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...A Child Is Born...

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AT THIS season of the year we commemorate the coming of Him for whom wise men waited and peasants longed. Born to Bethlehem and its stable, to poverty and unesteem, unknown to the great and the proud, but well known in the world of blessedness and light, was a babe, our heavenly Father's Son. In Him earth and heaven became united. Mary, the honored virgin, became the mother. We do not understand the holy mystery, but with reverent hearts we bow to worship Him who is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person.

Born at Bethlehem, the child was born to the workshop of labor. During thirty years He was to be known as the son of the carpenter. Thus His approval falls on honest toil. He is the Friend of toilers. He knows their weariness, their worries, and their wants. Tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, He is able to succor those who are tempted. If this year's Christmas has not brought to you that for which you had hoped; if family needs and comforts are not met as you had desired, may His comfort and grace be yours.

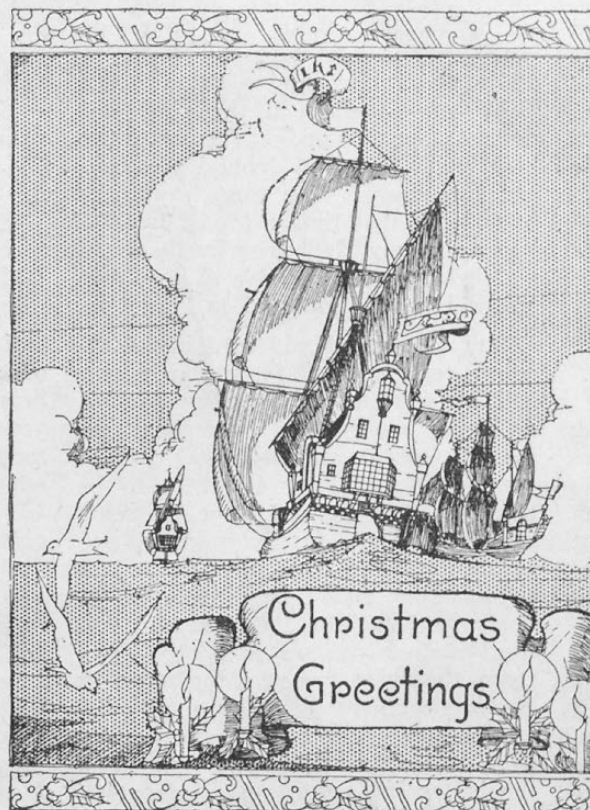
To each of us life has its future. Many a thorn must pierce our hearts and make them bleed. Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward. Before the innocent babe of Bethlehem lay

a life of sorrow. The wilderness with its loneliness and hunger, brought temptations wherein He was sorely tried. The captain enemy of man met Him there and sought His defeat, but from the temptations He came strong in grace and declared His message of sympathy and love. Were ever sweeter words than these which He had come to fulfill?—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath

anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." The child had grown in stature and in favor with God and with men. He is now the Man Christ Jesus, the tried Man upon whose shoulders government and authority had come. His message was that of cheer and hope for us. We need a Friend on whom we can fully lean. That friend is Jesus.

As glorious as His triumph was in the wilderness, tests still greater lay before Him—Gethsemane with its bloody sweat, the seeming unconcern of those whom He loved, and finally His betrayal into the hands of sinful men. In Gethsemane He took the bitter cup filled to the full with the sorrows and sins of earth. The anguish which it brought to His loving heart only He can ever know. Who can measure the meaning of those words, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death"? Yet for our sake, in obedience to the will of the Father, He drank the cup to its bitter dregs. It was the cup that took Him to Calvary.

Born to suffer, His faithful heart surrendered its last beat upon the cross. "It is finished,"
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There Will Be No Issue of the Evangel Next Week

The Meaning of Christmas

By C. H. Spurgeon



His Father from before all worlds,—begotten, not made, being of the same substance with the Father. The doctrine of the eternal affiliation of Christ is to be received as an undoubted truth of our holy religion.

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given"? It is a fact that a Child is born. Upon that I use no argument. We receive it as a fact, more fully established than any other fact in history, that the Son of God became man, was born at Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger. It is a fact, too, that a Son is given. About that we have no question. The infidel may dispute, but we, professing to be believers in Scripture, receive it as an undeniable truth, that God has given His only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of men. But the matter of question is this: Is the Child born *to us*? Is He given *to us*? Have we a personal interest in the Child that was born at Bethlehem? Do we know that He is our Saviour?

It is a very observable fact that the very best of men are sometimes troubled with questions with regard to their own interest in Christ, while men who never are troubled at all about the matter are very frequently presumptuous deceivers, who have no part in this matter. I have often observed that some of the people about whom I felt most sure, were the very persons who were the least sure of themselves. It reminds me of the history of a godly man named Simon Brown, a minister in the olden times in the city of London. He became so extremely sad in heart, so depressed

in spirit, that at last he conceived the idea that his soul was annihilated. It was all in vain to talk to the good man, you could not persuade him that he had a soul; but all the time he was preaching, and praying, and working, more like a man that had two souls than none. When he preached his eyes poured forth plenteous floods of tears, and when he prayed there was a Divine fervour and heavenly prevalence in every petition. Now, so it is with many Christians. They seem to be the very picture of godliness; their life is admirable, and their conversation heavenly, but yet they live in doubt.

But if Christ is not my Christ, He is of little worth to me. If I cannot say He loved me, and gave Himself for me, of what avail is all the merit of His righteousness, or all the plentitude of His atonement? Bread in the shop is well enough, but if I am hungry and cannot get it, I starve although granaries be full. God help you, that you may be blessed in Him, and may sing sweetly, "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given."

If Jesus is mine, why am I doubtful today? Why is my spirit questioning? Why do I not realize the fact? My hearer, if the Son is given to thee, how is it that thou art this day asking whether thou art Christ's or not? Why dost thou not labor to make thy calling and election sure? Why tarriest thou in the plains of doubt? Get thee up, get thee up to the high mountains of confidence and never rest until thou canst say without a fear that thou art mistaken, "I know that my Redeemer liveth. I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him."

Suppose you should read in tomorrow's newspaper that some rich man had left you an immense estate. Suppose you were well aware that the person mentioned was a relative of yours, and that it was likely to be true. It may be you have prepared tomorrow for a family meeting, and you are expecting brother John and sister Mary and their little ones to dine with you. But I very much question whether you would not be away from the table, ascertaining whether the fact were really so or not. "Oh," you would say, "I am quite sure I should enjoy my Christmas dinner all the better if I were quite sure about this matter"; and all day, if you did not go, you would be on the tip-toe

of expectation; you would be, as it were, sitting upon pins and needles until you knew whether it were a fact or not. There is a proclamation gone forth today, and it is a true one, too, that Jesus Christ has come into the world to save sinners. The question with you is whether He has saved you, and whether you have an interest in Him. I beseech you, give no sleep to your eyes, and no slumber to your eyelids, till you have read your "title clear to mansions in the skies." What, man! shall your eternal destiny be a matter of uncertainty to you? What! is heaven or hell involved in this matter, and will you rest until you know which of these shall be your everlasting portion? I beseech thee by the living God, and by thine own soul's safety, get thee up and read the records. Search and look, and try and test thyself, to see whether it be so or not.

Hark, hark to the cry! It is "Harvest Home! Harvest Home!" See the maidens as they dance, and the young men as they make merry. And why is this mirth? Because they are storing the precious fruits of the earth, they are gathering together into their barns wheat which will soon be consumed. And, what, brothers and sisters! have we the bread which endureth to eternal life and are we unhappy? Does the worldling rejoice when his corn is increased, and do we not rejoice when "unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given"?

Hark yonder! What means the firing of the Tower guns? Why all this ringing of bells in the church steeples, as if all London were mad with joy? There is a prince born; therefore there is this salute, and therefore are the bells ringing. Ah, Christians, ring the bells of your heart, fire the salute of your most joyous songs, "for unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." Dance, O my heart, and ring out peals of gladness! Ye drops of blood within my veins, dance every one of you! Oh, all my nerves, become heart-strings, and let gratitude touch you with angelic fingers! And thou, my tongue, shout—shout to His praise who hath said to thee, "Unto thee a Child is born, unto thee a Son is given."

But if it be so, why are our hearts so cold? and why is it that we do so little for Him who has done so much for us? Jesus, art Thou mine? Am I saved? How is it that I love Thee so little? Why is it that when I preach I am not more in earnest, and when I pray I am not more intensely fervent? How comes it that we give so little to Christ, who gave Himself for us? How is it that we serve Him so sadly

who served us so perfectly? He consecrated Himself wholly: how is it that our consecration is marred and partial? We are continually sacrificing to self and not to Him.

O beloved brethren, yield yourselves up. What have you got in the world? "Oh," says one, "I have nothing: I am poor and penniless, and all but houseless." Give thyself to Christ. If you have gold and silver, if you have aught of this world's goods, give in your measure to Christ; but take care, above all, that you give yourself to Him.

If it is not so, what then? Dear reader, I cannot tell where thou art—but wherever thou mayest be found, the eyes of my heart are looking for thee, that when they have seen thee, they may weep over thee. Ah! miserable wretch, without a hope, without Christ, without God, unto thee there is no Christmas mirth; for thee no Child is born; to thee no Son is given. What shall I say to thee? I beseech thee, my reader, if Christ is not thine, may God the Spirit help thee to do what I now command thee to do. First of all, confess thy sins; not into my ear, nor into the ear of any living man. Go to thy chamber, and confess that thou art vile. Tell Him thou art a wretch undone without His sovereign grace. But do not think there is any merit in confession. There is none. All your confession cannot merit forgiveness, though God has promised to pardon the man who confesses his sin and forsakes it.

Imagine that some creditor had a debtor who owed him a thousand dollars. He calls upon him, and says, "I demand my money." But says the other, "I owe you nothing." That debtor will be arrested and thrown into prison. However, his creditor says, "I wish to deal

mercifully with you; make a frank confession, and I will forgive you all the debt." "Well," says the man, "I do acknowledge that I owe you two hundred dollars." "No," says he, "that will not do." "Well, sir, I confess I owe you five hundred dollars"; and by degrees he comes to confess that he owes the thousand. Is there any merit in that confession? No; but yet

you could see that no creditor would think of forgiving a debt which was not acknowledged.

It is the least that you can do to acknowledge your sin and confess it to Christ. You have been resting perhaps in some hope that you would make yourself better, and so save yourself.

Give up that delusive fancy. You can do nothing at all by your best prayers, your best tears, or your best works, to merit eternal life. Why, the Christian who is converted to God will tell you that he cannot live a holy life by himself. If the ship in the sea cannot steer itself aright, do you think the wood that lies in the carpenter's yard can make itself into a ship, and then go out to sea and sail for America? Yet this is just what you imagine. The Christian who is God's workman-ship can do nothing, and yet you think you can do some thing. Now, give up self. God help you to strike a black mark through every idea of what you can do.

Then when thou hast confessed thy sin and given up all hope of self-salvation, go to the place where Jesus died in agony. Go, then, in meditation to Calvary. There He hangs. It is the middle cross of those three. Methinks I see Him now. I see His poor face emaciated, and His visage more marred than that of any man. I see the beady drops of blood still standing around His pierced temples—marks of that rugged thorn-crown. Ah, I see His body naked—naked to His shame. We may tell all His bones. See there His hands rent with the rough iron, and His feet torn with the nails. The nails have rent through His flesh. There is now not only the hole through which the nail was driven, but the weight of His body has

...The Fullness of Christ...

A Christmas Message

John 1:16; Romans 8:32

*Out of God's fullness long, long ago
Came that sweet Babe in the starlight's soft glow;
Treasure of heaven relinquished for man—
Treasure of earth thro salvation's great plan!
Out of God's fullness—limitless, free,
Jesus came down for a world's penalty;
Sparing not Him, all wealth of God's love
Now becomes ours from His fullness above.*

*Out of His fullness GRACE I may know,
Fathomless grace for my need's overflow;
Grace for each moment of each trying day,
Grace for each step of the long toilsome way.
Out of His fullness—what limit can be
To the rich grace He is now granting me!
Wondrous sufficiency, God of all grace,
Now I may know in this present hard place.*

*Out of His fullness cometh my LOVE,
Richest supply from His bosom above;
Love that doth banish each harrowing fear,
Love that makes lovely each desert waste drear.
Out of His fullness—what limit can be
To the warm love He is granting to me!
Melting and softening, God that art love,
In Thy pure flame let my heart now dissolve.*

*Out of His fullness cometh my STRENGTH,
Life most abundant for each journey's length;
Strength that doth help me to run His own race,
Strength for the strain of each wearisome place.
Out of His fullness—what limit can be
To the new life He doth breathe into me!
Strength, fresh and full, O Thou God of all pow'r,
Quickens my being this very hour.*

*Out of His fullness cometh my SONG,
Joy, full, unmeasured, for days and nights long,
God's sweetest melodies filling my breast,
God's holy harmonies—songs that are blest.
Out of His fullness—what limit can be
To the great joy that is now filling me!
Joy of the Lord—heaven's rapture divine
Makes of my heart now a glorious shrine.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower

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The Editor's Christmas Notes

Is It Right to Celebrate Christmas?



There are some notes given in the *Companion Bible* on the subject of Christmas that are quite interesting. The editor of this volume says, "Christmas will be seen in quite another light, and many who have hitherto been troubled with scruples concerning the day being, as they have been taught, the anniversary of a pagan festival, will be enabled to worship on the day without alloy of doubt, as the time when the stupendous miracle, which is the foundation stone of Christian faith, came to pass." The saints in the early church observed December 25 and understood why they did so, the reason being, this book states, "that this was the day of the *begetting* (not the birth) of the Lord Jesus Christ." It points out that Matt. 1:18 should read, "Now the *begetting* of Jesus Christ was on this wise," and that His supernatural *begetting* "of the Holy Ghost" was entirely different from the *begetting* of all those from Abraham to Joseph mentioned earlier in this chapter. The Greek text confirms this.

When Was Christ Born?

This volume states that it was on December 25 that the angel Gabriel came to the Virgin Mary and announced to her: "Thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest." It was exactly two hundred and eighty days after this, on the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles that the Lord Jesus Christ came to "tabernacle" among us. We read: "When we celebrate Christmas Day, we celebrate more than the mere natal day of the most wondrous Being who ever walked earth—we celebrate

the exact anniversary on which the miracle of the Virgin Birth resulted in the incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity, the act which made possible the humanity of God which, through Atonement and Resurrection, would eventually make possible humanity's being taken up into Deity."



Christ's Birth at Bethlehem

This volume further declares: "It thus appears without the shadow of a doubt that the day assigned to the birth of the Lord, December 25, was the day on which He was 'begotten of the Holy Ghost,' by *pneuma hagion*—Divine power (Matt. 1:18, 20, marg.) and His birth took place on the 15th of Ethanim, September 29, in the year following, thus making beautifully clear the meaning of John 1:14, 'The Word *became flesh*' (Matt. 1:18, 20) on Tebeth 1st or December 25, 'and tabernacled (Gr. *eskenosen*) with us,' on Ethanim 15th or September 29. The 15th of Ethanim (or Tisri) was the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. The circumcision therefore took place on the eighth day of the Feast—22nd Ethanim—Lev. 23:33-43. So that these two momentous events fall into their proper place and order, and the real reason is made clear why the 25th of December is associated with our Lord, and was set apart by the Apostolic church to commemorate the stupendous event of 'Word becoming flesh'—and not, as we have so long been led to suppose, the commemoration of a pagan festival."



The Coming of the Heavenly Host

The editor of the *Companion Bible* further points out that the ancient church celebrated on September 29 the "Festival of Michael and All Angels," in celebration of the day when Michael and a multitude of the heavenly host appeared at the birth

of Christ, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men." You will remember the quotation in Hebrews 1:6, "And again, when He bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, He saith, and let *all* the angels of God worship Him." According to this editor the early church kept this festival in celebration of the day when the Son of God, the only begotten of the Father, was born into this world, and all the hosts of angels came down to worship Him.



God With Us

The question of times and seasons, however, is of little importance in comparison with the question of *who* it was that was born into the world. The angel of the Lord said to Joseph, "Fear not to take unto thee, Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost, and she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child and thou shalt call His name Emmanuel, it being interpreted, *God with us*." Many, alas, are denying the miracle of the Virgin Birth, and the Deity of Him whom Mary bore. But we love to repeat over and over again the first words of the gospel of John, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and *the Word was God* . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."



Asserting His Deity

Some years ago the writer was acting as an usher in a great evangelistic campaign being held by John MacNeil, the Scotch evangelist. The meeting place, holding some ten thousand people, was packed each night and the evangelist was preaching with power the old fashioned gospel of salvation through the cross of Calvary. One

night when finishing up his sermon he shouted out with great gusto, "Glory be to God the Father! Glory be to God the Son! Glory be to God the Holy Ghost!" A Unitarian sitting up in the gallery shouted back, "Yes, Glory be to God the Father, but not to the Son, He is not God!" If ever I saw a minister a flame of fire it was old Scotch John that night. At the top of his voice (and he has a voice like a trumpet) he shouted, "Return that lie to hell from whence it comes. Jesus IS God!" When every Modernist is denying the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, we as a Pentecostal people need to proclaim far and wide the truth set forth in Heb. 1:8, "Unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever."



A New Incarnation

But the most wonderful thing is this, that that Babe, born in a rude stable in Bethlehem, is willing to come into the rude stable of our heart, transforming the same into a throne room. The old Quakers used to say, "A Christ not in us is a Christ not ours." The writer will always remember an address he heard one time by that godly preacher, F. B. Meyer, on "Christ in you." Mr. Meyer said, "I question whether we could comprehend having Deity in us, but in receiving Christ Jesus the Lord we are receiving Deity plus humanity; Deity plus the virgin birth at Bethlehem; Deity plus those years of useful toil in the village at Nazareth; Deity plus the baptism in water and in the Spirit at Jordan; Deity plus the years of going about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; Deity plus those years of being a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; Deity plus those hours of agony at Gethsemane; Deity plus that cruel death at Calvary; Deity plus the glorious resurrection of that first Easter morn; Deity plus His ascension to the right hand of the Father; Deity plus those long years of intercession for His own. Christ is not only Deity, but Deity with humanity added. He knows our weariness, He knows our trials, He knows our temptations, and He knows how to succor us in them all, having been 'tempted in all points like we are yet without sin.'" The Psalmist said, "I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance," or as the margin reads, "I shall yet praise Him for His presence is salvation." Do you enjoy His constant presence?

Christ dwelling in your heart by faith is the fullness of salvation.



A Glorious Reality

Oh how wonderful is the glorious truth, "Christ liveth in me," so that on every occasion when trials and tests come we can say, "Now Lord, Thou art able for this situation." He always is and always will be. With an all-sufficient indwelling Christ, what have we to fear? There is no problem too hard for Him. There is no difficulty too great for Him who upholds all things by the word of His power. His grace is always sufficient. Paul gloried in his infirmities because it was in the testing times that he realized most the



Heartiest Greetings

There will be no issue of the Pentecostal Evangel next week, but at this time the Editor and his staff desire to express to all Evangel readers

A Joyous Christmas

power of Christ resting upon him. It was the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem that made this gloriously possible. The wise men brought their best to Him. He should have our best too. A wee girlie was in our home some years ago at Christmas time and many presents were coming along for her. A sister said to her, "Would not it be nice to give Jesus a present? The present He likes best is a little girl's heart. Wouldn't you like to give yours to Him?" The little three-year-old thought for a moment, then said, "I could not get my heart out of my stummick!" But after a moment's further contemplation she said, "Well, if He wants it He can come and take it Himself."



A Song of Consecration

Will you not say to the Lord Jesus at this Christmas time what the consecrated Frances Ridley Havergal said some years ago:

"Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my love, my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, ALL for Thee!"

If you make this hymn of consecration yours, yours will be indeed a HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Watch Night Service

During recent years many Christians have gathered on the night of December 31st to pray for revival. Reasons for doing so this year are weightier than ever.

The world is experiencing dark, difficult and distressing days. Millions of fellow mortals are on the verge of despair. World conditions and the spiritual life of the Church are more serious than at any time in the memory of the oldest inhabitants.

In other periods of depression, people in their troubles have turned to God, but there is a noticeable lack of this at the present time. As a result the preacher can say with the prophet: "All this evil is come upon us; yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Thy truth." Dan. 9:13.

These perilous days constitute a challenge to God's people as similar days were to Daniel, who was moved thereby to pray three times a day for his distressed fellow-countrymen. He laid to heart the Word of God: "Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord." Jer. 29:12-14.

We would earnestly urge Christian leaders and workers to make more of the Watch Night Services this year, as a time for prayer. And then do everything possible to stimulate the spirit of prayer during the Week of Prayer, and in the weekly prayer meetings, and in the conferences and conventions which are sponsored throughout 1932. Otherwise we shall remain in our impotency. The arm of flesh will fail us. The keenest mind

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...Freddie's Christmas...

By Vina P. Graves



IN A SMALL country town lying on the banks of a beautiful river, stood a brick house set modestly back from the street—where lived a tailor and his family.

They were a happy family, for the four young boys and their little sister were used to the family-worship hour where they were taught to love and trust God.

In those days a tailor went about from house to house making up the cloth into clothes for the men and boys. It was always a time of great excitement as the tailor measured off the yards of cloth, and his great shining shears went snip, snip through the heavy folds.

It took much measuring and snipping and stitching to provide for the hungry family at home; and so this tailor sewed many weary days when he really should have been at home resting. One morning he was not able to go to his sewing. The doctor was called, and later told the frail wife that her husband was very sick with typhoid fever. It seemed only a few days until the children were told that father had gone to be with Jesus; and they were very sad for they loved their kind and gentle father.

It became necessary to put the three older boys out into other homes where someone was willing to take a growing boy for the little he could do to help in return. Such homes were found, and the frail mother watched the manly little fellows go out to be cared for by others. Anna and little Fred were kept at home, though soon the care of even these two became too heavy for the frail mother, and before long kind-hearted neighbors saw that she must soon leave them. After promising their mother they would all meet her in heaven they felt comforted, but still it was a sad little group that gathered at the grave side as she was laid to rest.

New homes must now be found for Anna and little Fred. An uncle took Anna into his home in another state, and Freddie was taken by a man who was honest in his dealings with his neigh-

bors but who was godless. It was work he wanted of the boy, and so he was kept busy from early morning until too dark to see longer at night. Many times he was almost too tired to climb to his bed in the attic; but there, after saying his prayers, which he never forgot, he would cry himself to sleep in his loneliness and homesickness. The man felt he had done splendidly in taking the little fellow in at all, and was often heard to say very unkind things to him, as though it had been some fault of the boy's that he had been an orphan.

Summer passed and winter came on with all its keen freezing temperature, and deep snow making everything beautifully white in its purity. Christmas was coming! And though the children of this household had never been allowed to share any treat or candy with Freddie because he was only an orphan boy as their father so often told them, still in their hearts they liked him. Often there was pie for dinner, and pieces for all except Freddie; and the cookies had a way of falling short just at Freddie's plate. Once the lady's sister who was visiting there noticed how the cookies fell short, and asked about it. The man answered gruffly that Freddie was only an orphan and ought to be mighty glad to get what he did. The lady slipped her own cookie over to Freddie's plate and smilingly told him to eat it.

And now Christmas was coming—the time when our Saviour's birth is celebrated. Freddie remembered what a happy time it had always been back there in the little red brick house. The night before Christmas came, and the children of the house were going to hang their stockings before the great fireplace. Feeling sorry for the poor little orphan boy, they begged so hard that their mother finally said that Freddie might hang his stocking beside theirs.

As he climbed the stairs to the cold attic and his icy bed, he was happier than he had been since he came to live in this home. He lay a long time thinking over the precious things his mother had taught him about Jesus our Saviour.

Christmas morning bright and early, the household children were noisily happy over the things they found in their stockings. The man told Fred that he could not touch his

until all the chores were done; so he bravely trudged away through the snow and cold to milk the cows, feed the calves and chickens. Then they all sat down to breakfast and poor Freddie wondered when he was to get his stocking, for he dared not go until the man gave him permission. At last the man called all the family in to watch Freddie get the things out of his stocking.

Freddie sat down on the floor and began very carefully to take out the shavings in the top of his stocking—on and on he went still taking out shavings clear down to the toe. Not a thing in all that stocking but shavings!

Freddie's heart almost stopped beating—and then the man began to roar with laughter. He laughed and laughed until he was breathless. Slapping his knee, he said to his wife, "That is the best joke I've had in a long time!" Then he began laughing again, for he seemed to think that he had played a very smart trick.

Poor Freddie! He slowly picked every shaving up and then ran away to the barn as fast as he could, and climbing up into the haymow went away over to the back side, out of sight of everybody. There, throwing himself on his face, he sobbed out his pain and disappointment. "Oh mother," he cried, "why did you leave us?" After awhile he grew calmer as he told Jesus all about the tricks and sneers and harsh words—all that had hurt him so all these months. And the dear Lord, who loved him, came and comforted his poor sad heart.

He did not go into the house for the great Christmas dinner, and no one cared enough to look him up. But the comfort of Jesus stayed with him.

As it began to grow dark he remembered there were more chores to be done, and climbing down he went about doing faithfully everything that was his to do; and as he worked the Lord enabled him to forgive the man who had been so mean to him.

Not long after this the man began to act strangely, and seemed to be in





A Timely Christmas Gift



IT was Christmas Eve, and the rain, driven by a bitter wind, was beating against the window of the matron's room at a Children's Home. She was busy writing at a table, but looked up now and again at the dreary scene outside the window. She was not young, indeed her gray hair and lined face made her look more than her years; and she was worried.

A new child had been brought to the Home the night before; his was a particularly sad and destitute case, but the Home was full, and he had been put to sleep in a cot at the end of the boys' ward. The matron wondered how they were going to feed and clothe him. Funds were short, and the needs of her big family of waifs and strays were many. She sighed, but, raising her eyes, her attention was held by a text on a calendar hanging on the wall: "My God shall supply all your need." She must pray and trust, then, for this new burden. God was all-sufficient.

Just then, a knock came at the door, and a young worker entered: "A man would like to see over the Home, matron." She found the man very tall and grave. He said he was passing through the town that afternoon. She took him over the Home, talking of the children in a way which showed that she loved them.

Last of all, they came to the playroom, and fifty pairs of wondering little eyes were turned upon them as they entered.

"I have a few toys," the man said, "Have I your permission to distribute them?" Permission being given, he brought a bag from the hall, and produced a stock of lovely balls and trains, toy horses, dolls and games—and there was one for every child! How they shouted with joy, and forgot their shyness as they danced round this unexpected benefactor. Then, sitting down, with the little ones around him, he spoke a few words, reminding them of the Babe of Bethlehem and the gift of God's Son to the world. It was all so simple and earnest that the children listened spell-bound. Then the matron had a happy inspiration.

"Would one of you sing

this friend a carol?" she said. There was a pause. Then a very little boy, with sweet blue eyes and fair curls, trotted forward.

"I will, matron," he said; and he sang a quaint little carol that spoke of the Christ-child who had no pillow on which to lay His head. It was sweet and appealing, and the matron saw tears in the eyes of the stranger as he turned away, the children's thanks ringing in his ears.

"I have one more request to make," he said. "May I see the little boys' dormitory; it was the girls' you showed me."

Wondering, she took him up to the small room where twenty-five little beds were placed.

"Who sleeps here?" the stranger asked, and her heart jumped, for he had pointed to the cot where the newest orphan slept.

"The little boy who sang that carol," she said, simply. "He's very lonely and unwanted, and we had to take him, although we were really full."

The man took out his check-book, filled in a check and handed it to her; it was for so large an amount that, when she saw it, she knew that it would provide for the little boy for years to come!

"Will you let me give this as my Christmas gift?" he said; and beyond grateful thanks, there was something in his manner that prevented the matron saying more. He picked up his empty bag, and at the front door shook hands with her, but just as he was stepping out, he suddenly turned back:

"You see, I was a friendless, homeless, unwanted boy thirty years ago, and that was my cot," he said: "so I felt I'd like to give another boy a chance, such as, thank God, you gave me!"

With tear-dimmed eyes, the matron watched him striding down the path, while to her mind suddenly came the divine words: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The Best Christmas Gift

By R. H. Moon

It was Christmas time. A certain rich man, tired of his life of ease, fared forth into the busy shopping district in search of some one whom he could help. Presently his eyes fell upon two ragged children with their noses flattened against the window of a restaurant, looking at the good things to eat on display there, and the people at the tables enjoying themselves. Quietly the man asked them if they would not like to go inside to eat. "You bet!" said the lad and his sister looked her consent to the invitation. Soon their stomachs and pockets are bulging with everything they could think of to eat. They have only to ask for it and it is theirs.

After the meal the man takes the two of them into the largest department store in the city. Turning the little sister over to a saleslady, he takes the boy into the clothing department, and there he fits him with a complete outfit, beginning at the skin. Not one needed article of wearing apparel is overlooked. Presently they join the sister, and she too is appareled in a complete new outfit. Now the three of them head for the toy department. Here the rich man turns them loose. How he does enjoy it to stand aside and watch them in their childish glee. Not a toy do they want but he promptly buys it for them.

It is time to go home, so with all their new found possessions, they are bundled into his machine and driven to their tenement home. Here he kisses them good night, and as he is saying good-bye, the little boy slips his hand in that of the rich man, and with a look of wonderment in his eyes asks, "Say mister, is you God?" That little lad had the right conception of God—One who with His Son will freely give us all things. Your
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When Sankey Sang the "Shepherd Song" on Christmas Eve

Dwight L. Moody was a man to whom God had given wonderful power and ability to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ira D. Sankey was another man to whom God had given wonderful power to sing the same gospel. For years these two men worked together, Moody preaching and Sankey singing. In the year 1875 they had both been in Liverpool serving their Master. Toward the end of the year they returned to America.

It happened that on Christmas Eve of this year, Mr. Sankey was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm, starlight evening and there were many passengers gathered on the deck. Mr. Sankey was asked to sing, and, as always, he was perfectly willing to do so. He stood there leaning against one of the great funnels of the boat, and his eyes were raised to the starry heavens in quiet prayer. It was his intention to sing a Christmas song, but somehow he was driven almost against his will to sing the "Shepherd Song":

"Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tenderest care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are,

"We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh, hear us when we pray.

"Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free;
Blessed Jesus
We will early turn to Thee.

"Early let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill;
Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still."

There was a deep stillness. Words and melody, welling forth from the singer's soul, floated out over the deck and the quiet river. Every heart was touched. After the song was ended, a man with a rough weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey and said,

"Did you ever serve in the Union army?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlight night in 1862?"

"Yes" answered Mr. Sankey, very much surprised.

"So did I," said the stranger, "but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post I thought to myself; 'That fellow will never get away from here alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing. Music especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger.

"Let him sing his song to the end," I said to myself, 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.'

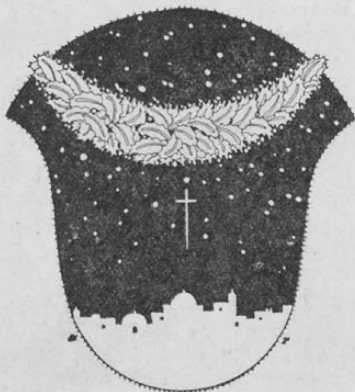
"But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly:

"We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way."

"Those words stirred up many memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon, otherwise much in my life would no doubt have been different.

"When you had finished your song, it was impossible for me to take aim at you again. I thought: 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty'—and my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side.

"Since that time I have wandered



about far and wide; but when I just now saw you standing there praying just as on that other occasion, I recognized you. Then my heart was wounded by your song; now I wish that you may help me to find a cure for my sick soul."

Deeply moved, Mr. Sankey threw his arms about the man who in the days of war had been his enemy. And this Christmas night the two went together to the manger in Bethlehem. There the stranger found Him who was their common Saviour, the Good Shepherd, who seeks for the lost sheep until He finds it. And when He has found it, He lays it on His shoulder, rejoicing.

A Child Is Born

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were His parting words. With Him all nature groaned. Such sorrows none other ever knew, sorrows all of which were vicarious. They were for others. All the righteous requirements of the law were met in Him; and since He died, the Just for the unjust. God has become the justifier of all them that believe in Him. Upon the cross He who was born at Bethlehem made a perfect atonement for the sins of all the world.

God is reconciled. The empty tomb, the ascended Lord, the Holy Spirit coming in power, all tell us that He who was born at Bethlehem is now our Great High Priest who is passed into the heavens. Let us worship Him this Christmas time, rejoice in Him, see Him sitting at the right hand of the Majesty on high. Let us lay hold of His loving sympathy. In that He hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted. He is our Friend, our Saviour, and our Advocate. Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, heaven's gift of love to suffering and sorrowing earth.

The Best Christmas Gift

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Heavenly Father sees your poor starved, hungry soul, and stands ready to give you your heart's desire. Will you let Him give you the Holy Ghost?

Send the *Pentecostal Evangel* as a Christmas present to a friend, and they will receive a copy of book, "Phenomena of Pentecost," free.

Did your *Evangel* come to you last week wrapped in a pink wrapper? If so, that was notice that your subscription expires with this issue. We trust that if you have not already renewed your subscription you will do so immediately, as we are sure you will not want to miss a single issue of this excellent magazine.

Current Comments From Central Bible Institute

Life in C. B. I. is wonderful both on account of God's presence with us, plainly seen and felt, and the many interesting and profitable experiences we enjoy.

Recently God reached forth His hand in the morning Chapel Service and proved His readiness and ability to meet the spiritual needs of our students.

Brother Ralph Riggs—of the faculty—brought a message from Rev. 3:18 which reached the hearts of all, in a quiet way but in power, after which all prostrated themselves before God to pray. When the bell rang to conclude the service, no one moved to retire from the Chapel, but all seemed held in their places. *Then the fire fell.* The Spirit clearly revealed the presence and authority of God, and all were strongly moved thereby. Praise, such as the Holy Spirit alone can render, ascended to "Him who sitteth upon the throne," and shouts that came from melted hearts filled the air.

Then His Holiness was revealed and some things came to light that required humility and confession on the part of some of the students. This requirement was met with tears and cries from penitent hearts, to be followed by shouts of victory and praise. The whole morning was devoted to attending upon the Lord and yielding to His will and desire. No classes in the class rooms but that which is beyond all else in its intrinsic value, the touch of His dear hand upon the heart and the light from His face upon the life.

The writer of these comments was at home and sick for the first time in many days and I am writing this from a description given me by others and from observing the apparent results seen in the school life.

I am including as well an account of "An Unusual Revival," which represents another proof of the favor of God that rests with His own work here at C. B. I.

May I ask all of the Evangel readers to pray for us here, and to pray with us that God will increase His work here both in volume and in power.

J. W. Welch

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An Unusual Revival

When we think of a revival, we usually think of a church, a tent, or a tabernacle, but God is no respecter of persons or places. I want to tell you about a revival in a jail—the Greene County jail at Springfield, Missouri—

and about the blessed work that is still going on there.

It was after one of the Lord's faithful handmaidens had spent several years of patient seed-sowing that she was permitted to see a glorious harvest when a real, Heaven-sent revival broke out behind those prison bars. Hardened criminals were melted down before God and set gloriously free from sin. In jail they were, but radiantly happy. In jail, but having daily prayer meetings and being filled with the Holy Ghost. In jail, yes, physical beings in jail, but with their once imprisoned souls set at liberty forever! Then one day those newly-born sons of God were taken to the Pentecostal church to be baptized in water. How we wept and rejoiced together as the Holy Spirit bore witness in our hearts. And in the jail the revival fires kept burning.

That was several years ago, but the same God is still saving souls in the same jail as the very same handmaiden and other workers minister there from Sunday to Sunday. The young men at Central Bible Institute who do jail work have a rare privilege indeed to work with one who has had twelve years of experience in this kind of work. Both city jail and county jail are visited. True, the work is very difficult and discouraging at times, but, oh, what blessed times we have had, seeing precious souls weep their way to God!

Well do I remember one particular Sunday afternoon when God graciously met us in the county jail. We were singing the first hymn in the women's section—"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear." One dear young woman began to sob. "You do not have to wait for us to finish the song," said our sister in charge. "Just kneel down and pour

out your heart to God right now if you want to." We sang on, "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." One by one they dropped to their knees with tears streaming down their faces. We did not finish our hymn, but there was rejoicing in Heaven that day over three souls that repented. There were three happy, tear-stained faces when we rose to our feet, and three bright testimonies followed. "Jesus has forgiven my sins." Hallelujah! One of these dear ones lives here in Springfield, attends our church, and is living for Jesus. The other two are not here, but the last we heard was that they were going on with the Lord, one of them having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

This is just one example of what God is doing in the jails. Two services are held in the men's section after the women's service is over—one in the lower tank and one upstairs. Our hearts have been melted many times as we have seen strong men step out from among their comrades and kneel down beside the bars for prayer. And we have rejoiced to hear those who have been saved testify to God's keeping power, strong enough to keep even in a jail. Can any other joy compare with that of working for the Lord?

It is a blessed privilege we have at C. B. I. to engage in ministry of this kind while we are getting our school training. I have written about the work in the jails, which represents only one phase of our practical work. In church, school house, cottage meeting, factory, street meeting, and house-to-house visitation we have opportunity to witness for Jesus.

Watch Night Service

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will not avail. Even the intelligence of an archangel cannot solve the present day problems in the world and the Church, without the attending wisdom and power of God which are given in answer to prayer.

Shall we not, therefore, make the forthcoming Watch Night meeting an occasion of repentance, confession, and surrender to the will of God? We must either pray or perish. Nothing else reaches the heart of God like a sincere cry of distress. For He has said: "If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. As we do this, may we not look for the fulfillment of these promises?—GREAT COMMISSION PRAYER LEAGUE.





The Gospel In Foreign Lands



An Encouraging Report from Persia

S. J. Kamber

I left Hamadan and came to help the work here in Urmia. Since I arrived I have never rested a day but have been very busy. The dear Lord has been good to us in giving us precious souls.

There are many towns which have been asking me to go and open new work. I am sorry I can't do it but I am praying the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers in His harvest.

I want to report victory as you see in the picture by the river side. Oh, what a blessed service we did have! The Lord was made real to us and to many who came from as far as twenty-five miles, which means a day's journey, just to see how we were going to baptize. I have visited a number of different places around here holding services and how hungry the people are for the Word of God. I wish I could draw the picture so you could see it and have it impressed on your hearts. I do believe there would be many who would pray more for Persia and there would be more workers for this field.

We baptized eighteen precious souls as you see in the picture, seventeen of them are newly converted. The man in the back line is about fifty years old. He was the first who asked me to baptize him. I wish that you could have been there. Truly it pays to obey the Lord in following His leading and His call. We returned from the river side to the church and had the Lord's Supper when again the presence of the dear Lord was made real to us.

These precious souls who are newly saved number about forty. They asked me for a place of worship, for the room in which they have been holding meeting has been too small. I prayed and asked the Lord about it, to guide me as to what I should do. I asked the people what they could do and they said they would help all

they could. Some gave money, some gave lumber, some labor, so we are erecting the building for the Lord. Their help amounted to \$100.00 but they need more, so I took upon myself faith to do the rest. I do believe the Lord will meet the need for He has never failed and never will. Before long I will send the picture of the new Assembly of God church in Persia.

Last week I received a letter from Tabriz, the second largest city in Persia which has 300,000 population. In this letter I was asked to go and open a Pentecostal work there. This letter was written by a precious woman who is most spiritual. When I passed

only, but now we have the privilege of working with the Indians and Eurasians as well. God has given us a love for these dear ones, and I am so glad that He is no respecter of persons, but has made of one blood all the nations of the earth.

On Thursday night we have a service for Eurasians. We have been having wonderful meetings; the Lord is indeed blessing in our midst. These people are hungry for God. They are so anxious to hear of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and of the second coming of the Lord, having never heard of these deeper truths before. At one of our meetings a fine lady said that she

wished to give her heart to the Lord—she has been a church member for many years but had never been born of the Spirit. That night she wept bitterly and had a real godly sorrow for sin, and the Lord marvelously saved her. Now she is a most remarkable Christian—so enthusiastic in the work of the Lord. She always goes around and invites her neighbors and friends to the services. In answer to prayer God miraculously healed one of her sons and, although he is not a Christian, he has to admit that God answered prayer, and because of this experience his heart is

more tender towards God. I believe that he is going to be saved.

On Tuesday night we have a meeting for our Indian friends. A glimpse into the Hindu temple grounds as the Indians are walking through fire and being otherwise tortured in an effort to appease the wrath of their hideously ugly gods, makes our hearts rejoice the more as we listen to the testimonies and see what God hath wrought in the lives of those who have come to know Jesus and His power to save from sin. One very proud young Indian man has just given his heart to the Lord, and is so happy in his new found faith. His wife was also very worldly, but now she is seeking the Lord with all her heart. Some of the young men



Brother S. J. Kamber ministering at a baptismal service in Urmia, Persia. Brother Kamber is standing in the water with hand uplifted preparatory to baptizing one of the recent converts.

through that large city, I prayed for an open door and God's leading seems to give me this blessed opportunity in launching out for a good work there. I believe He is answering prayer, but I want you to help me in prayer.

Miss Katherine Clause at Singapore

I truly praise the Lord for bringing me safely to Singapore. It is such a pleasure to work for Him in this part of His vineyard with dear Misses Anderson and Johnson, who are really consecrated young women.

Since coming here, the Lord has widened our sphere of labor. Formerly our work was among the Chinese

are quite musical. They play their instruments at the services and this is such a help. Oh, how we thank God for the souls He has given us among these dear people—they are truly our crown and rejoicing!

The rest of our time is taken up among the Chinese. We hold these services at the school house, which is located right in the heart of the Chinese district where there are at least 50,000 Cantonese. The attendance and attention has been very good. One night we had such a large crowd that the police would not allow any more to come in, and many were turned away. At first we had great difficulty with the children. They behaved very badly and disturbed the meetings; but we brought the matter to the Lord in prayer, and He has graciously undertaken. Now we have excellent order in all our services. Oh, it is wonderful the way in which God answers prayer.

Living expenses in Singapore we find very much higher than in China; but we know our God who has never failed us in the past will meet our every need in this new field.

A Letter from Anna Ziese of Taiyuan-fu, China

Greetings from dark, dark China! I have been back on the field a little over a year already, and I can hardly realize it for the time goes by so fast. I truly praise the Lord for His faithfulness and that I have found Him my satisfying portion.

No doubt Brother Hansen has written and told you of his visit to Taiyuan-fu, long before this, and I may say that we all enjoyed his visit and were also blessed through his ministry and hope that he soon will be able to come again.

I am also very happy to say that our God by His Spirit has worked in the hearts of the prisoners in the large prison here, and seventeen women and also one hundred twenty-nine men took their stand for the Lord, and Brother Hansen had the privilege of baptizing them. It was a happy sight indeed, and the faces of these women just shone, and they do look dif-

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ferent from the rest. We can feel and notice the change for which we praise God. Of these seventeen women that took their stand, three or four have life-time terms because of murder, and they feel sorry for their deed and realize now that it was the enemy who brought them into this misery and suffering. May God in His great love and mercy give them a happy entrance into

as possible. Reservations are being held on the "S. S. West Kebar" of the American West African Line sailing from New York January 30th for Grand Bassam, W. Africa. The party will include Brother and Sister A. E. Wilson, Brother and Sister A. C. Weston, Brother and Sister Harold Jones, and Brother and Sister G. K. Rowe.

Sister Anna Sanders of Cuba, wishes to thank the Evangel readers who so kindly responded to the notice placed in the paper some time ago concerning her need. God is enabling our sister to witness to those around her and distribute a number of Bibles and Scripture portions. Let us pray that the Word of the Lord may be blessed among the people.



A company of believers who gathered in Urmia, Persia for the celebration of the Lord's Supper after the baptismal service. Brother S. J. Kamber is seated in the forefront to the left of the picture with his Bible in his hand.

the kingdom when their earthly life is ended. Please pray that the Lord will be able to reveal Himself to them in a more precious way in the coming days.

I may also state this is fruit of many years of labor because Brother Steinberg got permission from the government and started this prison work about eleven years ago. Well, we take courage in the midst of trial, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. Please pray for me.

With Christian love and greetings,
Your sister in Him, Anna Ziese.

News Items

Preparations are being made to send a party to the French Sudan as soon

We have been advised by our sisters Miss Clara Siemens and Miss Ruth Pemberton, that they sailed for Trinidad, British West Indies, on December 8th. Their address will be 14 Ana Street, Woodbrook, Trinidad, British West Indies.

A Letter from Ningpo Orphan- age, China

Dear Brother in Christ:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus!

Thank you so much for monthly letter and much welcomed enclosed draft. May the Lord bless each giver. It was

precious how the Lord brought this to us earlier than usual because of urgent need at this end. It is so sweet to trust Him with all, and be kept in His rest and peace, for He is faithful who promised. Really, to tell you the truth, we are kept so busy with ministering the Word, prayer, and leading souls to the Lord, that we have little time to think much or even pray much about money matters, *believing as He said*, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you," we daily prove to be true. Praise His dear name!

We praise His name for the precious way He is meeting souls day by day.
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In the Whitenened Harvest Fields



75 CONVERTED IN MIDDLE WEST

Pastor C. E. Thurmond writes from Ainsworth, Nebr.: "Nov. 22 closed a 5 weeks' revival at Burton, where about 75 were converted and 5 received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. We plan to set the church in order on the 25th. Brother Cook gave a message in another tongue during testimony service; the interpretation given was 'Preach the whole Word,' uttered 3 times."

"RAIN" IN NEW NEEDY FIELD

Brother Stanley Files writes from Blythe, Calif.: "In a new and needy field in the Palo Verde Valley I recently held a 4 weeks' revival at Ripley. Here 25 testified to receiving salvation, one sister was baptized with the Holy Ghost, Acts 2:4, and many others were earnestly seeking for the Spirit. The blessing of God still remains and all are pressing forward in faith for great victories."

SPIRITUAL STREAMS OVERFLOWING

Evangelist Albert Ogle and party write from Lawton, Okla.: "We resigned our pastorate at Blair the last of September, to come to Cache, Okla., where we remained 5 weeks. God gave us a revival in which about 25 found the Lord. We then came to Lawton and began a battle for God. We are now beginning our 4th week here. Up to this time 43 have acknowledged Christ as their Saviour and 27 have been filled with the Holy Spirit. A good foundation for a greater work has been laid."

"A STANDARD FOR THE PEOPLE"

Pastor F. Ewald writes from Brooklyn, N. Y.: "We have just closed a very successful campaign at Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, Emma Taylor, of Oklahoma in charge. God mightily used our sister in proclaiming the truth of holiness, which is so much needed these days. A number were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, backsliders were reclaimed and others were healed by the great Physician. The attendance has been the best of any campaign held in the church. Even though the evangelist has gone, the revival is still going on and we constantly expect great things from God. A number of young people are uniting with us in our efforts for the kingdom."

ALONG THE VICTORY LINE

Brother W. A. McLaughlin writes from Centralia, Wash.: "At present the Lord is working and the saints are getting back to their first love. Sinners are being converted and are coming through with the old-time shout; backsliders are being reclaimed; believers are receiving the blessed Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4; and others are being refilled. Evangelist Walberg, assisted by Dave Carlson, song leader, and young men from the Stoneway Church at Seattle, are carrying on the meeting. About the middle of June, Lillian Holm was called to take charge of the work and the Lord is confirming His Word by working victoriously in the assembly."

AN ENSIGN AMONG HIS PEOPLE

Pastors Mr. and Mrs. N. Rhodes write from Ripley, Tenn.: "We came to this missionary field early in June, and God has given us a gracious revival. A tabernacle 40x60 has been erected and a nice stove paid for in these times of depression. The enemy said it could not be done, but surely we have proved that 'there is nothing too hard for the Lord.' Many were made to marvel at the great things God did, and the way He provided for His people. Our church was set in order with 67 members, and 137 in a Sunday school newly organized. The attendance in our young people's meeting is from 40 to 50. One child of 9 and one about 11, also one young lady and one boy have the calling to the harvest field. God has also marvelously healed the sick among us. Council brethren and all ministers of God will find a hearty welcome."

MISSIONARY VISION EFFECTUAL

Pastor W. J. Lewis writes: "We are rejoicing in the blessing of the Lord at Anacortes, Wash., and we believe the showers of blessing the assembly has experienced is due to the fact that God has given us a missionary vision. We have been blessed in having the following missionaries with us these past few months. Brother and Sister Jackson, from Singapore, Brother and Sister Heetebry of Fiji Islands, Sister Esther Harvey of India, Brother and Sister Coughram, prospective missionaries to India, Brother and Sister Crabb prospective missionaries to Africa, and Brother and Sister Simpson, from Northwest China. We have been blessed also with a week's meetings, conducted by our beloved colored brother, Pastor B. Gibson, Centralia. Crowds were good and a good interest was manifested."

BEST AND MOST FRUITFUL YEAR

Brother J. R. Richardson writes from Waco, Tex.: "We resigned the pastorate in Marlin Aug. 2, to go into evangelistic work. We went to Kosse for a 3 weeks' meeting, where the Lord gave us a good revival under the City Tabernacle. The denominational churches closed their Sunday night services to attend. From there we came to South Waco. Here, in the open air, several were saved and 5 received the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. We then moved 15 blocks away where we erected a tent and held meetings for 3½ weeks. Here also many found Jesus as their Saviour. Eleven were saved in another meeting which we conducted at Denton with Brother Earl Rogers, for 2 weeks. At this place 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost. At Pilot Point, where the assembly was without a pastor, we preached for one week. On the last Sunday night, although it was pouring rain, the building was filled. We plan to start a revival in Cleburne soon, with Pastor Willie Dunn. Of our ten years in Pentecost this one has been the most fruitful."

Send 50 cents for full pound of tracts.

AGED MINISTER'S PASSING

Brother James King, a minister in the faith of Pentecost, having spent 65 years in active gospel work, has recently passed away to be with Jesus, in the 87th year of his age. He received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost in 1915; his last testimony was that Jesus is coming soon, and he asked his loved ones and those present to be ready to meet Him. The writer preached the funeral sermon from this appropriate text: "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and faith."—Sent by Evangelist W. G. Mizelle, Hurley, Miss.

We extend our sympathy to the family of 9 children who survive him.

NEW COASTAL ASSEMBLY

Pastor Paul Kienel writes from eastern Florida: "We started open air services in the city of Ormond over 4 months ago with a large attendance and a deep interest, but under much opposition. Many responded to the call of the gospel and were saved. Large crowds gathered at the river bank where numbers were baptized in water. The services are now carried on in a comfortable church built of palmetto fans. Nov. 22 we closed a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Maycell Holliday and Sister L. Hall. The altar was lined with people hungry for God. Many were saved, and one received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Many outsiders are astonished at the great change in this community, and we rejoice that the spirit of this heaven-sent revival still continues in the meetings."

THE KANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Elder J. W. Welch reports: "The presence of God was manifested in the very beginning of the District Council, recently held at Wichita, Kans., and continued throughout the 3 full days that the ministers and delegates were together. The Council work in Kansas has had a remarkable growth in recent years, which fact was easily discerned by one who had been absent for 6 years. There has been a gratifying increase in all of the various lines of development during this past year as shown by the splendid reports made to the Council in session. The number of Assemblies is increasing, due in part at least to the presence and consecrated efforts of a number of graduate students from Central Bible Institute who are working in the state. New fields have been opened and there is an organized effort being made to build up the Sunday schools. The report this year was inspiring indeed. The past year has seen the best growth and development of that particular line of work the District has enjoyed thus far. The Banner Sunday School of the District was at Kansas City, (Kans.). Thursday afternoon was devoted to a meeting of the Christ's Ambassadors work of the District. Silas Rexroat was reelected president for another term. The Christ's Ambassadors work in the District is a separate organization kept in very close relation to the District Council, which insures it a safe and wholesome development. It was a delight to behold the zeal and enthusiasm of the

young people and to note the many evidences of real consecration to carry on for God. The Council voted to extend the District Superintendent's term of office to 2 years and Brother Vogler was elected to this office for another term."

PARALYSIS AND ARTHRITIS HEALED

Evangelist Earl W. Clark writes from Jacksonville, Fla.: "We are just closing a 3 weeks' revival effort with Brother Pollard. God has marvelously blessed and 50 to date have sought the Lord as their Saviour. At times the power of God has been manifested in a marked degree, the Spirit descending upon the congregation like a gentle rain and messages and interpretation following. One night Sister Clark spoke on Personal Evangelism and 41 dedicated their lives for personal work among the unsaved. Several have been baptized with the Spirit and great blessing has been poured out at such times. Fridays in our revivals are set apart as fast days and praying for the sick. These have been glorious days during these three weeks, God surely puts His seal on these special healing services. Last Friday night there were nearly 30 came for the healing touch; the power fell and many testified to being instantly healed. A paralyzed old man with white hair, after prayer lifted his right hand and arm almost to the level of his head and used his right foot and leg remarkably well. He testified before the congregation that he had not been able to do anything like that for 3 years. One sister testified to being healed of arthritis from which she had been suffering since last May. Many others were wonderfully healed. The closing Sunday morning I spoke to the Sunday school and a number of them started for the kingdom. We shall attend the Southern Florida District meeting in Orlando and on then to Ft. Meyers, for a large tent tabernacle, Dec. 6."

Pastor Leslie R. Clevenger writes from Greenville, S. C.: "After it became definitely settled this summer that we could not get out at this time to our calling in Nicaragua, we left our Ohio home to accept the pastorate of the assembly here. We have a splendid spirit of unity and co-operation, and as a result people are being saved right along at our regular meetings; 7 or 8 in the last 6 weeks; 6 united with the church, giving us a total adult membership of 46. We have a fine Sunday school and Christ's Ambassadors class. We have opened a work in Piedmont. There was an assembly there 5 or 6 years ago, and God is blessing there again; last week 5 adults were definitely saved and 2 received the Holy Spirit. We hope to set this work in order soon."

General Council List

The following names were added to our ministerial list during the month of November, 1931.

Baird, Harry A., Seminole, Okla.
Baker, Ira E., West Tulsa, Okla.
Barton, John A., Russellville, Ark.
Bennett, Robert E. Lee, Medicine Lodge, Kans.
Betha, John H., Sulphur Springs, Fla.
Brown, C. J., Red Oak, Okla.
Cook, Frank L., Tulsa, Okla.
Cook, Mrs. Catherine L., Tulsa, Okla.

Coon, Ralph M., Sapulpa, Okla.
Cummings, Geo. T., Grainton, Nebr.
Davis, Carl F., Gracemont, Okla.
Elwood, Clyde H., Glencoe, Okla.
Hoffman, Mrs. Dulcie L., Mannford, Okla.
Keener, Elsie O., Shidler, Okla.
McGuire, Jess, Kaw City, Okla.
Medley, Elmer L., Erick, Okla.
Merrihew, Elmer H., Enid, Okla.
Merrihew, Mrs. Alta P., Enid, Okla.
Nichols, Wm. R., Picher, Okla.
Palmer, Leonard, Pratt, Kans.
Selvey, Lawrence, Fairview, Okla.
Sexton, Joseph R., Heavener, Okla.
Smith, Elgin L., Sayre, Okla.
Smith, Mrs. Mary G., Sayre, Okla.
Stephens, Mrs. Mattie E., Sapulpa, Okla.
Vaughn, Levi M., Yeager, Okla.
Wulff, Miss Lydia L., Turon, Kans.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list during the month of November, 1931. This is a news item for the benefit of those who may be interested.

Blount, Ernest M. (Withdrew), Longview, Texas
Boddy, John T. (Deceased), Ojai, Calif.
Meeks, Thomas F. (Dropped), Canal Point, Fla.

The Meaning of Christmas

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sunken upon His feet, and see! the iron is tearing through His flesh. And now the weight of His body hangs upon His arms, and the nails there are rending through the tender nerves. Hark! earth is startled! He cries, "Eloi, eloi, lama sabachthani?"

Oh, sinner, was ever shriek like that? God hath forsaken Him. His God has ceased to be gracious to Him. His soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. At last, hear Him, sinner, for here is your hope! I see Him bow His agonized head. The King of heaven dies. The God who made the earth is become a man, and the man is about to expire. Hear Him! He cries, "It is finished!" and He gives up the ghost. The atonement is finished; the price is paid; the sacrifice is accepted, "It is finished." Sinner, believe in Christ. Cast thyself on Him. Sit now at the foot of that cross, and feel the dropping of the precious blood. God grant you grace to do so, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Freddie's Christmas

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torment; some whispered it might be because of his cruelty to the poor orphan boy. One morning all were startled to hear that his lifeless body had been found hanging in one of the stalls in the barn. Freddie knew heartache and grief, so he timidly stepped up beside the widow, whispering the comfort that he himself had been comforted with. Later she put her arm around him and told him he was a real comfort to her.

And so the Lord helped him to be a great blessing in return for all the hardness he had borne. Years later he became a minister of the gospel, and many friendless and sorrowing ones were comforted through his gentle ministry.

Editor's Note: It may interest you to know that Little Freddie was none other than F. A. Graves, the author of "He was nailed to the cross for me," and many other beautiful hymns.

A Letter from Ningpo Orphanage, China

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He is sending in so many dear young people to get saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit and is in turn using them in the ministry of intercession and leading others to Him. Groups, from various walks of life, come and get saved, and then go their way. What is so precious is that many of these are from heathen homes. There is such a hunger and thirst in hearts all around us, and God is seeking these and bringing them to the "fountain of living waters," and is satisfying their hearts with Himself. These dear young people are being trained by the Holy Spirit for active warfare against the enemy, and are learning to know and prove the power of the Blood of Calvary. We have a "prayer tower" where each has his definite time to pray for definite objects, the aim being the salvation of souls.

A demon-possessed woman (heathen) was brought in for prayer a few days ago and, praise God, she has been delivered. After the demons went out of her, she was so convicted of sin and wept and wept, confessing much, even going as far as to confess some of her childhood sins. It is wonderful how God works through the power of His Holy Spirit. This woman had only heard the gospel a few times and could not take in much because of her awful condition. Day by day she is cleaning up. She was an inveterate cigarette smoker, etc., but all that poison God is taking out of her body and is making her normal.

We are full of praise and thanksgiving to our Father for the hunger and love for the Word He puts in these new-born souls. That alone is God's provision for the growth of souls. Sister Chang has a daily Bible-study class for beginners. In addition to the aforementioned class, there is a night Bible-study class for any who wish to attend, and we have blessed times together. Hallelujah! We just sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. Last Sunday another brother received his Baptism.

Forthcoming Meetings

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

FT. SMITH, ARK.—Evangelist W. T. McMullen, Tulsa, Okla., will conduct revival at the Dodson Ave. Assembly of God, Dec. 13-Jan. 10.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

MIAMI, OKLA.—W. T. McMullen and party will begin campaign with us Jan. 17; the co-operation of neighboring assemblies will be greatly appreciated.—C. C. Helvey, Pastor.

ANACORTES, WASH.—Meyer and Alice Tan Ditter will conduct revival campaign in Pentecostal tabernacle, 10th and O Sts., Dec. 6-20. Mail may be sent to P. O. Box 353.—W. J. Lewis, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—Annual convention at Gospel Tabernacle, 119 E. Sample St., Jan. 7-17. G. F. Louis, Superintendent Central District, in charge.—Write Adolph Petersen, 636 Lincoln Way, E., South Bend.

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—Local fellowship meeting Dec. 13, 2:00 to 4:00 P. M., in city auditorium, 6th and Grand. Students from Southwestern Bible School will be there with special numbers.—Pastor Harold Collins, Box 925.

COATESVILLE, PA.—Ida Shuss, Western Evangelist, will conduct an old-fashioned revival beginning Jan. 10, at First Pentecostal church, Smith's Hall, Strode Ave. and Harmony St. Services each night except Mondays, 7:30. Sundays at 3:00 also.—James A. Painter, Pastor.

PASO ROBLES, CALIF.—The Coast District fellowship meeting of Southern California and Arizona District will be held at Church of the Full Gospel, 1233 Pine St., Dec. 21. There will be 3 services; 10:30, 2:00, and 7:00. Visiting brethren welcome at all services.—S. W. Squier, Pastor, 1911 Park St.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Annual District Council of Eastern District, Jan. 5-8, at Highway Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts.; Tuesday will be spent in prayer and the ministry of the Word. Business session 9:30 Wednesday. Those expecting to attend, please write Pastor Flem Van Meter, 6641 N. 17th St.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Old-fashioned revival in Bible Hall, 6th and G Sts., N. W., beginning Jan. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Saleskey, Westernport, Md., in charge. Services every night, 7:30, except Saturdays. Sundays, 11:00 and 7:30. Friday nights, Divine Healing. Broadcasting over WJSV, Mt. Vernon Hills, Va.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor, 319 Douglas St., N. E.

POTOMAC DISTRICT COUNCIL WESTERNPORT, MD.—The first quarterly Council will convene with Pastor Samuel C. Perry, Jan. 4-6. As all licenses expired Sept. 30, all licentiates are requested to renew at said meeting in order to remain in fellowship, and to get their names in new minutes to be printed. Please fill out and present questionnaire personally, fully endorsed, for credentials committee. Harry V. Schaeffer, Secretary, 319 Douglas St., N. E., Wash., D. C.

OPEN FOR CALLS Pastoral or Evangelistic

H. D. Coaplen, 806 Joseph Ave., Nashville, Tenn. "Would prefer calls in Central Tennessee or Southern Kentucky. Should like to help in opening new fields. In fellowship with General Council."

Evangelistic

I. R. Richardson, 1624 S. 16th St., Waco, Tex. "Have been in Pentecost 10 years; am constantly in revival work. In Council fellowship, good references."

DISTRIBUTION OF NOVEMBER 1931 MIS- SIONARY FUNDS

CONGO BELGE FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	\$675.49	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	215.00	
Mission Station Expense	55.00	
Native workers	20.50	965.99

EGYPTIAN FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	277.00	
Mission Station Expense	55.00	
Native workers	75.00	
Lillian Trasher orphanage	262.00	669.00

FRENCH SUDAN FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	354.00	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	44.00	
Mission Station Expense	25.00	423.00

GOLD COAST FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	289.00	
Mission Station Expense	4.00	293.00

LIBERIA & SIERRA LEONE FIELDS		
Allowances of Missionaries	714.00	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	123.00	
Mission Station Expense	13.00	
Native workers	86.00	936.00

SOUTH AFRICA FIELD—TRANSVAAL		
Allowances of Missionaries	182.00	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	49.00	
Mission Station Expense	45.00	276.00

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION—AFRICA		\$3562.99
NORTH CHINA FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	1307.80	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	62.00	
Mission Station Expense	77.00	
Native workers	40.00	
L. M. Anglin orphanage	518.57	2005.37

WESTERN CHINA AND TIBET		
Allowances of Missionaries	106.70	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	195.70	
Mission Station Expense	138.00	
Native workers	128.00	568.40

SOUTHWESTERN CHINA—YUNNAN PROV.		
Allowances of Missionaries	253.00	
Native workers	15.00	268.00

CENTRAL CHINA		
Allowances of Missionaries	158.00	
Mission Station Expense	38.00	
Native workers	8.00	204.00

SOUTH CHINA		
Allowances of Missionaries	587.35	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	124.00	
Mission Station Expense	35.00	
South China work & workers	350.00	1096.35

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION—CHINA		4142.12
NORTH INDIA		
Allowances of Missionaries	2680.07	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	181.07	
Mission Station Expense	1172.93	
Native workers	171.00	
Leper work	100.00	4305.07

SOUTH INDIA & CEYLON		
Allowances of Missionaries	463.00	
Mission Station Expense	30.00	
Native workers	52.00	545.00

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION—INDIA		4850.07
JAPAN FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	528.00	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	103.00	
Mission Station Expense	438.50	
Native workers	56.00	1125.50

PALESTINE & SYRIA FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	355.62	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	47.00	
Mission Station Expense	80.38	483.00

PORTO RICO FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	230.00	
Porto Rican work & workers	140.00	370.00

CENTRAL AMERICA FIELD		
Allowances for Missionaries	188.00	
Mission Station Expense	25.00	213.00

SOUTH AMERICA FIELD		
Allowances of Missionaries	407.00	
Allowances of Missionaries on fur-lough	124.35	
Mission Station Expense	40.00	
Native workers	14.00	585.35

FIJI ISLANDS		
Allowances of Missionaries	208.00	208.00

MEXICO & MEXICAN BORDER FIELDS		
Allowances of Missionaries	227.00	
Mission Station Expense	88.00	
La Luz	20.00	
Latin American Institute	44.00	
Mexican Workers	305.00	
California work	65.00	
Publishing House	40.00	
Mexican truck	1.00	790.00

MISCELLANEOUS FIELDS		
Alaska	10.00	
Canary Islands	53.00	
British West Indies	30.00	
Straits Settlements	178.00	
Philippine Islands	61.00	
North American Indians	10.00	
Persia	410.00	
Poland	81.00	

Russia	230.75	
Bulgaria	64.00	
Greece	72.00	1199.75

Non-Council missionaries (designated)	\$794.76	
Total amount of missionaries' allowances	18324.54	
Missionary Rest Homes	85.00	
Fares, Bldg., Etc.	1576.45	

Total disbursements	\$19985.99	
Amount held to special accounts	2917.85	

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR NOVEMBER \$22903.84

HOME MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

Appalachian District	\$ 10.45
Northern California District	91.57
Southern California District	31.81
Eastern District	10.05
Illinois District	5.50
Kansas District	20.62
Mississippi District	2.09
Nebraska District	14.44
New England District	2.30
North Central District	183.09
Northwest District	11.19
Oklahoma District	2.81
Potomac District	3.48
Rocky Mountain District	9.17
Texas District	3.08
Texico District	.88
West Central District	19.56
Total	\$422.09

WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

December 1 to 3 inclusive

All personal offerings amount to	\$507.67.
.60 Mountain View S S Gillette Wyo	
.65 Monongah Young People Monongah W Va	
1.00 Assembly of God S S Cambridge Ohio	
1.50 Pentecostal Assembly of God Manhattan Kans	
1.80 Christ's Ambassadors Electra Tex	
2.00 Christian Mission Detroit Mich	
2.45 Jester S S Jester Tex	
2.92 Assembly of God S S Willow Springs Mo	
3.00 Carolina Assembly Carolina W Va	
3.00 Pentecostal Mission Ukiah Calif	
3.65 Cannelton Local Assembly Cannelton W Va	
4.00 Trinity Tabernacle S S Goose Creek Tex	
4.20 Assembly of God S S Arcadia Kans	
4.35 Pentecostal Assembly of God S S Guthrie Okla	
4.47 Assembly of God S S Camden Ark	
5.00 Carolina Children's Work Carolina W Va	
5.00 Sunday School Class Cincinnati Ohio	
5.00 Bald Hill Assembly Haskell Okla	
6.00 Pentecostal S S Drain Ore	
6.75 Prescott Assembly Prescott Ark	
7.00 East Side Gospel Mission Davenport Iowa	
7.00 Sunday School Portland Gospel Tab'n Portland Ore	
9.50 Biloxi Point Assembly of God Biloxi Miss	
10.00 First Pentecostal Church York Pa	
10.00 Bethel Mission Arkansas City Kans	
10.00 Pentecostal Church Goulds Fla	
13.89 Bethel Tabernacle Canton Ohio	
14.50 Prayer Band Huntington Park Calif	
16.22 Bethel Assembly of God Phoenix Ariz	
16.45 Gospel Tabernacle Assembly Powers Lake N Dak	
17.62 Assembly of God S S Mirando City Tex	
20.00 Full Gospel Crusaders Trinity Tab'n St Louis Mo	
24.90 Assembly of God McCook Nebr	
27.57 First Full Gospel Church Pomona Calif	
28.00 Assemblies at Edina and Knox City Mo	
30.00 Assembly of God Church Peak and Garland Dallas Tex	
30.00 Pentecostal Church New Castle Pa	
31.02 Christ's Ambassadors Assembly of God Granite City Ill	
36.15 Members of Pentecostal Church Wenatchee Wash	
45.00 Assembly of God German Branch Chicago Ill	
49.47 Trinity Missionary Band Youngstown Ohio	
48.69 Full Gospel Tabernacle Cuyahoga Falls Ohio	
55.00 Michigan Christ's Ambassadors Detroit Mich	
58.00 Lighthouse Mission Brooklyn N Y	
60.00 Ashtabula Assembly Ashtabula Ohio	
60.31 Full Gospel Tabernacle Miles City Mont	
61.00 Ohio State Christ's Ambassadors Dayton Ohio	
61.75 Christian Assembly Cincinnati Ohio	
63.00 Bethel Temple Findlay Ohio	
72.85 Assembly of God Springfield Mo	
80.00 Bethel Temple St Louis Mo	
90.00 Full Gospel Assembly Washington D C	
133.70 Full Gospel Assembly Inglewood Calif	
960.99 Bethel Temple Los Angeles Calif	
Total amount reported	\$2,834.59
Home missions fund	36.60
Office expense fund	13.12
Deputational expense fund	8.04
Reported as given direct to missionaries	812.56
Reported as given direct to home missions	148.63
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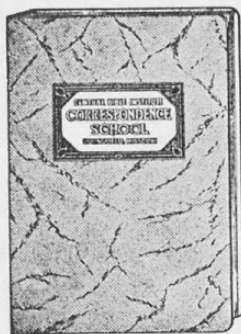
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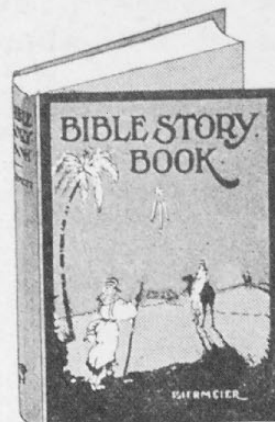
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26 When Jesus therefore saw his

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Ar-īm-ā-thā-ā, being a disciple
of Jesus, but secretly for fear of
the Jews, besought Pilate that
he might take away the body of

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