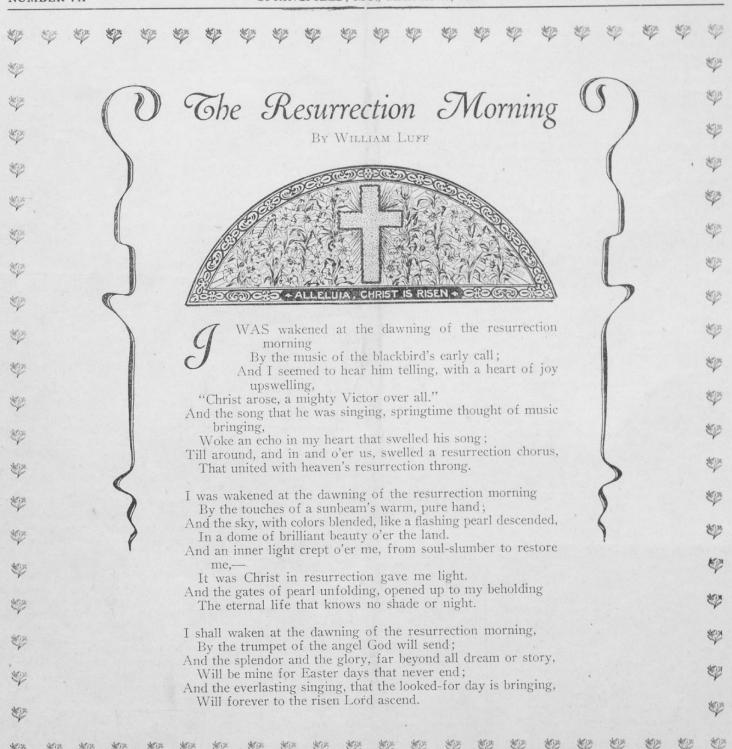


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"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.'

A doctrine of doubt had been sown among the young converts at Corinth. Some one had taught them that there was no resurrection of the dead. To combat this error the apostle affirmed, "If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not." "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins."

But no such doubt could enter the soul of the man of God whose fruit was this church in the Lord. He boldly affirms, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." The road to Damascus could not be effaced from his memory, for there it was that suddenly there shone round about him a light from heaven above the brightness of the noonday sun. There he had fallen to the earth and heard the voice of the risen Redeemer saying unto "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou And there he, who but a moment before was set on exterminating those who believed in a risen Saviour, surrendered, to become a yielded servant to Him whose enemy he had, in ignorance, previously been. To this personal experience he testifies in evidence that Christ was indeed risen. "And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.'

Christ is risen, and ascended up on high. He now sitteth at the right hand of the Majesty in the heavens. There He intercedes for us, pleading the efficacy of that atoning blood which He shed on Calvary.

How much His resurrection means. On it depends the truthfulness of His earthly life and ministry, for He continually attested that He must needs suffer, and enter into His glory. To the Jews He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." When they would seek a sign from Him, His answer was, "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly: so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." But unto His disciples He said, as the time approached for His vicarious sufferings, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death, and shall deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify Him: but the third day He shall rise again."
"He is risen!" With what unexpected

assurance came the words to the mourning women who came tremblingly toward the tomb where He had been laid. in their human weakness, questioned with each other, "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?" But, upon closer approach, their eyes were dazzled by the glory of an angel whose countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow, who had rolled back the stone, and who also announced, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." The Lord knew whom they sought. It was that same Jesus, whose touch of love had meant so much to them; that Son of God, whose body they had seen as it sank in agony upon the cross; whose soul had cried out, "It is finished," as He gave up the ghost and died. They would come to put sweet spices upon His mangled form, but that form was gone. No longer was it subject to death. No more could Satan prompt ungodly men to nail Him to the tree. He was risen. Triumphantly over death had He come! Completely had He taken the scepter from the hand of His enemy, Sin! Bold and victorious over every foe He, who had died as the Lamb of God, had now come forth the conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah.

Back to their comrades would they carry the message with fleetness of foot, but, almost before they could announce the good news which had come to them, there rang out the exultant word of others, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon." All must have His risen presence. All must joy in His radiant life. Even Simon is not forgotten, although he had denied his Lord but a short time before. Not one of His own must be left without Him. Christ is risen, full of love, full of remembrance of His own!

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And what does His resurrection mean to us? Upon it depends all our hope of heaven, "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." Unless He had come forth, we would be yet in our sins. Apart from His resurrection Christian character would not be known, for, "like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." The Holy Spirit, that life of the Christian church, would not be given, were not Jesus risen from the dead, for the coming of the Spirit to the believer was dependent upon the glorifying of Christ. Here is the need for the Holy Spirit, here is why He should be earnestly sought. It is He who has come to make the risen Lord real.

Christian morals are the product of this Spirit of grace, Christian prayer, the work of His intercession; Christian service, the fruit of His power. It is He who takes the things of Christ and reveals them unto us. This is not a passing fancy, but a practical inwrought and outworking in Christian experience of those graces and benefits which Christ our Lord came to give. Purchased by our Redeemer's blood, they are supplied in life by His Holy Spirit. The Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. He leads us into all truth. To know the joys and reality of our Risen King, we must have the Holy Comforter. God is a Spirit, and they which worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. In no other way can we, in conscious experience, know our Risen Lord.

Then too, "Christ is risen, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." cause He lives we shall live also. We look for that glorious consummation of our hope, the return of Him who is alive forevermore. What unspeakable pleasure it will be when He comes again, no more to be offered for sin, but, without sin, unto salvation; with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, "The dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Then we shall be like Him and see Him as He is. Then shall mortality be swallowed up in life, and death in victory. Glorious day, for Thee we wait. Christ is coming, -the Risen One. Heavenly mysteries of holy blessings, the earnest of which we now enjoy in the Holy Ghost.

#### "HE GOETH BEFORE YOU"

Principal Cairns, in the modesty of his great nature, used to stand back and let others precede him on public occasions, until his "You first, I follow," became a settled habit. When he lay dying he bade farewell to his family, and the watchers noticed his lips still moved. They bent to catch his last words. He was speaking to Him who was dearer to him than life, Jesus, and he was murmuring, "You first, I follow."

"An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin." Prov. 21 .4

## Easter Season in Jerusalem

By Laura Radford

"Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre wherein was never man yet laid." "And when Joseph had taken the body he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."

The certainty of the place where the body of our Lord was laid is of secondary importance, but the fact of His resurrection has been established by "many infallible proofs"; by the record of the angels at the tomb, and of Mary and the other women; by Peter and the other disciples, and by "five hundred brethren at once," all of whom saw Him after His resurrection; and by the hosts of believers down through the following centuries to whom He has revealed Himself as the "One alive from the dead."

During Easter season Jerusalem is filled with pilgrims and tourists from all parts of the world, many of whom look upon "Gordon's Calvary" and visit the Garden Tomb, and as they stand by the empty tomb many have said, "Yes, this may have been the place where our Lord lay; but 'He is risen,'" This tomb is cut out of the solid rock, and its size, for it has been cut for three graves, indicates that it belonged to a rich man. Its door was originally so low that it necessitated the disciples "stooping down" to look within. It has a small aperture or window above and opposite the place where the body lay that would admit the light required to enable the disciples to see "the linen clothes laid by themselves," and the napkin "wrapped together in a place by itself."

On the night before Good Friday many hundreds of people gather in the Garden of Gethsemane for the service at nine o'clock led by the Bishop of Jerusalem (Anglican). The people enter the Garden with a quiet hush upon them, for somewhere on that side of the city Christ had prayed alone. The night air is balmy, and the fragrance of the spring flowers, now at their best, seems like incense from heaven to be added to the solemn prayers of God's people, gathered together from many lands. Many remain kneeling throughout the entire service. The full moon lights up the scene, making the distant city wall with the church spires and minarets in the background all plainly visible. Many men and women pray all that night, praying audibly, and when the service is ended and the stillness of that hour is rent with the noise of the many motors carrying the people back into the city, here and there under those old olive trees in that Garden can be seen tiny groups of men and women waiting on in prayer. A great cry has been stirred in many hearts. The burden of

oncoming events seems to be heavy upon many. Lord, teach us how to pray in such hours as these.

That same evening the Jewish people throughout the land observe their Passover Feast, but it is a Passover without a lamb, for they have rejected the Lamb God Himself had provided for them.

All that day (Thursday), crowds of Moslems from even the far distant towns of Palestine gather in Jerusalem to celebrate their Nebi Mousa, and the following day, Good Friday, they form into a vast procession at the Mosque of Omar and move out of the Damascus Gate, slowly wending their way down the Jericho Road to Nebi Mousa, a place near the lower end of the Dead Sea, which they have chosen to call the grave of Moses and where they must go for this feast at this season of each year. In the procession are fakirs and acrobats dancing with daggers, but beside each such actor is a British policeman with a drawn sword to force him into order if he becomes overfrenzied.

A few of the Moslem leaders ride beautiful horses, but the crowd is on foot and as a whole might be a good illustration of the mixed multitude that came up out of Egypt with Moses and the children of Israel.

They remain a week out at Nebi Mousa, feasting, dancing, gambling, and then return as they went, with a large escort of British police. It seemed in keeping with the true Easter spirit and observance, that this great company of Moslems should be without the city for this Easter week,

Before daybreak Easter morning the church bells begin to ring and soon the city is astir. By six o'clock a large company of believers gather in the Garden Tomb for a sunrise service. "He Garden Tomb for a sunrise service. is risen," is the greeting on many lips. This service last year was led by a well known violinist and missioner from England, Friar Newhall Smith, a keen student of the Word, and one who believes in the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The week before Easter there had been more than five days of steady rain, it was the real latter rain, falling so steadily hour by hour, sometimes with a bit of rough wind, occasional peals of thunder, and several blasts of icy wind and sleet. But this is the first time in many years there has been the full latter rain and very few complained of the noise of the thunder or the muddy roads. All about us is the joy that the waiting harvest fields had received God's promised rain without which only a very scant harvest could be gathered from any field. Is not this God's token to His waiting children that He will also give the spirit-ual Latter Rain also? There are many in Palestine who are waiting before Him that the Spirit be poured out again, beginning in Jerusalem. May this be God's appointed time to fulfill His promise, "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty and floods upon the dry ground"?

#### "O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY?' (1 Cor. 15:55)

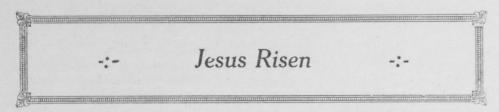
In great cities we find monumental arches, columns, obelisks and tablets, telling of victories won by man over man; but death writes his name loftily on all these, saying, "Man's victories are my victories." But the monumental trophies of death are found in all cities, great and small-in all places, in fact. Death lords it everywhere and over all. Scarcely has humanity begun to put on nobility or virtue in any quarter, before death appears and sweeps away the excellent object, terrifying the stricken admirers with the display of its prodigious power.

Yet we make bold to say, "Where is thy victory, O grave? Where, O death, thy sting?" We tell death to the face that the captives whom he has apparently taken are not to be found in his chambers. In fact we can point to them in mansions where death has no admission. We can show the Son of God, once dead on Calvary, standing at the right hand of the Majesty on high. And with Him the saints redeemed from the earth, the noble, the beautiful, the virtuous, dwelling in habitations not made with hands, clothed in purity, exempt from pain and sorrow, and not at all despondent because of their mortal remains sleeping in dust.

How art thou become a picture of confusion, O death, standing there with a crumbling bone in thy hand, and looking at a celestial being walking amid the groves of the New Jerusalem, once connected with earthly life by that bone, now wearing many crowns of perfection bestowed by Him who died and rose again! After having conquered all, behold, thou art thyself conquered, and a new inviolable life given to those who once succumbed to thee. Behold, the keys of death and hades are in the hands of our Lord: and what wonder if hereafter thou shouldest be compelled to restore even the dust of the once dead? Sweep as thou wilt with thy scythe from pole to pole; there is a sword impending over Thou thyself shalt die. What canst thee. thou do to him whose life is hid with Christ in God? He will sit upon a throne in the day when thou shalt be driven to darkness.-Geo. Bowen.

#### LUTANDA!

Dan Crawford used to tell how when his Africans were on the march and night was coming on, they would lie down to sleep. But before dropping off to sleep there would pass from group to group about the fires the watchword "Lutanda" (Morning Star). It was a laconic agreement to be up and ready to move when the morning star appeared. To Mr. Crawford it was ever a parable for those who lay down in their last sleep with heart and mind fixed on Him who is the bright and Morning Star, and who will awaken the sleeping to resurrection life and glory .-Sunday School Times.



Deep and varied as are the necessities of the soul, they are all met by the death and resurrection of Christ. If it be a question of sin that affects the soul, the resurrection is the glorious proof of the complete putting away of it. The moment I see Jesus at the right hand of God, I see an end of sin; for I know He could not be there if sin were not fully atoned for. "He was delivered for our offenses"; He stood as our representative; He took upon Him our iniquities, and went down into the grave under the weight thereof. "But God raised Him from the dead"; and by so doing expressed His full approbation of the work of redemption. Hence we read, "He was raised again for our justification." Resurrection, therefore, meets the need of the soul, as regards the question of sin.

Then again, when we proceed further, and enter upon the trying and difficult path of Christian testimony, we find that Jesus risen is the sovereign remedy for all the ills of life. This is happily exemplified for us in John 20. Mary repairs to the sepulcher early in the morning. And, as we learn from the parallel passage in Mark, her heart was not only sad at the loss of her gracious friend, but also tried by the difficulty of removing the stone from the mouth of the cave. The resurrection removed at once her sorrow and her burden. Jesus risen filled the blank in her desolated affections, and removed from her shoulders the load which she was unable to sustain. She found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher, and she found, also, her beloved Lord, whom death had for a season snatched from her view. Such mighty things could resurrection accomplish on behalf of a poor, needy mortal.

Nor is it otherwise with us now. Have our hearts been broken and bereaved by the stern, rude hand of Death? Has his cold breath chilled our affections? What is the remedy? Resurrection. Yes; resurrection, that great restorer, not merely of "tired," but of ruined nature, fills up all blanks, repairs all breaches, remedies all ills. If the conscience be affected by a sense of sin, resurrection sets it at rest by the assurance that the Surety's work has been fully accepted. If the heart be bowed down with sorrow, and torn by the ravages of death, resurrection heals, sooths, and binds it up, by securing the restoration and reunion of all who have gone before. It tells us to "sorrow not as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." 1 Thess. 4:13, 14,

It is commonly thought that time fills up all the blanks which death has made in the affections; but the spiritual mind could never regard time, with its sorrowful vicissitudes, as a substitute for resurrection and its immortal joys. The poor worldling may, perhaps, find in passing circumstances some-

thing to fill up the void which death makes; but not so the Christian. To him resurrection is the grand object, to that he looks as the only instrumentality by which all his losses can be retrieved, and all his evils remedied.

So, also, in the matter of burden and pressure from present circumstances; the only relief is in resurrection. Till then, we have but to toil on from day to day, bearing the burden and enduring the travail of the present sorrowful scene. We may, like Mary, feel disposed to cry out, "Who shall roll us away the stone?" Who? The risen Jesus. Apprehend resurrection, and you are raised above the influence of every burden. It is not that we may not have many a burden to carry. No doubt we may. But our burdens shall not sink us into the dust, because our hearts are buoyed up by the blessed truth that our Head is risen from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of God. and. moreover, that our place is there with Him. Faith leads the soul upward, even into the holy serenity of the divine presence-it enables us to cast our burdens on the Lord, and to rest assured that He will sustain us.

How often have we shrunk from the thought of some trial or burden, which appeared in the distance like a dark cloud upon the horizon, and yet, when we approached it, we "found the stone rolled away from the epulchre." The risen Jesus had rolled it away. He had removed the dark cloud, and filled up the scene with the light of His own gracious countenance. Mary had come to the sepulcher expecting to find a great stone between her and the object of her affections. But instead of that, she found Jesus risen between her and the dreaded difficulty. She had come to anoint a dead body, but arrived to be blessed and made happy by a risen Saviour. Such is God's way: such is the power and value of resurrection. Sins, sorrows, and burdens all vanish when we find ourselves in the presence of a living Lord.

When John, in the island of Patmos, had fallen to the dust as one dead, what was it that raised him up? Resurrection—the living Jesus. "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." This set him on his feet. Communion with Him, who had wrested life from the very grasp of death, removed his fears, and infused divine strength into his soul.

In the case of Peter and John, too, we find another instance of the power of resurrection. In them it was not so much a question of sin, or sorrow, and burden, as of difficulty. Their minds were evidently puzzled by all that met their view at the sepulcher. To see the graveclothes as they were in the tomb was unaccountable. But they were only puzzled because "as yet they knew not the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead." Nothing but resurrection could solve their difficulty. Had they known that,

they would have been at no loss to account for the arrangement of the graveclothes. They would have known that the destroyer of death had been there, doing His mighty work, and had left behind Him the traces of His triumph. Such was the meaning of the scene at the tomb. At least it was calculated to teach that lesson. The Lord Jesus had calmly and deliberately passed through the conflict. He had exhibited no haste, no perturbation. He showed that it required no strained effort on His part to vanquish the power of death. However, Peter and John knew not this; and therefore they went away to their own\*home.

The strength of Mary's affection made her linger still. Love was more influential than knowledge. And though her heart was breaking, she remained at the sepulcher. She would rather weep near the spot where her Lord was laid than go anywhere else. But resurrection settled everything. It filled up the blank in Mary's broken heart, and solved the difficulty in the minds of Peter and John. It dried up her tears, and put a stop to their amazement. Jesus risen is, in good truth, the sovereign remedy for all evils and nothing is needed but faith to appreciate Him.

At verse 19 of John 20, we have a fresh illustration of the principle on which we are dwelling: "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." Here the closed door evidenced the fear of the disciples. They were afraid of the Jews. And what could remedy their fear? Nothing but communion with their risen Lord. Nor did He (blessed be His name!) leave them destitute of that remedy. He appeared among them-He pronounced His benediction upon them. "Peace be unto you," said He. "Peace," not because their door was secured, but because Jesus was risen. Who could harm them, while they had in their midst the mighty Vanquisher of death and hell?

There is unspeakable value in this word "peace," used by such an One, at such a time. The peace that flows from fellowship with the risen Son of God cannot be ruffled by the vicissitudes and storms of this world; it is the peace of the inner sanctuary—the peace of God which passeth all understanding. Why are we so much troubled at times by the condition of things around us? do we betake ourselves if not to the closed door, at least to some other human resource? Surely, because we are not walking with our eye steadily fixed on Him who was dead, but who is alive forevermore, who has all power in heaven and on earth. Did we but realize that our portion is in Him, yea, that He Himself is our portion, we should be far less affected by the prospects of this poor world. The politics, the agriculture, the commerce of earth, would find their proper place in our hearts, if we could remember that "we are dead, and our life is hid with Christ in God."

It is commonly said, that while we are here we must take an interest in the circumstances, the prospects, the destinies of earth. But then "our citizenship is in heaven." We are not of earth at all. Those who are risen with Christ are no longer of earth. All that in us (I mean believers),

which could have any affinity with earthall that which can be called nature, is dead, and should be reckoned as dead; and our life is in heaven, where we are now in spirif and principle. No doubt, if we only see ourselves as earthly men, we shall be occupied with earthly things; but if we see ourselves as heavenly men, we shall, as a consequence, be occupied about heavenly things. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." This is simple. "Things above" are those which we are commanded to seek, and that because we are "risen with

The difference between Abraham in his day, and a believer now, may be thus stated: Abraham was going from earth to heaven. The believer has come from heaven to earth; i. e., in spirit and by faith. Abraham was a pilgrim on earth, because he sought a heavenly country; the believer is a pilgrim because he has gotten a heavenly country. The Christian should regard himself as one who has come from heaven, to go through the scenes and engagements of earth. This would impart a high and heavenly tone to his character and walk here. The Lord grant that it may be more so with all who name the name of Jesus.

The Lord Jesus remedied the fear of His poor disciples by coming into their midst, and associating Himself with them in all their circumstances. It was not so much a question of actual deliverance from the matter that caused the fear, but rather raising their souls above it by fellowship with Himself. They forgot the Jews. They forgot their fear. They forgot everything, because their souls were occupied with their risen Lord. The Lord's way is often to leave His people in trial, and to be with them therein. Paul might desire to get rid of the thorn, but the answer was, "My grace is sufficient for thee." It is a far richer mercy to have the grace and presence of Jesus in the trial than to be delivered from it. The Lord allowed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be cast into the furnace; but if He did, He came down and walked with them therein. This was infinitely more gracious of Him, and more honorable to them, than if He had interposed on their behalf before they were cast in.

May it be our heart's desire to find ourselves in company with the risen Lord, as we pass through this trying scene, and then, whether it be the furnace of affliction or the storm of persecution, we shall have peace; whether it be the bereavement of the heart, the burden of the shoulder, the difficulty of the mind, the fear and unbelief of the heart, all will be remedied by fellowship with Him who was raised from the

dead .- C. H. M.

#### HOLDING THE KEYS

If you lay imprisoned in some great fortress, and one who loved you went forth to try to rescue you, and fell and died fighting, you would cherish the memory of your friend's valiant effort on your behalf, but you would still remain in chains, undelivered. So would it have been with those whom Christ came to save if He had not risen; those for whom He gave His life would have been undelivered. But Christ has conquered death and holds in His hands the keys of the grave.-D. J. R. Miller.

## His Resurrection and Ours

When the disciples were gathered together the risen Christ appeared in their midst. He came into the room where they were and showed them His hands and His side. He showed them His wounds and He showed them His love in His wounds. They were wounds empty of blood but full of love. soldier had pierced His side with a spear, forthwith came there out blood and water. The blood was left on the earth but He ascended.

God raised Christ up and quickened Him. It required God to do it. And the same power has quickened us and raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:5, 6. God's power did it, and it requires God's power to make you believe, the fact is so great, so mighty. same power manifested to raise Christ and to raise you with Him, gives the faith to you to enable you to believe the fact.

Study God's Word where it tells you that you are strangers and pilgrims on the earth. Your citizenship is in heaven. The child of God is not of earth. He is looking for a city whose builder and maker is God. Why does he look? the tenant has already gone ahead in spirit. "He is not here!" Can the Spirit say that of you? "He is not here, he is risen!" How do you realize it? By believing what He says. God spake and it was. The creation of the world was an easy matter compared with the resurrection of Christ and His ascension through the principalities and powers and the might and wickedness in heavenly places; and not only Christ, but the millions, the countless hosts that no man can number, whom God raised together with Him. The creation of the world was an easy matter compared to the raising of Christ and His members. Why? The creation was made without opposition. The Son of God was raised, but there was opposition. But He triumphed openly over all the opposition. And the way was opened by His tniumph for the glory of the latter house to be greater than that of the former.

Jehovah stretched out His arm and rescued Israel, and with a mighty arm He brought out the children from the hand of Pharaoh. He spake and it was. But to redeem Israel He had to stretch out His arm, and that arm gripped the hand of Pharaoh. "Let My people go!" "Who is the Lord that I should let them go?" But the hand gripped tighter and tighter, and Pharaoh had to let them go. That same arm with its might and its strength is available for you. "Let My people go." And your Pharaoh says, "Who is the Lord?" If you petition God to make bare His arm, it will tighten on the hand of your Pharaoh so that he will cry, "I will let them go."

Israel with its teeming thousands was powerless against the tyrant. Man's

countless billions have been helpless against their tyrant. The Lord has declared, "I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore mine own arm brought salvation." "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Isa. 63:1. Behold a greater than Moses is here. He says, "The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me." And this same Jesus who took you out of the hand of Pharaoh can take you into a land flowing with milk and honey, where you may serve Him without fear. What is the price? It is without money and without price, because He paid the price.

He is the Alpha and the Omega. redeemed you and He will quicken you. He rose and you rose with Him. He is crowned, He will crown you. Great is the mystery of godliness. What He went through was for you, in place of you: but everything subsequent He shares with you. He took what you should have had, and He shares with you what you have no right to "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them." John 17:22. What we deserve was to be forsaken of God, and He received that. He says, "I restored that which I took not away." Psa. 69:4. What Adam lost, the last Adam restored. But He restored that which He took not away

He that has delivered you out of the hand of Pharaoh will take you through the Red Sea, through the wilderness, and will give you victory over all the enemies in the wilderness, and take you into the promised land. Have you left Egypt? The cloud did not remain stationary until it reached the land. It stayed not because it was above the earth, and material obstruction it knew not. And if you are risen in Christ, you are above every obstruction and vou will be taken into the land if you follow the cloud.

#### A RESURRECTION PICTURE

An army chaplain tells of having bivouacked with his brigade upon an open field, each soldier wrapped in his blanket, but with nothing over him but the cold, cloudy sky. The next morning all over that field there were little mounds like new made graves, each covered with a drapery of snow, which had fallen two or three inches deep during the night. It covered every sleeping soldier, as if in the winding-sheet of death. While he was gazing upon the strange spectacle, here and there a man began to stir, rise, shake himself, and stand forth in momentary amazement at the sight. It was a symbol of the resurrection, and failed not to make its impression upon the beholder .-Biblical Treasury.

## The Way of Victory

Pastor W. E. Moody in the Assembly at Springfield, Mo.

"And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him." Ex. 4:24.

"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Phil. 3:3.

This is a remarkable portion of Scripture. Moses, a man of God, had been commissioned by God to go before Pharaoh and demand Israel's release. Moses shrank from the task and made excuses why he should not go and carry out God's commission. Therefore God's anger was kindled against him. God said, "Well, Aaron shall go with thee; he shall be thy helper and stand with thee." That was a great mistake on Moses' part; he missed God's best. Aaron became a thorn in his side; several times he would have done better without Aaron; and note that it was he that led the people to worship the golden calf. God said in substance, "All right, take My second best if you won't have My best."

As Moses went to obey God, God met him by the way in the inn and sought to kill him. How strange! Was not Moses trying to obey God at that time? Yes, he had heard God speak and was obeying Him, and was on his way to Pharaoh, when God said, "I will take thy life." "Take my life! Why?" The wife of Moses knew why. She was right at his side at this time. Zipporah was a Midianite, daughter of Jethro. "Midian" stands for fleshly strife. "Zipporah" means a sparrow, or a little hird. She means a sparrow, or a little bird. She was a "bird" all right as the term is used in this present day. She had gone against God's plan for Moses in circumcision, and that child in her arms was uncircumcised. "I'm not going to have my child butchered, and cause pain to my baby! No indeed!" And Moses listened to his wife as Adam listened to Eve, and as Ahab listened to his wife; and he turned away from God's covenant of circumcision. "This is My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised." Gen. 17:10. When the eighth day came, the time for the child to be circumcised, Zipporah said, "No. no, no, it shall not be done. I am not an Israelite, I am a Midianite, and I will have my way." And Moses weakly yielded to her, saying, "All right, you can have your way"; and the child was not

Now when Moses went to obey God in going to Pharaoh, God met him on the way and sought to kill him. But Zipporah saw the situation. She saw that either her husband was going to be killed by the Lord, or she must circumcise the child and do it quickly. And so in her haste to get the thing done in order to save her husband from death, she took a sharp stone from the roadside and cir-

cumcised her child right then and said, "A bloody husband art thou to me." Then God let Moses go. The coast was clear, he could carry out God's plan with Pharaoh.

Now let us read God's word to Joshua (Josh, 5:25): "At that time the Lord said to Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. . . . Now all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came out of Egypt, them they had not circumcised." All the adults who came out of Egypt were circumcised. but in the wilderness wanderings they had neglected circumcision and therefore were rejecting God's covenant. They were now up against Jericho and God was going to lead Israel into a great victory. But the reproach of Egypt was in the way, and God told Joshua to make sharp knives and circumcise all the male children who had not been circumcised. Joshua obeyed God, and the coast was clear for victory at Jericho.

It is possible there is something in our lives which is hindering God's working through us in victorious power. be a broken vow, or we have grieved God by disobedience. Possibly we have turned from God's plan and missed God's thought. Possibly God has a controversy with us. If prayer is not answered, there is a cause. If we can't get God's ear, there is a cause. If we don't bring God's power upon the people we are praying for, there is a cause. A cause, not in God but in the person who is praying, or preaching, or working. We need to get the reproach out of the way so that God can have full play in our lives and lead us forth to victory.

Circumcision means "cutting around." It was a covenant made between God and Israel, and was to be literally carried out in the flesh. No uncircumcised person was allowed to eat the passover. No uncircumcised person could enter the holy place in God's house. Strangers or Gentils, were not allowed to enter the holy place. And God expected obedience on the part of all Israel on this line of circumcision. Now spiritually, coming to our own time, this gospel age, what is circumcision? when does it take place? how is it accomplished? We find in Col. 2:11, "In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ." In other words, the Cross cuts us asunder from sin, from the law, from the world, and from self. The Cross stands there as a separating power, separating us from the world, from sin, and from the self

But that separation must be made actual in our lives by the Holy Spirit. I

may believe in my mind that Christ died at Calvary, and I died with Him; but I must appropriate in my daily living the benefits of that death. Gal. 2:20 reads, "I am crucified with Christ," but it should read as in the Revised Version, "I was crucified with Christ." When? On Calvary. That truth becomes actual in us when we believe the fact of redemption, believe in our hearts. The devils believe with their heads, and tremble. Satan believes in Christ, but he is still a devil and always will be a devil. We must see the facts of redemption, that Christ died on Calvary and we died with Him. The gospel is twofold-First, Christ died for me, in my stead; Second, I died in Him. Judicially, legally, from God's standpoint, I died in Christ; and God sees me a believer dead to the world, to sin, to self. I must believe these facts, that when Christ died on the cross I died also, when Christ was taken into the tomb I was taken also, when Christ rose from the grave I came out with Him, conqueror, when He went up on high I was raised into the heavenlies with Him, in spirit. I am here in my body, but my life is hid with Christ in God. The realization of this is a great vantage ground to the Christian. We are in the heavenlies, away above Satan's craft and trickery and power; he is beneath our feet, a conquered foe.

A sister said to another, "I am so bothered with my self life. I try and try, and pray and pray, and weep and groan before God, to get rid of self, self, self. But I cannot make any headway." "Well," the sister said to her, "you don't believe God's Word, that is all." "Yes I do believe God's Word," the first sister replied. She was told to turn to Col. 3:3 and read it-"For ye are dead." Then she was told to use the personal pronoun and read it that way-"For I am dead." She clasped her hands and said, "I see! I have been trying to crucify myself with my groans and tears and workings, but I cannot get anywhere that way. It was all done on Calvary when Christ died." She believed, and entered into rest. She said she felt a horrible garment of corruption fall from her; and she praised God that she no longer lived but that Christ lived in her. If you realize in your hearts and lives this truth, it will put an end to all kinds of criticisms, for you will see yourself cursed and on the cross, a thing of pollution, the old nature cursed, buried. The old man with all its meanness, trickery, deceit and craft, died on the crossin God's mind. As I believe this in my heart Christ makes it real in my experi-

We are to "reckon ourselves" dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God. Why reckon ourselves dead unto sin? Because we feel dead? No, but because God says so. "Reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin,"—that is circumcision actually realized. Whenever I have been under temptation's power and battles have been raging around me, and I have taken my place in Christ by faith and have said in the face of the enemy, "I am dead; I reckon myself dead now to sin, to the world, to self, and alive unto God," then I come into a place of blessed power and victory.

I used to be puzzled and bothered because the Word of God said, "Ye are dead," and then it said, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth." How can I mortify my members which are upon the earth? If I am naturally given to uncleanness or to passion or to pride, whatever it may be (every one has some besetting sin), I must bring that thing to the cross of Calvary, and tell the Lord, "Your Word tells me that that sin was put on Christ on Calvary's cross. Therefore on Your Word, and not because I feel anything at all, I reckon myself dead to that thing, and trust the Holy Ghost to make the deeds of the body to The Holy Ghost works through the Word of God. A woman told me one time that she had gotten beyond the Bible. She didn't need to read several chapters a day, she could go a week or six months and never look at it. She said the Holy Ghost was her guide and leader now. That sounded to me like blasphemy. I looked at her and thought, "That woman will be on the rocks before long." was, she got into all kinds of darkness and superstition and ignorance because she went back on this Word of God. Holy Ghost will work through the Word. When I kneel in faith and on the strength of God's Word (not on my feelings) reckon myself dead to sin, then God begins to work to kill out that thing that is bothering me.

Some good people believe that when they come to the altar for a clean heart they get it all taken out at once and there is no more self life in them. It is one thing to have salvation and a new heart, and quite another thing to have the self life dealt with in all its ramifications and details. We must come back to the cross and reckon ourselves dead to sin and the world and self. It is only as we take the position of "reckoning" ourselves dead that God can give victory on all lines. Some say they have nothing more to do with the self life, but you can see self sticking out everywhere on them.

We don't half believe what the Word of God says on these lines. A minister had a liking for tobacco and said he could not conquer the desire for it. He said he had vowed and vowed he would not smoke again, but soon he would find himself hankering for a smoke, and having it. Some one gave him this scripture, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. man said, "Yes, but that is not true in my case. I like tobacco, that is one of the old things that has not passed away. "That is because you don't believe God's Word," was the reply. "Well, I will be-lieve it from now on," the man said, and he went into his room and locked the door and threw the key away. He took his Bible and read, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Satan said, "That is not true because you like tobacco." The man replied, "Yes that is true, Satan, I feel as though I would like a smoke right now, but the Word of God says old things are passed away, and I believe God's Word." The devil then said, "You lie; it has not passed away. You want tobacco right now." The man went on praising God that old things had passed away, the tobacco and everything else, and kept declaring, "I believe what God's Word says, not my appetite and desire."

For an hour he, walked back and forth, saying, "I am a new creature, old things are passed away." By and by the truth got in his heart, then with one stroke of God's power the work was done. He rose and said, "I am victorious through Christ." The desire for tobacco passed away right then and never returned. We play at things too much. Let's get down to business and believe God's Word.

I was riding along in the street car in Chicago one day, having a hard time with the devil, and was in the midst of great temptation and darkness. While meditating, the Spirit said to me, "Take your place in the heavenlies by faith. It is yours, take it." I said, "I do, Lord, I take my place in the heavenlies in Christ, on top of all the powers of hell." And in about two minutes that car was full of glory, and my heart was full of joy. It was just believing what God said that brought the victory. It is not a question of an act of faith once and for all. It is believing constantly.

We are told in Philippians that "we are the circumcision who worship God in the Spirit." That means much. Christ is seeking worshipers who worship Him in Spirit and in truth. In Ex. 30:9 we are told to offer no strange incense. Anything in worship that is not of God, is strange incense. We are getting into a form in Pentecost. We have the whole program outlined; sing two hymns, then prayer, then sing another hymn, have a quartette or solo, then read the lesson, then take the offering and make the announcements, then preach, and sing again, benediction, and go home. Same thing next Sunday. It is dangerous to get into a form of worship, a kind of rut in service. If we call a great singer from the audience and have her sing a solo, she comes up dressed in the fashion of the world, and sings and sings. But that is strange incense, strange to God. If I prepare a sermon out of my own mind, or some book, and give it out, but have no word from God, that is strange incense. If I rely upon good music to arouse the feelings of the people, or if I attract by my personality, that is strange incense. think I would have an ungodly person in my choir if I knew it? No, God is not pleased with having the ungodly sing His praises. Fine singing and playing is good if done in the Spirit, and it has great power. But coming from those who do not know God, it is obnoxious to Him. God wants clean ministry and a clean worship. No strange incense and no strange

What is strange fire? If in preaching I work up a lot of psychological and mental gymnastics to create an impression on people's minds, and there is no Holy Ghort back of it, that is strange fire. I will never forget a meeting I attended one time. There was plenty of shouting and shrieking and foolish gestures. The man on the platform said, "We are going to have the fire here." I asked the Lord,

"What does all this mean? They are all enthused, full of vim and push and go, but I cannot sense Thy power here." God gave me three words, "Prophets of Baal." You remember the prophets of Baal cut themselves, and jumped on the altar, trying to bring the fire down from heaven, but it did not come that way. Let's ask God to get us free from strange fire and false incense.

"For we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit, . . . and have no confidence in the flesh." I may spend more time than I should spend upon other men's books and writings, and neglect the Book of books; that is flesh. I may spend more time in social engagements than I do in prayer meetings; that is flesh. I may spend more time reading the Evangel than the Bible; that is flesh. Anything that I put ahead of the Word of God is flesh. Whatever I do or wherever I go, if it is to satisfy myself and not to please God, it is flesh. If I lean upon the learning or instruction or guidance of man rather than upon God (though God may use men to guide us), that is flesh. "Flesh" is a very big term.

Moses was in danger of physical death when he did not obey God concerning the circumcision of his child. And I am in danger of spiritual death unless I toe the mark of God's Word and will, obeying God with gladness of heart, and cutting asunder from the world. God would not go with Moses to his work until he got the matter rectified. So God won't go with us to our work if there is something in which we have neglected to obey Him. If He has a controversy with us, it will stop the current of His power.

Let us spend more time waiting on God, until God penetrates into our being, until our motives and desires and ambitions are purified, until we get soaked through and through with the power and glory of His presence, and then, and not until then, start out for God and work for Him. If we are honest, God will not let us wait in vain. We shall come from our knees like new men, giants refreshed with new wine.

#### VALLEY OF THE SHADOW

The late "Ian Maclaren" used to be fond of relating the following beautiful little story, as serving to allay the needless fears of God's people when they entered the valley of the shadow of death.

There was a dear old Scotch lady who wanted badly to go to the city of Edinburgh. But for years she could not be persuaded to take the railway journey, because of the great dread of the tunnel through which she would have to pass. One day, however, circumstances arose which compelled her to take the train for Edinburgh. For a while her fears were great, and her agitation increased as the train on its journey drew near to the dreaded tunnel. But before the tunnel was actually reached the old lady, worn out with excitement, dropped peacefully off to sleep, and when she awoke it was to gladly discover that the tunnel had been passed. The resurrection hope takes the sting out of death.

## Eirik and the Herrings A True Story for Young and Old

Eirik was an Icelandic fisherman who lived just outside the village of Hofsos, in the last of a row of fishermen's huts on the rugged cliff overlooking the rough, swelling waters of the mighty Skagafjord -one of the broadest fjords on the north cost of Iceland.

Poverty had always been one of his nearest acquaintances. She had come to live with him soon after he was married, and he had never since been able to turn her out of the home. Once, faint and hungry through lack of food, Eirik attempted to put an end to his existence, as many other Icelanders have done. He took down his shot-gun, loaded it, kicked off his shoe and put the barrel of the gun into his mouth. While fumbling for the trigger with his toe, he swooned and fell. On coming to, he called on God, if there really was a merciful God in the heavens, to give him some food, and prayed that He would send a bird that way for him to shoot. He went down to the beach and looked around. A large bird, of an edible type, came flying past, and with an effort the emaciated man raised the gun and fired. The bird fell, and Eirik thus had his first intimation that God answered prayer.

Years passed, and Eirik's long struggle with poverty continued. Motor-boats were multiplying and getting the pick of the fishing harvest, and it became increasingly difficult for the owners of small rowing boats, such as Eirik's was, to pay their way. The long weary toil on the icy waters of the fjord took a heavy toll of Eirik's health and strength, badly clothed and fed as he was. One day, after great exertion, hemorrhage from the lungs commenced. He grew worse and worse. He went to the nearest doctor. It was not consumption, as Eirik feared, but the doctor could not cure him. He tried another doctor a long way off, with the same result. At last he borrowed money and journeyed to Akureyri, where there were, at the time, three native doctors. He went from one to the other-his purse getting lighter and lighter and his heart heavier and heavier in the process-and finally was brought to the conclusion that he was incurable. Utter ruin stared him in the face. While in this state of mind the suggestion was made to him: "Why don't you try the missionary? At all events it won't cost you anything!"

So he came. I remember the day he walked into my room and told me that his "back" would bleed. He located the trouble in his back, because that was where he felt the pain. I did what I could for him. He left with some tracts in his pocket, promising to write and let me know how he progressed.

A month later I received a long and enthusiastic letter from him, giving good news of his health. Thus our correspondence began, and before many months had passed, Eirik was able to row his boat with any man, without fearing the distressing recurrence of hemorrhage. Best of all, he had found the Saviour of whom I had written to him.

His zeal was extraordinary for an Icelander, and he wrote me saying that he longed to use the health God had given him, to help to spread the Gospel that had blessed his soul, and he offered to travel around his county and sell Testaments and Gospel literature. It seemed fitting to him that the "back" that God had healed should bear a pack of books for God over the hills and valleys of Skagafjord county. He plodded on, week after week, sometimes in deep snow, until practically every house in the county had been visited with the printed message of the gospel.

At first the neighbors could not understand Eirik. "Swear-words" began to be excluded from his vocabulary-and when I add that the average Icelander can with difficulty conduct a simple conversation without continually calling on the Prince of Darkness, the significance of this will be understood. Other things showed that Eirik was not as they were, and this caused a sullen, disagreeable opposition to arise.

One day, after a long spell without any success in fishing, the welcome news flew round the village that the fjord was teeming with codfish. There was, however, one important drawback-they had no bait to catch them with. Small pieces of herring are generally used on the Skagafjord fisherman's many hooks, but they had caught no herrings for several weeks and therefore had no bait. The situation was most tantalizing, especially as the need was great in some of the cottages. News came, however, by telephone that a trawler had put in at Siglufjord, the next large port along the coast, with a haul of herrings. Hastily the men clubbed together and hired a motor-boat to send to Siglufjord, and each gave his order for herrings according to the limitations of his purse. Eirik did not happen to put in an appearance, and the fishermen took the opportunity to play him a mean trick. "We won't let him know anything about the herrings until it is too late," said they, "and then we shall see how he fares." As the little harbor could not be seen from Eirik's cottage, it was an easy matter to keep him in the dark.

When the motor-boat came back, all the men got busy with their hooks and lines, except Eirik, and none would lend or sell him a single herring. Thinking of his wife and four children at home, and their dire need, he made his way up the steep cliff-path with a heart as heavy as lead; it seemed as if God had forgotten him. Before he arrived home, however, the Lord reminded him of one of His promises, and his faith revived. He went into his little hut and "cast his burden on the Lord."

Now these hardy toilers of the deep can tell what kind of fish is under the surface of the sea, where a landsman can perceive no indication of any fish at all. I remember one of them pointing out to me a certain part of the fjord and assuring me that herrings were there, while in another part were cod; there might have been whales in both places for aught I distinguished! These men of Skagafjord had every reason to believe, according to their knowledge and experience, that herrings had not been in the fjord for weeks, and they did not even think it worth while to examine their herring nets. But it occurred to Eirik that possibly there might be a few stray herrings in his old patched-up net; in any case it was worth while looking, as he had nothing else to do. There were many firstclass nets laid, and Eirik's was not in the best position by any means.

I suppose that the men who accompanied Eirik went to see fair play, as they themselves would have been quite equal to annexing the contents of a neighbor's net, and they judged Eirik by their own standard. It was good that they accompanied him. One net after another was drawn up empty, only to be thrown back in disgust, until they came to Eirik's. There seemed to be a hitch somewhere, but at last it came up, full of herrings! Hurriedly drawing up those remaining. they found that there was not a single herring in any of the other nets!

The men were speechless with astonishment, while Eirik praised his faithful God. He had got his herrings for nothing, while the others had paid the full price for theirs at Siglufjord, besides sharing the expense of hiring a motor-boat.

I know many of those men. I have sat in their homes and talked with them. Moreover, an account of this event was printed in the Icelandic monthly gospel periodical, "Nordurljosid," which, thanks to Eirik's efforts, circulates widely among these fishermen; but I have never heard a word from any of them indicating doubt or criticism of my account of the above event.

The only explanation I can offer is that God caused the herrings to go in and out around the other nets into Eirik's, to supply the need that he had made known to God, just as the apostle Peter experienced, as recorded in Luke 5:4-7.

The last part of this incident is, however, the best. Few would, I suppose, have judged Eirik harshly if he had sold some of his herrings for the same price as they cost at Siglufjord. But God gave him an opportunity of letting his light shine for Christ, and he made use of it. Going to those who, by reason of poverty, had not been able to order sufficient herrings from Siglufjord, he gave them freely of his store, in spite of their shabby treatment of him but a short time before.

Needless to say, a splendid catch of codfish gladdened the homes of Hofsos that day, but in none was there such joy as in Eirik's little hut.

Is it to be wondered at that Eirik was a successful salesman of gospel literature? Is it to be wondered at that, when Eirik's friend, the missionary, came to Hofsos, the largest building would not hold the crowds that came to hear the gospel preached?

Eirik is now with the Lord, who had done so much for him. On his deathbed he said to his wife: "Write and tell Mr. Gook that I died with the name of Jesus on my lips." His life has not been in vain. I believe hundreds in various parts of the world have learned a lesson of fuller trust in God, through the experience of this obscure fisherman on the northernmost limit of European civilization.—Arthur Gook in "Can a Young Man Trust His God?"

#### "HE IS NOT HERE"

A traveler stood one day beside the costly tomb of Napoleon in Paris. There he was buried at his own request among his beloved countrymen. An old man approached, and leaning over the balustrade, gazed down into the tomb with eyes filled "There rests a great conwith tears. queror," said he, "but his work was not abiding. Death stained the glory of his achievements and the tears shed at his grave are but an acknowledgement of his defeat." How different the work of Christ and His kingdom! His is an abiding kingdom. He too found a sepulcher on earth, and the Syrian stars look down on the place where He lay; but of Him we can say: "He is not here; He is risen as He said."

In contrast with that solitary man weeping at Napoleon's grave, we may place the names of millions of faithful witnesses who have had the testimony of the Spirit within them that they have a living Saviour, ever making intercession for them at the right hand of the throne.—King's Business.

#### THE GARDEN TOMB EPITAPH

When we wander through a graveyard and look at the tombstones, or go into the church and examine the old monuments, we see one heading to them all: "Here lies." Then follows the name, with the date of death, and perhaps some praise of good qualities of the departed. But how different is the epitaph on the tomb of Jesus. It is not written in gold nor cut in stone: it is spoken by the mouth of an angel, and it is the exact reverse of what is put on all other tombs: "He is not here."—Sunday School Chronicle.

#### STOMACH TROUBLE HEALED

For eight years I suffered great agony from a stomach trouble caused by typhoid fever. The doctors could do nothing to relieve me, but when I was prayed for, four years ago, the Lord Jesus healed me, and I have been entirely free from the trouble ever since. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. Mollie Johnson, Route 2, Box 3, Sparks, Okla.

Mary Magdalene did not find the dead body of Christ and it was well she did not; for if death could have held Him, it would not have let us go.—From Burkitt.

## Healed of Cancer

On July 8, 1926, I was operated on for what the doctors thought to be a tumor, but which, when they operated, they discovered to be a cancer of the stomach and intestines, and so entangled in the vital organs that it could not be removed. They closed up the incision and assured my husband they could do nothing for me but to ease the paroxysms of pain and gave me not to exceed five years at most to live.

For a little while I seemed to be better but not for long. Strength and appetite gone, I went down to nothing. Three doctors of Porterville treated me but still I grew worse and worse. To cap it all, my husband died Dec. 5th, and left me a helpless widow with a house full of little ones. At the advice of the physicians I went up in the mountains for a while, thinking that a higher altitude would benefit me, but to no avail. Then the doctors here advised consultation with specialists of San Francisco, but I was too poor to bear the expense. However some of my friends here were to help as a last resort.

On Sunday night, April 3, 1927, sick in body and sick in soul, I was taken by some of my friends to the Pentecostal Tabernacle of Porterville. When Sister Baker asked if anybody needed prayer, I went and fell at the altar. She prayed for me and I was gloriously saved and instantly healed. The next day I was to go to San Francisco to the specialist, but instead I went out in the groves picking oranges, dragging a 16 foot ladder and topping my own trees. I did that for 5 weeks during the orange season last spring, getting better and stronger every day. I have not taken a drop of medicine since I was prayed for and I am strong and well—saved to the uttermost.

These facts can be confirmed as to my cancerous condition by writing the County Physician at Visalia, Calif. And also my work by Mr. Carl Franklin, Strathmore, Calif.—Mrs. Ellie Rutledge, 414 C. St., Porterville, Calif.

I have been most intimately connected with Sister Rutledge since her remarkable conversion and healing and believe the above entitled to full credence.—H. H. Baker, pastor, 510 E. Olive St., Porterville, Calif.

#### HEALED OF GRIPPE AND NEURITIS

I was very ill with grippe and neuritis which confined me to bed for several days. The Lord touched me so that I was able to go to service, but I was weak and could not stay up very long at one time. My appetite completely left me; I did not even feel any desire for a drink of water. However, I was still trusting Jesus for deliverance.

One night while sitting in the meeting I was feeling so weak and faint that I thought I could not remain in the service. Brother Coxe was preaching on divine healing, and while the Word was going forth in the power of the Spirit, I applied the message to my own need with the result that the Lord instantly touched my body so that I was completely healed and was able to help pray others through to victory. I praise God for this and give my testimony with the hope that it may encourage others.—Ruth E. Mossburg, 3320 E. 140 St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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#### CABLE FROM S. CHINA

In response to the requests of many of our missionaries we cabled S. China recently to ascertain the opinion of the missionaries in that locality as to the wisdom of sending others back at this time. They replied as follows: "Mission Council recommends the return of all missionaries." This of course applies only to this particular part of China since there are other districts that are still in a very unsettled state.

#### RAE BARELI, INDIA Laura Gardner

I am glad to say that God is blessing our work and souls are turning to the Light. We had twenty meetings last week, eleven village meetings and nine here at the bungalow. This included our Sunday services and our mid-week prayer meeting. Our Sunday school is also going on nicely and increasing in numbers steadily. One boy from the Sunday school has been saved, also his mother.

#### READY TO SERVE

Percy Bristow writes from Peking China: "The fever is burning, my throat is sore and an ulcer has developed on the tongue, but a call comes to say that a manufacturer is willing to give his employees a day off with pay if we can go and give them a meeting at his factory. Souls are in darkness and here is an opportunity to bring them the Word of Life.

"When we arrive we find the meeting is held in a dirty, drafty, evil-smelling room, but we start in and continue for some three hours. Was it worth while to risk one's health in this way? one might ask. Just one look at the eager yellow faces illuminated by the light of a lamp was sufficient answer. One government offical and a prominent business man were willing to stand beside us and witness to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of the physical discomforts, we rejoice that God worked. Several of our number have recently received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, and we are very happy in having a hall on the main street in which to worship. Jesus is good."

## MISSIONARIES' HOUSE DESTROYED Bertha Dommermuth

Sister Dommermuth writing from Cape Palmas, Liberia, states: "On the night of December 15th, Miss Gollan and I had gone to bed early, but I was awakened at five minutes of ten by terrible screaming. I called to Miss Gollan and told her that something awful had happened.

I feared that a tiger had caught one of our boys, but just then I looked up and through the bamboo ceiling could see that the roof was all ablaze, however the Lord kept us very calm through it all.

"I ran for the keys to unlock the girls who were sleeping in a room off the kitchen where the fire started. By the time I got to the kitchen, the roof was half gone and in twenty minutes our home lay in ashes. We managed to get our clothes, beds and bed clothing, desk and a few chairs out, but all of our food supply, kitchen utensils, dishes, water filter, some tools, school books, blackboard, all of our own personal books, my new steamer trunk packed full of things that I hadn't got out yet, along with many things were lost. We will be able to use our stove but all of our rice that we put away in the attic for 'hungry time,' which is starting now, God is providing rice for our was lost. girls and boys through another station closing and we are buying their rice, but don't know whether it will carry us over 'hungry time' or not. We will have seventy to feed and still they come. We lost about half of the boys' clothes and all of the girls' new dresses and underwear that we had made for the convention. We had sewed so hard before Christmas in order that we shouldn't have any sewing to do after school started, but we have much to thank God for. I have only had the one attack of fever and that while here at the Cape when I first came.

"The Lord knew all about the hard work that had been done and is now to be done all over again. Yes, we had gotten into our new rooms each 18x23 and they were certainly pretty. The prettiest I have seen in Africa. We think the five started by a spark lodging in the leaf roof which smouldered until fanned into a flame by the breeze. We feel like Paul when he wrote 2 Cor. 4:8: 'We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair.' The people's hearts were certainly touched that night and they cried bitterly. The next morning they were there at five o'clock with some rice and duck eggs for us, they said they could not sleep, 'they cry all night.' They were so afraid that they were going to lose us and that we would not stay, and soon arrived with sticks to start the new mud house. We hear that it is now finished. We have hought new things that we had to have in order to start in again and have sent for the people to come for us so by the time you get this we will likely be back starting all over again."

#### REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Word has been received from the Secretary of our North India District Council, to the effect that a convention is to be held for the Indian Christians, and it is the earnest desire of the missionaries that the Spirit of God might descend upon the gathering in power. The conference will take place at Lakhimpur, India, the first week in April. Let us unite with our missionaries in prayer that the Lord may be glorified in a very special way and a new work accomplished in the hearts of all that shall attend this meeting.

#### NEED FOR FUNDS IN NICARAGUA

Brother B. A. Schoeneich is in very urgent need of funds at this time for the finishing of a building in Leon, Nicaragua, In spite of the war that has been raging in different parts of that country, our brother has been bravely carrying on the work of the Lord, and merits our best support. The place that he wishes to fix up was partly destroyed by an earthquake that shook the country some time ago. It has been given by a widow whose only request is that she may have one room in it and she is willing that the remainder be used for a mission, with the understanding that we will look after the repairs, etc.

Let us all pray and help as you are able in the meeting of this need.

#### NEWS FROM FINLAND

A letter from Brother Arthur A. Vurori tells of the work God is doing through him in that country. He writes: "I have been holding meetings for over four weeks in a village called Salo. There is a little Pentecostal assembly here and God is greatly blessing. Conviction is very strong on the people. Over ten have definitely given themselves to the Lord, some of them are quite young yet. The saints of the little assembly have been edified and revived. My heart is encouraged. I was often troubled about my call into God's work, but now I feel sure that it is of God. I would like to ask an interest in your prayers. My nerves are in very poor condition as I have to travel so much and have so many meetings during the week'

Holiness appears to me to be of a sweet, pleasant, charming, serene, calm nature; bringing purity, brightness, peacefulness and ravishment to the soul.—Jonathan Edwards.

When men yield to sin they become ensured and captivated by it, and at last find themselves in the depths of its moral

#### A SOUTH AMERICAN SAINT

Mr. Haymaker, the veteran missionary in Guatemala, was a personal friend of that Pauline apostle to Latin America, Francisco Penzotti, and draws a vivid portrait of him in the Guatemala News. Mr. Penzotti was in great pain in his last days, but he went into the presence of Christ with the words, "It is fine to serve the Lord," and then, smiling, cried out in death, "It's beautiful!"

He was brought up a Catholic in Italy, emigrated to Montevideo, and was converted, after reading a Testament sold to him by a colporteur at a dance, which Testament he bought not knowing its contents, and only to avoid giving offense to the colporteur. He had no formal education, but was possessed with great gifts as a logical speaker. Mr. Haymaker knows of only two who equalled him, "Dr. Patton, the ex-President of Princeton, and a Mexican blacksmith, who couldn't read until taught in a night school in our mission." His life was a continuous battle with superstition, personal hardships, threats of death, imprisonments, dangers from wild beasts, snakes and malaria. More than any other single man, it was he who sowed Latin America with Scripture. "With the Bible in his hand, he traveled South and Central America, not only country by country and town by town, but actually from house to house. He knew Spanish America as probably no other man ever did.'

Peru has, since the days of Pizarro, been the bastion of Romanism in Latin America and Peru this undaunted man early invaded. The archbishop of Lima sent him an invitation to visit him privately in his palace. He went. But, when he was ushered into the salon, he found himself confronted with the entire body of Peruvian clergy. The plan was to brow-beat and scare him, but it did not work. For more than two hours Penzotti preached to this assembly of clericals the doctrines of grace. It opened their eyes to what the gospel was, and gave a tremendous impulse to the freer tendencies. The next move was to throw him into a putrid prison, where he pined for eight months, being finally freed by Mr. Blaine at the urgent insistence of the American Bible Society. His liberation was hailed with great demonstrations by the liberals of Peru, and it is not too much to say that he really fathered the emancipation movement which ended the Roman ecclesiastical hegemony, although he never took part in political maneuvering.

His great gift was Bible teaching, and he presented the truth with a charm which always won an audience. "In a large city of Bolivia he was once confronted by a great mob headed by a drunken priest, but won over the people until they hurrahed for Penzotti and jeered the priest home. Then they bought out his stock of Bibles."

A great, fearless, devoted pioneer of Christ!—S. S. Times.

#### MRS. MARY LEWER AND CHILDREN

Sister Lewer left her station in Yunnan Province last May and because of the numerous robber bands that infested the shorter route decided to try a different way and proceeded to the Northwest with the object of locating the main road to Burma. After six days' journey on horseback, the party were obliged to leave their horses and go on foot, the children being carried in baskets on the backs of natives. The snow was so deep that traveling became very difficult and in addition, every one of the party became snowblind.



Mrs. Mary Lewer and children

For several weeks they continued under these conditions, crossing high mountain passes until they at length reached the lowlands of Burma. After this the climate changed and they were subject to torrential rains and stiffling heat. Provisions were difficult to secure and it was only after pleading with the village people, that the party were able to buy food. Their supplies of sugar, salt and flour were exhausted and more were unobtainable. As Sister Lewer writes, "We still had something to praise God for in that we could buy chickens and rice. . . ."

The two little girls were shoeless for weeks which naturally made it very hard for them whenever they walked. After a journey from May until the middle of December, with an intermission of two months spent in England, Sister Lewer was very thankful to at last reach home. May the Lord abundantly bless our sister and use her increasingly for His glory. Pray for the little native church which is carrying on in West China during her absence.

Miss Ada Buchwalter, who was also laboring in the same locality as Sister Lewer, states that word has been received from the field that God is blessing in a real way. On Christmas day the native Christians went to the mountain regions to hold special services and some two hundred people from the Lisu tribe attended. They report the gospel is spreading among the villages and the people are praying for the return of our sisters to the field.

#### CHRISTMAS IN LIBERIA Mary E. Martin

"Our Christmas meeting was greatly blessed of God this year. We looked to the Lord definitely for His leading as to where the meeting should be, and the Spirit put it upon our hearts that Pahn was the place. This is a very large tribe far in the interior. Two missions are operating in this section and another one is to be opened shortly.

"The journey from here to Pahn is no small undertaking when one considers that our party consisted of sixty persons and the distance is about 110 miles, taking some three and a half days to make the trip. The trail leads over high hills, through long marshy swamps and over numerous streams. One who is not familiar with these African trails would very easily get lost.

"On account of the long distance we did not know whether many of the native Christians would attend. But our doubts were all settled when we reached our destination as the people had gathered from all parts. God had surely answered prayer.

"Our services were conducted under a large booth covered with palm branches and banana leaves. From the first service on Christmas morning, there was good interest manifested. What a blessing and privilege it was to see a large band of native Christians here in the heart of heathen darkness in whose souls the sunlight of the glorious gospel has penetrated, rolling the dark clouds of sin and superstition away. They join in the glad refrain, 'Saved through Jesus' Blood.' Many sought the Lord during the week. No accurate account was kept as to numbers, but many testified to being saved and filled with the Spirit.

"One of our boys about fourteen years of age gave a testimony something like this: 'I praise God much for what He has done for me. I go to the Christmas meeting and the meeting all pass and I never feel anything until the last night, but that night I know God save me. I want you to pray for me that I may be strong in the Lord. I don't want to lose my Saviour.' Pray for this boy that he may ever live close to the Lord.

"A man who had been recently saved had a wonderful vision of the Lord in glory. He walked about the mission yard viewing the wonders and glories which he saw in the heavens. He was truly in the Spirit. Our hearts did worship God as we saw this redeemed African being given a little foretaste of the riches and glories of our eternal home.

"There was a healing service on Thursday afternoon, when many were prayed for. A number testified that the Lord had healed them. The baptismal service was one of the largest we have had. About seventy converts were buried with Christ in water baptism. Pray much for these new followers of the Cross. The work here in Liberia is being blessed of the Lord. We expect to open four new stations shortly and still there are other places waiting for a missionary. This is surely Liberia's day to hear the gospel. 'Come over and help us,' they cry."

## In the Whitened Harvest Fields

#### A NEW PASTORATE

Brother Bert Talcott, Galesburg, Ill., writes: "We are glad to report victory in Galesburg. God met us here and poured out His Spirit upon us, saved sinners, filled believers with the Holy Spirit and healed the sick. We came here in January and have accepted the pastorate."

#### AN OKLAHOMA MEETING

Pastor O. E. Dunn, Ramona, Okla., writes: "We have just closed a 5 weeks' revival. Twelve were saved, 6 received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and 5 were baptized in water last Sunday. The saints have been built up and God is blessing in a wonderful way. To Him be all the glory."

#### MISSION PACKED

Evangelist Andrew Russell, Richmond, Mo., writes: "The work here is going splendidly; the mission is packed to capacity every night we have meetings. Am leaving for a few weeks and Brother Humbird and wife will be in charge here. The saints here will be glad for any brother in fellowship with the General Council to stop over."

#### KANSAS REVIVAL

Brother Albert W. Lawrence, McCracken, Kans., writes: "On the 7th of March we closed an 18 days' meeting with Brother B. H. Armes as evangelist. The Lord saved 10, baptized 9 in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. More than 15 are still seeking the Baptism and some are close to victory. We praise the Lord for what He has done."

#### EXCHANGE PROPOSED

Pastor W. V. Kneisley, Camden, Ill., writes: "Our 4 weeks' meeting closed March 11. Mrs. Hasting Allen, Alton, Mo., was the evangelist in charge. The crowds were fine, the weather was good, and the interest was solendid. There were 9 professions and 6 names were added to the roll. If any pastor would like to exchange fields of labor, I shall be glad to hear from him."

#### HOLINESS PEOPLE HELPED

Pastor L. G. Moore, Lansing Mich., writes: "Since moving into our new quarters on Cedar Street, our assembly has been growing until we have outgrown our tabernacle. We have just closed a wonderful revival with Sister Mattie Hammond, of Maryland. Many souls sought the Lord and some very fine business people came into the assembly. God has been doing some wonderful healings in the last two months, for which we praise Him. Many Holiness people have taken their stand for the Baptism in the Spirit. The city is being moved for God. We are planning to build or buy this spring."

#### OKLAHOMA MEETING

Brother J. W. Doyal, Savanna, Okla., writes: "We praise God for His presence with us here. Our 2 weeks' meeting closed with victory over the devil. Three were saved, one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, for which we give God the glory. We invite all in good standing with the Council to visit our mission when coming this way. We stand foursquare for God."

#### OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT

Pastor Robert Benjamin, 930 N. Wells St., Chicago, Ill., writes: "We are praising the Lord for His goodness to the children of men, and for the victory here. Some have been saved and the saints are getting stronger in the Lord. The Spirit was poured out upon us in a special way last Sunday; some were crying some laughing and others under the power of God. The Lord is working in our midst."

#### HELPING THE BAPTISTS

Pastor Crawford, Egg Harbor, N. J., writes: "The First Baptist Church here has just enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Evangelists Evelyn D. Becker and Helen Engle, of Baltimore, Md., were used of God in stirring up the people and awakening them to their need of a deeper work of grace in their hearts, and souls were refreshed, edified and encouraged to go on with the Lord. The full Pentecostal message was preached."

#### TWENTY-ONE BAPTIZED

Brother C. L. Musgrove writes: "We are very thankful to our blessed Redeemer for His blessing upon us during the few days we were privileged to be in Beaumont, Texas, with the dear saints there. God was the director of each service. Twenty-one received the blessed Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4; 8 backsliders came back to the Lord and a number of sinners were born into the kingdom. Brother E. A. Ellison is pastor there and extends an invitation to any Council minister to visit him."

#### A FINE GROWTH

Brother and Sister N. A. Bell, Tampa, Fla., write: "Brother Ralph Byrd, who is doing good work in Orlando, Fla., deciding that two together could do better work, was united in marriage to Miss Farrell Howard, the ceremony being performed by Pastor I. J. Bolton. Brother Byrd has been saved only 18 months, has been in Orlando 8 months, in which time the membership has grown from 8 to nearly 100, with 113 Sunday school pupils. The church is all new, stucco, new pews and grand piano—all paid for except the piano, which we will soon have clear."

#### CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

Pastor Ernest Adams, Anadarko, Okla, writes: "We can truly report victory through the blood of Jesus; the Lord is so good to us. We accepted the pastorate here the first of October, 1927. There has been a revival spirit on most all the time. We have had with us Brother Lonzo Jones, of Terral, Okla. Thirty or more were converted, and about 20 received the Holy Ghost. Then Brother J. W. Hudson was with us about two weeks and there were about 15 saved and some received the Holy Ghost. We shall never forget those days; they were such a feast to us. We shall be glad to have any Council minister passing by to stop with us."

#### WILMINGTON, DEL., REVIVAL

Evangelist J. D. Saunders writes: "Have just concluded a four weeks' campaign with Brother Richards in Wilmington. God blessed in a wonderful way in saving, baptizing, and healing sick bodies. At one time the writer counted 33 seekers for the Baptism, and God swept the majority of them through, making room for others. I may say that this assembly is in a very healthy spiritual condition, under the ministry of Brother Richards, and I am looking forward with a good deal of pleasure to my return there in October for another campaign. Am now in Pittsburgh with Brother Park with every indication of a real old-fashioned revival in this needy section of the vineyard."

#### NORTH DAKOTA REVIVAL

Evangelist Mable Stake writes from Antler, N. Dakota: "Evangelist Rangnar S. Peterson, of Minnesota, just closed a successful 2 weeks' campaign at the Full Gospel Church. Large crowds attended nightly, and sometimes people were turned away for lack of room. Twenty-six souls sought salvation, one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and others received the Lord's healing touch in their bodies. To Him be all the glory. Presbyterian friends offered us their church for the closing night because of its larger seating capacity, and it was also packed to the doors. Sister Mackly, soloist, of Minot, was a great blessing in song the closing days of the campaign."

#### A PROSPEROUS PASTORATE

Pastor C. B. Stambaugh, Virden, Ill., writes: "The Lord has been graciously blessing since we came to Virden. The assembly here is growing. A number have been reclaimed and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, among them, the pastor's son, 6 years old-speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The saints are getting on fine for God. We have 4 services a week. Have started a young people's Bible class which is growing and the young folks are becoming quite interested. Our Sunday school has increased in numbers and the congregation has more than doubled in attendance. People are getting hungry to know God's Word. We are planning a summer campaign for the near-by towns. We will appreciate the services of any minister associated with the Council who may be passing this way."

#### REMARKABLE BAPTIZINGS

Pastor Ben F. Smith, Santa Cruz, Calif., writes: "We were called to Santa Cruz the first of March, 1927. The Lord has been working in a blessed way, and we give Him all praise and glory. We have received 81 into the church and about 150 have been to the altar for salvation here and in our branch mission. Many have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One young man received the Baptism while riding in the car with us. were praying that the Lord would send us a music director, as we needed a leader for our intended work laid out for the summer. Last Tuesday night a professor of music who holds positions as instructor in college and state, received a wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues for hours. Praise the Lord! He knows His children's needs. We were called to a mission 90 miles away to baptize some Spanish folk in water. One young girl became so hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that she and a friend knelt under a tree to pray and she received the Holy Spirit. We find that God is no respecter of time or place; we have seen Him baptize people in autos, under trees, in their seats and on the floor."

#### GOOD CONFERENCE

Brother Marcus Horness, Muskegon, Mich., writes: "We greatly praise the Lord for the blessed Prophetic and Missionary Conference held in the G. A. R. Hall, Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 28 to March 4, under the auspices of the Word of God Church, Brother Frank E. Baumgartner, pastor. A sweet fellowship spirit prevailed throughout. Many sick were prayed for and the Lord made bare His arm to save and baptize. Sister L. Parker from India and Brother W. R. Williamson from China, were with us; also the following from assemblies in Wisconsin, Ohio and Michigan: Flem Van Meter, A. B. Cox, D. G. Scott, Wm. Murphy, H. A. Baines, Alvin Branch, Sister Staples and J. E. Robinson and wife. A good work has been done, several new families have been brought into the light of the gospel. The present hall is now too small and plans for a larger place are under way."

#### WASHINGTON REVIVALS

Brother Roy Smuland, Ellensburg, Wash., writes: "Since opening the work last October God has graciously visited this gospel-hardened and sin-bound city. Again we are reminded of the truth, 'Is anything too hard for Me?' God has blessed the Perks evangelistic party in Puyallup, and here in the month of December. Around 20 were saved and reclaimed and 2 received the Holy Spirit. The Word of God was present to heal. Among the many healed was a young girl of 14 in the last stage of sugar diabetes. When prayed for she was instantly delivered. A woman with hemorrhages of the lungs was also healed. A man with a severe rupture of years' standing, and back trouble, was saved and healed. Several people with goiters, and many others were marvelously healed. To God be the

glory. Jan. 22, Evangelist Zelma Argue continued the evangelistic program. The very first day 14 raised their hands for salvation. Day after day people were saved. In one week seven gave their hearts to God in their homes. Eternity alone will reveal the lasting good accomplished. I thank God for those who joined us in prayer for these lost, but now saved, ones."

#### CATHOLIC CONVERTED

Pastor J. O. Highfill and wife, Carthage, Mo., write: "We are still shouting the praises of God. Just closed a 3 weeks' meeting here with Brother James Watts, the Arkansas boy preacher, in charge. The Lord gave us an old-fashioned downpour; 29 were saved, including a Catholic woman: 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to the Bible pattern. A young college girl received the Baptism and is found shouting the victory. We came here 18 months ago, found a small band of saints. We had a 5 weeks' meeting. A little later the church was set in order with 22 charter members. The membership is now 68, and still more are coming in, for which we praise God. We have bought property, have a nice church 30x52. A good interest was shown during the meeting, large crowds attended each night; many stood during the services. Several nights a hundred or more were turned away."

#### DEAF EARS UNSTOPPED

Brother W. A. McLaughlin, Centralia, Wash., writes: "Since my last report we have had two campaigns, one with Brother and Sister Everett B. Parrott, of 16 days' duration, in which God marvelously worked to the saving of about 80 souls. There were many wonderful answers to prayer for healing. Goiters and tumors disappeared, deaf ears were unstopped, and some partially blind eves were restored besides many other healings. An unsaved man was called several hundred miles to see a dving brother; he sent a request for prayer in behalf of the brother and when he got there the sick man was restored. Others who asked prayer that they might get employment, reported prayer answered in that regard. Then about 10 days later, Brother Ronald Crozier, the young Canadian evangelist, came to us for a 10 days' campaign, during which time several were saved and 2 received the Baptism with the Spirit."

#### A CONTINUING REVIVAL

Pastor Einer Smestad, Cottage Grove, Ore., writes: "We are in the midst of a blessed revival. Lillian Powel, 14-year-old-girl preacher has been used in bringing many souls to salvation. During her three weeks' meeting which was held at the Armory, 13 were saved, 9 backsliders reclaimed and 2 received the Holy Ghost. The revival continues with the Cobb Sisters of Eugene, Ore., in charge, with good results. We are enlarging our tabernacle 24 feet and other improvements are being made."

Covetousness blights the entire life of the one whom it ensnares.

### Forthcoming Meetings

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Campaign from March 77 to April 6. Pastor Thos. B. Barratt of Oslo, Norway.—W. E. Moody, 1417 Kimbrough, pastor.

BOWIE, TEX.—A revival will begin here April 8, with Brethren Floyd L. Hawkins and Bernice Robison in charge. Everybody welcome.—Pastor Dora E. Rawls.

3-DAY MINISTERS' MEETING WILMINGTON, DEL. — First Pentecostal Church, 23rd and Pine Sts., April 3-5.—Pastor M. W. Richards, 915 W. 29th St. (Phone 7458-J).

KOUNTZE, TFXAS.—Evangelist W. H. Whelchel, of Oklahoma will conduct a revival meeting in our new church begin ing about April 1. Everybedy in this part of the country invited to the services.—Pastor J. H. Eason, Thicket, Tex.

columbus, GA.—A revival at the Assembly of God, 3125 3rd Ave., will begin April 14, continuing 2 weeks or longer, Evangelist Otto J. Klink in charge. For further information write to Pastor M. L. Smith, 322 29th St., Columbus, Georgia.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Evangelist Meyer Tan Ditter and wife will conduct a ten days' revival, beginning April 2. First 5 days at Bethel Tabernacle, E. Third St., G. S. Hardcastle, pastor; last 5 days at West 22nd Street Church, J. D. Long, pastor.

BILOXI, MISS.—Evangelist Meyer Tan Ditter and wife will conduct a revival meeting at the Lee Street Church of the Assembly of God, bevinning April 15th.—Pastor W. M. Stevens, 1108 Holley St.

BAD AXE, MICH.—Evangelistic campaign will be held at our new chapel, 119 Heisterman St., April 9-29. Evangelist Loren B. Staats of Blue Rock, Ohio, in charge. A hearty invitation is extended to all the visiting brethren. For further information write G. W. Payne, 119 Heisterman St., Bad Axe, Mich.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Old-time revival meetings will be conducted by A. Watson Argue, April 11-22, at Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 71-73 Himrod Street near Evergreen Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. For further information write Ray S. Armstrong, pastor, 63-05, 61st Avenue, Maspeth, L. I., N. Y. Telephone—Evergreen 9404.

ROSEBURG, ORE.—Christ's Ambassadors Rally will be heid here, D. V., on Easter Sunday, and the Saturday preceding: Brother F. E. Crook pastor. Also, a rally of the same organization will be held at Longview, Wash. Brother J. G. Gay, pastor, July 4th.—Leif Normo, secretary.

SEYMOUR, TEX.—There will be a fifth Sunday rally at the Assembly of God church April 28-29, 1928. We hope our district superintendent. Brother Cadwalder, will be with us. There will be a few baskets of natural things to eat and we expect a big basket of the heavenly to be poured out that the whole multitude may be filled.—L. A. Toller, pastor.

INTERSTATE CAMPMEETING.—The District Councils of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, will hold their annual comp meeting in Eureka Springs, Ark., Aug. 30, to September 9, 1928. For further information write either district superintendent, or E. J. Bruton, secretary-treasurer, Eureka Springs, Ark.

McCOOK, NEB.—A campaign in the interest of a revival and Bible study will be held at Pentecost Church, 8th and C. Streets, beginning April 15. continuing until the 29th, or longer, as the Lord wills. S. A. Jamieson, of Chicago, will give a series of Bible lessons. For further information write to Pastor C. B. Thomas, Box 94, McCook, Neb.

FOSTORIA, OHIO.—Evangelistic campaign will start at the new church on North Lynn Street, March 18, continuing until April 8, Evangelist Loren B. Staats, of Blue Rock, Ohio, will conduct the campaign and preach the dedicatory sermon 2:30 p. m., March 25. Service every evening at 7:45. Room and board at reasonable prices. For further information write Leslie Clevenger, 163 E. 4th St., Fostoria, Ohio.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—An all-day meeting will be held at the Full Gospel Assembly, 7815 Atlantic Ave. (Margate City) Easter Sunday. A feast of spiritual blessings is in store. Should any of the Lord's people contemplate spending their Easter or Palm Sunday in or near Atlantic City, come and enjoy a meeting at our new location—Margate City. A large corps of workers will assist in these meetings to ministed to all standing in need of spiritual or physical help. For further information write Pastor John J. Asheroft, 46 N. Montgomery Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

CALIFORNIA PROPHETIC BIBLE CONFERENCES.—Chart Lectures on "Daniel & Revelation Compared" are being conducted by Evang. Frederick W. Childe in the following places: Modesto, Mar. 29-Apr. 12; Watsonville, Apr. 15-29; Oakland, May 1-13; San Francisco, May 15-June 3. These meetings are to be held in the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Tabernacles of the places named; in Oakland at the "Glory Barn," 29-46 E. 14th St., and in San Francisco at Glad Tidings Auditorium, 1441 Ellis St. John H. Kennedy, "Radio Gospel Singer," is the song leader in charge of the music. Seats free, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—A Missionary Convention will be held April 5 to 8 at the local assembly cor. Campbell and Calhoun. Missionaries from Africa, China and India are expected to be present. Students of the Central Bible Institute, together with the young people of the Assembly will take an active part in the program. Special orchestral music will be provided under the direction of Brother Harold Moss, Field Secretary. Everybody welcome. Address all communications to Pastor W. E. Moody, 1417 Kimbrough Ave., Springfield, Mo.

READING PA.—A 17-day evangelistic campaign will be conducted by Evangelist Alexander Gibson of Quarryville, Pa., in Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 330 West Windsor St., April 12-29. Mr. Gibson, a Methodist minister, now in fellowship with the General Council, has recently received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as they did in the upper room, and this campaign will be his initial series. A special feature of these meetings will be messages in song by Mrs. Charles W. Pfautz, our little singing evangelist.—Edwin C. Sikes, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

OKLAHOMA FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS
The following places have been designated for fellowship meetings: Bartlesville, April 10-12; Tulsa, 13-15, 5th and Peoria St.; Shawnee, 16-17; Chickasha, 18-19; Wilson, 20-22. Also a district fellowship meeting. May 2-3 at Oakwood. The ministers of the different locations are especially requested to attend these meetings. Brother Harold H. Moss, Missionary Field Secretary, of Springfield, Mo., will be with us in these meetings. All saints of close-by assemblies are invited to attend these meetings. For further particulars address James Hutsell, District Superintendent, Slick, Okla.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—There will be a District Fellowship Meeting at the Assembly of God, 3rd street and Virginia avenue, April 10-12. We expect either General Superintendent W. T. Gaston, or Assistant Superintendent D. H. McDowell, to be with us at this time. We shall endeavor to secure the services of Brother Fred Henry, blind pianist of Tulsa, Okla. Our assembly will do its best to provide entertainment for all who come, but it would be advisable for those who can do so to come prepared to provide their own entertainment, as our assembly is not large; but come. Brother James Hutsell, our district superintendent, and a committee of the district president, and a committee of the district president of the committee of the committe

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 14th Annual District Council of Southern Missouri will convene April 3-6, at Kennett, Mo. We expect all the ministers and two delegates 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 District, especially officers should plan to be present. We are arranging to have Brother W. T. Gaston or Brother D. H. McDowell with us through this meeting. Any one desiring license or ordination must secure Application Blank and have same filled in properly and meet the Board at this time. To come to Kennett from west side of District, Springfield, etc., take Frisco to Jonesboro, Ark, take bus from Jonesboro to Kennett, or Highway No. 60 to Dexter, Mo., No. 25 to 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 Kennett. For further information write Pastor S. K. Biffle, Kennett, Mo., or myself.—A. A. Wilson, district superintendent, 21 Market St., Dexter, Mo.

WANTED.—Pastor in fellowship with the Council, to take charge of the Assembly of God, Decatur, Ill. For information, write Cedric King, 835 E. Grand Ave., Decatur, Ill.

NOTICE.—Will pastors kindly note that my permanent address in the U. S. A. will be 762 Spruce St., Hagerstown, Md., where all inquiries regarding dates for camp meetings or campaigns may be sent.—Evangelist J. D. (Jack) Saunders.

NOTICE.—If you have any unused broken skeins of yarn around your home, a sister in Montana will be glad to make them into caps for the little children under the care of Misses Almyra and Jean Aston, Bara Banki, U. P. India. Send all materials to Dr. Mabel Calvert, Pine Hills R., Miles City, Montana.

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OPEN FOR CALLS.—As evangelist, after April 4. Any one desiring my services, address J. B. McDonough, R. 1, Wichita Falls, Tex.

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