## The Coming of the Son of ©Man

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"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man"; or, as it is in the Revised Version:
"But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36.

NOW, I should be prepared to stake the Deity of Christ on that single phrase. He describes the far future first of all. He tells history long before it comes to pass. How could He do that if He were not God? He also declares His personal return as Judge. He says that every man's eternal destiny will be settled by Him as the Son of Man. To stand before Him will mean salvation; not to stand before Him will mean destruction. Psalm 1:5. How could He have said that if He were not God? He not only describes the future, and declares His own personal return, but He tells the way of salvation.

How Can We Escape?
How can we be established amid those awful scenes? He tells us how. "Watch and make supplication." And He assures us that if we do that we shall stand before the Son of Man. Don't you think-unless He were the most arrogant impostor in historythat He must have been the Son of Man and God the Son? I am so concerned about the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ that I reiterate once more the fact that there is ample evidence of it in this verse.
Our Lord describes the dark epoch of the future; He says that there are things that shall come to pass; things that must be escaped. Oh, the woe that will fall upon those who do not escape those things! Then He tells us of the glorious events of the future, when the Son of Man shall return, and when we shall stand before Him. Then there is a third thing. He tells us how to escape the one, and how to be sustained in the other.

Now, first for a moment or two, look at this

## Dark Epoch of the Future

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass." Those are words to be pondered over. He knows everything that is in the future. When He unfolds even a little of the program, it is our highest wisdom to ponder over it, and it is madness to ignore it. What kinds of things are they? Read on from the 26th verse. They are dark things. "That is a gloomy idea," says one. My dear friends, we are not to be deterred from a divinely given idea just bejcause it may seem to be gloomy. Is it a fact? That is the only point that concerns us. It is a madman who shuts his eyes to possibilities,-aye, to certainties. Surely our Lord was never kinder than when He warned us of the

Things That Shall Come to Pass. I have no doubt that these words have a lesser meaning, which may be expressed in one phrase-the destruction of Jerusalem. There was an intermediate fulfillment in the destruction of Jerusalem, but I submit that it is obvious to any one who reads the chapter that there are things foretold there that

## THY LOVE

O Christ, Thy wondrous Love has melted me; Just like Thyself I henceforth long to be: Grant me THY Love.
From my vile self Thy Love has lifted me:
I now long only to be filled with Thee, And with THY Love.
Through Thine own eyes, Lord, I would others see, And, loving them, would turn their gaze to Thee, And to THY Love.
O Love, reveal'd, betray'd, in Galilee, Gethsemane, smitten on Calvary-

O saving Love!
Dwell in me, Lord; and may it henceforth be None by Thyself whom others see in me, Nought by THY Love!
-Elsie M. Tilney.
never can be fulfilled except in the future. No events of history have filled up the measure of this prophecy. Our interest is roused by the fact that Chribt tells us of this dark epoch of the future, and of these things that shall come to pass. Years may roll on, and the devil may sneer, and wicked men may say, "Where is the promise of His coming?" but these things shall come to pass. I call attention to the emphatic word of the Lord as to the sureness of these things.
Are these things indicated by Christ? If so, what are they? You have some of them in the chapter. Do you know, the variety of them startles one? "All these things." Those words have been ringing in my ears very much lately. What a variety! You say, there have been

Wonderful Things in History.
There has been nothing in history comparable in wonderment to what there will be in the future. Look at the 10th verse: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." You say, "That has always been so." Yes, but it is going to be so on a scale unprecedented. If you believe the Bible at all, I think you are bound to believe that there is to be an Armageddon at the end of the age. People are talking about a warless world. But if the Bible is true, you will never get it until the Lord returns. Nobody can bring that about but the Lord Himself, and He can only bring it about by His personal return. That is not a reflection in the slightest degree on those efforts to bring about peace among men. Let every Christian lend his hand to help to bring that about. But, if I may say so bluntly, don't live in a fool's paradise. You may lessen war, you may check militarism; but you will never have a warless world till the return of our Lord.
Then look at ver. 11. "And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences." Now, if you will let me give you this clue, a very simple one, and I am hopeful that you will take it-read (Continued on Page Six)

## The Importance of Prayer

By Pastor J. Narver Gortner

It is scarcely possible to lay too great emphasis upon the importance of prayer. Study the lite of the Master, and you will see that He prayed much. He has set an example for us to follow. We should walk in His steps. Paul was a man of prayer. He began his life as a Christian upon his knees. He was praying in Damascus after his remarkable experience on the Damascus road and before Ananias came to him and laid hands upon him that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. "Behold, he prayeth." All who have eminently succeeded as winners of souls have spent much time upon their knees in communion with God. The powers of darkness are mighty, and they must be defeated. God is looking for people who will co-operate with Him in prayer, that these powers of evil may be routed, and God may be glorified.
Tennyson was right when he wrote, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Through prayer divine protection has been afforded and the death of loved ones averted. Mrs. Pickett, the widow of General Pickett, attended the Peace Jubilee in Philadelphia in 1898. There she met an old Federal soldier, and he said to her, "I heard that you were coming here, and I came just to see you, and to tell you something. I could very easily have killed General Pickett at the battle of Gettysburg. I was behind a stone wall, and I saw the general seated on a horse, surveying the field of battle. He was sitting there just as coolly as though he had been at home in his garden. He was only a short distance away, and I raised my gun and pointed it at him, and was about to pull the trigger, when something seemed to say to me that I ought not to kill such a brave man, and I lowered my gun, and as I did so I looked behind me and saw three men in the act of lowering their guns. They said, 'We cannot shoot a man as brave as that man is.' I did not know at the time who the officer was, but I learned later that he was General Pickett." "Thank God!" exclaimed Mrs. Pickett, "I was on my knees all the time while the battle was in progress, praying for him. I knew that God answered prayer, but I did not know until now how my prayers averted his death that day. If I had not prayed he had not lived."

Through prayer, revivals have come to churches and communities and souls have been coverted. The late Dr. W. N. Brodbeck was pastor a number of years ago of a church in an Ohio town. He began an evangelistic campaign, and it ran on for three weeks with no striking results. One of the leading members of the church came to the pastor and said, "It is time for these meetings to close. We want to hold a fair and have some entertainments." The pastor's heart was nearly broken, and he said, "You can do as you please about the fair and the entertainments, but these meetings are not going to close." His heart was greatly burdened, and so was the heart of a devout woman with whom he talked concerning the situation. Each spent the night in prayer. The next morning about ten o'clock the pas-
tor got the evidence that a real revival was on the way. He had prayed through. After dinner he went out and on the street he met the woman, and her face was beaming. "Pastor," she said, "the revival is coming!" He asked her how she knew. She said that she had prayed through and that God had given her the evidence at ten o'clock that morning. It was at that hour that the pastor had got the evidence. That evening while the pastor was preaching a young man came to the altar. Another came and another, and it was necessary for the pastor to stop right in the middle of his sermon and make the altar call. A mighty revival broke out, and hundreds were converted. That church was mightily quickened by the power of God, and two hundred and seventy-five new members were added to it. The revival came and the souls were saved in answer to prayer. It all came about because two burdened hearts spent a whole night before God pleading for victory.

Through prayer loved ones have been led to relinquish error and receive the truth. Harriet Beecher Stowe was a remarkable woman. She was the possessor of an extraordinary intellect, and at the same time was a woman of profound faith in God. She knew how to pray through. In the later years of her life she spent much time in prayer. She had a friend who shared her views concerning Christ and the Word of God, but who had come into contact with German rationalism and had been moved away from her moorings. The heart of Mrs. Stowe was greatly burdened for this friend whom she loved very dearly. Letter after letter, filled with arguments and entreaties, some of them thirty pages long, made its way from America to the little town in Ger-

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[^0]many where this friend was staying and where rationalism was doing its worst to destroy the faith of one who had known and loved the Lord. All with apparently no result. Finally as the Christmas season drew near, Mrs. Stowe betook herself to prayer. She shut herself up in her room, shut the world out, and shut herself in with God. She pleaded for her friend and continued to plead. It was a real battle, but the victory came. Some time afterwards a letter came across the ocean. It was from the friend in Germany, and contained these words, "As the Christmas season approached a strange light came to me. I cannot understand it or explain it, but it came. All is clear now. I understand what I was not able to understand before. I see my way clear to accept all that is written in the Book, and I believe now as you believe." It was through prayer that the victory had been won. What the powerful intellect of Harriet Beecher Stowe had been unable to accomplish, her faith in God had done, or rather, God had done, in answer to prayer.

Through prayer deliverances have been wrought for some who have been visited with divine judgment. The story of what happened to Julian Renfro is a most remarkable story, and it is all true. No less a character than Dr. James M. Gray of Chicago vouches for its truthfulness, and he did so after he had made a full investigation of the facts in the case. Julian Renfro was a druggist's clerk. His home was in Shreveport, La. He went to Chicago to study medicine. On the evening of May 1st, 1904, he was playing whist with some of his companions. The swbject of man's obligations and responsibilities as a creature of God was mentioned, and Renfro remarked that he did not believe in the existence of God. One of the players affirmed his belief in God, but Renfro replied, "I have read too many of Ingersoll's works. I cannot believe." And then he added, "If God would give me a demonstration of His existence ; if, for instance, He would strike me deaf or dumb or blind, I might believe." No sooner had the words fallen from his lips than his arms shot out in front of him, he turned ghastly white, and fell to the floor in an unconscious condition. A physician was hastily summoned. The young man had recovered consciousness, but he was able neither to hear nor speak. The doctor afterwards said, "The account as given in the daily press is correct. The man was yet on the floor when I arrived, and did not talk. He said in writing he could not hear. I gave it as my opinion that it was but a passing nervous attack, functional only; but, as he has not regained either faculty yet, it puts a different phase on the matter. Scientifically, it is hard to explain his affliction, since he lost both hearing and speech; for the centers in the brain which control these two faculties are not close together, and there are centers in between these two which preside over senses and faculties which he did not lose. Otherwise he was that night, and is since, all right."

The stricken man was taken to his home in Shreveport. There he gave an account in writing of what had taken place, and asked for a Bible. He began to study it. Prayer was offered for him. He declared his intention to serve God. On July 1st, his hearing suddenly returned, and his power to speak
came back at the same time. His first words were, "Praise the Lord!"
Dr. Gray preached a sermon in the Chicago Avenue Church, Chicago, on the significance of the event. He said that it bore testimony to three things :

1. The reality of God-personal, and outside of His creation.
2. The reality and peril of sin.
3. The truth of the gospel.

That the young man had been visited by divine judgment there can be no question. Prayer on his behalf availed. But it is quite likely that it would not have availed had he not repented and promised amendment.

God is looking for intercessors. Prayer accomplishes wonders. It is the medium through which God operates. What we want, if indeed what we want is in accordance with God's will, let us ask God for, and God will grant unto us the desires of our hearts. Lord, teach us to pray !

## REJOICING, PRAYING, THANKS GIVING

We are definitely told that the will of God for every believer is to "rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks." 1 Thess. 5:16-18.

Christians need have no doubt as to what God's will for them is, for we have this plain statement from His Word. These three things go together: "REJOICING, PRAYING, THANKSGIVING"; they are inseparable; they compose one sentence in the Revised Version; they constitute the perfect will of God for His people. Happy is the man that doeth His will: he "abideth for ever." 1 John 2:17.
But how is it possible to "pray without ceasing"? How can one constantly be in a spirit of prayer? With so many things to distract his thoughts, and disturb his heart, and demand his time, how can a Christian fulfill this expressed will of God? Dr. J. O. Buswell, President of Wheaton College, in his book on "Problems in the Prayer Life" says: "The continuous nature of prayer may well be illustrated by the conversation of intimate friends. Words are not constantly exchanged, but fellowship is not interrupted. We must not only have regular and frequent times of prayer, but whenever there is a break in the occupation of our minds, we ought to revert to conscious communion with God just as involuntarily as we should continue in conversation with a friend near at hand."
Furthermore, it should be borne in mind that in addition to our petitions, there is to be constant rejoicing and thanksgiving as a part of our communion with God. Making our requests known is only part of a life of prayer; it is just as important to rejoice in the Lord and praise Him for what He is and what He is doing. This will open the door into the prayer room of our hearts. It matters not what may happen, at any time, at any place, from any source, if only we take it as permitted by God for His glory and our good, thank Him for it, and continue to rejoice in the Lord. We will then find our hearts going out to God in worship, praise and supplication.

On the other hand, if we begin to murmur and complain, criticize and find fault, question and doubt, the door into the prayer room of our hearts will involuntarily close.

We will soon find ourselves unable to pray. The Holy Spirit will be grieved and quenched. In order to pray without ceasing, it is necessary to be continually happy in the Lord. Our spirits must rejoice in God our Saviour.

Notice how often praise and thanksgiving are associated with prayer:-"Continue in prayer and watch in the same WITH THANKSGIVING." "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known unto God." Again, "I THANK MY GOD upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request WITH JOY:" And again, "WE GIVE THANKS to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

But is it possible to rejoice always down here in this vale of tears, disappointments, distresses, afflictions, sorrow and death? Yes, David said: "I will bless the Lord AT ALL TIMES ; His praise shall CONTINUALLY be in my mouth." It was a matter of his will and not of his feelings. Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice." And again, "Let us offer the SACRIFICE OF PRAISE to God CONTINUALLY, that is, the fruit of our lips, GIVING THANKS to His name."

It is not a question of circumstances. God is far above all our circumstances, surroundings and perplexities. Therefore we can always rejoice and say with the prophet of old: "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded, therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know I shall not be ashamed." Paul learned to "take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake." THE QUICKEST WAY OUT OF ANY DIFFICULTY OR TROUBLE IS TO PRAISE GOD FOR IT. That is the way Paul and Silas got out of prison. That is the way the twelve apostles escaped from their enemies: "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." Such rejoicing and thanksgiving stimulate prayer and supplication, even for those who are against us.

Take heed, therefore, that nothing robs you of that joy which the Lord bequeathed to His own (John 15:11), and without which you will be hindered in prayer. If you are not able to rejoice in the Lord and be grateful for all His benefits, endeavor to find the cause and quickly remove it. IT WILL GENERALLY BE FOUND IN UNBELIEF OR IN UNCONFESSED SIN. Either of these will dispel your joy. "Now the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace IN BELIEVING," we read in Romans $15: 13$. Therefore it is necessary to meditate much upon the promises of God; for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." To neglect your Bible is to lose your joy.
The apostle John wrote his first epistle in order that "your joy might be full," and again that "ye sin not." In this way only can we maintain fellowship with the Father and with the Son. This fellowship can easily be marred by the darkness of sin, and then we are unable to rejoice in the Lord. Let us quickly confess every known sin, with a purpose to forsake it, plead the blood
of Christ, believe the promise of God (1 John 1:6-9), and then we will be able to pray in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

If we find nothing that interferes with our joy, then we should thank God for His love, His grace, His forgiveness, His patience, His faithfulness, His goodness, His gentleness, His power and for all His benefits (Psalm $103: 2$ ). "Name them one by one," and soon we will be in the spirit of prayer again. By rejoicing in everything and being thankful for anything, we can "pray without ceasing" anywhere. And "this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning YOU" and every member of the body of Christ.
Continue to Pray Earnestly for a Revival

## THE SAVED INFIDEL EDITOR

One Sunday morning last March, as I stood in the chapel of a very large prison on the Pacific Coast, I was taking many of the prisoners by the hand as they came down to meet me at the close of a very blessed service in which they had realized in a new sense, I believe, the faithfulness of God and His infinite grace. The room had been crowded with as many men as could be gotten into the hall and my heart was very deeply touched as I saw some of the finest looking men, and men of marked refinement, with untold possibilities, yet, because of one $\sin$ or another were there with the life and the future sadly wrecked. I shall long remember the grip of the hand of the various men as they endeavored to express their gratitude for the message. I was especially attracted to one man as he took my hand and said with the tears streaming down his face, "My, haven't we a wonderful Saviour !" and our fellowship was truly blessed as we stood there talking together of the faithfulness of our Lord. As we talked together, he told me he had, a few years before, been the editor of an infidel paper in New York City and despised the very name of Christ. I learned also from my friend that he had, a few years ago, committed a murder and is now in that prison serving a life sentence. One day, as he told me, some one came to him and told him of the love of God and His longing desire to save him from the power of $\sin$. He turned to the waiting arms of the Lord and his whole life was blessedly transformed and the men of that prison to-day love him and he had been the head of the Christian Endeavor Society for some time before my visit. This man has once had his own ideas about God; had used every opportunity to ridicule the Word of God, but how wonderful it is that God just continued to be faithful, and the day that this poor sinner turned to Him he found God was not at all what he had thought Him to be, but a most wonderful loving, attentive, faithful God, who has to-day given to that man a peace which passeth all under-standing.-Addison C. Raws.

When thou hast thanked thy God for every blessing sent,
What time will then remain for murmurs or lament?

> -Archbishop Trench

What God wants is men great enough to be small enough to be used.-H. W. WebbPeploe.

# The Story of the Apis 

By Dr. Arthur I. Brown

The story of the Hive Bee (Apis) gives us an illustration of the astonishing powers of insect life. When spring reawakens the sleeping earth, and the willow trees are putting on their new garments, and violet and primrose send out invitations rich with fragrance, the bee-world resumes its busy life.

The first job is to institute the usual spring cleaning of the hive and to build new combs for the six-sided cells to accommodate the eggs the queen has already begun to lay. The workers are hard at different kinds of work, some bringing in fresh stores of pollen and honey, while others are in charge of the fast-filling nurseries.
The queen is the head of the community, not because her wits are superior, for in reality her daughters far surpass her in brains and activity, but solely because she alone has the egg-laying power and so is able to increase or restore the population. Egg-laying is her only work, all her wants being supplied by her faithful attendants.
The attendants are the worker-bees who sustain the life of the hive. They are active, intelligent, but sterile females, their reproductive organs being undeveloped. The amazing powers of these bees are among the most astonishing in all nature.
The third section of the bee community is that of the drones, or males, which take no part in the work but forage only for themselves, and even then are not able to satisfy thoroughly their greed for honey. They spend much time in flying around, very energetically looking for an emerging queen, in which hope they are usually disappointed.

Diligence of the Bee
The diligence of the working bees is immense. They toil from morning to night, with ceaseless energy gathering precious stores of honey and pollen. In the summertime the average life of a worker bee is said to be only about two months. It literally works itself to death. It has been calculated that in a colony of 50,000 bees, there are 30,000 workers, which, making an average of ten trips a day, will visit 300,000 flowers. About 37,000 loads of nectar are required for the production of a pound of honey.

When a flower is visited, the bee protrudes its tongue into the flower tube, sucking the nectar into its mouth, and thence into the "honey bag," where it is manufactured into honey. How this is done is a mystery which human ingenuity cannot fathom, because no human skill has been able to make honey from the sweet-tasting watery fluid called nectar.
The golden pollen which the bee collects as it innocently rubs its body against the precious powder when it enters the flower, is kneaded into a little ball and carried carefully back to the hive in the "pollen-basket," a curious little cavity in the bee's hind leg. This cavity is made possible by the peculiar arrangement of the hairs on the leg.

One of the World's Wonders
The bee's comb, made up of hexagonal cells, is one of the wonders of the world.

The cells are made of thin plates of pliable wax, which comes from little pockets or manufacturing centers on the bee's abdomen. In order to start the secretion of the wax, great heat is needed, so the bees gather together in a great pendant mass, their wings buzzing rapidly all the while. Presently "a strange sweat, white as snow and airier than the down of a wing, is beginning to break over the swarm." These wax scales are removed by the worker bees with a pair of pincers found at one of the knee-joints, and then chewed into a soft paste which can be molded into the delicate fabric of the cells.
This comb, notwithstanding its extraordinary fragility, about one one-hundred and eightieth of an inch in thickness, is able to suspend a weight thirty times as great as its own. A small block of wax is attached to the roof of the hive, and serves as foundation, from which the layers of cells grow out downwards and sideways, always leaving a gangway for the streams of bees to pass to and fro.

The shape of the cell, six-sided, is exceedingly well adapted to accommodate the body of the grub, and also is devised to prevent waste of space, although when occasion requires it, in odd corners, triangular, square or other shaped cells are constructed. The measurements of a typical cell are geometrically accurate, the worker achieving a precision which baffles description.

The cells are not placed horizontally, but are given a slight upward tilt, which prevents the spilling of thin honey from the tissue-like paper walls of the cell. Cells are always filled to the brim before being capped. These astonishing measurements, let it be remembered, are all taken in absolute darkness, which fact makes the wonder greater still.

Other Powers of the Bee
A luckless mouse sometimes ventures into a hive, where it is speedily stung to death by the enraged colony. Now, on the floor of their dwelling, they find a dead body, which will soon become a source of offense to the hive. The body is too heavy to be carried out, yet it must not be allowed to remain in its present dangerous position. Bees have the power to manufacture, not only honey, bee-bread, and wax, but also a substance called propolis, which is virtually a very efficient varnish. This is now called into play and thousands of bees swarm over the corpse and cover every portion of it carefully with the varnish so that when the operation is concluded, they have sealed up the dead mouse in an air-tight tomb, where it will gradually go back into its primordial dust.

The bee nurseries are interesting. Within the hive, the younger workers are always busily looking after the new-born, and attending on the queen. The new1 l hatched grubs are fed on a kind of pap regurgitated by the nurses from their stomachs, but in a day or two, the food is strengthened by the addition of pollen bread, and later with honey. Then the larvae spin cocoons and the workers shut the cells with
little caps of porous wax. Within these walls they rest for 13 days, after which yet another generation of worker bees bite off the roofs of their cradles, and prepare to participate in the hive's busy life.

The drone cells in which the queen deposits unfertilized cells are larger than the ordinary cell, and later in the season when princess bees are being planned for, still larger cells are built, as a mark of respect to their future queen. The lying-in room must be of special size. In these "royal" cells, the queen lays the usual fertilized eggs, which, in the ordinary way, would develop into sterile undeveloped female bees. But, when the grubs from these cells hatch out, they are fed upon a peculiar food, "royal jelly," direct from the mouths of their attendants, instead of the usual fare of masticated pollen. The surprising effect of this special diet is to make the grubs develop into "princesses" with fully developed female organs, instead of into workers. What the nature of this food is, no one knows.

Is This Evolution?
How does the bee come by these powers? Her instincts are necessary for the propagation of the species and the life and welfare of the hive. If, as evolutionists affirm, instincts are the result of gradual development, there must have been a time when the bee knew nothing of honey gathering, wax manufacturing, cell construction, or royal jelly preparation. If that be true, the whole family must inevitably have perished. The first bees knew as much as their modern mates, and so, must have been born with qualities conferred by their Creator.

Evolution depends on heredity for the accumulation of characters. That is, parents must hand on to their children powers which they have acquired, the children in turn, passing down the improvements they have succeeded in developing. Apart from the acknowledged fact that acquired characteristics are not transmitted, in the case of the bee, the father or drone bee has nothing to transmit. He cannot make honey or wax, has no pollen basket and is an almost useless encumbrance. The queen bee, too, is totally destitute of the powers which characterize the workers, just as the drone; so neither of the parents possess anything to hand down to their progeny. Then where could the worker bee get its powers, unless in the first moment of its existence from the Supreme Architect?
The animal world is full of just such examples as these, and to the unbiased mind would seem to offer incontrovertible evidence of an omnipotent guiding Hand.King's Business.

## THE AWAKENING GIANT

During the last three years the Bible Society alone, through its Chinese agencies, has sold (not given) over $12,000,000$ copies of the Scriptures in a land largely devoid of the living voice. At the same time the huge chrysalis cracks for a gigantic moth. "In 15 years," says Chiang Kai-shek, "China will have an Army and Navy equal to any in the world." It was Napoleon who said of China:-"The giant sleeps: let him sleep."
It is only the fully surrendered heart that can fully trust God for all He has promised. -Andrew Murray.

## The ercost Practical Prayer

Pastor A. W. Kortkamp

Probably no generation since Jesus Christ left this world, has had such urgent reasons as our own to pray for His return. Very few, though, will share in thus producing the greatest event this old world will ever know. It's my prayer, my earnest prayer, that every member of this church will be among the few that cry out unto God day and night until the heavens are split asunder and we see Jesus coming in the clouds of glory with all His holy angels. Then it will be that earth's sin and sorrow will be no more.

We all know that God works in this world according to the prayers of His people. The Word of God makes it plain that the Lord has made all His actions in this lower world to depend on faith and prayer, and I want to tell you, beloved, it may be He is depending on us more than we dream to hasten the coming of the Lord. We all are longing for Jesus to come, and I am sure if He were to come this morning, there are hundreds in this building who would lift up their heads and rejoice saying, "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him !" But we can do something more than long for Jesus to come. We can do something more practical, we can pray-and pray-and pray, thereby hastening the day of His comingthat day which will mean so much to us and to all the millions on earth.

Now, some might say, "Well, Brother Kortkamp, is it scriptural to pray for Jesus to come?" Yes, it certainly is. You will remember Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come." Jesus Christ never would have bidden His disciples and all the rest of us to pray that prayer if it did not mean anything. No, He taught us to pray that prayer because He knew our prayers would hasten the great event, and on the other hand our indifference would delay His coming. You will remember that our Lord taught His disciples to pray that their flight from Jerusalem might not be on the Sabbath day or in the winter. Matt. 24:20. Now, if their prayer could change the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, not only the day or the week, but the season, much more is it in the power of the church and therefore our glorious responsibility, to hasten the coming of the day of the Lord by real heart prayer. This then should be our prayer, "Thy kingdom come." It ought to be the first and last of the church's prayers. All the church desires for herself, all she desires for the world, all she desires for the Lord Himself, is bound up in the return of Jesus to this world. It is the most practical of any prayer we could utter, for there is no other way whereby the world's political and social salvation can be wrought, and God's love for the world be manifested in its fullness. There is no other remedy.

This practical petition, praying for Jesus to come, was the prayer of the early Apostolic church. "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come," so reads Rev. 22:17. In the great church of Christ this prayer has never entirely ceased all down through the ages. It is true, as a whole the church has failed
on this point, but the most godly men and women, those that were filled with the Spirit of God, have cried out all along the line, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come."
All holy and scriptural knowledge should be fuel for prayer, and it is our peril to be so concerned with the doctrine of His coming that we forget the prayer. Is it nothing to us that our Lord wishes to come back? Why is He coming "quickly"? I will tell you why. Aside from His own desire to return, He hears the cry, Come Lord Jesus, Come, and He wants to grant that heart-longing desire on the part of the bride. Many Christians do not realize that He is waiting until He is invited by His own to return. "Why speak ye not a word of bringing the King back?" When Daniel understood by books that the seventy years of promised captivity had been accomplished, he fasted and prayed for Israel's return to her own land. Beloved, the sign-posts in the Word of God that point to His second coming have all found an echo in our day and time-then are you praying for that coming? Are you really inviting your Lord and Saviour to come, or are you just hoping and wishing He would come without ever giving Him an invitation to do so? Oh, my friends, I believe we all need a little urging right here. The Bridegroom wants to come, He is longing to come, I believe His great, tender, compassionate heart is almost bursting to come,-yea, He sees the shame, misery, $\sin$ and death that is all around us and He wants to come and put an end to it all. But we are grieving Him, we are slighting Him, we are not praying, "Come, Lord Jesus, Come."

## "GOD IS WHAT HE IS"

A few months ago on my way to the Pacific Coast, at the close of a conference in a certain town in the Middle West, the friend who was entertaining me received a most distressing letter from a Christian business man in a near-by city. He had been going through deep testings and the trials seemed to have become more than he could endure. He said, "God does not seem to take any notice of my prayers and I cannot stand much longer the circumstances which are bearing down upon me." Then he intimated the fact that, unless there was some change soon, he might better be dead. My friend after talking with me a few moments, called him on long-distance phone and made an appointment for us to meet at the station of his city when I passed through the following day. As I came from my train, he met me, and we sat down together in the main waiting room of that large station. After a few words of greeting I asked if he would tell me frankly just what burdens were upon his heart in order that I might use the time to best advantage in bringing him some help. He told me of trials and testings which were sufficient to cause any one to despair unless he was standing solidly upon the fact of God's faithfulness. Finally I said, "My brother, my heart goes out to you in deep sympathy in these deep testings
through which you are passing, but I believe God has given me just one message for you this morning." Then I added, "God is not what you think He is; God is what $H e$ is, and what you have been thinking about Him has not changed Him or affected Him in the slightest degree. God is faithful to you; He has been in these past days, but somewhere you have left Him. You have allowed some unbelief to come into your heart; you have compromised somewhere and God in His faithfulness this morning, I believe, is waiting for you to come back to Him," and I repeated again: "God is what He is," and that Christian man looked into my face with very real surprise for a moment and then said, "I had never realized that before and that comes home to me with tremendous force to-day." I referred him then to Romans 3:3-4 and once more he began to believe in the faithfulness of God. A moment later we removed our hats and bowed our heads and in the waiting room of that station that Christian man came back to the Lord and placed again the responsibility of his life and that of his family and the cares of his business upon the Lord. -Addison C. Raws in Christ Life.

## BELIEVING THE MESSAGE

A traveler was journeying in the darkness of night along a road that led to a deep and rapid river, which, swollen by sudden rains, was chafing and roaring within its precipitous banks. The bridge that crossed the stream had been swept away by the torrent, but he knew it not. A man met him, and after enquiring whither he was bound, said to him in an indifferent way-"Are you aware that the bridge is gone?" "No," was the answer. "Why do you think so?" "Oh, I heard such a report this afternoon, and though I am not certain about it, you had perhaps better not proceed."

Deceived by the hesitating and undecided manner in which the information was given, the traveler pushed onward in the way of death. Soon another meeting him, cried out in consternation: "Sir, sir, the bridge is gone!" "Oh! yes," replied the wayfarer, "some one told me that story a little distance back; but from the careless tone with which he told it, I am sure it is an idle tale." "Oh, it is true, it is true!" exclaimed the other. "I know the bridge is gone, for I barely escaped being carried away with it myself. Danger is before you and you must not go on." And in the excitement of his feelings, he grasped him by the hands, by the arms, by the clothes, and besought him not to rush upon manifest destruction. Convinced by the earnest voice, the earnest eyes, the earnest gestures, the traveler turned back, and was saved. The intelligence in both cases was the same; but the manner of its conveyance in the one gave it an air of a fable, in the other an air of truth.

So it is only through a burning zeal for the salvation of the lost-a zeal glowing in the heart, and flashing out in the look and action and utterance-that the confidence of unbelief can be overcome, and the heedless travelers of the broad way won to the path of life and happiness. Love is the most potent logic: interest and sympathy are the most subduing eloquence.

## Burke the Burglar

A True Story for Young and Old

Valentine Burke was his name. He was an old-time burglar, with kit and gun always ready for use. His picture adorned many a rogue's gallery, for Burke was a burglar and was clever at the job. Twenty years of his life Burke had spent in prison, here and there. He was a big, strong fellow with a hard face and a terrible tongue for swearing, especially at sheriffs and jailers who were his natural born enemies.
It was thirty years or so ago that it happened. Moody was young then, and not long in his ministry. He came down to St. Louis to lead a union revival meeting, and the Globe-Democrat announced that it was going to print every word he said, sermon, prayer, and exhortation. Moody said it made him quake inwardly when he read that, but he made up his mind he would weave in a lot of scripture for the Globc Democrat to print, and that might count, if his own words should fail. He did it, and his printed sermons from day to day were sprinkled with Bible texts. The reporters tried their cunning at putting big blazing headlines at the top of the columns. Everybody was either hearing or reading the sermons.
Burke was in the St. Louis jail, waiting trial for some piece of daring. Solitary confinement was wearing on him, and he put in his time railing at the guards or damning the sheriff on his daily rounds. It was meat and drink to Burke to curse a sheriff. Somebody threw a Globe-Democrat into his cell, and the first thing that caught his eye was a big headline like this: "How the Jailer at Philippi Got Caught." It was just what Burke wanted, and he sat down with a chuckle to read the story of the jailer's discomfiture.
"Philippi!" he said, "that's up in Illinois. I've been in that town."
Somehow the reading had a strange look, out of the usual newspaper way. It was Moody's sermon of the night before. "What rot is this?" asked Burke. "Paul and Silas-a great earthquake-what must I do to be saved? Has the Globe-Democrat got to print such stuff?" He looked at the date. Yes, it was Friday morning's paper, fresh from the press. Burke threw it down with an oath, and walked about his cell like a caged lion. By and by he took up the paper, and read the sermon through. The restless fit grew on him. Again and again he picked up the paper and read its strange story. It was then that a something, from whence he did not know, came into the burglar's heart, and cut its way to the quick. "What does it mean?" he began asking. "Twenty years and more I've been a burglar and jail bird, but I never felt like this. What is it to be saved anyway? I've lived a dog's life, and I'm getting tired of it. If there is such a God as that preacher is telling about, I believe I'll find it out, if it kills me to do it." He did find it out.
Away toward midnight, after hours of bitter remorse over his wasted life, and lonely and broken prayers, the first time since he was a child at his mother's knee, Burke learned there is a God who is able
and willing to blot out the darkest and bloodiest record at a single stroke. Then he waited for day, a new creature, crying and laughing by turns. Next morning when the guard came around Burke had a pleasant word for him, and the guard eyed him in wonder. When the sheriff came, Burke greeted him as a friend, and told him how he had found God after reading Moody's sermon. "Jim," said the sheriff to the guard, "you better keep an eye on Burke. He's playing the pious dodge, and the first chance he gets he will be out of here."
In a few weeks Burke came to trial; but the case, through some legal entanglement, failed, and he was released. Friendless, an ex-burglar in a big city, known only as a daring criminal, for months he had a hard time of shame and sorrow. Men looked at his face when he asked for work, and upon its evidence turned him away. But poor Burke was as brave a Christian as he had been brave as a burglar. Moody told how the poor fellow, seeing that his sin-blurred features were making against him, asked the Lord in prayer if He wouldn't make him a better looking man so he could get an honest job. You will smile at this, but nevertheless a year from that time when Moody again met Burke he said he was as fine a looking man as he knew.
Shifting to and fro, wanting much to find steady work, he went to New York, hoping far from his old haunts to find peace and honest labor. He did not succeed, and after six months came back to St. Louis, much discouraged, but still holding fast to the God he had found in his prison cell. One day there came a message from the sheriff that he was wanted at the courthouse, and Burke obeyed with a heavy heart.
"Some old case they've got against me," he said, "but if I'm guilty I'll tell them so. I've done lying."
The sheriff greeted him kindly. "Where have you been, Burke?"
"In New York."
"What have you been doing there!"
"Trying to find a decent job."
"Have you kept a good grip on the religion you told me about?"
"Yes," answered Burke, looking him steadily in the eye. "I've been having a hard time, sheriff, but I haven't lost my religion."
It was then the tide began to turn.
"Burke," said the sheriff, "I have had you shadowed every day you were in New York. I suspected that your religion was a fraud. But I want to say to you that I know you've lived an honest Christian life, and I have sent tor you to offer you a deputyship under me. You can begin at once."
He began. He set his face like a flint. Steadily and with dogged faithfulness the old burglar went about his duties, until men high in business began to tip their hats to him and to talk of him at their clubs. Moody was passing through the city and stopped off an hour to meet Burke, who loved nobody as he did the man who was the means of his conversion. Moody told how he found him in a close room upstairs in the courthouse, serving as trust-
ed guard over a bag of diamonds. Burke sat with a sack of gems in his lap and a gun on the table. There were $\$ 60,000$ worth of diamonds in the sack.
"Moody," he said, "see what the grace of God can do for a burglar. Look at this! The sheriff picked me out of his force to guard it."
Then he cried like a child as he held up the glittering stones for Moody to see.
Years afterwards the churches of St. Louis had made ready and were waiting for the coming of an evangelist who was to lead the meeting; but something happened that he did not come. The pastors were in sore trouble until one of them suggested they send for Valentine Burke. Burke led night after night and many hard men came to hear him, and many hearts were turned, as Burke's had been, from lives of crime and shame to clean Christian living.
Mr. Moody told me of his funeral, and how the rich and the poor, the saints and the sinners, came to it. And to this day there are not a few in that city whose hearts soften with tenderness when the name of the ex-burglar is recalled. And now Moody and Burke are met, no more to be parted.-Dr. H. H. Mamill.

## THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN (Continued from Page One)

your newspaper in the light of that word. Jesus says that one of the things that is sure to be at the end of the age is that there are to be

## Great Earthquakes

in divers places. Were there ever so many earthquakes as of recent years, and were they ever so spread over divers places as they are now? Mr. Gladstone used to call attention in his day to the fact that the repetition of earthquakes in the last hundred years had been most significant. The newspaper will help you if you read it in the light of the Lord's own Word. Read again His wonderful picture of the future. He says there will be famines. You must expect them all over the world as the return of the Lord draws near. I think you will find from time to time corroboration of that tendency-to call it only a tendency. And there are to be "fearful sights," or as the R. V. has it, "terrors." And are they not multiplying all over the face of the earth? Read again concerning this dark epoch of the future: "And great signs shall there be from heaven."

Movements in the Heavenly Bodies meant to be signs-and they are signs to them that believe. Read on, for the tale of wonders is scarcely begun: "They shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake." Have there ever been, through the years we can recall, such persecutions of Christians as there have been of late years all over the world? The newspapers make as little of them as possible, but every now and again we hear some true reports. But, oh, the devilish persecutions that believers in Christ have been subject to in certain parts of the world! And they will increase.
Some will say, "You are gloomy." I never was happier in Christ than I am now, but I believe His Word, and He sketches
for us the program of the future. There will be betrayal. "Ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake." Yes, you may expect even betrayal. His servants will share the lot of their Master in these last days. Anything else? Yes: "Some of you shall they cause to be put to death." ver. 16 . Look at the scale of the martyrs in certain countries of recent years, and see the ten-dency-that is the best word I can think of -toward this dark epoch. Is there anything else? Yes,

## Nature Shall Be Disrupted.

"There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." The dark epoch that our Lord described is surely approaching.

I will just mention one other thing; it is outside this particular chapter. I cannot tell you how I have been impressed of late with the fact that our Lord, and Paul, and Peter, and John concur in telling us that one of the dark things that is sure to come to pass is a falling away from the faith. You remember how our Lord emphasized it. Some people say, "Oh, evolution explains everything." But there are things in the Christian system and in the world system that no theory of evolution can explain. It is a comfortable doctrine that some are preaching-that gradually everybody will be converted. Some are saying, "Interest the people first; amuse them first; give them plenty of whist-drives and dances." And they suppose that in that way the world will gradually be won for Christ. But that is an utterly unscriptural doctrine. Jesus, and Paul, and Peter, and John all tell us that perhaps the darkest thing in the dark epoch of the future is this-that there is to be a

Falling Away from the Faith.
Don't be discouraged if you see it beginning; do not lose heart. Gradual evolution is not Clirist's program. There is to be a falling away from the faith, and I think it has begun. I misread the signs of the times if it has not. Look at what is preached in some pulpits. Just think of those prominent religious teachers who are wanting a new Bible out of which the socalled objectionable things are to be taken. They say that young people's faith is being interfered with by those things. Are these men wiser than God? There are multitudes of intelligent young men and women all over the land who accept the Bible the more readily because they cannot understand its mysteries. People say, "We never hear of the atoning blood and of salvation by faith. We never hear how a poor sinner may be forgiven."

## We Are Getting Very Near

the fulfillment of that word, that there would be a famine of hearing the Word of the Lord. I am telling you what the Lord says. I tell you a dark epoch is coming in the future. But, oh! let me hasten to say at this point that it is escapable. We can escape those things that are to come upon the earth, and stand before the Son of Man. You may all escape that dark epoch that is coming on the earth.
Let us look at our second point, for our Lord foretells a glorious event of the future. All these dismal things that I have thought
it right to remind you of are but heralds of a glorious event-the personal return of the Lord to the earth. What says the text? "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." Then

The Son of Man Is Coming Again. Yes, that is the doctrine, and I think you can hardly exaggerate what a place that doctrine has in the New Testament. I am afraid the devil has thrown a veil over the eyes of men, or they must see what a prominent position it occupies in the Old and the New Testament. In the Old Testament the second coming of Christ is as clearly proclaimed as is His first coming. It is very wonderful to think that we are to stand before the Son of Man, and that He will be seen by all.
His return is to be visible to all. "Then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Can you imagine any other religious teacher making such a claim? There are those who say, "That is only a metaphor. If that is a metaphor, then you may resolve everything into a metaphor. As a matter of fact, that process is going on. They have resolved the resurrection now into a figure of speech, and the ascension, we are told from some pulpits, is all figurative. Well, you say, they will come some day to say that our Lord's carthly life is figurative also. They have got to that.

A Man Wrote a Book
to prove that Jesus Christ never existed. You do not know to what lengths you may go, once you begin to play fast and loose with the historical reliability of God's Book. It is no light figure of speech with which our Divine Lord proclaims His return. He went away in a cloud, and in a cloud He will return; and He says He is to come with power. I am glad of that. When He comes He is to come with power-power to help you, and to bless you, and to take you to glory; power to crush His enemies. The devil seems to have the upper hand now, but his time is short, and our Lord is coming with power. And, oh, blessed word, He is coming with great glory! He who stood at Pilate's bar, and was hurried off to be crucified with the malefactors; He is to come physically and visibly with great glory, and His glory will scare kings, and the rich and great men of the earth, till they will say to the rocks, "Fall on us, and

Hide Us from His Face."
How wonderful will be that glorious event of the future! But I am so glad He is coming as the Son of Man. I think that is very sweet. There is something human about that.
"Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears. Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers. With what rapture

## Gaze we on those glorious scars!"

He is coming as the Son of Man; He has passed through all our temptations and trials. And He is coming suddenly. "Oh, yes," people say, "you have been telling us for long years that He is coming suddenly." Yes, and one of these days He will come suddenly. It will be like a net thrown sud-
denly over a beast or a bird. And that is how it will be to those who are sitting on the face of the earth, and who are quite comfortable, and who are saying, "Everything will go on as it has always done." No, it won't. One of these days
The Last Thing People Are Dreaming Of will take place, and the Son of Man shall appear in power and great glory. And we are bidden to watch and pray that we may stand before Him.
What does that mean? It is a forensic term, a legal term. The devil may charge us with what he will, but if our trust is in the atoning blood, we shall stand before the Son of Man acquitted. Now, is not that a magnificent prospect? Now, is not that worth living for? Is it not worth being a Christian for? And if that is true, is a minister of religion doing his duty when he does not tell people that that is part of the Gospel-that we shall stand before the Son of Man if by a simple faith we have accepted Him as our Saviour? Have you a good prospect of standing before Him? Are you resting on His redeeming work. If that is all your hope and plea, that "for me the Saviour died," I charge you leap to the generous proposal of this text, uttered by Him who is coming in power and great glory, and

## Watch for This Event

Hosts of people are not watching. It is the last thing that many Christians are thinking of, that this event is coming to pass, and that it may come at any time. Let us be on the look-out; and if we are on the look-out, what a power it will have over our moral character, and what an influence it will have on our relation to the Lord. Watch against deterioration of character. Nothing will keep us from deteriorating like watching for the Lord's return. "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Some may say, "Oh, there is no tear of my giving way to drunkenness." Don't be too sure. There are men who used to preach the Gospel to me in my youth, and who now fill a drunkard's grave.

## You Are Never Safe.

If business is getting too big a grip on you, if your ledger is becoming your Bible-take care. Watch at all seasons, and watch against unbelief. Don't you listen to men who want to shake your faith in the Bible, and in the Gospel of salvation, and in the teaching about the Lord's return.
Watch at every season, on Sundays and week-days, in youth and in age; and pray, make supplication. If you watch, you are sure to pray; and if you pray intensely, you are sure to watch. The one will react upon the other. And what a blessed issue! You shall be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. How shall we escape them? The Lord will come privately to take us to be where He is, when all these tragedies are beginning to take place upon the earth. I beseech you, secure this escape for yourselves by simple faith in Christ's atoning sacrifice, that when He blazes out in glory that man has never dreamed of, you may be counted worthy to stand before Him.

## A Tribute to a Griend

For twenty years I have had a true, faithful friend in Sara Coxe. From the time she first landed in India, our lives have been closely linked together. We shared the same room in Kaira, Gujerat, during the glorious outpouring of the Spirit in that station in 1908. Together we tarried for the "Promise of the Father"; together we glorified God in new tongues; together we sang His praises ; and together we mingled our tears in earnest prayer. Together we laid our hands on the sick, and they were healed; and in that little room of ours, souls were born again and baptized into the Holy Ghost. It was she who first knew the sweet love story that grew into my marriage to Mr . Schoonmaker ; it was she who stood by my side during the sacred ceremony.
Separated sometimes since by the span of months and even years, our love for each other has never failed. Ours was the friendship that didn't need to express itself in letter or word. We just knew it was there and that we could depend on it, no matter what happened. Ours was the friendship, as few friendships are, that enables two to sit together in the gloaming after a busy day of toil is over, without feeling the necessity of talking to each other. Our interests, our likes and dislikes were so akin. We understood each other.

After Mr. Schoonmaker was called Home, the Lord definitely led the two of us here to Chapra. Then came the terrible flood that destroyed all our property here. I was away in the hills persuing my Hindi studies when the telegram came. Back I sent the answer God gave me after two days of awful darkness, "Straight forward!" Straight forward she went, nothing daunted. Debris was cleared away, plans drawn up, material bought, and within a few months there stood a new bungalow which is a credit to the mission and an enduring monument to the courage and skill of a frail, young woman. She put her very best into the building of this house. Again and again funds were exhausted, but with her characteristic faith in God to supply all financial needs she went ahead, battling against odds and physical weakness that would have daunted the average man or woman.

The past year, since her return to India, has been a year of great physical suffering and indescribable weakness. Again and again she has risen from her sick-bed to perform some act of service to others, patiently bearing the pain, smiling through tears and always seeking to dispel any anxiety or worry we expressed on her behalf.

An attack of influenza brought on pleurisy and severe heart trouble. Much prayer was offered by our little Indian church. One whom she had led to Christ spent a whole night in prayer, but we began to feel that God might be drawing her away, and in the words of Samuel Rutherford, who once said, "If the Lord pull, you must not hold back when He draweth," we sought not to hold her against His will-yet continuing to cry to God that He would spare her if it would be to His glory. But He drew her away unto Himself and unto the loved ones
who had passed on before. And she "was not for God took her."

The news of her death spread quickly, and from all parts of the city the Indian people began gathering at the Mission Houseamong them the men and boys who had helped build our house. They made a large cross and garlands of beautiful white flowers, seeking in every possible way to show their love and devotion to her. These were the men and boys for whose salvation she had prayed and labored so earnestly ever since the work began on the house. When we saw their grief and tender service, we felt her prayers had not been in vain.

We have never seen a more beautiful corpse. Every line of suffering was erased and in its place a peaceful, radiant smile. A Mohammedan was so impressed by the beauty of her face that he told one of our Christians that he had never seen anything like it. "Now I know," he said, "that she was a child of God and has gone to Him."

She was beautiful in her life and yet even more beautiful in her death.
In the evening, under the starlit sky, we laid her away, just near Sister Baugh in the little English cemetery. As we stood about the open grave, our hearts suddenly burst forth into singing, "He is coming soon; with joy we welcome His returning." It is only "till He come."
W. have lost a friend-shall we say "lost"? Is she not yet ours? Yet we shall ail miss her bright cheery face and her merry laugh. She was a general favorite among the missionaries, especially the younger ones, in whom she ever took a special interest. "Aunty Sara" was claimed by the children of all our missionaries, though by none so vehemently as by the Schoonmaker children. It was Joseph who never could forgive a teacher in the Boarding School for saying, "She is not your real Aunty." She has been more than Aunty to them, helping again and again with their clothing and education, always speaking of them as "our children." None will miss her more than they.
As we look back over this life, lived for God, several noble characteristics stand out more prominently than others as mountain peaks in the horizon. First-her faith in God-faith for finances when the majority of us would have been dismayed; faith for her weak, suffering body that God would give her strength to do His will; faith in the power of prevailing prayer. Sec-ond-her bright disposition and hearty laugh. Third-her unselfishness. She was always giving-she loved to give more than any person I ever met. Fourth-her strength of character and sense of justice. Fifth-her indomitable will to go through with God at any cost. Sixth-her love for the Pentecostal fellowship and the Pentecostal truth.
"Lives are like flowers. In dying, they abide not alone but sow themselves and bloom again with each returning spring and ever more and more."-The Sky Pilot.
-Violetta Schoonmaker

MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH
While driving, Sept. 29, at about six o'clock, we heard a click. On looking back we saw the door open and our three-yearold daughter fall to the road. We stopped the car, rushed back, picked up her limp form, and took her to the home of her grandparents near by. There was no pulse or heartbeat to be felt. A plyysician was immediately called. Before he arrived the child began to breathe and went into convulsions. Her face became so black one could hardly recognize her. Upon arriving, the physician had no hope of life.

As soon as possible we called our pastor, who anointed and prayed for her. Soon after she had a severe choking spell, and all who were there thought it was the last. However, she rested from then until midnight, when she turned over. This was her first movement. Soon after, the physician called again with the intention of tapping the spine. But he realized that a miracle had taken place and as she was resting, decided not to perform the operation. God was going to do the work alone, and therefore kept the doctor's hands off. At about three o'clock she became conscious. The next d:y the doctor called and the only thing that he could say was that it was a miracle. The next day, Sunday, the swelling and black were hardly visible, she sat up for a short time, and took a few steps. Monday she was up nearly all day and took soluble foods, whereas the doctor had said she would be unable to take anything through the mouth. All signs of injury were nearly gone. Words can't express our gratitude to God for her deliverance. We give Him all the honor and glory. Signed: Mr. and Mrs. Bartles, parents, 235 Madison Ave., Hornell, N. Y. Witnesses: Charles H. Schmitz, pastor, Mrs. Edwin McMichael, Mrs. Ernest Dungan, Mrs. George Bartles.

## REMARKABLY HEALED

When my baby girl was three years old she took pneumonia. We got a doctor but she got worse and went into convulsions. Her fever was 104 and the doctor said she would pass away in a short time. No one in the house was really a Christian, but we sent word to a lady preaching for the Free Methodists and she and another lady came to pray for my child. I was completely worn out with grief and watching, and did not realize how near to death my baby was. This lady preacher came and put her hands on my shoulders and said, "You pray for your baby." I did as she said. I went into another room and prayed. I went back to my baby and she had regained consciousness, but I was so worn out that I didn't realize what God was doing. My aunt came in and thinking the baby was passing away told me to go and lie down. I did as she told me, but had only been 1 y ing down a few minutes when they came and told me my baby was sitting up and asking for something to eat. Oh, praise the Lord! She was healed just at the time the doctor said she would pass away. She began gaining strength at once and within two days was up walking around. The Lord has been my physician ever since.-(Mrs.) A. A. my physician ever since
Leddy, Louisville, Nebr.

FROM THE BIBLE OF THOMAS E. STEPHENS
On one of the desks in the offices of the Great Commission Prayer League, lies the Bible of the late Thomas E. Stephens, it founder and director. It is a Scofield Reference Bible and is marked throughout, together with many notes and quotations, in his own handwriting. Mr. Stephens was a student of the Word; it was his constant delight; and this accounts largely for the fact that he was a man of prayer. There was that constant communion with the heavenly Father, with the Son, and with the Spirit. "What a fellowship, what a joy divine!"
On the second page of this Bible is an impressive statement written by our beloved brother which gives an insight into his character, the outstanding feature of which was his humility. This characteristic was evident to the very end of his fruitful life. The statement was written in the carly part of 1916 and is entitled:

## "Self-Abasement"

"Humble yourseives 'in the sight of the Lord,' and He shall lift you up." James $4: 10$. See also 1 Pet. 5:6; Matt. 23:12; Luke $14: 11 ; 18: 14$; and similar passages.
"I DO humble myself, and I pray that 'in the sight OF THE LORD' I may indeed be truly humble. Everything that I have is BY HIS GRACE. I have nothing, and am nothing, of myself of which to boast. I humble myself to the very dust and sit in sackcloth and ashes. Let me never, never forget the awful pit, the miry clay, out of which I have been dug.
"I can never cast a 'first stone' at others. I can never condemn others. For they too may be struggling with the fleshly feelings with which through a large part of my life I struggled, and against which I fought and prayed with all the intensity of my regenerated, but not fully yielded, nature; until, blessed be God, HE finally conquered for me. I give Him all the glory.
"By grace HE called; by grave HE regenerated; by grace HE saved to the uttermost, and by grace HE is now enabling me to live a victorious life where formerly it was one defeat after another The blood covers ALL my sin, and I praise Him with my whole heart. All the past is forgotten and put away, so far as its guilt is concerned, put out of God's sight and memory and out of my sight and memory; but never to be forgotten when I think of His marvelous grace, reaching down to deliver me from the power of $\sin$ even after I was saved."

His Dedication to a Lite of Prayer
In the back of this same Bible, on almost the last page, is another important statement, as follows:-
"On Saturday morning, Aug. 3, 1918, I was DEEPLY impressed with the following sentences which I read in R. E. McAdam's little leaflet entitled, 'Maxims on Prayer,' as I rode to the office: 'No praying man or woman accomplishes so much with so little expenditure of time as when he or she is praying. If there should arise, it has been said-and the words are surely true to the thought of the Lord Jesus Christ in all His teaching on Prayer,--if there should arise ONE UTTERLY BELIEVING

MAN, the history of the world might be changed. Will YOU not be that one in the providence and guidance of God our Father?'
"The foregoing burned itself into my very soul, and my heart immediately responded: Yes, Lord, UTTERLY unworthy as I am, yet by Thy grace, if this statement is indeed true, and if this is God's call to me, ILL BE THAT ONE. I'1l let HIM, the great Intercessor Himself, be that one in me and through me. And I'll give, and DO NOW give, myself unreservedly to Him for the one supreme work of intercession in the Holy Ghost. I do, Lord, ALL there is of me. Possess and use me utterly for this one great work-Thy cleansed and hidden temple of intercession."
In the margin of this statement, Mr. Stephens wrote: "See 1 Cor. 13:1-3, note." Turning to this passage, we find on the margin of this page, opposite verses $1-3$, these words: "An utterly believing faith profiteth nothing except it be accompanied by an utterly constraining love. (See Mark 11:22.24:2 Cor. 5:14)." At the bottom of this page, Mr. Stephens also wrote: "When we read this marvelous 13 th chapter, we do not wonder that Paul turned from gifts to love, for how infinitely greater than the mere GIFTS of the Spirit is the LOVE of the Spirit!"

And now may the "God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ," and make every one of us who are united in this fellowship of prayer more like this servant of the Lord in love and humility, delighting in His Word and faithful in the ministry of intercession.

## URGENCY

The Master's word is, "Go, work." If we spend all our time in contemplation, criticism, or even admiration of His Word, how shall we finish His work committed to us?

Two dying experiences illustrate the risk of delay. Long ago Peter the Great, the autocratic ruler, died. He had put off the making of his will to the last. Frantically calling for a slate, he wrote, "Give all to -" but the dead hand never finished the half-written sentence. In God's eyes, many a life is forever an unfinished sentence, from the habit of putting off to another day what is present duty. The other illustration is found in the last words of Cecil Rhodes, March 26, 1902: "So much to do, so litthe done! Good-bye."-J. A. Anderson.
"An Indian one day asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The bishop asked, 'Why?' He said: 'One dollar for me to give to, Jesus, and one dollar for my wife to give.' The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said, 'Yes.' The bishop was about to tell him, 'It is too much,' when an Indian clergyman, who was standing by, whispered: 'It might be too much for a white man to give, but it is not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."

## A GOOD COUNCIL SESSION

The Arkansas-Louisiana District Council has just closed its sixteenth annual session at Russellville, Arkansas. Brother W. T. Gaston, the Superintendent of the General Council, was with us and did the preaching at nights, which was indeed edifying to our people in general. His counsel in the business procedure was also very helpful. The writer was re-elected Superintendent, C. A. Lasater Assistant, E. J. Bruton SecretaryTreasurer and David Burris District S. S. Superintendent. These with E. L. Tanner, our General Presbyter, constitute our Executive Board. We have our District divided into five Sectional Districts, and a Presbyter elected for each. The new Presbyters for those Regional Districts are A. S. Peters, P. F. Ramsey, T. J. Gotcher, L. L. Riley and W. H. Shands. H. E. Simms and Berl Dodd were elected Home Missionaries and Presbyters at large. The nature of the mission work assigned to them is to conduct revival campaigns in new fields-centers of influence-with the view to establishing assemblies therein. Brother and Sister Simms both being ministers will do this home mission work in conjunction with their pastorate at El Dorado. The resolutions adopted were principally of a basic nature and furnish a foundation for splendid executive procedure on the field. One of the most vital and far-reaching measures adopted was the treasury-storehouse-a system of tithing and handling the tithes. The great gathering was impregnated with a triple interest: business, social, and spiritual. The crowds were cared for, free, in private homes, and fed at a large free-will offering table.-W. Jethro Walthall.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE HEALED

I received the light on divine healing through the remarkable healing of my husband who was down with a bad case of inflammatory rheumatism. I had to feed him with a spoon. I was a sinner at the time, but a dear brother with his wife and two sons came over and prayed for him, anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus, and he was healed. Later I was taken with a severe pain in my side. From Friday until Sunday I suffered untold pain. I called the elders of the Assembly of God. They prayed, and as we didn't have oil they laid their hands on me. I was instancly healed and jumped out of bed, praising and glorifying God. Praise His name forever!(Mrs.) Ida Denison, Route 3, Reeds, Mo.

## NEW MISSION

Mrs. Geo. Owens, Scammon, Kans., writes : "We have a new mission here, since April 1st. Two have been saved, one received the Holy Ghost, one reclaimed. Brother Walker, of Afton, Okla., is with us now. We have a large hall donated to us by the miners. This is a new field, and any one led of the Lord to help us in a revival will be welcome."

The diligence of Wesley in redeeming time was often noticed. One day his carriage was delayed beyond the appointed time. While waiting at the door he was heard to say, by one that stood near him, "I have lost ten minutes forever."

## The Gospel in Goreign Lands

## A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is coming and the heart of every Christian glows with love as we think of God's great gift to us in Christ Jesus the Lord. It was love that planned our happiness and opened a way for us to escape from $\sin$ and its terrible consequences and provided a place for us in glory where everlasting joy shall crown our lives.
Shall we not therefore in gratitude, make a special thank offering to Him who hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and add a little extra to our missionary offering as a Christmas gift to our missionaries?
If sufficient is sent we shall also be able to send enough to bring gladness to some of the native brethren of the foreign field.

The man in the picture has just been presented with his Christmas gift of meat and rice, vegetables and woolen socks, and you can see from the smile on his face how happy be is. Those who wish to help bring smiles to other faces may send their contribution to the Foreign Missions Department marked "A Christmas offering for our missionaries." Please send as early as possible in order that the money may reach our missionaries by Christmas.

## THE BOYS' HOME AT

 RUPAIDIHAMany who have sent in their gifts of $\$ 34.00$ for a share in the Boys' Home Brother Nicodem is building at Rupaidiha, India, will be interested to know that a home has been provided for twenty-seven boys, but seventy-three more people are needed to give $\$ 34.00$ each in order to enlarge the Home sufficiently to accommodate the one hundred boys who are waiting to be taught and trained as prospective evangelists.

This is an opportunity for a real investment for God. Thirty-four investment for God. Thirty-four dollars provides a home for one boy.

## WEDDING BELLS

The following announcement has been sent to us from Liberia:
"Newaka Mission, Liberia, West Africa, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on August 14th when Miss Grace Van Scoit and Mr. Phillip Elsea were united in marriage. Eleven missionaries were at the ceremony as well as quite a number of native Christians from our other stations. At 10 a. m., the little chapel was crowded with the mission children and workers in their gay colored 'Sunday clothes.' King Jack and a number of the chiefs and people also came in from the heathen town. The chapel was decorated with palms, beautifully colored foilage and flowers. Brother C. Walin officiated and the bride was attended by Miss Bingeman and Mrs. Edith Knoll, who gave her away. It was a simple and beautiful ceremony, marked by the sweet presence of the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Elsea have the good wishes of their many friends in Liberia and in the homeland as they continue


His Christmas Gift (Photo by W. M. Turner)

> All offerings for Foreign Missions and for expenses of conducting the Missionary Department, should be sent by Check, Draft, Express or Postal Money Order, made payable to Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., U. S. A.
their work for the Master. Brother Elsea is superintendent of the District Council of the Assemblies of God in Liberia, and as the field is large with a number of new stations opening, the responsibilities of the work are heavy. He is a comparatively new missionary and there is much traveling for him to do. Pray for our brother and sister as they press the battle for souls in Liberia."

NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

## Hungary

## David Raroha

August 20th is a big holy day in Hungary, known as the festival of St. Stephen, and special favors are shown to the people, such as allowing all people to travel on the trains for half fare.
We were glad to celebrate the day by baptizing fifteen in the river Duna not far from Kispest where our station is located. After the service one of the onlookers followed us to the mission and told us she was seeking a deeper spiritual experience and asked us to pray for her. The very next day the Lord wonderfully filled her with the Holy Spirit while she was seeking Him in her own home and she began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Our hall is too small to contain all the people who attend the meetings so on Sunday afternoon we are obliged to go outside in the yard. Please pray for us that our every need may be supplied.

## Konobo, Liberia <br> Jessie Eustace

God has blessed us here and we feel thankful to Him. Recently one of our girls died after having been sick for sometime. We praise God that we know she was saved. Her mother, who is an old woman, was baptized a little over two weeks before she died. I thought perhaps the test would be too great for her to stand and that she would resort to her old customs, but praise God a new life had taken the place of the old one. After her daughter was buried she began to eat and bathe and put on a clean dress saying, "My child is with God, I can't sorrow like I did once." She has been really bright. I was afraid we would not be able to comfort her in her bereavement, but the blessed Jesus knew how to comfort her sorrowing heart.

Sunday afternoon the Lord blessed us as we gathered for service and saved a heathen girl. She was truly filled with joy and the last three days she has shouted His praises as we have heard her alone praying.

## Nawabganj, India <br> Esther Harvey

The missionaries had a week of prayer last week and the Lord biessed, so we are having meetings this week also. Saturday evening the Lord turned the meeting into a children's meeting. There were three boys and my little girl to begin with, and the Lord began to deal with one little boy and he wept and poured out his heart to God and God met him. The power of God came upon him and he was slain and the Lord gave him a wonderful vision. He saw Jesus and a band of children and his father, who died a few years ago. He told the vision out as he saw it and this touched one of his brothers who was present and he also called on the Lord to save him. The power of God struck the other little boy who was present and by this time the mothers who were present felt their children ought to be there and they went home to get them. The power of God was so manifest that it seemed the children got under conviction as soon as they came in the room. My girlie was almost beside herself with joy as she saw one after another give their heart to the Lord. She went from one to another to pray with them. She had prayed for one little girl for months and I felt if we could only get her in that meeting she would get saved. Finally I went to her father and asked him if he could get her. He said he did not think he could persuade her to come but went home to see. She was at a school concert but the mother sent for her to come home at once and she came to the prayer meeting. Almost as soon as she came in the room, conviction came upon her and she began to cry to the Lord. As soon as Zaida saw her come in she went to her and stayed by her and prayed until she came through to vic(Continued on Page Eleven)

THE PORTO RICAN STORM
Brother John L. Lugo writes from Porto Rico as follows: "I shall try to give you some information concerning the hurricane that swept this Island on the 13 th of September. Our assembly hall in Santurce was not damaged very badly although the walls are somewhat out of line. In Almirantito the chapel was totally destroyed. There were 183 houses in this place but only three are left standing. Twenty families who belong to our mission there have been rendered homeless including the pastor and his family. In Bayaney the chapel, just recently dedicated to the Lord, was entirely destroyed. Only the concrete foundation is left. The people had built the new chapel owing to the fact that their old one was not large enough to contain the congregation who were attending. This means there has been a total loss of $\$ 850.00$ in that place. The crops were also entirely destroyed and two-thirds of the people have lost their homes and are living under the rocks or in any place of shelter they can obtain.
"In Pastales, the nice little chapel erected three years ago, was destroyed and again in this place it is the same story, the children of God, as well as others, have lost their homes. After the cyclone the pastor of this assembly was obliged to place his family in one house while he himself located in another, all available accommodations were crowded out.
"In Calambrena, the chapel was destroyed and many rendered homeless. The pastor miraculously escaped with his life. The chapel in Montes Llanos was blown entirely away and even the zinc roofing could not be found. The crops surrounding this place were also destroyed. The total loss of property to our work amounts to something like $\$ 6500.00$ and hundreds of God's children throughout the Island are homeless and suffering for lack of food."

Another letter from Brother Louis Otero states: "I believe you have been informed by this time of the terrible storm that swept through Porto Rico leaving desolation in its track and leaving untold suffering to the inhabitants of the Island. It seems that starvation confronts many and undoubtedly a large number will die in consequence. Many of the buildings have been destroyed, among them our Missionary Rest Home in which my mother and I were living alone. Most of our personal furniture was smashed to pieces when the walls fell flat like those of Jericho. We are happy to report, however, that we suffered no personal injury owing to the fact that the Lord undoubtedly led us to leave the house some hours before it collapsed.
"We are trusting the Lord to move upon the hearts of the dear saints in America to help at this time of need. I am in charge of the church at Aibonito and am pleased to report that the work is going on. The

Methodist church was utterly destroyed and we have the only Protestant church building left standing in this town, so that a great opportunity is before us. We thank God that although many have been killed, Jesus has kept us alive and rejoicing in Him."

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tory. She had a wonderful experience of salvation. She had a vision and said it seemed as though she were climbing up a hill and would keep slipping back and finally Jesus helped her up. He was at the top and was blessing little children. She said when He took her up He blessed her and told her her sins were all forgiven. It was precious to watch her. Her face just beamed and she jumped for joy. Nine children were saved and three received the Baptism. We praise God that He was mindful of the children.

## GLENDALE REVIVAL

Pastor A. W. Frodsham writes: "Stephen Jeffreys has just concluded his 2 weeks' campaign in the old Lincoln Theater, Glen-
er, in the audience saw a mist, or white substance, which she afterward described as the Shekinah glory, appear on the wall, and out from it, was scen the face and shoulders of Christ. She asked her friend sitting next if she saw anything-she did, the same vision, but more detail. A third woman also saw the same thing. As they were relating this at the close of the service the Spirit came on a brother, who in tongues and interpretation, gave out that Christ was present all the time with His people, but to some, He (God) had given anointed eyes to see Christ thus; but blessed were those who had not seen, yet believed (that He was present). It was very impressive when these three sisters gave their testimony before a big audience at night.
"The two communion services were very precious and blessed. The last Sunday was a great day-a large crowd in the afternoon and evening. At the evening service the message was very searching. Deep conviction was upon the sinners, and those who came to the altar cried aloud for mercy."


All that remains of the Rest Home at Aibonito

## FORTY SAVED

Pastor H. M. Savage, Burkburnett, Tex., writes: "Just closed a 4 weeks' meeting with Brother Oscar Berryhill in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the saving of 40 souls; 47 received the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water, and 26 were added to the roster. Many were healed. Quite a number of Baptists received the Holy Ghost; a number who prayed through were from other churches."

## OHIO REVIVAL

Pastor I. A. Shank, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, writes: "Just closed a 3 weeks' revival with Evan-
dale, Calif. Brother Jeffreys' description of a revival is 'when God's people get revived and the simner comes in to see and gets the overflow.' Day by day this brother gave messages under the unction of the Holy Spirit. At first they were mainlv for the saints-urging them to come out from the world and live lives of holiness. He was severe on introducing worldly methods into the services and having unconverted people assist in the musical program. God is looking for a humble, clean people who depend on the Holy Spirit alone. There were a number of healings, one particular case-a woman was brought on to the platform in a wheel-chair; she had been confined to bed more or less for eight years. After prayer she walked off the platform to her husband in the front seat. This man was much touched and a little later was soundly saved. Several who were under conviction of sin, came to the evangelist secretly at the close of the services to be dealt with. An actor after the morning healing service, knelt with Stephen Jeffreys and prayed and was blessed.
"During a morning service while the sick were being prayed for, one woman, a preach-
gelist Loren B. Staats, of
Blue Rock, Ohio. God was in our midst to bless. Several were saved, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and many were healed of different diseases. Fifteen were baptized in water."

## CROWDS INCREASING

Pastor Gaddis, Fredonia, Kans., writes: "I came here as pastor last April. Our crowds have increased each service night and our Sunday school has grown from 26 to 96 . Just closed a 2 weeks' meeting with Brother H. D. Stanley, of Topeka, Kans., as evangelist. The town was stirred, several were saved and the saints greatly blessed. The revival continues. We extend a hearty welcome to any Assembly of God minister passing this way."

When the death of Christ works with power in the preacher, Christ's life will be known among the people.-Murray.

To an extent beyond all power of thought, God has made His great and glorious promises dependent on our faith!

# In the Whitened Flarvest Fields 

SAINTS ENCOURAGED
Evangelist James M. Reb writes: "Just closed a 10 days' meeting at Hurley, N. M.. in which 11 were saved and reclaimed, 7 baptized in water, 1 baptized in the Holy Spirit. The saints were greatly encouraged to press onward and upward."

FORTY SAVED AT AMARILLO
We have the following report from Amarillo, Texas: "The Buster and Babe Smith evangelistic party, Ariz., just closed a 3 weeks' meeting which the Lord wonderfully blessed. There were 40 saved, 25 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water."

## MANY INTERESTED

Evangelist W. J. Blasingame writes: "Held a meeting for Sister Paris at Skellytown, Tex. Six saved, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, many interested as never before. The Lord used Sister McCay, pianist, and Brother Edwards, in rendering special music."

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND
Miss Myrtle Reynolds, Roanoke, Tex., writes: "Brother F. B. Markum, of Fort Worth, Tex., held a revival with Pastor Whitaker at Florence Assembly of God, in which 25 souls were saved and 23 filled with the Holy Ghost. Large crowds attended every night."

## IDEAL PRAYER MEETINGS

Pastor Elijah Pahoundis, Uhrichsville, Ohio, writes: "The Lord has been blessing wonderfully in saving souls, baptizing believers and healing the sick. On Sunday evening our church is filled; our prayer meetings are like revival services. New names are being added to the church all the time."

## FORTY-ONE BAPTIZED

Pastor E. C. Tobey, Roswell, N. M., writes: "Brother Tommy Griffin held a revival here, beginning Sept. 2, in which about 25 were saved and 41 filled with the Holy Ghost. Had two baptismal services at one o'clock in the morning-something like the experience of Paul and Silas. Souls are still getting saved and filled with the Spirit in our regular services."

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

The eleventh annual convention and camp meeting of the Rocky Mountain District Council held at Colorado Springs, Colo., was one of the best meetings the district has ever had. God's blessing was with us throughout and the inspiring messages brought by Brother H. H. Moss were appreciated by all. Several were gloriously saved and a number received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. Brother Floyd C. Woodworth was re-elected to the office of District Superintendent and Brother H. B. Garlock was re-elected to the office of Sec-retary-Treasurer. The camp meeting will long be remembered by all who attended.H. B. Garlock.

## ALTAR OVERFLOWS

Brother A. E. Brady writes from Bienville, La.: "God is blessing in the meetiing here. Several saved and many seeking. Ti.c manifestation of God's power has been so great that at one altar call only two were left in their seats; no room at the altar, people knelt wherever they could. Praise the Lord."

## NEW FIELD

Pastor Wm. Duncan, Fults, I11., writes: "While my wife and I were visiting in Missouri we held a 13 days' meeting and the Lord poured out His Spirit in a mighty way. Six souls were saved, one being a young woman that had T. B., who was also filled with the Holy Ghost. We baptized 4 in water. A gray-haired mother shouted for joy as she saw some of her children saved. This is a new field."

## SINNERS BROUGHT TO

 REPENTANCEPastor Virgil Shores, Mt. Ayr, Iowa, writes: "Just closed a 6 weeks' revival here at Pleasant Hill assembly with about 20 saved, 10 baptized in water, 1 baptized with the Holy Spirit. Sister Marjorie Mahaney was with us the entire time, and God used her in bringing sinners to repentance. The saints were greatly built up. Any of the Council brethren passing this way are always welcome."

## SEVENTY-THREE SAVED

Pastor Henry H. Ness, Fargo, N. D., writes: "We have just closed a most glorious campaign with Evangelist A. WatsonArgue at the Gospel Tabernacle. From the first service God blessed and souls were saved every night. A total of 73 saved, several received the Baptism and 27 new members joined the church. Crowds of 600 packed the tabernacle while overflow crowds reached between 300 and 400 . Brother Argue conducted meetings in five high schools, talking to some 3000 students. Radio services were conducted over WDAY."

## FIRE STILL FALLING IN W. VA.

The Lord is still blessing in the little mission He planted here about six months ago. Have just closed a wonderful evangelistic campaign with more than a score of souls saved and several baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Last Sunday afternoon we organized a Sunday school with an attendance of 135. After Sunday school we baptized 12 in water and Sunday night the hall, which seats about 300 , was filled. The church was set in order with 42 charter members. The saints have purchased a lot and anticipate dedicating a new tabernacle on Christmas Day. This new building is badly needed and we ask that you help us pray the thing to pass. Brother H. V. Schaeffer and Sister Ethel Huber, evangelists, did the preaching.
Also many sick and cripples were healed, including sufferers from T. B., neuritis, gall stones, broken bones, etc. To Him be all the glory.-G. H. Baker, pastor.

## CHURCH DEDICATED

Sister Minnie Bishop of East Seminole, Okla., assembly writes: "The Lord has been with us in a revival conducted by C. A. Lawson and wife, Jessie Moses Lawson. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit; others at the altar tarrying. This is a new field. On the last Sunday of the meeting we had an all-day fellowshio meeting; other near-by assemblies attended. Brother Hutsell was with us to dedicate the church. All ministers in fellowship with the General Council are invited to stop with us."

## CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

Pastor T. W. Wellard, South Bend, Ind., writes: "We are shouting the victory at South Bend. Since the work started in June we have been carrying on a continuous revival with the assistance of other evangelists, and have had the blessed privilege of seeing souls weep penitential tears and get real old-time salvation, bodies healed in answer to prayer, and backsliders reclaimed. We have secured a beautiful building that seats several hundred, which we are using for a tabernacle; it is located at 120 Sample Street. We expect to carry our revival services through the entire winter. Address the pastor, 1118 E . Indiana Ave."

## SOME WONDERFUL HEALINGS

Evangelist R. M. Thomas and wife, Box 284, clo J. M. Scruggs, Navarro, Texas, write: "I have resigned the work at Harlingen, Texas, where we established a new assembly. Brother Lane is now in charge there. While we were there a young lady totally blind in one eye for three and a half years, and having poor sight in the other so that she had to wear very strong glasses, was prayed for in the meeting and she received her sight, no longer uses glasses and is finishing her schooling seeing well out of both eyes. A fifteen-year-old boy was brought to the meeting suffering from T. B. One week before we prayed for him they had gotten returns from a special blood test which showed the boy to have been poisoned from vaccination at the age of five, having uretic poisoning and T. B. He was very thin and had fever daily. The next day after prayer he had an appetite and no temperature. The dear Lord completely healed him. Another blood test taken a week after he was prayed for analyzed pure and he rapidly improved in flesh and strength-is now a strong, well boy. An old blind woman who was a Catholic, after being brought into the services a few times for teaching, was prayed for. She instantly received her sight, accepted Christ as her Saviour, and came back later with a testimony for Christ saying she was doing her work in her home.
"We are now engaged in a revival in San Antonio for Brother McDonough. We began only last Sunday but seven have been gloriously saved. We are open for calls anywhere the Lord may lead as pastor or evangelist."

## NEW TABERNACLE BUILT

Pastor C. M. O'Guin, Granite City, Ill., writes: "Our revival is now going into its 13th week and God's mighty power is still resting upon us. Considerably over 100 have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. A much greater number have been saved and started a new life in God. On the very spot where the tent stood and which has been the birthplace of all these souls, a new tabernacle has been built with a seating capacity of 750 . We dedicated it last Sunday and the glory of God filled it in the old-time way. A new and substantial work for God has been born. A new thing has happened in this city. A marvelous Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit has fallen among the foreigners. The Croatian and Serbian people, some of whom cannot speak English, have been brought out of Catholicism and filled with the Holy Ghost in the Pentecostal way. This caused no small stir. The testimonies of their deliverances from the old life have made glad the hearts of God's people and aroused great interest. While their spirits are tender and the way is new to them, it is a great joy to see them working like veterans to bring in the lost of their nationality. Mrs. Grover C. West and daughter, Nola, have been with us the entire time doing the preaching. The meetings are in full swing."

## AGED MEN AND WOMEN SAVED

Pastor F. C. Moreno, Las Vegas, Nev., writes: "God manifests His presence with us by saving souls almost every week. We have organized a new team called, 'The Westside Outdoor Gospel Team,' holding meetings in the U. P. R. R. shops, at the County Farm, and in city parks with telling results. We have a goodly number of musicians and singers trained to witness for Jesus with their musical talents, and we follow up the musical program with snappy talks from the Bible. The 'up-and-outers' as well as the 'down-and-outers' pause to listen, and after speaking in English to the Americans, we address the Mexicans in Spanish. Last Sunday night in our evangelistic service a man past 65 years of age stood up and asked if I would immerse him, as he had always fought God and this particular point in doctrine, and right there gave his heart to God. Two mothers brought their children to be presented to Christ; we asked them to first give themselves to Him, which they did. After the meeting two other women came forward and found the Lord-both of them being past 60 years of age. At the same time a young man, a follower of Joseph Smith, gave his heart to God."

## SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE SCHOOL

On September 28, the Southwestern Bible School opened its second year with an enrollment of about fifty, which has during the first two weeks increased to sixty-three and a number of others are coming. Previous to this date, much work was done on the interior of the building-painting, papering, and otherwise preparing it for the large number of students. A large addition to the equipment of last year was also found necessary. Students are here from eight states-one having come a distance of sixteen hundred miles, A number more are
planning to be with us just as soon as they can be released from their duties at home and get here. The building has been fitted up to room and board seventy-five and a number of our students get room and board in the homes of families, some of them earning more than their expenses while in school. Indications are that the spirituality of the school will run high. Some experienced workers are among the student body. We desire the prayers of all God's people for this institution."-P. C. Nelson.

## BRIEF MENTION

Evangelist Andrew Russell writes that the assembly at Richmond, Mo., has been set in order; a nice hall has been rented and any minister in fellowship with the General Council will be cordially welcomed.

Brother W. M. Harrison reports 6 saved, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 3 baptized in water at Segno, Tex.

Mrs. Frank Smith reports the work at Oswego, Kans., as going forward, the saints blessed and the church free of debt.

The church at Fanshawe, Okla., has called Sister Cinda Johnson as pastor for another year. Folks are getting through in the regular services, Brother E. E. Mabry writes, and Council ministers are invited to stop over.

Brother and Sister H. O. Chesnut have accepted the pastorate of the South Norfolk assembly, which, they write, is growing, and their address is 38 Bainbridge St., S. Norfolk, Va.

Evangelists James and Nellie Cox have accepted the pastorate of the Monroe and Knoxville, Iowa, assemblies, and expect to open a Pentecostal Faith Home about Nov. 1st. For particulars address them at 1220 Kent St., Knoxville, Iowa.

Brother Ernest Dulleck has opened a Pentecostal work in Cheyenne, Wyoming, called "Evangelistic Full Gospel Assembly," and extends an invitation to any evangelist feeling led of the Lord to visit him.

Pastor W. V. Kneisley has resigned his pastorate at Camden, II1., and accepted a call to the Full Gospel Assembly, Springfield, I11. His address is 203 1-3 E. Adams Street.

Brother W. M. Johnson has taken charge of the work at Spiro, Okla., and extends a cordial invitation to any passing brethren. He may be addressed at 1711 Cedar St., Van Buren, Ark.

Evangelist Vera Ragsdale reports a good meeting at Marquez, Tex., with 7 gloriously saved, who are now tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. Geo. T. Davis has suggested that Nov. 4 be a day of national repentance, humiliation, and prayer. Let us not neglect this call to penitence and intercession.

## WORD FROM OCEANSIDE, CALIF.

Brother Walter H. Harriss writes: "Through the generosity of Brother and Sister Larsen, a vigorous Pentecostal work has been housed in a good building at a very low rental-and that in the heart of the downtown district. Sister Marjorie Cable from Oregon, effectively laid the foundations of a strong new interest, and Evangelist John S. McConnell's campaign was a mighty reinforcement. On March 4, my brief pastorate began, the assistant pastor being Brother Robert E. Reid during spring, and Brother Theodore Bueno through the summer. In the 2 terms of Vacation Bible School conducted at Oceanside and South Coast Park by Sister Eltha Neff, of Lincoln Acres, National City, 25 new converts were won. The preaching of prophecy and the organization of a Sunday school in the home of Brother Geo. Black started a fine new center at Vista, 10 miles inland. A most precious campaign at the last had for its preacher and leader, Brother H. A. Barnett, now of Pomona, formerly of Bowling Green, Ky. The Williamsons from Denver were singing evangelists and altar workers. Converts and Baptisms in the Spirit numbered about 50. Brother Earl Opie is now pastor."

## Forthcoming e Ceetings

Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notices of meetings should be received by us three full weeks before the meeting is to start.

MARSHALL, MINN.-Evangelistic campaign, Nov. 7-28, Evangelist E. Elsworth Krogstad in charge.-Pastor Minnie Steele.

BOURBON, MO.-A revival to be conducted by Eva gelist E.. D. Weiss, of St. Louis, Mo., will egin Oct. 30, continuing 3 weeks.-Pastor T. J.

DENVER, COLO.- A. Watson Argue begins weeks revival camb 37 h ate and Gilpin St league Church, cast 37 th Ave, and Gilpin St. ing over station KFXF.-S. H. Patterson, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.-Pastor-Evangelist W. H. Merrin, of Portla d, Ore., begins a 3 weeks' revival at the South Bend Gospel Tabernacle, 120 E. Sample St., Oct. 23. Meetings every night except Monday. Take a Michigan or Miami car going east on Michigan.-Pastor T. W. Wellard, 1118 E. Indiana Ave.

CANTON, OHIO.-The Shearer Evangelistic Party will hold an evangelistic campaign Nov. 1 to 18 inc., at Bethel Tabernacle, 313 Elgin Ave. N. W., Canton, Ohio. The party includes the Keith Sisters Gospel Trio, from Indianapolis, Ind. who recently joined Brother Shearer. For further information write Pastor G. F. Lewis, 316 Park Ave. N. W., Canton, Ohio.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.-Great Bible Conference, Oct. $30-$ Nov. 18, El Sereno Gospel Tabernacle, 4980 S. Huntington Drive. Take Red Sierra Vista local car to Ampico St. (Fare 10c.) Frederick W. Childe will teach on the comparison of Daniel and Revelation, also dispensational truths or further information write Elmer T. Draper at above address.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.-The 34th annual Thanksgiving Convention of the Highway Mission Evangelist Ben Hardin of Chicago speaker. We especially invite our out-of-town friends to spend Thanksgiving Day with us. There will be three services, and simple meals will be served.-Ernest S. Williams, pastor.

YONKERS, N. Y.-Revival meetings will be held at Gospel Hall (Pentecostal), 44 Warburton Ave., Oct. 21 Nov. 4. Mrs. R. B. Johnson, of New York City will begin, followed by Pastor R. M. Jeffery of Hagerstown, Mo., from Oct. 29. Nov. 4. Services Sundays $10: 30$ a. m. 3:00 and $7: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Every evening excepting Satur day, at $8: 00 .-\mathrm{Mrs}$. M. Stevenson, pastor.

LATIN-AMERICAN CONVENTION.-The 12th annual session of the Latin-American Convention will be held at $434-17$ th St., San Diego, Calif.
Nov, $18-21$. All are welcome.-H. C. Bali, Supt.

PITTSBURGH, PA.-Evangelistic campaign at First Pentecostal Church, corner Lincoln and Shetland Aves., beginning Nov. 4, continuing 2 or 3 weeks, Evangelist Hattic Hammond, of
of Hagerstown, Md., in charge. Church can be reached from down town by taking 82 . Lincoln street car; get off in front of the church.--Louis
M. Emerick, secretary, 1539 Alabama Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.-The sixth annual conference and election of officers of the New Eng. land District will be held at the Pentecostal days' convention begtining Nov. 8 at $7: 30$ p. m., and closing with the evening service Nov, 12 . The business session, Nov. $10, \quad 2: 30 \mathrm{p}$. m . Ali ministers and delegates with members of assem-
blies are requested to be present. For further information address, Pastor T. Arthur Lewis, 370 Hollis St., Framingham, Mass.

ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA.-The fourth annual session of the South Florida District Council will meet at Zephyrhills, Nov. 13-16. Free entertainment for ministers and delegates. For fur-
ther information write Pastor L. E. Campbell, Zephyrhills, Fla. Those desiring ordination or license at this Council, write J. E. Spence, P.
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blank. Brother I. R. Evans, secretary of the General Council, Springeld, Mo., will be with us. We ask all our ministers to make plans to attend this Council, and the assemblies to send one or two delegates.-J. E. Spence, district superintendent.

CITY-WIDE REVIVAL CAMPAIGN, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.-Beginning Octoher 14th to SEUM, seativg ten weeks, in lorated at Jef ferson and Washington Avenues. Thousands are praying for this meeting. Evangelist Raymond T. Richey will speak and pray for the sick.
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## OPEN FOR CALLS

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ing anywhere.-Mrs. Vera Ragsdale, Marquez, Tex.

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