Delbarton, W. Va. Hammond, Hattie Philetta, Williamsport, Md. Killman, Josua F., Bowie, Texas McKirdy, Christina, North Tazewell, Va. Miller, Stanley J., Sullivan, Mo. Ogburn, Ernest A., Winter Haven, Fla. Oliver, Shirley E., Kingsburg, Calif. Olsen, Ludwig, Tampa, Fla. Philpotts, A. G., Windsor, Ont., Can. Schaeffer, Harry V., Mt. Storm, W. Va. Shreve, Fred M., Covington, Ky. Stephens, J. Martin, Elba, Ala. Stephens, Mattie E., Elba, Ala. Warren, Lee Denis, Versailles, Ky. Williams, Mamie E., Tampa, Fla. Wood, Ivy Lee, Plant City, Fla.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of October, 1927:

Lincoln, Annie Bell, Dallas, Texas  
Tatman, M. R., Oakland, Calif.

### TWO CHILDREN HEALED

Word has reached us of a revival in Porterville, Calif., conducted by Raymond H. Cossey, a colored lad about 18 years of age, during which there were some remarkable cases of healing. Among others, a little girl who as a result of infantile paralysis could not walk, stood on her feet and walked, at sight of which her father fainted and fell to the floor. Another child whose leg was broken in several places, was healed and walked from the platform to her seat. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23.

## Children's Corner

### FROM FOUR TO EIGHTY-EIGHT

I am sending my love and greeting to all the dear children, wherever you are.

I would like to tell you first, about myself—when I was a little girl, only four years old, I remember so well going upstairs all by myself and kneeling by a bed, and weeping so hard because I felt I was a sinner, and I knew I could not go to heaven unless my sins were all washed away in the precious blood of Jesus, and that would make my heart white and clean. I know Jesus did it because I was so happy after that.

I worked a great deal in a Sunday school in Derby, N. Y., on Lake Erie. Every Saturday afternoon for over a year I had a large sewing class of girls from 8 to 12 years old—ten or 12 of them. I had the teachers come and cut out their dresses which they made for themselves, but first we always had a prayer meeting. I read a few verses—then **each girl** prayed to Jesus. It was hard at first but Jesus helped them, and the dear Lord **saved every one** of them, they **all** gave their hearts to Jesus—and they all made their dresses too. One girl walked four miles and was never absent—even when it rained, and then she wore rubber boots.

In 1922, when I was 83 years old, the Lord told me to come to Manhattan Beach, Calif., and start a Sunday school for Him. He said, "The Great **I Am** is speaking to you—you are going to Manhattan Beach—in **My strength not your own**." So we started a Sunday school in October, 1922, with 22 scholars, and the next Sunday we had 26 pupils and a dear missionary from India to give us a wonderful talk about the children of India, especially the widows. They had quite a number in a school, whom they had rescued from a most unhappy life. So our children told the missionary that we wanted to take **two** of her children to support at \$2.00 a month. Since then we have supported from 2 to 25 children in India and China, one in Egypt, and one in Venezuela, South America.

Although I am 88 years old I am still the superintendent of the school. The children always call me Sister Squier.—Children's Messenger.

### MUSSOLINI: IS THE WORLD PREPARING FOR ANTICHRIST?

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according to 1 John 4:3, is only a spirit, but a spirit is the evidence of a person. We speak of the Spirit of God, and it is written, "God is a Spirit," a Person whose creative power is everywhere demonstrated. This spirit of Antichrist, according to 2 Thess. 2:4, will, under certain conditions, culminate in one great system, with Antichrist, the son of perdition in

the lead—"Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped; so that he as God, sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Here we find the disposition, the character and determination of Antichrist, who is possessed with all the theories of unbelief in the Holy Scriptures. It is the purpose of Antichrist not only to denounce God, but according to Revelation 13th chapter, he will, by the law of his mouth, and the powers which have rallied to his support for self-protection, destroy by death all who will not recognize his authority or seek protection under the national seal, "the mark of the beast."

Antichrist is known in the Scriptures as, "The enemy and avenger," Psa. 8:2; "The man of the earth," Psa. 10:18; "king of Babylon," Isa. 14:4; "a king of fierce countenance," Dan. 8:23; "the prince that shall come," Dan. 9:26; "a vile person," Dan. 11:21; "man of sin, son of perdition, and that wicked one," 2 Thess. 2:3-8. The kingdom power of the Antichrist is described in Revelation 13.

The question is asked, "When and where will this Antichrist appear?" The Jewish Missionary Magazine, speaking on the subject, says: "Whoever he is, or whether on earth at present or not, cannot be established until the proper time comes for his appearance." This magazine suggests the probability of Antichrist coming out of the former empire of Greece, and cites Dan. 8:9. It further states: "His advance toward the pleasant land of Palestine will be a further mark of his identity, but, far more decisive will be his making a treaty with the Jews in Palestine, whereby he will secure their aid in some gigantic loan for his great enterprise, and will grant them favors only to complete his own plan. But not until the middle of the seventieth week, according to Daniel, will he be fully revealed in his anti-Christian and anti-Jew character."

Then will come the great tribulation of which the Lord Jesus speaks in Matt. 24, "Then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be; and except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved, but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

The question is asked: "When shall these days be shortened, and how?" The answer is found in 2 Thess. 2:7, 8, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

In the most dreadful period of the reign

of the Antichrist, during the bloody battle of Armageddon, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will appear on Mount Olivet, "and then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming."

A very careful study of the times in which we are living in the light of the Holy Scripture, leads me to believe the world is preparing for Antichrist. Even the most conservative among us are convinced we are in the days of "the falling away," "the great apostasy." I need not tell you of the increase of lawlessness and divorces especially among the young, or of the empty pews in the sanctuaries, or of the cold forms of worship. There is a reason for it all. Men are forgetting God and casting the Bible aside, or seeking to content themselves with a substitute. It is always midnight where the Holy Ghost is crowded out. The day has come when defenders of the Holy Scriptures are called to its firing line against the arrogant claims of modern apostasy.

Every form of unbelief in the Bible is rampant in our schools and in many of our so-called Christian organizations. Atheism, evolution and modern theology are abroad in the land, and the success of their present system of operation is amazing.

This triangle of Satan goes hand in hand and is inseparable. Modern theology is the chair of religion in the school of evolution. You are taking atheism in small doses when you accept the doctrines of modern theology. The denial of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, and the rejection of the supernatural, are the fundamental propaganda of the spirit of Antichrist who is even now working in the heart of the children of disobedience.

A man must accept the Bible or reject it, for there is no middle ground. To minimize, question, or lay aside any portion of the Holy Scripture is a criminal act, for it is written: "If any man shall take away from the prophecy of this Book, God will take away his part out of the book of life and out of the Holy City."

The Bible is not the production of mortal mind. Christ is not a myth. Satan is not unreal. Heaven is not imaginary, nor is hell a dream. Some men, who are now making a big howl over the slimy theory of evolution, have been, and are even now, preaching modern theology which rejects the virgin birth, the vicarious death, the literal resurrection, the new birth and the personal return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Some men are so broad they are flat, so liberal they are ridiculous, and so self-conceited they are blasphemous.

The minister or the teacher who will not accept the Bible as the inspiration of God and the final word of authority, should not hang around and live off folks who do. A profession without an experience is hypocrisy.

If the Bible is not true, it is not authority; if the Bible is not authority, it is not the Word of God; and if the Bible is not the Word of God, then we



are deceived and on our way to an everlasting grave. Oh, the tragedy of unbelief!

Soldiers of the Lord Jesus, to the front! lift high the banner of the Cross! Beneath the blood-stained arch of Calvary take your place, and "earnestly contend for the faith which was delivered unto the saints," until He comes whose right it is to reign.

#### WHY DON'T THEY RUN?

Hell is real. Its fires are the sure reward of the wicked—it is the wages of sin. That people are falling into it in all our communities at very short intervals, every one knows. That those of our own flesh and blood who are most dear to us are rushing on toward those unquenchable burnings, is well known. That they may topple in at any time and be forever lost to us and to God, and be doomed to eternal misery and despair, is also known. Why don't we run?

A hotel is on fire. The eerie scream of the fire siren has announced the fact. For ten minutes central can do nothing but answer the question, "Where's the fire?" The fire chief's warning splits the night air. The fire trucks go thundering by. Sooner than one would think it possible the streets are filled with men and boys, running. Here come the women and girls, too—running, running to the fire. Why do they run?

The same folk who yawn and look bored and who do not once think of running when the minister tells of the mighty hell fires that are raging and about to engulf many, tear along the street like mad, dressing as they go, running toward the burning hotel. What makes the difference?

Do they run to the fire as a matter of duty? No, they know, if they would stop to consider, that the firemen could work to better advantage and put the fire out quicker if they would stay at home in their beds.

Is it because it is the style, and they do not want to be behind the rest? Oh, no. There is nothing premeditated about it. If you ask them why they went in such a hurry and with such zeal and energy the only thing they could think of to answer would be, "I wanted to go."

There is a profound philosophy underneath this striking difference in the way folk do. We preachers greatly need to give earnest heed to it.

The blood-curdling wail of the fire whistle; the fire chief's car rocketing through the streets, screaming as it goes, sets the people thinking in an aroused and animated fashion about the fire and the possibility that lives will be lost. They rush to the phones. They sense the many others impatiently demanding, "Where's the fire, Central?" They hear the sound of running feet. Some pistols are discharged. A man with leather lungs is yelling, "Fire!" as if every one were not already wide awake. Everything combines to fix your attention on the fire and the loss it will bring and the menace it is to human lives. Your blood leaps with excitement. The hotel is on fire! You feel it. You can see it in your imagina-

tion. You must go. Possibly you can help. You are off. Why? I have just told you. You have been made to think about the fire until it has become the most real thing there is in life for the time being. That makes you go to the fire.

The minister in his pulpit shouts, and looks as if he meant it, "The wicked shall be turned into hell." You sit up with a start, but as your eye sweeps the people around you, you see no one is stirring. Mrs. Knoles is looking out of the open door at a passing limousine. She keeps on watching the car with interest. Mrs. Gilbert is smiling at the dimples in her laughing baby's cheeks. She continues to smile. Deacon Pitts has been lazily opening and closing sleepy-looking eyes as the sermon has progressed, and you see that the sleepy look still dominates his features. Do you run to help keep people out of hell? Does anybody run? No. People are not set running that way. Your experience is that the minister when he has finished will come down from the pulpit smiling this way and that, telling now and then a little harmless joke, talking lightly and soothingly to the people he meets, and presently he will be seen walking off to his home, looking dignified, comfortable and serene. Surely it was a false alarm. It cannot be really true that there is an awful hell of fire. True the minister said there was, but everything and everybody gives the lie to the statement. It was just a part of the minister's day's work. It is rather an unpleasant thing anyway, and we'll think of something else.

Do you wonder why sinners are so hard to move? You do not need to. You and the minister and all the rest have conspired together to act and behave yourselves in such a way that sinners simply cannot be expected to think seriously of the matter of fleeing from the wrath to come. Hell! Why that's a joke. The minister doesn't believe in it, neither do the people of the church. They say they do. Sure they do that, but that's just one of their funny little ways. Their actions show they do not believe a word of it.

Comes an evangelist to the church. He gets out a lot of announcements, and spreads them everywhere. He announces prayer meetings for every forenoon to pray for the lost. He preaches every night telling men of the fires of hell to be shunned, of the love of God in sending His Son that those fires might be shunned, of the joys of heaven, of the yearning love of God for sinners who are lost. He acts like he believes what he says. At the close of the service he does his very best to get sinners to take a stand for God.

What is the result? Why, of course, the saints begin to run. They think about the terrible condition of the sinners, they think of the grief gnawing at the heart of God, they think of the unspeakable sacrifice Jesus made in shedding His life's blood, and these things begin to be real to them. When they become real the same thing happens that occurs when people are made to think

of the burning hotel. They become active in trying to rescue the lost. In the fact of numbers alone there is power, so the more of them get aroused the more zealous they are. Their zeal is contagious and others feel moved to join with them in saving the lost. All this stirs the hearts of the sinners. They are convinced there is a reality in religion and are moved upon, in a way they cannot understand, to seek the Lord. A revival is on.

See?

—C. E. R.

#### MINISTER AND DOCTOR RECEIVES HEALING

During the winter of 1905-1906 I suffered a forty-two-day run of the typhoid fever. The large amount of quinine taken, by the instructions of my physician, during my illness, caused my right ear to become almost entirely deaf. After becoming deaf, I consulted an ear specialist who introduced an instrument through my nose to my middle ear and, by means of an electric light, viewed the internal ear. According to his diagnosis nearly every string on the cochlea was broken and gone—a few of the shortest ones remained. The only sounds that I could hear were high-pitched tones as from a violin or like a train passing over a switch if very loud. These sounds (and only faintly audible) are the only sounds I have comprehended with my right ear for over twenty years.

On Monday evening, July 25th, 1927, I received the ministry of anointing with oil and laying on of hands by Evangelist Harvey McAlister in his Hornell, N. Y., revival campaign. At the time of prayer and for about ten minutes after I could perceive no change, but within fifteen minutes I began to hear grating sounds—a few more minutes and I could distinguish words very clearly. The following evening, as a proof of my hearing, I listened to six different watches tick—three of them were small wrist watches. A week later I drove my car with my son sitting at my right side (heretofore I had always found it impossible to hear without turning around my good ear) and I could distinctly hear and understand every word he uttered with the ear that had not registered a word for over twenty years. I have found great pleasure in stopping up my left ear and listening to the singing, testimonies and preaching with my heretofore deaf ear. It is now (at the time of writing this testimony) nearly a month since I was healed and my hearing is active.—S. E. Matthews, Arkport, N. Y.

Mr. S. E. Matthews was ordained to the Gospel ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church thirty-four years ago. Previous to entering the ministry, he taught school for fifteen years. For a time he was principal of the High School at Gerry, N. Y. From 1912 to 1915 he took a course in Chiropractic in the National College of Chicago. He graduated with the degrees of Doctor of Chiropractic and Philosopher of Chiropractic.—Evangelist Harvey McAlister.

## ...RUSSIA...

Elder Paul B. Peterson at the General Council

The evangelization of Russia and Eastern Europe is considered the greatest missionary opportunity of our time. As soon as one mentions Russia, people are interested. And why are they interested? Because Russia is in the crucible and all the world is wondering what the outcome will be.

We find in 1 Cor. 3:9 this expression, "For we are laborers together with God." There may be several interpretations of this passage, but I wish to mention the particular thought that comes to me in this connection. "Laborers together!" You know that if we work together with God we have success. If we desire, as missionaries and preachers, to succeed, we must work hand in hand with God; for unless we work according to His plan and His will for us we get into trouble and difficulties, and it goes very hard with us, but when we are workers together with God we have success.

We think of Russia to-day as the greatest missionary opportunity of this time, and we would say to everybody that we ought to work together with God for the advancement of His kingdom in Russia. God pours out His Spirit in various parts of the world at different times, and just now in these last years He has poured out His Spirit in Russia as in no other country. In the last decade from two to four million people have been saved in Russia. I am not exaggerating, these are conservative figures. I don't believe that you will find in the records of Christianity any revival that approaches the Russian revival of the last decade. That is how God has worked in Russia. He has sent the most glorious revival on record in the face of, and as an answer to, the attempt of the "Reds" to stamp out the Christian religion as an opiate. The revival is not the work of men, it has been done by the Spirit of God to the consternation of wise men, men of understanding, men of education, who haven't been able to fathom this thing.

In being "laborers together with God," where should we work? Where God pours out His Spirit. That is evidence of His divine interest. Why has this revival come to Russia? In the first place, the Russian is a mystic. He is religious in his nature, and the atheists will have a busy time getting this out of his system because it can't be done. He is a mystic even before he becomes a Christian. The Russian people have been trodden down by the heel of tyranny, and it has been only because of a super-abundance of patience that they have endured this persecution which has lasted for centuries. The people in America know little about, and cannot understand, the severe persecutions they have suffered. Men and women have been laid face down upon benches in the police

stations and prisons, where with their backs stripped they have been beaten with the terrible Russian whip until their backs have become a mass of purple flesh with red streaks of blood. Why was this done? Because they called together some of their neighbors, the ignorant peasants who could not read, and read to them from the Bible. Sometimes when doing so the police would learn about it, then there would be a heavy knock on the door, and in would come the officers.

"Aha, we have caught you at last," would be their evil salutation, and then the faithful believer would be treated as I have just told you. If he survived he was sometimes marched off to Siberia or to Transcaucasia, and he didn't ride on the train, but had to walk hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles with iron chains clanking at his ankles. Many never reached their destination, dying on the way from their sufferings. Those who were strongest survived the longest, but sooner or later the majority died because of the terrible treatment they received, only a few remaining alive long enough to serve their full term and return to loved ones.

Friends, in Siberia sometimes the wheelbarrows were fastened to their wrists, and chains with iron balls were attached to their ankles. Why was that? Because they loved the Lord Jesus Christ and were not ashamed of their Saviour. That is why they endured such suffering as that. The Russian people by the hundreds and thousands have suffered terrible things which we in America know little or nothing about, and this is one of the reasons why the revival has come. It has been said that in the five years between 1917 and 1922 there were more Christian martyrs in Russia than in all the rest of the world during the last century. This embraces martyrs from all branches of the so-called Christian church, including the Roman and Greek Catholic faiths.

During the war a wonderful thing happened. Russian prisoners to the total number of 2,500,000 were quartered in the war prison camps of Austria, Hungary, and Germany. Bibles and New Testaments, as well as good tracts which had been translated into Russian, were distributed among them while evangelists preached the gospel to them, with the result that hundreds and thousands of these war prisoners were saved. When the war ended and these men went back into the different villages and towns in Russia from which they had come, and told the story of their conversion, revival fires were lighted in many places in that great land.

After the revolution of 1917 came the famine. During the great famine some of us had the joy of helping to send

clothing and money over there to help them in their dire need. Several millions perished, and at times the loss of life was so heavy that it was impossible to bury them as quickly as they died, especially in the winter time. I have seen pictures of piles of dead bodies ten or twelve feet high lying out in the snow in the winter time awaiting burial when spring weather should set in. During this famine people could scarcely get anything to eat. They often took their leather belts, shoes, etc., and boiled them to make a kind of broth, or cooked roots, herbs and leaves. They also ate horses, and some were even known to eat the bodies of people. But it didn't end with that. The people finally came to the place where they cast lots for the children in their own families, and when the lot fell upon a little boy or girl, that child was slain and eaten by the rest of the family. This shows you how powerful is our sense of self-preservation. It was then that these people lifted their hands to Almighty God and cried, "O God, if there be a God, come and help us," and God has answered with this revival which I don't believe has a parallel in the history of the Christian Church.

I would like to tell you something about the field as it is at present. The people are so hungry to hear the gospel that they crowd the meeting halls beyond their capacity. You may think you have crowds in your meetings here, but on the Russian mission field there are such crowds eager to hear the Word that there is not room for them all. One brother wrote me recently that where he was preaching one night he had to stand still by the pulpit because the people so filled the place that he couldn't move all the while he preached. I have seen a place that would seat 1200 people (by actual count) filled with 2000 people. They will come and stand for hours to hear the gospel. Time after time I have seen the people stand for two and three and four and even five hours in gospel services. Few meetings on the Russian mission field close within less than three hours. There is much singing, a season of intense and earnest prayer, then perhaps the evangelist will speak for an hour and a half, and at times after an altar call has been made and the benediction has been pronounced, still the people will not move. They just sit there and the preacher has to look up another passage of scripture and begin all over again. This is no exaggeration.

Those people will walk ten, fifteen, twenty and up to fifty miles to get to a meeting. In the summer time we would meet them on the road early Sunday morning carrying their boots over their shoulders, and they would tell us that they had been walking since sunrise. Then in the evening after the meeting they would start back and walk until close to midnight, because it was necessary to be out in the harvest fields at daybreak. In the winter time they will sometimes walk many miles across marshy ground, snow and ice to hear the gospel. Of course, everybody doesn't do that, but

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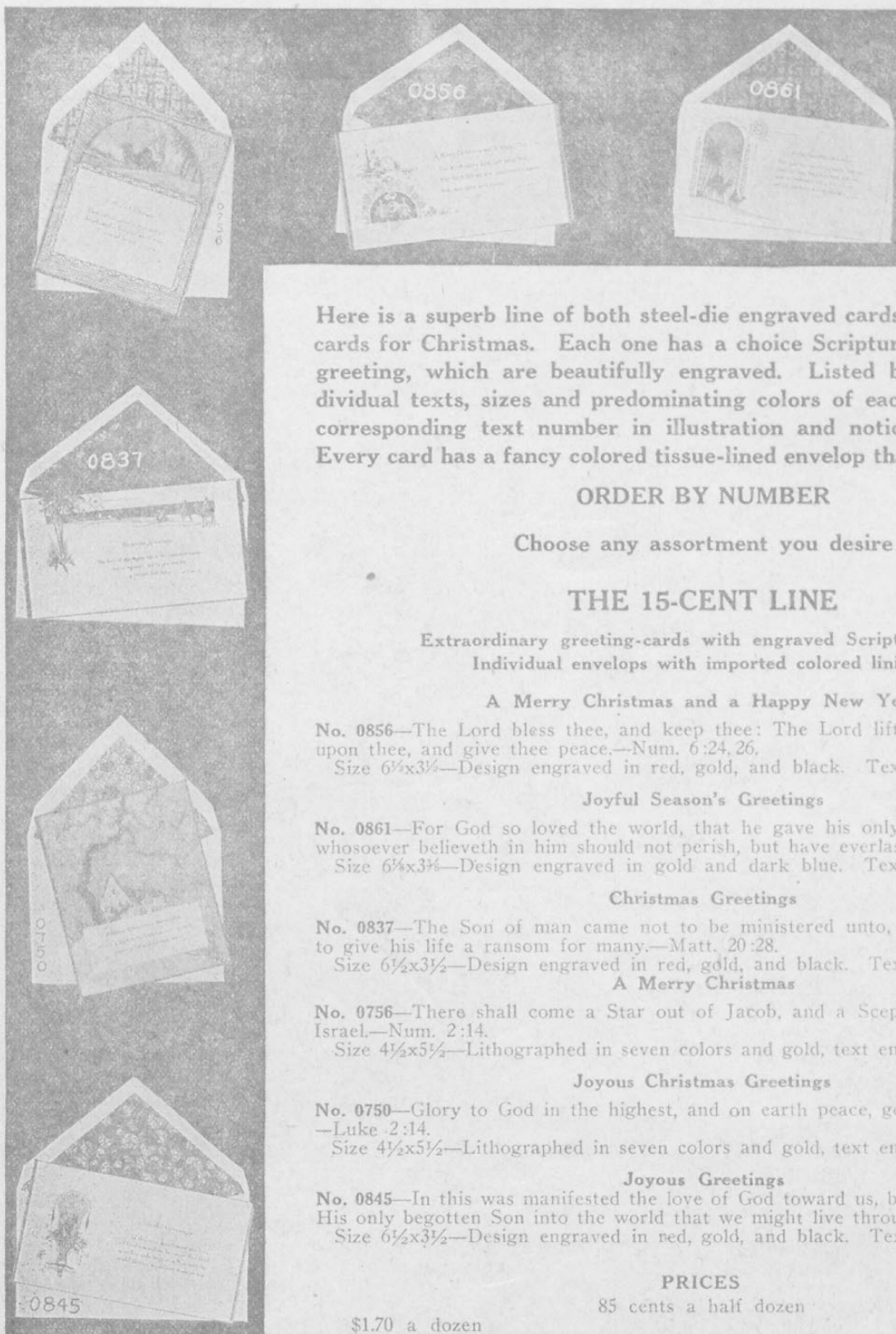
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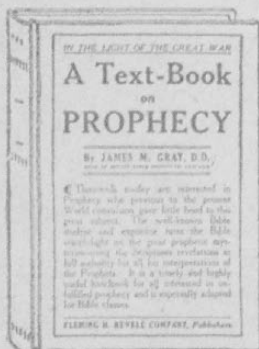
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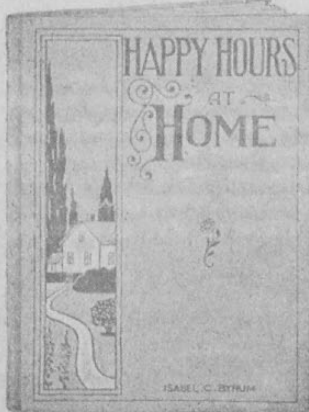
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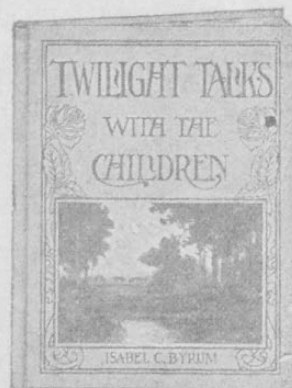
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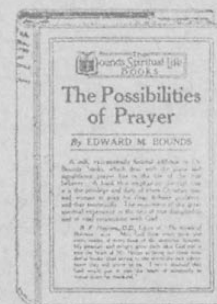
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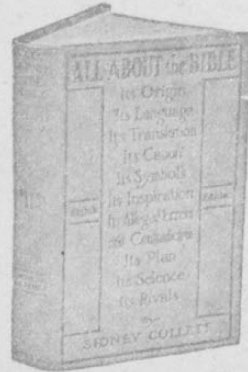
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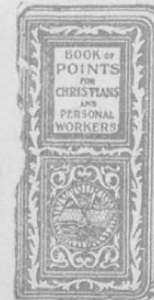
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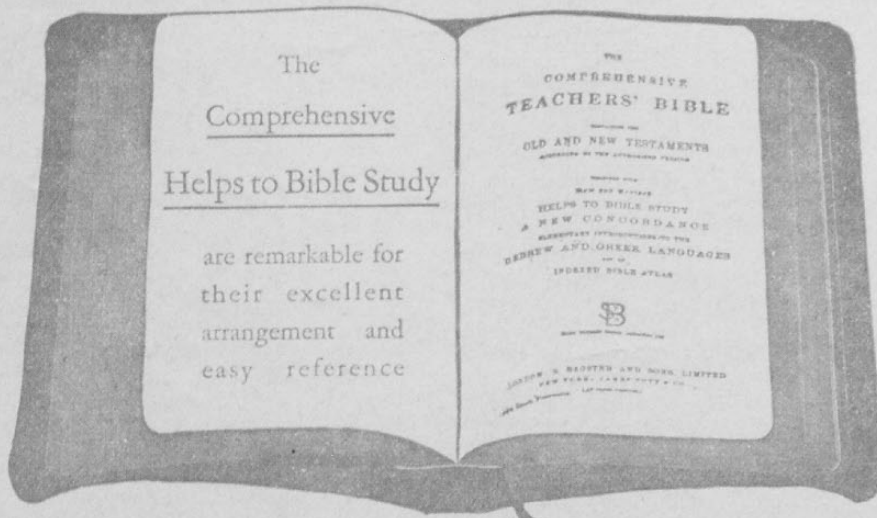
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**RUSSIA**

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some at times do. I don't know where you can find a greater hunger for God. It is a pleasure to minister to them and there are many conversions. Any man or woman who knows God could go over there, and through interpretation, give one address and perhaps ten or twelve, or as many as twenty-five people would get salvation that first time. In other fields, missionaries sometimes have to labor for years before gaining a few converts, but the people on the Russian mission field are hungry for the gospel and great numbers accept Christ as Saviour and Lord of their lives when they hear the message of salvation. This is because the Spirit of God is being poured out upon them. But this will not last. They are gradually forgetting their past sufferings and are getting back to their old position. They must be won for God now while their hearts are still mellow. The golden harvest is waving in the sunlight waiting for the reapers.

Perhaps we have five years in which to give the message of salvation to the Russian people. Ominous storm clouds are in the offing. What is to be done must be done **now**. This is a wonderful mission field, the greatest in the world today, and it has hardly been touched. In Ukraina (a part of Soviet Russia) there are over 300 assemblies with 10,000 who have been baptized in the Holy Spirit; and in Poland there are about 150 groups and assemblies and of the 4000 who belong to them, approximately 2000 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. These are white people, and, therefore very closely allied to us. With proper Bible training they are just as able as foreigners, and sometimes perhaps more able, to labor among their own people because they know the customs of the people and can do better and more effective work than we, but they need our help and our prayers. Our purpose is to support able, Spirit-filled workers resident on the field and to give Bible training to promising young men and women in the countries of Russia and Eastern Europe as the Lord provides the means. This is the most practical and economical method of evangelization, and does away to a great extent with heavy traveling expenses and large support for Americans, and the long period the latter must spend in language study.

We want you to stand behind this work, the greatest work of God in all the world to-day. Pray for Russia and ask God to thrust forth laborers into that whitened harvest field. Millions of people are going to Christless graves. "Laborers together with God," working where He indicates by the outpouring of His Spirit. This is "the field of God." It is where God's Spirit has been poured out. Dr. Chas. Inwood, well known Bible conference speaker of England, has said: "The church ought to turn her batteries loose upon Europe for the next few years; it is the most crucial missionary field to-day." To this we say a hearty, "Amen." May God put the burden of perishing souls in Russia and

Eastern Europe upon your hearts. It's truly "Now or never."

**PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER**

A gentleman in Scotland recently said to me, "I am an intensely worldly man. I had all this world could give me, yet it never satisfied. When my old father, who was a delightful Christian, passed into eternity, I was looking over his papers, and I noticed that he had given a great deal of money toward George Muller's Orphanage at Bristol. I thought, I am sure father would like me to help with that work, so decided to go down and see it before helping it. I went and, as we looked through the buildings, I went into one room, where on that very day, they were beginning a mission for the orphan boys and girls."

This wealthy and brainy man stopped and listened to the message to the children. God saved him, and when he told them he was saved, they said "We are not surprised. For thirty-eight years Mr. Muller never ceased to pray for you."

—Charles, Inglis in John Three Sixteen.

**GOD IN THE CHEESE BUSINESS**

A young man of twenty-one came to Chicago with the ambition to build up a big business. His capital consisted of only sixty-five dollars. For three years he toiled unceasingly against overwhelming odds. He had failed, and was hopelessly in debt; and he gave himself just one more day to decide whether he should abandon his business.

At the close of that day he was convinced that he was a failure. Then he asked himself why; and, like Paul, he was startled by hearing an invisible speaker. He heard the words, "You have not had God in your business." Considering it a message from God, as such he pondered it. After a few moments of heart-searching deliberation, he heard himself saying, "If God wants to run the cheese business, He can run it." From that hour he considered God the main partner of the firm.

The man who had this experience is President J. L. Kraft of the Kraft Cheese Company, reputed to be the biggest cheese concern in the world. He is a deacon in the North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago, also superintendent of its Sunday school. He began his work in denominational activities as trustee of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the invaluable chairman of its Investment Committee; also he renders great service by frequent and generous gifts.

Mr. Kraft was once scheduled to address two hundred salesmen, mostly of his company, from all parts of the United States. He felt impressed to talk on the importance of being Christians; but custom argued that such a talk would be out of place at a business convention, that he should talk about promoting business, and try to arouse these men to greater enthusiasm for selling Kraft cheese. So he prepared a speech of the usual type. But the first impression clung so tenaciously that when the time came he actually abandoned his prepared

speech and urged the prime importance of following Christ. Though it was most unusual and unconventional, God greatly blessed that act of obedience to His Spirit; for about three fourths of those men have personally informed Mr. Kraft how much that talk helped them; and many of them were influenced by it to become Christians. Indeed just a short time ago, as a result of that appeal, a salesman surrendered to Christ away down in Texas, and wrote Mr. Kraft a letter of thanks.

Each year more men are building their business on a Christian foundation. They are finding the teaching of Jesus practicable in business as well as in other phases of life. Is it not strange that so many call Him Lord and yet go on treating His teachings as impracticable in their everyday affairs? If God made the cheese business succeed, why would He not make any other honorable business succeed, if He is allowed a voice in its control and a fair share of its profits?—Julius Robert Mantey, in "Wings."

Before copying this remarkable story for the Evangel we wrote to Mr. Kraft and secured his assurance that the account is true.—Ed.

**MARK 12:41**

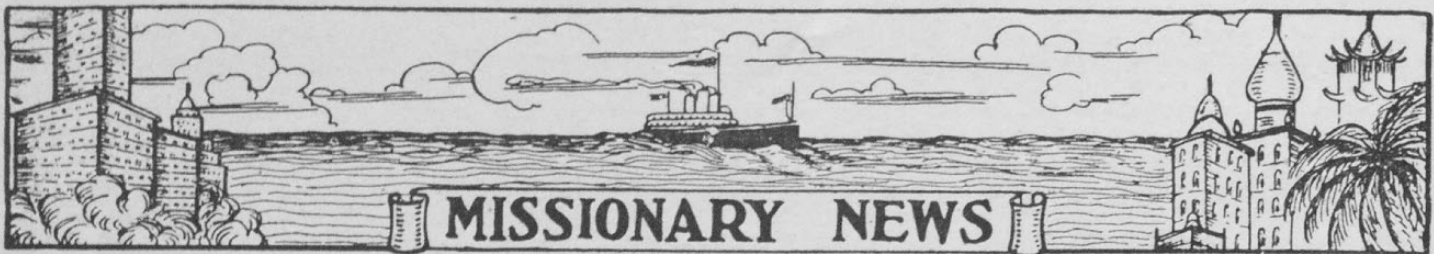
Hark to the trumpets in the air—the longest, loudest trumpets in all Jerusalem. How the beggars scurry at the sound, this way and that! From different parts of the city processions are winding through the narrow streets to the temple, all very much alike. First comes the trumpeter; then a retinue of richly dressed servants bearing coffers of gold upon ornate velvet cushions with long silver fringe. Then at the last comes the master; head erect and proud eyes flashing from right to left, drinking in the admiration, envy and adulation of the poor, who must crowd tightly into every hole and crevice that their filthy rags might not touch one floating border of the master's long silken robes.

What does all this mean? Why, these are the rich men going up to the temple to give their offerings to God. Every once in a while where the streets cross and there are more spectators, the master calls a halt; and then, oh wonderful moment!—the servants take some coins out of the golden caskets and fling them in the air amid a perfect uproar of extravagant thanks and praise. The rich men are getting their reward—but it is soon over with.

Then on the trumpeter goes within the temple gates, and all this pride and circumstance is lost to view of those outside, while a new audience is gained. But alas! This morning there is such an unwelcome figure sitting over against the treasury. Just the very last place in all the world where these rich men want Him to be. He knew just how many widow's houses had been devoured that they might fare sumptuously as princes every day. How cheap and foolish their golden caskets upon their gaudy cushions.

Now their money had to be counted out and dropped into the treasury coin by coin; the recorder calling out with

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India baby, from Miss Kirkland and Miss Flint's home, Bettiah, India.

#### CHRISTMAS IS COMING

The little fellow looks real happy in the anticipation of what is coming. I am sure you are not going to disappoint those who are giving their lives to minister to such as he.

Send your Christmas offering for our missionaries at the earliest date possible, otherwise it will not reach them in time. Don't let us fail them. About \$1500.00 is needed for all of our missionaries. Mark your offering "Christmas Offering for Missionaries," and make your check or money order payable to The Foreign Missions Dept., Gospel Publishing House, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

#### FACTS ABOUT CHINA

One out of every four in the world's population is a Chinaman.

If the Chinese marched by us at the rate of one per second, over twelve years would elapse before the last one had passed.

Every time the clock strikes the hour a thousand souls have passed into eternity.

#### CABLE RECEIVED

The following communication has been received from the Department of State: "A telegram has just been received from the American Consulate at Calcutta, as follows: 'A party which there is good reason to hope is Plymire's, have arrived at Nagchuka, ten days north of Lhasa. Government of India states that no direct communication yet received from

party but will advise me immediately of any fresh intelligence.'"

A further cable from the British Legation at Peking is as follows: "British Legation states there is little reason to doubt that the party referred to as stopping at Nagchuka was Plymire's, since when it stopped it declared itself as British, American and German, respectively. Positive confirmation impossible until arrival of mail from Ladakh."

#### SAILING FOR THE FIELD

Brother and Sister Baltau with their seventeen-year-old son are sailing for China Nov. 22nd, on S. S. "Taiyo Maru"; also Sister Winne F. Kneeland will sail on the same boat for South India to join the work in Chengannur under Robert Cook and family.

Brother and Sister Baltau's address in China will be 12 Liu Wei Lu, He Pei, Tientsin, N. China.

#### CHINA

##### A Field of Illiterate Multitudes

**The vast number.** There are more illiterate people in China than in any other country in the world. It is estimated that there are in the Chinese Republic 324,000,000 persons who cannot read.

**Why is this so?** Although the Chinese have always valued education, yet in the past it has only been the privilege of comparatively few. The schools provided have been utterly inadequate to meet more than a very small portion of the need. Even at the present time there are only sufficient schools in the land to accommodate about one twentieth of the children of school age; thus the mass of people inevitably grow up without education. An even greater difficulty has been presented by the extremely complex nature of the Chinese printed character. In order to read the Bible through in Chinese it is necessary to learn to recognize at least 4,000 distinct characters—quite a formidable task—and this has played a large part in bringing about the terrible condition of illiteracy in China.

**The urgency of the situation.** In a country where illiteracy prevails, the masses of the people are an easy prey to all kinds of blighting superstitions, and foolish prejudices become deeply entrenched in their minds, so that rapid and wide progress of the gospel is difficult. In a church where a large proportion of the membership is illiterate—there will almost inevitably be a lack of stability and of strong spiritual growth. It is only as they are able to read the Word of God in their own tongue that the Chinese Christians will have a full appre-

ciation of the greatness of the Christian message, and of the glory of God's purpose for them. **More than half the present membership of the Christian Church in China is illiterate.**

**How can the need be met?** The only way in which the situation can be met is by the use of a simplified form of Chinese writing. Such a system has now been introduced by the preparation of a phonetic script. This script has been prepared by a conference of delegates from all parts of China, appointed by the Chinese government. The Bible and tract societies are preparing portions of the Scriptures and other Christian literature in this new script. The China Inland Mission, in addition to the teaching of this script in most of its centers, has set aside an able worker, who is giving her whole time to preparing Christian books in it. The system can be learned in a few hours by those who are fairly quick, and even the very dullest could master it in about a week.

The governor of the Province of Shansi has ordered some 2,500,000 copies of a primer of the new script, in order that some of the illiterates of his province may be taught to read. What tremendous possibilities this opens up for the multitudes of China's illiterates! Should it not be an urgent call to us for prayer that the people may be willing to seize this opportunity which is now given them, and that through this new phonetic script a vast number may be brought into the light of the gospel?—Tract (China Inland Mission, London)

#### A FINE EVANGELIZING FIELD

**"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields: they are white already to harvest." One of the most urgent calls to the Church in the twentieth century.**

**1. It is a field of almost unlimited extent.** It contains over 400,000,000 of the human race for whom Christ died, and to whom He commanded us to preach the gospel. Of this vast number only about 500,000 are professed adherents of the Protestant faith. The remaining multitude is still largely without the light of the gospel. Among this multitude are the Confucianists, who have a code of morals but no power; Buddhists, whose tenets offer no real hope; Taoists, whose beliefs bring no peace; and an ever-increasing multitude who have abandoned almost all religion, and are drifting into materialism and atheism.

Probably not one in a hundred has ever intelligently heard the gospel.

Beyond the confines of the eighteen provinces of China there lie the other



lands that go to make up the great Republic: The vast tract of land known as the "New Dominion" with its 550,000 square miles, and two missionaries among its scattered 1,250,000 of people; the almost boundless expanses of Mongolia and Manchuria, and the mysterious and just opening land of Tibet.

**2. It is a field of urgent opportunity.** Dr. C. T. Wang, one of China's Christian statesmen, has recently said: "Never before in the history of the world has there been presented to the Christian church such an opportunity of bringing



One of China's Needy Millions

to bear the influence of the Christian faith upon a nation, as that which China presents at the present time." The long closed door has been flung wide open. The prejudice and suspicions of the past have largely gone. The minds and hearts of the people are responsive in a way not known before. China has many needs, but those who know and love her best realize that her most urgent need is the gospel.

**3. It is a field of unbounded possibility.** The results in the past are rich in proof that the old gospel is the power of God unto salvation. The character of so many of the converts gives us vision and hope of great possibilities. The steadfast endurance of the Chinese martyrs; the deep spirituality and fervent zeal of many of the leaders of the Chinese church; the position to which many Chinese Christians have been called in the national life—these and other facts show us that it is abundantly worth while to win the Chinese for Christ.—Tract (China Inland Mission, London)

### WORT UND ZEUGNIS

Wort und Zeugnis is a free paper supported by freewill offerings, and published in the German language by the German branch of the Assemblies of God, as regularly as possible and as means permit, in the interest of the Full Gospel. It contains nothing but teachings and testimonies concerning Pentecostal truths and the preparation for the glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. It also intends to arouse a missionary spirit among God's children to send forth laborers into His vineyard.

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### JEWS OPPOSE NEW CALENDAR

It is known to many readers that the League of Nations has under projection, in one of its committees, the reforming of the present civil calendar. The week and the month do not coincide either at their beginning or ending, and some months have thirty, others thirty-one days, while one month has but twenty-eight days. It is proposed that the year have thirteen months of twenty-eight days each, leaving one day more in common years and two days in leap years. These overplus days are not to have any name or date given them, but may be called New Year's Day or receive some other such name.

Such a scheme will break the continuity of the days of the week as we now have them, so that, as Jews complain, the first Saturday after the first New Year's Day will fall on a Sunday. This would make great confusion in the reckoning of holidays and of all holy days. Jews are protesting against this innovation. While it might prove of much benefit to certain classes of men, it would certainly not yield the results now claimed for it. Yet will not something like this come to pass in the near future? Many believers hold that the League of Nations is the forerunner of the coming United States of Europe, which will form the revived Roman empire predicted in Daniel and Revelation. Now that coming confederacy and its leader, the Antichrist, "shall think to change times and laws" (Dan. 7:25). Is the present proposal another indication of the near approach of the end?—Thomas M. Chalmers.

### GO, SAVE THE GRAIN

By Grace Ruby Axe

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

How those words stand out from the page on which they are printed! Then they seem to disappear and instead, far as vision can reach is the vast harvest field of grain, whitened by sun, shining golden in his rays now setting. That which is near at hand reveals the fact that much is overripe and the grains are

dropping out one by one from the bended heads.

Those heads of ripened grain change to faces. One by one they disappear, and we know another has left, never to return—where has it gone? Has it slipped into eternity unprepared while we have sat idly by, offering not so much as a word to reap it into the Master's barns? Oh, beloved,—all around us is the harvest field of God. He sends some far off to reap in neglected fields, but He puts the sickle of truth into the hand of every blood-washed human being, and there are stalks of grain nearby to reap.

Oh, to have the sickle so sharp with the love of God that the Word of truth may cut into the heart, clean and straight. It must be kept sharpened by contact with the Word of God fulfilled in our own lives, and never be used to hammer or pound others and bruise them, but only to reap the grain. If not sharpened by love it only whacks at the grain and reaps little.

Oh, to have the threefold vision of Isaiah, that we might see ourselves in the light of God as he sees us! Stir us up Lord. We are sleeping. We have not caught the vision of the worth of a soul. We are too often hearers of the Word only. Place the burning coal from off the altar on our lips, our hearts, our hands, our minds, our whole being, that we may be purified, cleansed, made to burn with holy zeal for Thy kingdom's extension.

One by one the grains are dropping out, one by one souls go down into the valley of death to come up no more. We may not be privileged to gather in great sheaves, though that is granted to many, but the single grains are precious in the sight of the Lord. Age and long illness are not alone signs of going down into the valley these days when accidents mar the joy of many a trip or outing, and death is no respecter of age or persons.

Lift up your eyes—O children of the living God, this means us. Reaping the grain is not merely the task of ministers, evangelists, and missionaries—look on the fields around, is there not much grain unprepared to meet God? We may not preach to others from a pulpit, but we can preach by our joyful, happy faces and our testimony of what the Lord has done for us, and witness in some manner as He tells us what to say.

The fields of sin lie all around us. Many would be free if they knew the way. Much grain is ripened to receive the gospel message of salvation, but of ourselves we can do nothing. Lord, give us Thy wisdom, Thy neverfailing courage and zeal. Save the grain, O Father, those bended heads will soon have lost their contents—will it be too late?

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Isa. 26:3.

### NOTICE!

"Songs of Light and Life" is out of print and cannot now be supplied.

## In the Whitened Harvest Fields

### A NEW PASTOR

Secretary J. W. Dodson writes of the work in Navarro, Texas: "Our assembly was set in order October 10, by Brother Rhea, presbyter, and we have called Brother J. M. Smith of Corsicana, as pastor."

### NEW FIELD

Pastor David Wilson writes: "We praise the Lord for victory in the tent meetings conducted at Keymar and LeGore, Md. Several were saved and 10 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostal message had never been preached in that field before."

### NEW ASSEMBLY

Secretary Bertie Wilson writes from Kerens, Tex.: "Evangelist B. B. Boland of Dallas, Tex., conducted a 3 weeks' meeting here, during which 11 were saved and received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The church was set in order and a Sunday school organized with about 50 present."

### AN ASSEMBLY GAINED

Evangelist O. O. Hughen writes from Wallace, Ala.: "God has wonderfully blessed us in this place where the assembly two weeks ago was altogether on the independent line. Our stay here with their pastor, Brother W. D. Jordan, has resulted in a church set in order with 18 members, and more to come in later."

### TEXAS REVIVAL

Brother N. E. Lane writes from Troup, Texas: "The Lord gave us a 4 weeks' revival in the summer, Sister Brewer of Oklahoma in charge. About 50 were saved and 27 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Brother T. E. Rhea set the church in order. We now have our new church, for which we praise the Lord. We have a good Sunday school and young people's meeting. Brother and Sister White are with us for another year and we expect great things from God."

### VICTORY IN THAYER

Pastor W. H. Boyles writes from Thayer, Mo.: "Our fall revival campaign began a few days after the General Council meeting and continued until Nov. 6, with the blessing of the Lord upon it. Brother A. A. Wilson, District Superintendent, was with us for a week, and then Brother A. Watson Argue of Winnipeg, Canada, came and continued the meeting 3 weeks. Brother and Sister Williamson of Denver, Colo., were with us and favored us with gospel solos and duets. A large number came to the altar for salvation, and the church has received a new impetus which I believe will carry on in continued victory."

### CONTINUOUS PRAYER MEETING

Pastor Fred Lohmann writes from St. Louis, Mo.: "Brother J. S. McConnell of San Diego, Calif., recently spent ten days with us in Trinity Tabernacle. His messages have stirred up considerable interest in the prayer life, and an every night prayer meeting has been in progress since his meeting closed. The interest is increasing and we are looking for a sweeping revival."

### SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

Pastor W. D. Hall, Big Spring, Tex., writes: "There is a revival spirit in this place. God is blessing in every service. People are getting saved and receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in their homes. We have a good Sunday school and a fine band of young folk. We are enlarging our church in order to take care of the increased attendance. Any Council minister passing through will be welcome in our midst."

### FORWARD MOVE AT COLUMBUS

Pastor Marvin L. Smith writes from Columbus, Ga.: "We have been having a continuous revival. In our regular services since Aug. 30, souls have been saved, 8 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and 27 have come into our fellowship. There is a missionary spirit prevailing and young lives are being consecrated to God."

### A CALIFORNIA REVIVAL

Elder J. W. Welch writes: "We have recently had a series of meetings at Modesto, of two weeks' duration. Evangelist J. Edgar Freeman of Tulsa, Okla., had the ministry. The response was good and a remarkable percentage of the sinners who came were saved. The meetings were small compared with what we have in many places, due to conditions here, but there were 22 at the altar for salvation and some were baptized in the Spirit in the meetings. Brother Freeman's next campaign will be held at Glad Tidings, Frisco., R. J. Craig, pastor, 1441 Ellis St."

### DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The fifteenth annual session of the Arkansas-Louisiana District Council convened at Malvern, Ark., Oct. 25. District Superintendent E. R. Fitzgerald presided. Assistant General Superintendent D. H. McDowell delivered the opening address. This was possibly the largest attendance any District Council in the State has had. Both the business sessions and the evangelistic services were much blessed of God. A blessed spirit of unity prevailed. According to the superintendent's report there has been a forward move in the district this year—15 new assemblies, 16 new names added to our ministerial list.

The District Sunday school superintendent gave a very encouraging report on that phase of the work which was launched by the district in the 1926 Council. Several Sunday schools have been organized, as well as 20 classes of young people, and many Sunday schools have doubled, and in some instances trebled their attendance. Visitors from outside the district were: Elder D. H. McDowell, Springfield, Mo.; Elder Hugh M. Cadwalder, Dallas, Tex.; Brother and Sister Ira G. Shakley, missionaries to Africa. Brother and Sister Shakley presented the needs of missions and there was a forward move along this line. The ministry of all these was very much appreciated. The re-elected officers are: E. R. Fitzgerald, chairman; W. J. Walthal, ass't chairman and editor of "The Gleaner"—the district paper.—E. J. Bruton, Sec'y-Treas.

### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Superintendent A. T. Hickman of Tennessee and West Kentucky District writes: "We have just closed our first Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meeting, which was held at Milan, Tenn., Oct. 28-30, and indeed it was a time of real fellowship among the people of God. The house was filled in every service, the Lord being in our midst to bless His people. Most of the ministers of this district was present. Also two young men whom God has saved and called to preach His Word, were granted license.

"On Sunday there was an offering taken amounting to nearly \$150.00 in cash and pledges to buy a large gospel tent to be used in the district in opening up new works. Our next fellowship meeting will be at Knoxville, Tenn."

### THE LOVE OF SELF

"A wrong thing," I hear one say. "Condemned by the Word of God," says another. Not at all. Self love is a thing which God takes for granted when He holds out before us the idea of prizes to be striven for. When God says, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament," that one who gives a cup of cold water "shall in no wise lose his reward," tells how He will say to some, "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," and promises "glory, honor and peace, to every man that worketh good." He is evidently utilizing the love of self that is in all of us by nature as a means of spurring us on to greater endeavors. Parents do the same thing. "Be a good boy while mother is gone, Son, and I'll bring you some candy." Did you ever hear anything like that? That sounds like the words of a wise mother. The mother who goes away saying, "If you don't be good I'll whip you when I come back," while not nearly so wise, probably, or sweet, is still depending upon that same self love in the child to produce obedience. In one case his self love makes him want the candy and this is an incentive to being good, and in the other case his love for self makes him want to shun the pain of the whipping and this too is an incentive to being good.



God takes self love for granted, in fact He makes it a measure by which our love for our neighbor is to be gauged. "Love thy neighbor as thyself," He says. No, self love is constitutional, universal and right. Being born again does not take it from us. It was in Christ Himself as is plainly shown by the text: "Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame," etc. Heb. 12:2.

But selfishness! Ah, that is another thing. Eating enough for health is wise and right, but eating too much is gluttony. Sweet cider is good but when allowed to become hard it makes a fool of a man. Self love is an attribute of both God and man, but if allowed to become selfishness it is sin. Gluttony, hard cider and selfishness are condemned of God, but the worst of these is selfishness.

When does the constitutional and right love of self turn into selfishness? In other words when does the innocent desire for happiness and dread of misery develop into a work of the flesh hateful to God. When it disposes us to seek happiness or escape misery without regard to or at the expense of the happiness of others. We find it illustrated in Nabal's refusal to give food to David (1 Sam. 25:11); Haman's treatment of Mordecai (Est. 3:5); James and John's seeking the best places (Mark 10:37), etc.

To shrink from the danger of being wounded and robbed is constitutional and blameless, but when this love of self is pushed so far that to save one's skin, or for any other reason based in self love, one leaves to die on the highway the man who has been wounded and robbed, is selfishness. Jesus condemned it. Luke 10:31, 32.

Having pointed out the distinction then between innocent self love and guilty selfishness, let me close by propounding three practical questions, leaving the reader to work out for himself the answers in the light of the Word of God.

1. One demands of his publisher and pastor messages on so-called "higher truths." His purpose in doing this is that he may gratify his aesthetic nature and his love for the novel or strange, enjoy the satisfaction of being wealthy in knowledge, and seem a paragon of wisdom to his companions. It is not his purpose or desire to become more satisfying to the loving heart of God, or more useful in the work of the Lord, and so he is not the best pleased when his publisher or pastor brings a message meant to make people more pleasing or more useful to God. Does such a man exhibit innocent self love or wicked selfishness which disregards the happiness and good of others and of God in seeking his own satisfaction?

2. How about the professor of religion who admits that he is failing to do right, but is careless about it, saying the Lord is merciful and will pardon? I knew a young man who could not get the consent of his parents, so he obtained the marriage license by swearing that he was of age, when he knew it was a lie. He expected when he got married to repent and get forgiveness. Because

such folk believe they can escape punishment they are not afraid to sin. Do you call such things exhibitions of harmless self love or of selfishness which seeks satisfaction regardless of the desires of others?

3. How about the professor who is so greatly interested in getting to heaven that he prays to that end much of his praying time; testifies in such a way as to show that his own salvation is ever in mind; while he prays little and with little unction for sinners, labors very little for their salvation, pays only a trifle to support ministers and missionaries who are engaged in seeking the lost? In other words he is so much interested in his own salvation that he is forgetful of the burning desire of God that men may be saved and careless of the welfare of the lost about him. Does this appear to be an exhibition of innocent self love or of contemptible selfishness?—C. E. R.

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great ostentation and flourish their names and the amounts given. When the last golden coffer had been emptied, a thin, bent, old woman slipped out of the crowd and crept up to the treasury like a little gray mouse, as if she were afraid someone would see her. Her offering was soon dropped in. Two tiny clicks. And she had disappeared into the crowd again—to be forgotten nevermore while the word of God shall last!

Then in the audience of all the people, Jesus said to His disciples, "Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all; for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had" (Luke 21:3-4). No trumpets had preceded her to make all eyes observant. But the voice of the Son of God heralded her gift down through the changing centuries to the uttermost parts of the earth. In effect, is not this what Jesus said, "It is not at all pleasing to Me that you make ostentatious offerings out of your abundance. They look like almost nothing in My sight. But it is highly pleasing to Me when you give Me all the living that you have."

While I was writing this, God caused a truly saintly sister to tell me a little experience. One time the Lord spoke to her, saying that He wanted something done about a work of His in which she was earnestly engaged; and this something would cost money. She felt that she had so little and immediately thought of a sister who gave largely to God. But the Lord Jesus was apparently not thinking of this other sister just then, for He said, "What is in your hand?" "Seventy-three dollars." "Where is it?" "In the bank." "What is it there for?" "For an emergency." "Wouldn't you rather have Me than the balance in the bank?" You see He knows all about that bank balance of yours and He is not above talking to you about it if you are close enough to hear Him.

The treasury is up in heaven now, and Jesus is sitting over against it still, the very same Jesus who watched those rich

men putting in their gifts. What will He see us do in these coming days? What will be His comment on our gift?—Sister B. I.

#### THE WAY THE COMPANY WANTED

"Where are we, captain?" asked a passenger on an Australian steamer several days out from the California coast. "Come with me to the chart and I will show you," came the courteous reply. "You see," said the captain as the two bent over a well-worn map, "there are three routes to Australia from the port we just left. That one there is the one usually taken; there, designated as Number 2, is the route I preferred to take! and this one here, Number three, is the one the company ordered me to take and that is the one we have taken. We are right here just now." The world's way, my way, and Christ's way. Which am I sailing?—Expositor.

#### THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

"He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zech. 2:8) . . . that little crystalline lens that is so delicate and fine that the point of a needle would destroy it, but is guarded by nerves so delicate, so sensitive, that the moment danger comes near, the eyelid and eyelash are warned by signals along the nerve lines, and long before that particle of dust can get in, they shut down and guard the apple of the eye. And God means that He will take care of you just as the eyelid takes care of the crystalline lens. God is so concerned about you that nothing can come through without touching Him. He has a set of nerves that can communicate with every organ of your being and every moment of your life, and He can sense your perils by night and by day.—A. B. Simpson.

**OPEN FOR CALLS.**—As pastor. In fellowship with General Council. Have a wife and two children.—Monroe Clemons, R. 4, Box 10, Terrell, Tex.

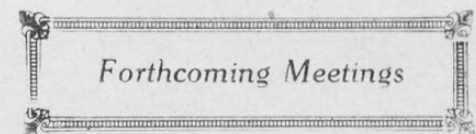
**OPEN FOR CALLS.**—As pastor. In fellowship with General Council. Can furnish references if desired.—W. T. Bartley, R. F. D., Ardmore, Okla.

**OPEN FOR CALLS.**—As evangelist, after Dec. 1. In fellowship with General Council.—Fred M. Shreve, 555 W. 7th St., Cincinnati Ohio.

**NOTICE.**—To ministers and assemblies in Florida District Council: My address is changed to P. O. Box 565, Mulberry, Fla.—J. E. Spence, district superintendent. Dec. 3.

**NOTICE.**—Sister Evelyn D. Becker is postponing all engagements for meetings until the first of next year due to the illness of her co-worker, Sister Helen Engle.

**NOTICE.**—Brother A. T. Hickman and wife desire to notify their friends that their permanent address will now be 3602 Elm St., Cairo, Ill.



**TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.**—On Thanksgiving Day we will have an all-day meeting—three services, 10:00 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m.—Pastor Bennie Lewis.

**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.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—Elder S. A. Jamieson will conduct a Bible School in Trinity Tabernacle, beginning about Jan. 1. For particulars write Pastor Fred Lohmann, 5736 Etzel Ave.

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.**—Sister Fattie 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.

**WATERTOWN, N. Y.**—Brother E. F. Cunningham of Mt. Carmel, Ill., will conduct a series of revival services at Full Gospel Tabernacle, beginning Nov. 13, continuing as long as the Lord leads.—Pastor John B. Jacobs, 248 High Street.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—Special revival services at Trinity Tabernacle Nov. 27 to Dec. 4. Raymond T. Richey will pray for the sick Nov. 29 and Dec. 1. Other special workers will take part in the meetings of the week.—Fred Lohmann, pastor.

**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. Child, 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.

**MUSKEGON, MICH.**—Evangelist J. Clark Soules, 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.

**BEAVER FALLS, PA.**—Evangelistic campaign Pentecost Church, 27th St. & 9th Ave., Nov. 9-27. Evangelist Wm. A. Cox 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.

**BATH, N. Y.**—Thanksgiving Convention will be held at Full Gospel Mission, 16 W. Steuben St., Nov. 24-27. Services at 10:30 a. m., 3:00 p. m., 7:30 p. m. Thanksgiving Day and Sunday; Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p. m. Special speakers, Brother and Sister A. L. Slocum, India, Brother and Sister F. O. Finkenbinder, Porto Rico, Mrs. Ruth D. Cook, China, Evangelist A. J. Jenkins. Entertainment will be provided for all. If you are planning to come, write us so we can secure rooms, etc.—Nellie Eiband, Sec'y, 115 E. William St.

**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.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Dr. Chas. A. Shreve will conduct an evangelistic campaign Nov. 27 to Dec. 18. The meetings will open with an all-day dedication service. Ministers from other cities are expected to assist in the program. Sunday services, 11:00 and 7:30; nightly (except Saturday) 7:30. Healing services Tuesday, afternoons and evenings. Rooms will be provided free for a limited number of visiting pastors, and others may be secured at reasonable rates. For further information address Pastor Harry L. Collier, Full Gospel Tabernacle, North Capitol and K Sts., Washington, D. C.

**GRACEMONT, OKLA.**—Our revival begins Dec. 4, Miss Esther Barbee of Broken Arrow, Okla., and other workers, in charge.—J. W. Hudson, pastor.

**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.

**NEW YORK CITY.**—The 20th annual convention at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325-329 W. 33rd St., for 2 weeks, begins Nov. 20. Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth, Dr. William K. Boughton and Evangelist Joseph Tunmore will speak. Brother Ben Cockerhan, singing evangelist, will lead the music. Two services daily, 10:30 and 7:45 excepting Monday when there will be no service. Sunday afternoon services will be broadcast at 3 o'clock over station W. O. D. A., Paterson, N. J., 294 meters, 1020 K. For further information as to accommodation, etc., please write Miss Marie Burman, 311 W. 111th St.

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New York	2554.14
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Missouri	988.05
Texas	786.80
Oklahoma	776.71
Washington	660.20
Kansas	457.70
Michigan	410.30
Wisconsin	395.00
New Jersey	381.58
Iowa	352.09
Florida	347.50
Massachusetts	331.00
Maryland	263.28
Indiana	211.78
Canada	191.00
Colorado	178.10
Nebraska	172.84
Delaware	169.50
Arkansas	169.26
Oregon	164.73
Minnesota	122.35
Alabama	109.45
Montana	93.98
Connecticut	90.50
District of Columbia	90.00
Mississippi	82.14
North Dakota	72.45
Kentucky	67.30
Georgia	62.65
New Mexico	59.37
Idaho	56.20
Louisiana	51.16
West Virginia	49.00
Tennessee	44.25
Virginia	41.00
South Dakota	40.54
Alaska	37.10
Arizona	26.51
Nevada	23.85
New Hampshire	15.76
Rhode Island	10.00
North Carolina	4.00
Foreign Countries	67.67
Total amount reported, minus \$2163.27, given direct and designated for expenses, or \$20,300.19	
—Total for October.	

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All personal offerings amount to \$2,176.92.

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4.70 Assembly Elmer Mo
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5.87 Full Gospel Assembly S S of Casino Motley Minn
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6.00 Assembly Cuero Texas
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6.50 Assembly of God Humboldt Kans
7.13 Sunday School McKeeney Kans
7.30 Antelope S S Spur Texas
7.42 Sunday School Electra Texas
8.00 Barton Chapel Assembly Edom Texas
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8.30 Assembly of God S S Newton Ia
8.60 Full Gospel Tabernacle S S Tulsa Okla
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9.20 Assembly of God Brimson Mo
9.30 Christ's Ambassadors Hillsboro Ore
9.87 Assembly of God Westwego La
10.00 Pentecostal Gospel Hall Yonkers N Y
10.00 Children of the Assembly Eagle Bend Minn
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10.00 Jester S S Jester Texas
11.25 Assembly of God Vernon Texas
12.00 Full Gospel S S Inglewood Calif
12.00 Bethel Chapel Assembly Emden Mo
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14.50 Assembly of God Holland Ohio
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15.00 The Full Gospel Mission Keene N Hampshire
15.00 Christ's Ambassadors Peak & Garland Assembly Dallas Texas
15.00 Assembly of God S S Rush Springs Okla
15.03 Assembly Bazine Kans
15.25 Eagle Bend Assembly Clarissa Minn
15.60 Assembly of God S S Picher Okla
16.92 Full Gospel Tabernacle Meckling S Dak
17.49 Assembly of God S S Warrior Ala
17.72 Assembly of God S S Corwin Kans
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20.00 Young People of Harvey's Lake Assembly of God Alderson Pa
20.00 Assembly Eagle Bend Minn
20.00 Glad Tidings Mission Ellensburg Wash
20.60 Laurel St Tabernacle Indianapolis Ind
21.00 Full Gospel Assembly Galesburg Ill
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22.00 Ione Pent'l Mission Ione Oregon
22.30 Assembly of God W Monroe La
23.00 Gospel Light Pent'l Church Harrisburg Pa
23.00 South Side Assembly of God Ft Worth Tex
23.00 Pent'l Assembly Paonia Colo
23.52 Harvey's Lake Assembly of God Alderman Pa
24.21 Miller Assembly & S S Hill City Kans
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25.00 Gospel Tabernacle Milwaukee Wis
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31.60 Assembly Dexter Mo
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32.63 Full Gospel Assembly Waco Texas
35.46 Pleasant Grove Assembly Valrico Fla
37.67 Assembly of God Alexandria Minn
42.00 Assembly of God Minneapolis Minn
43.25 Sunday School Pawhuska Okla
46.20 Peak & Garland Assembly Dallas Texas
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50.00 Assembly Findlay Ohio
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54.41 Iowa & N Missouri District Council
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Amount previously reported .....1,819.54
Total amount to date .....\$5,986.24

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