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"The Holy Ghost Shall Teach You in the Same Hour"

A True Story by Isabel Brown Rose

WHEN I first caught sight of her, she was standing in the door of her cabin, talking to her little girl in English.

She was a shy, sweet little woman. A hefty husband was hovering around, devoting himself to the care and comfort of his wife, his child, and his wife's mother. I was interested in the family because of its unusual composition, the wife being a Greek and the husband an Armenian; and I became doubly interested on hearing that they were taking up an appointment as missionaries in Persia.

On closer acquaintance I found that the mild little lady who was surely meant to be cherished and protected through life, had been subjected to a harrowing experience that would have unnerved most strong men, but which she had met with sublime faith. With the utmost serenity, as if she were merely describing a vacation trip, my Greek heroine Diamant told me her story:

Diamant was a pupil in an American School. She says that the Bible lessons with missionaries were a great inspiration to her. After her graduation in 1912 she became secretary to a Protestant missionary society in her hometown, Constantinople, and in that capacity naturally wrote and signed most of the correspondence.

When the evil days of 1915



God's Love Hush

*The hush of God's love is upon me—
The storm breaks in fury around,
But held in His uttermost keeping
A place of deep peace I have found;
And even with wildest winds beating
My barque toward God's haven is bound.*

*The quiet of heaven enfolds me,
God's love holds me steady and still;
Though circled by raging and furor
I rest in the calm of His will;
I rest—from all anguish and terror—
God's love doth my heart sweetly fill.*

*The hush of God's love is upon me—
I dare not such holiness break,
So closely I feel His dear presence
No motion or strife dare I make.
My heart can but warm in His sunshine;
While love every fetter doth shake.*

*There once was a storm-troubled center,
When hope, peace, and rest all had fled;
But turning to Jesus for refuge
He pillowed my poor aching head.
And then with a heavenly deluge
His love through my being He shed.*

*So now with God's "love-hush" upon me
I feel He can hold most secure
In peace—perfect peace—every moment,
No matter how trying the hour;
But I must on Him keep my vision,
And trust in His unfailing power.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower, Lititz, Pa.

came upon the Christian population of Anatolia, letters reached Diamant's headquarters telling of evacuations, deportations, and the untold misery among the Armenians. It was resolved to send a small committee of investigation and relief, and Diamant was asked to accompany an elderly missionary on what was bound to be a perilous proceeding. In July all preparations had been made, the passports and visas were in order, and they were to start the next day, when a Turkish secret police suddenly arrived at Diamant's home, with a summons for her to appear at a certain police office in Pera.

Diamant summoned! What had she done? She was an innocent young Christian woman of twenty-three, the secretary of a missionary society. It must be a mistake. Or... was it perhaps camouflage? Those were the days when many a Christian "suspect" was put out of the way after a mock trial or none at all. Some of them were executed. Others were "deported into the interior." Many Christian girls had been killed. Many others had suffered the less merciful fate of being transported into the mountains. Was Diamant to follow in their martyred footsteps?

Trembling in body but unquenched in spirit, she accompanied the police to the specified office and from (Continued on Page Eight)

How I Received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

J. Roswell Flower

IT IS VERY rarely that I feel free to tell the story of how I received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I do not want to hinder any one by influencing them to seek for an experience similar to mine. There are no two people who are alike and God must deal with each one according to their own particular needs. The Holy Spirit is the gift of God, the promise of the Father, given freely for all. This gift is to be received by believers, whose hearts have been opened to the truth, and who have been made conscious of their need. Some find it easy to believe God and to yield to the Spirit's operations, while others find it difficult because of dulled spiritual sensibilities, or the over activity of the natural mind.

Recently, I have received a request for advice from a brother who has been seeking for many years. He has received much instruction, has tarried in many services, and still seems to be far from the realization of his desire. It is possible that my own experience may be of help to him and others like him, if not to those of different disposition, and so I feel led to break my silence and tell something of the Lord's dealings with me and of how I received this precious Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

In the Spring of the year, 1907, I was living with my parents in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. At that time I was contemplating the practice of law. My parents were godly people, and I had been raised to respect the Word of God. It was customary for the family to have daily devotions, but I had never yielded my own life to the Lord Jesus, nor experienced the New Birth. Many times had I been conscious of the wooing of the Spirit and I knew the way of salvation just as thoroughly as though I had been saved, without coming to a crisis or making a decision one way or the other. Theoretically I knew the way, but my heart had not been turned toward the Lord.

About this same time, there were certain groups of godly people in Indianapolis who were meeting together in prayer bands to intercede for a worldwide revival. They were not satisfied with their own spiritual state and were earnestly seeking God to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To one of these groups came a preacher from the old Azusa St. Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., with the simple announcement that God was

again pouring out of His Spirit and that believers were being filled with the Holy Ghost just as the disciples were filled on the day of Pentecost, and that he, himself, had opened his heart to the Lord and had been a recipient of the Holy Spirit in Latter Rain measure (James 5:7), speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave him the utterance. Acts 2:4.

The good news spread among the more spiritual people of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and certain Holiness bodies; prayer meetings were begun and before long, wonderful scenes took place beggaring description. There were prostrations, strong crying unto God, weeping and manifestations of joy. Most notable of all, those who were filled with the Holy Ghost experienced physical manipulations of face and body, and the final exercise of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance. Some of this speaking in tongues seemed to come gently, unaccompanied by any noteworthy manifestations save those of great joy. Other manifestations came with great power and ecstasy, as though a mighty avalanche of unseen power seized the seeker and filled him with rapturous glory. These manifestations only increased the hunger and anticipation of other seekers, who began to seek the Lord daily for His fullness. Some were prostrated under the power of God for hours at a time. Others had visions of heaven and of hell. Others were led by the Spirit through the agonies of Calvary. These experiences were so real that those receiving them would weep in an agony of spirit and then be lifted to the loftiest heights of exaltation. Invariably they came through with a tremendously increased conception of the value of the blood of Christ and the cross, resulting in a wholehearted and complete consecration to God.

My parents attended these meetings and were convinced from the beginning that God was visiting His people once more. They both became candidates for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The conversation in our home took a decided turn toward spiritual things, and the entire family was affected thereby. I did not pay much attention at the first although I had no doubt of the reality of the things I heard spoken of. Then my own mother came home with the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. She gave every evidence of the great experience

that had come into her life. She would weep with joy. She would spend much time with her Bible and in prayer and both father and mother continued to attend the meetings each night. Finally I decided to drop in to see for myself.

One Sunday, early in April, after spending most of the afternoon in the country with a camera, I dropped into the back of the church to see what was going on. The afternoon meeting was about half over. There did not seem to be any program especially. The people were getting to their feet, one by one, and testifying to their experiences. The air seemed to be surcharged with the spirit of joy and expectancy. Everyone was smiling and encouraging everyone else.

As the meeting continued, one man attempted to give a testimony when he was interrupted by the leader who asked him to wait for a moment, for he sensed the Lord wanted to do something. The man waited for a moment and then attempted to testify again. Once more the leader interrupted him. Then I became conscious of the sound of singing, first very low, then increasing in volume. One person after another arose to their feet, with hands up stretched and with eyes closed, while the singing rose and fell in a wonderful chant, a song without words, or in a language that was unknown to me. I had never heard anything like it before, but the attitude of the worshippers was so reverential and the music so heavenly that I knew instinctively that I was witnessing a manifestation of the Spirit of God, and I was moved to tears.

An altar call was given at the close of the service and seekers crowded around the front of the church to seek the Lord. Many of them stayed on their faces in prayer before the Lord all through the supper hour. Seeking the Lord seemed to be the primary order of the day, and all other things secondary. I was much impressed and expressed a desire to shake hands with the leader before leaving the church, much to the secret delight of my mother, who had been praying earnestly for me, but wisely keeping silent lest she spoil the work of the Spirit in my life.

Then I began attending the services nightly. It was a real Holy Ghost revival such as I had often heard of but never before experienced. It gripped me irresistibly and I found myself being carried along with it, losing interest in

everything else. One week passed by, when I became conscious that I must do something with Christ. There was no particular struggle. Others were going to the altar and so I went along with them. I bowed before the Lord and confessed my sin as I was instructed to do. The promises of God were read to me and I arose to my feet, testifying to my acceptance of Christ as my personal Saviour. I did not receive any particular evidence of my faith, but I believed the best I knew how, and in my heart, settled it forever that I would serve the Lord.

I continued to attend the services nightly. They were growing in power and in attendance. After each service, an altar call would be given, and men, women, and children would crowd forward to wait in prayer before the Lord until a late hour. Often the early morning hours would find seekers still at the altar, such was the intensity of desire and hunger for God. Some of these were yielding to Christ for the first time, backsliders were being reclaimed, some received wonderful experiences of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

In those days the old Holiness teaching of a second work of grace was much stressed in these Pentecostal revivals. It was taught that a sinner must be converted, then sanctified as a second work of grace, and finally baptized with the Holy Spirit. He must receive these as three separate and distinct experiences. I did not fully understand it all, but under the urge of this preaching I went forward one night to be sanctified. The church was full and I thought there would be many others at the altar, but as it happened, I was the only one who went forward that night. Being somewhat of a retiring nature, I became quite self-conscious when I found I had the entire altar to myself, and was tempted to get to my feet and to flee. Then reason asserted itself and I resolved that since my motive was right, I would stay right there until the Lord did something for me.

The leader of the meeting knelt by my side, after the benediction was pronounced, and inquired about my spiritual state and my desires. I told him I had come to be sanctified. He read some scriptures to me and told me to believe God for sanctification just like I did when I came forward for salvation. Upon his assurance that this was the right thing to do, I laid all on the altar the best I knew how and stepped out on the promises of God and took Christ as my Sanctifier. I then arose to my feet and stood with the rest of the people. And then something happened!

How, I cannot tell, but something dropped down into my soul and I was filled with ecstasy. I began to bubble over with divine joy. It seemed as though my very flesh was laughing within me. I was almost beside myself, but too timid to let it out, so decided to slip out of the church and to go home as fast as I could. The joy continued all the way to my home. I believe that I ran the most of the way, two miles. I had such a wonderful emotion of joy that I was fairly beside myself. I ran into the house—something fell off the sideboard in the dining room. Later, my mother told me I had jumped up and down, but I could not recall having jumped at all. Then I feared to retire for the night lest this wonderful feeling would be gone in the morning. Praise God, it was still there when I awoke, but it had undergone a change, now deepening into a great peace and assurance that I was a child of God, really saved through the blood of Jesus and born of the Spirit.

According to the theology of the preacher, I had been sanctified, but as I look back upon it all now, I feel confident that what I really received was the witness of the Spirit to my salvation. Now I knew that I was ready to go on for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I must seek until "my" day of Pentecost be fully come.

This was the beginning of many wonderful things in my life. I had been ushered into a new realm. All the old life had dropped off. My smoking had ceased with the first meeting I attended. There was now but one desire, to serve God acceptably and live only for him. The old friends deserted me but I was living in the heavenlies so completely that I was not conscious of what had happened until sometime later. For months, the revival continued. Night after night

we were in attendance at the services, often until midnight and after. Several all-night prayer meetings were held and on one occasion, a small group of eager young people remained at the church for two days and three nights, in almost continual prayer. But I did not receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Whether my mind was taken up too much with the wonder of the experiences of others, or whether my faith was weak, or I was not sufficiently hungry for God, or I did not know how to yield to the operation of the Holy Spirit, I did not know. One thing I did know, other young men and women all around me were pressing through and were being filled with the Holy Ghost, but I was still listed among the seekers. On the other hand, I had many evidences of the presence of the Lord in my life. I have distinct recollections of sitting at my desk in the office, of looking up to the Lord in an attitude of praise and worship and of receiving spiritual blessing which would ripple over my body in delightful little thrills, or fill my soul with laughter and praise. I seemed to be in the realm of the Spirit's operations, and yet was not filled to the point where utterance was given in other tongues.

After about one year had passed by, I remember a time when it seemed that I began to enter into a real spirit of "tarry" before the Lord. As I drew nigh to God, He seemed to shut me in with Himself. The communion became most precious. Each day I was conscious of being drawn more closely to Him and it seemed to me that at almost any moment I would receive my heart's desire. Then a distraction came, which I was to regret for many a day. I was a member of the Y. M. C. A. The local organization had made a successful drive for a new building. It was the last word in Y. M. C. A. efficiency and we were all proud of it. When the day of opening arrived, I took delight in showing my friends through OUR new building. When the festivities were over, I became conscious that I had been turned aside from my purpose, and that the precious, drawing, wooing of the Spirit had ceased. Evidently I had grieved the Spirit by permitting a distraction to swerve me from my inheritance. I still had the joy of the Lord in my soul, but the dew of heaven, that sweet, abiding, enticing presence had ceased. I was distinctly conscious of the loss and of the great mistake I had made. I was to learn that even good things can turn us aside from God's best, if we permit them to. It was a dear lesson.

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The Editor's Notebook



Questioning God's Wisdom

There are times when a scene of my childhood comes vividly before me. A relative was visiting our home and when a certain question was being discussed she remarked, "Why does God Almighty allow such a thing as that to happen?" This remark was made in a tone that would suggest that if the party speaking had the control of the universe, such a thing would not be allowed. I can well remember how my father, who was an especially meek man, straightened up from his task of carving, and addressed the respective relative in a voice that expressed the deepest disapproval, "Who are you that you should pass judgment on the Almighty?" I recall another occasion when I was with Dr. Yoakum. A certain woman was asking him, "Why does not God do this? And why does He allow that?" Dr. Yoakum ejaculated one of his short prayers, "Lord, deliver this woman from the *Why* disease!" David declared, "As for God His way is perfect," and if you believe that statement it will swallow up all of your whys.

A Change of Attitude

Dan Crawford tells of saluting a churlish cultivator of the soil in Congo and receiving from him a gruff reply, "A hard God has hardened the soil by denying rain." But Dan adds a sweet sequel: "Ten years pass, years that see this graceless man with many a graceless anti-God growl. And now here is the same man in the same field and the same passer-by. The rich red loam is no longer refractory, two successive days of rain have soaked the soil soft; the old growler's face is wreathed in smiles. Saved and he knows it, what does he now answer—this same man in the same field to this same passer-by? 'Truly soft,' says he, 'is the soil, for the God who softened my heart also softened the hard soil; He has rained on my hard soul as well as on my soil.'" In every part of the world today the rain of the Spirit is changing heart attitudes, transforming churlish Nabals into chanting Davids, whose eternal song is, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Viewing Worldlings

The Psalmist Asaph began at one time to weigh up things with his natural mind, and nearly backslid in the process. He tells us plainly, "My feet were al-

most gone; my steps had well nigh slipped." Psalm 73:2. He had been looking enviously at some ungodly men who were prospering in this world and increasing in riches. He saw that these men were not in trouble, and not plagued like other folks, and he could not understand it. He saw that they were proud and violent and that they had more than heart could wish. He contrasted his own portion with theirs, and thought that surely he had received a clean heart in vain, for all the day long he was being plagued, and chastened every morning. The contemplation of these contrasts was a very painful one to him.

A Different View

But after a while he went into the place where all natural light was shut out—into the sanctuary of God—and there he received light in God's light. He then had a right perspective of the wicked. He had been contemplating the *beginning* of things for these prospering ungodly ones—the few short years of time—but now in the light of eternity he gets a full view and says, "Then understood I their *end*. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors." There is a long eternity ahead in which we are going to see a complete reversal of many of the grievous things we have seen in the short period called time. God can afford to wait. And so can His saints.

Held by God

In the light of the sanctuary the Psalmist recognizes that the Lord, who in love has been chastening him, is holding him by His right hand—lest he go down into the pit of destruction into which the ungodly will fall. And he says of the Lord, "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory!" Isn't that wonderful? Every day receiving the counsel of Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, of Him who is the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of peace; to be guided by Him even unto death, and right into glory! And then to dwell forevermore with the Lord! Surely he must have been almost overwhelmed at the very anticipation of spending an eternity with our lovely Lord, and sharing in the psalms of

praise and adoration that are forever going up to His worthy Person.

The Present and the Future

In his contemplation in the sanctuary the Psalmist further says, "My flesh and my heart faileth!" But what does that matter? Even though the physical fail and the heart is incapable of another beat, he has eternal life. God has come right into his heart to be his portion forever and he will live for eternity. In view of this, what matter if his portion now was like the apostle Paul's! "We both hunger and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place." With the vision of eternity in view he could say, "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." Ahead was God's day of great reversals, a day when all these prosperous wicked that he had envied would perish, and with them all backsliders who went a whoring from God; but for those poor and tested ones who put their trust in the Lord God there was to be a great reception in glory where they should hunger no more, neither thirst any more, where the Lamb in the midst of the throne should feed them and lead them to living fountains of water. And God will take out His great handkerchief and wipe all tears from their eyes.

Sharing Christ's Throne

The New Year has come, and we have the usual crop of optimistic speeches. "The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity." Some are saying, "Well, things can't get worse!" They can, and they may. For God in His mercy is bringing men low that they may seek His face. We read of Israel in Psalm 107, "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses." But the majority today are looking to man and not to God. In this Psalm we have a picture of God's reversals. "He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way." This is in line with the prophecy in James where the princes of industry, the rich men of this world, will weep and howl for their misery that will come upon them. But on the other hand we read, "Yet setteth He the poor on high from affliction." The poor, that are His, will be lifted up to His very throne; for the Lord declares, "To Him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." Rev. 3:21. Yet a little while and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Keep up your courage. He is coming. His coming may be much nearer than most of us think.

The Passing and the Permanent

A Review of Current Life and Thought in the Light of Scripture

Jews in Politics

The Bible records many instances of Jews exalted to high positions in Gentile governments—Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon, and Nehemiah in Persia. Since that time every age has witnessed the exaltation of some individuals of down-trodden Israel. In the last U. S. elections Jews were elected governors of New York, Illinois, and Florida. In addition, eleven Jews have been elected to the U. S. congress.

The Nations Against Israel

Recently the following countries have witnessed outbursts of anti-Jewish propaganda or persecution: Poland, Latvia, Germany, Belgium, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Tunis, Argentina, Canada. It seems that we are witnessing the beginning of the prophecy in which the enemies of God are recorded as saying, "Come, let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." Psalm 83:4.

Suffocating!

A newspaper writer who is very familiar with conditions in all parts of Europe says, "Europe is suffocating behind high tariff wars." Ordinary wars end, but the tariff wars never end. The final result of a high tariff is this, that the poor are deprived of a great many things they need—they are far too expensive for them to buy. The Master said, "Love your enemies," but the modernized version of this is, "Hate your enemies; make it impossible for them to live, and pile up armaments so that at the least possible provocation you can destroy them." Surely this world needs the coming of the Prince of peace.

Russian Martyrs

According to the *Evangelical Christian*, a reliable authority states that 1,767,600 Christians have been murdered in Russia. Some may wonder why God has permitted this, and how such an event can work out for good. When Stephen was stoned to death, it is possible that some Christians of that time may have wondered why God permitted the loss of such a promising preacher. But there was present at the execution a young man named Saul, who heard Stephen's last words, and saw the heavenly shine upon his face. Saul never forgot! We may not be able to understand at present; but we know that in some way God will be glorified in these outpoured lives.

The Gospel Still Alive in Russia

In *World Evangelization* we read that "recent news from Russia shows that evangelical religion survives beyond expectation. Some commissars of territories are tolerant, and religion flourishes, though public meetings are suppressed. Archbishop Seraphim estimates that the Stundists in Russia still number about 2,000,000. The Bible, banned since 1929, has become precious and much of it is being orally transmitted." God's truth will survive in spite of man's persecution, and will ultimately triumph.

Russian Pentecostal Work

Authentic news has reached us concerning the Pentecostal work in Russia. At the last great convention in 1928 there were recorded five hundred Pentecostal churches and groups and that there were seventy-five thousand baptized in the Holy Spirit. Our informant tells us, "During the last four years many more have been added, in spite of the devil putting many obstacles in the way of the children of God, arresting the preachers, and exiling them to the far north for several years, and closing up our meetings, thinking that if they get rid of the preachers the sheep will be scattered. *But it works the other way.* The children of God are strengthened in His love day by day, not fearing the enemy." It is recorded of the persecuted Israelites in Egypt, "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew." So it is in Russia. These saints are sorely tempted and need our prayers.

The Growth of Anti-Christianity

There are many indications that the world is slowly but surely moving towards the great battle between Christianity and anti-Christianity, that is to be forever decided by the advent of Christ. Here are indications from three different countries: *France*: the government has forbidden in the colony of Cambodia, all extension of Protestant missions, all creation of new chapels, and all active proselytizing. *Mexico*: the government has forbidden Bible study in the schools, the teaching of any religious subject by a Christian minister, and even grace before meals. *Russia*: by a decree of the government no Bibles may be printed, circulated, or even studied in public.

This action by governments indicate

one of the fundamental principles of the government of Antichrist, namely, Christianity is a menace to the State and therefore must be suppressed.

Israel's Physical Judgment

Moses predicted that the fearful judgments befalling the chosen people would affect them physically and mentally, "And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot find rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind." Deut. 28:65. Says a writer in the *Jewish Chronicle*: "The Jews are afflicted by nervous disorders to a greater degree than non-Jews, and it would seem that the percentage of deaf-mutes among Jews is also greater. There are more short-sighted people among Jews than Gentiles; and while in a Jewish crowd you would certainly observe tall, athletic types, the majority would strike you as short in stature." Not until Messiah's coming and acceptance will the fearful strain of persecution be lifted from their minds and bodies.

Jewish Rabbi Accepts Christ

Dr. Max I. Reich, a prominent Jewish Christian, tells of making the acquaintance of George Benedict, a Jewish rabbi who has confessed Christ. "He has now published the story of his spiritual pilgrimage, under the title *Christ Finds a Rabbi*. Here we find the story of a Jew whose ancestors on both his father's and mother's side were notable rabbis and leaders of Israel, in Germany and England. Early in life he visioned the haunting presence of the Lord Jesus, which followed him through all his meanderings as a youth, a student and a rabbi. He finally yielded heart and will to Him, and the perplexing phenomenon of Jesus was transcended by a joyful experience of his salvation. Rabbi Benedict," continues Dr. Reich, "is sure that there are thousands of Jews who are 'Christians under the skin.' Two thirds of the rabbis of this country draw their spiritual nourishment from the New Testament, only they have not yet the courage to advise their flocks to do the same."

Do you have some Jewish friends whom you desire to influence for Christ? The Gospel Publishing House handles a little booklet written expressly for the purpose of presenting to the Jews the claims of the Lord Jesus. This booklet, written by Myer Pearlman, a converted Jew, entitled *Where is the King of Israel?* may be obtained for ten cents a copy.

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Mrs. Flem Van Meter

"And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." Exodus 19:3-6.

When God dealt with the children of Israel to bring them out of Egypt He did so because of His promise to deliver them from their cruel bondage. It was not a question of merit, nor yet of great preparation on their part; but God, in keeping with His covenant, raised up a deliverer at the appointed time who should lead them out of the oppression of Egypt's bondage and into a land flowing with milk and honey.

And nearly fifteen centuries later, at the appointed time, God, in His wondrous love and grace, brought forth the Deliverer who should lead a fallen, lost people out of the darkness of sin and despair, into a place of rest where is found righteousness and joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. Blessed be His name forever!

We are told (Exod. 13:17) that after Pharaoh had let the people go God did not lead them through the way of the land of the Philistines, lest they should repent when they see war and return to Egypt. How like our God to be so mindful and considerate of His little children. Not that He would condone our weakness and lack of stability, but that He would help us to gain strength and confidence in Him, by manifesting Himself in daily helpfulness as we walk with Him. We have all seen the tender, watchful care of the parent as the little child takes its first steps. Every object which might cause stumbling is carefully removed from its pathway, and there is an ever ready hand near by to save the little body from a fall when the legs are weak and the balance is imperfect. Many times the child must be urged to walk by the sight of some prized object at the end of its little journey. But with every few steps taken there comes new confidence and ability, and soon the child is able to jump over the objects which at first had to be so carefully removed from its pathway. So it is with us. God must lead us in a longer route, many times, in order to avoid those stumbling blocks which might cause us to turn back to Egypt.

The Israelites murmured for food and murmured for water; they complained and were discontented; but God was leading them on and giving them unmistakable evidence of His love by opening up the Red Sea and delivering them from the Egyptians when it seemed there was no way out; by providing food and water in the face of their murmuring, by giving them the cloud and the fire, etc.

And now, as we come to the Scripture we have read, we see that the time has come for God to deal with them in a little different manner. He speaks of His dealings with them thus far, in the words, "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself." This is a beautiful picture of God's dealing in man's early Christian experience. We are familiar with the story of the mother eagle teaching the eaglet to fly. Swooping past the nest with a tempting morsel of food in her talons, she coaxes and urges the eaglet to follow her. He seems to have a desire to do so, but upon rising to the edge of the nest and looking down, the deep, yawning chasm beneath brings such fear and trembling that he is unable to launch out.

Then the mother grows impatient, flies above the nest, and descending with a wild cry she strikes the nest with her wing and sends it out into the space beneath. Thrown into midair without support, the eaglet spreads his wings, makes a feeble effort to fly but is soon overcome with fear, and seems doomed to destruction as it tumbles and flutters downward through space. But not so! Seemingly unnoticed by the eaglet, the mother has been flying about trying to encourage him to fly, but when she sees his plight she quickly swoops down underneath, and, ere the eaglet realizes what is taking place, he finds himself resting on his mother's back and being carried safely until he is rested and has gained his composure.

Then, without warning, she glides from underneath and he is again forced to try his own wings, and he does so with better success. This is repeated until he is no longer a fearful, faltering little eaglet who sees only the chasm beneath, but has become a soaring, far-sighted bird, whose eye is upon the sun and who is noted for strength and prowess. This is the position of the mature Christian—with his far-seeing eye fixed upon the Sun of Righteousness he is able to soar above the pitfalls and chasms of the enemy's territory, in full confidence that he

will be sustained and kept in every time of trial.

"If ye will obey my voice, and keep my covenant, ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." Now I have a treasure box. It is my *peculiar* treasure because the things contained therein are of value only to me. Others might wonder why one would give space to such trifles as a coral brooch which has lost its pin, so is useless, but to me, as a little child, it was a most beautiful gift from an elderly woman who had had it since her childhood, and I have always cherished it; tiny, smoth piece of driftwood with a date written upon it, which represents my first trip to the sand dunes on the shore of Lake Michigan; a pencil box my brother brought from Japan; trinkets missionaries have brought from far countries; snapshots that bring to memory precious friends and happy occasions; letters saved from childhood—some from those who have gone on to be with the Lord; letters exchanged in the days of our courtship; these and many other things go to make up *my* peculiar treasure. Of no value to others, yet occupying a high place in my affections, I have prized them and guarded them through many years.

The world looks upon God's people and sees them as of little value—no doubt wonders why space and time are given them. (And we, from our side thank God that, though we are *in* the world, we are not *of* it.) But God looks upon us through the blood of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and sees us as His own. And He goes a little farther and says that if we obey His voice and keep His covenant, we shall be a peculiar treasure unto Him above all people. What a coveted place! Just the thought of occupying the place before my Father that *my* treasure occupies before me, so thrills me that I have a deep desire to lay aside all else and be found in a place of hearing and obeying His voice.

In Titus 2:14 we read that Jesus Christ gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people,—i. e., a people for His own possession—zealous of good works. Now *my* treasure is inanimate and has value only as it recalls the past, but God's peculiar treasure is alive unto Him, looking back only to the cross of Calvary, and made unto Him a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. May God help us to fulfill the priestly office in interceding for precious lost souls and for our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and may our lives be so separated and sanctified unto Him that we shall indeed be that peculiar treasure above all people.

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Things as They Are in Soviet Russia

Recently Nicholas Nikoloff had the privilege of an interview with some Christians who have just come from Soviet Russia and publishes the same in *The Gospel Call of Russia*, omitting their names and the names of those of whom they spoke, for fear that evil may befall them should their names become known.

Brother Nikoloff writes: "Our interview revealed that during the present winter and next spring, *Russia may experience perhaps the worst famine in its history, a famine which will affect the entire population of that land. Over one hundred fifty millions are facing starvation, among whom are over eighty thousand full gospel Christians, including their imprisoned and exiled leaders.* During the past year, some of the believers managed to secure from the government ration cards with which they obtained daily one and a half pounds of black bread, made of soy beans, which beans the farmers in the United States feed to their stock. This bread, for which they must pay high prices, ordinarily is given only to people who work in government factories. (Five pounds of black soy bean flour costs eighteen rubles. An ordinary worker receives per month 100-120 rubles, while a specialist receives 250-300 rubles.) People often must wait in line from 2 a. m. till 7 a. m. to get their portion. Christians, who are not given the right to work in government factories, usually are not permitted to buy food in the regular stores; they must secure it elsewhere. One can buy secretly bootlegged food articles, but at an excessive price. Due to the collectivism and the dumping of Soviet food articles on the foreign market, food-stuffs in Russia are becoming more and more scarce. In Caucasia, the native country of Stalin, the present ruler of Russia, one can still buy some food, but it has been the sad experience of many who have gone there for food to be arrested and then banished.

"In the course of conversation with these people from Russia, we learned that most of our full gospel workers are in exile, either in lumber concentration camps, or in the worst prison in the world: away north where the polar bears roam.

"A leading worker was sent to the lumber camp at . . . for eight years. He was sentenced for three years because he carried a Bible, and for five additional years because he dared to preach the gospel. Before sending him to this land of many tears and graves, the Soviets offered him a high position with the government if he would renounce his faith in Christ. God gave him grace to say

'No'; and now he is up there, over three thousand miles from his home and family, in a place where during the summer the snow is four feet deep and during the winter twice that depth. Without food, without proper clothing, he must endure that severe climate where often the thermometer registers eighty degrees below zero, Fahrenheit. He must work ten hours a day.

In the morning his food consists of a small slice of black soy bread and a cup of hot water colored by pouring it over a mixture of dry beets and carrots—of course there is no sugar for this 'Soviet tea.' At noon he swallows the soup he receives, made of hot water and a small boiled potato, and eats another small slice of black bread. Before resuming work at two o'clock, he runs into the dark forest, kneels, and cries unto God with many tears that speedy deliverance may come. At the close of a day of hard labor, he is again given a cup of 'Soviet tea,' as in the morning. This man, who formerly was the picture of health, now can hardly be recognized. Thus testifies the one who saw him only a short time ago, and who related the story to the writer.

"The eyes of this noble man of God who is spending the dreary days in the far north are turned toward the saints in America and in other countries where the Christians still have plenty to eat and liberty to worship. He has begged with tears that we remember him in prayer and do what is possible to get him out of that awful place. If deliverance does not come speedily, our brother cannot survive until next summer. His body is exhausted because of starvation. Oh, for intercessors who will stand true in prayer till the prisoner shall be released. You need not know his name. We don't want to mention it because the enemies of the Cross may get hold of this article and execute the brother before help can come. God knows him; you need only to pray for this *unknown* soldier of the Cross.

"But where are the other workers? We have obtained fresh information as to their whereabouts. *A number of them are in the dreadful prison of . . .* Brother Aleksiuik died from exhaustion and Brother . . . buried him. Brethren . . . and . . . are very weak from lack of food. They may die any day, if they have not already perished. The rest, although tormented by persecution and hunger, are still testifying even in the prison, and souls are finding Christ through their ministry. *A man who had been sent to that prison for three years got in touch with our brethren and under their ministry was saved and baptized in the Spirit.* Recently he was released, went to the city of . . . and told the

believers about the condition of the brethren, some of whom have already been there two, three, and four years.

"Many of the inmates of that particular prison lose their teeth because of lack of nourishment. *'The food up there is so bad that here in the States one would give it only to the pigs,'* said one of the eyewitnesses with whom the writer conversed.

"We learned that today in Russia there are over seventy thousand believers filled with the Holy Spirit, (A letter just received by Brother Perkin estimates the number at 75,000.) and that the number of the saints of our fellowship there is between eighty and ninety thousand. *Thank God, that despite the awful persecution their number is growing. Last summer in the city of . . . sixty believers were baptized in water at night. This year in the city of . . . one hundred fifty were secretly immersed.*

"By order of the government, practically all meeting halls were closed and the believers forbidden to hold meetings. Here and there the local authorities give their silent consent to the holding of meetings by our brethren, but in most other places when believers are found holding cottage meetings (as they continue to do), they are sentenced to exile. This, however, does not discourage them, for they continue to testify wherever they are sent. In this way the full gospel testimony has been carried even to the most remote corners of the country.

"Brother . . . , the leader of the assembly in . . . , which assembly has over four hundred members, was sent to a concentration camp in . . . *There he continued to preach, and as a result a large number of prisoners believed and many received the Baptism in the Spirit. From here he was removed to the prison at . . . where he continues to serve his long term for preaching the gospel.*

"These hungry, persecuted, tormented children of God are our brothers and sisters: *they are members of the same body.* While you and I are enjoying beautiful meeting halls and churches where we may gather to worship God in Spirit and in truth, our brothers and sisters over there are not only denied physical food, but also are tormented for praying even in a cottage meeting. While we enjoy our beautifully bound Bibles, in Soviet Russia *our fellow-members* must struggle along without the written Word of God, because their Bibles and Testaments have been taken from them and burned.

"We are members of the same body. If the life of Christ is throbbing in our hearts, we can not but *feel for others* who today are living under the very shadow of the Great Tribulation.

"Christian warriors, on your knees for others!"

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"The best work is not always done with large numbers. Our Lord fed the five thousand on the mountain side . . . but the record does not tell of much immediate outcome.

"On the other hand, He fed *one woman* at the well of Samaria, and immediately through her brought multitudes to His feet." (Hudson Taylor).

Do not be discouraged if the Lord calls you to minister to small crowds. Remember how Philip was called away from that great revival in Samaria (where he seemed indispensable) for the salvation of one soul on the desert road.

Who can measure the influence of the conversion of that one man? The Ethiopian church was founded by him; and while Mohammedanism swept away all the many Christian churches in North Africa, the Ethiopian one has persisted unto this day.

Satan as a lion is walking about roaring with impotent rage; for he finds Blood-sheltered saints defeating him at every turn, and he knows that his time is short and ultimate defeat certain.

There is another roar that should fill our hearts with joy: it is the roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah—the shout of absolute and assured victory soon to be manifested. Rev. 10:3.

You may not see *your* way, but the Lord always sees *His* way, and if you are in it you need never have a moment's anxiety. All around may seem chaos, but *above* is calm. Psalms 46:1-3.

"Thorough study will not restrain native genius, but develop and direct it; and if for a time it represses extravagance that might exhibit strength, it will only lay the foundation for greater triumph." (Hare).

Apply those words to the study of the Bible. It will never quench the movings of the Holy Spirit in us, but rather teach us how to yield more fully to Him, and to be better polished instruments for His use.

"Getting Paid"

William Edward Biederwolf

"He that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward." Prov. 11:18. (See especially 1 Corinthians 3:9, 14, combined.)

I went one time to preach in a little town in western Indiana. It was a bitterly cold day in January. Before me, about three seats from the front, sat a little old man with his wife. A glance

told me that they were hard-working Germans; but I could not account for the way they kept their eyes riveted on the preacher. They never lost me for a second; and as soon as I pronounced the benediction and stepped down from the small platform, the old man fairly dragged the little woman down to the front, saying, "Come on, Katrina: here he is!"

The old man took my hand and put it in the hand of his wife. Then with his own he held them both; and the little, old-fashioned woman's eyes were filled with tears even before the old man said, "Katrina, this is the man! This is the man who saved our Jacob!" Then, looking up at me, he said with trembling lips, "This is the father and mother of Jacob Dexter!"

Jacob Dexter had been a corporal of Company I of the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry; and down in Cuba it had been my privilege to lead him to Christ. A little later the deadly smallpox came into our regiment. Soon four of the boys had been carried into the quarantine tent to do battle for their lives, and a nurse was needed. In spite of the grave danger, Jacob Dexter, in the spirit of his new-found Saviour, volunteered to go. I can see him yet as he stepped in, and as the folds of the tent closed behind him. He nursed his companions through, one after another; but he sacrificed his own heroic life. We took a coffin to the tent, and amid the music of the waves and the moaning of the palms, while the bugle sounded taps, we carried his body down to its quiet resting place.

On that bitter winter morning a year later, that humble German couple had driven fourteen miles through cold and storm that they might look upon the face of the man who had led their boy to Christ!

I have had it said of me by the unbeliever that I am "getting paid" for my work. I am indeed "getting paid," and the salary is big. Think you not that as I stood there while the old man's lips trembled and I felt the hot tears of that humble-hearted, grateful mother falling on my hand, I was being paid? Yes, I am "getting paid." Nothing pays like leading someone to Christ.

"The Holy Ghost Shall Teach You in the Same Hour"

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there, by order of a Chief of Police whose very name struck terror to Christian hearts, to the Central Police Office in Stamboul. Here another shock awaited her, for she was informed that she had been called before a martial court at Rodosto, a port on the north shore of the Sea of Marmora, over a hundred

miles from Constantinople. Rodosto? She had never been there. She knew no one there. She had never had the slightest connection with any person or any thing in Rodosto. But her protests were of no avail, nor could she find out what her accusation was. To Rodosto she must go. Only one concession was granted—as a great favor and after much effort on the part of the missionary—a delay of two days in which to make arrangements and say goodbyes. Instead of being allowed to hurry straight home, she was relayed from police station to police station, walking through the streets of Constantinople alongside a band of men criminals in handcuffs and escorted by an armed guard.

Diamant's family and friends were in despair. Some counselled flight, but she refused. Some urged her to feign sickness, but she refused. On the second and last night of her two days' respite, Diamant suddenly began to run a temperature. An Armenian nurse friend brought a thermometer, and found that she had a temperature of over 102. A Government doctor was called in, corroborated the temperature, and signed a certificate that she must have fifteen days in which to recuperate. Half an hour after he left, the temperature dropped to normal!

Those fifteen days of apprehension were a great strain, but they gave an opportunity to various friends to make various petitions to alleviate her precarious position. The German consul aided in representations to the authorities, asking that the case be transferred to Constantinople; or, failing that, requesting permission for some older person to accompany her to Rodosto. All efforts were in vain. To Rodosto she must go—and alone.

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It is four o'clock in the morning. The streets are dark. Everything is quiet except for that confused murmur that permeates a big city when it is stretching itself and yawning and waking up to another dawn. A heavy fist thumps on Diamant's door and makes everyone shudder. The last goodbyes are said, the last embraces are loosened, but the last tears have not yet been shed. Diamant walks away with the gendarme. From police office to police office she is escorted, until at eight o'clock they reach the Central Office. Here they wait hours for the Chief, and when he appears he rules that it is too late for Diamant to start for Rodosto, so she must go to the guesthouse. That sounds hospitable, does it not? But even plucky Diamant shivers. The "guest-house" is the prison where the hangings are carried out.

Diamant was put into a court with fifteen other women prisoners, and her

heart failed her when those vile members of the lowest dregs of society greeted her with blasphemous language and coarse jests. She felt inspired with a conviction that God must have some work for her to do right there. She opened her Bible and read aloud from the Psalms, to the wonder and edification of her companions-in-misery. The keeper of the "guest-house" and his wife declared that they had had many kinds of women pass through their hands, but never one like her, and that she must be an angel in human form, who would soon be delivered.

It was well for Diamant that, knowing the queer ways of justice and injustice, she had sewn a row of gold coins in her belt. She had need of them, for when she and her gendarme set out in the train the next morning, she discovered that she was expected to foot the bill. Arrived at Rodosto station, she had to bargain for a carriage to drive to the town—three hours distant by road. Nervous about doing this alone with her rough soldier, she begged an Armenian woman and her daughter, likewise bound for Rodosto, to share her carriage. They refused, fearful lest they bring down condemnation on their own heads by being seen with a Greek prisoner. Alone in the carriage, Diamant again thought of the protection that is better than staff or sword—the Word of God. Once again she opened her Bible and instructed her Mohammedan escort about God and the prophecies. At that time there was a deep respect for any sincere religion, as such, and the man was immensely impressed. She was an entirely new "type" to him. He would not let her send a telegram to her family announcing her arrival in Rodosto, assuring her that so good a woman as she would soon be set free. His new respect for her was well shown when they found that the case could not be heard until the next day, for he whispered something in somebody's ear, and another somebody got permission for her to spend the night in the hotel instead of in the prison.

Next morning came the real trial—in every sense of the word. Diamant was made to stand before six austere judges, who sat round a table. She was still in entire ignorance as to her accusation. Then a letter was shown her—a letter she had written a long time previously, on notepaper with the heading of her Missionary Society, and signed by her own hand. It was to an Armenian professor, and contained this incriminating sentence, "Last Sunday Pastor X preached a very influential sermon."

Yes, she admitted she had written that letter. Yes, she admitted that she, a

Greek, had been in correspondence with an Armenian. But how had it come into the possession of the authorities? As she was told later, the Armenian professor had been called up for active service in the Turkish army, and the orderly carrying his kit-bag had run away with it, helped himself to whatever was of value in it, and handed over this letter to the court. And now, Diamant's life was at stake because of that sentence, for what did it mean but a plot against the government?

The six judges were very rough, and asked all sorts of questions—in order, as one of them remarked, to find out more about the mischievous doings of those secret societies. Diamant saw that things looked pretty black for her. Something must be done, and at once, to change the situation. For the third time she turned to her refuge in time of trouble—her Bible.

"Before answering your questions," she said gently but firmly, "it is necessary for me to show you what kind of person I am and what I believe. I cannot do so without a book of mine, which is in my valise at the hotel."

Somewhat to her surprise and to her great relief, the gendarme was despatched to fetch the valise, and she took from it a Turkish-Greek Bible for her own use, and a Turkish Bible which she opened and handed to the chief judge, so that he could follow what she was reading. She then gave an exposition with three heads: (1) the Christian's duty towards Government, as interpreted by Paul in the thirteenth chapter of Romans. (2) The Christian's duty towards God and His laws as given in the twentieth chapter of Exodus, with special emphasis on the fact that Diamant's particular sect of Christians uses neither holy images nor pictures—which are abhorrent to the Mohammedan. (3) The Christian's duty towards himself, with reference to the distinction between clean and unclean in the eleventh chapter of Leviticus, which she and her fellow-Christians scrupulously observe, refraining from tobacco, alcohol, and pork. This last observation mightily pleased her listeners. For two hours that star-eyed heroine spoke with surely superhuman strength—as though she belonged to some higher realm.

Then . . . silence. Her fate trembled in the balance. She waited. She had done her best. The issue was in God's hands. Her accusers discussed her and her crime. Then the chief judge addressed her:

"My girl, we are sorry we gave you so much trouble. But a great truth has been revealed to us—the fact that there is in Turkey a group of people such as you. You are acquitted, and . . . by the way, Rodosto is famous for

its water melons. Be sure to take some home to your mother!"

Diamant's brain refused to function. She remained standing stock still. "Come on," prompted her gendarme. She bowed to her judges, and staggered out of the court-room free!

Off again, by carriage and train, but how different the road looked now, when she was going the other way, and that other way led home. It was late at night when they reached Constantinople, but the gendarme whom his prisoner had treated as a guest in train and carriage and hotel, dropped off at a suburban station convenient to his own home, and left her to finish the journey alone. At the big station not a carriage was to be had, for great convoys of wounded men had come in from the Dardanelles. Diamant's home was at the other end of the city. It would take her three-quarters of an hour to thread her way through the dark and dangerous streets, doubly dangerous in war times. She was alone and unprotected. Would the power that had upheld her thus far fail her at the eleventh hour?

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In a certain home in Constantinople, a scene is enacted similar to the scene nineteen centuries ago in "the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying" for their friend Peter in prison. Diamant's relatives and friends are people of faith. They believe that God *can* answer their prayers. But . . . it is two days since Diamant was taken away. She had promised to send a telegram from Rodosto, and no word has come. Can she still be at the "guest-house"? Or . . . awful thought . . . is she . . . perhaps . . . already hanged?

There is a gentle knock at the door and a call, "Mother! Mother!" Everybody starts up. "I'm dreaming," says Diamant's mother, with trembling lips. "I thought I heard Diamant's voice."

Another gentle knock. Another call, "Mother! Mother!" Perhaps it is her ghost.

"Somebody please open the door," whispers Diamant's mother, with her hand on her heart.

A friend obeys. She flings open the door. She staggers back.

"Diamant! Diamant!" she cries. "Is it really *you*?"

It was.

Work is the outcome of effort; fruit of life . . . The fruit of the vine is the glad, free, spontaneous outcome of the life within; and it forms and grows and ripens in its proper season.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

Outpouring of Holy Spirit

Sisters Hilda Wagenknecht and Anna Tomaseck of Bettiah, India, write: "About two weeks ago the Lord began working in our midst in a wonderful way. Such a spirit of prayer came upon the girls that they had prayer meetings every night. Then one morning in school they asked to be excused from their Scripture lesson as they had something they wanted to say. One after another got up and confessed some fault or some unjust thing which they had done. When they got through there were still a few minutes before the next class, so we got down on our knees to ask God to forgive each one. The Lord came forth in such a mighty way that classes and all were forgotten and everyone seemed to be in the presence of God. One by one the girls came asking forgiveness and wanting to make things right. They did not want to leave one thing unconfessed, so went to teachers and others with tears streaming down their faces asking for forgiveness. They knew they would not be ready for the coming of the Lord until everything was right.

"The little informal meeting was not held in a church for we have none, but out in the little open class room, kneeling on the hard brick floor. All that day prayer continued and for days afterward different ones came to me asking forgiveness. The following Sunday we had a communion service. We could just feel Jesus in our midst. At the beginning of the service we had a little time of prayer. God came forth in such a powerful way that we prayed for over an hour. Then as we partook of the communion there was *such* a spirit of prayer and praise. During the service others were convicted of sins so that they could not have peace until they had made everything right. We are

praying for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit on those who are seeking the Baptism, and we know God will not disappoint us.

"The Lord is blessing in the village work and we are trusting Him for souls. This is the time of melas, and we have been busy giving out the Word. We have been able to sell over a thousand books. It is essential that each book shall be backed by prayer in order to bear fruit. Pray with us that God will glorify His Son when the books are read.

"The picture is of one of the Sunday



Village Sunday School near Bettiah, India

schools. This village Sunday school has been conducted for years. Several of the boys know how to read and are very proud of their gospel portion which they have received for learning verses. They know many Bible stories, songs and verses. Sometimes it takes us four weeks to teach a verse, and constant repeating so they will not forget it. I believe God has done a work of grace in several hearts. They testify to praying to Jesus daily and Jesus has answered their requests for healing. One boy prayed for his sick mother and God touched her.

"We go through the village collecting the children and all sit together by the roadside. Many passers-by are attracted and sometimes we have as many adults as children. After two songs we have the lesson from a picture roll, review of stories, verses, the Lord's prayer,

roll call, and we always finish up by singing John 3:16. The children who have been quiet and orderly receive a picture card.

"Now since the cool weather has come on, many villages will be reached, and many who have never heard the gospel before will have the privilege of hearing about Jesus."

North India District Council Convention Report

The annual convention of the North India District Council was held from

October 18 to 26 at the mission station at Lakhimpur, Kheri, where Brother and Sister Merian and Sister Vaux are stationed. There were thirty-three adults and seven children present. Several others had a real desire to attend but were not able to bear the extra expense. The Lord began to work in our hearts from the very first. At the close of the first meeting all expressed a desire for fewer meetings and more time to wait upon

the Lord, so we only had two meetings daily. All the messages and especially the afternoon messages were followed by blessed times in prayer and waiting upon the Lord. There was a breaking up of souls and confessing of failures and a drawing nearer to the Saviour's bleeding side.

The last day of the convention was a day of crowning blessing. Brother Bryant was ordained by the brethren and especially set aside for the ministry. After partaking of the Communion, and a message on the twenty-third Psalm, an Indian brother, who has just been saved out of Mohammedanism through the ministry of Sister Beach, was led down into the waters of baptism.

The Spirit of the Lord continued with us through the business meetings that followed. Perhaps the most important decision reached was that all our

missionaries should pray unitedly each Friday evening for revival. God will surely grant it if we are faithful.

The Blessing of the Lord in Peru

Ruth Couchman

One day there appeared in the service a fine looking boy, whose face seemed to radiate heavenly joy. At the first opportunity we spoke to him and found that the Lord Himself had dealt with his heart through a piece of gospel literature he had read, and almost without knowing how, he found himself a new creature in Christ Jesus. Having a position as "mayordomo" (head servant) in a wealthy German family he carried his message of joy and peace to all in that home. Soon after a daughter from that home, a talented artist, came to us confessing that the testimony of the servant had caused her hunger for God to increase until she obtained from him our address and now came seeking the life that only Jesus can give. In spite of such bitter opposition on the part of her parents who seem concerned only with the vanities of this present life, that she can only come to Sunday school secretly, she has been saved, delivered from the torment of spiritualism and filled with the blessed Holy Spirit. We feel the hand of the Lord upon her for service, and are trusting Him to take her through as she yields to Him as simply and wholeheartedly as a little child.

A few weeks ago another young man asked us to call on a young married couple, foreigners from Serbia, whom he had been able to interest in the things of God, though he himself has only been converted a short while. At the first opportunity he took me to their home, where we showed them the only way of salvation through the blood of the Lamb. Right there they knelt down and gave their hearts to Him. Oh, the joy of leading a soul to the Saviour!

Brother Palermo, one of the most tireless personal workers we know, is continually bringing in new souls. Two families just lately have been brought to the Lord through his efforts, and some of them have received the Baptism. Francisca, a precious sister who has truly left all to follow Jesus, has been testifying to a cousin, another young woman who was bitterly opposed to the gospel. Not won by words but by the beautiful change in Francisca's life, she has at last yielded her heart to God, receiving not only salvation, but healing from tuberculosis, and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Our "Kerosenero," who brought kerosene to our doorway, accepted literature and soon confessed that for years he has been interested in the gospel, possessing

a Bible of his own. Now he is among us, one of the faithful, redeemed by the Blood. A candy peddler, unable to read or write could yet understand the sweet power of the gospel and is now earnestly tarrying for the Baptism, and learning his letters so that he will be able to read the Scriptures. A splendid young man, bookkeeper and accountant, also very talented artistically, has been won to the Lord, and now has joined one of our missionaries as helper. Recently we have moved to a new location, and here the Lord has touched the hearts of two more young men, whom we hope soon to see filled with the Spirit.

A believer, hearing of the power of Jesus to heal, was brought to be prayed for. He had been turned out a hospital as incurable with a list of fourteen diseases. Glory to the name of Jesus, who healed him that night. Though he has suffered persecution for his testimony he is standing true to the new found light. Others are being saved, and there is a spirit of revival among the Sunday school children in Miraflores. Two little girls have recently received the Baptism. Yesterday the lesson was laid aside as the glory of God came down and another little one was filled with His holy power.

Last night, for the first time in over a year, we were able to have an open air meeting in a large public square. A law recently passed by the Peruvian government, while retaining the union of the Roman Catholic church with that of the government, yet gives ample liberty for evangelistic effort, and we do praise Him for this new privilege. From 400 to 500 people gathered around us as we ministered the Word. Some followed us into the hall where the Spirit of God was present, speaking to the hungry. We earnestly desire your prayers that God shall work through us for the saving of souls, and that we may be faithful. Callao, Peru.

The Opportunity in Japan

Marie Juergensen

On October 1 Tokyo became the second largest city in the world. Eighty-two out-lying districts were included in the city proper which now makes Tokyo's population 5,000,000 and its area 213 square miles. We are rejoicing in the privilege of lifting up among these millions of souls the blood-stained banner of the cross. Our hearts have been encouraged in seeing precious souls come to Jesus. God's blessing is manifested in every phase of the work.

We have visited several new districts and the Lord has enabled us to open an outstation in the lower end of Takinogawa. This gives us a large field of labor, taking in Asukayama and a good

part of Oji districts. We are calling this our Asukayama Station. God has richly blessed from the start. Hungry hearts have come to seek for something real, and we know they have not been disappointed. We also have a good Sunday school here.

How we long to go in and possess more of these densely populated districts and see Pentecostal lighthouses shine in the darkness. For this we must have laborers. To this end we are constantly more deeply impressed with the importance of training young men and women. We are rejoicing in what the Lord has done. God started the Bible school now going on in our Takinogawa mission station with our native pastor, Brother Yumiyama as its principal. There are now eight students.

Recently the students had a special Bible school evangelistic day. Several street meetings were held in which all took a part. I wish you might have seen this band. Your heart would indeed be encouraged in sacrifice for His cause in the regions beyond. There were two large banners and three horns. As the Word of God went forth from the lips of native men and women to hundreds who gathered to listen, who can tell what the results for eternity will be! There is no preaching so effective as that which comes through the natives themselves. It is especially so in this time of international discord. Let us pray more earnestly for our native brethren. "Jesus is coming soon—we cannot afford to be idle." "We must work now for He is coming soon," is often heard among them, and the fact of His soon coming burns in their hearts.

Communism's Blood-Lust

Keith L. Brooks quotes in *Prophecy* the following extract from one of the speeches of Trotsky, the now exiled Soviet leader. "We will harden our hearts into iron, we will temper them in the fire of endurance and in the blood of the enemies of Liberty. We will be cruel, hard, pitiless, until we feel no pity and are unmoved by the sight of our enemies' blood. We will open wide all the outlets for sentiment. Without pity, sparing nothing, we will massacre our enemies by hundreds. We will drown them by thousands in their own blood. For the blood of Lenin, Uritski, Zinovieff and Volodarski, let us shed torrents of the bourgeois blood, more blood, MORE BLOOD!" During the great Tribulation, after the waters have been turned into blood, the angel of the waters says, "Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for thou art worthy." Rev. 16:5,6.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

FOUNT OF BLESSING OPEN

Pastors Inez Ferrias and Cathryn Thorne write from Nebraska City, Nebr.: "The Lord is still blessing His work here. Some are being saved and also filled with the Spirit. This week 4 have been baptized. God's presence is very sweet and real to us all."

DEVOTION'S FIRES REKINDLED

Pastor W. H. Kress writes from Trinidad, Colo.: "The love of God is burning in the hearts of the saints. We have recently closed a campaign launched by Pastor H. C. Meyer, of Chivington. The blessing of God was upon all present. A number who had drifted away from God renewed their vows and reconsecrated their lives to Him. Many were blessed with old time blessings, and a number were saved."

SPIRITUAL STIMULUS SENT

Pastor Arne Vick writes from Yakima, Wash.: "We report a precious outpouring of the Spirit during special services lasting 3 weeks. Despite adverse weather the attendance was very gratifying. During the last week of the campaign the meetings often lasted until 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, while desperate seekers pressed their way into the fullness of the Spirit. The most striking conversions were those of 2 men, husbands of Christian wives, for whom much prayer had been offered. Thirteen came into the fellowship of the church."

SPICES OF MELLOWED WORSHIP

Pastor E. C. Steinberg writes from the Gospel Tabernacle, Baraboo, Wis.: "Evangelist and Mrs. E. Bartlett Peterson, Duluth, Minn., came to us in November for several weeks of meetings. Some of the choruses which Evangelist Peterson taught our people are still being sung with pleasure and blessing. The messages were an inspiration to many. The attendance and interest grew from week to week, and a number of souls came out to seek the Lord, for which we thank God."

BLEST BY A PRESENCE DIVINE

Pastor Herbert E. Burgess, writes from Taylorsville, Ky.: "We are praising God for His wondrous blessings in the get-together meeting Dec. 26. His presence was felt from the beginning; His blessings began to fall with the first song and continued throughout the day. Brother A. E. Baker, Old Hickory, Tenn., brought the message from the text, "They saw the young child and departed into their own country another way." We enjoyed the fellowship of Brother and Sister Gannon and saints, from Louisville, and of Brother and Sister Edwards, and Sister Baker, from Frankfort. A woman who had St. Vitis' dance for 13 years was brought in to be prayed for. She said the Lord saved her and touched her body."

DYING WOMAN REVIVED

Lester F. Sumrall, Green Forest, Ark., writes: "About Oct. 1 I began a revival here in which God wonderfully blessed. The meeting continued 7 weeks; God saved on an average about one each night. Some also received the glorious experience of Acts 2:4. God also performed some marvelous healings. One woman who did not approve of her husband's and daughter's accepting the Pentecostal blessing, took seriously ill. It was reported that she was dying from a bursted blood vessel. Some of us were asked to pray for her, and after she was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord she was healed both soul and body. Council brethren passing this way will find a hearty welcome."

LOST FIND HOMEWARD TRAIL

Alva E. Kite, Sunday school secretary writes from Bird City, Kans.: "The Northrup Evangelistic Party held a meeting with us Dec. 4-28. The Lord manifested His power in a wonderful way, for which we are all praising Him. People who had never before been known to care anything about spiritual things came to the altar and prayed their way through to salvation by the blood of Jesus. About 50 in all came to the altar of prayer to seek God. Between 30 and 40 found Christ precious to their souls. Some of these, having strayed away, were returning to the fold. The services closed with conviction still resting heavily upon the unsaved. Guy Allen is our supply pastor."

WELL WATERED NORTHWESTERN GARDENS

Clarence H. Jensen writes from Alexandria, Minn.: "I closed a meeting recently at Harlowtown, Mont., where I was privileged to pray with a number who sought pardoning mercy. God has blessed the ministry of D. R. Miller, who is in charge of the pastorate there. About a year ago the full gospel message was unknown there, but the Miller Evangelistic Party held a revival which resulted in many being saved and a number receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

"After the meeting at Harlowtown I conducted a revival at Hettinger, N. Dak., where Rubye Huwe and Ruby Nystrom are in pastoral charge. God graciously blessed the effort and a good number found salvation. Souls were saved at nearly every evening service. The attendance was encouraging. Had capacity crowds on week nights and closed with a great gathering on the last Sunday night. Less than a year ago Rubye Huwe and workers came to this new field and began services. Recently a revival broke out resulting in many conversions and some received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. This work has increased rapidly until now they have a fine, aggressive assembly. A good building known as the Hettinger Gospel Tabernacle, has been erected. Recently a Sunday school was organized which from week to week has shown a marked increase."

TRUE SPIRITUAL SATISFACTION

Pastor J. C. Hibbard reports a revival at Daisetta, Tex.: "We have just had W. B. McCafferty, of Ft. Worth, here for a 2 weeks' revival. We had one week of good weather and the next week it rained every night. The roads became so bad that even the schools were compelled to close. But in spite of all these unfavorable circumstances, God moved in a precious way. Nine were saved and 7 were filled with the Holy Ghost, as in Acts 2:4. Thurston Crabtree, steward of the Methodist church, and his wife were baptized with the Spirit. Three other leading members of the Methodist church and 3 from the Baptist church have received the Holy Ghost. George Harrison is holding a revival here now, God is working; 2 have been saved and one has been filled with the Spirit."

CAPTIVES FIND DELIVERANCE

Pastor F. H. Morrison writes from Modesto, Calif.: "Two remarkable conversions were witnessed last Tuesday night in our assembly as a young man and his wife came and gave their hearts to God. Our young people had held a jail service on the previous Sunday afternoon. As this was their first effort there, some went with a great burden. After they had testified and sung they felt the burden lift from their hearts. After this couple found God at the Tuesday night service the man said to the jail workers: "You are the cause of this. I was in prison Sunday and heard your testimonies; right there I promised God that if I got out I would find you folks and be one of you. And now, thank God, I am one of you, and oh, it is so wonderful!" The Lord is giving a precious revival among our young people. At our regular services many are getting saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Holy Ghost."

PRAYER CHAIN LINKED TO GOD

Pastor Albert D. Boyer writes from Dover-Foxcroft, Me.: "The revival fires are still burning in the assembly here. We are glad to report 24 recent converts and that 7 have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. We have a fine regular attendance. We are slowly gaining the confidence of the townspeople who have harbored a terrible prejudice against the full gospel work. We have a fine Bible class, in which we are taking up the study of dispensations. It is conducted by Velma E. Boyer, the pastor's wife. A great interest is being taken. Sunday morning we held a Christmas concert in the jail, and the men asked us to return each week; they greatly enjoyed the service. We have a prayer chain established so that during every hour of the 24 prayer is ascending for a Holy Ghost revival. This chain is becoming a great blessing to the assembly; through it the saints are constantly increasing in the knowledge and grace of the Lord. Ministers in the fellowship are invited to visit us when in this vicinity. The Full Gospel Mission is on Main Street."

DEEP LONGINGS GRIP HEARERS

Pastor and Mrs. Alford May write from Greenville, Ill.: "Laurance Perrault, Ottawa, Can., stayed with us 2 weeks and God blessed his ministry to many. Five were saved, 10 received the Holy Ghost, and the people were built up by the messages. This church has been steadily growing since its beginning, Aug. 21, 1932. The church, which seats nearly 400 and is one block off the square has been papered and has new seats and a piano. The people heard the old time gospel preached under a tent in June and July, and numbers came and gave their hearts to God. Since that time about 50 have received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. Among those seeking and receiving are Christians from all denominations. Our district superintendent, Brother Bell, was with us on Sunday night, 3 weeks ago, preaching and getting acquainted."

NOTICE

WANTED—An experienced Bible teacher and Bible School Builder. Olivet Park Bible School, located at the Old Pleasant Grove Camp Grounds, ten miles from Plant City, Fla., and one mile from Durant, Fla. In the center of the great winter strawberry farming section in sunny Florida. Also about the center of the field of the South Florida District Council of the Assemblies of God. School is about two years' old. Brother O. E. McCleary of Ohio was the founder of same, but his sudden call to his Home above has brought the School to a stand-still. The brother who feels the call to this work must be consecrated and ready to sacrifice. He must be a man of faith as well as a man of God. Any one that is interested write Brother A. G. Voight, Dist. Supt., R. 3, Plant City, Fla. Or wire Durant, Fla. We own 24 acres of beautiful wooded grounds. Have two small cottages now on grounds, also some lumber, and gravel toward a new main building. The need of the school is for a man of God who will take the leadership of the school and get under its life and burdens as-though it was all his own.

WALLS REPAIRED AND RESTORED

Pastor and Mrs. L. W. Martin write from Brooksville, Fla.: "We came here last February and found that the 'walls of Jerusalem' were badly broken down. We started at once to repair the breaches. We held a tent campaign for 5 weeks, and then 2 weeks in the County Court House, then in a mission hall 3 weeks longer. In April, just as the 'walls' were finished and God was beginning to do things, we played 'Jonah' and went to Tampa where we held a meeting and accepted the pastorate of a church. After 4 months we felt it was God's will for us to return to Brooksville, so about Aug. 1 we started a meeting here which continued 6 weeks. Numbers were saved, filled, and healed. A Sunday school was begun and on the second Sunday the attendance was 79. A Christ's Ambassadors' class was organized with 9 members. Just before Thanksgiving, in answer to prayer a revival broke out in the church. God began to work wonderfully with the young people; so on Dec. 4 we called Flora and Irene Mitchell, of Tampa, for a 2 weeks' meeting for the Christ's Ambassadors. Many young people were saved, others received the Baptism with the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. Hard-

ened men and women bowed at the altar to seek salvation; among them was a man who had been a dope addict, using as much as 12½ grains of morphine a day. He had been in 16 hospitals seeking a cure, but was not delivered until he began to trust the Lord. One young man who was so rough that the mayor had ordered him to stay out of town for 2 years, was gloriously saved on Thanksgiving night and was filled with the Spirit a week later. Many other wonderful things have been occurring. The C. A.'s have increased from 9 to 25 and the church membership from 7 to 40. The 'walls' have been repaired and the work is going on victoriously."

A CORRECTION

In the report by Pastor J. R. Masters, appearing in the *Evangel* of Dec. 17, the words, "Three or 4 boys were saved" should read, "Three boys and 4 girls were saved."

A Help to Teachers

Every Sunday school teacher who has a class of boys or of girls will appreciate the unique presentation of the Sunday school lesson by Sister Blanche Koon printed in our Intermediate and Junior Teachers' Quarterly under the headings of "Approaching your Class of Girls," and "How to Tackle the Boys." They will also be helped by the "Talk on the Lesson" by Sister Alice E. Luce in the same quarterly. The price of this quarterly is 15c each, or five copies 10c each.

DIVINELY APPROVED MINISTRY

Pastor Gilbert B. Cunningham reports the Fellowship Meeting held at Fleming, Colo., Dec. 12-14.: "God was wonderfully with us throughout the 3 days; His holy presence was manifested in each service. Eight found relief from their sins by bowing before their Saviour. One was reclaimed and the saints were encouraged to press on. The morning service was opened with an old-fashioned family worship around the altar. This was followed by songs of praise and a message from one of the visiting brethren, which was very encouraging to the many young warriors for Christ who were present. This is a new assembly and God was there in great power, supplying the need of each soul. The afternoons were devoted to praise and worship and a message from God's Word. The evenings were given over to evangelistic effort. Brother Ketner, of Denver, Brother Walker, of Fort Morgan, and Brother McGahey gave evangelistic messages. Brother McGahey continued services over Sunday. A splendid orchestra composed of both home and visiting talent assisted greatly.

"Since feeling led of the Lord to start a revival here last January, a constant revival spirit has been resting on the work. Many have found Christ as a living reality in their lives, and more than 60 have received the Holy Ghost, according to God's Bible method, by 'tarrying until.'

"On the morning of the 13th Brother Woodworth, District Superintendent, set the assembly in order, the roster finally including 57 names."

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE SABBATH

Lesson for Jan. 29: Mark 2:23-28; Mark 3:1-6

The question has been raised whether the Lord Jesus came to institute a new religion. If we mean by this that His purpose was to found a religion entirely independent of God's revelation in the Old Testament, our answer is, No. But we can agree that He came to bring a new and timely development of the one true religion taught under the Old covenant. In other words, He came to fulfill the Old covenant or religion, to cause it to develop into the new covenant as the plant develops into the full-grown flower. Therefore it is but natural that His teaching must have clashed with the teachings of the religious leaders of that day, who clung to the old ceremonies and interpretations, as if the Old covenant were to last forever—as if the prophet Jeremiah had never predicted the passing of the old and the coming of the new. Jer. 31:31.

Christ's Teaching Concerning the Sabbath

Our lesson reveals one question on which the Lord clashed with the religious leaders—the Sabbath question. It was not that the Lord attempted to destroy the Sabbath; on the contrary, it was the leaders and scholars who had almost destroyed it by burying it under a mass of troublesome restrictions. For example, some rabbis taught that it was forbidden to set a broken bone on the Sabbath day. The quantity of food that might be carried was specified. Two schools were in controversy over the question as to whether a louse could be killed on that day! Details like these might be multiplied, showing that the Sabbath, which God had intended to be a blessing to man, had been made a burden by teachers who lost the spirit of the law while minutely studying its letter.

In our lesson text we read that the Pharisees complained because the disciples plucked grain on the Sabbath day—an act, which in their estimation was equivalent to reaping and threshing. On another occasion our Lord was exposed to criticism because He had healed a man on the Sabbath day. From the clash between the Divine Teacher and these erring human teachers resulted the utterance of the following teachings on the true manner of observing the day of rest.

The observance of any religious ceremonial, where related to an act or to a day, must not hinder the relief of human suffering. David and his companions, famished with hunger, were permitted to eat the sacred bread. Verses 25, 26. It is always in order to do good on the Sabbath day—to bring relief to human hearts and bodies. (V. 4).

The Lord's critics would hasten to loose their cattle on the Sabbath, in order to feed and water them. How much more should a human being be loosed in order to be fed with the bread of healing. They would readily lift an injured animal out of a pit. Why should not He, the great Shepherd, lift one of His hu-

man sheep from the pit of suffering? "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." That is, the Sabbath was made to be a blessing and not a burden to man. It was not intended to be a straight-jacket of hard and fast regulations into which man was to be forced once a week. Because Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of humanity—the One who has come to bring the perfect Sabbath to men's souls—He is the final authority as to the proper form of its observance. (v. 28).

The Value of the Lord's Day

We must carefully distinguish between the Sabbath of the Old Testament, commemorating the old creation, and the Lord's Day of the New Testament (Rev. 1:10), commemorating the resurrection of Christ, Lord of the new creation. The first is held on the Seventh day; the second, on the first day of the week. Strictly speaking, Christians do not keep the Sabbath, but the Lord's day. However, there is this principle common to both days; it is God's will that one day of the week be set apart for the rest of mind and body, and the reviving of the soul through worship. We are living in days when people would abolish the Lord's Day as a valueless religious observance, a relic of a superstitious age. But science establishes the fact that the observance of the Lord's Day possesses the following real values—that it was, as the Lord stated, "made for man."

In relation to man's physical well-being. One doctor affirms that man's daily rest is not sufficient to restore the power of the body under continued labor and excitement. Hence, by the bounty of Providence, one day in seven is supplied to perfect by rest the physical system. Another physician claims that man is so organized as to require one day's rest in seven. This, he asserts, is not a man-made dogma, but a natural law which cannot be violated without injury to the health.

In relation to man's mental welfare. Because of complexity of modern life and the fast pace of living, we are fast becoming a nation of neurasthenics. Mental diseases have increased alarmingly. A superintendent of a state institution for the insane, when asked what he considered the chief cause of insanity, replied, "Seven days work without Sunday rest." Dr. Haegler once said, "The work of the week if you are never free from it shakes the nerves, dulls the senses, attacks the brain, and is able to transform a man into a cipher." A British scientist stated that he never knew a man who worked seven days in the week who did not kill himself or his mind. "The sacred quietness of the Sabbath," says one physician, "takes off from the brain that excessive fullness of blood which the mental and bodily exercise of six days is calculated to produce."

In relation to domestic life. Said the late Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, "Seven days labor steals from the workers the opportunities for the cultivation of a higher, better, nobler spirit, and gradually but surely takes from the worker all appreciation of his rights and renders him incapable of performing his duty as a man, as

a father, as a citizen." Sunday is the breathing spell of the family, when it is lifted from contact with material things, and breathes the purer air of spiritual life. According to one writer, nerve specialists and child specialists are telling us that church attendance works no hardship upon children, as some assert, but rather that it is good for the body, the brain and the spirit of the child.

In relation to political life. It is the conclusion of Blackstone, the noted jurist, that the observance of one day in seven as a day of rest "is of admirable service to a state, considered merely as a civil institution."

"The continuance of our national life in its primal vigor," said Judge Alton B. Parker, "absolutely demands that the first day of the week be set aside and forever observed and celebrated as a day devoted to rest, religious services and humanitarian work." These facts are well illustrated in the history of Israel, who, when they forgot their religion and its Sabbaths, became weak and were reduced to a condition of servitude and were finally carried into captivity. Nehemiah 13:17, 18.*

In relation to business. We quote the words of Roger W. Babson, the well known statistician of the commercial world. "Statistics show that character is one of the chief forces in economics. In the business history of our nation every period of sound prosperity has been heralded by a moral awakening; every period of depression has been foreshadowed by moral weakening. It has always been true that an increase in church attendance and Sunday observance shows that people are developing the necessary character for an era of business progress and national prosperity. . . . Sunday observance is not simply a religious rite, but an economic need. A successful nation requires that its people, especially those who are immersed in the frenzies of business, should give a right proportion of their time to meditation and quiet. If the Lord's day had not been inspired as a Divine institution, some counterpart would have dictated as a human necessity. Quietness and relaxation from the vortex of daily affairs is just as necessary for people in business as sunshine for crops. Meditation, vision, and faith offer the chief source of power; they constitute the richest mine of true wealth with the greatest real opportunities for every person engaged in business or connected with its network of activities."

In relation to man's spiritual need. The observance of the Lord's Day not only ministers to man's physical and mental welfare, but also make provision for the development of the highest part of his being—the spiritual. Those who have given their thoughts and energies largely to material matters for six days need at least one day that they can devote to the worship and service of God, and to spiritual fellowship with their brethren in the Lord. Therefore let us keep the Lord's day, not as a day made burdensome by legalistic restrictions and man-made limitations, but as a day given to man for rest, joy and glad worship. On the other hand, let us avoid doing anything on that day which would cause those to stumble who rightly believe that one day of the week should be separated from common use and wholly dedicated to God.—M. P.

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Forthcoming Meetings

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—V. R. Jackson begins revival in Gospel Tabernacle Jan. 15, to run indefinitely.—F. J. Lindquist, Pastor.

MANSFIELD, O.—Revival beginning Jan. 24, conducted by Basil Hillman, of Marion, at Tabernacle, 2 S. Diamond St.—Estella V. Maffett, Pastor.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—J. N. Hoover, Santa Cruz, Calif., will begin special meetings in 6th Ave. Pentecostal Tabernacle, 6th Ave. and First St., Jan. 8th.—A. N. Glanville, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Special Convention Jan. 20-22. Missionary day, Jan. 22. Speakers, E. S. Williams, Noel Perkin, and Fred Vogler. Three meetings daily.—Victor Greisen, 915 Spring St., Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE, KANS.—Howard Wisher, of Kansas City, Mo., began a meeting Jan. 8 in the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 14th and Poplar Sts.—Robert L. Hillegas, Pastor.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—Dedication of our new mortgage-free church, Jan. 15 at 2:00. The next evening a revival conducted by Wallace S. Bragg, pastor at Wellston, is to begin.—Geo. M. Patterson.

OLIVET, KANS.—Hannah Mae Steidle, of Dorance, will conduct revival beginning Jan. 29, to continue as long as the Lord leads. Co-operation from near-by assemblies earnestly invited.—G. M. Haight, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Earl Winburn, Winnipeg, Can., will conduct revival in Fremont Pentecostal Tabernacle, N. 35th St., under the Aurora Bridge, beginning Jan. 8, to continue 4 weeks or longer.—J. L. Isaacs, Pastor.

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR.—Beginning Jan. 8, Ben Compton, Washington, D. C., will conduct New Year's evangelistic campaign through the month of January or longer. Meetings at Gospel Tabernacle every evening except Mondays, at 7:30.—Inez Ferris, Pastor, Cathryn Thorne, Assistant Pastor.

TOLEDO, O.—Dr. B. Titus Duncan, of the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, former Methodist Episcopal Minister, will conduct revival at Upton Avenue Tabernacle, Upton Ave. at Oakwood Ave., beginning Jan. 8, and continuing through the month, or longer.—D. G. Scott, 1708 Upton Ave., Pastor.

MIAMI, FLA.—Thomas Paine, Italian Evangelist, will conduct revival Jan. 24-Feb. 5, in First Pentecostal Church, N. W. 36th St. and 7th Ave. Meetings every night except Saturdays, at 7:30; Sundays at 11:00 also. C. C. Garrett, Pastor.—C. L. Dorris, Secretary.

DENVER, COLO.—The 17th annual convention of the Rocky Mountain District will convene at church, 1447 Lawrence St., Feb. 14-17. Three meetings daily. Bed and breakfast given ministers and delegates free. Christ's Ambassadors rally afternoon and night of 17th.—Floyd C. Woodworth, 838 Leyden St., District Superintendent.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Fifth Sunday spiritual convention, will be held at Full Gospel Assembly near 946 S. Somerville St., beginning with Christ's Ambassadors rally night of Jan. 28, continuing over Jan. 30. J. R. Evans, Springfield, Mo., General Secretary, and numerous District ministers are expected.—J. L. Slay, Pastor.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—First Christ's Ambassadors' rally for the Northeast section, Jan. 22. All C. A.'s in the Section are requested to be present. Bring class songs, musical numbers, banners, and lunch baskets. First service at 11:00 lunch on grounds at 12:30, afternoon service at 2:00.—George M. Patterson, Pastor; Wallace Bragg, President.

DISTRICT BIBLE CONVENTION
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.—Southern Missouri District Bible convention at church on S. Sprigg St., Jan. 24-27. Rooms and meals free to ministers. Speakers announced later. This will be the last District meeting until August camp. All brethren in the District urged to be present. Write S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, Dexter, Mo., or Pastor Pawhatan Huffman, 1202 S. Sprigg St., Cape Girardeau.—J. Lon Hale.

BIBLE STUDY CONFERENCES
JENNINGS, LA.—Jan. 18-22. Free entertainment to all worthy workers. **WEST MONROE, LA.** Jan. 24-29 closing with fifth Sunday fellowship meeting. We regret Noel Perkin will not be able to be with us as formerly announced. Free entertainment by the church. Ministers of these sections specially urged to attend these conferences. David Burris, District Superintendent, 718 N. Boston Ave., Russellville, Ark.; E. L. Tanner, West Monroe, and A. S. Peters, Cedar Grove, Sectional Presbyters.

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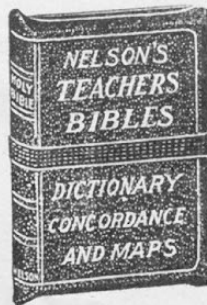
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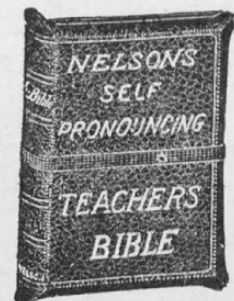
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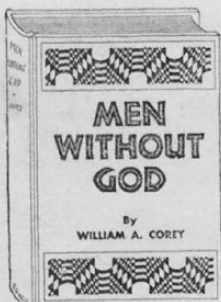
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