

THE **P** NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER. BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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## The Dying Thief

Dr. Lilian Yeomans at the Central Assembly  
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One evening one of the young ladies in the choir at Minneapolis asked if she might give a testimony about a marked healing that had taken place the night before through a blessed handkerchief. The pastor, Brother Lindquist, gave permission for her to speak, and so she spoke.

Her father had been persuaded to come to the meeting the night before. He had not been coming as regularly as he might have, but this night they had got him to church. That night there was a great pile of anointed handkerchiefs, and one of them that was sent for anointing and prayer was his. Well, that night the family went home from church, and the father went to bed quickly. Early in the morning his wife had the shock of her life. She saw Daddy's foot sticking out from the bed-clothes at the bottom of the bed, a handkerchief wrapped around his big toe. Around the handkerchief she could see a lace fringe.

She said, "What is that handkerchief doing on your toe?" He said, in a very reproving voice, "It was anointed at the meeting last night." "But," she said, "that isn't your handkerchief." "Well," he said, "the preacher told us to come up to the front and get your handkerchiefs, so I went and got one."

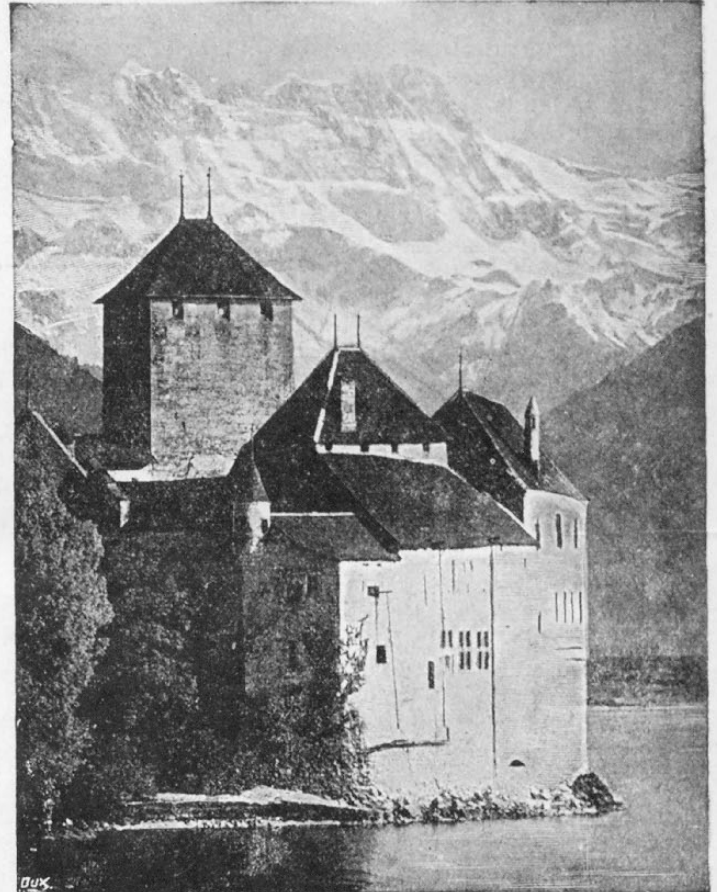
He took it off his foot, and said, "My toe is healed!" So Mother didn't know what to say. She said, "Isn't that stealing. You have taken some lady's handkerchief!"

Now, as the young lady was telling all this in her testimony, I kept watching the congregation to see if I could ascertain who was the owner of the lady's handkerchief. Finally I saw a young lady whose face got very dark. All the rest of the people were laughing, but she wasn't the least bit amused. I said to myself, "That is the one who owns the handkerchief."

When the testimony was over and everybody was praising the Lord for healing the father's toe, this lady stood and said, in cold grouchy tones, "When will I get my handkerchief?" The young lady replied, "Just as soon as we can launder it."

My text is in Luke 23:33-43: "And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

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### THE BROKEN HEART

*A prison wall was round us both—  
Two outcast men we were:  
It seemed the world had cast us off  
And God from out His care;  
And the iron gin that waits for sin  
Had caught us in its snare.*

*And thus we rust Life's iron chain,  
Degraded and alone;  
And some men curse and some men weep,  
And some men make no moan.  
But God's eternal laws are kind  
And break the heart of stone.*

*O happy they whose hearts can break  
And peace of pardon win!  
How else may man make straight his plan  
And cleanse his soul from sin?  
How else but through a broken heart  
May Lord Christ enter in?*

—Written by a prisoner on his deathbed

# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Floyd L. Hawkins at the Springfield Assembly

"John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5.

We should like to discuss briefly the *what* and the *why* and the *how* of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit—what it is, why it is necessary, and how it is received.

In many of our Full Gospel meetings when we preach about the Baptism we so construct our sermons that they will not sound too elementary to those who received the experience fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five years ago. These older saints have heard many sermons and read many articles and books upon the subject, and we endeavor to preach so that what we say will still interest them. However, we must not overlook the fact that constantly there are coming into our midst people who know little or nothing about the Baptism, and it is to such friends that this message is directed.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit, is much like water baptism. To have this experience simply means that you have come to God and have become so wrapped up with Him and so lost in Him that His Spirit is within you and above you and beneath you and you are completely submerged, immersed, in the Holy Ghost. That is what we mean by the figurative term, "Baptized with the Holy Ghost." You are simply swallowed up in God.

There is a tremendous need for this experience on the part of every Christian today. We are engaged in a spiritual warfare. We do not wrestle against natural enemies or physical foes. Our battle is "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." You cannot envision this warfare with your natural eye, and who could think of engaging in such a war without spiritual equipment?

"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." I fear that the weakness and failure of the people of Christ down through the years is due to the fact that they have attempted to go out to battle in their own strength. It is folly to preach or teach or to engage in Christian work of any kind without the supernatural power of God inasmuch as ours is a spiritual warfare.

There is a close relationship between the word "power" in Acts 1:8 and the word from which our English word "dynamite" comes. Did you ever consider what would happen in the natural realm if there were exploded in one of our meetings a stick of dynamite? The place would be blown to pieces. Do we not need similar power in the spiritual realm in order to overturn and defeat and uproot and crush the forces of evil and the power of our spiritual enemy? We need the mighty dynamite of God, the power that He has promised us through the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, to replace the indifference and lethargy and other disabling human characteristics produced by sin. They are so formidable that no natural power can cope with them. "Ye shall receive power (dynamite), after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Oratory is not sufficient. Fine music is not enough. We need something greater than fine choirs and large buildings. As a church and as individuals as well, we need the power of God.

There are persons of a naturally retiring disposition, slow to respond to the things of God. They are afraid to testify for fear of their own voices. For some of these I have compassion, but with others I have little patience. Some are silent because they do not have the victory in their souls that they should have, and such are a burden and hindrance to the work of the Lord.

I once watched a freight train puffing past my window, making a great noise. The big engine was snorting and blowing with the utmost strain. After it had passed the window I watched the awkward, lumbering box cars dragging along behind. It looked as if they were doing all they could to stall the old engine. There seemed to be an endless stream of them, and I thought how much the train was like some churches I have known. A few people in the church are working hard—praying, testifying, teaching, singing, and doing all they can to promote the work—but hanging on behind are many others, a dead weight keeping the work from going ahead. They get on the gospel train and do not care whether they move or not. They simply drag their feet and make no spiritual contribution whatever.

I like people to either get into the work or get out of the way. I prefer that they get into it, but if they are going to be mere hangers-on, I prefer to see them leave.

A lot of people are genuinely backward in their disposition, however. I am glad to say that the Lord can change such a disposition. I have seen people who before their Baptism could never give a testimony or say amen or pray in public, yet when God baptized them with His Spirit they became veritable firebrands, ready to do anything, and shouting the praises of the Lord without fear of any one. The apostle Peter was transformed in that manner. Previously he had denied being one of Jesus' followers. But you will remember that he repented, and then on the day of Pentecost when he received this mighty Baptism with the Holy Spirit, it was he whom the Lord chose to preach that notable sermon that led three thousand into the church at once.

Some people are naturally more gifted than others, but I believe every one should be able to testify and lead in prayer. I believe God can transform you into a worker of great boldness. Do not let the devil deceive you. When it comes to drawing back, I think the men are worse than the women. They claim that they are busy all day making a living and that it is up to the ladies to read the Bible and pray and work for the Lord, as *they have more opportunity*. I do not agree, for the Lord is able to give every one of His children a mighty Baptism with the Holy Spirit that will give boldness and courage. I do not say that you will be made a preacher—an Apostle Paul, a Phillips Brooks, or a C. H. Spurgeon—but God will make you a witness. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

One of the most powerful evangelists I have known was a lady who encouraged me to get started in the work of the Lord. Although she was ignorant and unlearned, she would go into a town with no organization to back her, and no money of her own, but relying upon God alone. If she could not get a building she would build a brush arbor or get a tent. When it came to preaching and to platform ability she was a complete failure. But she had God in her life. My first revival meeting was held in a moving picture theater which had been closed through that woman's meetings; the manager of the theater had been saved and had turned it into a church. Such fasting, such seeking God, such agony in prayer, I had never seen, and oh, how God used that soul!



Old-timers know about such workers as Sister Woodworth-Etter. How God used that old soul! I suppose that in Dallas, Texas, there are as many Pentecostal people as in any city of its size in the world. In the beginning of this Pentecostal outpouring God sent Sister Woodworth-Etter to Dallas to hold a revival meeting for Brother Bosworth. The whole city was turned upside down through the way God worked. There was much opposition, but in spite of it all God sent great power and anointing and miracles to sanction the work. Friend, you may not be gifted in a natural way, but God can take a humble soul and transform him into a mighty power for His service.

You need the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Get hungry for it. Your receiving depends on your hunger to a very large extent. If you are anxious enough for the Baptism you will seek God for it, in spite of your natural timidity. Those of you who are married or engaged to be married will remember how backward you were, perhaps, when you fell in love. You did not know how to frame your sentences to ask your sweetheart the question. However, you knew you wanted to say it, and the desire got stronger every day until finally you just popped the question. You hardly knew what words you were saying, and you cannot remember them now, but you said it.

That is the way with seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. There is no formula that man could frame by which to seek, but in the words of the Lord Jesus Christ I declare to you, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." If you will get hungry enough after God, no one will have to tell you how to press through to Him. You will dare to believe God and He will come in answer to your cry and will meet your need. He is infinitely more anxious to fill you with His Spirit than you are to receive Him. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" No parent begrudges giving to his children, and the Lord is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to you if you have become His child. You must ask Him to do so, however. He gives the Spirit to them that ask Him.

As James writes, "Ye have not, because ye ask not." You must pray. What were the disciples doing in the upper room when they were tarrying for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit? They "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." What was Saul of Tarsus doing as he waited for the infilling of the Holy Spirit? He had been fasting for three days and was praying. What happened before the people of Samaria

received the Holy Ghost? The apostles came and prayed for them. If you want to receive, pray. Pray clear through until you reach the place where you love to pray—where prayer is easy and natural and spontaneous. We have never prayed enough until we feel it is glorious and sweet to be waiting in the presence of the Lord.

When you have prayed through to a place of victory, I believe you ought to look for God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and so you should praise Him and thank Him and rejoice in Him. Many think the Baptism is a mysterious experience in which you are carried clear out of your head and lose all consciousness. Such is not the case. God wants you to be aware of the thing He is doing in your life. You will not be unconscious of your surroundings when God baptizes you with His Spirit.

It matters not whether you are standing up or sitting, or what your position may be when you seek the Lord. On the day of Pentecost we are told they were sitting. However, I do think it is very uncouth and undignified for people to stretch *themselves* out on the floor in order to seek God. The Lord is so majestic and glorious that we should be reverent in our worship of Him. I am glad to see God "slay" people with His power if He so chooses. I have seen people by the score prostrate under the mighty power of God. However I feel that the idea of some people, that they must lie down on the floor and get in every one's way before God can baptize them in the Holy Spirit, is silly. I advise seekers to get in a comfortable position so they can get their mind on the Lord and forget themselves, but they should not be entirely careless.

Ask the Lord to baptize you with His Spirit. Pour your heart out to Him.

Then praise and glorify Him. Exalt Him, magnify Him, make love to Him, worship Him, adore Him. Jesus is so wonderful, so real. He is your Redeemer, your Lord, your Baptizer, all you need. As you praise Him you will find He becomes more real to your heart, and the consciousness of the presence of God will increase until you are swept out into a mighty and glorious Baptism with the Holy Ghost.

After all, it is impossible for any one to lay down any formula to be followed in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit. I know this from personal experience. I went to the altar every night we had service, to seek the Baptism. If those who were praying with me told me to say, "Praise God, praise God, praise God," I did so. If some one else came and told me to say, "Glory to God, glory to God," I said it and said it. If they said to me, "Put your hands up; the Lord is up, not down," then I raised my hands. I obeyed all they told me to do. Often it was very confusing, for on one side they were telling me to do one thing while on the other side they were telling me to do the opposite, but I tried my best to do it all. After all, I believe it shows the right attitude when you follow the advice of the Christians who are trying to help you at the altar. It shows a humble, willing and obedient spirit.

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### For the Primaries

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### Perfect Peace in Troublous Times

"Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth (literally, has ceased to be)." Psalm 12:1. This is an utterance that came from the lips of David—at the time, doubtless, when the apostasy of Saul and of the nation of Israel was daily becoming more apparent.

Elijah voiced a somewhat similar cry as he saw the terrible falling away in his day: "The children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." But upon the mount of God he received a revelation that all the godly had not ceased to be. The word came from the Lord: "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal."

Our precious Lord foretold of last day conditions, "The sea and waves roaring." To what did He refer? Undoubtedly to the ungodly; for the inspired prophet tells us that "the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Isa. 57:20. The danger with so many of us these days is that we have our eyes on the mounting waves, on the mire and dirt everywhere manifest, and our ears are ever open to the roar of the sea, instead of having our eyes constantly on our lover Lord, and our ears ever attentive to Him. Like Peter when he attempted to obey the word of the Lord and walk on the water, we get so taken up with the boisterous winds that we begin to sink, and we have to receive the rebuke of the Lord, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

When the disciples saw the billows surging and the waves roaring in an unprecedented storm on the lake of Galilee, they were filled with terror. Surely the boat would go under and they would all be drowned. They went in alarm to the calm, restful, trustful One who lay peacefully asleep on a pillow in the hinder part of the ship. They cried, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Did He care for them—and for us? Assuredly. He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still." The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Then He turned to the terror-stricken disciples and said, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"

Today, amid the turmoil, the sea and waves roaring, He who sitteth in the

heavens is undisturbed. He has heard the word from His Father, "Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool." He is awaiting His Father's time, when He will arise and come forth to make war upon the ungodly. He will still the restless, roaring waves of wickedness. His disciples need not fear, for He will make "the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still." Then will all His disciples be glad, because they be quiet; so He will bring them unto their desired haven. Psalm 107:30.

David and his men were utterly discouraged when they came to Ziklag and found that the enemy had burned the city, captured their wives and their children, and carried away all their possessions. In their utter discouragement those men forgot all the goodness of the Lord in the days of the past, and a great temptation came to them—to slay David, whom they accounted responsible.

What did David do in this dark hour when there seemed not a gleam of hope anywhere? He did what it is well for us to do in this dark hour—he "encouraged himself in the Lord." Then he made

### Bible Sunday

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The American Bible Society has been serving the churches of America for the past 122 years, devoting its labors to aiding in translation, to the publication and the distribution of the Scriptures without note or comment. It is a splendid missionary agency.

#### IN A THOUSAND TONGUES

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inquiry of the Lord. The Lord's word was reassuring. It always is. "Pursue: for thou shalt . . . recover all." David was obedient. The word of the Lord proved true. And then the Lord did exceeding abundantly above all for him. His strong enemy, Saul, who had so often sought to kill him, was destroyed in battle, and the men of Judah came and made him king.

David's darkest hour just preceded a glorious dawn of blessedness. Let us encourage our hearts at this midnight hour. The morning cometh. The Sun of righteousness, rejoicing as a strong man who runs a race (Psalm 19:5), is moving towards us, and all that is dark shall be dispelled by the glorious presence of Him who is the light of the world. He has a throne ahead, not only for Himself, but for each of His faithful ones, for they are to reign with Him.

Elijah came to mount Sinai, but we have come to mount Sion. Hebrews 12:22. If we have been at all cast down, here is the place to renew our courage. What do we see upon this holy mount? An innumerable company of angels, angels that excel in strength, strong enough to hurl our adversary from the battlements of heaven as they rally to Michael's banner.

Moreover, we see God the judge of all, Him who has said: "I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me . . . he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people." Deut. 32:40-43.

Here on mount Sion we hear the eloquent voice of the Blood that speaketh "better things." Does that Blood speak to us of seven thousand who have not bowed knee to Baal? Oh no, it tells us of a countless company, a host so great that no man could number them, as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore. These are they that have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Cheer up, O servant of the Lord: "They that be with us are more than they that be with them."

And, hallelujah, we see Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. Elijah was told of a prophet to succeed him, a prophet who was destined to do great things. But Elisha's ministry of the miraculous was but a faint picture of the great and glorious work of God's great Prophet who opens blind eyes, makes the lame to leap, and causes the dumb to speak. He who spoke the word, "Lazarus, come forth!" will speak a further word, and all that sleep in the dust shall come forth, and His righteous ones will for ever dwell with Him.



Elijah was told of a king that was to be anointed, who should execute judgment on the wicked house of Ahab. And praise God, a greater than Jehu will come to bring swift destruction upon the powers of evil, upon that king whom John calls "the beast," upon the Baal-like prophet on his right hand, and upon the Jezebel-like harlot that sits as a queen over the whole earth. The God of Naboth still lives, and will bring a sure vengeance on all who covet the land that is to be an inheritance for His people. This King who is to come is to have all nations for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. All hail, Emmanuel!

Have faith in God. Have faith in His Son. Have faith in the promises that have been given to Him. They shall all be fulfilled to the letter. The agonies of Calvary will be fully compensated when the marriage of the Lamb is announced. His glorious bride, made all glorious within through the efficacy of the Word, the Blood, and the Spirit, now without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, shall be united to the Lamb in His eternal reign.—S. H. F.

### My Mother's Bible

The Bible! My mother's Bible! It was bought in the days when Bibles were expensive. The old custom was to put a bit of green or some cottage garden blossom by some passage that comforted her. They have long since crumbled at our touch. Yet it still quiets our heart, as it quieted her heart which has long ceased to beat. With its indestructible vitality it lifts and saves. It is the only legacy I ever received from her humble estate. How very much I prize it! It seems to have a climate all its own; it's "psychological," and I am sort of born into a quality of air which is other than native. It lifts into a certain spiritual elevation, when I open its time-worn, brittle leather covers and follow its pencil-marked pages. She left me no station, no prestige; she gave me no genius and left me not a cent, but her Bible remains after all these years my most coveted treasure and in its light, some day, I shall see her face to face.—J. S. Montgomery, Chaplain of the House of Representatives, U. S. A.

### The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

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However, I went on seeking the Lord that way for months and never got anywhere apparently. But one night, while we were having testimonies, the blessing of the Lord came down upon the audience. The people began rejoicing and shouting. A little lady who had been a blessing to me reached over and said,

"You just believe God, and He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit right now."

Her words created faith in my heart, and I said, "Why not right now!" Receiving the Holy Spirit is just like receiving salvation—it is by faith. Never think that you are to work for it. That is what I had thought—I had decided I would work my way through by doing everything I could to tarry and pray and hold up my hands and so on. But that

### Our Bible

**T**HE Bible is one of the solid facts of Christianity. What it is is not affected by what men think of it. Changing opinions about the Bible do not change the Bible. Whatever the Bible was the Bible is. And what it is it has always been. It is not man's thoughts about the Bible that judge it. It is the Bible which judges men and their thoughts. It has nothing to fear but ignorance and neglect. And the church need have no other fear on its account. The Bible will take care of itself if the church will distribute it and get it read.

This celebration of the translation of the Bible into its thousandth language is a grand occasion and opportunity for the church. Every pastor should take advantage of it and to present the duty of Bible distribution and Bible study afresh to the church and all its members.

There should not be a home without the Bible. In one sense there cannot be, for it is the Bible from which the ideal of the home is derived and from which the forces for its realization flow.

And what the Bible is for the home it is for men and women one by one—namely, the source of true ideals of character and the fountain of those energies in Christ by which character is won.—Robert Speer.

night I took faith and said, "Right now." And in two minutes' time the Lord had come in His fullness and had baptized me with His Spirit. We receive the Baptism by faith—as Ben Hardin says, not taking it and believing we have it and going away without it—but reaching out in faith. You will never be filled with the Spirit as long as you believe God is going to do it. You must believe that God does it right now, as you yield yourself to Him.

"They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them ut-

terance." Acts 2:4. Notice that it was they who began to speak with other tongues. I do not believe in presumption and attempting through natural means to speak in supernatural utterance. However, too many hesitate and very nearly refuse to let go and launch out in faith. It is your place to yield your voice to Him, as well as your heart and mind and all, and believe that He comes right now and baptizes you. When you dare to fully believe, that instant you will be speaking with other tongues. Do not be afraid to launch out and yield your tongue, for it is you that does the speaking as the Spirit gives utterance and directs.

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is an experience that is received subsequent to regeneration. Speaking with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gives utterance is the initial physical evidence of the experience. There are many other evidences that come into a person's life when they have been baptized with the Spirit—holiness of life, a white-hearted love for God and for the souls of men, the fruits of the Spirit, and so on. God will put all these evidences in your life if you yield to Him and let Him fill you with Himself. Ask Him to fill you. Praise Him and worship Him with real faith and joy in your heart. Do not expect Him to take all year to do it, but say, "Jesus, I believe you do it right now," and the Lord will come and give you this glorious experience immediately.

### Enjoyable Studies

The Sunday School lessons for the first quarter of 1939 will bring us to the fascinating and profitable study of the life of King David. Every teacher and scholar will revel in these wonderful stories of the man after God's own heart.

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Whatever desire the Father permits to live in the heart of one of His saints, He will grant the fulfilment thereof.—O. Chadwick.

The Lord teaches His people to expect and pray for what He means soon to work.—R. M. McCheyne.

# THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN LANDS

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"Early in October we went out to assembly 'C' to baptize in water those who had already been saved. While there we gave Christian baptism to eighteen believers. The Lord Jesus Christ was there to meet hungry hearts and He baptized six with the Holy Spirit, while a number of others were refreshed."

### A PECULIAR COINCIDENCE

Some of our missionaries in Peru have taken advantage of a rather unusual means of placing Scripture verses before the people. Jane Collins has written several times about their going out along the roads with a supply of black stove polish and white wash, painting short verses on prominent rocks or other flat surfaces where they can be a witness to passersby. Another letter has just been received from Miss Collins with the following unique incident related:

"A few days ago we were out painting along the roads when we came to the airport, so we asked the officer there if we could paint a nice big text on the tin roof of the hangar. He thought it would be a good idea, so in a few days we returned with two of the brethren who climbed to the roof and painted the words, 'God is Love' in letters twelve feet high by three and a half feet wide. It can be read at a distance of a mile and a half.

"The next day four priests came out, and seeing this and other texts, told the officer in charge that he must have them erased. 'But, father, those are beautiful words. You would not want to erase

the name of God from the people!' 'No, but those evangelicals have done this and it must come down!' After much persuasion, they sent a boy to begin scraping the letters off. He had hardly gotten started when the young officer said, 'Now, suppose there came a terrible wind and storm; then it would be God punishing you for erasing this.' 'Oh, God is not in such as that,' the priest replied.

"Within ten minutes God honored the young man's faith, and there came such a violent wind and storm that it turned up the sheet metal of the roof and blew down four light poles near the priests. Needless to say they were a bit nervous, and as soon as they could safely leave the place they got away, leaving the text there.

"The next day we went out there to paint the other side of the roof and the young officer was exceedingly happy about it because God had answered his faith. He is in a good place to give his heart to God as is also his wife. Please pray for them. On the other side of the roof we printed 'Christ Forgives and Gives Peace.'

"Will you also pray for the doctor of the Peruvian Marines? He was apparently dying with pneumonia when in answer to the prayers of the church the fever left instantly and he is well. This has been undoubtedly for his salvation. Two others have been saved recently and it is blessed to see them grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

### YOUNG PEOPLE STEP OUT FOR GOD

Agnes Juergensen, Japan

"I the Lord do keep it. I will water it every moment." Isa. 27:3. It is with joy I tell you of God's workings among us at the Kamoe Mission in Hamamatsu City.

Since early spring a number of young people have been added to the flock. To see



If the wind blows her dress against the wet paint, a little water takes care of the accident, and on they go to the next place.

them grow has been our greatest joy of the past months. With increased interest in the coming baptismal service came greater interest in the study of the Word and deep heart searching.

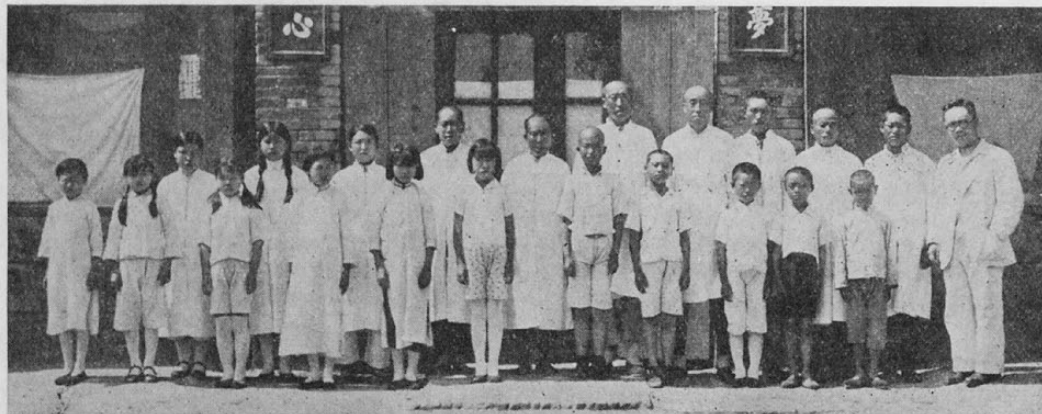
The date for the baptismal service was set for October 2. The morning dawned a glorious fall day. We had our morning worship out on the Tenriyu River bank. I never saw a more hungry few ready to forsake all; there they waited upon God. To humble worshipers what refreshings and in-fillings He gives!

I was impressed deeply at the humble lunch hours. Their rice boxes contained scarcely enough for their lunches. Our flock are not possessors of this world's goods, but as I looked over the fifteen candidates, they looked rich to me. They had all done their best to make their burial kimonos, the death garment being significant of an inward willingness and decision to die; and deeper than their outward garments, they are robed in His righteousness. Following their Lord, down into a watery grave they went, then arose with praises unto Him who had saved them.

Back in the Kamoe Mission for our evening service, the richness of His presence continued with us. One of the sisters who was definitely born again a few months ago was wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit.

She is the first to receive the Baptism in the Hamamatsu Mission. She had never witnessed any one receiving the Holy Spirit. As she knelt in prayer and praise her Japanese words failed her and He took control, speaking through her clearly. The following night after a good message the Spirit broke us all up before Him and another young woman was filled.

During the last six years the work has



Twenty-one believers recently baptized at Anta Chan, Manchuria. All have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Native preacher, Brother Hsing, standing at right.



gone through many storms and deep waters, but thank God His refreshings are coming now in a special way. Please pray that showers of latter rain may spread throughout these towns and cities.

**THE TRAGEDY OF MILLIONS**

It would be impossible in this brief article to convey a true picture of the soul-crushing agony through which millions of men and women are passing today. Not alone in China, where twenty million people (equal to half the population of Great Britain) are fleeing before the Japanese advance in the Yangtse Valley, but all over the world the unspeakable horror which is in the earth, in the air and on the sea is too great a burden for humanity to bear.

Tales of desolation and destruction are everywhere. Mile upon mile of crops rotting in the fields, burnt-out farms and villages, once prosperous towns now standing empty, corpses lying for weeks in the open with no one to bury them—such is the description that comes from war-stricken areas and nations where God is not honored or where His name is not known. Missionaries have tried to picture it, reporters to write it, but the scenes and conditions of those "regions where Christ is not named" beggar all descriptions by tongue or pen. It is indescribable.

"Why are you weeping?" this innocent boy is asking of his broken-hearted mother—the wreckage of war at her helpless feet, the body of husband and father lying in some unknown field drying in the burning sun. The hands of the idol to which she has come for help are raised mockingly in its impotence to assist her. "Oh, that I knew where I might find Him," her soul cries out.

"Where is He?"—the God that she does not know—He whose name is on our lips, whose commission "Go ye," we have but feebly carried out?

Brother, sister, is it because we have been idle, slow, covetous, selfish, disobedient—any of these—that this woman cannot find Him, does not know His name, knows not the way to His throne, has not heard of our beautiful Christ?

Then here is your opportunity to "make good"—\$2000 extra a month for missions our goal, our plea, our earnest effort, backed by our prayers, our gifts, our sacrifices! Remember what it will do—REMEMBER! Send yours now.—C. M. B.

**NEW TRIUMPHS FOR CHRIST IN GUATEMALA**

John L. Franklin

To enter a new place with the gospel is not as easy as it would appear. We might use the words of the Apostle Paul, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." It means that there is much opposition. It does not mean that the people of this



Happy group of Christians of the Hamamatsu Mission in Japan when fifteen of their number were baptized in water. Agnes Juergensen standing in center of back row.

country are irreligious; on the contrary they are very religious, but not after godliness. For centuries they have been told that they are the true Christians while we Evangelicals are "heretics" and "sons of Satan." Their bitter hatred toward our faith has often been manifest in open persecution, and they imagine that they do God service thereby. The priests, having heard of the triumphs of the gospel in other lands, seem to have determined that it should not be received into this country.

Consequently, to enter a new place with the gospel means that we are not wanted—no more desired than a bad case of smallpox. In view of this situation we marvel that whole towns and villages during these last two months have turned out to hear the gospel message, many inquiring concerning the way of salvation, and hungrily

complain, we should immediately think of the merchants who make the same trip every week to sell whisky.

Should we be well received? Should we be able to find lodging and a place for the workers to dry their wet clothing? Would there be a place for the services? Feeling strangely helpless we bow our heads and pray to the Lord who had sent us, and tell Him our need.

A bit below us on the side of the mountain with a large Catholic temple in the center plaza we see the town—our destination—and give thanks to God. As is our custom we report immediately to the civil authorities to inform them concerning the object of our mission, and discover with joy that they are friends of previous acquaintance who had befriended our mission on other occasions, and gladly offer to uphold our rights of religious liberty such as is guaranteed by the law. We are soon able to rent a small house for lodging and to secure the largest unoccupied house in town for the services. After making a few seats from boards and boxes we announce the services throughout the town.

**Will They Come and Be Converted?**

The hour comes for the first meeting. No one ventures to enter. Alone we begin to sing and a few children come in. In a few minutes they leave. We continue singing and soon they return bringing others. Finally thirty gather and listen very attentively to the preaching, and accept several Gospels and tracts. The next night sixty come out, the following night a hundred and twenty. From that time forward the people open their hearts and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Within eight days twenty-five souls are saved, and they begin to learn to sing and testify. One of them offers his house for the meetings and the people begin talking about building a meeting house. The enthusiasm becomes so great that it is necessary for the native worker to stay and continue the (Continued on Page Eighteen)



"Honorable Mother, why are you weeping?"

## THE OUTLOOK AND THE UPLOOK

PRESENT DAY EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

### PALESTINE PRODUCE

Ernest Gordon writes that "in 1926 Jewish farms in Palestine produced 150,000 eggs annually; in 1937 forty million. The value of Jewish industrial products jumped from 5,352,000 pounds in 1926 to 9,109,000 pounds in 1937, in spite of the disorders and uncertainties of the time."

### CRIME

The *New York Times* in a recent editorial stated that as a person walks down the street, one out of every 37 people he meets will be a criminal, and one out of every 650 will be a murderer. It adds that the cost of this criminal population amounts to fifteen billion dollars yearly, or about \$115 to each individual in our population.

### THE BIBLE AND INSURANCE RATES

We read in *The Gideon*: "The burglary insurance rate is \$12.00 a thousand in Boston; \$22.00 in New York; and \$27.50 in Chicago. Is there any connection between these figures and the fact that the Bible has been read daily in the public schools of Boston for sixty-five years, for twenty-two years in New York, and excluded for thirty years from the schools in Chicago?"

### PRAY FOR UNFORTUNATES

In his annual Thanksgiving Proclamation President Roosevelt said: "In the time of our fortune it is fitting that we offer prayers for unfortunate people in other lands who are in dire distress at this our Thanksgiving season.

"Let us remember them in our families and our churches when, on the day appointed, we offer thanks to Almighty God. May we by our way of living merit the continuance of His goodness."

### THE END OF THE AGE

Writes Dr. Carrel, world-renowned surgeon and scientist: "The civilized races seem to be losing the courage to live. In almost every country the reproduction of the more gifted individuals is decreasing. Nervous fragility, intellectual weakness, moral corruption, and insanity are more dangerous for our future than yellow fever, typhus, and cancer. . . . The specialists of physiology, medicine, pedagogy, politics, economics, and of other human activities, have proved their incapacity to solve the problem that concerns us as a whole."

### REBUILDING JERICO

The ancient biblical town of Jericho is to be rebuilt and modernized according to the *Watchman-Examiner*. A Planning Commission is arranging a residential community of medium sized homes. The present site of Jericho was rebuilt by the Crusaders. It lies 250 meters below sea level and has a population of 1,700. It is a popular winter resort, having a warm climate and healthful sulphur springs which are not developed. In the southeast part of the town is a building with a tower, by tradition reputed to be the house of Zacchæus.

### SOME STARTLING FACTS

*Advent News* states: "The Higher Critics have formulated over 700 different theories since the year 1850. Second fact: Each of these theories claimed to be endorsed by up-to-date science and to be the product of the latest scholarship. Third fact: At the present time over 600 of these theories are exploded and abandoned, owing to deeper and wider knowledge. Fourth fact: The remaining hundred theories are rapidly becoming untenable, from the same cause. Fifth fact: Notwithstanding all this, these discredited Professors still loudly assert their ridiculous claims."

### THE SCAPEGOAT NATION

Writes Joseph Taylor Britain in *The Presbyterian*: "There are those who seek to make the Jew the scapegoat for all our religious, political and economic ills. There is no doubt that many leaders of Communism are Jews. Many of the financially powerful figures in American life are Jews, but there are Gentiles active in Communism and there are Anglo-Saxons who are financially powerful in American life. Even if it were discovered that all the leaders of Communism are Jews (a supposition contrary to fact), there still would be no reason to persecute the Jews as a race and make the truly patriotic and righteous members of the race to suffer for the economic and political sins of the few."

## OTHERS

A DIGEST OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

**SOCIAL GOSPEL**—When the social gospel is preached, the gospel of salvation through the blood of the Cross goes out of the window.—*Keith L. Brooks.*

**DEADLY SUCTION**—Empty hours, empty hands, empty companions, empty words, and empty hearts, draw evil spirits, as a vacuum draws in air.—*W. Arnot.*

**OUR ADVOCATE**—There is no need that we who are Christ's should sin; we have no right to sin. No indulgence was ever granted to us that we should sin. But in case we do, "we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." This does not excuse sin, any more than because a building has a fire escape you should set the building on fire for the sake of using the escape!—*John MacBeath.*

**THE CROWD AND GOD**—The atheist shouted, "Down with God," and all the thousands shouted too. Fourteen thousand in an armory, and all shouting—shouting against God! I read it in the paper one morning as I took the Boston plane; and as I read it, down below was the armory, the mob of threateners now gone. Three thousand feet down the armory looked so small. The shouts would have been unheard had they been shouting and threatening me. And then I read the Second Psalm and saw God smiling in derision.—*Will H. Houghton.*

### ATHEISM'S CHALLENGE

Reports *Lutheran News Bulletin*: "Instruction in atheism will be obligatory in all schools of Soviet Russia during 1939, according to recent news reports. To prepare teachers for their new duties a pedagogical institute for instruction in atheism is to be established. Jaroslavsky, head of the Society of the Godless, has declared that atheism in Russia is now in the last stage of its struggle against religion. The year 1942, he says, will mark the jubilee of the Soviet Union and the great festival of the victory of atheism. By 1967, after half a century of Communism, he predicts that the 230,000,000 population of Russia will be completely godless."

### SECRET FEAR

Says a writer in the *American Hebrew*: "Here in our own blessed United States there is disquiet and uneasiness. It is uttered wherever Jews foregather—in the home, in the office, in the temple, in the market place—first making sure that the Gentile domestic or chauffeur or secretary is out of earshot. It is spoken of quietly and seriously—a sentence in a newspaper, a paragraph in a magazine, . . . a report of some alleged discrimination in an Eastern college—all this is seized upon as straws in the wind, a forecast of the impending storm that is sweeping toward us. . . . These things are now taken seriously and gloomily whenever the talk turns on the future of the Jews, both here and in other civilized lands."

"And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night." Deut. 28:66.

**SIGNIFICANT NAMES**—The Scripture gives four names to Christians, taken from the four cardinal graces so essential to man's salvation: saints for their holiness, believers for their faith, brethren for their love, disciples for their knowledge.—*A. Fuller.*

**FORCE VS. FAITH**—The question arises, Does not force sometimes gain the victory over faith? Yes, but the defeat is only temporary, not final. The stones that sent Stephen to death had a lot to do with Saul's conversion. God allowed the forces of evil pitted against Jesus to conquer by putting Him on the Cross, but through His death a greater victory was achieved; it purchased your salvation and mine. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."—*A. Moffett.*

**CHRIST IN CHINA**—I am proud of the fact that Christ is gaining the heart and sympathy of China. Believe me, that is happening. His footsteps become clear and clearer in the good earth of China with every passing hour. Once we looked at the handful of Christians on the one hand and the massed millions of China on the other and said, "You better go home and forget it." But the handful stayed. The story of their staying is an epic which makes the defense of modern Madrid a sham battle. Today the handful is winning.—*C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to the United States.*



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## The Pre-eminent Christ

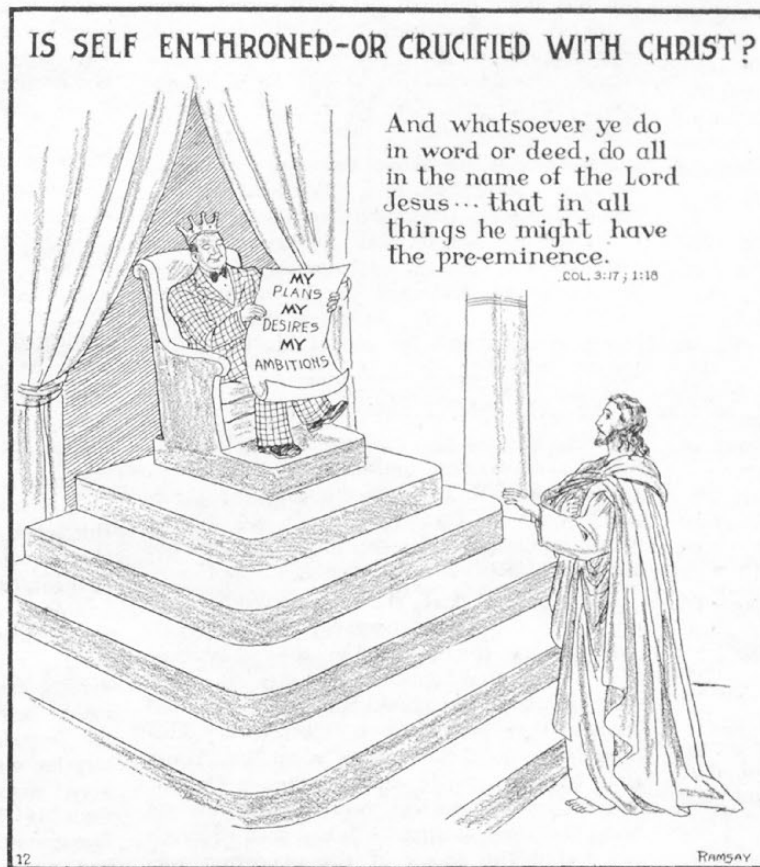
Lesson for December 18, 1938. Lesson Text: Colossians 1 and 2

*The Colossian Error.* "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels." Col. 2:18. The Colossian Christians had been led to embrace the erroneous idea that Christ was revealed to man, through a graduated angelic evolution, from one rank of angels to another, so that the Christ, could *gradually*, and in angelic form, be revealed to mankind. This of course made Christ the Creator to be a mere creature. Paul points this out. Angels are creatures. Christ created them. He is not their "fellow creature." He is their Creator. "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven (the angels), and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him."

*Peter's Similar Misapprehension.* Peter verged closely upon a similar error upon the mount of Transfiguration. "Lord," he said, "it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias." Lord, let's put you on an equality with men of the law and the prophets—Moses and Elijah. That is the sin of Modernism. Christ was a great prophet, they say. He was a great teacher, a great law giver—as great as Moses, as great as Elijah but no greater—human, and *only* human just as are they, but divinely inspired. Poor Peter almost became a Modernist—a Unitarian—but God cured him. In terrible awful majesty God descended upon that group on the mountain top and thundered. "This is my beloved Son: hear him." While the poor disciples, including Peter, were prostrated under the awful splendor of the glory of God, the Lord removed Moses and Elijah. "And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

*Christ as Creator.* "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible." During His earthly career, the Lord indicated in many ways that He was the Creator. When He healed the maimed, those from whom members were lacking, He created anew just what these needy ones required. He rebuked the wind and the waves, and there was a great calm, indicating that He was Lord over the elements. He rebuked and cursed the fig tree with His word, and it withered from the roots up, showing He was Lord over the vegetable kingdom. He bestrode the unbroken ass's colt, which meekly carried Him, showing His lordship over the animal kingdom. In like manner when the disciples had toiled all night and had caught nothing, He com-

mandered the very fish of the sea so that when the nets were cast "on the right side of the ship," 153 great fish were caught. The demon spirits did obeisance unto Him, thus acknowledging His lordship. He raised the dead, proving that He was the Creator, the Giver, the Sustainer, of life. When the Pharisees asked Him to silence the plaudits and praises of the happy disciples as He entered Jerusalem, He indicated that He could make "the very stones cry out," showing His creative ownership of even the inanimate world. The lordship of the Rock of Ages over the rocks!



Truly, by Him were all things created. If He demonstrated His mastery and lordship over creation, in the days of His humiliation, what will be the glory of the manifestation of His power in the Millennium; when the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, and sit upon the throne of His glory!

*He Is a Christ of Power.* We read the promise that the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, that the lion shall lose his ferocity, that the little child shall lead the once savage beasts—all a glorious tribute to the Creator, our blessed Lord Jesus, who has power over nature. We read of the scorpion (cockatrice) and the poisonous adder (65,000 die annually in India from snake bite) losing their venom, so that little children can play near their dens. Daniel, in the lions' den, resting as unconcerned in the midst of the savage beasts as though he were sleeping with a litter of cocker spaniels, is another picture of the power which

the Lord, the Creator, will hold over all his creation.

*He Is a Worker of Signs.* Was not the Lord demonstrating His lordship as Creator, when He said of the believers in His church, "They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them"? We are not referring here to the sinful, presumptuous practice of purposely and knowingly taking up serpents, as do certain religious fanatics. "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God!" Paul's experience on the isle of Melita is a sample of what the Lord meant. A dear old South American missionary, has told us of two brothers in Venezuela, joint plantation owners. One was a Christian, a member of her church, the other a rank unbeliever. The Christian was bitten by a poisonous serpent. He claimed the promise in Mark 16, was anointed and prayed for, and God healed him. The unbelieving brother mocked at the whole experience, and said the brother never had been bitten, as no snake was in the vicinity of the plantation where he claimed to have encountered the reptile. Some weeks later that unbeliever, while walking through the plantation at that very point, was bitten by a poisonous serpent, and died later in horrible agony. "All things were created by him, and for him: . . . and by him all things consist." And Hallelujah! The great Creator became your Saviour and mine!—Harry J. Steil.

### A STRANGE CONVERSION

A professional diver had in his house—what would probably strike a visitor as a very strange chimney ornament—the shells of an oyster holding a piece of printed paper. The possessor of this ornament was diving on the coast, when he observed at the bottom of the sea this oyster on a rock, with a piece of paper in its mouth, which he detached and commenced to read through the goggles of his head-dress. It was a gospel tract! Coming to him so strangely and unexpectedly it so impressed him that he said, "I can't hold out against God's mercy in Christ any longer, since it pursues me thus." And there in the ocean depths he became a repentant man, accepted Christ, and was assured that his sins were forgiven. "Saved at the bottom of the sea" is his testimony.

### PERILOUS TIMES

The glorification of lawlessness is preparing the world for the lawless One. Reports Dan Gilbert: "A prominent professor of psychology, associated with the University of California at Los Angeles, recently has set forth the thesis that 'crime is a necessity' if civilization is to survive. The world would revert to savagery, he maintains, if there were no lawbreakers and all laws were obeyed.

The professor's pronouncement comes on the heels of the publication of a widely advertised book by another professor—this one identified with a well-known Eastern university. The book argues that stealing is a 'natural and normal human activity.'

## Lay Your Hands on Me and Pray

TESTIMONIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE PROVED HIM

### BROKEN BONES HEALED

Last April while busy in house cleaning I was standing on a kitchen chair cleaning the ceiling paper. The chair tipped with me and I fell to the floor striking on the base of my spine and hip. I lay on the floor helpless and unable to straighten my leg. The pain was so intense that I could not suppress the cries and screams the pain brought forth. Bones were broken for I could feel their broken ends grating against each other. My husband called the pastor at once to come and pray.

The pastor came and offered prayer, and the Lord came down and met the folks gathered there, while He gave me a vision of an old stump about five feet tall, having a long row of clocks up one side. As I meditated on this vision the Lord showed me it was to remind me of the many times He had healed me when I called upon Him. I was healed of tuberculosis over thirty years ago when the physicians gave me only fifteen minutes to live.

As a part of the vision I was given some words from Job: "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant." As these words were given to me the power of God came upon me and I arose to my feet and walked about the house, praising and glorifying God. From that time until now (August 2, 1938) I have been perfectly well in every way, and have not felt a pain or an ache anywhere.—Mrs. George Walker, Box 200, Alton, Illinois.

Ed. note—After receiving the above testimony we held it for some time and then wrote Mrs. Walker. In November she replied that she was still enjoying good health. At that time she sent also a statement signed by her pastor, Everett L. Phillips, saying: "Sister Walker is perfectly well and has never suffered since the time the Lord healed her."

### COMPLICATION OF DISEASES HEALED

For the past eight years I have been sorely afflicted with very serious prostatic trouble, resulting in acute inflammation of the bladder and chronic urinary trouble, causing me much suffering and unrest, and compelling me arise from five to fifteen times each night, accompanied by almost constant pain. This brought about a general inflammation of the entire thorax, causing a rattling and wheezing noise when breathing, especially when lying down, also a severe cough and hoarseness, so that only with great difficulty could I deliver a short message. I had become so weakened in body that I had about decided I must retire from the active ministry. On June 8, 1938, I had an attack of inflammation of the bowels, and discharged blood for about thirty hours suffering great pain. June 9, wife and I read our Bibles and prayed before retiring. Thinking I might

not live through the night, I said to my wife, "Lay your hands on me and pray, as I have great confidence in your prayers." She did so in the name of Jesus, and then went to her room.

Almost immediately I fell asleep and enjoyed my first night's rest in nearly eight years. I slept without waking until wife awakened me about 6:30 in the morning. All my pain was gone and I found myself organically normal. I have continued to be so for more than six weeks. Among the many things He took from me was chronic hemorrhoids of forty years standing. My appetite has been restored. I was seventy-eight years of age yesterday, July 21, and have been engaged in the Pentecostal ministry for almost twenty-nine years.—E. F. Cunningham, 1030 North Plum Street, Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

Ed. Note.—The above testimony is signed by Mrs. Cunningham also. We held the testimony for some time, and then wrote Brother Cunningham. On October 20, he wrote that none of the former pathological conditions have returned, and that he is working full time in the ministry, in more than normal health and strength for one of his years.

### AN AMAZING HEALING

Eleven months ago on June 15, 1937, I was healed and raised almost from the dead. I had been sick most of the time for thirty years and in that time had had twenty major operations. It is impossible to tell all that I went through.

My tonsils have been removed (three growths), also I was operated on for serious gall bladder trouble and at the same time had a ruptured appendix. Later the last three joints of my back bone were removed because they were almost tubercular. This time I was in the operating room four hours and I had terrible hemorrhages. Oxygen and other restoratives were given me to bring me back to life, as I had lost so much blood and the shock of the operation was so great. My cousin, who is a wonderful surgeon, assisted in the operation. He told my husband I was gone. But my husband pleaded so hard that they try something else, as he thought I must be still alive. They did try a very peculiar drug. Only a few in medical history have been benefited by it. Finally they felt a little life. I could hear but could not make a sound or move for some time.

Five years later I had my gall bladder removed. Three years after this, in Niagara Falls I was taken very ill with vomiting and kidney colic. I was so sick it took me a week to get home to Richmond. I was taken to a hospital and operated on for a hernia and adhesions. All my female organs were removed. Previous to this I had had six female operations. On the fourth day kidney colic started again. There was a 24 inch incision in me and no drug could stop the pain. A stone was wedged in the tube between the left kidney and bladder.

This held up the water and burst the left kidney. My left kidney was swollen the size of a baby's head. This awful condition grew worse and after ten years they found a stone as large as a pear in my left tube between the kidney and bladder. The doctor told me I would never walk another step. They cut the tube four times and tried to force the stone down by suction. I had hundreds of cystoscopic treatments (that is running many tiny wires up the tube into the kidney to stretch the tubes), with as many as sixteen hypodermics before I had any relief. Only God knows how many attacks of kidney colic I have had.

Previous to this a double abscess and five tubes were removed from my right breast. At another time when I was operated on my "third stomach" as the doctors called it, was removed. This had either a cancer or ulcers on it. They never told me just what. I only know I was in awful agony with burning pains all the time. This operation was not a success and I did not react as I should. I was once more taken to the hospital and was in a coma for ten days. As I was recovering from this operation, I took a deep cold and went down with double pneumonia, having a temperature of 105 degrees. After this, I promised God I would live and work for Him and began to teach a Sunday School Class. I found I needed to study God's Word so I went to a Bible Training School and graduated. God called me to do missionary work at the colored hospital in this city. The devil hindered in every way possible both with my physical condition and with worry because of financial reverses.

Previous to this my blood pressure had been below normal. I was really anæmic. But when I went to a doctor for sinus trouble he told me my blood pressure was 190. I began having awful heart attacks, Angina Pectoris, and had them frequently. I suffered agonies during the attacks, and the doctor, a friend, would leave the room saying, "I cannot see her die." Morphine would make me so sick I would often vomit after the hypodermic was given. Sometimes the attacks would last all day. This condition grew worse until I began to spit blood. I went in January, 1937 to one of the best heart specialists in Virginia. He told me I had a growth larger than the largest loaf of bread, caused by the same old kidney stone with twenty years enlargement. This was pressing my heart and also the main valve of my heart was closing. The best surgeons in Richmond X-rayed me. They put me on a diet with no bread or starches for six months. I continued to get worse instead of better, so I was sent to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The night I arrived there, I had the worst heart attack of all. All the doctors ran in to see this peculiar heart attack. My blood pressure went to 300 and they had to put nitroglycerine under my tongue. I went blind and almost crazy from the headache. The veins in my temple were swollen like a lead pencil and the veins in my neck and at the base of my brain were clotted. The specialist examined me and found the big old burr stone in my left kidney and two in the right. For a week I was kept under morphine or other "dope." Finally, I heard them say, "No hope for her, we wish we could do something but she will



die anyway." I begged to be permitted to come home.

After coming home, some friends from a prayer group came to see me and brought two Pentecostal preachers. They said, "You see man can do nothing for you, why don't you take the Lord for your body." I said, "If it is His will He will heal me." They helped me to see there was healing in the atonement, which I had never seen before. While they were telling me of other healings, a heart attack came on. I called on them to pray. While they were praying I saw Jesus standing, healing me. They said, "You are healed," but I would not accept my healing.

I did get out of bed, and at times was much better, but continued taking various kinds of medicine. My doctor kept telling me to come back to the hospital as they must work on my kidneys or I would die. My husband urged me to go. If I had kept my case in Jesus' hands and stood on His Word, I should have continued healed as I was when prayed for. But I went back to the hospital for treatment. I tried to hide this from my new Pentecostal friends, who were praying for me so earnestly. While on the operating table I nearly passed away, having three heart attacks that day. In five days I was taken home as there was no help for me and I continued to get worse. I had convulsions of the kidneys and heart attacks for eight days. My doctor told me that no one had been known to live more than ten days in such a condition.

My friends, Brother and Sister Heflin, came again and said they thought the Lord would take my life unless I trusted Him fully and leaned entirely on Him for healing. I resented this at first. But God made His will plain to me. I became willing to do His will no matter what it meant. I told the Lord, "Though you slay me, I will not take another hypodermic or a dose of medicine." When my friends left, the dope I had taken before they came was taking effect on me. But somehow I staggered to my dresser and gathered up all the various kinds of "dope," morphine, nembutal, pantopen, laudanum, convulsion serum, etc., over \$12.00 worth and threw them away. But there was one I took for chronic constipation that I hung on to for a minute. Jesus said to me, "Can't you trust me for that, too." I said, "Yes Lord," and threw it away too.

That same night I went to the Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle and gave my testimony of healing and have been well ever since. From June 15, 1937 to May 15, 1938 I have not taken one dose of medicine not even soda. I am doing my own house work and hospital and jail visitation. I took a trip to California by bus and felt just fine while traveling. I could never have traveled like that if God had not healed me. The Lord baptized me in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 at the Potomac Park Camp Meeting in August of 1937. I can never Praise God enough for His marvelous love to me.—Mrs. W. L. Tyler, 2404 Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

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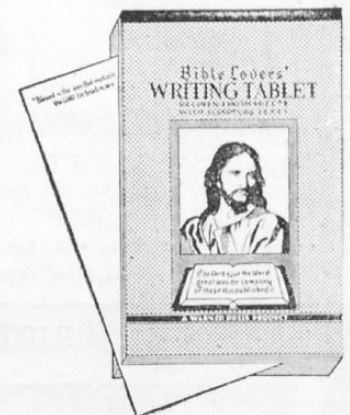
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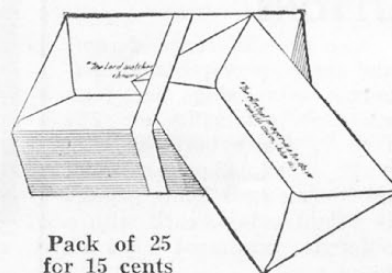
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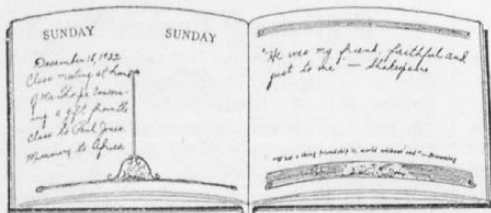
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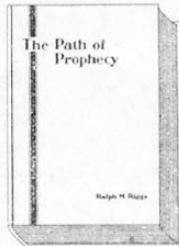
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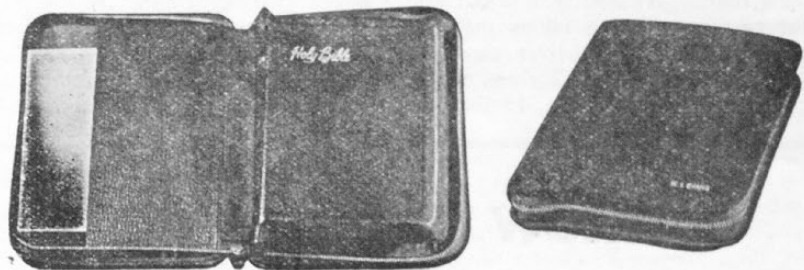
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Is it not blessed and wonderful that these things are so? But to whom are these exceeding great and precious promises made? To every one? to the loafer in the pool room? to the armed bandit of the sinister eye and the flinty heart? Ah, no. The way of the transgressor is hard. Whom then? Why these promises are made to him who dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, and so abideth under the shadow of the Almighty. Over them God shall give His angels charge, to keep them in all their ways, protecting them, lest they fall victim to some calamity.

Being a Christian, my brother, does not consist in believing certain doctrines, joining some

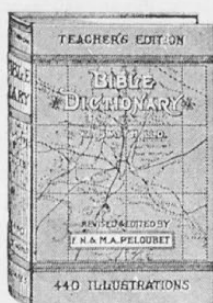
church, and submitting to certain ordinances. It does not even consist in trying with all one's might to obey every word written in the Bible. A Christian is one who knows the Man Christ Jesus. In His name we present our petitions to God and claim for ourselves the promises God has made.

To have a home in which this Man is constantly recognized as being present to receive our worship, and to pass on to the Father our requests, is the privilege of every pair of household heads. It is the right of every child, but unfortunately many children are deprived of their rights.

This column urges upon all parents the vital importance of consolidating the whole household in friendliness with and love for Jesus. It is essential, when the Lord comes sweeping majestically down the sky, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, that this God-Man shall have been introduced to our children. Even though He knows us oldsters, is it not necessary that He know our children too?

Let us gather them then every day about the family altar, and there make them familiar with Jesus as their Friend. Let us teach them by precept as well as by example to tell Him their wants, and render to Him their thanks—to be on terms of intimacy with Him.—C. E. R.

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"I walked as courageously as possible, though trembling in every limb, across the floor, took my Bible from the table, and sank into a chair. In a voice as steady as I could make it I began reading aloud the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. I then knelt and prayed aloud, telling God how we were unprotected women, and imploring Him to protect us from thieves and robbers and all evil persons. I had barely risen and sunk once more into the seat, when a hand was laid on my shoulder and a voice said: 'Do not cry out or be frightened, for you are perfectly safe. I came here to rob this house, but that chapter is one I used to hear my mother read, and your prayer reminded me of the prayers she offered. I am going now. You need fear nothing.'"

After the prayer meeting, a man came up to the woman and said: "I suppose you would forgive a person an injury they had done you, no matter how great it was?" "Yes," she said. "Well," said the man, "I know the story you told to-night is true, for I am the thief you told about, and your reading the Bible and your prayer that night led to my becoming a Christian."—Chas. Inglis.



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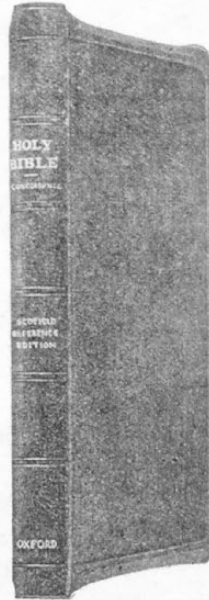
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faith we have, God often permits others to come along and do the polishing for us.

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### OUR CONTACTS

When I was a young man, I had the care of a large farm. I hired a young man to farm it. I either did not have time, or did not find it, to speak to him about Christ. A couple of times I was very burdened in prayer for him. I went aside and prayed it through. But not until the summer was ended did the opportune moment seem to come. In the cool of a beautiful summer evening, I said: "William, have you never been drawn by the Spirit of God to accept Jesus Christ?" He said: "Mr. McConkey, a couple of times this summer, since I came with you, I was so convicted by the Spirit of God that I came near falling on my knees in the furrow and crying to God for mercy." I saw that God had been hearing my prayer and was working. We got down on our knees. I showed him the way of salvation as simply as I could. He accepted, and was blessedly saved. For more than thirty years he has been a pillar in his church, in the little home town where he and I lived together for years. Now if God cannot depend upon us to bring the Gospel to the men with whom we have daily and hourly contact, with whom we live in daily fellowship, whom can God depend upon to give them the Gospel?—J. H. McConkey.

## SEED THOUGHTS

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"Arise ye princes, and anoint the shield." Isa. 21:5. This chapter describes in detail the taking of Babylon (Dan. 5) which took place at least one hundred and seventy years later.

Note the besieging Medes and Persians coming as a whirlwind on their camels and mules, the city being delivered over to them through treachery, Belshazzar's horror and terror at the handwriting on the wall, and how the night of his pleasure was turned into fear.

Babylon, like Assyria, is often used in prophecy to typify the coming Antichrist, and its destruction as a comfort and cheer to God's oppressed children in the "last days." See v. 10.

Whenever we read of "princes" or "kings" among God's people, or they are described as "reigning," we may expect to find some special message for the overcomers.

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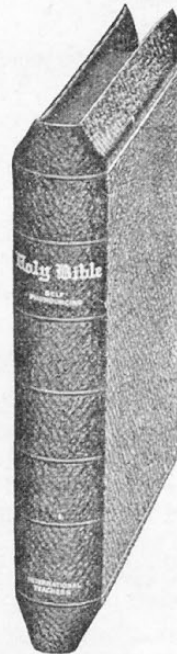
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Those honest souls took me at my word. They sat up late on Saturday nights and they rose early on Sunday mornings to pray for their minister. What was the result? When I took the pastorate the Church—which seats about 2,000 in comfort—was never filled above the floor of the building; the galleries were never opened. But God heard prayer, and in a few weeks the place was packed.

But that was not the best of it. The power of God fell. And from that day till I left America there was never a single Sunday without conversions. I don't believe that there has been a single day in the whole of the ten years that have since passed without somebody being converted in or about that building. You say: "That must have been remarkable preaching." Not at all. I was away five months in almost every year, but the work went on, and it is going on today. And what God did for that Church *He can do for yours.*—R. A. Torrey.

### TESTED AND TRIED

Ministers, and indeed all of us, are "tried out" when least we think it. Dr. J. H. Jowett at the close of a service in New York noticed a shabbily dressed young man waiting, and he left his friends and went to speak to him. The man said he was a reporter out of work, and asked Dr. Jowett if he could help him. After making inquiries Dr. Jowett told him he had not much influence in New York journalistic circles, but if he called the next day he would give him letters of introduction to two editors; and inquired if he needed money for a night's lodging. Then the visitor confessed that he was not out of work at all, but a journalist engaged on an influential magazine, and that he was visiting New York ministers and clergymen to see how they would receive and what they would do for a man needing help. He declared Dr. Jowett was the first minister to go to any trouble to help him. The godly man is the ungodly man's Bible.

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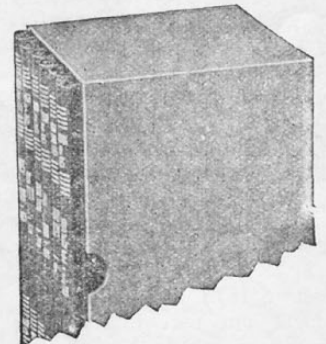
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AURORA, COLO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Don Hoffman were with us for a month's meeting in which the town was stirred in a wonderful way. Many that had not been to any church for years turned out night after night, and after the first Sunday night we rented the largest hall in Aurora for our Sunday night service.—C. N. Bishop, Pastor.

SAN PEDRO and WILLOWBROOK, CALIF.—After 5 months of sweet fellowship in San Pedro, the Lord moving in a very precious way, we felt our ministry there was finished. Then we were called to the First Pentecostal Church in Willowbrook. The Lord has already blessed here. We extend a cordial invitation to our Council brethren to worship with us when passing this way.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perryman, Pastors.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—We have closed a 3 weeks' revival with Iris W. and G. Richard Maloney, Evangelists. A goodly number, perhaps 14, were saved. One man who had walked with a crutch for 6 years because of a broken kneecap was instantly healed. We were refreshed and encouraged in this campaign. This is a rescue work under the leadership of Maude Blackstone, assisted by Laura H. Most. The doors have been open for 12 years to the hungry, the needy, the sin-sick and weary. Pray with us.—Rescue Mission.

VAN BUREN, MO.—October 9 we started a 4 weeks' revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. J. Bartelmai, 805 Sargent, Joplin, Mo., in which 59 were saved, 101 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 43 united with the church. October 30 there were 187 present in Sunday School, while before the revival the average attendance was 60. Forty-one were baptized in water, and about 1000 to 1200 witnessed this wonderful service. There was not a service but what God gave us souls or filled some one with the Holy Ghost.—R. A. Sherrill, Pastor.

### OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Oklahoma District Council which convened at Ada, Oklahoma, Oct. 3-6, for its 23rd annual session, possibly drew the greatest attendance in the history of the movement in Oklahoma. Approximately 700 registered during the session.

We were greatly blessed by the ministry of our General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams, of Springfield, Missouri, during the night services.

The officers elected were: G. W. Hardcastle, Box 145, Okmulgee, Superintendent; Berl Dodd, Box 1428, Seminole, Assistant Superintendent; W. S. Bragg, Box 128, Okmulgee, Secretary-Treasurer.—W. S. Bragg,

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO—We recently closed a very precious revival with John E. Barnes, of British Columbia, as the evangelist. The presence and power of God in convicting men and women of sin were in evidence in every service. At least 38 received a definite experience of regeneration. How thankful we are to God for the rich ministry of Brother Barnes. A definite work was done not only in the lives of those who were saved but also in the church itself. Since the dedication of our new Tabernacle, June 12, we have seen God work in wonderful ways. Truly our labor is not in vain in the Lord!—B. B. Osgood, Pastor.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—The Lord has blessed in a 3 weeks' revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. E. Hamill, Hattiesburg, Miss. Between 50 and 60 knelt at the altar for salvation, and a goodly number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Twenty out of the twenty-one services witnessed conversions. People came from far and near and many of those saved lived miles away and will go to other assemblies, but they had the privilege of salvation. The messages were stirring and the church was edified to an unusual degree. J. E. Austell, the pastor, after arranging for the revival, left for a much-needed vacation, but those in charge co-operated in every way for the success of the meeting.—O. L. Mabry, Acting Pastor.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—We have just closed our third Missionary Convention, which was indeed a blessing to all. We were happy to have with us missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson and Rena Baldwin of China, Philip Shabaz of Persia, Lydia Vaux of India, and Ruth Bender of Liberia. Then we were indeed blessed of the Lord the first 8 days by the ministry of Fleming Van Meter of the Eastern District. The closing 3 days our own District Superintendent, G. F. Lewis, was with us. A shower was given for Brother and Sister Johnson, who left at the close of the convention for the coast and then to sail to the Philippine Islands to take up the work there.

The pledges for this coming year amounted to \$4,200, an increase over last year's pledges. We are also glad to say, we have taken on additional missionary obligation over that of last year, both home and foreign.

God has been blessing our work here. Just the week before the convention commenced 5 received the Baptism in the Spirit and we are seeing men and women find the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

At the closing service of the Missionary Convention 22 were received into membership of the church and there are a number now to unite with us. We do praise God for His continued blessing upon the work. We have opened a new branch church at Union City, Mich., and another new outstation Sunday School.—S. Raymond Fostekew, Pastor.

### NEW BOOKS

#### God Lives

The newest book from the press of the Gospel Publishing House is one entitled, "God Lives," by Jessie C. Burgess. This book is a remarkable testimony of how God so graciously answered prayer in the life of the one who wrote the story. Sister Burgess had many experiences that were quite remarkable and her book will be an inspiration to all who read it. Our sister has recently gone to be with the Lord, but her works will surely follow her in the inspiring story of the way the living God revealed Himself to her time after time.

The book is expected to be ready for mailing about December 17. The cost in paper cover will be 50c, but in cloth will be \$1.00.

#### Lifted Shadows

Brother Charles E. Robinson of the Editorial staff of the Gospel Publishing House, has just written a new book: "Lifted Shadows." It is the story of a lawyer. This story is practically his own biography, telling of the years he spent in the law office and how God used him to bring salvation to souls that he came in contact with in his legal work. The book is full of interest from beginning to end. The price is \$1.00 postpaid.

We have two other books of Brother Robinson's which are for sale at the same price: "Guided Hearts," and "Victory." There are also some cheaper books which make excellent Christmas presents: "Adventures of Sally Cottontail," price 25c; "Blacky the Wasp," price 25c; "The Gnat's Life Boat," price 35c; "The Hill Billy," price 50c.

#### Goforth of China

One of the most inspiring books of the year is the biography of Goforth of China, written by his wife, Rosalind Goforth. Goforth was surely a mighty missionary. He had a ministry in China like to that of Finney in this country. This new book will be an inspiration to all who read it, and will be a most excellent gift. The price is \$3.00. All the profit Mrs. Goforth is giving to missionary work. This book can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House.

LAWTON, OKLA.—Evangelist and Mrs. L. H. Sheets, Sterling Colo., have been with us for the past 2 weeks. This has been one of the most remarkable revivals that we have ever witnessed in our 25 years in the Pentecostal ministry. The ministry on the deeper life made it one of quality. In the healing services the power of God was so mightily manifested that scores were prostrated before God. Many testified to definite healing. Sinners witnessing the power fell at the altar and cried for mercy. The special meetings for those seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, held each Sunday afternoon, exceeded anything we have ever seen before. As hands were laid on the candidates, almost instantly they came through to a glorious Baptism. In the past 2 weeks about 30 received the Holy Spirit, scores were refilled, and many were soundly converted. Among the conversions were a goodly number of men. Strong men would break down and weep like children, and rush to the altar without a song of invitation. Our church is greatly encouraged.—Thos. K. Davis, Pastor.

# THE WONDERFUL WORD

A SERMON IN MINIATURE

## JOYOUS CHRISTIANITY

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice." Phil. 4:4.

These words express: (1) Paul's experience in Christ, even though he wrote them from a Roman prison. (2) The experience all true Christians may have under all circumstances.

### I. THE NATURE OF CHRISTIAN JOY.

1. *Joy in experience.* "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple . . . with gladness . . . and the Lord added to the church daily." Acts 2:46, 47. See also John 15:11 and Gal. 5:22.

2. *Joy in service.* "Rejoice with Me; for I have found My sheep which was lost." Luke 15:6. Those who share the Father's quest will share the Father's joy.

3. *Joy in hope.* "Rejoicing in hope." Rom. 12:12. See 1 Peter 4:13 and Titus 2:13.

### II. THE SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN JOY

1. *Conscious experience of forgiven sin.* "There was great joy in that city." (The revival in Samaria.) Acts 8:8. See also Psalm 21:1; Acts 2:41; and Rom. 15:13.

2. *Union of the soul with Christ.* "Abide in Me . . . that your joy might be full." John 15:4, 11. See 1 Cor. 12:26.

3. *Complete dedication of life to Christ.* "Their joy . . . abounded . . . (they) gave their own selves to the Lord." 2 Cor. 8:2, 5.

### CONCLUSION

(1) The Christian whose religion lacks joy has missed God's normal purpose for him. (2) True Christianity offers the richest joy that life can know.

ties but failed to avail themselves of them. They had failed to follow the teaching they had received, perhaps from their parents, and from their spiritual leaders, and had fallen into deep sin. But now in this awful moment that spiritual teaching came back to those men. The penitent man received it in his memory and pressed upon the impenitent thief to change his attitude.

How all-important it is that we should carefully instruct our children and all who are under our care and control about the great truths of the gospel. I remember that during the Great War I often felt so distressed at seeing people listen to the gospel and then go away untouched and unrepentant.

I talked to the Lord about it one day, and said, "How can I stand to see people act like this. O Lord, when I have given out thy Word to the people, to the best of my ability, how can I bear to see them turn away?" The Lord answered me, "In these perilous times, when men are going out to the trenches, never to return, they need the gospel message."

How awful it was. We were keeping open house to the soldiers, and holding about forty meetings a week. The Lord said to me: "It is all important that every one you can reach, soldiers and others, should hear the gospel. Although it is a savor of life unto life with some, and of death unto death to others, they all have the right to the opportunity. Furthermore (and I shall never forget this; it is a comfort to my soul) I take some of those men into the cannon's mouth to get them saved, and when they have heard the gospel of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ, it enters their minds and souls like a flash of light in the moment of crisis and turns them from the path that is leading them right into hell. At that awful moment they cry to the Lord and He delivers them!"

Oh, how that comforted me. I know it is true. We are given the testimony of this dying thief to show that there is such a thing as death-moment repentance. No one need presume upon it, as it is the only incident of its kind in the Bible.

It is not easy to preach the gospel we proclaim. When you preach with sincerity and earnestness it takes something out of you. But I know that God will not let our words fall to the ground. Although we sometimes feel it is useless, God will make use of the words we have given the people.

This dying thief was roused, first to conviction, and also to concern for his companion in guilt at the very last moment, recalling to his companion the teaching he had received in his younger days, and warning him. Then confess-

CARLINVILLE, ILL.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle has closed a 7 weeks' meeting with Eldon K. Jones, of Macomb, as the evangelist. For 3 weeks we prayed and cried out to God to save souls and fill believers with the Holy Spirit. Finally at the end of the third week God broke through, as 6 souls found Christ. During the 7 weeks, 23 have found Christ as their Saviour, and one has received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. All of the saints have been revived.—Brother and Sister Joseph Dunets, Pastors.

### NEW TRIUMPHS FOR CHRIST IN GUATEMALA

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campaign. The man who rented us the house refuses to take the rent and even offers material to make a dozen benches. Just before we leave we hear him say, "You must not stay away very long. By the grace of God we have come to the light, but are like newly-born puppies that have just opened their eyes. You must come back soon!" It impresses us deeply.

"You must come back soon. . . ." The words echo in our ears as we ride along on our way to another town. A new child has been born into the gospel and we can not leave it to the merciless fire of the enemy—a new church has been raised up and it must be nurtured by the Word and cared for until it shall become established, and the means of bringing Salvation to the villages of its vicinity. Now that we have returned home those words are still coming to us from over the mountains: "You must come back soon." It is the call of many needy, dark places. It means many hundreds of miles of weary travel, hardships and perils of the way, absence from home with its love and comforts. We sigh deeply from the heart by reason of the tremendous unfinished task yet before us. We can only ask of you your continued fervent prayers that God will give us strength and wisdom to carry on.

Also please pray with us for our need of

a car. There are many hundreds of towns within easy reach with an automobile. Having our own car would make possible reaching many places with greater facility.

### The Dying Thief

(Continued from Page One)

There were *two* dying thieves. Let us notice how different was the testimony of those two men. To begin with, they seem to have been cut off the same piece of cloth. That is, they were both malefactors, thieves, evil doers, condemned to death for their crime. They both reviled Jesus, the other evangelists tell us. They both railed upon Him and taunted and mocked Him and called upon Him to descend from the Cross and take them down if He were the Christ.

Notice that these men had had the advantage of religious training. They were not heathen. When the repentant thief, who was yielding as the Holy Ghost was working upon him, turned to the other thief he said, "Dost thou not fear God?" Those words show he was no Roman heathen. The Romans had a multiplicity of gods and idols. But these thieves knew the one true God. Either they were Jews or evidently had been under Jewish influence.

They were suffering right then the most awful death that even cruel imperial Rome could inflict. They were in the last throes of mortality. Yet one thief said, "Don't you fear God?" Not only did they believe in the one true God, but they believed they would have to stand before Him and give an account of the deeds they had done in the body. So they had had opportunities.

I want to point out the great importance of that. They had had opportuni-



ing his crimes and vileness, he goes on to say, "And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds. We are only getting what is coming to us"—the most cruel punishment that the Romans could inflict. It was a punishment reserved only for the most degraded criminals, this death by inches, but he said it was what they had earned. He confessed his guilt. He was being moved by the Holy Ghost.

Then the blessed Holy Spirit, after the malefactor had confessed that he deserved to die, turned him away from his sin to behold the Lamb of God, and gave him life. He turned and said, "This Man hath done nothing amiss." The Lamb is without spot and without blemish. The dying thief turned to Jesus. Oh, what a marvelous thing is repentance and faith. May the Lord help us, if we need to repent, that we shall all respond and humble ourselves. If God shows you your short-comings, hasten to take your place at the feet of Jesus in the dust and ask for His mercy.

If any condemnation comes on me I am very simple about it. My brother-in-law one time before I got "simple" as he thinks, thought I was clever. He prided himself on belonging to the intelligentsia. But when I got saved and received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and he came to our home, I prayed in tongues. I wouldn't stop by any means, and when I told him he was eternally lost and doomed, then he turned against me and told me I had abrogated my intellect, thrown it in the garbage. He told me I had disturbed his atmosphere; I wanted it to be so disturbed that he would get into a different atmosphere. He said, "Quit praying for me," but I didn't.

It pays to be simple. In the faith life you have to be simple. A child doesn't make all sorts of mental reservations, it swallows the truth whole. When you repent you can believe. I have learned to be simple and repent and believe, all through my life. "They repented not that they might believe," we read. If there is something you are clinging to, it is holding you back from being in the middle of God's will, perhaps it is some idol, some self-indulgence, perhaps something very slight, but if you have anything tucked away that keeps you from being yielded, you will have an awful time exercising faith. Let everything go. Let Jesus have His way, and you will find you can believe the whole Word of God and God can move.

This dying thief confessed, and the Holy Ghost showed him Jesus. He looked at Jesus. He beheld the Lamb of God. Now what did he behold?

I am going to tell you of a painting I saw. I don't know whether I am glad

I saw it, or sorry. It was a realistic study of the crucifixion. I believe from the standpoint of anatomy and physiology it was perfect. I never realized what my Lord went through until I saw that painting. It was painted from a criminal, actually undergoing this awful punishment of crucifixion. The body hung on the cross with every joint dislocated, suspended for hours and hours. It hung shapeless like a rag. It was an awful sight. And the face I can't bear to think of. It had lost all semblance of humanity. Isa. 52:14 says: "Many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." The most ghastly, gruesome sight!

When the dying thief said, "This man hath done nothing amiss," and turned

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toward Jesus, this is what he beheld. My Lord was hanging like that—like a bloody rag! But the Holy Ghost filled the thief with faith, an all-conquering faith that looked away beyond that appearance on the cross, and saw the Lord Jesus Christ a King. He saw not only the awful sight of the crucifixion, but he saw Deity enthroned on that cross, and he cried to Him, in His awful humility and terrible unsightliness, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Glory to God, that is faith.

The dying thief was the only one who claimed Jesus as Lord and King while He hung on the cross. Peter didn't; not even John acclaimed Him King.

There are a lot of people in heaven whom I want to meet. First of all there is Jesus, of course, for heaven wouldn't be heaven without Jesus. But we are going to meet a lot of saints up there, and I want to meet the dying thief. I was a dying thief too, and he and I

can have a dance around heaven. Dance in heaven? Yes, I don't think we shall be so very stiff up there. We shall be happy, oh so happy, more like children I think, little innocent children praising Jesus. He loved the children. I seem to be getting more simple and childlike all the time. I just feel so happy I don't seem to need many introductions or letters of any kind; I just seem to walk right in and love my brothers and sisters in the Lord at first sight. Hallelujah, He is real!

I wasn't like that in my past life. But the Lord makes me like that. The dying thief acclaimed Jesus as Lord and King. Look at the power of faith. Knowing Jesus to be Lord and King, and knowing his own awful record, knowing the terrible crimes for which even then he was bearing capital punishment, he turned to say, "Remember me."

What could Jesus remember about the dying thief? Could He recall any good things? None, except that he cried to Jesus for mercy. I wish we would all be bold and cry to Jesus. If I hadn't used some strong crying to God I don't know how I should have gotten free at all. I got out on the 130th Psalm. It is a cry from the deepest abyss. "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord." And I cried until He answered. He took me out of the pit, and lifted me from the miry clay, setting my feet upon the Rock and putting a new song in my mouth. He set me going for Jesus.

"Slain for my soul, for all my sins defamed,  
King crowned with thorns,  
Yet high o'er the clouds that royal sign I see.  
Sitting in glory, Lord, remember me.  
For thy torments for their pardon sue  
Father, forgive, they know not what they do.  
When they that pierced—when every eye shall  
see

Thee in thy glory, Lord, remember me.  
Midst all the throning of thy ransomed dead,  
With all the light before thee spread  
Tossed like a leaf from the sea  
Lord, remember me."

The wonderful thing is that Jesus, in the midst of all His suffering, accepted the repentant thief. Bearing the crown of thorns, with blood streaming down His blessed face, suffering such agony, He said, "Verily, I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Jesus never puts anybody off until another day, but says "Today." Wonderful Jesus!

That is just the way I got saved. I remember it as well as anything. I was unutterably wretched, but prayer was made for me, and Jesus spoke peace to my soul and said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." Really I hardly knew whether I was in heaven or on

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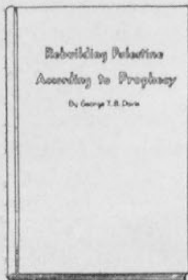
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earth. I was all alone in a hotel room in New York City, where I was doing medical work. I walked up and down saying, "Lilian Yeomans is saved. Lilian Yeomans is saved. Lilian Yeomans is saved." There was nobody to hear me except the trees in Central Park.

I said, "I don't know much about religious things, but I feel I must get among people where I can make a noise. I want to praise the Lord with all my soul. I thought if I could only get a big bass drum and beat it up and down Broadway for the Salvation Army that would be a relief. I haven't left that joy yet, either. "Where Jesus is, 'tis Heaven there." "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Now maybe some people here know that the Holy Spirit is talking to you and saying that you are robbing God, that you are a thief. Remember that it is appointed unto man once to die, so that you are a dying thief.

We are all dying in this vale of tears, even while we are living. How about you surrendering yourself here to the Lord. Look at the advantages you have had. You have heard the Word of God. This is no strange matter to you. What have you done\*with it? This poor thief had done nothing until he came to this critical moment when he accepted Christ; that was the best thing he ever did in his life. The other thief went out into the darkness of a Christless eternity, with not a ray of light, it seems, to break the unbearable darkness. We can only leave that unrepentant thief with God.

Some folks say that the penitent thief was a thief to the end. Why? Because he stole heaven. He didn't do one good thing to earn it; he simply stole it. Well, I want to say that he didn't steal it. He took it as a free gift, and that is the only way you and I can reach heaven. Eternal life cannot be purchased with money, nor can it be bought with good works. You cannot earn it; you must take it as a free gift. You can receive this free gift "today"—at this very moment.

It is evident that many would rather preach than pray. This, no doubt, accounts for much of the dry, unctious preaching we are sometimes forced to listen to even in holiness meetings.—*J. Hudson Taylor.*

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

COLUSA, CALIF.—Nov. 27—Dec. 18; Medora Combs, Evangelist.—Oliver L. Foth, Pastor.

EWING, MO.—Prophetic Conference, Dec. 4—18; Adele Carmichael, Fargo, N. Dak., Speaker.—Glenn Renick, Pastor.

CENTRAL CITY, PA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Dec. 13—25; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists. Arthur P. Vespa is Pastor.

LODI, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Temple, Walnut and Washington Sts., Dec. 1—; Chas. O. Neece, Evangelist.—Stanley P. McPherson, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Gospel Tabernacle, Nov. 21—; Joseph F. Sharp, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist.—Robert L. Hillegas, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St., Nov. 25—; Wm. F. McPherson, Sanford, Fla., Evangelist.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—North End Assembly of God; Nov. 27, for 2 weeks or longer; George Hays, Evangelist.—C. L. Musgrove, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—9th and Phillips, Dec. 4—18; Fred G. Eiting, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—Earl F. Davis, Pastor.

OROVILLE, CALIF.—Pine and Osage Sts.; Nov. 28, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist A. Knudson and Party, Crosby, N. Dak. R. T. Doherty is Pastor.

BAR HARBOR, ME.—Gospel Tabernacle, 322 Main St., Dec. 1—18; Irma Kleinfeld, Evangelist, assisted by Virginia Underwood.—Edwin P. Anderson, Pastor.

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.—Assembly of God; Dec. 6, for 2 weeks; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—M. P. Bohnet, Pastor.

BOWESMONT, N. DAK.—Fleece Gospel Tabernacle; Nov. 24, for 2 weeks or longer; Johnson Sisters Musical Trio.—Henry and Ida Sande, Pastors.

SAUK CENTER, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle; Nov. 27, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. A. Babcock, Cambridge, Mass.—C. F. Busch, Pastor.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle; meeting in progress until Dec. 18; Arne Vick, Rochester, N. Y., Evangelist. C. B. Smith is Pastor.

PUYALLUP, WASH.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, 4th Ave. and 5th St. S. W., Nov. 29—Dec. 18; Fox Evangelistic Party.—A. S. Ellis, Pastor.

CROOKSTON, MINN.—Nov. 27, for 2 weeks; Barfoot Brothers, Ontario, Canada, Evangelists. Carl Swanson is Pastor.

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ST. THOMAS, ONT.—Pentecostal Assembly; Jan. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Arne Vick, Rochester, N. Y., Evangelist. Hugh McAlister is Pastor.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS—First Assembly of God, West 4th and Lancaster Sts.; Nov. 22, for 3 weeks; Clyde C. Goree, Evangelist.—Homer M. Sheats, Pastor.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 50 Lupine St., Nov. 30—Dec. 18; Suzanne Flower, Evangelist, and coworker, Dorothy Torgerson.—Paul R. Buchwalter, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Fremont Gospel Tabernacle, 25th Ave. N. and Fremont; Nov. 27—Dec. 18; Evangelist and Mrs. Salvatore R. Noferi, Concert Violinist and Pianist.—Russell H. Olson, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—Bethel Church, So. 12th and Jefferson Sts.; meetings now in progress; L. Wesley Jaeger, Richmond, Calif., Evangelist. Radio broadcast every Sunday 8:00-8:30 a. m., over Station WTAD.—Louis O. Rynning, Pastor.

**FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES**

STEELVILLE, MO.—Sullivan Sectional Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Dec. 10; services 10:00 and 2:00. Bring basket dinner.—Earl J. Hance, Box 293, Sullivan, Mo.

PADUCAH, TEXAS—Fellowship Meeting, Dec. 13. Service Monday night. District Superintendent A. C. Bates, of Amarillo, and H. M. Reeves, of Plainview, in charge.—Zearl Amburn, Pastor.

BYESVILLE, O.—Southern Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, Dec. 12. Services: 10:30, T. Griffith, Speaker; 2:30, B. E. Hillman, Speaker; 7:00 J. Roush, Fellowship President, Speaker. Bring basket lunch, also musical instruments. Nina Souls, Pastor.—T. Griffith, Secretary-Treasurer, Martins Ferry, O.

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MAIL ADDRESS—Texan Hotel, Coleman, Texas.—E. R. Witter.

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NEW ADDRESS—201 Elm St., Tarkio, Mo. "We have accepted the pastorate here, and extend a cordial welcome to all Council brethren who may be passing this way."—Joseph C. Burkey.

NEW ADDRESS—181 Griswold St., Delaware, O. "I have resigned the pastorate at Gladwin, Mich., and have accepted the pastorate at Trinity Pentecostal Assembly, 145 E. Winter St., Delaware, O."—Andrew G. Basell.

NEW ADDRESS—1034 Lenox Ave., North Chicago, Ill. "I have accepted the pastorate of the Waukegan Pentecostal Church, South Ave. and Utica Sts. All Council brethren welcome, at any time. We formerly were at Harvey, Ill."—Ronald L. Bayles.

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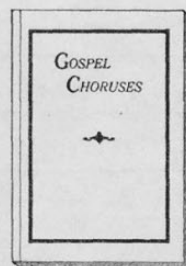
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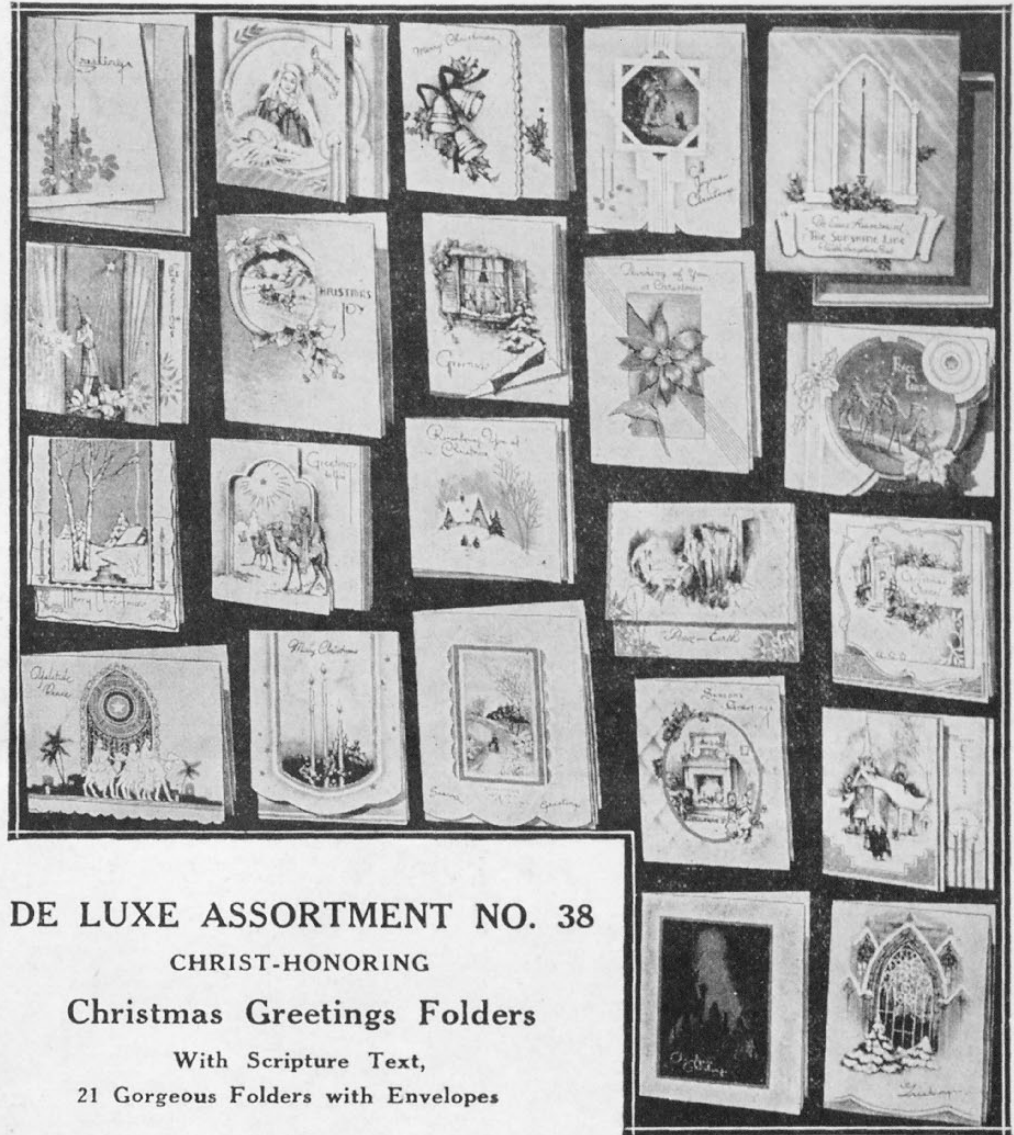
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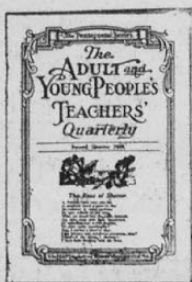
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