## The Power of Influence

God created us for each other. We act and react on one another; our lives and characters are plastic, and we leave on each other imprints that will never be erased. The very air around us is a wireless library containing what every man has said, and every woman has whispered. In some degree or kind, every man multiplies himself all the time, and is sending himself across the world, and perpetuating his photograph down through ages unknown. It is said that the great fire of London is still changing the chemical adjustments of the most distant stars: it is certain that David or a Paul was never more intensely operative, or more enormously influential, than now.
One writer has put it thus:-"It is as if each man had his foot upon the point where ten thousand telegraph wires meet, from every part of the universe; and as if he were able, with each volition, to send abroad an influence along those wires, so as to be able to reach every created being by a golden chain; and as if every pulsation of our heart, or movement of our mind, modified the pulsation of every heart, and the motions of every other intellect." It is said that a man's heart-beat can now be heard on the other side of the world. No man can isolate himself: if he were to enter a monk's cell or a hermit's cave, that very act influences others, sometimes profoundly. We are all part of an intricate, complex, throbbing, living machine, out of which there is no escape.
So Paul states the universal and inevitable law. "None of us"-the Apostle primarily means believers; but the action and reaction extend to all mankind-"liveth unto himself." Rom. 14:7. There are no moral blanks, no neutral characters: dead or alive, every man is intensely operative, whether he knows it or not; and every man is all the time increasing holiness or swelling $\sin$. A Christian merchant was watched by another merchant for a year, the latter deciding to accept Christ or not according to the result: the
result was favorable, but the Christian merchant said, "When I heard it, I trembled to think what might have happened." The very accidentals of a good man's life may change other lives for eternity.
In 1895 the late Benjamin Glasgow, a godly man well known as an evangelist, felt a strong desire to send to a friend a copy of Alleine's "Alarm to Unconverted Sinners." He bought a copy of the book, placing it in his overcoat pocket. On his way home in a bus he read a few pages of the book and inadvertently left it upon the seat.‘ About three years later Mr . Glasgow was leading the noonday prayer meeting. After he had opened the mecting, as chairman, the speaker in

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## LIFE'S Little day

I loved the Morn-along her pathway strewn Dewdrop and fragrant blossom, but the chill Of somber mists was giv'n me, not my will. I said, "I'll rest me when the radiant noon
Floods the wide stillness with his glories." Soon Black tempests filled the sky with dread and still
The weary path winds ever up the hill. 'Tis well!-perchance for me His richest boon. For, full of bitterness, my heart grew stern So dull my ears and holden were mine eyes, The voice divine that gently chided me,
I heard not 'mid the storm nor could discern That by my side there walked in that strange guise
Of toil and pain, a Man of Galilee.

## II

The Man, thorn-crowned, who trod the way of pain,
Sore smitten for my $\sin$. Should I not go
With Him such little space? Ah, but to know Such fellowship is kingly. Not in vain He leads me in the shadow where I fain
Would touch His hand. I clasped it and the glow Of a new life enswathed my soul and lo! The things I counted loss were priceless gain. When shadows deepen and the way grows dim And earth's wan lights are shifting faint and far, Still may His hand my trembling soul lead on, Up the dark steeps, beyond the valley's rim, Beyond the sunset-b'yond the twilight star Till joy shall wake me and the night be gone.
the course of his remarks said:-"I wish to record how the Lord met with me. Three years ago I found in a bus a book that some one had left on the seat called "An Alarm to Unconverted Sinners." I took it home, read it, and prayed over it; and by its means the Holy Spirit was pleased to show me my lost condition as a sinner. I had no peace or rest until I found rest in the atonement of Jesus." When the speaker sat down, Mr. Glasgow arose and said:-"My brother, now I know why I lost that book. I was much vexed and disappointed at the time, but now I see that God intended to make use of it, not as I had thought, but according to His own eternal purpose and grace."
So the moral reverse holds good: every hour we continue to refuse Christ and to live in sin, hardens the lost, encourages hell, makes sin bite deeper, like some virulent acid: every hour, by fresh sin, we are involving others, innocent people, in bitter tears, and (it may be) family shame. That we damage our own soul is the least part of the hurt; by infection, we damage a thousand. "What you learn from bad habits and in bad society," says J. B. Gough, the temperance orator of a past generation, "you will never forget, and it will be a lasting pang to you. I tell you in all sincerity, not as in the excitement of speech, but as I would confess and have confessed before God, I would give my right hand to-night if I could forget that which I have learned in evil society-if I could tear from my remembrance the scenes which I have witnessed, the transactions which have taken place before me. You cannot, I believe, take away the effect of a single impure thought that has lodged and been harbored in the heart. You can pray against it, and by God's grace you may conquer it, but it will, through life, cause you bitterness and anguish."
One of Canada's best known evangelists, speaking at a great gathering of preachers in Toronto nearly twenty years ago, in
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## Here and There

Sweeping Men are inclined to put a Revivals halo around the revivals of past days and at the same time discount what God is doing in their own day. But we believe the revival that is sweeping Great Britain at this time, through the ministry of Stephen Jeffreys and his brother George, is as wonderful as the great awakening in the days of Whitefield and Wesley, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ and in the days of Finney and Moody. Mr. T. D. Dorling writing in Redemption Tidings of the remarkable Pentecostal revivals held by Brother Stephen Jeffreys during the past twelve months, says: "At Folkestone, hundreds gathered to hear the full gospel, resulting in a glorious ingathering of precious souls, blind receiving sight, lame walking, and various diseases permanently cured through the mighty name of Jesus. A church was formed. A spacious hall to accommodate the folk, costing nearly $\$ 10,000$, was erected. A campaign at Canterbury followed immediately, where again the Lord moved in mighty power, not only establishing a real live church as a permanent testimony to Pentecost in the cathedral city, but causing the fire to spread to Lyminge, where again a church was raised to the glory of God. At Bishop, Auckland, a number of the sick were brought on stretchers and in ambulances from institutions and schools, and wonderful miracles resulted by the power of God. During a month of meetings over 2,000 confessed the Lord as their Saviour, a church being formed which now fills the Eden Theater, holding 1200 people, on a Sunday evening. At Maidstone, there were 430 converts, and to-day there is a thriving church there. A campaign was opened at Northfleet and Gravesend in which 1182 souls sought pardon of the Lord. Many blind received sight, together with a yariety of miraculous healings that beggar description. A wonderful church is established under a joint pastorate to supply the branches opened in other districts."
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Apostolic Brother Dorling continues, } \\ \text { Scenes } & \text { "On September 3rd a cam- }\end{array}$ land. Twice daily thousands of people were divided into queues by mounted and foot police, and when 3000 had been admitted to the hall, often a larger number remained outside to be dispersed by the police or reformed into queues to wait for the next meeting. Probably never before in England have such services been witnessed in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. So mightily was the Spirit poured out that at $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. queues
were formed, standing or sitting, throughout the whole night until $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. the next day, sympathetic hearts ministering to the crowds-some with their sickthroughout the night, supplying hot tea and eatables. An inspection in the early hours of the morning revealed some stirring examples and the deep pathos of human love and sympathy. An aged mother reclining on the flagstone was holding the place for a crippled son, who could not spend the night in the open. A young woman resting on the pavement was ministering throughout the night to her sick husband. Each story told of a need and a sacrifice through love. Ambulances, cabs, and a variety of vehicles brought the sick and suffering, and numbers were immédiately raised from their stretchers and testified in a practical manner of their healing. Such mighty demonstrations of the power and virtue of Calvary increased the interest in the crowds, from which the Lord drew an abundant harvest- 3303 souls passed through the inquiry rooms or confessed the Lord as their Saviour, forming a church so numerous as to create a difficulty to find a place to accommodate them. This work has since spread to Seaham Harbour where a second church has been formed in a hall holding 1000."

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An Evangelical and Missionary Paper, advocating Salvation, Holy Living o Divine Healing, the Soon Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Reception of the Holy Spirit as He was orig.
inally received on the Day of Pente inally received on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4).


Great Work Continues
"Following this victory an effort was commenced at Spennymoor, over twenty miles away, which lasted fourteen days, during which 1360 souls sought salvation. A large place of worship was secured to house the converts. In three weeks at Chesterfield 1554 yielded to the Lord, many carrying their testimony to outlying districts. The next meeting was held at Bury. In a month's effort, 2045 souls confessed Jesus as their Saviour. Several cases of cancer received immediate healing." Another one attending the Bury revival says, "We have to-day seen wonderful miracles of healing and salvation. Seven blind eyes have been opened, the deaf have regained their hearing, the lame have discarded their crutches, and the dead in trespasses and sins have been raised to newness of life."

## Spreading A Hindu vaudeville artist

 to India who has been touring was recently converted and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. After some training he returned to India and writes in Redemption Tidings of gracious revivals. "I am glad many heathen people have come to know more about Jesus and His great love. Many are coming to hear the full gospel. Lately hundreds of people were healed in the name of Jesus at a village called Ravendrapadu. High class and caste people also became Christians. Here one day while I was conducting a divine healing meeting, a few heathen people came into the crowds with water in their vessels to wash my feet and worship me as their god. I spoke loudly before these hundreds of people that, 'I am not a god nor Christ, but I am a sinful man like others, but I praise the Lord by His grace He saved me from the miry clay and now He is using me as a vessel, and also He is guiding me to do according to His will. But I am not the person who is doing all these miracles, but He is Himself doing them through me to glorify His name.' Glad to let you know that here many have received eyesight, cripples healed, and devils rebuked in His holy name. There is one remarkable thing that has happened, a deaf and dumb boy has been healed in Jesus' holy name. His age is about ten. At first he could not speak nor hear till he came to Jesus, but I praise God He opened, his ears. The boy at first spoke, 'Yesu,' (i. e., 'Jesus')."From Stage Mr. Ernest Gordon freto Pulpit quently gives in his Survey of Religious Life and Thought in the Sunday School Times a word about Pentecostal folks in Europe. The following is an interesting word concerning a Pentecostal sister in Denmark. "Anna Larssen was, a dozen years ago (he should have said eighteen years ago), the most brilliant figure on the Danish stage and a worldling of the purest type. Then she was converted to Christ and became an evangelist. On the occasion of her fiftieth birthday an interview appeared in 'Kopenhavn.' She speaks of herself as the happiest person in Copenhagen. 'Though our outer man perish, our inner man is renewed day by day. We
believe in God's Word-the whole of it -and have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. You ask wherein we differ from the State church? We are more oldfashioned and orthodox. We have the principles and teaching of the early church. We build more upon what Paul says than what the church does. We are not aganist the church. The church is against us. We feel it a grave injustice that the church should call us sectarian. A sect is a party that takes a single evangelical truth and builds a system on it. We believe in the whole truth, and that God's Word can be practiced as in the early Christian community. When it says that the sick of the church should send to the elders to anoint them with oil and pray for them in Jesus' name, we practice the admonition. My husband and I hold meetings all over. We have been in England and now we go to France where I shall speak in French. We stand on the voluntary tithing system. If all our church members tithed we could send out many missionaries. We have now one in China, and shall soon send one to Africa.' She was asked, 'Do you long after the stage?' 'God has shut that from me. I would never have been able of myself to break away.' 'Do you ever go to the theater?' 'No!'"
Unpaid
Evangelists
An encouraging report is given in the Sunday School Times of revival work in the Solomon Islands. Dr. Northcote Deck writes that there are now 200 entire Christian villages, with over 8000 adherents, and hundreds of keen, devoted, unpaid native teachers. There are many fresh converts each year, coming in the happiest and most natural way. Dr: Deck writes, "Our hearts are being continually gladdened in hearing of the keener men going off on definite preaching tours among the bush heathen, and of fresh little Christian villages begun as a result of such preaching. In South Malaita, there has been an exodus of the most active Christians to some settlements of those who are in earnest for the things of God."
South We are always glad to receive African Brother A. H. Cooper's excelNews a Pentecostal paper which is printed in both English and Dutch. Brother Cooper writes encouragingly of the work in Durban. "A sweet spirit of fellowship and love has grown among the members here. Quite a number of souls have professed to accept Christ as their Saviour, baptismal services have frequently been held, and several believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit." This paper contains a letter from Pastor Beetge of Rustenburg. "From time to time sick bodies are being healed by the great Physician; souls are being saved, and believers are being cleansed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Last month about 26 souls professed to accept Christ as their Saviour, in the meetings." Pastor A. B. Arnot writes from Pietermaritzburg, "Just a few days ago, the Lord stretched forth His hand to heal a child of eleven years of epileptic fits. At the time we prayed, the child was having on an average a fit each half hour. It had
fifty in twenty-five hours. After fifteen hours wrestling in prayer at the bedside, fighting death itself, the child was wonderfully delivered, and the following day was well and happy. This has resulted in stirring faith in the hearts of many, The work among the Indian coolies and natives is progressing, doors opening on all. hands for the proclamation of the full gospel to these hungry souls. The tract distribution, carried on under the ministry of our brother, John F. Rowlands, is being owned and blessed of God. Since this blessed work has started, over 250,000 tracts have been freely distributed by hand and through the post."

## An African <br> Mission

It is interesting to see in the London Christian Herald a report of the work started by David Livingstone. "To-day the Livingstonia Mission has over 70 missionaries with 1493 native teachers, 80 evangelists, and 8 ordained native pastors. At Bandawa, Livingstonia, last year baptisms numbered 1125 , including 730 adults. It was a great sight when 1656 native Christians partook of the Lord's Supper together."
Revival Mr. J. J. McDonald, secretary in China of the China Testament Fund, sends to the London Christian Herald a cheering report concerning the work of Dr. Jonathan Goforth in Manchuria. They are witnessing "times of refreshing" in a new field. Dr. Goforth is preaching usually over seven hours a day He writes, "Yesterday was the thirty fifth day of our work in this new field. It was a feast day. Many came and over 20 turned to the Lord. Many seemed convicted when we were speaking on the Lord's return, and 11 decided. Over 200 have decided during the thirty-five days. In some places in China showers of bless. ing are already descending, and glorious revivals are in progress. In two districts in Chihli and Shantung provinces, remarkable spiritual awakenings have been poing on for several months. In each case the movement was horn in earnest intercessory nraver. Prayer, praise, confession and testimony have been the chief characteristics of the meetings. There has been little preaching in the usual meaning of the term. It has been a direct work of the Spirit of God."
Miss A. O. Scott writes of a Chinese woman who has recently experienced the Dower of our wonder-working Jesus. "Her first husband having been shot, after being forcibly carried off as a soldier's coolie. this Chinese woman cried herself guite blind. Her present husband in doing work as a plasterer in a Christian school was greatly impressed by hearing of the miracles of Christ on earth. He hurriedly fetched his blind wife (who had been blind for four years) and in answer to praver her sight was restored. Still better. 'the eyes of the understanding' of both were opened to accept the gospel."
Occupying In the Way of Faith we Korea read, "The Japanese Holiness Mission has overflowed into Korea and has now fifty-one organized churches with some sixty-seven out-
stations or places for prayer. It has ninety-seven native workers, of whom thirty-eight are Bible women. The workers engaged in this ministry have been keeping constantly at it, fording streams, climbing mountains, exposed to all kinds of weather. They have preached the Word of Life in more than three hundred thousand homes."
Moscow From "The Friend of Mis-

Moscow
Police
Ex-Chief Converaging word from a mislong ago an ex-chief of the Moscow police, now a member of the secret police in Bulgaria, surrendered his life to Jesus. His conversion happened as follows: In the year 1923, in the mining district of Pernik, I used to conduct religious meetings in the hall of the state library. A few days after I conducted these meetings, at ten o'clock in the evening, Brother Nikitoff and I were arrested for preaching. The ex-chief, together with two other policemen and three soldiers, made a search of my house. All the tracts, hymn books and correspondence were confiscated. Then followed the usual question, 'Have you any arms to deliver?' The answer was, 'Yes,' 'Oh, where are they?' said the policeman in surprise. Quietly I pointed out to him the rows of Bibles and New Testaments peacefully lying on their shelves. 'I never hide my arms, nor am I afraid of keeping them openly in my house. Take them and use them,' I said. These words fell right into the heart of the ex-chief. Since that time he could not find any rest for his soul. He was longing to know the truth. And as soon as I was set at liberty, the policeman tried to come into closer contact with me, in order to learn the great truth. Praise the Lord, now he is one of the happiest servants of our Redeemer."

## Converts An agent of the Russian in Poland Missionary Society writes: "At the request of the

 brethren in Polesye (a swampy region in Poland), which district I visited about five weeks ago, I went to the place again and took with me Brethren Kaplun and Klimenko. There were about 200 converts and inquirers there to be examined for baptism. On our arrival at the village of Kostyuchnovka- we met the local believers, and after, examination we found that altogether there were 143 accepted for baptism. We divided the candidates into two groups. Early in the morning Brother Kaplun took his group, consisting of 89 , to the River Styr, and I took the remaining group of candidates to a beautiful little lake surrounded by hills and woods. After baptizing the candidates we held two gospel services and celebrated the Lord's Supper. Then, after an earnest prayer, we committed the believers into the hands of the Lord, and journeyed home. God being willing, we expect to baptize about 50 more in this region before long."[^0]ing 1927 the sum of $\$ 70,781.96$ was received for missionary work. This shows an increase of $\$ 15,548.58$ over the previous year. In 1920 their total receipts were $\$ 2359.82$, so it can be seen the work is moving on in a steady way. Brother McAlister writes : "A number of new assemblies have been opened as the result of revivals at different places. In a new assembly at St. Thomas over 200 have been converted and 100 have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He reports the following sums received from the different Canadian assemblies for mis-
sionary work: London, $\$ 9968.62$; Winnipeg, $\$ 6171.90$; Montreal, $\$ 3897.00$; Kitchener, 2997.63; Toronto Evang. Assoc., $\$ 2373.00$; Robert Street, Toronto, $\$ 1650.00$; Cut Knife, $\$ 1249.00$; Edmonton, $\$ 999.60$; Ottawa, $\$ 945.32$; Victoria, B. C., $\$ 899.03$. Brother McAlister states that one encouraging feature is that so many of the Canadian Sunday schools are taking up a regular monthly missionary offering. We suggest that it will be a splendid thing if all our American Sunday schools will take up a monthly offering for our own 280 missionaries and for the work they are doing. S . H. F.

## Gifts of the Spirit

## By Donald Gee, Edinburgh, Scotland

(This article is the second of a series on the important subject of the Gifts of the Spirit, the first appearing in our issue of Jan. 21. Watch for these articles and preserve them.)

## The Purpose of the Gifts

The divine purpose in the bestowal of spiritual gifts is that they shall provide the basis for Christian ministry. The New Testament seems to reveal this plainly. 1 Cor. 12; Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4: 10, 11.
The various offices mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:28 and Eph. 4:11 have their foundation in the gift or gifts bestowed upon the individual. This is shown by the way Paul naturally glides from the description of the gifts in the beginning of 1 Cor. 12 to the offices resulting from those gifts in the end of the chapter. The lists may not provide perfect parallels, but the general principle is clear. The early church, recognizing that the Holy Spirit had distributed these spiritual gifts among them in absolute sovereignty ("as He will" -verse 11), also recognized that in this way God "set" in the church the various ministries needed for her witness without, and her edification within. There can be no doubt that it was recognition of the gifts which the Lord had placed within the individual that caused a believer to be recognized as fulfilling one of the offices of the Christian ministry, and to be therefore received by the rest of the body as a gift from the risen Christ. The whole Trinity of the Godhead is inseparably connected with the bestowal of spiritual gifts. Compare 1 Cor. $12: 4,5$ and 6.

## A Spiritual Ministry

Having established the principle that all true Christian ministry springs from a divine equipment, it is well to pause for a moment and to measure how far we have wandered from this principle today, when men are accepted for the work of the ministry who do not even have any real witness to the new birth, leave alone that Baptism in the Holy Ghost which is the first great essential for effective service; and added to this that the average training given is simply a packing in of purely natural knowledge, and the im-
provement of purely natural endowments, with practically no regard for spiritual gifts.

Now there is a purpose in the steady exercise of the gifts of the Spirit in the church far deeper than simply providing her needs on the lines of ministry. Arising from the fact that they are supernatural and divine in their origin comes this other fact-that they are a continual "manifestation of the Spirit," an abiding and inspiring reminder of His presence and power.

Ministry on the line of natural gifts can rarely give this impression. It more often draws attention to the brilliance of the individual, and glorifies man. But true ministry on the line of spiritual gifts leaves man in the background and glorifies God. Such was true apostolic "ministry. See 1 Cor. 2.

## A Ministry Open to All

The Lord's plan for ministry in His church is beautifully opened up in 1 Cor. 12:12-27; and it includes a share for every believer. All may have a part. Candid students of the New Testament are compelled to admit that the "one-man" ministry so generally prevailing among the churches to-day is NOT the divine order as therein revealed.
Such a statement had better be instantly safeguarded, however, lest we appear to favor that ultra-democratic and lawless tendency noticeable in some quarters which recognizes no office and no government, and would bring all to one common level of authority and position in the church. This is often a natural swing of the pendulum from the opposite extreme. The ideal, and the scriptural model, is a perfect blending of liberty for ALL to share in spiritual ministry, with a recognition that SOME are divinely appointed to offices of leadership, and divinely gifted for outstanding ministries as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

But how beautiful that through a spiritual gift the humblest believer can contribute something to the whole body of Christ, and that, moreover, the whole body suffers loss if that apparently insignificant ministry is witheld! Thus

Paul, describing a meeting of the Corinthian assembly writes, "One is prepared to sing a hymn of praise, another to exercise his gift of teaching, another his gift of tongues, another to deliver his revelation (i. e., the gift of prophecy), another an interpretation." 1 Cor. $14: 26$, Conybeare. In the same chapter he visualizes the whole assembly either speaking with tongues or prophesying (verse 5), and connects most desirable results with the latter (vv. 24 and 31 ).
Spiritual gifts RIGHTLY EXERCISED have a divine purpose of distinct blessing both for the unbeliever and for the church of God. Their orderly exercise is essential to this end, but this will, the Lord willing, make the subject of a further study.

## In the Personal Sphere

This must not be overlooked in a study on the purpose of spiritual gifts, and strangely enough, Paul's teaching and testimony in 1 Cor. 14 indicate quite plainly that the gift which some have hastily thought was chiefly for public use-the gift of tongues-really has the most important private use.

Paul thanks God he speaks with tongues more than they all (ver. 18), yet he evidently uses the gift very little in public gatherings (ver. 19). The only possible explanation of this seeming contradiction is that Paul exercised his gift in private. The key is in verses 2 and 28 , where he distinctly states that the believer speaking in tongues is speaking to God and not to man. Moreover Paul added "I WILL," on occasion, pray with the spirit only, in this fashion. He was not afraid to exercise such a gift in this way; and who can tell how much of blessing falling upon others depended upon these spiritual intercessions, and how much his own mighty ministry in the power of the Holy Ghost arose from the flow of divine fullness into his own soul through this gracious avenue of communion?

Praying in an unknown tongue is a perfectly scriptural exercise. There is nothing unhealthily mysterious in such a means of communion between God and man either. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). The gift of tongues is plainly stated to give a power of utterance to the human spirit ( 1 Cor. $14: 14$ ) and can therefore provide a legitimate means of fellowship between the redeemed and the Redeemer. There is no necessity for the intellect to be always active in prayer, especially in private devotion. The yearnings of the spirit may well express themselves independently.

## Manifesting the Power of God

The results of such a supernatural experience and ministry within the early church were far-reaching, and make one of its most distinct features. Happily, as we saw last month, we have every ground for believing that they can be repeated.
Endued with the gifts of the word of wisdom and knowledge the church was equipped within for a ministry as Divinely illuminating as it was amazing to those only used to the subtilties of a proud philosophy which had no place for those it
chose to call "foolish." Yet such weak instruments God has "chosen" (1 Cor. 1: 27) to confound all mere worldly wisdom, and they "turned the world upside down," in a generation!
Endued with gifts of healing, and power of working miracles the church had a tremendous power in her combat with heathenism, of which Paul striking Elymas with blindness (Acts 13); healing the sick at Ephesus (chap. 19), and healing the father of Publius (chap. 28) are notable examples out of many.
Endued with the gifts of faith and discerning of spirits the church was made supernaturally strong to face the bitterest persecution, and endure the rigors of the war-for she had the clear vision of the unseen and eternal. The subtlest devices of the enemy when he would come as a very "angel of light" were also instantly detected.
Endued with gifts of inspired utterance she had words of revelation continually spoken in her midst which must have thrilled with divine fire both speakers and hearers, and provided a ministry the like of which could not be produced by either brilliant natural oratory or the most persuasive logic. Its benefit to the church for "exhortation, edification and comfort" (1 Cor. 14:3), was invaluable; its convicting power upon the unbeliever could be tremendous (ver. 24).

## Manifesting the Presence of God

Probably the effect of spiritual gifts rightly exercised in church gatherings is most forcefully and accurately summed up in verse 25 -"God is in (among) you of a truth."
This was the testimony-Not of an enthusiast, already predisposed to accept everything as from God, but-of an unbeliever, one who had come in avowedly skeptical and possibly hostile; and yet so impressed by these manifestations of the Spirit of God that the sense of God's presence dominated every other feeling, and remained afterwards as the one abiding memory of that visit to a Christian assembly.
The ultimate and full purpose of spiritual gifts thus stands revealed. They are to bring man face to face with the reality of the invisible God. To make the church realize that the Holy Spirit is ever present, and that all true ministry springs from Him who is her only source of life and power: and to make the unbeliever equally conscious that God cannot be forgotten, and that sin dare not be trifled with.
When once again the church is enjoying her divine equipment, by redeeming grace, of every one of the Spirit's gifts she will truly be "Fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

## OUR TRACTS

How can we send the Gospel farther? How can we spread it faster? How can we tell the Story more effectively ?
These are some of the questions which occupy most of the time and attention of the brethren at Headquarters. We are always seeking by prayerful diligence to find and put into effect the answers to these questions.

Nearly two years ago, some of the brethren felt that it would be good to try an experiment in our tract work. It was thought that perhaps, if all of our tracts were sent out free, the Word might be spread farther and faster than when a definite price was charged for tracts as for other publications. Consequently, in May, 1926, all of our tracts were put on the "free list," and since then have been sent out free as the Lord has provided the means.

We have watched very carefully the progress that has been made on this new line, and believe that after a test of almost two years, this plan has not proved to be the best one. For this reason, the tracts are now being taken from the "free list," and will in the future be sold at a regular price just as books and papers are sold. We shall continue however to send out free literature from time to time, as funds enable us to do so, just as we have always done in the past.

Since our Evangel friends are so deep1 y interested in this work, and have stood by us in co-operation so faithfully in all branches of the Lord's service, we felt that you would like to know, and have a right to know, the reasons which have brought about this change. They are as follows:

We found that a great many people desired to pay for the tracts they sent for, but had no idea of the cost of tracts, and so did not know how much to send. For this reason they hesitated to order all of the tracts that they could well have used, because they were afraid that they were taking out more than they were putting into the Free Literature Fund. These people felt that they would much rather pay a regular price which would cover the cost of printing and postage.

We have been greatly handicapped through lack of funds, and in consequence were not able to send out as many tracts as we desired. During the past eighteen months there have been so many emergencies in the foreign field, that we have had to make constant appeals for our missionaries, and the reason why we have not made more appeals for our free literature fund is that we have not wanted to divert money from our missionaries. Some who have written for tracts have probably been disappointed at not receiving as many as they expected, but we have been laboring under a great disadvantage through lack of funds. We believe that in restoring our tracts to a cost basis each tract distributor will exercise faith to provide sufficient amount for the purchase of the tracts he needs.
We found also that there are a great many people who have very little idea of the cost of a tract, and will send for thousands of expensive tracts and broadcast them to a great many people who care little or nothing for them, with the result that large quantities of these tracts were practically wasted. These people rarely sent any contribution at all, to help on the cost of these tracts. After observing these things we felt that if those who sent for the tracts were required to pay the cost of printing, they would be careful not to order more than they could
really use, and that they would be particular to give them to people who were apt to read them. It is not the person who receives a tract, but the one who reads it that will be reached by the message.
We also discovered that many people order tracts time and time again, and never send any contribution toward their cost unless a special appeal is sent out. We learned that while many people were regular contributors to the Free Literature Fund, yet not enough money came in regularly to cover the cost of the number of tracts that was called for. After careful consideration it was felt that if the tracts were handled on a basis which enabled them to pay their own cost, continued appeals would no longer be necessary, and the burden of the expense would be more widely distributed.
It is not necessary for us to go further into detail: these illustrations will show you how we arrived at the decision to make a regular charge for tracts.
The things mentioned above, and the others of which they are typical, would not have led to this change of policy if in spite of them we were sending out large numbers of tracts over and above what had been sent out before. But this is not the case. During the months of September, October, and November, 1927, we did not send out as many tracts as we did during the same months last year and the year before. Our hands were tied in regard to urging the distribution of tracts, for we had no money, and an appeal for money would have to accompany the appeal to distribute tracts, and it was felt that the Lord was showing us in these circumstances that it would be better for the tracts to be on a selfsupporting basis so that we could stir people up to distribute them without causing us to fall behind in our funds.
Although in the future a regular price will be charged for tracts as for other literature, we are not doing away with the Free Literature Fund, nor entirely doing away with free tracts. There are many, many places where free literature can be used in a wonderful way, and there are people who need papers and tracts who are not able to pay for them. Recognizing this fact, and being anxious that no deserving need should be refused, we are asking you to continue to contribute to Free Literature. This fund will be used as wisely as possible and we know from experience that the returns are great.

It is for the sake of those who cannot afford to pay the cost, that we are making these prices. Those who cannot afford to pay will never be denied as long as we have anything to give them. The responsibility, however, rests upon those who ask for free literature. We cannot investigate their case: the Lord of the Harvest whose money we are handling knows whether they are entitled to these things free.
The aim of the Gospel Publishing House always has been, and we trust always will be to co-operate with the Lord's people in the spread of the Gospel. We are constantly striving to do things as He would have them done. (Pray for us.

## Listening In

By Evangelist, Eva E. Morton of The Morton Sisters

Series No. 2, New Testament Stations.
"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." Heb. 1:1, 2 .

Nearly four hundred years have passed since we picked up the last station in the Old Testament. No prophet's record has been kept, until we tune in with the little city of Bethlehem.

It is a wonderful night for radio. How clearly the message comes into our hearts, as we "listen in" with the gentle shepherds. The angel of the Lord is announcing: "Do not fear; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The flutter of angels' wings! A great chorus in the heavens: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Ah, listen in on John's revival! His text: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!" Repentance is his theme. John has a message, a ministry, a mission to perform. The popularity of the prophet is increasing. A multitude is gathered at the Jordan. Many are being baptized. Hear the splash of the water! "Baptized unto repentance," John explains.
"One cometh after me whose shoes' latchet I am not worthy to unloose. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." I am only "the messenger" of the covenant! When the Messiah comes He must increase and He will fill all the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord-and I must decrease. The revival is continuing day after day. Many are bringing forth fruits that show repentance.
"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the $\sin$ of the world! This is He of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for He was before me." Jesus, our example, is being baptized! There is a fluttering as of doves' wings. John bares us record that it is the Spirit descending. In the open glories of heaven, and in the visible and audible presence of Jehovah, Himself, John is presenting their promised Messiah to his expectant people! The blessed Trinity! God is introducing His Son: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

John's station decreases! Is fading away! We hear Jesus saying, "Come unto Me , all, all ALL ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest!" "Come unto Me! I will give you life more abundantly!" His voice is sweetfull of mercy and seasoned with grace. In forgiving tones He is speaking to the penitent! "Thy sins are forgiven; go in peace: $\sin$ no more!" "Blessed are the
pure in heart," He is saying, "they shall see God."

What a multitude must be comingthere is the sound of a multitude of feetthe sinful-the sick-the sorrowing. "Ten lepers are healed!" "A man lame from birth is leaping like an hart, he is saved and healed!" Even a man born blind sees! "Just one touch," he says! "The dead are raised to life!" With a loud voice the people glorify God. Jesus is saying, "Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?"

The multitudes are following Jesus. His fame is broadcast! But the chief priests were growing envious! The Pharisees are murmuring and the scribes try to catch Him in His speech; "Master, what is the greatest commandment?" "To love," He is explaining. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me."

We tune in with the upper furnished room in the city of the great King. Are we intruding? Jesus is sitting with His disciples at the last supper. He is saying: "This is My body-this bread broken for you. This is My blood of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins. I am going away, but I will come again. The Father will send the Comforter to abide with you while I am away." They are singing a hymnone by one they are going out!
"How dark it has grown," says Judas.
Dare we listen in as our Lord prays alone in the garden? It is holy ground! "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God." The very heart of Jesus is breaking for us ! We can hear the dripping of the great drops of sweat as of blood falling down to the ground! Where is Peter? Angels are coming near to comfort!

There is a tragedy! The Son of God is betrayed! A mob is taking Him! (We do not sleep to-night!) The Lord Jesus is brought before Pilate. There is a trial! A trial-for what? Court stenographers are ready to jot down the evidence, but there is no evidence! The witnesses are false! Infamous lies!
"He is a good Man! What evil hath He done?" Pilate is trying to quiet the mob. "I find no fault in Him! Behold the Man! Behold your King!" The mob will not listen: "Away with Him! Crucify! Crucify Him. Set old Barabbas free ! Away with Jesus! We'll have no King but Caesar. Crucify! Crucify!"

The voice of the chief priests prevail! The Christ of God is being led to the whipping-post! One, two, three-forty stripes less one!!! Now they are leading Him through the Dolorosa, the street
of sorrows. There is an echo of feet on the pavement! The crowd is rushing Jesus through the Damascus Gate-on out to the place of the skull!

It is nine o'clock. There echoes the sound of hammers. Nails are being driven into the hands and feet of Jesus. It is on Calvary's tree! Gamblers are casting lots for His garments. "Why don't You come down, save Thyself. You saved others!" they are casting into His teeth. "Come down! Come down, if You are the Christ!"

Ah, there is the voice of Jesus. It is the first time we have heard His voice since He was led as a sheep to the slaugh-ter-before the shearers dumb! "Father, forgive," He prays. Again He is speaking, "My God, My God." And again, "I thirst." And again, "Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." The seventh time: "It is finished!" A sigh! He gives up the ghost.
The sun hides its face from the terrible scene! The earth reals and trembles ! The veil of the temple is rent in twain from the top to the bottom. The High Priest is-but there is no need of an earthly high priest now! And the graves are bursting open! On the earth silence reigns.

The passing of three days and three nights !
Ten thousand times ten thousand angels are singing: "He is risen! He is risen triumphant over death, hell and the grave!" Ah, we have never heard such shouting!

There is a station on the Mount of Olives-a favorite station! "I go to My Father now-go ye and preach, teach men to observe all things that I have commanded you. The Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in My name, He will bring all things to your remembrance, He will comfort you. He will make you witnesses unto Me unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This is My last will and testament." He is blessing the disciples, and is ascending into the clouds I
Two angels announce a telegram from the high courts of glory: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven."

Let us tune in with that wonderful, powerful station, "Upper Room-Jerusalem." Who is present? At least one hundred and twenty men and women. Yes, Peter is here; and John the beloved; and Thomas, he is one of the strongest among the believers now. Yes, Mary the mother of our Lord is here, and Mary of Magdala; we have much to praise our Lord for!

A sound as of a rushing mighty wind. The sound is from heaven! And a moment of silence-praising! prophesying ! tongues! languages in which we were born! - beautiful, clear, distinct - the mighty works of God! What meaneth this?. Is it the joy of new wine? 'Tis nothing! say you. Peter is speaking! The "Amens" are from the eleven! "These are not drunken. Joel the prophet said that God said that in the last days He would pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh, when sons and daughters should prophesy. This is that! And whosoever
shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Repent and be baptized every one of you. This promise is to all!"
"We believe! We receive!" Three thousand souls are being added to the church! Hallelujah! Let's praise the Lord with the crowd in the upper-room revival. The revival is spreading like prairie fire! What is that that is being broadcast from the Temple spires!! Some one is announcing! "A man who never had walked is instantly healed! He was lying at the Beautiful Gate day after day-until this afternoon, just at the time of the evening sacrifice of the Levites, for we have patched the rent in the veil. Two fisher looking men were coming into the temple, and they took the lame man by the hand, and the man received perfect soundness. Peter says it is faith in Jesus, One who was crucified."

Get the returns, Radio World! Five thousand souls converted in a day.

The enemy is aroused, for he is losing his customers. He is persecuting the church of Jesus Christ! And the disciples are being scattered abroad. But as they go they scatter the gospel seed.
Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost is accused of blasphemy! He is brought before the council. He is speaking to his brethren of "the unbelief of Israel." What a scriptural, powerful discourse! (We may secure his sermon in the seventh chapter of the Acts of the Holy Ghost, they say). He is pleading with them not to resist the Holy Ghost. The mob rushes upon him. They are stoning him out of the city! But he is true to God. Hear his dying testimony! "Lay not this sin to their charge," he is praying. He beholds the glories of heaven. Jesus is standing at the right hand of God and saying, "Come up higher, thou good and faithful servant."

Listen! Samaria is receiving the word of the Lord! Philip is preaching. "Great joy in the city!" is the report. Unclean spirits are cast out! Men and women are converted. Many with palsies and that were lame are healed! A mammoth baptismal service at the river! Peter and John have yisited the revival; and the converts are being baptized with the Holy Ghost! Some want to buy the gift, but Peter is teaching them that the gift of God is not purchased with money.
It is the year 96 A. D., and we are "signing off" to-night with the station on the Isle of Patmos. "It is John the beloved broadcasting: "Christ told me things that must shortly come to pass. The time is at hand! Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.
"Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. Behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give to every man according as his work shall be.
"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."


Ralph was a fine young fellow, sixteen years old, clever and handsome, yes, and a hard worker, too, most of the time. But he had one defect-and I'll whisper it to you just in case you might be tempted in that direction. Ralph was forever finding fault-he always had some sort of grouch or growl or groan hidden up his sleeve, or in his pocket, or tucked away in the back of his head. And this dissatisfaction was getting so big, and taking such control over his heart and life, that on one lovely sunny morning as Ralph and Donald started to drive their fine team of oxen to the field, it seemed to Ralph that he couldn't think of one single thing that really suited him exactly.

Donald, Ralph's younger brother, was tranquil and Dleasant, as he always was. He noticed Ralph's mood, but met it with a smile, praying in his heart that the clouds would roll away. For Donald was a Christian, and that meant that he was a new kind of boy, a new creature, but Ralph had never said, "I will," to Tesus and this made all the difference between Ralph and Donald.
"Wasn't it fine of Father to give you Toby, and me Jiggs; he says he's going to sell them both before long and put the cash in our college fund. Anyhow, Toby is yours right now, and Jiggs mine, Father said so." And Donald waved his whip toward the prosperous looking team in front.
"Anything about it in your Bible that you're hiding so carefully in your pocket? You needn't take so much trouble I won't steal it."
Donald paused a moment, and a prayer for help went straight upward to the throne of God.
"Do you mean, does the Bible say anything about oxen?" he repeated boldly. "Yes, it does; it says, 'The ox knoweth his owner,' and Ralph, I would not like a poor dumb brute to be ahead of me. I know my Owner, too, and love Him with all my heart, do you?"

Now Ralph was fond of Donald, and when he saw his brother's face shining with the love of Jesus, though he couldn't understand it, he didn't want to be unkind, so he said:
"We'll try out the first part of what you said first. I'm Toby's owner; let's see if he knows me," and the thoughtless boy drew a small pebble from his pocket and flicked it in the direction of the ox's head, asking, "Who hit you, Toby? Do you know me?"
"Oh, Ralph, you've hurt him, poor fellow; see his head is bleeding!" Donald cried, and Ralph who had no intention of injuring his new possession, was out of the wagon at the ox's head examining the wound in an instant.
"It's nothing, Don," he said. "I didn't mean to hurt you, did I, Toby?" and

Toby by way of answer licked his new owner's hand.
"There now, see that, Ralph, he knows you, the Bible says so and he does, of course he does-the Bible's true. Now for the second part. Do you know your Owner, Ralph? Do you want to know Him and love Him and work for Him like Toby does for you?" Ralph stood stroking his ox's head thoughtfully.
"I know I ought to, Don," he answered presently. "Read the verse out of the Bible, will you? I'd like to hear just what it says."
And would you like to know what Ralph and Donald are doing to-day? This that I'm writing about happened nearly ten years ago. Well, Donald is helping in a big city mission trying to persuade and constrain lost souls to come and yield to their Owner who loved them enough to die for them, and Ralph is toiling on the mission field, working continually in the light of the vision that came to him the morning he asked Don to read Isa. 1:3.

## THE MARK OF THE BEAST

Napoleon's system of the podesta-a prefect in every commune-Mussolini has adopted in Italy, so that every tradesman (and none can trade without a government license) must publicly affix his prices (and they are frequently controlled prices) to all articles, and is liable to have his license cancelled at any moment "when sufficient moral and economic guarantees" are not forthcoming. Signor Mussolini himself described the Labor Bill as "the most hazardous, audacious, and, therefore, the most revolutionary" reform which the Fascist Government had introduced in its then forty months of power.

The world is surely being rapidly prepared for the day when no man may buy or sell save he that has the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:17).

## GIANT AIR SHIPS

It is stated on good authority that early - in June, passenger air ships will run regularly between New York and Liverpool. They will be 709 feet long and 133 feet wide, and will carry 100 passengers, a crew of 40 , and at least 150 sacks of mail. They will travel from 85 to 90 miles an hour, and make the trip in 36 hours.

Imagine a fleet of these air ships in war time, carrying bombs weighing 4000 pounds and more, and dropping the same over cities like New York and Chicago. No wonder the Lord spoke of men's hearts failing them for fear. The only person who will be really safe during the next war is the one who is in Christ.

## SAILS FOR INDIA

Sister Olga Jean Aston, who is now at 1731 13th Ave., Oakland, sails from San Francisco at 4 p. m., Feb. 24 on the Pres. Adams. She covets our prayers.

## Our Daily Portion

Sam. C. Perry
"My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand." Job 29:20.
It is not the will of God that His children live on past blessings and grace, but in His provision there is a continual daily portion of blessing, by which His servants are renewed, and kept fit for the battles of life.

A fresh anointing. In Psalm 92:10, it is described as being "anointed with fresh oil." It is a new, up-to-date freshness of victory. Grace for to-day; the trials of to-day met and overcome; the duties of to-day performed in the power and freedom of the Spirit of God; the whole life, in thought, word and deed quickened by the presence of God.

New light from God's Word daily. It is light from God's Word for to-day that we need. As in Numbers 9:8, "Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you." God has a thought for each of us for every day. It is blessed to think of the past blessings and revelations of His Word; but we cannot be satisfied unless we know that God is with us and speaking to us to-day. This He desires to do for every one of His children.

He gives open ears to hear daily. To the obedient who follow on faithfully, day by day, there is a new and deeper discernment to hear the voice of the Lord. "He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." Isa. $50: 4$. God wakeneth my ear. This is His portion to me. He gives truth ip to date, and then makes me to understand it, and this daily.

Fresh water daily. God's love for His vineyard is so great that He declares, "I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day." Isa $27: 3$. Good water is one of the greatest items in the life and health of any people. Jesus is the "water of life," always fresh, pure and abundant, for every day.

A new supply of spiritual power daily. In the natural there is a constant wearing away. But God has made provision for the renewal of the spiritual. As St. Paul declares, "Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." 2 Cor. $4: 16$. This constant renewal in the things of the Spirit is necessary to keep us in our true relation to God and His Kingdom. Those who do not live close to God day by day, will soon find themselves in a state of coldness and indifference, and possibly backslide in heart.

The portion of yesterday will not do for to-day. We must keep pace with the days as they come and go. To do so, and to receive needed grace daily, it is necessary that we walk very humbly with God, with obedience and faith in His Word, and "in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6, 7.

## PERSECUTION FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Brother H. W. Cragin writes from Huaraz, Peru: "The emissaries of Satan have once more given us cause to rejoice according to the command of Jesus in Matt. 5:12. And once more we can praise God for His mighty power and the love that cares for His children. As the Gospel is still quite new here, persecutions have continued through the past year. Since the sudden attack of the Indians, instigated by Catholic priests, which was made upon us and our believers during a quiet baptismal service last February, in which several nearly lost their lives, including Brother Lief Erickson, when I received eight or ten wounds and bruises and was left for dead by the Indians, there have been four other attempts by the Bishop and priests during 1927 to arrange an Indian attack against us, and we have had to leave our house each time and stay nearer to where the police and soldiers are quartered. In all four cases the enemy's plans have been thwarted.
"The last plot was laid for Dec. 24th. The Ericksons had just moved from here to Caraz, their new station, so once more we are the only foreign missionary family in this city. The believers were to have a special program of singing, etc., on Christmas eve in our mission hall, just around the corner from the main square of the city. Knowing this, the Catholic Bishop here, on pretext that we had insulted the Virgin Mary and were intending to destroy one of the images in which the Indians have great faith, and telling them the drouth here was a chastisement of God because of our presence, stirred up a few thousand Indians from the country around Huaraz, and set an hour on Dec. 24th for a huge mass meeting of 'protest' as he called it.
"All the city knew what such a mass meeting of superstitious and partly drunken Indians would mean, and telegrams were flashed to Lima, the capital, and the authorities here, having received orders, concentrated more soldiers here from the surrounding towns and vigorously prohibited the Bishop from carrying out his murderous plot. A daily paper here headed five columns about the affair with these headlines: 'Huaraz saved from a repetition of the tragic days of 1885. (In that year the white population of the town was wiped out by the Indians, and troops sent by the Government took vengeance by slaughtering the Indians.)
"In order to have our Christmas eve program safely, we had it on the evening before (Dec. 23), having quietly passed the word around among our people, and we had about 140 present. The Bishop has told the Indians to await future orders concerning us, but has not God said: 'No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is
the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me , saith the Lord'? Isa. $54: 17$."

## SAFEGUARDING YOUR FUNDS FOR

 GODThere are many who desire that their funds should be ised in the work of the Lord after their death, and so by their wills leave either a part or the whole of their money for this purpose.
We have been watching case after case of late, and it is quite a rare thing for the Lord to get what has been left in wills. Just now we have a case in point. A brother has recently died, leaving the residue of his estate (after willing money to several heirs) to our Pentecostal missionaries. There should be between $\$ 6000$ and $\$ 8000$ coming to the missionaries. But one of the heirs is claiming the whole of this sum for service to the deceased. When we inquired of a law firm what they would charge us to represent the Council in the Probate Court, they asked for 25 per cent of what they could collect. This sort of thing has happened several times.

There is a way to overcome this. You can purchase annuity bonds from the General Council and receive an income for life from your money. Interest comes at the rate of 4 per cent, 5 per cent, 6 per cent, 7 per cent or 8 per cent according to your age. This investment is non-taxable. The General Council will invest your money in first class, securities so as to insure you an income for life. Immediately after your death your money will be released for the work of the Lord without any danger of litigation. It is not certain that the work of the Lord will be benefited by that which you leave in a will.

## DYING BABY HEALED

Our baby took the flu. We sent to Springfield for prayer, whereupon he got better but before he could 'gain strength he took summer complaint. On, I think, the 14 th of May he seemed to be dead, but I finally got him to move one lip so I knew he was alive. His mother soon after that brought him to me saying as she wept, "He is dying." The Spirit came upon me as I took him and I cried out in the Spirit, "No, in Jesus' name, No." At once he revived. We started in a rush for help fifteen miles off, praying and pleading the Blood as we went. God gave us the victory before we reached our help. While only six months old he had lost 6 pounds and so was very low. We are nursing him back to health now, refusing medical aid though threatened by the neighbors. - Walter Ivie, Grubbs, Ark.
(Editorial Note.-The above testimony came last June and was held up until now to see how it would turn out with the baby. Writing to the father we received, to-day a letter assuring us the healing held, and that the baby is well, as fat and lively as any baby. Praise the Lord.)

Prayer will make a man cease from $\sin$, or $\sin$ will entice a man to cease from prayer.-Bunyan.

## THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

(Continued from Page One) warning them of the danger of sowing doubts, told the story of a young man whom he had led into unbelief during his college days when he had imbibed the theories of the Higher Criticism. The day before this address he had received word of the sudden death of this old college chum, who through his doubts had abandoned the ministry for a brilliant career in law. Said the great evangelist:-"Last night was the darkest night of my life. I led him astray, but I was never able to lead him back. Now it is too late!" "I must be either a light to illuminate, or a tempest to destroy; either a healing sunlight, or a deadly microbe; reaching out to bounds I shall never know-men beyond men-until I stand on the eternal shores," said Morley Punshon.
But Paul reveals a still more momentous truth-that our influence is not only horizontal but vertical. "And none dieth to himself." We do not cut the entail of influence by death: a man's soul, his character, his conduct leave an imprint not like a thing stamped in wax but like one forged in steel: beyond the deathbed our lives never cease their undying influence. In the tomb of Tutankamen the dry sand retained human footprints as fresh as when they were made three thousand years ago. The facts are overwhelming.

Two family records have been kept, and are known. Dr. Winship says:-"The father of Jonathan Edwards was a minister, and his mother was the daughter of a clergyman. Among their descendants there were 14 presidents of colleges, more than 100 college professors, more than 100 lawyers, 30 judges, 60 physicians, more than 100 clergymen, missionaries, and theological professors, and about 60 authors. There is scarcely any great American industry that has not had one of his family among its chief promoters. Such is the product of one Christian family, reared under the most favorable conditions. The contrast is presented in the Jukes family, which could not be made to study, and would not work, and which is said to have cost the State of New York $\$ 1,250,000$. Their entire record is one of pauperism and crime, insanity, and imbecility. Among their descendants 310 were professional paupers, 400 were physically wrecked by their own wickedness, 60 were habitual thieves, 130 were convicted criminals, only 20 out of 1,200 descendants learned a trade (and 10 of these learned it in a state prison), and this notorious family produced 7 murderers."

Every impression we make leaves an imprint never to be effaced, and widens out into a ripple that will reach the limits of the world. That idle word-flung out in heart or scorn-"Oh," we say, "it produced only a momentary impression" : no, it did not; it deepened one man's disgust of godliness; it sharpened the edge of another's sarcasm; it may have exerted a slight but determining influence on an immortal destiny. It is an awful thoughtand we have all- got to face it-that though our past is under the Blood, and
therefore forgiven, there are eternal stains on other lives that we have made; that we have helped others downward to the land where there is no forgiveness and no hope.
It is related that John Newton, the author of many of our most beautiful hymns, ran away from home in early boyhood and became a midshipman, living for years at the pace that kills. At that time he induced a comrade of about his own age to assist in sowing his wild oats. The two parted company subsequently and lost sight of each other. Newton was converted, and became a devoted follower of Christ and a faithful preacher of the gospel. In his later years he was called to attend a dying man in one of the hospitals of London, who asked, "Are you the John Newton who was once a midshipman on the Harwich?" He replied that he was. "Then," said he, "you are responsible for what I am; you started me on the downward way; and it's too late for repentance now." John Newton never forgot that awful hour.
The evil that men do lives on in spite
Of all their tears;
And floods of weeping cannot wash it white
Through countless years.
Now this unutterably solemn truth, filling us with awe, ought to fling us on to God, to achieve the maximum of personal potentiality, and to generate forces that will reach earth's 'remotest limit, and eternity's most distant shore. Paul says: - "for whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's:" aqueducts of Deity, channels of God; moulded and moulders of sanctity and life. So let us do it: let every throb of our heart, every loving and living reality, delighting in prayer and sacrificing willingly for others. Is there not a lesson in this native Indian's testimony for us all? After all, our best ministry and most eloquent message is not so much in what we say, but how well we live before our fellowmen, that "they may see our good works and glorify God.'

## SIXTEEN BAPTIZED IN SIERRE LEONE <br> Jennie W. Carlson

The Lord is in our midst. The sense of His presence is most real and precious. Recently, before Mr. Sinclair went up country, we had a precious baptismal service at which time sixteen happy bornagain Christians were immersed and most of them were men. There are many others on the waiting list and doubtless we could duplicate the number from among those who are ready now to be baptized. Salvation's stream is flowing, flowing so free for the thirsty souls to satisfy their longing hearts and show them the way of life. Very often we see the heathen natives weeping their way through to victory in Christ. We can truly bear witness that this is not just surface work because we see remarkable and definite changes in their lives. These native Christians have also caught the vision, the need
of others to also find this great joy of knowing Jesus. They are going among their own people and talking freely of their wonderful Saviour's love.

The other day I noticed a bright boy about fifteen years old, who had come into our meeting. Inquiring who he was I found that one of our native women had been proclaiming the story of Jesus in one of the homes in the village, and that this boy was at the time in an inner room. As he listened to the simple story of this native Christian, a heart-yearning to find out more about the Christ gripped him. He ventured out of the inner room and asked where the church was located that this woman attended, for he wanted to know more about Christ. So he made his way to the assembly and God wonderfully met and saved him. I just came from the afternoon meeting where two more souls were preciously saved, one, a woman who had done her best in denying the power of God. Others were most wonderfully blessed. "Praise God for His wonder working power!"

## NEW HELPERS AT HEADQUARTERS

Brother Harold Moss, having completed his pre-arranged evangelistic campaigns in the east, is now with us and is busy preparing missionary propaganda, and hopes shortly to have a missionary atlas out showing the activities of our various Council missionaries. He is expecting soon to be on the field arranging for and holding missionary conferences.
Brother Gaston was recently in Miami, Fla., and as he talked with Brother Sam Perry he felt he would make a good helper in the editorial work. He did not speak to Brother Perry about this at all, but told his convictions to the members of the Executive Presbytery on his return. The result was that it was agreed upon to send an invitation to our brother to join us. Brother Evans dictated a letter to Brother Perry one morning, inviting him to come. After doing this, he opened his mail and found a letter from Brother Perry offering his services for editorial work at headquarters. The Lord was evidently working at both ends at once. We feel our brother's coming to us is of God.
"The best way to resist the infection of disease is to maintain the health of the body at a high level; so the best antidote for the poison of doubt and temptation is an abundant, exuberant, spiritual life."

## THE PINK WRAPPER

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


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## THE HEAVENLY VISION

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts $26: 19$. It is strange but a fact, that the early church was very slow, if not reluctant, to catch the heavenly vision. Even the apostles who were in almost daily contact with Jesus Himself, and to whom He unfolded the wonderful plan of the kingdom of heaven, did not at the time, nor for many years after, catch the true significance of the purpose of Christ's advent.
We cannot wholly determine their reaction to the divine command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." That they were aroused and inspired to spread the gospel message following the blessed outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, is evidenced in the success that attended Peter's first sermon, when 3,000 were added to the church, and by the subsequent daily additions in uncounted numbers of those blessedly saved by the preaching of the gospel. Yet their ministry was circumscribed by bounds of prejudice as well as by the lack of a comprehension of God's full purpose in redemption. They did not catch the greater vision, "Christ, the light to the Gentiles: Christ, the light of the world." Failing in this respect, they built up a Jewish Christian church, whose general outlook was governed by their legalistic tendencies. True, there was great power and blessing manifest in them, as indeed it should be, for the gospel was to the Jew first, but the gospel was also for all the world.
A careful study of the tenth chapter of Acts will serve to reveal a lack of vision on the part of the early Jewish Christian church. Answering a summons from Cornelius, the head of a centurion band, a Gentile organization, Peter journeyed with six of his fellow Christians to Caesarea. There he found gathered in Cornelius' home, members of a centurion band, and Cornelius' immediate family, all eager for the message of God. Peter began unfolding the plan of salvation to them and while he was preaching, the Holy Ghost fell on all that heard the message, "and they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles was also poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts $10: 45,46$.
The evidence at hand gave no room for doubt. These Gentiles had received an experience in Holy Ghost power and revelation as genuine as and equal to that received by the Jews in the upper room. Peter was convinced of this fact and decided that these Gentiles were eligible
for the ordinance of baptism. "Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" Acts $10: 46,47$.
Peter returned to Jerusalem where he appeared before the church council to explain his reasons for going to Caesarea and ministering to the Gentiles. After telling of the vision God gave him, and describing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Cornelius' house, he concludes by saying, "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as He did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?" God had thus given overwhelming proof of His infinite purpose to redeem the world and vindicate His word given us by the apostle John, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The church council at Jerusalem held their peace and glorified God saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life." Acts 11:18.
At last they were beginning to catch the heavenly vision, yet notwithstanding, the cloud that had obscured their view was not wholly cleared away even by this. This emphasized the need of a new type of leadership, for God had indicated that His purpose was to evangelize the world with the gospel of grace. Only one possessed of a world-wide vision could lead the church out of its narrowness to assume the larger responsibility involved in the great commission. God's man for the hour was then in the process of preparation. During the time that all this had been taking place with Peter and the church, God had been working in another place. He had arrested the young zealot, Saul of Tarsus, a brilliant scholar and earnest defender of Judaism. Saul was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christians when the glory of God shown upon him and the reality of Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Saviour of the world, was made clear to him. Saul lost himself and all his Judaistic training and tendencies in the grace of Jesus Christ, and emerged from the old regime and relationship, a new creature of God. Of a truth, old things had passed away and new things altogether had taken their place. He buried his own identity in the death of Christ and rose to walk in newness of life, now possessed of the true heavenly vision, A WORLD FOR JESUS.
No longer was Saul the zealous defender of law and circumcision, but he was Paul, the apostle of grace. He is now standing before king Agrippa on trial,
defending his ministry. His great defense may well be summed up in the words of our text, "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." In other words, he meant by this, the life he lived, his thoughts, his acts, his deeds, his relationship to his fellowmen, all were governed by the heavenly vision.
Of what vision do you speak, Paul? "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him." Eph. $3: 8-12$. Let us note in passing these words in particular in verse 9, "And to make ALL MEN SEE," and in verse 10 , the church's responsibility is made clear, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."
The church or the Christian who has not a world vision has not caught the heavenly vision. The church or individual who believes and accepts the command of Jesus, "Go ye into.all the world and preach the gospel," and then settles down, seeking only its own local development, can never say with Paul, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." To obey the heavenly vision means to hearken and obey the command of God as Paul the apostle did, and it embodies the same principles.
"But arise, and stand upon thy feet; for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose to make thee a minister and witness, both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, from the Gentiles unto whom I now send thee to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith which is in Me." Christian believers, pastors, and church of Jesus Christ, it is time to arise and follow the heavenly vision, spreading and speeding the gospel message abroad until it has penetrated the farthest bounds of earthly habitation. Our God wills to have a people for His glory out of every
nation, kindred, people and tongue. Are you obeying the heavenly vision?-H. H. M.

## SAN TURCE, PORTO RICO

The report comes from San Turce that God has undertaken in a definite way for the work there. A great deal has been said in the past about the need of a church building, and they are glad that at last they can report action. The church has purchased a lot that is centrally located which will be a decided advantage to the further development of the work! The property is 52 feet wide at the front, 74 feet wide in the rear, and 110 feet deep front to rear. There is sand in abundance upon the property which will lower the building cost to some extent. The property cost in all $\$ 3259.00$ of which $\$ 459.00$ was paid by the church. The balance of the purchase price, $\$ 2,-$ 800.00 , is covered by a mortgage. The rate of interest on this mortgage is $12 \%$, but it was the best that they could do there. It is the purpose of the church to lay the cement floor, erect the side walls and roof, so that they can worship in it until the Lord sends in the means to enable them to complete the building. This is truly a venture in faith, but not without its reward, for the report says, "We have converts in nearly every service and often in goodly numbers. There have been 65 baptized during the last year, and a number more are now ready." Aggressive work is being launched. Several new places have been opened up through the open air cottage meetings which are conducted by the more advanced converts.

Here is a real need and a blessed privilege to back our missionaries on this field with our prayers that this good work for the Master in Porto Rico will continue to grow, both in numbers and in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit, and to pray also that the financial needs will be met. Any who are interested in the development of this work and who desire to give of their means toward the completion of this building, may direct their offering to the Missionary Building Fund, care of the Missionary Department, at Springfield. Let us all help to lift this heavy load.

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OPEN FOR CALLS.-I am now in a position to answer calls for evangelistic services in the
Florida District. Pastors and others desiring moy services may address me at R. F. D. 3, Box
117 -B, Plant City, Fla.-Perry W. Hadsock.


## ARIZONA MEETING

Paul V. and Anna P. Jones write: "The last week in December we closed a 5 weeks' revival held several miles north of Phoenix for lettuce packers and harvesters. Several were saved and a number received the Holy Ghost."

GENERAL AWAKENING
Brother Harry V. Schaeffer, Grafton, W. Va., writes: "Meetings are coming along fine- 10 saved, 2 Baptisms, many re-anointings, some healings-with general awakening among saints and many of outside denominations coming in.'

## TWO OKLAHOMA MEETINGS

Brother E. L. Damron, Weleetka, Okla., writes: "We held a 6 nights' meeting at Artesia Schoolhouse where 7 wept their way through to victory, and 4 received the Holy Ghost. We then came to Dustin for 14 nights. The Lord saved 5 and filled one with the Holy Ghost. We are praising God for victory."

## METHODISTS BAPTIZED

Pastor Clarence Smith writes from Sorento, I11.: "Brother Charles Peppers, Cherokee Indian evangelist, and party, have just closed a 6 weeks' meeting here with a great blessing to saint and sinner. Seventeen saved, 19 received the Holy Spirit, among the number, a Methodist minister and 3 of his daughters."

## CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

Secretary Lilly Larsen, Amarillo, Texas, writes: "Revival fires are still burning in the North Pierce Street Assembly of God. There has been a continuous revival spirit on for some time, and souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Evangelist R. U. Freeman has been preaching for the past 2 weeks and God has especially blessed his ministry. Our building here is too small for our Sunday school and evening services, so we are expecting to enlarge it and have more adequate facilities soon."

## YOUNG FOLK'S REVIVAL

Brother Wm. Couzens, Peckville, Pa., writes: "A great revival is on-started Christmas morning and hasn't stopped yet. Over 100 have been saved and about 75 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit We have no evangelist; the Ambassadors conduct the meetings. One takes charge of the singing, another preaches a little, the fire falls and somebody gets saved and baptized in the Spirit every night. Some nights as many as 15 are saved; night before last 10 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The church has been filled, also 100 chairs obtained from the undertaker. Sunday night all the seats were filled and people stood for two hours to see God work."

## POWER FALLS AT ELVINS

Pastor J. F. Jackson, Elvins, Mo., writes: "The Holy Ghost fire has been falling here. Just closed a 4 weeks' meeting with Evanselist Harvey Dunn, and our dear Brother Kennett Lawson had charge of the music. Men, women, boys, and girls were slain under the mighty power of God. About 50 were saved and 32 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

## TEXAS MEETING

Pastor J. B. Hedricks, Farmersville, Texas, writes: "Just closed a 2 weeks' meeting with Presbyter T. E. Rhea, of Tyler, Texas, in charge. Twelve prayed through to salvation, 3 reclaimed, 11 baptized in water. We set the church in order with 35 charter members on the new roster, added a new class to our Sunday school and organized a Christ's Ambassadors' class. The saints were encouraged and there is a spirit of real love and fellowship."

## THE PUXICO CONVENTION

Brother A. A. Wilson, District Superintendent, writes: "The Prayer and Bible Convention, Jan. 24-27, at Puxico, Mo., was well attended and the power of God was felt from the very beginning. It had the appearance of old days when all were melted together in one Spirit. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and a revival is yet going under Brother W. H. Boyles. God's hand is in every service. The pastor, Roy P. Foster, and the assembly spared nothing to make all who attended feel the warmest welcome. As we separated to go to our several places of service, we went with a strong determination to hold the banner higher and pray more until we hear the voice of Him who hath loved us and washed us from our sins say, 'Come up hither.'"

## STEADY PROGRESS

Secretary A. S. Colburn, Chico, Calif., writes: "We organized in the Assemblies of God April 22, 1925. Twenty-eight saints stood for the full gospel and the blessed Trinity. They stayed together and held meetings in a little church in the edge of town until Feb. 1, 1927, when the saints decided to get a hall down town. They got a nice upper room hall in the heart of town that would seat about 300 people and the district convention was held there Feb. 22, 1927. In July we were left without a pastor. We heard of Evancelist Guy Cooper, sent for him and he held special meetings for two weeks, at the end of which, Brother Cooper was called as pastor. He accepted and there has been a steady move forward. The Lord is working in a wonderful way. Large crowds attend, and souls are being saved."

## HEALED OF DEAFNESS

Evangelist E. E. Voland writes: "Just closed a 3 weeks' meeting in Greenfield, Mass. Some were saved and healed and 4 were baptized in water. When the power of God fell, people didn't know what to make of it. One man, not knowing what else to do, ran for water. We prayed for this same man later, and he was healed of deafness in one ear of 35 years' standing. Praise the Lord!"

## ALTAR FILLED WITH SEEKERS

Pastor J. D. Courtney, Meridian, Miss., writes: "God has mightily visited us with showers of blessing in our revival conducted by Brother and Sister Vander Merwe of South Africa. It did our souls good to see our large church filled to its capacity night after night, and the long altar filled with hungry seekers. On Friday night the Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit. I don't know how many were saved, but 10 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. It was a time of great rejoicing. We welcome any preacher in fellowship with the Council, who may be passing through, to stop with us. Our church is on 8 th St. and 46th Ave."

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

Pastor Tom Gotcher, Wesson, Ark., writes: "Our Sunday school and young Deople's convention was held here Jan. 12-15, and it was a blessed time throughout. The power of the Lord was manifest in every service. Messages brought by our state representative, Brother David Burris, and Brethren Simms, Webb and Canady, were a source of inspiration to all. Saturday night was given to young people's work and a consecration service followed. We had an all-day service Sunday. The forenoon was given to Sunday school work and the afternoon to a general fellowship meeting. The power of the Lord was very real. Eleven Sunday schools were represented and all reported schools doing well."

## NEW ILLINOIS WORK

Pastor N. G. Drake, Peoria, Ill., writes: "Mrs. Drake and I came to Peoria about a year and a half ago without knowing one Pentecostal saint. After about 7 weeks of real battle with the enemy we closed and left the city. However, we always felt that we should return; so after a campaign in Missouri we came to Peoria, by the grace of God to stay. We started prayer meetings and Sunday school in a few homes and soon rented a large building in the heart of the business section. To-day finds our large building seated with folding chairs, a choir of earnest singers, a young people's organization, an electric sign flashing out that 'Jesus saves.' The Pentecostal folks are coming into the church. During our revival more than 30 united and souls are being saved in the old-time way. A young man who had been in theatrical work was saved and received the Baptism. Another evening six were saved. We have meetings every night except Monday. A hand of fellowship will be extended to any of the brotherhood. Look for Trinity Pentecostal Church, 619 Main St."

## A STRIKING LETTER

I am enclosing a $\$ 22$ check, $\$ 10$ for 500 copies of the Evangel and $\$ 12$ for as many thousand tracts as it will buy. I am forming a "seventy" to go two and two in house-to-house visitation work, beginning in the neighborhood of the assembly. We are planning to go after the people.
The Lord spoke to me some weeks ago about putting hands and feet to our prayers and I am being obedient to the heavenly calling. We are laying off districts, appointing captains over companies of ten, and as the Lord provides the means, will increase the order for papers and tracts. We should like to go out every week but will have to go as the Lord provides the papers and tracts. Christ's Ambassadors are doing some visitation work, and I find real results are accomplished by personal touch. Therefore we want to go out and bring them in. My slogan is, "Souls for Jesus." A prison worker here has placed fifteen pockets in the county jail for religious literature, and we will put tracts in them.-Pastor H. E. Bowley, 4910 Gurley Ave, Dallas, Texas.

## VICTORY

Brother A. J. Loveless writes: "We have been battling here in North Platte, Neb., for nearly 2 years. It has been a hard pull-so much sin of every kind, formality and false doctrine. Four weeks ago the Lord gave us a helper-Brother Roley Hungerford, whom God is using in the song and praise service. We labored together 3 weeks and the Lord blessed from the first. A number have been saved and are going on with God. I was unable to stay longer, but the Lord sent Sister Caradine Greely to take charge and the hall has been crowded every night, and souls are seeking God."

## HARVEY McALISTER CAMPAIGN IN TORONTO

Evangelist Harvey McAlister, wellknown Canadian evangelist, has just closed a very successful four weeks' campaign with us here in Evangel Temple, Toronto. From the time that nearly 2000 people packed the large auditorum at the opening service on Sunday evening, January 8th, till the very closing night, the presence and power of God steadily increased.
Brother McAlister testifies as has every other evangelist who has ministered with us in Toronto that the proverbially staid and rather reserved Canadian people respond to the power and warmth of the old-time gospel just as readily as in any other part of the country.
Believing that healing for the body is just as much a benefit of Christ's death as salvation for the soul, Brother McAlister has made a combined appeal for those who were $\sin$-sick and sick in body at each service and hundreds have thronged the old-fashioned altar for the prayers of the evangelist and his helpers. The results have been most blessed. Every night, almost without exception, the deaf have been made to hear, those suffering pain with rheumatism, neuritis, and many other troubles have been freed instantly from all suffering. Written and verbal
testimonies have come in daily from those healed, telling how the hand of the "Great Physician" has been laid on their bodies.

But the physical blessings cannot éclipse the spiritual. Brother McAlister's clear exposition of the Scripture on the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit has brought both hunger and faith into the hearts of believers, and the opening night the Spirit fell on waiting hearts, and a great number have been filled in the old-time scriptural way, as were the apostles and believers at Cornelius' house. In four nights, the last four days in January, sixteen were baptized in the Spirit, among them many who had just been converted earlier during the campaign.
The people of Toronto and especially those who attended so faithfully almost every night for the four weeks will always remember the wonderful sermons on the Second Coming of Christ, and will be purifying themselves to be ready for His appearing. Many have thanked God for this month's meetings, naming special things which had been great blessings to them, but we will just mention one-a minister of the United Church who has been attending quite regularly said, "Oh, what a blessing I get just to hear Brother McAlister say, 'Heavenly Father,' when he prays for the sick. He seems to be really talking with his Father." And he was and Father heard and answered in hundreds of cases, setting captive souls and bodies free from the grip of $\sin$ and sickness.-Willard C. Peirce, PastorEvangelist.

## BRIEF MENTION

Pastor L. W. Clark, of Bigflat, Ark., writes that a meeting has been running a week, Elder T. B. Chronister in charge: that 4 have have been saved and 4 received the Baptism to date. Others seeking.
Pastor Stanley J. Miller reports a blessed Fellowship Meeting at Sullivan, Mo., attended by 10 visiting ministers and a host of saints.
Leslie Tubbs reports a revival in progress in East St. Louis, Ill., Mrs. Spencer and Miss Irma Gaston in charge ; that God is blessing and souls are being saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

## REVIVAL IN GREECE <br> Harry Mamalis

Greetings from Athens, Greece. We want to praise God for a mighty revival that has broken out in Athens. Our God is doing a wonderful work here, especially among the refugees. Many are being graciously saved from sin. We are at present holding four meetings a week among these people. The place where we are now holding our meetings is so crowded with eager listeners to the gospel, that we cannot move a step in any direction when preaching. There is a real hunger for God upon the people and many are now seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There is much persecution from inside and outside sources and we need your prayers. Pray for us that the revival which God has begun will continue to grow in power and in blessing.

## MARVELOUS HEALINGS

Evangelist Clarence H. Jenson writes: "We have recently held a series of evangelistic meetings at the Full Gospel Hall, Huron, S. D., where Brother and Sister W. E. Menzies are in charge. The Lord gave us a glorious time, a goodly number of souls sought salvation and the power of God fell in our midst. There were some remarkable healings. Sister Mary Wilson, 448 Montana Ave., Huron, S. D., was struck by an automobile over nine months ago and severely injured. She was placed under the care of Dr. B. H. Sprague, who is called the 'Mayo of the West.' Dr. Sprague did what he could for her, but her right arm became paralyzed from the shoulder down and she could not use it at all. She was anointed and prayed for in these services and rose and testified to her healing, demonstrating it by moving her arm and fingers. After the services she used the formerly paralyzed hand to shake hands with the people. Sister Williamson had been suffering from lung trouble several years, had been under the care of many doctors without receiving any relief. In answer to prayer the soreness in her chest disappeared and she went on her way rejoicing. An elderly sister, Mrs. Julia Krogh, had been confined to her bed most of the time since Nov. 13th; she was hardly able to walk from one room to another. She was prayed for in her home, and touched by the great Physician who raised her up to glorify His wonderful name. She then attended most of our services and sometimes walked home, a distance of about a mile.
We are now in a meeting at Meckling, S. D., where Brother W. J. George is in charge. Attendance has been very good, 11 have sought salvation and 9 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

## IMPORTUNATE PRAYER

Some one has illustrated the effectiveness of such continual praying as the Lord Jesus described in His parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8), in this way:
Put an ounce weight in one pan of a pair of balances and then place visiting cards one by one in the other pan. The first card seems so light. Of what use is it to move that heavy ounce weight? Two, three, four, five cards go in and yet there is no move, but when the twelfth card goes in the weight trembles and the thirteenth card brings it up. So it is with prayer. You pray and pray but the weight you are trying to move by prayer is so great and your prayers seem so light and insufficient. The enemy says, "Give it up. What's the use?" He will continue saying this even to the very prayer which will move the weight. Many give up when one more prayer would have brought the answer-Usher.

## BACK TO THEIR STATION

We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Marie Stephany, Miss Henrietta Tieleman, and Miss Alice F. Stewart have been able to return to their station at Yu Tsi Hsien, Ta Chang, Shansi, North China. All mail should be addressed to them at this address.

## OKLAHOMA REVIVAL

Pastor J. M. Hart and wife write: "Just closed a 3 weeks' meeting at Ringling, Okla. Brother W. H. Bice did the preaching. The Lord blessed the services. Six were saved, 1 received the Baptism, and the saints were encouraged."

## OUTPOURING AT GUTHRIE

Pastor F. E. Conrad and wife, Guthrie, Okla., write: "Just closed a 3 weeks' meeting. God gave a great outpouring of the Spirit. Fifty or more were saved and reclaimed, 16 received the Baptism in the Spirit and 23 were added to the roster. Evangelist Floyd L. Hawkins and Chorister Burnice Roberson had charge. We are praising God for His blessings."

## BIBLE STUDY

Pastor L. L. Riley, Fort Smith, Ark., writes: "We are glad to report God is blessing at New Bethel, Assembly. Brother David Burris of Russellville, Ark., has just closed a week of Bible lessons on Daniel and Revelation. His ministry proved a blessing to the church; the saints are encouraged to press the battle for the Lord."

## GOING FORWARD

Pastor Irl J. Walker, Portland, Ore., writes: "Having resigned the pastorate at Anacortes, we were called to the work at Portland Gospel Tabernacle. Several have been saved, healed and filled with the Spirit. New ones are coming into the full gospel light. There is real unity among the saints and the power of God is falling in our midst."

## REVIVAL SPIRIT ON

Pastor W. W. Clark, Brookfield, Mo., writes: "The Lord is blessing here in Brookfield. Eighteen souls have been saved in our regular services during the last 3 months. Our Sunday school has increased in attendance; there were 30 present the first Sunday in January, and on Jan. 29, there were 136 present. Our church is well filled each Sunday night; many are coming from the othes churches."

N. B.-Persons who want announcements of meetings to be in the Evangel in time to be
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OXFORD, PA.-Revival services with Dr. A. L.
Slocum and wife in charge, assisted by Miss Slocum and wife in charge, assisted by Miss
Ella Jamison, Oxford's own missionary, beginning
Feb. 8 to continue as long as the Lord shall lead.-Pastor Alex Clattenburge.
NOTICE.-Texas conventions will be held: At
Saratoga, Jan. $28-29$; Houston, Jan. $31-\mathrm{Feb}$. 1; Saratoga, Jan. 28-29; Houston, Jan. 31-Feb. 1;
Austin, Feb. 8-9; Frankston, Feb. 15-16; Cleburne, Feb. given later.-District Superintendent Hugh M. Cadwalder.

TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO Sectional Conventions will be held at Wichita Falls, Texas,
March 1 and 2; Wellington. Texas, March 6 and March 1 and 2; Wellington, Texas, March 6 and Texas, March 20 ; March 17 and 18; Big Springs,
March 24 and 25 ; Artesia, N. M. M., March 27 , March 24 and 25 ; Artesia, N. M., March 27
and $28 .-\mathrm{Hugh}$ M. Cadwalder, District Chairman.

DUMONT, N. J.-Pastor Albert H. Gilbert who has an assembly at Closter, N. J., will open a new assembly here Feb, 5, under the name of "Four Square Gospel Church." Meetings will
be held every Sunday afternoon at $3: 00$. m .,
in the Masonic Temple.-Secretary Bertha in the

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.-Evangelist J. Logan Stuart will conduct a 3 weeks' revival campaign at Faith Tabernacle beginning March 4.
WATERTOWN, N. Y.-A. Watson Argue will conduct a revival campaign at the Full Gospel
Tabernacle, starting March 7.-Pastor John B. Tabernacle, starting Mar
Tacobs, 248 High Street.
BROOKFIELD, MO.-Brother Adolph Peterson will conduct an evangelistic campaign for us,
beginning Feb. 19, continuing until March 11 . beginning Feb. 19 , continuing until March 11.
All near-by assemblies are invited to take part in these meetings.-Pastor W. W. Clark.

CALIFORNIA PROPHETIC BIBLE CONFER-ENCES.-Frederick W. Childe, Chart Lecturer on "Daniel \& Revelation Compared," is holding meet ings as follows: Kingsburg, Feb. 7-21; Palo Alto,
Feb. 23-Mar. 11; Santa Cruz, Mar. 13-27; Modesto Feb. 23-Mar. 11; Santa Cruz, Mar. 13-27; Modesto, Mar. 29-April 12; Stockton, Apr. 15-29; Lodi, May 1-13; San Francisco, May 15-June John H. Kennedy, Radio Gospel Singer, has charge of the music in these meetings, and renders special solo numbers. The meetings are held in the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Tabernacles, and

## MEETINGS OF MINISTERS

A committee of three was elected by the Eastern District Council to arrange for and call a meeting for ministers and Christian workers only, and not limited to those holding credentials with
the Council. This is a preliminary notice of place of meetings and dates. Western part of the district will meet at Pittsburgh, Pentecostal Church, March 27, 28, 29. Eastern part of the district, at Pentecostal Clurch in Wilmington, Del. April 3. 4, 5. Brother Will Coxe, Brother Nimrod Park, and Brother Walter Palmer, committee.
For further informatioon write Brother Palmer, 216 For further informatioon write Brother Palmer,
Strawbridge Ave., Westmont, N. J. All ministers are urged to come to a time of prayer and spiritual edification.
SOMERVILLE, MASS.-The New England District Council will Fold its next business session in conjunction with a 3 days convention, Marck $2-4$ at Bethany Pentecostal. Church, Cor. Springfield and Armory Sts., Springfield, Mass., H. T. Carpenter, pastor. The business session will con-
vene at $10: 00$, March 3. Arrangements for our vene at 10:00, March 3 . Arrangements for our
coming camp meeting will be made at this time and matters of immediate importance to the District will be taken up. We trust that nothing will interfere with the presence of all ministers and delegates, as well as all affiliating brethren, at this most important meeting of the year. For further information address Elder H. T. Carpenter, 26 Gold St., Springfield, Mass.-R. H. Norton, sec'y.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.-The Annual Midwinter Convention of the Rocky Mountain District vene, February 25 to March 2, at the People's Tabernacle, 717 . Whedbee St. Each assembly is urged to send its pastor and two delegates. All accredited delegates will be given bed and breakfast free. Meals will be served at the East Mountain Cafe at very reduced prices. There will be three services daily, 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. Ministers and workers in. Wyoming and Utah Ministers and workers in, Wyoming and Utah
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tendent will be glad to hear from workers in these states. The Christ's Ambassadors Young People's Rally will be held in conjunction with this convention, Feb. 25 and 26 . All young people are urged to attend and bring their instruments. For further information write Floyd C.
Woodworth, Dist. Supt., 704 So. College, Ft. Collins, Colo., H. B. Garlock, Sec'y-
E. Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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from each assembly to attend; entertainment will be provided by the assembly. The Christ's Ambassadors will be given a portion of time for business and a program: young people of the Dis-
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Kennett: from east side, St. Louis, etc., Frisco to Haiti change to Kennett, or Highway No, 61 to Sikeston take 60 to Dexter then 25 to Ken-
nett. For further information write Pastor $S$. K. Biffle, Kennett, Mo., or myself.-A. A. Wilson
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Mo.

CHESTER, PA.-Evangelistic campaign at the Glad Tidings assembly, 248 Market St., Feb. 10-26,
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FAlice Wood MISCELIANFOTS $\quad 40.00$
+Anna Adams, MISCELLANEOUS
$\dagger$ Elizabeth Brown, Palestine (Mis. Sta. Exp. 60.00

- Anna Bukezynskat, Poland (Mís. Sta. Exp. 95,00


Frank Finkenbinder, furlough
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Serena Hodges, Palestine $\cdots \quad \begin{aligned} & 20.00 \\ & 10.00\end{aligned}$
Iohn Hawe, Porto Rico
†Lena S. Howe, Porto Rico (Mis. Sta. Exp.
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- John Lugo, Porto Rico
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Nicholas Nikoloff, Bulgaria
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| tLaura Radford, Palestine …...................................... 120.00 |
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| -Tavid Rarota, Hungary |
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*Russian \& Eastern European Mission ….... 178.82
†B. A. Schoeneich, Central America (Mis.

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-Hermar Winkleman, Samoa, Islands
OFFERINGS FOR NON COUNCIL
MISSIONARIFS
W. A. DuPlooy 20.00 ; Ivan Kauff
 O. C. Smith $20.00 ; \mathrm{M}$. Thompson $20.00 ; \mathrm{M}$. Bailey
2.00; H. Becker $18.00 ;$ E. Kennedy 2.00; I. E.
Norton $42.00 ; W . W$ K. Norton $31.00 ;$ Josephine

E. Morrison $5.00 ; \mathrm{M}$, Hensley 2.00 ; H ;
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Total amount missionaries' allowances .. $\$ 17,755.50$
Missionary Rest Home
Missionary Rest Home (Matron $\$ 1.25$ )
Fares, Buildings. Etc,
Credited to special accounts $\quad \frac{5,341.87}{\$ 23,848.62}$
Disbursed from special accounts
Shortage in January funds $\ldots \begin{array}{r}\$ 23,341.98 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 23,214.98$
OPEN FOR CALLS.-I am now in a position
to answer calls for evangelistic services in the
Florida District. Pastors and others desiring my services may address me at R. F. D. 3. Box



[^0]:    Pentecostal Brother McAlister gives a Progress very excellent report of in Canada progress during 1927 in the Pentecostal work that is being done by the Canadian Council. Dur-

