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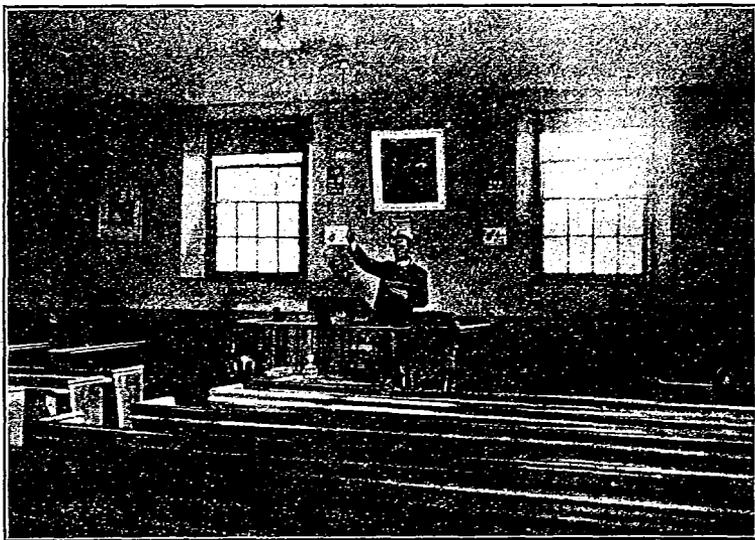
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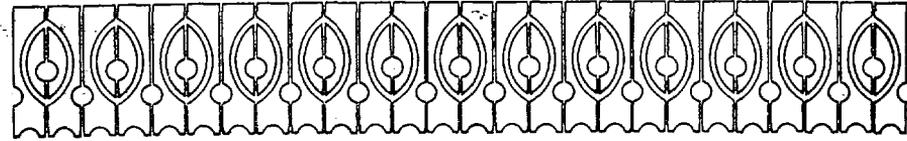


PICTURE-VISION OF CHRIST.

The X marks the place on the wall where it appeared in Island Place Mission, Llanelly, So. Wales. (Bro. Stephen Jeffreys in the Rostrum.) Page 113.

“This is the CONFIDENCE that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired from Him.”—1 John v., 14-15.

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TO EDITORS AND OTHERS.—Any matter in this Paper may be re-printed on condition that full acknowledgment is made thus:—"From 'Confidence,' Sunderland, England."

The first number of "Confidence" was issued in 1908 by the present Editor. It was welcomed by very many. He has gladly continued, therefore, to edit and issue it each month since. It was the outcome of a Spiritual Revival which commenced at All Saints', Sunderland, September, 1907. Visitors journeyed from all parts of Great Britain and from the Continent to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. In most cases they returned joyfully, to become centres of blessing. A yearly Conference has been held at Whitsuntide. Visitors from home and foreign lands came in large numbers, and returned to spread the blessing further. "Confidence" was the first British Pentecostal Paper which told of this Outpouring with the Sign of Tongues. This Paper travels to nearly every country on the Globe. "Confidence" advocates an unlimited Salvation for Spirit, Soul, and Body; the Honouring of the Precious Blood; Identification with Christ in Death and Resurrection, etc.; Regeneration, Sanctification; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; the Soon-Coming of the Lord in the air (1 Thess. iv., 14); Divine Healing and Health (Acts iv., 13). The issue of "Confidence" has been greatly blessed, and the Editor is thankful to the many friends around the world (see list) whose prayers and help have been used of God to encourage him month by month. His desire, and that of his helpers, is that ever in this Paper "He (Christ Jesus) may have the pre-eminence." "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified"—2 Thess. iii., 1.

ADDRESS:—HON. SECS., ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE, SUNDERLAND.

The National Convention at Westminster.

In the great Hall before the meetings commenced there was joyful singing of "Redemption Songs." The great organ was not used, but Miss Hayward or Miss Noel-Thompson presided at the piano which kept the great audience up to "pitch."

Occasionally the meetings began with the singing of the "National Anthem," which nearly everyone sang with heart and voice. Sometimes there were earnest prayers for our country and for our lads in the Trenches. Prayer was offered for our Brethren abroad, now sadly separated from us.

There were literature stalls near one of the doors, and a book for signatures and addresses.

THE CONVENTION HALL.

The Hall where the National Pentecostal Convention was held faces the great West Front of Westminster Abbey. The Hall is upstairs. It is a huge "Upper Room." A magnificent series of broad marble steps leads up in double fashion from the ground floor. Half-way

up they meet at a broad landing, lit up in the day-time by a great, clear window, of artistic design, reaching from floor to roof. As you pause and turn to look out, you find a "Living Picture" bathed perhaps in the afternoon sunlight. It is the West Front of the Historic Westminster Abbey, where the dust of many noble dead is resting. Two great towers, and between these a huge Western entrance, where one day during the Convention we saw worshippers crowding in to a solemn memorial service for our brave defenders.

NAME-CARDS.

Coloured name-cards were issued one afternoon—Blue, Red, White, and Green. The friends were invited to write their name and address, and to pin the card on their breast. English folk had Blue cards, Welsh White cards, Scottish folk had Red cards. Green cards were also provided, but alas, the Emerald Islanders were not with us, and there were at this time no applicants for the "Wearing of the Green."

THE PRAYER-ROOM.

It required some courage to mount the steps up the Orchestra above the platform in the face of the audience to reach

(National Convention at Westminster—continued.)

the Waiting Room, where Bro. Wigglesworth and Mrs. Crisp were leading seekers into blessing. Yet the room was very full. In at least one case, one who sought healing received not only a touch of healing life, but a full Baptism in the Spirit. The room was crowded with hungry folk. Many were filled with the Spirit and spoke in Tongues. It is those who “hunger and thirst” who are likely first to be “filled.”

THE CONVENER.

To Mr. Cecil Polhill the Convention owed much. He bore, we fear, a lion's share of the expenses. He originated and arranged everything. He was firm, and made a devout and fearless chairman. His opening remarks were always to the point. He believes in the Holy Ghost with the Sign of Tongues, but not in fanaticism, or unnecessary noise, and he denounces so-called Bride Teaching (viz., the type which expects physical manifestations on that line). He is on fire for Foreign Missions, especially for his old fields, China and Tibet.

MEETING OLD FRIENDS.

The Writer (A.A.B.) travelled up from Sunderland on Whit-Monday (June 12th). The weather was cold for June and even wet; but as the Convention went on it steadily improved, and was really beautiful at the end.

On the Great Northern Railway I met two of the men of my son's Battalion (18th Durham Light Infantry). They were delighted to meet Lieut. Boddy's father. They were on their way back to France, and bore some messages to him at the firing-line. God bless them!

At Westminster one met many, many friends who have visited Sunderland Convention year after year. What handshakings! What tender, eager enquiries after one who could not be there!

I noticed the following:—

Bro. J. Tetchner (Lytham, Lancs.), Brother Welch (working at Bedford among the soldiers), Bro. Knight (Gateshead), Bro. Moser (Southsea), Pastor Inchcombe (Croydon), Pastor Bacon (Plymouth), Mr. T. H. Mundell (Croydon), Bro. Smith Wigglesworth, Bro. Booth Clibborn, Mr. W. Glassby (Hon. Treas. P.M.U.), Pastor Saxby, Bro. Morris, Bro. Jones, Bro. A. Urshan (Persia and Chicago), Mr. Walshaw (Halifax), Mr. Rogers (Emsworth), Mr. Beruldsen (Edin-

burgh), Rev. E. Delabilliere, Rev. C. Ernest Proctor, Mr. Hodges (Hereford), Bro. Stephen Jeffreys (the Collier Preacher, Llanelly), Bro. Matthieson (Airdrie), Bro. Greenstreet, Bro. Andrew Reed (Paisley), Bro. Every (Llanelly), Bro. Carruthers (Glasgow), Evangelist Black (Mansfield, Notts), Bro. Carter (Birmingham), Bro. Evans (Plymouth), Mr. Simpson (Leeds), Bro. Elvin, Bro. Symons (Heathfield), Rev. H. Tripp.

Among the Sisters in the audience or on the platform were Miss M. Schofield, Mrs. Martin (Dulwich), Mrs. Cammell (Isle of Dogs), Mrs. Norris, Mrs. Rawlence (Salisbury), Mrs. Crisp (Principal of the Women's Home), Mrs. Walshaw (Halifax), Nurse Pickersgill, Mrs. Hodges (Hereford), Mrs. Beruldsen, Mrs. Cantell, Mrs. Price, Miss Morrell, Miss Salisbury, Mrs. King (Wimbledon), Miss Desgrandes, Miss Woodrow, Miss Noel Thompson, Mrs. White (Hove), Miss Lathbury (Wimbledon), Miss Hebdon (Scarborough), Miss Butters, the Misses Busfield, Miss Andrews, Miss Moore and Miss Keene, Mrs. Dunbar, and Sister Elvin.

Mr. E. J. G. Titterington (Principal of the Men's Training Home) sent a telegram of greeting from the Arctic Circle (Norway), where he and his wife are living at this time.

MRS. CANTELL.

The first speaker on Whit Monday afternoon was Mrs. Cantell, of 73 Highbury New Park, London (at one time of Zion City, Illinois). She referred to blessings in her life and work since receiving her Baptism in the Holy Spirit at Sunderland, in the Vicarage, when Mrs. Boddy prayed with her. She spoke of the happy times they have in her home at “73.” She told us of a Church of England sister she knows, who was recently in an infirmary very ill. She had a vision, in which she saw one of the apostles, who said: “Jesus will come and heal you.” Then later she saw Jesus Himself, who actually came and raised her up. The doctor was amazed when he came to see her. We were asked to pray that the Lord may finish the work. Her chief trouble had quite gone, only a minor one left.

ON PRAYER.

After Mrs. Cantell's address a Church of England clergyman, who is friendly but not at all committed to the Pentecostal teaching, gave us some useful words on “Prayer.” He based his address on 1 Kings xviii., the scene on Mount Carmel. Elijah was praying alone. God does not answer “run-away knocks.” Elijah was desperately in earnest. He had annihilated Baal worship, and put to death its

wicked priests. He cried in prayer until God gave him the answer.

The speaker told us of an agnostic, for whom a City Missionary prayed very earnestly. This agnostic was out of work, and the Missionary told him that he was praying that he should never get work until he asked God for it. The man went everywhere seeking work, and got very disheartened, and at last in desperation secretly he went on his knees and prayed, "O God, if there is a God, find me some work." That day he heard of a workshop at a distance where workmen were wanted, and he got into the office of this place of business. The master was out and a man said, "You had better go downstairs." When he got downstairs he found everyone at work, and there was a vacant place. It was work he was familiar with, and he sat down on the seat and went on with the task. After a while a foreman came round and said, "Hallo, what are you doing here." He said, "*The man up above sent me here.*" So he was allowed to continue, and is working there still. That phrase, "*the man up above,*" had a very deep meaning for him. From that time he ceased to be an unbeliever. He is now a Christian man.

Mr. Hill, a business man in London, gave his testimony and his experience of the Baptism into the Holy Spirit.

Mrs. King, of Wimbledon, spoke of her meetings. A woman had crawled into her meeting very ill and said, "I hope this is not spiritualism." She was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, and soon she was better. When God comes in something has to go out.

Miss Woodrow had been healed of spinal trouble by God's goodness. She had been much blessed in her Sunday School Class of boys. A number of them had been saved. She feels that when we are blessed that we must work first at home, and only then further away. We are first to witness at Jerusalem, then at Samaria, and afterwards to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Pastor Saxby, a Baptist brother, sprang to his feet full of joy. "God is about to do a new thing," he said. He would like to make an appointment for eternity in which to explain it. Our brother's joy was very contagious, and the meeting enjoyed his enthusiasm fully. This ended the Whit Monday afternoon meeting.

The Face of Christ.

A Miraculous Appearance.

HAD IT ANY REFERENCE TO THE WAR?

Though the incident referred to here occurred just before the outbreak of the War, the Editor of "Confidence" has only recently had the opportunity of investigating it. He is sure many readers of "Confidence" will be glad to have the details he has now secured.

At the London Convention on Tuesday, June 13th, at the Evening Meeting Bro. Stephen Jeffreys (the Collier-Preacher of South Wales) was speaking and referring to "Mountain-Top Experiences." Stephen Jeffreys came under my notice first in 1913, when I read in the "Life of Faith" of the Revival Touch which had come to Cwmtwrch (*Coomtourc*) under his preaching. I made a journey a little later to Penybont, near to Llandrindrod Wells, and there I first met our brother and heard him preach. His brother George (now at Belfast) was there also; so I can endorse the story as one who knows the Welsh Revivalist. He told us in the course of his sermon in the Central Hall how, when he was preaching in Wales nearly two years ago, there came suddenly a supernatural picture upon the wall above the platform. At first it was the head of a LAMB, then it gradually changed and became the

FACE OF THE MAN OF SORROWS.

There it remained in the sight of the congregation and of everyone who came in to see it. It was just a little while before the commencement of the great War. It was surely in some way a warning as to that terrible thing that was coming on the earth.

* * *

I had a talk with our Brother after the meeting. Mr. Geo. Every ("Springfield," Westbury Street, Llanelly, South Wales) was standing with us, and he corroborated as an eye-witness all that Pastor Stephen Jeffreys said.

"Will you let me ask you some questions as to this miraculous picture of Christ?" I said. "Yes, gladly I will," he replied.

First, exactly where did it appear?

On the wall of the Island Place Mission Room at Llanelly (South Wales) above the platform.

Was it at night? and during a meeting?

(The Face of Christ—continued.)

Yes, I was preaching, and I noticed that the people were all beginning to look at something behind me, and at last I stopped and turned to see what it was that attracted their attention, and then saw the Face.

What kind of light was there in that Hall?

It was lit by electric light. Everything was quite plain.

What was the wall like? Was it plastered? Had it a smooth surface?

It was something like the wall over there. Tinted, or slightly coloured.

Could you go to-day and put your hand on the wall exactly where it appeared?

Indeed I could. It was there for six hours, to be seen by everyone. Next day it had gone.

Did anyone try to explain it?

No; no one could possibly explain it. It was just there for everyone to see, above the platform. It was a vision sent to us by the Lord. It reminded us that He was indeed the slain Lamb, and that that Lamb was identical with the Crucified Saviour bearing the sin of the world. He seemed to be sorrowing with His people over the things which were coming upon the earth.

Bro. Every said that he went up to the wall and was close to the picture. It was the size of a man's face. The eyes were remarkable, they seemed to be alive and moving. (He drew as it were with his finger on the wall where we were standing the shape and size of the picture.) I asked Bro. Every if he could send me any account which had appeared in one of the local papers. He has sent me the following cutting from the Llanelly "Star":—

A remarkable experience is related by those who attend the mission services now being held at the Island Place Gospel Hall. For some months past Mr. Stephen Jeffreys, an earnest mission worker, has been conducting services here among a section of the community to whom the churches and chapels seem to make no appeal. During the service on Sunday night the congregation were startled to see a vision appearing on the wall behind where the preacher was standing. The outlines appeared to be blurred at first, but by-and-by the congregation recognised the head and face of the Man of Sorrows, with the Crown of Thorns upon His head.

Speaking to a "Star" representative to-day, Mr. Jeffreys gave a thrilling account of what he described as

"THE VISION OF THE MASTER."

"We have had many conversions," he said, "but what occurred on Sunday night transcends

all that one could have hoped for. My back was turned to the portion of the wall where the vision appeared, and my attention was drawn to it by some of the congregation who were spell-bound to see the face of our Blessed Lord standing boldly out on the wall. There was no mistaking the appearance—it was the Man of Sorrows looking on us with ineffable love and compassion shining out of His wonderful eyes. The effect upon us all was one that will never be forgotten by any who were privileged to behold it. Some of my congregation saw the head crowned with thorns, but I cannot speak as to this, as I did not see it. The face, however, was not to be mistaken, and it still haunts me. It remained on the wall for hours after the service closed, and we kept the building open in order that all should have the opportunity of witnessing this wonderful revelation. Many unbelievers came in and

FELL ON THEIR KNEES IN PENITENCE.

It was a proof to us that the Lord is with us in our work, and it will inspire us to more whole-hearted consecration to His service."

A member of the congregation told our representative that to him the vision appeared as that of the Lord appearing out of a great cloud. "I went early on Monday morning," he added, "but by that time the vision had disappeared."

Bro. Every secured for "Confidence" a copy of a photo taken shortly afterwards, showing the spot (marked with a x) where the picture appeared. (See picture on front page.)

A. A. B.

Testimony to Healings.

(From a Norwegian Paper.)

CURES BY PRAYER.

A Doctor's Personal Experience in the course of his Practice.

In the "Stavanger Aften-Blad" (evening paper) is found the following report of healing by prayer. The author is Dr. E. Hansen, of Flekkefjord. (We give a translation.)

I can testify (he writes) that in our own day it is true (Jas. v., 15) "that the prayer of faith shall save the sick," and "whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do" (John xiv., 13). This is true to-day, but believing faith must support the prayer. I can give three cases of incurable disease who were cured as by a stroke, through believing in prayer.

1. A woman, 64, had cataracts, an incurable thing without an operation. She had an assurance she could be healed by God. She prayed earnestly, and her sight was restored to her. I have seen her without spectacles thread her needle, sew, and embroider. At her request, I wrote to two eye specialists, whom she had consulted in Kristiania. The answer was: "The person you name has consulted me, and was suffering from Cataract. I advised her to come again and be operated on, for I have never known a spontaneous cure for cataract."

2. A girl (12), a hunchback, suffered from tuberculosis in her back, and she had to use staves and crutches. Her condition became worse. They made up their minds to go to

Arendal and see a minister named Wettergreen. They prayed earnestly and believingly to God. And now the mother told me, "Elsie was quite well; even while we were praying she sprang up like a bird. I thought the doctor would like to have her crutches; here they are."

3. A woman over 30 was suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs, and had been under my care and treatment several months. She was very delicate and slender. She got a presentiment that she could be healed, and she went to Pastor Wettergreen. After earnest prayer she was cured, and three hours later came running to me, shouting, "Oh, doctor! doctor! come and examine me now; I feel I am quite well. Thank God!" ("*Doktor! doktor! kom! undersog mig; jeg er ganske frisk! Gud ske lov!*") And although I made the closest possible examination of her, no sign of lung disease could I find, though it had been nearly wholly affected before.

Within a day or two she met two others who had seen the same wonderful cross. (It is Miss Brown, of Garcia Terrace, Fulwell.)

A sergeant of the Royal Sussex Regiment wrote to his mother at Eastbourne: "This morning, May 22, about 12:30 or one o'clock, we saw a most beautiful white cross in the sky. It sailed along until it reached the moon. I think everybody about here saw it, and for about ten or fifteen minutes there was not a shot fired. There was absolute silence on both sides. We are wondering what this vision means."

A Cross in the Sky in War-Time.

There shall be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on earth distress of nations, with perplexity.—Luke xxi., 25.

Then shall they see the Sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn.—Matt. xxiv., 30.

A soldier writing from the Front tells how on May 22nd (1916) near midnight, when heavy firing was going on, a wonderful Cross of Light appeared in the Heavens. It floated along until it reached the moon, then remained stationary, with the moon as its centre. The artillery all became silent so long as the vision lasted, and many were solemnised at the sight. Pte. Davies (Welsh Regt.) wrote: "I saw the Cross in the sky a few minutes before midnight. We were in the firing-line. For a few minutes

IT WAS LIKE PEACE,
everything was quiet. It was wonderful."
(May 22nd).

A lady in Sunderland on May the 16th, about half-past ten, was proceeding to her home in Fulwell, having just left the electric car when she was startled by observing the moon with a remarkably bright cross reaching out from it, with sharply defined edges. It measured about three diameters of the moon in each arm. She looked at it again and again. The moon was near to the full. The cross was as distinct as a stone-cut cross could be in a graveyard, but after a time it began to fade away from the top. She reached her home in time to call out a relation who also saw it before it quite faded away.

The Faith of Jesus.

(It will be well to use the Bible whilst reading this.)

The "Faith of Jesus" is the real substance of the Kingdom of God in us. For that alone is true faith, and it is already ours through the Holy Ghost and through the indwelling of Jesus, and His life in us. Our own feeble faith has but one object, that of helping to render this great real faith visible in us, leading us to give thanks for it before we can feel or see it in ourselves, and, above all, to reckon on its existence.

The essence of the Faith of Jesus is shown us very clearly in John xvii., 4 and 11. He was that blind and deaf servant of God (Is. xlii., 19) who reckoned only on the life and thoughts of the indwelling Father, lived out through Him. In the mind of God, the Lamb had been slain before the foundation of the world, and therefore Jesus looked upon His work as accomplished before the hardest portion of it was even begun. The Faith of the Lord Jesus was the life of the Father in Him, therefore the true faith of the New Testament must be the life of Jesus in us; the extent of the kingdom of God in us, the new creation.

The following passages make this very clear, but we must call attention to the fact that the Greek original is often rendered inaccurately, even in the best translations, for instead of the "Faith of Jesus," we find "Faith in Jesus," whereby the significance of the word is concealed from us. See Rom. iii., 22 and 26; Gal. ii., 16 and 20, and iii., 22; Eph. i., 19, 20, and iii., 12; Phil. iii., 9; Col. ii., 12; 1 Tim. iii., 13;

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This is the One-Hundredth issue of our mid-monthly paper, "Confidence."

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

For one hundred months the Editor (by the mercy and goodness of our God) has been able to bring it out punctually and regularly.

The Editor is conscious that many prayers have gone up in all parts of the world for "Confidence," for its Editor and his helpers. To this fact he attributes the blessings which have come unto many lives through its messages. He asks all who have received blessing to join him when they read these lines as he offers heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Then as we leave behind a "century" (one hundred) of issues, and go forward into the unknown future, may we again ask for prayer from time to time that our Lord may guide, sustain, bless, and supply every need.—A.A.B.*

The London Meetings.

Mr. Cecil Polhill's Meetings are held each Friday at 7 p.m., at Sion College, on the Thames Embankment, near to Blackfriar's Bridge. In the afternoon of

the same day there is also a meeting at 3.30 p.m. at Newton Hall, 17 Fleur-de-Lys Court, Fetter Lane, off Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Our Victory in the Heavens.*

Eph. i., 19: "The exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe."

CHRIST ENTHRONED:

SATAN DETHRONED:

CHRIST'S MEMBERS EMPOWERED.

The secret of the possession of Divine Power is Faith. It comes through Union with Christ, by Faith. Union with Him first on the Cross, then on the Throne—a continuous Union. A Union with Christ in each of these vital actions of His which led up to His final Victory. A Union by Faith—a persistent Faith. Union with Him in His Death and Burial; and also in His Glorious Resurrection and Ascension. A Union to be maintained until the end—by faith.

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The Epistle to the Ephesians contains the Secret of Victory.

It is the epistle of the "Heavenly places,"† this phrase "The Heavens" occurring a number of times in different forms.

The Key-Note of the Epistle is "Far above all." But there is a vigilant and cunning hinderer of our faith; Satan, knowing that his time is short, will try to deceive the very elect. His subtle "methods" ("wiles," ch. vi., verse 11) are directed now against the

MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

here on earth. The Head is beyond his reach, but the Members are in a world which lies in his sphere. "The whole world," says St. John (1st Epistle ch. v., verse 19) "lieth in the Evil One."

Victory gained for ourselves always gives us a wonderful power in leading others into the same path of Victory.

* The above is the substance of an address given by the Editor at the Whitsuntide National Convention.

† (1) There are Aerial Heavens, where birds and Zeppelins fly. (2) The Stellar Heavens ("The Heavens declare the glory of God"). (3) The Third Heaven, 2 Cor. xii., 2. (4) The place where God's Throne is, Rev. iv., 3. This is far above all, Eph. i., 21. He is "Our Father which art in Heaven" (not "the Heavens"); so He is not excluded from any part of the Heavens.

* See also the paragraph before the first article on page 111.

Even dim visions of the possibilities of Victory in Christ are most uplifting and encouraging.

As God hath lifted Him "Far above all," so the audacity of Faith may claim our union with the Ascended Lord in the face of many things which seem to contradict. But we must take it (and retain it, which is harder) by Faith.

Our great Enemy in the days of our Lord's life on Earth sought to oppose Him. Through Herod he sought to destroy the young Child's life. He met our Christ after His reception of the fulness of the Holy Ghost, and tempted Him sorely. Other unknown temptations* assailed Him, fiery darts from the Great Tempter, but He quenched them all. He had faith in His God and Father. "The shield of faith."

In the Garden and upon the Cross Satan tried hard to break Him down, but in vain. Probably he tried to stop Him

ON THE WAY UP TO GLORY.

It is more than likely the Prince of the Power of the Air (Eph. ii., 2) made a great stand as He ascended through his aerial domains. He is called the Prince of the Power of the AIR. A cloud received Him out of the Apostles' sight (Acts i., 9). That cloud may have been a mighty company of white-robed angels. Clouds in Scripture are not always atmospheric, for we read of a great Cloud of Witnesses (Heb. xii., i), and we read of Clouds of Glory.

AN AIR-FIGHT.

If there was a battle in the air between the Principalities and Powers of darkness on the one side and the Lord and His angel-host on the other—the Lord of Hosts so strong and mighty in battle prevailed (see Ps. xxiv., the Ascension Psalm). Of this the Lord may have spoken prophetically, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven." So God set our Christ "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Eph. i., 21).

If Satan tried to hinder, He was defeated, and we see Jesus crowned with Glory and Honour.

OUR ASCENSION IS FULL SALVATION.

Then as to the present Ascension of the Believer—as to *our* Ascension—St. Paul

* He said to His disciples: "Ye are they which have continued with Me in My Temptations."

is very emphatic in asserting that this and nothing less is real Salvation (Eph. ii., 4-8).

Salvation leads by the Cross to the Throne. Salvation is not only forgiveness and justification through the poured out life of the last Adam, "Redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ," our Divine yet perfectly human Representative, our God-accepted Substitute. It is that *first*, but that is a step to lead us into the Place of Power.

SATAN WOULD HINDER.

Satan will endeavour to hinder *our* Ascension. First He will try to hide this truth from us. Then He will try to get us to be satisfied with a mental assent to the statements in God's Word. Then if we get hold of this secret of Victory, he will try to prevent our continuance in its realisation.

"We wrestle not with flesh and blood, but with spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenlies."

But *we* can be *strong* in the Ascended Lord and in the power of His might. Union with the Ascended Christ is strength.

The Ascended Lord took His place with His Father on His Throne. The Overcoming Christian is welcomed also to this very same place of Power. He must take it by Faith.

Rev. iii., 21: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His Throne."

These statements may to us at one time seem only as words, but when the Spirit of God lights them up to us they become in some measure realised verities. Then we are filled with joy as we realise our position.

Satan—he will seek to prevent our ascension into this Heaven; he will use every method, working apparently through the flesh and the world, and adopting any disguise that suits his purpose.

But we can remind him, and often remind ourselves that it is all of grace, it is the great love wherewith He loveth us, it is all the Gift of God.

SAVED THUS BY GRACE.

See Eph. ii., 4, 5, 6, 8: "God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened-us-together-

(Our Victory in the Heavens—continued.)

with Christ (by grace are ye saved;) and hath *raised-us-up-together*, and *made-us-sit-together* in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

So in the words of an ancient prayer we say:—

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him (*even now*) continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Ascended Life, which is for us the place of Victory, is a life lived by Faith in the Son of God who loved us each one, and will eventually defeat Satan in his attacks upon us—if we stand fast and believe.

The Ascended Lord by virtue of His Ascension was then and only then able to send forth the promise of the Father. "He being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." So spake Peter on the Day of Pentecost.

OUR PENTECOST.

The member of Christ realising that he really died with Christ and rose again with Him, and ascended with Him according to the Scriptures, may receive too the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and will be used to bring blessing to others. Pentecost, with joyful signs, will in his case follow a realised ascension.

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We are to bear about in our bodies the deadness (the necrosis) of the Lord Jesus (2 Cor. iv., 10).*

Union with Him in His death means an inflow of His Life. The inflow of His Life keeps us in the place of Death.

The Way of Death leads quickly to Resurrection and Ascension. This is the only safe way.

The Ascended Life is the Life of Victory.

In our weakness and unworthiness we are thrown upon our mighty Victor, Who can take the Christian who fails and get the Victory *through the weakest* member; even through a backslider who returns

whole-heartedly to Him; even through a babe in Christ who trusts Him fully.

HELPLESS, YET VICTORIOUS.

In Copenhagen we have seen a bronze group. A wounded Bugler-boy is being carried in a charge shoulder-high at the double by a stalwart veteran. The helpless boy is a hero. He is sounding "Forward," though he was told to blow the retreat. The enemy that day was, to the amazement of all, defeated and put to flight. The wounded boy had no power to go forward. He went in the strength of another. Defeat was turned to victory by his faith.

So we will in our helplessness, even if for a time defeated and maimed, trust our mighty Victor, who has brought to naught the principalities and powers, triumphing over them in His own power. This power is for us. The Gift of Pentecost is for us, and this—that we may be a blessing to others as we recognise it is all through *His* Cross and by faith in our Union with Him in His Triumph.

1. O Holy Spirit of my God, give me just now, and always, a living faith in Jesus Christ, my Ascended and All-victorious Saviour.

2. Blessed Lord, as we are Thy Members so art Thou our real Head. We who trust Thee are truly united to Thee. No distance can separate us, neither can any circumstances, or conditions (save unrepented sin; and I place all sins now beneath the cleansing blood, and I accept forgiveness from Thee).

3. Lord, I believe the Word which tells us that in Thee we died, and that together with Thee we were caused to *live* with Thy Resurrection Life. (Eph. iii., 5.)

4. That when Thou wast quickened I was quickened, and that Thy LIFE is within me now, in spite of all opposition of the Devil. (Christ is my Life.) Col. iii., 4.

5. I believe also that I was raised with Thee (Eph. ii., 5-6), and that at this moment I am seated together with Thee on Thy Throne, in the place of all power in the Heavens.

6. This is Thy Word, Blessed, Risen, Ascended Lord, I am indeed now by faith with Thee in Heaven, however sense-life may contradict or oppose.

7. In Heaven and in Thee there is no ill temper, no irritation, no pride, no selfishness, no worldliness, neither is there carnal desire, depression or despair. These are but the fiery darts of the Devil. There shall therefore be no manifestation of these things in me, for I am in Christ, and therefore in heaven.

8. There is no disease, no pain, in Heaven or in Christ. Satan has no real power over us who are in Heaven and in Christ. Though he tempt he shall not triumph.

9. Lord Jesus, Thou art my life, I trust Thee to manifest Thy life in me victoriously now and continually, in the power of the Holy Ghost.

* See "Divine Necrosis," by Rev. A. A. Boddy, No. 12 in the Roker Tracts.

10. Enable me by the power of the Holy Ghost to look to Thee, Lord Jesus, as an indwelling Divine Person. Thy Person rather than any theory about Thee. Amen.

(The Faith of Jesus—continued from page 115.)

2 Tim. i., 5; John v., 44; Jude, 3; Rom. i., 17; Rev. ii., 13, and xiv., 12. These and many other passages have a deeper significance for us if we think of the being and life of Jesus, who dwells in us, and realise all that is included in the term, "Faith of Jesus."

In Col. ii., 12; Eph. i., 19, 20; 1 Peter i., 21, this Faith is mentioned in connection with the resurrection of Jesus. This resurrection was the beginning of the new birth of the universe, of the new creation of God, of the kingdom. His resurrection signifies nothing less than a new birth. (Acts xiii., 32, 33) "Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee." Through the Resurrection and Ascension, and the consequent Descent of the Holy Ghost, it became possible for men to share in the life of Jesus, and to know His Presence abiding in their hearts. The faith, that is, the life of Jesus, causes us to be risen together with Him, whilst we, like Jesus, see ourselves only *in the light of the thought of God for us*, and thus enable the Holy Ghost to work out this thought in and through us. (Col. ii., 12.)

This life of Jesus in us (or His Faith) is a creative, all-embracing power; it springs from the creative power of God, who "calls the things that are not as though they were." (Rom. iv., 7). Abraham is an example of this.

True faith is the substance of that which we hope for or expect, that is to say, the realisation of things not yet seen, for such is the meaning of Heb. xi., 1. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Faith (2 Cor. iv., 13), because He imparts to us the life of Jesus. The substance of this life, this creative

power, which works in us and transforms us, is faith. We are to be brought into a higher kingdom, a higher form of existence. We are by nature incapable of seeing or understanding this kingdom; we can only begin gradually to comprehend it after we have been introduced into it. The strong arm which raises us, poor, blind, ignorant creatures as we are, is the "Faith of Jesus," and we must wholly yield and submit ourselves to Him, although to do so transcends all our natural thoughts, or we shall never reach the goal.

PENTECOSTAL ITEMS.

COINS.—Friends in U.S.A. and elsewhere are asked not to send Dimes, or Half-Dollars, etc., by post. We cannot make use of them. Also we have to pay a fine on each letter if they are discovered. Send Postal Money Orders, or Dollar Notes; these have so far always come safely.

ELIM CONVENTION, ROCHESTER.—Bro. A. W. Frodsham, of Fergus, Ontario, Canada, writes of great blessing received at the recent Convention (June 7th to 17th). Pastor Craig's addresses had been instructive and searching. Other speakers were Pastor Fisher, Bro. J. R. Kline, and Miss K. Knight.

He writes as to the "Baptism with the Sign": "If boiling point is 212 degrees, some seekers, as it were, get to 211 degrees. That is blessed, but one degree makes *such* a difference, when the hot water is changed into *powerful* steam. The process of boiling is slow in some cases, depending on the amount of fire under. When there is a good fire an extra shovel of coal is necessary perhaps, and that causes a slight set-back for the moment. So seekers may at times seem to get even colder, but it's just the extra shovel of coal being put on, and the fire will be all the hotter later."

GLASGOW. We are asked by Bro. Andrew Turnbull, 76 Armadale Street, Dennistown, to say that at 108 Port-Dundas Road (Burning Bush Assembly Hall), the services are:—Sunday, 11:30 a.m., Breaking of Bread; 6:30, Full Gospel Meeting; Open-air, 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, Meeting at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., Divine Healing.

THE PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY UNION.

The Annual Missionary Meeting.

The attendance was distinctly good on the Thursday afternoon (June 15th), when the P.M.U. Annual Missionary Meeting in the Westminster Central Hall was held.

Mr. Cecil Polhill took the chair as our President. In his opening address he quoted from Isaiah xxxii., 20: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass." He referred to those who sowed

(P.M.U.—Annual Missionary Meeting—continued.)

beside all waters. He said there was a blessing for ALL who sow, for even the ox or the ass referred to by the Prophet seemed to get a blessing, the ox strong to labour, the ass very humble. Under *which* heading do we come?

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He referred to the recent deaths in China of two of our devoted missionaries, Frank Trevitt and Amos Williams, both of whom had been very faithful to Pentecostal teaching. We sympathise deeply with their dear ones left behind. Their widows will soon be working again in their former station in the Yunnan Province.

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Mr. Polhill spoke of the work in Yunnan-Fu (the Capital city). He referred to a new chapel which was being opened: also to Out-Stations. Mr. Polhill wants the missionaries to be often on the move, to get natives to stay and carry on the work, but to be free to go forward to fresh work. Not to allow any ties to interfere with this principle. "The Pentecostal Missionary work should cost us something. What did we cost? Surely it was the precious Blood of Jesus Christ that was the price we cost our God. It should be a costly business."

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Mr. W. Glassby (the Hon. Treasurer of the P.M.U.) reported that during the last year £2,394 had been contributed (see Balance Sheet on page 124). God has been blessing the work financially even in this war time, when people are so heavily taxed. It was all a work of faith, and times of testing had occurred which drove them to their knees, but in answer to prayer victory was given, so that the missionaries on the field had not yet had to suffer. There must be no going back. An army in the field which had gained a victory did not rest, but went forward again to gain fresh victories. If this is true in worldly things, how much more in spiritual things?

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Miss Morrell, one of the students in the Training Home, told us that God has been proved to be very real in her life. Her motto is: "Anywhere with Jesus." Three years ago in a meeting she received great blessing; a Voice seemed to say to her: "Will you follow Me, and I will

destroy the power of the flesh?" She said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow Thee." She went to her room and there gave herself very definitely to the Lord. Soon after this she was asked to take a week's Mission. She went trembling to the first service, but felt the Presence of God. She prayed that night earnestly for many hours that souls might be saved, and her prayer was abundantly answered.

When she received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit she experienced no elation, but rather a heavy burden. She burst into tears. The Lord said to her, "I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. Tell them I am coming soon; tell them the whole story of the Cross." She believes that her call is to work in the Nairobi district in British East Central Africa.

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Mrs. Walshaw, of Halifax, appealed to all present to become shareholders in the blessed P.M.U. work. She said, "You must put something in, if you wish to reap dividends in Heaven. Be intelligent Shareholders." She knew one who had a vision of prayers going up in the form of little clouds. Different ones in a prayer meeting sent up these clouds. There was one whose cloud seemed to be very weak it could not get up, and it came down again. Then in the vision it seemed that an earnest Sister knelt beside her and joined her and prayed with her, and her little cloud grew strong and went up again, and now it reached the Throne. Union in prayer brings wonderful results.

Miss Salisbury (who is to go to the upper reaches of a Congo tributary) quoted from Isaiah lviii., verses 6-8: "Is this not the fast that I have chosen? . . . then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward."

Bro. Richardson also spoke. It was two and a half years ago he received the call. It has been before him ever since. He has had a time of blessing in the Men's Training Home. He spoke of present difficulties, and quoted Daniel vi., 16: "Thy God, whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee." Also 2 Cor. i., 10: "Who delivereth us, and yet will deliver."

When the offering was made, it was found to be about £190; so there was much thanksgiving as the meeting ended.

CHINA.

YUNNAN PROVINCE.

Bro. D. Leigh writes.

The trouble here (that is, in the Province) has not affected us at the capital in any way, but three of our out-stations, Kaihwa, Lingnan and Kouchou, cannot be worked by "foreigners" at present, the Consul forbidding us to go; but, praise the Lord, Lingnan and Kouchou are being worked by two of our native evangelists. Many souls have been brought into the fold at all the out-stations we are able to work. Mr. and Mrs. McLean, at the time of writing, are at Ami-chou, where we have taken part of a temple, and God has made it a Bethel to many souls. Miss Jenner and Miss Buckwalter are at Ih-Liang, where they have had rather exciting times, rumours of all kinds being circulated in that place, but, as it was in days of old, the Lord is building the wall even in troublous times. Miss Cook is with us in the city at present, having returned from Fuhming, where she has been relieved by Miss Agar. We are all quite busy, plodding along with language study, and assisting in a feeble way wherever possible. Last Sunday Bro. Swift, Bro. Klaver and myself went to the Men's Prison before breakfast, and to about 75 men the glorious story of salvation was told. The Women's Prison was in like manner visited by Mrs. Swift.

Yours in the Master's service,

D. LEIGH.

Letter from Miss Waters.

A NEW CHAPEL TO BE OPENED.

We have been busy with the study of the language, and now feel that we are beginning to grasp it a little. Opportunities have been given for testimonies which have helped us greatly, and also brought us much blessing, but we long to be able to speak freely to the people.

The Lord has been working at our out-stations, although there has been much hindrance as the country is in a very unsettled state at present, and some places have been rather difficult to reach. There were fifteen baptised at Ni-Liang last week, where Misses Jenner and Buckwalter have been working for a month. Mr. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Swift, Messrs. Boyd and Lewer went down to the baptismal service and had a time of blessing. At Armichoe and Fuming more converts are waiting for baptism, so if they are ready we hope to have baptismal services there. Our hearts rejoice when we see the Lord working in this way, and we feel that many of these souls belong to the prayer-warriors in the homeland. Truly the fields are ripe, and many are coming out of the great heathen darkness.

We are hoping to open the new chapel at the East Gate in a week or so, as everything is now practically in readiness. Will our friends in the homeland pray that God will especially bless this new work in Yunnan-fu? Situated in a busy part of the city, we feel that with prayer much can be accomplished. Since coming to China we have realised the value of prayer, and see that nothing can be wrought without it. The Lord has encouraged our hearts lately by answering prayer, especially at the out-stations. Native workers have been sent along, and the Lord has worked in their lives, and converts have been strengthened.

We have a leper girl attending our services at present, whom the Lord has put very much on my heart in prayer. Although she has not yet taken a definite stand for the Lord, we have seen that God is working in her heart. Will you pray for her? We believe that God is not only able to save her soul, but also heal her body.

Mr. McLean is going to America in about three weeks (God willing) for a furlough, also taking his little girl to school, so we will be quite a party of new workers; but in his absence we know the Lord will give the needed wisdom and help in the language. Mr. McLean has helped us very much, and we shall indeed miss him.

I must now draw my letter to a close, sending kind greetings to all our friends whom we have had fellowship with in person and in the spirit. Thanking everyone for kindness and prayers on our behalf.

With Christian regards,

I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

R. WATERS.

May 13th, 1916.

News from Bro. Klaver.

It is with praise and thanksgiving that I will write a few lines to you. Certainly the Lord has done great things for me. I have felt His presence during the months that I have been in Yunnan-fu. Everything was quite different as I expected. The dear Lord has given us many things above what one would expect coming to a heathen country.

The Lord is working in our midst, and especially in our different out-stations. It seems that the people in the out-stations are more open to the Gospel than here in the city. They have had here so many opportunities to hear the Gospel, and they have hardened their hearts. The Lord is choosing the humble and the meek. The work among the tribespeople is very promising. They are so simple and eager for the Gospel.

In our newly-opened out-station, A-mi-cho, quite a number are coming, and one has opened his house for the Gospel, and the people are coming in. They come sometimes from far distances to hear, and bear the good seed over mountain and plain to their different homes. And who knows what the results may be? This tribespeople are scattered over the mountains, and are living very plain and simple. There is a great and promising field among them. They are a neglected people, and the Chinese are looking down upon them; but God's heart is full of love for them, because He is not a respecter of persons. Hallelujah!

I think it is a great privilege to be a missionary, and how much more blessed shall it be when one knows the language to tell the story of Calvary. Praise the Lord for what He has done already in this direction. You will understand that I long to go up North to dear Mr. Kok, as you know that only 18 days are separating us. But He knows the appointed time.

When in Holland I always had "Confidence," but sorry to say we have not one here.

For this time I will close.

With much Christian love,

Yours in Christ,

P. KLAVER.

[Will some reader of "Confidence" send Bro. Klaver a copy each month?]

Visits to Out-Stations in Yunnan.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

You will be glad to hear about our trip to Ih-Liang and our experiences while there. We spent a very interesting time there, and returned home with renewed inspiration to work for the Lord in this land of China.

Out-station work is somewhat different from what we do in the capital. The people here have heard the Gospel for some time now, and as they gather together from time to time they are able to go further into the teaching of the Word. At an out-station one is constantly ministering to new-comers. The simple story of the Cross is repeated *over and over again*, and the people gradually come to know the difference between idols and the True God. Oh, what a joy it is to be able to hold up the Lord Jesus to these needy people.

At Ih-Liang the attendance of men is very good every night. They listen attentively, and seem to appreciate the presence of the foreigner in their midst. As it was harvest time the women were rather busy after sunset cleaning beans after the men had worked on them all day; therefore the attendance of men was rather better than of women.

The out-station of Ih-Liang has been open about nine months. We felt it was about time to receive some of the enquirers into the church by baptism. Therefore on Wednesday last, May 4th, we were able to baptise four women and eleven men, five of whom were young students. We are praying much for the Lord to raise up young men for the ministry, and it may be that we shall be able to train some of these in the future. How very little these dear young converts know of the Christian religion. After the baptismal service, which was held at the river-side, we had our first Communion Service with the little church. They even had to be told how to partake of the Lord's Supper, i.e., how much to eat and how much to drink, as it was all so strange and new to them. Please pray for these fifteen that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Miss Jenner and Miss Buckwalter have been labouring together at Ih-Liang for the past month. We are now putting two natives in charge for a while. Miss Agar and Miss Cook and others have also had a share in gathering out part of this new church.

We hope shortly to receive new members at Fuhming and Lo-t'si, and Amicheo. The Lord has been working in each of these places of late, especially at Amicheo, where Mrs. McLean is stationed at present. Surely the fields are ripe already to harvest.

You might be interested to hear a little about the home-life at an out-station. I will take Ih-Liang for an example, as we have had some experience there. We live Chinese style as far as food is concerned. For furniture we use the bed boards and trestles, and take our Pugai or mattress along with us. As it was quite warm, we only needed one blanket. The floors are bare, but clean. Cockroaches make their appearance when twilight comes. They help themselves to any food that may be around. One might think it a cross to meet these things at too close quarters, but I found even a blessing in looking at them. Instead of the plain brown colour that one usually sees, they were prettily marked with

yellow stripes. So you see we can see beauty in what might be considered a pest.

The chapel is a little larger than we have at the capital. It will hold perhaps two hundred people. On market days it is opened in the daytime, and the crowds come and go as duty may call them. During our visit a big market day was held. The brethren, Mr. Lever and Mr. Boyd, who were with us, went out with a native and preached and sold books and gave away tracts. During our stay of some six days they were able to dispose of some 1,400 cash worth of Gospels, etc.

Mrs. Swift and I took Milton with us. When we went on the street he attracted many children and grown-ups about. On one occasion it gave us opportunity to preach a little to the people.

The Lord has made Himself known to one young man who was baptised. He is rather an ignorant person, but really more earnest than some of the others. One evening he testified to the Lord healing his leg in answer to prayer. It is encouraging to see him trying to learn to read. No doubt in time we shall find him a help in the church if he goes on in this way.

We were able to take a trip to a near-by temple. After climbing we were certainly rewarded with a beautiful sight of the surrounding country. We were also able to leave a few Gospels with the priests who usually live in these temples.

The day before we left Ih-Liang one of the church members invited us to his home for a meal. The spread was a nice one, but we were privileged (?) to taste a dish that was new to all of us. They served fried silk-worms. It is a new custom now to first scald the chrysalis in the cocoon, and cook same for a delicacy. Thus we were served with the aforesaid delicacy, and did our best to put same to the test. They tasted like small pieces of fat fried crisp. However, we do not intend to add them to our daily menu at home. One has to meet with strange things at times in this country.

So much for Ih-Liang. We shall know how to pray better for the needs of this particular out-station, and trust that we shall be able to visit other places in the future, and help tell the good old Story of the Cross.

Mrs. McLean is sending in good reports of the Lord's workings at Amicheo. Quite recently a tribe chief invited her out to his village not far from the city. Upon arrival she found that he had a hall with benches all ready for a meeting. During their little service Mrs. McLean was further surprised by this chief standing up and giving a short exposition of John iii., 16. How the Lord is working among the tribespeople these days! Please pray that definite results may be seen as we are able to push forward into their territory.

I must close now, with Christian regards from all the friends here to you all.

In His glad service,

ALLAN A. SWIFT.

NEAR TIBET.

Sister Scharten's Experiences.

We have just finished a busy week of the Li-kiang annual fair. The same as last year, there were two tents, one for men and one for women. This year we had the privilege of seeing that some Na-shi sisters were able to help us in inter-

preting and preaching in the Na-shi language, a difference with last year, when they had not the experience of a Christian life, or couldn't testify to the saving power of Christ. We praise God for His wonderful, abundant grace. From morning till evening, almost all the time, the tent was filled with women and girls who wanted to hear the Gospel. We thank our heavenly Father for His presence during these days, not only giving us strength for spirit, soul and body, but also convincing some souls of their false religion. They come from Ho-ch'in, so one is able to visit them, for in a few days a trip will be made to that city. These tender plants need still much nourishing and care, so that the devil or the cares of this life may not come to kill the life which is born in them. Many who heard the Gospel in the tent come from scattered places, so that the proclaiming of the Gospel was a sowing in faith.

Just before the fair I had two short trips, one to the Yang-tse and the other to a hot-water spring. After the Chinese New Year (English calendar, 4th February) nearly everywhere a fair is organised, for the people have spare time in the first two or three months to go out for pleasure, attending their

THEATRE,

and alias, gambling and drinking. These fairs are splendid opportunities to meet at once many people coming to gather from different surrounding places. The theatre is quite different to that of the homeland. A nice, broad space in the open air is chosen, most of the time near the temple. When there is not a permanent building, one is made of old boards and doors, put up on poles, so that everyone is able to see the play. In country places the on-lookers are standing or sitting on the ground; in cities they hire seats on benches.

We had splendid times in two places along the Yang-tse: Beh-lan-tsang and A-shi. In the former we spent seven days, and in the latter three days. The people were very kind and hospitable. It is wonderful how they show it in different ways. One thing was very touching, and cannot be forgotten. On the fair a woman was met who lived in a village only half-an-hour from our lodging place. She invited us to stay in her home for one or two nights, but that could not be accepted, so we called on her. We came late in the afternoon, for that same day another village was visited. She was so sorry that she could not prepare anything for us, and inquired when we were intending to travel on to A-shi, for we had to pass that same village. On the fixed day we arrived and there she was, standing waiting for us, holding in her hand a

BASKET FULL OF NATIVE BREAD,

made by herself, and a big piece of salt meat, to present to us. For a long time she was patiently waiting for us, not knowing when we would pass. Indeed the Lord shall bless her for this kind deed shown to servants of His. She has a very sorrow-

ful life, for no children were born, neither sons nor daughters. Having not the first means she had no heir, which means much to these people. Her eyes were nearly cried blind, poor soul. Is it not a privilege to bring to this distressed soul the gospel of peace and consolation?

The other trip was to a hot-water spring. Every year there is organised a feast. Some hundreds of people from several different districts are gathering together to have

THEIR YEARLY BATH.

The spring is situated in a narrow valley, not far from the Yang-tse. There are only a few houses, so that everyone is living in a tent, made of poles and leaves, put down on the rice fields, which were dried up. The rice fields are made amphitheatric, so that these booths showed quite a nice aspect. The Jews must have done the same when



NA-SHI WOMEN IN YUNNAN PROVINCE (NEAR TIBET).

See Miss Scharten's letter.

they had their Feast of Tabernacles in olden times. The atmosphere was very hot in the day-time, but in the evening nice and cool, and just lovely to sleep in these open tents. The whole surroundings were very primitive. Tables and chairs were not to be found, so the ground served us for that purpose. In the beginning it was a little strange and tiresome, but to all things one gets accustomed.

In the day-time there was much opportunity for preaching; in the evening there was much dancing and singing, but just then those came who were open for the Gospel. For a few nights we had real blessed hours with the dear souls, preaching the Gospel and praying in the light of the full moon, which was shining in the tent in all its fulness. All the people were very kind. Some couldn't understand for what purpose we had come, for we were not drinking, neither dancing. The world is not able to apprehend the light.

(P.M.U.—Near Tibet—continued.)

One day a poor woman came with a big load of fuel on her back, and her little girl with a small basket of pines for burning. The woman had carried some of our things in coming up, and now she wanted to show her gratitude. She has a very difficult life, her husband drinking away the money which she earns. Everywhere the devil is manifesting his power in destruction. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

How blessed would it be when "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" would have been permeated. There is still much ground where the earth has to be ploughed, the seed to be sown, and the harvest to be gathered in. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth the labourers.

I enclose a photo, taken during my stay at the hot-water spring. These are Na-shi girls from the East mountains. Their dresses are very pretty, made of dark cloth, trimmed with white, green, and red silk.

Yours in the Master's service,
ELIZE SCHARTEN.

[Miss Scharten, our readers will remember, is a sister from Holland, from Pastor Polman's Assembly. She did devoted work in Amsterdam among women who had gone astray.—Ed.]

ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ending December 31st, 1915.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand (Jan. 1st)				217	16	0	
" Subscriptions and Donations	1,678	9	4				
" Collections at Meetings	281	16	3				
" Proceeds of Collecting Boxes	423	3	8				
" Sale of Jewellery and Literature		8	16	11			
				2,392	6	2	
" Interest on Deposit Account					1	14	2
				£2,611	16	4	
PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Allowances to Missionaries and Native Workers				1,232	8	11	
" Mission Outfits and Passages				461	15	0	
" Mission House Rent				114	0	0	
" Building Fund				156	8	1	
" Men's Training Home—Maintenance, etc.	185	9	9				
" Women's Training Home—Maintenance, etc.	289	14	0				
				475	3	9	
Less Contributions for Board				73	11	7	
				401	12	2	
Total Missionary Expenses				2,366	4	2	
By Printing and Postage				13	16	7	
" Incidentals				56	2	11	
Total Payments				2,436	3	8	
" Balance at Bank (Dec. 31st)—On Current Account	112	10	0				
On Deposit Account	63	2	8				
				175	12	8	
				£2,611	16	4	

WM. GLASSBY, Hon. Treasurer.

I have audited the above Account, and certify that it is in accordance with the Books and Vouchers.

HERBERT A. COX, F.C.A.

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June 2nd, 1916.

List of Contributions received during June, 1916.

	£	s.	d.
Receipt No. 1669 (remitted to Yunnan-fu from U.S.A. friends)	10	8	0
" " " " " "	0	10	0
Brookshaw Street Mission, Bury	1	10	0
" " " " (towards support of Bro. Leigh)	5	0	0
Ferndale Assembly	1	15	6
Receipt No. 1673	2	0	0
" " " " " "	60	0	0
" " " " (towards Women's Training Home Expenses)	6	0	0
" " " " (towards support of Sister Tyler)	3	7	0
" " " " (towards support of Sister Tyler and Sister Waters)	1	0	0
All Saints' Church, Sunderland, P.M.U. Boxes	9	16	4
Sion College Own Missionary Fund	0	10	0
Receipt No. 1679	0	10	0
" " " " " " (Proceeds of sale of Picture Postcards)	1	1	0
" " " " " " " "	0	2	0
" " " " " " " "	1	0	0
Anon., Gateshead	10	0	0
Receipt No. 1684	5	0	0
Doncaster Assembly	2	10	0
Amsterdam (towards the support of Bro. Klaver)	3	15	0
Emanuel Baptist Church, Plymouth	5	0	9
Receipt No. 1688	0	14	0
London Whitsuntide Convention	190	14	10
Receipt No. 1690	1	0	0
" " " " " " " "	0	5	0
" " " " " " " "	10	0	0
Emsworth Assembly	0	10	0
Receipt No. 1695 (Special gift for Bro. Johnstone's work)	5	0	0
" " " " " " " "	5	0	0
" " " " " " " "	2	2	0
The Christian Assembly, Glasgow	3	0	0
Receipt No. 1699	1	10	0
George Street Mission, Derby	1	0	0
Carlisle Assembly	2	5	0
	£353	16	5

SPECIAL FUND.

Receipt No. 1674 (towards Miss Morrell's outfit)	10	0	0
" " " " " " (towards cost bullock cart for use of Misses Elkington and Jones)	0	5	0
	£10	5	0

As many of our friends desire their gifts to be anonymous, the receipt number alone is given.

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