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## The Finger of God

Pastor W. E. Moody, at the Springfield Assembly

"This is the finger of God." Ex. 8:19.

"But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you." Luke 11:20.

"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth; men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further; for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was." 2 Tim. 3:8, 9.

"The weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Cor. 1:25.

The term "finger of God" is mentioned in God's Word four times; first, in the text above; second, in Ex. 31:18, "And He gave unto Moses . . . two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God"; third, in Deut. 9:10, "Two tables of stone, written with the finger of God"; fourth, Luke 11:20, "With the finger of God cast out devils." In each case a miracle was performed. In the first case the miracle was turning dust into lice. In the second and third cases it was a miracle of writing the law on tables of stone. In the fourth case it was Christ casting out demons by the finger of God. To me it indicates that God is quite at home among miracles; working miracles is God's blessed and special work, which He loves. While the Modernists are decrying miracles we stand for them, we want more of them.

The magicians duplicated the miracles of Moses, at least some of them. Aaron threw down his rod and it became a serpent. The magicians, soothsayers, cunning, crafty men, demon-possessed men, threw down their rods, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed the rest of the rods! Again the rod was held out, and throughout the whole land the water was turned into blood. The magicians said, "We can do that," and so they did the same thing. How? I do not know how, but they did it. Then God told Moses and Aaron to stretch out their rod over the land and frogs would come from all quarters into their houses, etc.

The frogs typify unclean spirits. The magicians said, "We can do that too, that is no trick," and so they did the same thing with their enchantments.

Then the command came to smite the dust of the earth with the rod. It was a rod of power, this. They smote the dust and it became lice. The magicians said, "We will try that, we are not sure about it but we will try our hand at it." But they could not do it, they could not produce life from the dust of the earth. Then they went to Pharaoh and said, "This is the finger of God. Our power is no longer in evidence, we can no longer work." Later on when the plague of boils came, it came upon the magicians also, and covered them with blains and boils. God's workings are imitated by the

### AS THY DAYS

Carrie Judd Montgomery

"As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

—Deut. 33:25.

Do thy weary footsteps falter,  
Does the path seem steep and hard,  
Dost thou long to drop the crosses,  
And fly home to thy reward?

Lift thy heart in holy courage,  
Let thy faith the promise see,  
For His good word never faileth;  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Weak and faint, does life seem ebbing,  
Does all hope of vict'ry flee?  
Fear not, O beloved toiler,  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Does the mountain path grow rougher?  
Still the Lord hath need of thee;  
He hath trod the steeps of Calvary:  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Does the tempest beat more fiercely?  
Still shall stand His blest decree,  
All the waves shall not o'erwhelm thee;  
"As thy days thy strength shall be."

Hush thy heart in sweet abiding,  
Let all doubt and sorrow flee;  
Sink to rest upon His bosom,  
All His strength shall be for thee.

enemy and his emissaries, and they will be to the end of the age. "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; in-somuch that if it were possible they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24. "The working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." 2 Thess. 2:9. We are told in Rev. 13 that the Anti-christ, the false prophet, will work signs and wonders—miracles—in so much that the image of the beast shall speak. In Rev. 16:13 we read, "I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles." Satan is working along that line to-day in a very marked way. He is showing forth spurious conversions; men saved to the evangelist rather than to God, captured by the fascinations and attractions of a personality. They come to the altar and shed a few tears, and go away saying, "I am saved." But they were never saved. In a short time they are not coming to the house of prayer at all. We call them backsliders but they never were frontsliders.

Satan and his emissaries are imitating healing, so we find Christian Scientists, Theosophists, and Spiritualists producing healings. But it is not Divine Healing, there is no God in it. I went to the Christian Science temple in Chicago for a special purpose. I saw ladies come in dressed in the height of fashion, and bow their heads in silence. By and by the reader stood up and read Mrs. Eddy's book and the Bible side by side; the Bible first, then Mrs. Eddy's explanation of the Bible—and it was as clear as mud. After a few remarks from the reader they called for testimonies from the congregation. One man arose and said he was healed of cancer. I listened carefully to hear who healed him, and he said, "Mrs. Eddy, that great woman—I read her book and found something there I had not found in any

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## From the Pentecostal Viewpoint

**Watch Night** Once again we would like to suggest that in all our assemblies the last night of the year be given to prayer, and that we as a Pentecostal people begin the new year on our knees. At the beginning of one new year, a missionary, who is now with the Lord, wrote in her Bible: "I ask Thee, O Lord, three great things for this year and for every day of it: Thy love to fill me and flow out to others; Thy power to win souls; Thy wisdom for service." We would all do well, should the Lord tarry, to make this our prayer for 1928. Let us continue to pray for world-wide revival. The promise is still in the Book, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh." The Christ's Ambassadors at Springfield are planning a New Year Rally, and are opening the convention with a watch night service on New Year's Eve. Perhaps the young folks of other assemblies will be able to do the same.

**Stock Taking** Many business houses take an inventory at the end of the year. This is an excellent thing for the children of God to do. Try to count up His mercies of the past year. How much there is to praise for! Your name written in heaven! Sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise! Made an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ! Blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus! Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time! For the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you! For exceeding great and precious promises! For grace, measureless as the sea, vouchsafed so many times! For the ever-efficacious, constantly-cleansing, victory-bringing blood of Jesus Christ, that makes us more than conquerors over all the power of the enemy! Above all, for Jesus Christ Himself, who has come to abide within us! And as we praise for past blessings shall we not pray that He, our Lord Jesus Christ, shall be fully formed in us and in all His own, and that in the coming days He shall manifest His grace and holiness and power through us as never before. This will mean for us—Pentecost plus Pentecost.

**Still Speaking** During the past six or seven years we have published a monthly "pray for revival" appeal. There was no name attached to these appeals because the brother who wrote them, Brother Thos. E. Stephens of the Great Commission Prayer League, who was one of the humblest men we have ever met, preferred that his name and the name of the Great Commission Prayer League should not appear. Our brother has recently been called home to

be with the Lord for whom he has labored so faithfully. We shall surely miss the inspiration of his constant call to prayer. About four years ago Brother Stephens wrote a private letter to the editor of the Evangel and we believe that the passing on of a part of it to our readers is timely. Referring to a certain well-known organization he said, "Some thirty years or so ago it seemed to me that it had a testimony which was peculiarly its own—a testimony which in those days seemed to have the right ring through and through—at least the ring of genuineness. Those who were connected with this movement were largely a despised and shunned people, very much as the Methodists had been a generation or two still further back. But the time has come when 'all men' are beginning to speak well of these people, which would not have been the case had their testimony remained what it was twenty-five or thirty years ago. About twenty years ago, or possibly a little more, they began taking on to their platforms and into their conferences, speakers and teachers who differed considerably with their own unique testimony. In other words, they broadened out, until they have practically lost their testimony of a generation ago."

**Don't Let Down** The moral is obvious—don't broaden out, don't compromise on the testimony God has given you as a Pentecostal people. Speaking of the contempt with which some look at us, Brother Stephens continued, "If other movements do not seem to look

upon the Pentecostal movement as you would like, I do not think that that is necessarily a thing to be lamented. As long as you have a testimony true to God and to His Word, I am not sure but that on the contrary it may become to you an occasion for rejoicing." To which we say, "Amen." He further adds, "No movement which is true to God according to its light, is really standing alone. He stands with each of us, and is accomplishing His work through every one of all His truly consecrated children, even though now many or all of us see through a glass darkly. Oh, that we all might live in 1 Tim. 4:12-16 as to doctrine, and in 1 Cor. 13 as to experience, and Acts 1:8 and Mark 16:15 as to world-wide evangelization." To which we say again most heartily, "Amen and amen."

**Holy Living** There is no substitute for the power of the Holy Ghost. And there is no substitute for holy living. A Christian worker once wrote: "We influence most by what we are, not by what we do or say. There are plenty of workers and talkers in the world, whose inward life contradicts their outward profession. It is fatal to our influence with men when our lips and deeds would have men believe that we are what we know (and what God knows) we are not. To uplift poor sin-cursed humanity, it must be God in us, and by that mighty magnetic power men are rightly and permanently influenced. Our love, our amiability, our generosity, our self-sacrifice even, if it be not born of God, fades like earthly flowers, which are beautiful and blessed while they last, but so quickly wither. An eternal influence must come from the Eternal One, working in us to will and to do of His own good pleasure." It is only that which is wholly of the Spirit of God that is of any permanent value in our midst. And He has only one standard for us Pentecostal people—a life of absolute purity and holiness, and a life of simple obedience to all the known will of God. We can never lift others to a higher plane than the one on which we ourselves are living.

**Never Too Old** Some are inclined to look back on the early days of the Pentecostal outpouring as the days of spiritual romance. But God is still doing the extraordinary. About five years ago the Lord chose Sister Fannie Squier, who was then eighty-three years old, and living in the city of Los Angeles, to go down to Manhattan Beach and start a work for Himself. After He had spoken to her, she was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. She rented a furnished house and fitted up the garage as a Sunday school room. She gathered in a number of children and soon the garage and house were overflowing. From the first, she made it a missionary Sunday school, and during the five years that have followed, many hundreds of dollars have gone to the various foreign fields for the support of missionaries and orphan children. The work has grown and to-day a splendid new stucco church is erected on the leading avenue of Manhattan Beach. The Sunday school is

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thriving; and Sister Squier, now eighty-eight years of age, still teaches the tiny tots. She can be seen practically every day of the week at this church, with smiling face, rejoicing in the goodness of the Lord. Almost every morning a prayer service is held in this assembly. Recently we were speaking to Sister Squier about dear Sister Sisson giving away seven-tenths of her income and hoping soon to give away nine-tenths. "I always give away nine-tenths of what the Lord provides me with," she said modestly. She reminds one of the saintly Anna. She is constantly looking forward to the advent of her Lord, believing that He is coming during her life time.

**God's Provision** Solomon wrote, "The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous." A few years ago a number of millionaire golfers built a club house for themselves on a beautiful elevation at San Rafael Heights in Pasadena, California. They spared no expense. They wanted the best and they had it. After awhile they disposed of this building with its adjacent grounds to a military academy, and excellent dormitory accommodations were added. This property has now come into the hands of Brother Harold Needham and his faithful coworkers of the Southern California Bible School, and there is just one word that describes the buildings and the five acres adjoining, and that word is IDEAL! None of the great hotels of Southern California, where they charge ten dollars a day to their guests, have a better location. Two of the students who formerly attended the military academy were recently looking over the renovated premises and they asked Brother Follette, the dean, "What do you soak 'em for room and board and tuition?" "About \$270 a year," said the dean. "They soaked us \$1200 a year when we came here," they said. The children of Israel, after going through their days of testing in the wilderness, must have greatly enjoyed the good things in the land of Canaan; the houses they did not build, the wells they did not dig, and the vineyards they did not plant. And the brethren at the Southern California school are certainly enjoying the excellent equipment that they have recently acquired at a comparatively modest sum. There is a beautiful atmosphere in this school, and we trust that in another year every inch of the excellent accommodation the Lord has given our brethren will be utilized.

**Glorious Fellowship** In Southern California the ministers and saints of the various assemblies gather on the first Monday of each month at some assembly that they have previously agreed upon, for a fellowship meeting. Many drive long distances in order to attend the three meetings of the day, and what glorious times of fellowship they have! The Southern California Bible School chapel and dining room were crowded to the utmost capacity during the meetings held on the first Monday of November. One minister expressed the thought of many when he remarked, after Brother Follette had brought the morning mes-

sage, "I would not have missed that sermon for a thousand dollars." In the afternoon three of our missionaries, Brother C. W. Doney, recently back from Egypt, Sister Olga Jean Aston, who is just off to join her big family of babies in the Bara Banki nursery in North India, and Sister Clarence Radley, who so recently buried her husband in Nicaragua, had the floor, and a unique message was given by Brother Thomas Lennon of Vancouver, an Irish evangelist whom the Lord has been using blessedly in Australia. (We hope to publish Brother Lennon's remarkable story in the Evangel shortly.) In the evening session Brother Osterberg, the chairman, who had attended the General Council for the first time this year, and went back to California with his enthusiasm for co-operative fellowship deepened tenfold, told of a few things he had learned at the Council. We hope that similar fellowship reunions of ministry and laity like these, may be arranged in the coming days in every state in the Union. We need one another. "I am beginning to learn I am not the whole body," we heard one sister say. We all need to learn our tremendous need of other members in the body of Christ. May the dear Lord save all of us from running to seed on the lines of individualism. "There is no outstanding personality in the whole of our Council fellowship, and I am glad there isn't," said our superintendent the other day. We don't want to build around any strong personality. Most of us are less-than-nothings, and our utterances are not all verbally inspired. We need the help of our brethren.

**New Press Ordered** We are glad to announce that orders have been placed for new equipment for the Gospel Publishing House to the value of \$10,000. This includes a new press and a self-feeder for another press, and we trust that in the new year we shall be able to double our capacity for the production of our Pentecostal literature. These orders have been given in faith, although funds are far from abounding, but we have decided to make no appeal to our friends for donations, for we want to concentrate all our appeals on the missionary needs. This year has been the hardest we have ever known on missionary lines, for there have been so many emergencies for which funds have had to be diverted, and as a result many of our missionaries have not received as much as they should have had. Please don't forget the missionaries at this Christmas season. But we shall greatly appreciate all the Evangel subscriptions and other business the saints can send us. All profits on the sale of Bibles, books, calendars, and Sunday school literature, go directly into the work of the Lord. We might mention here that we can especially recommend the latest book from our press as one that will be a delight to every Pentecostal person. We refer to "The Little Flock in the Last Days," by Miss Alice E. Luce. This book gives a sure and certain message on the coming of the Lord and on the Latter Rain. The price is only \$1 and we know of no better Christmas present.—S. H. F.

### MOCKING GOD

The following solemn incident is taken from a German magazine, the editor of which is known to me as a man of God. He writes in the August issue:

"A brother (in Christ) has lately had the happiness to get away from Russia. In the course of recent years he has been often in prison for the gospel's sake, and many times has looked death in the face, but through the grace of God has been each time wonderfully delivered. He has narrated to me the following occurrence at which he was personally present.

"Into the market place of a city in southeast Russia a man drove a motor plough. He used the occasion to make clear to the people that no intelligent man to-day is able to believe longer in either God or a devil; and in order to supply to all a clear proof that in fact there is no God, he declared that he would first pray to God, who of course, because He does not exist, would not hear him, and then he would on that account curse Him, whereupon it would be self-evident, as little would happen. And afterward, he said, he would do the same with the devil.

"As this man carried out his purpose, and in a shocking, not-to-be-repeated manner cursed God, the bystanders involuntarily drew back from him a few steps, as if afraid that the earth might open and swallow them up together.

"Finally, the blasphemer cried: 'Now you have proof that there is neither God nor devil. I have cursed both and nothing has happened. If there is a God why does He not punish me? He should be able to do it!' He then sat down on his plough, started the motor, made a short turn, pitched beneath, and in a moment was torn by the new, sharp ploughshare to a shapeless mass. Then the bystanders cried out as with one mouth: 'God has judged him. Now we know there is a God!'"

Truly not in vain does the Scripture say, "Be not deceived! God does not allow Himself to be mocked. For whatsoever a man shall sow, that also shall he reap." Gal. 6:7. But let us not cease to pray that God will still reveal Himself to many in Russia as the Lord who has no pleasure in the death of the godless, but would much rather that he should turn from his way and live. Ezek. 18:23.—G. H. Lang, in The Dawn.

### THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

"How can you look so pleasant to-night?" a man asked his friend. "You have had a score of interruptions this afternoon, when you had hoped to do a lot of work." "That's all right," was the answer; "every morning I give my day to Christ, then I take what He sends. These interruptions come in the way of duty. Why should I complain about the service He has appointed?"

It was a very wise, trustful saying. So many of us offer a partial consecration, and therefore the interruptions are regarded as breaking the purpose of the day. The only way is to dedicate all our time, and then to take every action as prompted by the Lord. It is amazing how the moments are sanctified when they are thus accepted.—Publisher Unknown.

## The Universal Week of Prayer

Sunday, Jan. 1, to Saturday, Jan. 7

Many children of God all over the world will be devoting the first seven days of the new year to prayer. Herewith we are printing part of the 81st annual appeal for prayer sent forth by the World's Evangelical Alliance, together with one or two amendments to make it more suitable for Pentecostal saints. We would like to see all our Pentecostal assemblies unite for special prayer services during this week of prayer.

It may seem that the saying, "Prayer Changes Things," is growing trite, but it is a short statement of a tremendous truth, and, as we prepare for this seven-day prayer effort, we do not hesitate to shout aloud for the encouragement of all participants, "Prayer Changes Things." The things that do not suit us and which we know do not suit God, we will make subjects of prayer, believing God will make them over to His liking. And remember also, as the article by Mrs. Cowman in this issue shows that "PRAISE changes things" also.

In giving publicity to this world-wide call for prayer the Sunday School Times says, "The time may come, as the apostasy within the professing Christian church nears its scripturally predicted end, when there will be no such calls for prayer as are now freely made. We may well thank God that that time has not yet come, and that nations and Christian organizations still call upon men everywhere to pray." Let us rejoice then that we have a call once again to spend special time in prayer, and let us make it the serious business of our lives while the year is new-born and our own lives in it unsullied and we are yearning for deeper spiritual experiences than we have had.

Below will be found suggestions adapted from the outline made out by those issuing the call, which can be readily made into a program, if so desired. As we look with grief upon the lowered ideals in many of our assemblies, even upon the lessened outward manifestations of zeal for the work of the Lord; as we see many children of Pentecostal people growing to maturity while they yet walk with the world; as we realize that in some hearts the fire of God burns lower, may we not enter into this prayer week with setness of purpose and determined hearts, to pray down upon us and upon those with whom we come in contact, the singular blessing of God? Come, brethren, let us do it. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

### A Few Suggestions

#### Sunday, January 1.

**Praise**—Let us give thanks for all God's mercies in the days that are past and for all the assurances of His good will and blessings in the future.

**Prayer**—Let us pray for every officer in our Sunday schools and every teacher.

For pastors, evangelists and teachers and that the word of God may have free course and be glorified. For all our Young People's Societies and those who attend them.

#### Monday.

##### Thanksgiving and Humility

**Thanksgiving**—For the long-suffering of God toward us.

For the privileges and blessings of the past year, even when we were passing through trials and difficulties.

For the new year that lies before us as an open door, and for a fresh opportunity of proving the sincerity of our obedience and willingness for service.

**Humiliation**—For mistakes and faults committed in the course of the past year.

For opportunities that were offered but were not taken.

For our selfish interests, whether from an individual, family, sectarian, national, or racial point of view.

**Prayer**—For a vision of the kingdom of God in its entirety.

For light to perceive and strength to fulfill the duties this vision lays upon us.

For the continued presence and power of the Holy Ghost with us.

#### Tuesday.

##### The Church of Jesus Christ throughout the World

**Thanksgiving**—For the progress of the kingdom of Jesus Christ in the world.

For what we have seen of the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

That we have been called to go tell and empowered as witnesses.

**Humiliation**—Because sometimes we have been moved by considerations of self-glorification.

Because sometimes we have, like Herod, in our hearts failed to give God the glory when we were being praised.

For the lukewarmness of our love toward the children of God who hold different views from us.

**Prayer**—That we may live in the "unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace," and understand better the viewpoint of others.

That God will forgive the lukewarmness of our hearts and enable us to put on love.

That with all boldness we may speak forth the Word of God, that the hands of the Lord shall be stretched forth to heal, that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Jesus, that all the gifts of the Spirit shall be in full manifestation in our midst.

#### Wednesday

**For those in authority and for all men everywhere.**

**Thanksgiving**—For the multiplying signs of the soon coming of the Lord.

That God has enabled us to love His appearing and eagerly look for His coming.

That as He yet tarries we may still invite sinners to accept eternal life.

**Humiliation**—That we have so often grown weary in well doing.

That we have so often failed to seize the opportunity offered to invite people to the Lord Jesus, who is coming soon.

That so much of the time we have been so hard-hearted, that no tears came when we talked with sinners.

**Prayer**—Let supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority. Pray for the President, Vice-President, all members of the Senate and Congress, for judges and all civil servants; for governors and all state representatives; for mayors and all members of municipal governments; for the police and firemen and for all in Federal, State or Municipal employment.

That in the fading light of this Gentile day we may work with our might to rescue the lost.

That we may be able to live so close to Him that when He comes His eyes will be made glad by our hearty welcome.

#### Thursday

##### Missions

**Thanksgiving**—For the growth of missionary work.

For a deepening of the spiritual life among many native Christians, and the idea of themselves being heralds of the cross, springing up among them.

For new translations of the Scriptures which have enabled the gospel to reach tribes hitherto ignorant of its message.

**Humiliation**—That the work of missions still occupies such a small place in the prayer lives and the financial plans of the saints.

That in so many places we have been so lax that God has been unable to work with us "with signs following" as He promised and as He did at the first.

That so many excellent young people whom God has called for the foreign field and who has splendidly equipped themselves, cannot go for lack of money.

**Prayer**—For all missionaries and native Christians that they may lay hold on God for the displaying of His mighty power.

For all Bible societies, and for the diffusion of the Word of God which is as always essential to the success of missionary efforts.

For all orphanages, schools, leper colonies and similar institutions and for all who labor in them.

For all Pentecostal missionaries, and for adequate funds for effective work in every field.

For the Missionary Secretary and the members of the Missionary Committee of the General Council, that they may be guided by the Spirit of God in all the weighty decisions they are compelled to make.

For the thrusting forth of new laborers into every field yet unevangelized.

**Consecration**—Let the Lord speak to you and tell you what He would have you set aside for missionary work each month during 1928.

#### Friday

##### Children and Young People

**Thanksgiving**—For the faithfulness of

God in continuing His blessings from generation to generation.

For the Christian families who in the midst of growing temptations continue to give promise of the formation of fresh strength for the continued work of the Lord.

For the development of soul-winning and other spiritual work among the young people.

**Humiliation**—That from so many pulpits doubts of the truth of God's Word are taught to the young.

That so many high schools, colleges and universities are openly denying the truth of the Bible.

That so many young people, even among us, are being allowed to grow up without the sanctifying influence of the family altar.

**Prayer**—For all parents that God may give them more faithfulness and fearlessness in training up children in holiness both by precept and example.

For all boys and girls that they may be guided into Sunday schools and Young People's Societies where they will be taught faithfully to give first place to the things that accompany salvation.

For all the young people who attend grammar school, high school, college, university and seminary.

#### Saturday

##### Home Missions and the Jews

**Thanksgiving**—For successful efforts to bring the full gospel to communities heretofore in ignorance of His saving from the desire to sin, His healing from disease, His baptizing with the Holy Ghost, and even of His soon coming again.

For so many Jews being either saved or made willing to hear about the Lord Jesus.

For successful efforts made in the homeland for the salvation of people of other tongues.

**Humiliation**—That so many neglect to spend cents to carry this gospel across the street though they are ready to spend dollars to send it across the seas.

That there yet remains in the hearts of many an indifference toward the people who are blood kinsmen of our Lord.

That racial and national ill will and exclusiveness keeps many from making such exertions and sacrifices for the salvation of the strangers within our gates as our Lord yearns to have us make.

**Prayer**—That God may lead us to take seriously the affirmation of His Word and the will of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for all descendants of Abraham. Pray for all Home Missionary efforts.

That He may give us sufficient faith which worketh by love, to enjoy the most difficult tasks that He lays upon us, and give ourselves wholly to them.

#### RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION NOW

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#### REBORN—WHY?

D. H. McDowell

All the demands and requests of God's Word are reasonable and sensible and are based on the underlying principles of necessity that govern the universe. The command to be "born again" is not the result of a mere mandate of Deity, but rather the statement of a fundamental need.

The Apostle Paul asks a question upon which he draws a conclusion, viz., "What man knoweth the things of man save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." 1 Cor. 2:11. Herein lies the basis of our having to be born again. The reason an individual of a lower order of the animal kingdom cannot enter into the affairs of man with that degree of intelligence necessary to make them proficient, is simply that they have not a human spirit. A horse or dog or any other animal may be trained to obey man and perform perfectly at man's will, but the animal does not comprehend the reason for, nor the science of, the acts performed. Therefore one of the animal creation is out of place in the realm of human affairs. It lives on a lower plane.

The conclusion drawn by the apostle concerning the spiritual is based on the same principle. The human is "of the earth, earthy"; its domain and realm is here among the mundane things. It is therefore just as impossible for a natural man, though a good man, to understand the things of God apart from the divine Spirit as it is for the horse or cow to understand bookkeeping or mechanics. But could a miracle be performed in the horse and he be born again and so raised to our level as the new birth mentioned by Jesus raises us in the spiritual level, then the animal could function in our affairs.

The doctrine of the new birth then, as taught by the Lord, is based on the principle of this necessity of a miracle

#### THE PLACE

Hebrews 4:14-16

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes

Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight; There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise!"

To dying captives, bound in chains of night;

There is a place where thou canst reach the store

Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord; There is a place—upon some distant shore—

Where thou canst send the worker of the Word.

There is a place where heaven's resistless power

Responsive moves to thine insistent plea; There is a place—a silent, trusting hour— Where God Himself descends and fights for thee.

Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask "Where?"

O, Soul, it is the secret place of prayer.

—Adelaide A. Pollard

being performed to reconstruct one so that spiritual things may be understood. So Christ says, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." That is just the same as if I said, "Except a fish be regenerated he cannot live out of water." And therefore, brother, the new birth is commanded because of a law of necessity governing the different orders of creation. Sin has defiled us and deadened us so that God says we are dead in trespasses and sins. We are earthly—we live in the realm of the natural, and as such it is impossible to be transported into heaven and live there. God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24.

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

The new birth does not do away with your human nature; it simply spiritualizes it, making it alive to God, who imparts His Spirit.

#### UNCONSCIOUS OF ANY LOSS

"Signor Redi once cut a turtle's head off, and noted that it lived for twenty-three days without a head; and another, whose brains he removed, lived for six months, apparently unconscious that it had suffered any loss. This points to a very low order of being, since such indifference to pain and deprivation of members is characteristic of the lowest organism."

When the spiritual life is low, there is an insensibility to the pain given to the Head. Samson "wist not" that the Spirit of God had left him (Judges 16:20); and David seems unmindful of his sin till Nathan accuses him of it (II Sam. 12:7), then he knew he had lost the joy of God's salvation (Psa. 51:12). To lose spiritual joy and power are losses indeed, but not to be conscious of the loss is a worse condition, for it indicates a loss of sensibility to the Spirit's tuition.—F. E. M., in Chimes.

#### A SCARCE ARTICLE

A king once asked a courtier what made a certain French preacher so famous.

"Your majesty," said the nobleman, "he preaches the gospel and that is the scarcest thing in France."

The man who preaches the gospel is distinguished to-day in his neighborhood or country.

There is a scarcity! There is a famine!

Many are starving in need of the Word. They search and seek and when they find a place where it is preached in simplicity, how they hasten to it. The story of God's love in Christ, is the greatest sensation in the world to this day! Preach the gospel. Come back to the elementary principles of the faith and then go on to perfection. Preach the gospel.—Wonderful Word.

Jesus saves me now.—It is He.

Jesus saves me now.—It is His work to save.

Jesus saves me now.—I am the one to be saved.

Jesus saves me now.—He is doing it every moment.

—Hannah Whitall Smith

## DELIVERED FROM SPIRITUALISM AND UNITY

The Story of My Conversion and Healing, Cecilia M. Barton,  
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I am a nurse by profession, but having given in my resignation to the head of the institution for which I was working, I rented a room, thinking to rest awhile and do some sewing, for I expected shortly to be married. This was in October, 1923. About a week later a friend called to see me, and while talking told me of a visit to her friends and of some wonderful things that had been done for them through some people who were in a religious movement called Unity. Her friends claimed healing and a remarkable financial success through it. My reply was that it must be a new ism, and nothing in it, but she affirmed it was all right, and just what I needed, as I had never known good health, having had nine critical operations, five of which were for sinus infection in the head, after which the doctors pronounced the disease chronic. From this I had suffered for twenty-two years.

My friend came a few days later, bringing me the book, "Lessons in Truth," by Emilie Cady, which I read, and learned from its pages that I could obtain health, happiness, peace of mind and success by following the simple rules given. As I read I thought, what a comfortable and easy religion to have, and I believed that by obedience to its teaching that I had the real experience of being born of the Spirit (John 3:3). At the same time I was a staunch spiritualist and had been for years, but in attending Unity lectures I found that these beliefs would not clash, so I felt sure I was all right.

While sitting in my room one day reading Unity books and thinking what an easy religion it was, and expecting great results, I became strangely attracted to a drawer in my dressing table that had been reserved by the lady of the house, and contained her things. I had never looked into that drawer, nor had I ever before desired to do so, for I am not, nor ever was, curious, but that desire persisted, urging me against my will. Finally, feeling as a thief and hating myself as I did it, I jerked open that drawer. There facing me was a large old Bible (mine had been in storage with other things for years). I picked it up mechanically and began to idly turn its pages. In doing so, my eyes were arrested with these words: "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1). These words stirred me strangely. They seemed to speak right to me personally, yet to myself I said, "Well, but I'm not doing that," but a voice replied, "That is just what you are doing," and I wondered how it could be. A strange uneasiness filled me and I continued to attend both Unity and Spiritualist meetings, hoping to get more light on my troubled mind.

A few nights later I was awakened from sound sleep by someone calling me by name. I jumped out of bed, ran to my door, supposing someone in the house, was sick and needed assistance, but all was dark; no one in sight. I sat on the side of my bed and wondered, for it was no dream. Then I supposed it to be the spirit of some loved one that had died and had returned with a message for me, as taught by spiritualists. Thinking thus, I fell asleep. The following day a friend asked me to attend a meeting with her. At first I refused, but when she added that the preacher (Brother Norvell of S. Pasadena, Calif.) prayed for the sick and they were healed, and for demon possessed and they were loosed, I replied: "Yes; I'll go. I'd like to see this man. He must be different from any I ever saw." I went fully expecting to see a fanatic. I listened to him carefully to see wherein he differed from my belief. He talked of God, and sin, and an actual devil. To myself I said: "He is just one of those old-fashioned preachers." For I had never believed in an actual devil.

I believed with my intellect that there was a God, but not one that could ever be reached or touched by prayer, and I did not care to hear about sin, yet he held my interest, and something seemed to say, "This man has the Truth," so when others rose to give their testimony I rose also and testified to the consciousness of the indwelling Spirit within me. The minister rose quickly and quoting my words, he said: "Friends, it is not our consciousness of it at all, for He said, 'The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.'" (Rom 8:16). He knew there was something lacking in me, though I did not then understand him or his explanation, and my feelings were hurt, for I sensed that my testimony had not pleased him. I felt that he thought he had something better than I and I decided that I would not go to hear him again.

This night I was awakened as before from sound sleep by that same voice calling me by name, only more urgently. I was so unsettled that I could not sleep again that night. The day came again for the meeting at the Full Gospel Mission, as referred to previously, and though I had decided not to go again, a something I could not explain urged me to go. I went, and it was at this meeting that the minister called Spiritualism a slimy thing and the work of the devil. Then I said: "Surely he is a fanatic and the most exaggerating speaker I ever heard," and yet withal he held my interest, and deep down in my heart I felt convinced he spoke the truth.

Once I was prompted to ask him to explain it to me, but I refrained, and again went to the spiritualist meeting, and

though listening to the same teaching I had heard for nine years, there entered a doubt in my mind as to its truth, a doubt I could not understand, and while a demonstration was in process of a dead mother, who was supposed to be talking to her son, the medium took upon her the actual impersonation of the dead mother, even to her infirmity when she passed from the body. I sat gazing at the medium then to the son in question and scarcely realizing I said to myself, "And does he really believe that to be his mother?" Quietly a voice replied: "That is the deception you yourself have believed all these years."

I went back to my room greatly troubled and unsettled, and hardly knowing what I did I knelt down and cried out: "Oh, God, what is the truth? Is it Unity? Is spiritualism right or wrong? Show me the truth. I want the truth only." And from this time I knew that both spiritualism and Unity were a lie and not the truth. I sat up and thought again of the voice that had called me so clearly, in fact it had scarcely left my mind, and to myself I said: "I wonder who it could be, and will they call again?" Quietly a voice answered me, "If the voice calls again, answer 'Yes, Lord, here I am.'" This startled me so that I was afraid. Strange words, I thought them over, and then it seemed surely I had heard them before somewhere away back in childhood. Searching my memory, I remembered hearing those words in Sunday School, as a small girl, when the Lord called Samuel, but that was in olden days. The Lord didn't call people now, so He couldn't possibly be calling me. Yet that voice had said very clearly, "Answer 'Yes, Lord, here I am,'" and it came as a command and I felt I must obey it; regardless of what I thought of its strangeness.

I went to bed and to sleep, but only to be awakened by the voice clearly calling my name. I sat up with a start and tried to answer, but my voice failed me. But, making a big effort, I very waveringly answered, "Yes, Lord, here I am." As I did so, over me came a deep conviction of sin, and the absolute need of a Saviour. I saw myself as never before. I saw how many times God had shown His mercy, and yet I had gone on in sin and self-will and unbelief. Never will I forget the conviction and humiliation that came upon me, the weariness of a troubled mind and body. This went on for days. I am ashamed now to think how long I kept Him waiting, for I was thinking of all I had to give up. The more I thought the more unhappy I became. One thing that troubled me was the fact that the man I was to marry was a spiritualist, and as I had worked for years while so often in pain and weariness, the prospect of a home looked like a haven of rest for me. But surely I thought God would not want me to give this up, for it was the thing I most needed, and reasoning thus I quieted my mind.

I continued to attend the Full Gospel Mission, but the more I heard the worse I felt, and the conviction of sin finally became unbearable. I hope never to experience this misery and unrest again.

Finally, not being able to bear it longer, I threw myself on my knees and prayed, "Oh, God, what can I do? I am so weary and tired of it all. Only help me, save me." While kneeling thus I saw a picture of the cross, and He showed me what He did for me. I will never forget; and I wept as never before as I said, "Lord, I do believe; I do believe. Forgive these years of sin and unbelief."

It was like the lifting of a heavy burden. I felt so light and quiet, instead of heaviness and unrest. Later in telling of my conversion to a friend, she replied: "What of the man you are to marry? How will he take it? He is a spiritualist." I replied, "I am praying for his conversion." Later in one of the meetings the minister said: "We must lay all on the altar and hold nothing back, if we would have God use us for His glory; if we hold on to things for self, it will hide God from us, or come between us and God." Then I knew I was holding on tightly to the home in view; also I had read: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

I went back to my room and prayed: "Oh, Lord, surely You won't ask me to give this up; it's all I ask to retain, this one thing, and You know how much I need it with my uncertain health." But came the answer: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. I arose very sorrowful, for my heart was set on that home. Continuing the meetings I heard of God's wonderful power to heal, as He did when on earth. Now I had many things I wished to be healed of, so going to my room I presented one of my diseases to God for healing, in simple faith, believing it was healed even while I asked; and the next morning all trace and discomfort of that disease had gone and has never returned. It was indeed wonderful. He had proved His mighty power to heal, and my faith increased.

Then I so much desired to be healed of the sinus disease which had troubled me so long with severe pain and pus. So I took this to the Lord for healing, but with no result but the overpowering sense of something standing between me and the healing I desired. Yes, I knew what it was; I had not laid all upon the altar; I had reserved one thing for myself, and God made it very clear to me that unless I gave all, I could not be healed, and every time I prayed this thing came between, as it were, shutting God out. It became harder and harder to pray, and I was fast losing my peace of mind and happiness. But I held on, reasoning in my mind that it was the thing I needed. I could not bring myself to the point of letting go. Whenever I prayed the answer was the same—Matt. 6:33.

Meantime the pain and pus in my head became worse from day to day. I tried to obtain morphine to still the pain, but failed. Each day became more unbearable, until, pacing up and down in my room one Saturday evening, holding my head, I cried out: "Oh, God, what shall I do? What shall I do?" Quickly a voice answered, "Will you give up all?" Turning

I almost expected to see the form of the speaker, so startled I was. I hesitated for one moment, then, unable to bear up longer, I knelt down and said: "Yes, Lord, I give up all, myself and everything pertaining to me." I let go. Then came a peace and quiet that passeth all understanding, and a sense of rest and safety. While still on my knees the same voice said: "Now be anointed and be healed and you shall be baptized." Let me add here, I knew scarcely nothing about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:4) and did not at all understand it.

The following day I went to the nearest place of worship where they taught Divine Healing and was anointed and prayed for, for the sinus disease to be healed. The pain ceased at once, and though the pus continued for four weeks, I knew I was healed, though I admit it was a trial to my faith. That same evening I knelt down to pray, for my heart was full of thanks and praise for God's goodness and mercy to me, and while I was praising and thanking Him I fell gently to the floor, vaguely wondering the cause as I fell, but as my head struck the floor, a voice said: "This is God." It seemed but a few moments until a strange language flowed out from me, first in unknown tongues, then in English, praising the Lord. Oh, the wonder of it! the joy and happiness that filled me. Never had I thought it possible to have joy and such a blessed assurance that I was indeed a child of God, that He had accepted me as His own and made me an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.

Since that time God has wonderfully healed me of fallen arches. I walk now in perfect comfort without the steel arch supports I had to wear before in order to walk in any degree of comfort before my healing; also I had worn glasses for years; the optic nerves of both eyes had been injured in the operations I had for sinus infection. One morning, I picked up my glasses as usual to put them on, and close beside me I heard God say: "Can you not trust Me for these?" I answered, "Yes, Lord, for everything." I have never worn them since and can read the smallest print with ease. I also had chronic intestinal disease, from which the Lord has delivered me as completely as from all the others. Truly the Lord has been merciful and gracious to me. Bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases. Psalm 103.

"They get their water too near the surface," said a woodman, explaining why some big pines had been so easily uprooted by the heavy winds. "Their roots didn't have to strike deep enough." A good many people are easily upset because life has been too easy with them; their roots have never struck deep because there was no great compulsion to make them go deeper for the source of life. Our very wants may become the means of our strength."

"The laws of nature are the thoughts of God."

## HOW CARVOSO PREVAILED WITH GOD FOR HIS CHILDREN

Carvosso, noted for the earnestness and faith of his prayers, tells as follows of the conversion of his children:

"I had always prayed for my children, but now I grasped the promise, with the hand of faith, and retired daily at special seasons to put the Lord to His Word. I said nothing of what I felt or did to any one but the Searcher of hearts, with whom I wrestled in an agony of prayers."

About two weeks after, he was called from his work to pray with his daughter, who became a seeker of Christ. His oldest son was converted at the same time.

Regarding his younger son he says: "I laid hold by faith on the promise which I had while pleading for my other children. One day while I was with God in mighty prayer for him, these words were applied with power to my mind: 'There shall not a hoof be left behind.' Soon after he yielded and obtained the knowledge of salvation by the remission of sins."

"A dull and careless way of praying for our friends will avail nothing. It may conceal hypocrisy, or strengthen deception concerning our own piety, but it will not move God nor convert a single soul. Our friends know that we are not in earnest and care little for it. But let us take hold of the matter in a spirit corresponding to the magnitude of the subject to be secured, and there will be a movement."

## WHO HAS THE KEYS?

It was at the funeral of a little girl. The mother had passed on before. There was only three at the funeral, the father, the minister and the proprietor of the hotel where the little girl had died. Only two rode out to Mount Auburn, the father and the minister. The father's grief was such as to forbid words. When they reached the cemetery, he took out of his pocket a little key, unlocked the casket and looked once more upon the face of his child. After closing the casket and locking it, he handed the key to the keeper of the cemetery. On the way back, the minister said, "Sir, I noticed you locked that casket. You cannot unlock it and call her back." "No, no, no power can do that." "Did you ever hear these words, 'I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for ever more . . . and have the keys of hades and death?'" The man said, "No, who said that?" Then the minister explained how that after Jesus had risen from the dead and ascended to heaven, that He gave these words to the apostle John. The man said, "What about the keys?" "It means this. You think the key to your little child's casket is in the hand of the keeper of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God and He will come some morning and use it." Then the light broke through the man's tears and he saw the glory of the Resurrection.

Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Isa. 49:16.

## Children's Corner

### LITTLE MARY'S BIG GIFT

Mary Dean came rushing into her mother's cozy sitting-room one Sunday afternoon, and, tossing her hat into one corner, she came close to her mother's chair.

"Mamma," she said excitedly, "Miss Rainey is going to pack a box for a missionary family. She has found out all about them. There are three girls and two boys in the family, and the three girls are small. So the Junior Helpers are going to send the gifts for them."

"And what is my little girl going to give?" Mrs. Dean asked.

"Oh, I do not know yet," Mary answered. "Miss Rainey said to just give something that we could do without, and I have several things that I would not miss much."

Mrs. Dean looked at her little girl in surprise. She had been a very loving mother to her child, but the thought had never come to her before that Mary might be selfish. "Mary," she said softly, "I want you to think seriously about this missionary box. 'Just anything' will not do to send. Miss Rainey did not mean worthless things, dear; she meant something you could give by doing without yourself."

"You mean that I must give some of my best things?" Mary asked.

"Exactly," Mother answered. "I tell you, Mary," she went on as a bright idea flashed through her brain, "suppose you go upstairs and look over your clothes and your playthings, and imagine yourself the missionary's little girl. Just imagine," Mother went on, "that of all your things only one of them was coming to you. Which one of them would you choose?"

Mary was silent for a moment as a vision of all her pretty things went flying through her mind. "I do not know, Mother," she said; "I will go and see."

Mrs. Dean watched her little daughter go up the stairs. "What would the outcome be?" she wondered. But oh, how she hoped that Mary would prove unselfish! for Mrs. Dean could not stand selfishness.

Her mother could hear Mary walking about in the room above, and could almost see the look on her child's face as she would think of giving away her treasures. Finally, however, she heard a little song coming down the stairs, and soon Mary stood before her with a pretty dress hung over one arm, a Bible in one hand, and her best doll over her shoulder. "Mother," she said sweetly, "I could not decide which of these things I would love best to get if I were a missionary's little girl, but I picked up my Bible, and it opened right at the verse which says, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.' So that settled it. I am going to give all three."

Mrs. Dean felt a lump in her throat,

and she could not speak. She drew her daughter close to her heart. "You have my consent, dear, to give all three."

And a missionary box was packed, the like of which had never before been received by the missionary's family, and Miss Rainey ever afterwards declared that it was all the result of one little girl's big gift.—Full Gospel and Rescue Journal.

### THE FINGER OF GOD

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other church, and I am here because of Mrs. Eddy." Not healed by the blood of Jesus! Another arose and said she was healed of tumor. I listened carefully again—no Blood, no Calvary, just Mrs. Eddy. All over the building they were jumping up to give their testimony (more testimonies than we have in some Pentecostal meetings), and it was always Mrs. Eddy—no God, no Christ, no Blood, no Holy Ghost. That is the work of Satan.

Every true manifestation of the Spirit which I have seen, has been imitated by Satan. I have seen Satan shake people, and I have seen God shake people. I have heard Satan talking through others in tongues, and I have heard people speak by the Holy Ghost in tongues. I have heard messages come forth in tongues that captured the audience, and yet I sat there in deep sorrow of heart because I knew it was Satan talking. When they came to me afterward and said, "That was a fine message, wasn't it?" I answered, "That was from Satan." The speaker was a woman of strong personality, good language, fascinating and attractive; but she was Satan's mouthpiece for the time being. I afterwards discovered that she was living an unclean life, away from God, when she was talking like an angel. The audience as a whole did not recognize the source of the message.

But listen; not one man in Modernism, or Evolution, or Christian Science, or Spiritism, or Theosophy can change a man's character from sinner to saint, and give a person eternal life. When we see God produce life where once there was death, we say, "This is the finger of God." The Lord Jesus said, "If I by the finger of God cast out demons . . ." and in another place said, "If I by the Spirit of God cast out demons" (Matt. 12:28), so the finger of God is the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost. When Moses and Aaron stood with that rod in their hand, it was not the rod nor the words of Moses and Aaron that did the work; it was God's power. That is why the magicians quaked and trembled before these men, and said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." What stopped those magicians from working any further, what spoiled their cunning and craft? It was God's finger, God's power, the Holy Ghost.

Jannes and Jambres are spoken of in 2 Timothy, and they are the magicians that withstood Moses and Aaron. What kind of men were they? Reprobate concerning the faith, counterfeits, no good. How did these men withstand Moses? By signs and wonders. How are we to meet Satan's power to-day? How are we to meet these powers of evil that are

up against us in these last days when all the powers of hell are let loose? What can we do to stand against these powers of evil? We can rely upon the finger of God, the Holy Ghost.

It is hard to pray these days. If you don't find it so, you are on a low plane of spirituality yet. If you find it easy work to pray through to victory these days, there is something wrong with your prayer life—unless you know the victory of Calvary. Until you know the power of the blood of Calvary's cross, you will never have much power in prayer. If you know the power of the blood, you can pray; and even though there be a wall of rock before your vision, you will see Jesus there praying with you, and the victory is sure if you keep on praying.

We have a fresh flood of darkness coming upon us now. It is a grief to our hearts to know that two-thirds of the missionaries of the churches are Modernists. Atheist clubs are being formed in the schools and universities; these defy God, and the very leader of this movement is a Miss Walker who was once a leader in the Christian Endeavor Society. There is a delusion that is holding its head erect and saying that we come from monkeys, etc. Christian Science is capturing scores of people. One day in San Diego I heard a lady's voice calling me. She said, "I have not seen you for so long, I am so glad I can speak to you once again. You remember those by-gone days in Chicago? I attended your meetings and heard you preach, etc., and we thought we had a fine time there." "Yes," I said, "we had." "Mr. Moody, it may surprise you, but I have gone here and there and everywhere seeking to find satisfaction and rest and joy, and at last I have found it." "What is it?" I asked. "It is Christian Science. Now I am at rest. I have found the pearl of great price, I have found health for my body, peace of mind. I am happy all the day long now; and it is all in Christian Science." That is an awful delusion.

I was holding a meeting in Chicago some years ago and a sister was present who brought with her a Christian Science practitioner, a very well-dressed, cultured lady. I saw the situation was a very difficult one for me and so I went outside and walked around the block. I said, "Lord, give me something definite for that woman, something pungent and powerful." I walked around and prayed until God gave me His message—it was on the atonement. When God gives you a message you don't fear all the demons in hell. I went in and began my message, taking the 53rd of Isaiah for scripture reference. This practitioner sat before me and for a time was quite taken with what I was saying, smiling and taking it all in. But as I went on and began to prod, she got her fan before her face to hide her face from my sight; and for the balance of the sermon she did not take down the fan. When she left she said to the friend who brought her, "Oh, that man has wonderful emanations coming from his personality; I could not stand it; the shock was so strong I had to put a fan before my face." That is all she



knew about the work of the Holy Ghost.

I was asked to go and see her personally and I went. She smiled and sat me down in a plush chair. "Now, Mr. Moody, be quite frank with me." I said, "All right, I will." She said, "Years ago I was in a Methodist revival and I went to the altar with the rest, seeking the Lord, and I thought I got something there. But it did not last. Then I went to other places and heard sermons on sociology, and that was good; I took it up for a time but it did not satisfy. I went on and on, hearing this man and that man, until finally I got to a place of rest, Christian Science, and there I am to-day." Then she told me quite a long story, and said, "What do you think about my case?" I said, "You have said I must be frank and I will be. You are full of demons. You are so full of demons there is hardly room for another. She smiled, thought there was something wrong with me. I said, "I like to pray before I leave a home; may I pray?" Out of courtesy she said, "Yes." Then she added, "Maybe I don't pray like you do." I said, "Well, how do you pray? You pray first and I will follow." Nothing doing! she did not pray first nor second either.

It was a sad sight to see that cultured, refined, attractive woman, a social leader, but blind as a bat, blind, deaf, and dumb, dead to divine things. I said, "You don't want to pray?" She answered, "No, I pray quietly, not as you do." I said, "I know how you pray. You sit down and enter 'the silence'; and in the silence you hold a thought that there is no evil, no sin, no disease; all is good, therefore all is God; God is good, and good is God. That is your prayer, isn't it?" "Yes." "In my prayer," I said, "I come to God as an unworthy child of His, once a rebel but now saved from sin. And I pray the Father in heaven, in Jesus Christ's name, who died for my sins, etc."

There are thousands and thousands deceived by Christian Science, Spiritism, Theosophy. Madam Tingley, a leading Theosophist, has a great mansion outside of San Diego. My wife and I went to a morning meeting, and when we got inside that place I felt demon power on every side. I pleaded the blood of Jesus Christ, and stayed in. By and by a man arose and made a quotation—John Milton. Another arose and made a quotation—Shakespeare. Another—Lord Macaulay. Another—Gladstone. Another—Disraeli, and so on. By and by one arose and made a quotation—The Bible. The Bible, Shakespeare, and all the rest on the same level! Then Madam Tingley entered from a side door, dressed in gorgeous robes all jeweled. She said, "By and by we will all be gods (she used the word Elohim). After a certain number of reincarnations, in cycles, we will come to the place where we will be little gods." Another one deluded by the devil! They are all around, marching through the land just like Goliath when he stalked through the land, saying, "Show me a man who will fight with me." These Modernists, Evolutionists, etc., are defying the living God, the God of the Bible.

What are we going to do about it? Rely upon the Lord of hosts, the God who can answer by fire. Do you believe that the God who answered Elijah by fire, is our God to-day? Then pray the fire down, if you believe that. Not by might nor by power but by His Spirit alone can we meet these forces all around. Don't forget those strange but pregnant words of the apostle, "The weakness of God is stronger than men, and the foolishness of God is wiser than men." God's folly (a peculiar expression), is stronger than all man's power. "With the finger of God I cast out demons." The finger is a small part, one of the smallest members of our body; but with the finger of God He cast out demons and healed diseases. What, then, if God puts forth all His power! God has resources which we have not yet tapped. Let us tap God's resources by faith and prayer, and see what God will do in our midst in confounding these magicians, these agnostics, and all the others. I know that some are teaching there is no use having revivals now, the time has gone by for them. As long as God is on His throne and time exists, we must do all we can to pull men out of the fire.

We find Job's conception of God in Job 26, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing. He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them . . . . The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at His reproof. He divideth the sea with His power, and by His understanding He smiteth through the proud. By His Spirit He hath garnished the heavens; His hand hath formed the crooked serpent. Lo, these are parts of His ways; but how little a portion is heard of Him? but the thunder of His power who can understand?" To make a world, and planets, sun and moon and stars, are but parts of His ways; but the fullness of His power who can understand?

We have seen a part of God's workings in Pentecost; but the thunder of His power, who can understand it? Let us believe God, and see what He will do. There was one time when the devil in hell was stirred; it was when one man got on his knees. Heaven was all astir and hell too, when one man got on his knees, when the Lord said of Saul of Tarsus, "Behold, he prayeth!" When Saul prayed it stirred all heaven, and hell too, to action. Let us see this city stirred to action. There are enough people here, baptized with the Holy Ghost, if only they will hold on to God until the fire falls, to stir all the city. One man with God on his side, is in the majority. It is time to stir ourselves and be aggressive for God.

The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No; it rests in union and communion with the vine; and at the right time, and in the right way is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus.—J. Hudson Taylor.

God can make a way where there is no way.

## MOVING UP TO THE PLATFORM OF FAITH

Two people look at God's kingdom from different angles. One says, "Can God?" and the other says, "God can."

The children of Israel asked, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?"

Moses stood on God's side. He spake to the rock and the waters gushed forth. Paul had the same attitude. He declared, "My God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." He knew that God could supply the need of the individual and of the church for He had supplied Paul's own need.

These men stood on God's side and saw God's dealings with His people and with His church.

Aaron sided with the unbelief of the people. "As for this Moses, we wot not what is become of him!" Aaron acquiesced in the cry, "As for this Moses!" Moses was with God, getting God's mind and seeing things from God's standpoint. Aaron was so low that he could not get higher than the top of the golden calf. Moses was so high that God had to say to him, "Get you down."

God wants people to get His viewpoint to-day. He can send revivals. He can send conviction on the people. He can transform blasphemers into men of prayer. God can make great merchants humble disciples and cause them to spread their wealth at the feet of the disciples.

The man of God says, "God can." God can bring Pauls out of Sauls. He can make tender nurses out of Philippian jailers. Men who have been brutes can be so transformed that they will delight to wash the stripes of God's saints.

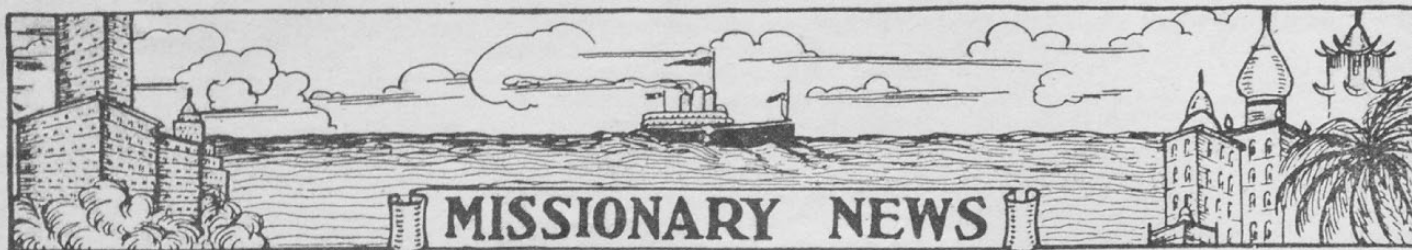
God's people need to change their platform. Don't look at revivals from man's point of view, for if you do, you despair. Get God's point of view. Men are as grasshoppers. He holds all in the hollow of His hand and He can control and move on them as readily as He moves on the stars.

Change of platform gives change of viewpoint. It changes "Can God?" into "God can." All things are possible to him that believeth.

The Holy Ghost was sent to make men witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth. When you see local revivals, think of Jerusalem and Judea, but expect revivals in the uttermost parts of the earth to be the complement. Pray for, believe for and expect God to send great revivals all over the world. God only can put you from one platform to the other.

Moses went out from Pharaoh's palace to Goshen to release his brother Israelites, and thought he would be a deliverer. He failed, and he thought God's promise had failed. When he got on God's side and saw from God's point of view, the deliverance of the children of Israel was speedy and complete.

Moses saw more of God in the desert than he did in Pharaoh's palace, more of God's majesty, purposes, and resources. He moved up on the platform of faith. And there is room on that platform for you.



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

### THE ASSIOUT REVIVAL

Many who have read of the gracious revival that has been going on at Assiout will be glad to share with us a letter recently received from Sister Trasher. She writes:

"After having heard so much about our revival I feel sure you will be interested to hear how we are going on now.

"We have rented a large house with fourteen rooms in Assiout for the school boys and some of the work boys so they will not have to walk so far. One of our teachers and family are living with them, also some of our widows see about the cooking, etc. The house has a nice big court yard where the boys have their prayer meeting. Every Friday and Saturday they hold these meetings, open for outsiders to come in. The place is sometimes crowded. Sunday morning these boys divide into four divisions. Some come direct to us, the others go and preach in the villages. They say it is wonderful how interested the people are who crowd around the boys, always begging them to come back again. I have never seen anything like the change in the boys. Sometimes they walk for miles to preach the gospel and they are only young boys. Pray that this very much needed work may continue.

"Yesterday we counted the orphanage family and find that we now have 475. Also we counted our money and find we have \$12, but we are not discouraged. Last Saturday afternoon I had to buy a loaf of white bread for my English teacher and I did not have five cents to pay for it. So I drove around town and prayed, 'Lord, which way shall I turn, to the right or the left? Where would you have me go that our needs can be supplied?' I started to go one way but felt that I had better keep straight ahead. A rich gentleman lived on ahead, but only two or three days ago he had given me \$50 so I could not see why I should go in his direction, so I kept thinking about him. All at once I remembered that at a luncheon given a few weeks ago this gentleman said that a 'charity box' which he and his friend had put up in his club for the orphanage seemed to be quite heavy. I did not know where this club was, but I asked some people in the street. When I opened the box I found \$30.30. You cannot imagine what a blessing we all got out of it, for it seemed that surely God had directed my very steps. It really is wonderful to just stand by and watch God feed 475 three times a day, clothe and educate them and above all, fill them with His love.

"The meetings are still blessed and the interest has not died down. We hope to have a baptismal service Sunday week, when those who wish may be baptized in water. Seventy-three received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost during or since the revival and a wonderful change has been wrought in the hearts of hundreds."

### THE GOD OF ELIJAH

We would like to pass on a portion of a letter received from Sister Jessie Eustace, that will give a little idea of some of the things a missionary has to contend with in Liberia, as well as of the blessings that follow. "Our leaf roof affords the abode of scorpions, snakes and other poisonous insects all of which we have seen right in our house. Sister Bjorklund had a very narrow escape from being bitten by a scorpion.

"We can still shout His praises and say even in all this we have no desire to give up and come home, but have a stronger determination than ever to push the battle for Jesus, that lost souls may be brought to know Him.

"Sunday we had a very precious service when the spirit of praise and prayer rested upon a number of our boys. We bowed ourselves before Him and our hearts just worshiped Him for His saving grace to these dear souls who once were in awful darkness—a darkness hard to realize unless you have gotten an insight into their lives as they were when bound by chains of the devil. I praise God for what He has done, that these dear people are here to stay and that they don't want to go back to their towns.

"Last Sunday two of the boys, one a very small one, asked to go and preach in a nearby town, and I gladly gave my permission for them to do so. I am glad they are getting the burden of their people on them.

"Sunday an old chief, who was once a great enemy to us, arose in meeting. This man when in trouble sometime ago, resorted to us for prayer and God heard us and answered prayer, so that he could burn off his farm. Ever since then his heart has softened toward us. He said, 'I am joined to you. All I need is a clean heart. I am tired of trying to make a big name. (He is a big man in his town, the people all look to him.) My big name has never brought me anything, but when I came here for prayer, God heard and I have rice to eat.' I think I wrote that the people had so much rain they couldn't prepare their farms to plant rice. I feel if this man turns to God it will mean that many of the old people will follow him."

### WITH THE LORD

It is with regret that we have to report that our aged sister Mary Chapman, who has labored faithfully for many years in South India, has been called from our midst, but we rejoice with her in the joy into which she has entered in the presence of the Lord. The following is the message received by cable:—"Mrs. Mary Chapman with the Lord. Passed away November 27th after a brief illness. (signed) John H. Burgess, South India."

### TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS, KANSU, CHINA

We have received word from our Brother W. W. Simpson that they are having considerable difficulty in carrying on their work owing to the disturbed state of China. After stating some of their difficulties Brother Simpson writes:—"But our trust is in the Lord whose command to preach the gospel still holds precedence above every other consideration, and we believe that He will arrange in some way for the support of the work. In the meantime we are doing all in our power to put the work on a self-governing, self-supporting basis. Some successes have already resulted, and we are economizing in every possible way, having dismissed all schools, and discharged some of the less faithful workers. The crops in Kansu this year are generally good, and grain cheaper than last year, which is an encouragement. But we need the prayers of the home saints as never before, that we may be able to keep going on the work of preaching Christ to the millions yet unevangelized, till He comes.

"The Lord's blessing is still resting mightily on the work. The city and district of Wen-hsien had a very severe drought last summer. The people and officials were praying in vain for the rain, while all the time their crops were dying. Our evangelist had the assurance that the Lord would give rain on a certain Sunday and informed the officials so that everybody got to know it. On that Sunday morning the sun rose on a cloudless sky, but the Christians assembled and prayed and an abundant rain fell.

"Not only that day but every Sunday for a month saw copious showers while all other days were dry. So the Lord confirmed the gospel we preach, and the crops were saved."

The Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he reward every man according to his works. Matt. 16:27.

**SUCCESS OF CHINESE EVANGELIST**

"I will pour out my spirit on ALL flesh" has been literally fulfilled here in Hong Kong of late. Within the last three days more than 8,000 people crowded a large theater building to hear the simple gospel message. At one service 27 came forward to take their stand for Christ, the second service about the same number and last night 70 men, women and young people came from all over the tabernacle to the front to confess Christ and be prayed for.

What was there about the preacher to cause such vast crowds to come to these meetings? Not his education—for he was formerly a sailor in the Chinese navy. Not his experience, for he has only been a Christian about ten years. Neither was it his acquaintance with human-taught theology, for he had no opportunity to enter Bible school. It was not his physique, for he weighed only about 115 pounds, and his height I would guess to be about five feet. His dress was not attractive—it was of the plainest material. Why then did the church have to engage a theater building with a seating capacity of 3,000, and have the Electric Company put on fifteen extra cars to carry the people to and from the services?

He was, however, unique—he advertised the meetings thus: "Come, all seats are free and there will be no collection." He used no flowery words to hide the sins of the people, he preached the simple message of Jesus the Saviour of men. He exalted the name of Jesus, but best of all he LIVED the messages he preached. He got a telegram while in service that his wife was dying in the adjoining province and he immediately took the matter to Father and he said, "Father said it would be all right, I might go on with my services for Him." Presently he got another telegram saying that his wife was better. He tells how his living the faith life has been rewarded with many definite answers to prayer. Once the rye flour he eats was gone, and there was no money in the house to purchase more, so he called his wife and both put their heads in the empty kong and sang fervently, "Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow." Almost before they had finished some one arrived at the door with a sack of rye flour which they somehow had felt led to bring.

The most blessed thing about the whole meeting was that the preacher was not from America, Canada, Australia or England—but from the land of Sinim. He is a Chinese. He is just one like hundreds God is going to raise up for His name's sake throughout China. Let us rejoice that we are counted worthy to take part in the promulgation of the gospel in this wonderful dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Just last night we had an invitation to preach again in the large stone church of this city, under the leadership of the Chinese Independent Church of China. How I rejoice that I can preach in the language of the people—O, joy of joys to bring men and women to Christ.

We are leaving Hong Kong October 17, for Sainam, where we will take up the work again—possibly till HE COMES. May we have your prayers? Yours in the battle, Geo. M. Kelly.

**THE PRICE OF HIS REJECTION**

The self-sacrifice of a man who for the last 10 years has devoted his business profits, \$125,000, to the Baptist Missionary Society, has just come to light.

The gifts are the accomplishment of a life resolve formed when he was medically rejected on offering himself to the Society for service in the Congo.

His contributions each year from the time he began business are:

\$375; \$2,400; \$5,000; \$5,120; \$12,500; \$15,000; \$17,500; \$23,725; \$19,825; \$24,540.

"This story," said the Rev. W. N. Fullerton, Home Secretary of the Society, "so far as I know is unprecedented in the history of missionary enterprise.

"The donor's identity is strictly secret, and is known only to three people. He sends his gifts by bankers' drafts on several banks, so that there shall be no means of tracing him.

"The man," he added, "is still under 40. Two years ago he married and intimated that he would not be able to give us as much as he had previously. He, however, sent us \$19,825 next year and this year \$24,540. This remarkable man writes quite modest letters asking for our prayers to be kept true to his purpose."—Selected.

**HOW A GREAT MAN GAVE**

Matthew Baldwin, the founder of the great Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia, was a man of prayer and claimed that the secret of his success was his trust in God. He became an earnest Christian when he was about twenty-eight years old and from that time until his death he considered that his time and his money belonged to God.

"He became known as one of the most generous men in Philadelphia. While he was still living in a house which rented for \$20.00 a month he was giving away \$10,000.00 a year. Day after day he would appear at the works penniless, having given away every cent in his pocket, and would send out a clerk to pay bills contracted in supplying the needs of others who would apply to him.

"He built in whole or in part, five churches. At the time of his financial difficulties he would not think of discontinuing his gifts. Sometimes when he did not have the cash he would give notes instead. 'Nobody hesitates to sign promises to pay in the future in order to get capital for business,' he would say. 'Are we to trust the Lord to take care of our affairs, and not His own? I feel more thankful for the disposition to give largely than for the ability to give largely,' he often said, 'for I know that immense wealth can be acquired a great deal easier than the heart to use it well. My money without a new heart would have been a curse to me!'—The *Elim* Evangel.

**SAILED FOR THE FIELD**

Brother Lloyd G. Creamer left for China on Nov. 19th, by "S. S. Empress of Russia." He will take up again the work he had in Tientsin. Brother Creamer may be addressed care Martin Kvamme, 47 Chi Chia Hutung, Ex-Austrian Concession, Tientsin, N. China.

**A SUGGESTION FROM AN ARMENIAN SISTER**

In view of the pressing need of money above and beyond all they give to their church and to the orphanages, etc., the Armenians have adopted a splendid custom. When anyone dies, rich or poor, the friends are notified from pulpit and press—no flowers; all money in place of flowers, for a certain orphanage, or for the general work.

At the door of the church where the funeral is held, someone sits with paper and pencil, and each one pledges to give (or hands in the money) according to the dictates of the heart or the closeness of friendship—and the family of the deceased gives also. If I am not mistaken, \$35 is the least that has been raised thus in memory of the deceased; while over \$1,000 has been raised at some funerals, and just lately \$3,000 was raised at one funeral in Fresno.

When I think of the need of our missionaries on the field, of those ready to go and waiting for funds, of the awful needs of those in heathen lands, I am constrained to ask you to let *Evangel* readers learn of this way of raising extra money. Why not adopt this custom for getting a little more money for the Master's work? And why should we not be a little different from other people? Necessity for missionary money should spur us to have columns of reports of money thus given, "In Memory" of our departed loved ones.—Mrs. Ruby Sargavak, Long Beach, Calif.

**GOOD NEWS FROM FINLAND**

Brother Arthur A. Vuori, Tampere, Finland, Keninkaankatu 31, Sinerva, writes: "About a week ago I closed a series of meetings in a place called Harjavalta. Almost every night I with the rest of the saints, had the blessed privilege of praying for sinners. We felt very happy to see them broken up in tears, wanting to surrender their lives to the Lord. Some backsliders were reclaimed and the believers as a whole were revived and greatly refreshed through the teaching of God's Word. Finland is a needy field; there are many country places and villages where people are very hungry for God. I ask your prayers for the work in Finland, and I would be greatly encouraged if any of the *Evangel* readers would write me a few words of cheer and comfort."

**BLESSEDLY HEALED**

I had been doctoring for years and grew steadily worse. I had had almost from infancy partial paralysis of the bowels. I also had a pain in my side which the physician said was caused by gall stones, for which the only cure is the knife. I had to be in bed part of the time. But when Brother and Sister Lewis prayed for me I was instantly healed. That was about four years ago and I have never felt the pain since.—Mrs. Alex. George, 825 Gilmore Ave., Canton, O.

This sister received her Baptism a few nights after her wonderful healing, her husband soon following, and both are now faithful workers in the Lord's great harvest. She was a great sufferer.—Elder David D. Lewis, Massillon, Ohio.

## In the Whitened Harvest Fields

### GROWING CHURCH

Secretary C. Branum writes from Picher, Okla.: "Brother C. E. Shields has just closed a 17 nights' revival with us. Twenty-one were saved and 10 received the Baptism according to the pattern. Since Brother Jess McGuire has been pastor here (about 9 months), 101 have been saved, 36 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 55 in water, and 39 added to the roster."

### REVIVAL SPIRIT CONTINUES

Pastor W. R. Brock, West Tulsa, Okla., writes: "Sister Nora Jurney closed a meeting here last Sunday to go to other fields of labor. Many were made hungry to find the Lord. Several prayed through to victory. The saints were encouraged to press on to higher heights. After the meeting closed, the revival kept on. Fourteen have been saved and 6 received the Holy Ghost this week."

### OHIO REVIVAL

Mrs. E. O. Lockwood writes from Eaton, Ohio: "We have had a gracious revival here. J. Clark Soules held a meeting Oct. 14-24, during which the power of the Lord was manifest. This was followed by a 4 weeks' meeting conducted by Myrtle Reynolds, the girl evangelist of Flint, Mich. Six were saved, 6 baptized and 15 backsliders were reclaimed. Many who before had had no interest in Pentecost came to the services and are becoming hungry for God. Others are still seeking the Baptism."

### CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN

Brother J. A. Cardiff writes: "The Lord led us from Minnesota to California this fall. Had four tent campaigns through Minnesota during past summer. Have just closed a 2 weeks' campaign here in Willows, Calif. Interest was good, many came from other towns and God blessed. Meetings were held in Glad Tidings Mission, Pastor Anna Mickelson in charge. We expect to labor for the Master in Southern Calif. Our home address is—105 No. 26 Ave., West, Duluth, Minn."

### MISSOURI REVIVAL

Pastor R. S. Fowler, Crane, Mo., writes: "At the close of General Council meeting, wife and I were called to Crane for a revival, which continued 6 weeks, and which resulted in 22 being saved and 6 baptized with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A man and wife who had been seeking the Baptism 7 years were filled with the Holy Spirit. At the close of the revival we were asked to take the pastorate and we accepted the call. The large crowds are continuing to come. Any of the brethren who may be passing through, are invited to stop with us. Services, Tuesday and Saturday, 7:15 p. m.; Sunday, 11:00 a. m., 7:15 p. m."

### LATTER RAIN SHOWERS

Brother Kirkpatrick writes from Everett, Wash.: "We have two kinds of rain in Washington at the same time. We began a series of meetings here Sunday night, and while the natural rain fell on the roof, the 'latter rain' fell upon souls. Six found Christ, and since then souls have been saved and baptized each night."

### NEW TABERNACLE

Brother A. W. Kortkamp, Alton, Ill., writes: "We dedicated the Jerseyville tabernacle last Saturday night. Sister Ruth Cox went along and sang and played the autoharp. Brother O'Guin preached the dedicatory sermon. Nine preachers were present. The tabernacle is very good-looking. Elsie Baker and her party have been holding a revival there. We take a delegation every night. Fifty-one were saved and 3 received the Baptism in our revival."

### REBUILDING WASTE PLACES

Mrs. John Frey writes: "God wonderfully answered prayer by sending Brother G. Brewer and Brother Dewey to Bolivia, Ill. They conducted a revival in a Christian church that had not been used for several years. Large crowds attended and some heard the full gospel for the first time. Fourteen were saved or reclaimed, and several were seeking the Baptism when the meeting closed. Brother Brewer still comes 20 miles (from Springfield) and holds services three times a week."

### METHODIST PREACHER BAPTIZED

Sister Laura Wyatt writes from Seymour, Mo.: "Just recently closed a 3 weeks' revival at Alberta, 5 miles north of Seymour, where Brother Lendal Ramsey has charge of an assembly. The Lord greatly blessed the services. People fell under the power of God as in days gone by. There were 13 conversions and 12 were baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues. Some who testified to 30 and 40 years of Christian life, accepted the truth of Pentecost. A Methodist preacher who testified to having preached the gospel for 30 years, began tarrying at home for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. He received the Baptism and spoke as we did at the beginning. We are now at the Mountain Dale Presbyterian Church, where the doors have been opened to the full gospel, and a large congregation is attending."

### INVITATION

Brother C. J. Brown writes from Red Oak, Okla.: "The assembly has called us to take charge of the work here. We have a good mission and we invite any of the Council ministers who may be passing through to stop with us."

### THE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

In the first half of the year 1926 we began printing lessons for the societies of young people in our assemblies, on the last page of the then new weekly paper called "Christ's Ambassadors." In the first issue of the Pentecostal Evangel of this year we printed a list of subjects for young people's societies for the entire year. This first entire year of pre-arranged topics for young people's meetings has now nearly come to its close and our eyes look ahead to the year about to be ushered in.

The name adopted by some of the young people's societies in the West, Christ's Ambassadors, struck the young people as being a fine name and opportunity suggested, so it has been quite generally adopted by such societies all over the land. Thus we have large numbers of societies of that name, doing splendid work for the Master, and for the spread of the full gospel message.

At the last General Council the Young People's Societies were recognized and provision was made for their more thorough and uniform organization, not only locally but as adjuncts of the various District Councils. It was even in the minds of some to have a national organization—and the baby is not yet two years old! Praise the Lord!

We have prepared a list of topics with appropriate scripture texts for the year 1928, and print it below. It will be put out also in folder style as was done this year, so that societies desiring the topics before them for use in arranging their programs ahead of time can get them in convenient form and at a low price. Those folders are ten cents a dozen.

If you do not get the Christ's Ambassadors weekly paper for use in your young people's society it seems to us you are missing a very important and valuable assistant in your work as young people. It is used in many Sunday schools, and has been found so interesting and helpful, and so soundly Pentecostal, that it is very highly recommended in many quarters. A suggestive list of questions on the Young People's Topic for the next Sunday is printed in every issue, calculated to be used by the young people as subjects for individual discussion by the members. We provide also valuable information from the Bible and other sources to give the young people assistance in preparing for their individual parts in the young people's meeting.

A single subscription for Christ's Ambassadors is 60c a year, two years for \$1; 5 or more copies to one address for 13c each per quarter, or 50c a year. If you haven't seen one we shall be glad to send you a sample copy, on request.

The following are the topics suggested:

- JANUARY, 1928**
1. **The Outlook, or Opportunity.** John 5:25; Heb. 3:15; Acts 17:30; Rom. 3:19; Rom. 13:11; 2 Cor. 6:2; Ps. 55:17.
  2. **Putting off, or Procrastination.** Ps. 32:6; Ps. 95:7, 8; Gen. 19:16; Matt. 8:21; Acts 17:32; Acts 24:25; 2 Cor. 6:2.
  3. **The Second Coming of Our Lord.** Matt. 25:31; Acts 2:30; 1 Tim. 6:14; Matt. 26:64; Rev. 1:7; Acts 1:9, 11; Mark 13:36; Luke 12:40; 1 Thess. 4:16, 17.
  4. **Whole-souled, or half-hearted, which?** Eccl. 9:10; Rom. 12:11; Gal. 4:18; 2 Tim. 1:6; Rev. 3:19; Col. 4:12; Rev. 3:16.
  5. **The Baptism—How Important Is It?** Luke 24:49; Luke 3:16; Acts 1:5; Acts 19:2-6; Eph. 1:13; John 16:7.

FEBRUARY

- 5. Faith and Fear. Heb. 11:1; 1 John 4:18; 1 Cor. 12:9; Acts 11:21; 2 Peter 1:1; Mark 1:15; Rom. 5:2; Matt. 21:22; Jas. 1:6; 1 Peter 5:9.
- 12. Missions—Why? Ps. 7:11; Ps. 9:17; John 3:16; Matt. 28:19; Ps. 2:8; Matt. 24:14; Matt. 7:12.
- 19. Unequally Yoked Together. 2 Cor. 6:14; 2 John 10; Rom. 16:17; 1 Pet. 3:7; Ps. 1:1; 2 Chron. 19:3; 1 Cor. 15:33.
- 26. When Does Prayer Bring Results? Ps. 66:18; Matt. 21:22; Luke 22:44; Rom. 15:30; Heb. 5:7; Mark 11:25; Matt. 20:31; Matt. 15:23-28; Matt. 26:44; Matt. 17:21; Phil. 4:6; Col. 4:2.

MARCH

- 4. How to use the Bible. Deut. 4:2; 12:23; John 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:10-14; 1 Peter 4:11; Deut. 17:19; Is. 34:16; Deut. 31:11; Neh. 8:3.
- 11. Words Seasoned with Salt. 1 Tim. 6:4; Col. 4:6; Prov. 17:27; 2 Tim. 1:13; Matt. 12:34; Matt. 12:36, 37; Prov. 15:23.
- 18. What to Do When Sick. James 5:14, 15; Matt. 9:29; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 12:2; Acts 10:38; 1 John 3:8; Heb. 13:8.
- 25. Practicing the Presence of Christ. Ps. 91:1; 16:11; 1 Cor. 1:29; Luke 1:19; Rev. 14:10; Jude 24; Acts 3:19; Ex. 33:14.

APRIL

- 1. Earmarks of a Christian, or Am I One? Gen. 1:26, 27; Ps. 17:15; Eph. 5:18; John 10:4; 2 Peter 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 John 2:3; Phil. 2:5; Heb. 12:2; Eph. 4:31; 1 Pet. 1:15; 1 John 3:1; 4:17; Rev. 14:4.
- 8. What Is the Source of Real Joy? John 17:13; Heb. 12:2; Ps. 16:11; Rom. 14:17; Jer. 15:16.
- 15. Christian Ideals vs. Worldly Ideals. Matt. 5:48; John 13:15; Rom. 8:1; Ps. 4:6; Ecc. 11:19; Is. 47:4; Amos 6:3; Matt. 24:38; 16:26; John 4:13; Phil. 3:19; 2 Tim. 2:22; Titus 2:12; 1 John 2:17; Ecc. 7:25; Is. 29:14.
- 22. The Open Hand, or The Ministry of Money. Gen. 23:9, 16. Gen. 13:1; Matt. 22:19; Jas. 5:4; Matt. 20:2; Neh. 10:32; Acts 3:3, 6; Luke 12:15; Mal. 3:8; 1 Tim. 6:10; Luke 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:1-7.
- 29. What will it mean to have Jesus come? Matt. 16:27; 1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 25:31, 32; Jude 14, 15; Tit. 2:13; Luke 12:37; John 14:3.

MAY

- 6. The Gift of Speech—The Evil or the Blessing of it. Job. 13:5; 16:4; Ps. 140:3, 11; Prov. 15:1, 2; 15:4; 16:28; 26:20; Matt. 12:34, 36, 37; 1 Peter 2:1; Jas. 4:11; Ps. 39:1; 71:24; 141:3; 7:23; Eph. 4:6; Jas. 1:19; Jas. 3:2.
- 13. What Follows the Baptism? 1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:15-17; Heb. 6:1; 2 Pet. 1:5; 1 Cor. 3:14, 15; Acts 1:8.
- 20. Our Prayer Life. Ps. 25:1; 1 Sam. 1:15; Ps. 27:8; Gen. 32:9-12; Jer. 29:7; Gen. 18:23; Rom. 12:12; 1 Thes. 5:17; Matt. 6:9-13; Gen. 18:27; Neh. 1:4, 7; 2 Chron. 7:14; 1 Pet. 3:7; Ps. 66:18; Eph. 6:18; Jas. 5:14.
- 27. If I Were a Missionary. 2 Tim. 2:3; Mark 10:29, 30; Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:18; Mark 16:20; 1 Cor. 9:19-22; 1 Cor. 9:9-11.

JUNE

- 3. Wanted—Full-time Workers. Heb. 6:12; Eccl. 9:10; Rom. 12:11; 1 Cor. 14:12; 2 Tim. 1:6; John 4:35; Dan. 12:3.
- 10. The Bible—to Be Lived. Ps. 19:7-14; Ps. 43:1-5; Ps. 119:67; Luke 8:21; John 17:6; Ps. 119:133; Num. 15:39, 40; Josh. 1:7, 8; 2 Chron. 7:17; Neh. 1:5; Ps. 105:45; Ez. 37:24; Deut. 16:12.
- 17. Fruit-bearing. Matt. 13:23; Ps. 1:3; John 12:24; John 15:2; John 15:5; 1 Cor. 15:58; Gal. 5:22-24.
- 24. David—A Character Study. 1 Sam. 16:11; 1 Sam. 17:15; 1 Sam. 18:1-4; 2 Sam. 12:1-14; 1 Chron. 18:14.

JULY

- 1. The Problem of Daily Victory. Rev. 12:11; Phil. 4:8; Neh. 8:10; Ps. 27:14; 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 8:35; Rev. 15:2.
- 8. The Impossible or, Can We Do It? Luke 1:37; 18:27; 17:1; Mark 10:27; 11:23; Matt. 17:20; John 6:37; Matt. 14:28.
- 15. Saved to Serve or, Intake and Outflow. Acts 9:1-9; Acts 9:17, 18, 19; Acts 22:12, 16; Gal. 1:17; Acts 22:14, 15; 1 Cor. 15:10; 1 Cor. 15:3.
- 22. Let Your Light Shine—How? Matt. 5:16; Phil. 4:15; Phil. 2:16; Prov. 4:18; Matt. 5:14; John 17:23; Gal. 2:20.
- 29. Hindrances to Right Decisions. Gen. 19:26; 1 Sam. 17:39; Neh. 4:10; Matt. 19:22; Mark 16:3; Luke 9:59; Matt. 23:13.

AUGUST

- 5. Why We Believe Jesus Is Coming Soon. Acts 1:11; Matt. 24:14; 24:32, 33; 24:37-39; 2 Thess. 2:3; Nah. 2:3, 4; Isa. 60:1-12.
- 12. What Makes People Want Salvation? Num. 23:10; Ps. 23:4; Luke 16:22; Ps. 66:18; John 14:14; Job 15:20; Matt. 6:33.
- 19. Walking in the Spirit. Rom. 6:4; Rom. 13:13; Rom. 8:1; Gen. 5:24; 2 Cor. 10:3; 2 Cor. 5:7; 2 Cor. 6:16; 1 John 1:7; Rev. 3:4; Col. 2:6.
- 26. Pride. Prov. 21:4; 1 John 2:16; 2 Ki. 5:11; 2 Chr. 26:16; Est. 3:5; Luke 18:11; Isa. 60:14.

SEPTEMBER

- 2. Missions—for What? Matt. 24:14; 28:19; Ps. 9:17; John 3:16; Matt. 22:39; Luke 14:33.
- 9. Roots of Bitterness. Heb. 12:15; Ruth 1:20; 1 Peter 2:23; Matt. 18:15-18; Eph. 4:31, 32; Job 3:20; 27:2; Jas. 3:14; Rom. 3:14.
- 16. Characteristics of Bible Healings. Matt. 12:13; Acts 3:7; Acts 14:9; 14:10; John 4:52; Matt. 8:3; 14:36.

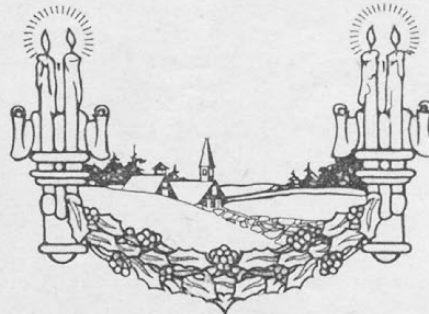
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**FLORENCE, COLO.**—The Morton Sisters evangelistic party will conduct a revival campaign at the Gospel Tabernacle, West Second St., Dec. 4-18. The new tabernacle will be dedicated.

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

**SEYMOUR, TEX.** Revival begins Dec. 17. Evangelist W. C. Aytes of Detroit, Mich., in charge, to continue as long as the Lord leads. All Council ministers specially invited.—Pastor L. A. Toller, Box 823.

**PLANT CITY, FLA.**—Evangelist Powatan T. Huffman of Malden, Mo., will conduct a three weeks' revival campaign at the Foursquare Gospel Church of the Assemblies of God beginning Nov. 27.—Pastor Walter J. Pollard, Box 216.

**YONKERS, N. Y.**—Evangelistic services will be held at the Gospel Hall (Pentecostal), 127 Elm Street, Dec. 11-25. Evangelist H. Moss and wife in charge. Services on Sundays at 3:00 and 7:45 p. m. Every evening (except Saturdays) at 8:00.—Mathilde Stevenson, pastor, 145 Elm St.

**FRIENDSHIP, N. Y.**—Special evangelistic services are to be held in the G. A. R. Hall, Island Park, Dec. 6-22. Elder Stanley H. Cooke, district evangelist, in charge. Services every night at 7:45 except Saturday. Sunday services, 3:00 and 7:45.—Frank O. Finkenbinder, pastor.

**PITTSBURGH, PA.**—The Spencer Evangelistic Party will conduct an evangelistic campaign in the church recently purchased at Lincoln Ave. and Shetland St., East End., Nov. 27 to Dec. 18. Services every night except Saturday at 7:45; Sundays at 3:15 and 7:45. Any one passing through is cordially invited to attend these services. Elder Nimrod Park is pastor. This campaign will be followed by regular annual convention to be announced later. For further information write L. M. Emerick, sec., c/o P. & L. E. Ry. Co., Annex Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**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.

**EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.**—The 13th annual business session of the Eastern District Council, Jan. 10-12, inclusive, will convene at Pentecostal Tabernacle, Cor. W. Orange and Concord Sts., Lancaster, Pa. The credential committee will meet Jan. 10. Candidates for ordination or license are requested to meet the committee on that date. Special rates have been arranged for at local hotels. For other accommodations write the pastor, Rev. Vernon G. Gortner, 44 Parkside Ave. Meals will be served on the free-will-offering plan. Every minister and licensed preacher of the district is strongly urged to be present. Delegates from assemblies will be welcome.—Harold H. Moss, Sec.

**CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS' RALLY!**  
The Christ's Ambassadors of the Springfield, Mo. assembly extend a hearty invitation to every Christ Ambassador of the Southern Missouri District to attend a rally to be held at the Assembly of God church, Dec. 31-Jan. 2, beginning with Watch-Night service Saturday night. There will be interesting, inspiring services all day Sunday and Monday. Free entertainment will be provided. Let all who are quite sure they will be able to be with us please drop a card advising us to that effect so we may have an idea how many to prepare accommodations for. Address all communications to Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ruth Cates, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. We are expecting a great feast

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Amount previously reported ..... 14767.76	
Total amount for November ..... \$22,093.75	

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Nov. 25-30th, inclusive

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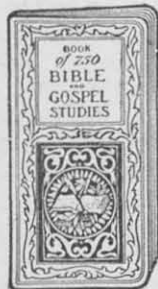


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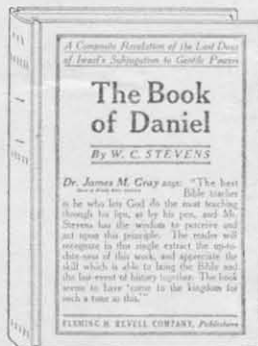


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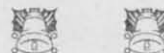
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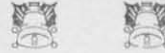


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