



*The days of Heaven on the Earth*

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## The Day of Chicago's Visitation

The Lame Walk, the Blind See, the Deaf Hear  
Supernatural Power of God Witnessed Daily—July 2-28.



CHICAGO has just had the mightiest visitation of the supernatural she has ever known. God came down and walked in our midst, fulfilling the word to Israel, "I will bring it health and cure . . . and reveal unto it abundance of peace and truth." Healing streams flowed like rivers and many are rejoicing in miraculous deliverance of body and in the glory of God filling their souls. The month of July has passed into history with its record of hundreds saved and healed, while the faith of thousands has been quickened many-fold.

As arranged, Mrs. M. B. Woodworth Etter spent the month of July (2nd to 28th) at the Stone Church. Pentecostal scenes as in Apostolic days were daily enacted; the blind received their sight, the deaf heard, paralytics walked, rheumatics were delivered, broken-down nerves restored and demons driven out, in all of which the name of the Lord was magnified.

From the beginning of these special meetings faith was strong and the hearts of the people were open for blessing. The unbroken unity and blessed fellowship that had characterized the revival since March 20th, with continuous showers of blessing, had prepared for the harvest so there was nothing to do but to take the sickle and reap.

All Chicago learned of the mighty workings of God in our midst. The daily papers reported some of the meetings, and though they tried to caricature the proceedings and bring to ridicule the sacred things of God, yet even in this garbled form some truth was presented. "He maketh the wrath of man to praise Him," and since it was admitted that there were healings, the Lord doubtless used these reports to awaken hope in some despairing hearts. Even those who came out of mere curiosity were moved at witnessing the power of God manifested in deliverance to the afflicted.

Well might the on-looker ask, "What means this eager anxious throng?" and as of old it could be said, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Jesus passed by many times; His healing virtue often flowed, and here and there in the audience and at the altar, souls would touch His garment's hem and be made whole.

At first the meetings were advertised by posters at the elevated stations, but after some marked healings occurred this was no longer necessary. People came by car loads on the electric, they came in automobiles, carriages, ambulances, wheel chairs and afoot from all directions. It was a touching spectacle, reminding one of the Gospel narrative, "And all the city was gathered together at the door."

Earnest interest on the part of the workers was not by any means confined to the Stone Church people or those most intimately connected with the work. It was not a Stone Church affair but catholic in its broadness. From all over the city Pentecostal leaders and workers came and participated with as much interest as though the work was in their own missions. All who came—even those from a distance—threw themselves into the work of praying with the sick with much earnestness, showing in a marked way the growing spirit of unity. There was no building up of "my work" which naturally characterizes individual effort, but on every hand it was evidenced that all were unselfishly working in the interest of Christ's body, and missions and churches were forgotten in the united effort to get souls through to God.

Not only Chicago Pentecostal saints but God's children in a radius of hundreds of miles have received a mighty impetus to faith in this series of meetings; indeed we believe it is no exaggeration to say that the faith of God's people here has made the most rapid strides of any in modern times—it has gone forward by leaps and bounds. Ministers who came disheartened and discouraged because of failure, found themselves taking a fresh hold and praying for the sick with marked results.

At the beginning of these special divine-healing meetings Mrs. Etter and several of the brethren strong in faith, unitedly prayed with each individual with laying on of hands, but as the number to be prayed for increased it became necessary to divide the force so that a number of the sick could be ministered to at the same time. Finally there came to be five chairs occupied at once by those who were being prayed for with laying on of hands and it was not Mrs. Etter's ministry alone that was blessed. God honored the faith of all and people who had their eyes

on Him received healing regardless of who prayed for them. One sick woman who came in mistook one of the sisters for Mrs. Etter and asked her prayers. The sick woman was immediately healed. We hope this will be an encouragement to some sufferers to whom Mrs. Etter cannot minister.

Healing flowed all through the church at different hours; not only in meeting but during the day, here and there you would see groups of people praying for the sick and shouts of glory from the suffering ones told that the lightning from heaven had touched their bodies.

When the ministering brethren saw the marvelous way in which healing opened the door to people's hearts and led them to seek salvation, they felt they had neglected one of the mightiest weapons Jesus had given to His disciples. As one remarked, ministers have spent their time in explaining what certain passages in the Bible mean instead of demonstrating to the world that all power has been given to the church.

A man who had received a wonderful experience of salvation said, "I never saw or felt such power in a meeting in all my life. Although I was a sinner I felt the power of God." It wasn't so much the preaching that led him to repentance as the manifestation of the power of God.

Brother Argue, who has been traveling over the country visiting assemblies and camp meetings and who had been in the first outpouring of the Spirit six years ago, said this was without doubt the mightiest visitation from God of these latter days.

The revival which has lasted for six months and was at its flood through July, was not due to any distinctions in theology or to the setting forth of any particular doctrine or creed, but because we have been getting back to the simplicity of the Gospel, with much prayer. Results have proved that minute setting forth of doctrine and theological distinctions are not only non-essential but their absence is strongly conducive to the spirituality of the church of God and the success of its work. The absence of all controversy and the beautiful spirit of harmony that characterized these meetings were remarked by all, and at the close Sister Etter said, "Such perfect unity and harmony in meetings I have never known."

Hungry souls that came from a distance were overjoyed because of the spiritual blessing they received; many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and were more rejoiced over this than in

their healing. The power of the Lord was so strongly present that those who had sought the baptism in vain for years were swept into the experience. We heard of one who had been to Los Angeles and traveled all over the country visiting conventions and camp-meetings for years, who received the long coveted blessing in these meetings.

After the first two weeks the auditorium would not hold the people who came, and we held an overflow meeting nightly in the vestry, which seats five hundred people, with Brother Kent White in charge. Those who assisted in the overflow meetings said there was equal blessing downstairs: there were some marked cases of salvation and healing and a large number received the Spirit's baptism.

There were from thirteen hundred to fifteen hundred people in actual estimate in the building nightly and large numbers turned away. On Sunday we held three double meetings.

When the Sunday afternoon meetings dismissed at five o'clock people were already coming to the evening meetings, and by 5:30 on the evening of July 27th every seat in the main auditorium was filled. "You are a little late," said an usher to a new comer at 4:30, "the meeting is just about to close." "Oh, I am here for the evening meeting," was the reply.

#### HEALING OF GOITRE.

One of the first healings was that of a Mrs. Pickerell, Kenosha, Wis., who, while she had believed in healing for the body for many years had found her faith waning, and seeing no real miracles being wrought today had become discouraged. Last winter she read Mrs. Etter's book, "The Acts of the Holy Ghost," and new faith sprung up within her, so she was ready for healing when she came. We give her testimony in her own words:

"When I came here I had a goitre. It was very large on the inside and it was choking me so I could scarcely swallow food. It also affected my heart so that at times I could not hold anything in my hands and I would have to be helped to a chair. The goitre is all gone on the inside and almost gone on the outside. I had suffered with this goitre for twenty-nine years.

"While I was lying prostrated under the power of God, He also put a new lining in my bowels. I was made new, set free from everything. Seventeen years ago this trouble began. I had an operation, and the doctors cut out two inches of the inner lining of the intestines and also two

inches of the muscles. I had not been able to stand on my feet without a support, and suffered constantly. My intestines had the web cut out which fastened them together, and when I would lie down I would have to use a pillow to lay them on, all the time suffering from a constant burning. Last night when I took off the support I had been wearing I could walk around the room without any suffering.

"There was also a loose bone in my side that slipped out of place through the operations I had, and God put that back."

"Three months ago I saw Sister Etter in a vision, and heard a voice saying, 'When she lays hands on you, you will be healed.' Whenever I got discouraged and felt my faith wane, I would get out her book and read it, and my faith would rise."

#### SPINAL TROUBLE HEALED.

Another remarkable healing during the first week was that of a Mrs. Dolan from Zion City, Illinois. She was in bed and was given up to die. Had hurt her spine a year ago, and was unable to walk or even stand on her feet. She said:

"They took me out of bed to bring me to these meetings. I cried all the time they were getting me ready. They brought me in a wheel chair in the baggage car along side of a corpse, but I didn't mind that; I was coming to be healed. I knew when Sister Etter prayed for me I would be healed. I obeyed in everything she told me, and when she laid hands on me and commanded me to rise and walk, I did it in Jesus' Name. I had spinal trouble and also suffered from my stomach; both were healed."

She was in such suffering that she could not be lifted out of her chair. The helpers had to carry her chair on to the platform, but after God touched her body in a miraculous way, she walked up and down the aisles, praising the Lord, the people joining with her in glorifying God.

She later testified to the restoration of her voice; said that she had not been able to sing since April 13th, but now was able to sing as well as she ever had done. She stayed during the entire series of meetings, was in attendance regularly and sat through the strain of long meetings without suffering; often testified to the miracle wrought in her body, and demonstrated the fact that she was no longer helpless, by running up and down the aisles, glorifying God.

#### A PARALYTIC HEALED.

One of the most wonderful healings was that

of a paralytic. A man was carried in all bent together—could not stand upright; his head inclined upon his breast, his knees were bent. He had been paralyzed for eight years. No case seemed more obstinate to the onlooker, and while there are no cases too hard for God, yet humanly speaking, one's heart failed at the sight of his condition. His bones seemed to be ossified, and at first there was no response, no faith looked out from his eyes; but as those around him sounded the praises of God and got him to open his mouth—his jaw had been locked like his joints—even though the shout was an inarticulate groan there was engendered in his heart a tiny spark of faith. Sister Etter commanded the paralytic spirit to depart, and as she prayed the resurrection life of Jesus began to come into his body and he began to move his limbs. When he became able to stand on his feet the people shouted; then he began to walk to and fro on the platform, first with the aid of the brethren, then alone, and when the meeting closed he started down the aisle and down the steps almost on a run, and when he got out to the street he ran for half a block, praising the Lord. The shouts of the people could not be restrained. They crowded the sidewalk and waved their hats shouting "Hurrah for Jesus!"

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On Monday morning, July 14th, four people received the touch of God in their bodies while the song service was going on. All four of them walked either on canes or crutches. One woman had gotten hurt in getting off a street car three years ago; the ligaments in her limb had been broken, and when Mrs. Etter said to her, "Arise and walk," she shook her head, she couldn't. Then Mrs. Etter said, "In the Name of Jesus you can do it," and she started off, walking without any assistance. A man, sixty years old, crippled with rheumatism since he was ten years old, walked without his cane. Another, lame for a year, couldn't walk without her crutches, was able to walk up and down the aisle unassisted; the doctors had not been able to tell what was the matter with her, but she could not step on the ground with her foot. Another was a girl with hip disease; walked without crutches and without a limp.

All four of these walked up and down the aisles to the strains of "There's wonderful power in the blood." The singing was interspersed with shouts of praises and much rejoicing from the audience. It was a most inspiring sight. We felt like the woman who testified a few nights

before, when she said, "I came for the purpose of having an uplift in my faith, but when I saw that paralyzed man healed I said, 'Lord, I do not need to pray for faith now. I have it.'"

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A remarkable healing connected with a vision was given by a woman who was healed on July 7th. She said:

"I want to praise God this morning for my healing. I know it was God that healed me. I had never been in a church like this. I was a Christian Scientist for five years and thought I had all there was to be had, but about a year and a half ago, in vision I saw myself in another church than the one I attended. I didn't know anything about this faith, but I saw Mrs. Etter lay her hands on my stomach in which I had been suffering great distress. I didn't understand it at the time; I came in here one Sunday evening and heard the pastor say that every promise in the Bible we could have. I wasn't satisfied and determined I would have every promise in the Bible for my own; so I came again and was saved and received the baptism. Wednesday morning, when I saw Mrs. Etter walk on the platform I recognized her as the one I had seen in the vision a year and a half ago. I saw the rain falling, the latter rain, and I know the vision was of God. Today I am perfectly healed."

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Friday, July 25th, was a red letter day for healing. The power was present in greater measure than on any other day and the five chairs on the platform were continually filled with sick, suffering and sinful souls seeking healing and salvation. From one end of the platform to the other the healing power flowed and shouts of glory filled the house. The crowd was so large it was almost impossible to control it, so eager were the people to see and hear.

That evening at 6:30—an hour before the meeting began—the auditorium upstairs was filled, even to the gallery and platform, and at 7:30 the vestry below was crowded. Two services were held that evening, as on many other occasions. The ushers said as many had been turned away from the building as there were people inside. The hearts of the ushers almost failed them as they were compelled to refuse admittance to many who were sick and had traveled long distances, but for whom there was no room. They were not simply curiosity seekers but hungry in heart and afflicted in body. Many had spent all their living on doctors and were

"nothing bettered but rather grew worse." The reports of the healings had flown on the wings of the wind, and hope sprang up in hearts that had long since given up in despair. A street meeting was held from the overflow of the two meetings, but the crowd was too disappointed to be satisfied.

Oh the sick and suffering multitudes! How often in these days have we thought of the Bible scenes when they pressed and thronged Jesus if they might perchance touch Him and be healed. As we looked on the faces marred by suffering and the crooked, twisted bodies and limbs and realized that many were in a far worse condition of soul, we thought of how the great tender heart of Him who had compassion on the multitudes must be yearning today over the millions of earth—the disease-smitten and the sin-marred—the great, burdened masses filled with sorrow and despair!

#### TWO NOTABLE HEALINGS.

The rapidity with which faith grew and the great advance taken along this line can be shown by the following incident:

We had announced from the beginning there would be no meetings on Saturday; on account of the three heavy services on Sunday we felt the ministers needed the rest, but on Saturday night, July 26th, there was a little impromptu meeting, simply because the people came. On this particular evening, a woman came, not knowing there would be no public meeting. She walked with a cane, and as she got off the car at 37th and Indiana Avenue, a German woman seeing she was crippled, said to her, "Where are you going?" She said, "I am going to the Stone Church to be healed." The German said, "There will not be any meeting tonight, but if you come in we will pray for you." Scarcely had she entered the door when the Lord met her, and as a few earnest ones gathered around and prayed she was healed. She had been afflicted for five years with rheumatism and a growth on her hip, and was not able to bend her knees. She received complete deliverance, knelt down and thanked the Lord, and ran back and forth without cane or any support. She had been to the Christian Scientists for a year but they hadn't been able to help her. After her healing she said she was going home and throw away all her Christian Science literature.

This same evening a woman came on a crutch she had been using for three years. When she saw what God had done for another, her faith reached out for healing and she received perfect

deliverance from sciatic nerve trouble. She ran up and down the aisles praising God, perfectly delivered; she then went with a crowd to a street meeting leaving her crutch behind her. Eye witnesses said it was one of the most perfect healings they had ever seen.

That which brought most joy to the little crowd of humble folk present, was the fact that these two notable healings took place, not in the big meeting in which Mrs. Etter and a dozen ministers officiated, but with just a few of God's earnest children. It only goes to prove how easy it is to receive spiritual and physical blessing when the tide is at the flood.

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There were a number of healings in the audience and around the altar, without the laying on of hands.

A woman suffering from neuralgia said she felt the neuralgia which she had had for several years, going out while sitting in the seat, meditating on the Lord.

Often the workers at the altar, seeing the sick had faith to be healed, prayed for them without taking them to the platform, and they were healed.

A woman suffering from rheumatism and open veins said she had not been able to bend her knees for seventeen years. God healed her and she knelt before the audience amid much rejoicing.

Another who had been an invalid for fourteen years testified that the Lord had perfectly healed her body. She said,

"I was so sick that life was a burden and many times I wished I would die during the night so I would not wake up in my misery. Now I am glad God saved my life. I had heart trouble, liver trouble, and a floating kidney. My nerves were so exhausted I went into hysterics. I was dead to the world many a time, but I praise God I can stand before this people today and say that He healed me."

Her husband, who had been an infidel, was saved through witnessing the mighty works of God. He said, "I used to curse Jesus for years, but I don't do it any more."

Speaking of his wife's healing, he said, "My wife said, 'My kidney is loose. I am going down there to have it put in place.' It was on the side like a big lump. The sister asked Jesus Christ to put that kidney back into place, and she said she could feel it move back just as though somebody pushed it." This man first heard of the work

through a little tract handed him by a brother workman. When he read it he said to his wife. "You go down there and get healed." She did, and they both got saved.

HEALINGS OF DEAFNESS, DEAF AND DUMB, ETC.

A father came from Oklahoma bringing with him two afflicted children; one never had the use of his limbs and never could talk, and the other, a girl twenty-two years of age, was born deaf and dumb. The deaf spirit was cast out, the power of God came down upon her, and she shouted and wept alternately. She was so overjoyed at being able to hear that she walked up and down the platform for half an hour, weeping and praising God.

When her father saw that she could hear, he wept for joy. When she was filled with the power of God she told in her simple way, partly with signs with which she had been accustomed to speak, how Jesus died for us, went down into the grave, arose, went to heaven, and opened her deaf ears. As we met her after that, at subsequent meetings and in the corridors, her face beamed. God not only opened her ears but brought a wondrous salvation to her soul. She laughed and cried when she heard the music and the singing for the first time.

A few days later she called her father's attention to the fact that with both ears she heard the piano that was being played in the flat above. She could repeat words after you quite plainly, but her ears will have to become accustomed to sound, and she will have to be taught to speak just as a baby learns to talk.

The little boy also received some blessing, and for the first time in his life was able to raise his arms.

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A deaf boy nine years of age, so born, received perfect healing one Sunday morning. A lady meeting him the next night stood behind him and said in a low voice, "God is love;" at once he repeated the words after her. When he received his hearing he danced up and down for joy, and the tears streamed down his face.

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A man brought his wife four hundred miles to the meetings; she had been partially deaf for thirteen years. He said they could now sit in a room and hold an ordinary conversation, and she had no difficulty in hearing him, something she had not been able to do for years.

Brother Bosworth has been used quite a little in opening deaf ears. One day some one called his attention to a deaf and dumb boy waiting for

prayer. He immediately went over to him, commanded the deaf spirit to depart, and immediately he could hear well. About fifteen minutes later his mother came along, and not knowing what had happened handed the boy a piece of paper on which was written, "I am deaf," to give to Mrs. Etter. Mr. Bosworth told her, her boy wasn't deaf, and when the boy himself told her he could hear, she shouted for joy. He repeated words uttered behind him.

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A woman received her hearing while listening to the sermon. She felt she did want to hear the sermon, and while sitting in the audience, with her heart uplifted to God, suddenly her ears were opened and she heard the entire service. She came out of the meeting with a shining face, saying, "I heard the sermon perfectly."

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A boy when three years of age went totally deaf from strong medicine. He was overlooked when they were praying for the afflicted, and when Mr. Bosworth met him, he commanded him to hear in Jesus' name, and he immediately heard in both ears, though not perfectly. For the first time he heard the music.

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An old lady over eighty years of age was greatly disappointed at not being prayed with for her deafness. Brother Bosworth said he had faith for her hearing, but she shook her head. She wanted Mrs. Etter to pray for her. He took her in a little side room, rebuked the deafness, and she could hear an ordinary conversation in both ears. She jumped up and down for joy. He met her afterwards telling her friends all about it.

He met an old man, eighty-one years of age, with an ear-trumpet; could hear a little in his right ear, but the other had been stone deaf for nineteen years. Mr. Bosworth commanded his ears to be opened, he was instantly healed so he could hear a low voice with either ear.

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A mother brought her daughter from Danville, Illinois, who was stone deaf in one ear for three years. Some years ago she had typhoid fever, and it settled in her ear. When she went to a physician he told her the trouble was in the mastoid bone, that there were three complications, any one of which was dangerous. She had been to the hospital and had a growth taken out of her ear, but got no relief. The doctor said she could not live unless she was operated on and the pus

taken away, for if it went to the brain it would be insant death; even with the operation there was only one chance in a hundred of her recovering. He said her ear drum was destroyed. He closed up her good ear to keep her from hearing, then used an ear trumpet in the deaf ear and shouted so he could be heard a half block away, but she couldn't hear. She told the physician she was coming to Chicago to be healed, and he told her she could travel the world over and not get her hearing restored. God opened her ear instantly, and she heard in the ear where the drum had been destroyed.

The mother was healed of heart trouble. She said the doctor called it *angina pectoralis*; that if anyone had an attack of that they had better be ready to go at any moment. The morning she was healed she had such a bad attack, they thought she was dead; a lump came into her throat so that she could hardly get her breath, and nearly choked.

The mother also said that three years ago she was healed of blindness when three doctors had given her up. She could not see to read at all, and went to a little mission in Danville where they prayed for her, so that she can now read the smallest print without glasses.

HEALINGS OF BLINDNESS; PARTIAL BLINDNESS.

A colored woman who had been blind for six years came up for prayer. Soon we heard her scream out, "Oh, I see! I see! I see all your faces! Oh praise the Lord!" Immediately the audience were on their feet, rising in honor to Him who had touched those sightless eyes. She often came back after that and testified to daily improvement in her eyes. She said, a few days later, "When I went to the chair for prayer I could not see anybody. I tried to see Mrs. Etter but I couldn't. My right eye was entirely blind and I hadn't been able to see much out of my left eye. I can see all over the church this morning. I made up my mind not to go out of this church until I was healed, and I told God so." Later she said, she could see to read and write her own letters.

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A woman who was partially blind in one eye testified to healing. For ten or twelve years her eyesight had been partially destroyed, caused by a baby scratching the eye-ball. She had it examined by doctors and they said she would go completely blind in time. She was also healed of spinal trouble from which she had suffered for twenty years.

## RUPTURE HEALED.

Mrs. Floyd Reeves of Zion City, Ills., was healed of a double hernia she had suffered from for eight years.

A man said, "The Lord healed me last night of a rupture of twenty-three years' standing."

A minister who said he was in a backslidden condition, came for healing of a rupture. He asked Mrs. Etter if he should take off his truss, and she said, "Not until the Lord tells you to." The next day, while sitting in the church he felt a peculiar sensation in the region of the rupture and realized it was healing. He immediately took off his truss, and afterwards testified to being perfectly healed.

On July 24th a Roman Catholic came and sat down in the chair where the brethren were praying for the sick, and said he wanted to be saved. In the evening he came back and was healed of a rupture.

## MISCELLANEOUS HEALINGS.

One of our Stone Church people has been conducting a little Bible-class in a Methodist Church on the outskirts of the city and those to whom she has been ministering have gotten hungry for more of God in their lives, so they have been coming up to the special meetings with the result that five have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and several have been healed. One woman said to another, "A man up there says there is a bunch of grapes for each one of us. I am going up to get my bunch." She came and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

A man from this same church had a running sore on his foot from which he had been suffering two years. The doctors had said his foot would have to be amputated; it had been hurt twice in the iron mills and it was killing him. When he first came for prayer he said, "I feel I ought to get right with God first." So he went down stairs where they were holding a prayer service and got a wonderful salvation. He said, "If I never get my foot healed, one thing I know. I have salvation." He came the next day and his foot was healed. The swelling went down at once, and a few days later he said it was almost entirely well. He had his vacation and came early in the morning and stayed until ten o'clock at night, and has been seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit. They had a little revival in their neighborhood in the Spring, and told him he was saved, but he said he knew he wasn't. Now he knows he is a saved man.

One of the ladies from the neighborhood was

healed of poisoning from ivy, and another of stomach and kidney trouble through the prayer of the Bible-class teacher.

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A woman testified several times to a healing of cancer on the breast. She said her breast was so sore it could not be touched without pain, and she was frightened when Mrs. Etter slapped the place where the cancer had been, but found it didn't hurt her a particle. The Lord had taken away all the pain and she believes she is healed.

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Another woman gave this remarkable testimony a week after she was healed:

"I want to praise the Lord for healing me a week ago Friday. I had a tumor in my head, kidney trouble, dropsy, indigestion, and a stroke of paralysis that drew my face to one side. I had everything imaginable and couldn't walk a block without somebody helping me. I had been in this condition since the twentieth of September. I was healed at once, and now can walk anywhere and as fast as anybody.

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A number of goitres were healed, some partially, and others entirely. One woman from Indiana said her goitre went down two inches after prayer. She was also healed of Bright's disease and heart trouble caused by the goitre, but what she most rejoiced in was the deep spiritual touch she received from God. She received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and went home, her soul filled with glory.

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A woman came on crutches she had used for five or six years. She had been a sufferer for ten years, had tried many doctors, and gone to Hot Springs for healing, but got no help. She came once and could not get in; the second time she came at 4:30 (meetings began at 7:30) and went home healed.

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A lady brought a little Jewish girl whose leg was four inches short from hip-disease. Some of the brethren prayed for her and her limb was lengthened so her feet measured even.

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Brother Bosworth prayed for a Mrs. Drake, of Zion City, and she was healed of deafness of twelve years' standing.

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Mr. Keyes of Zion City, Illinois, said, "I praise God a week ago last Monday morning I was healed of rheumatism I had for eight years and



of catarrh which I had for three years. When Sister Etter and one of the brethren prayed for me, the power of God fell, and it was done. It only took about three minutes of their time."

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Mr. H. W. Judd, also of Zion City, said, "For sixteen years I have been trusting the Lord as my Healer. Two years ago my little girl had the earache and while we prayed for her we didn't seem to get an answer; so I took a little piece of cotton, dipped it in some hot olive oil and put it in her ear to quiet her and she lost her hearing in that ear. It displeased the Lord. I brought her here today and Sister Etter laid hands on her in the name of Jesus, and I say to the glory of God that little child has her hearing. I tested it this afternoon on the street car. I talked quietly to her and she said she could hear me."

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On Thursday afternoon a woman was brought in a wheel chair, paralyzed in lower limbs two and a half years. There was no meeting in the afternoon and she was filled with disappointment that she could not see Mrs. Etter, but the brethren prayed for her, and she got out of her chair and walked around. She walked upstairs to the evening meeting, sat during the entire service, and walked home.

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A young woman who had been suffering from stomach trouble so severe it had affected her nerves, and she had to walk the floor, came for healing. She had been treated by specialists, and had gone to New York for medical treatment but failed to receive help. She had been able to eat only clear soups and bread and tea, but after prayer she went home hungry. She ate a sandwich as soon as she reached home, and that night sat down and ate a boiled dinner, which she said contained all the vegetables in the market, and went to bed and slept soundly all night. She waked up in the morning feeling as fresh as a babe. The resurrection life of Jesus had made her a new creature.

The people did not fail to glorify God. When a notable healing was wrought, the joy that came into the heart of the afflicted one was participated in by the entire audience, and when Sister Etter would ask the question, "Haven't we a wonderful Savior?" their hearts would be almost too full to reply.

The following testimonies are some of the grateful words that fell from the lips of those who had been blessed:

"I praise God for what my poor eyes have seen and my poor soul has felt; for the healing of my body and my eyes, and for baptizing me in His Holy Spirit. I came over two hundred miles for this blessing."

"I had a complication of diseases. I was in a hospital seven weeks and operated upon. The doctors told my father I never would get well, but I came here and Jesus healed me."

"I was sick since last November. I was poisoned and lost forty pounds. I got some help through prayer but wasn't fully healed. I felt I was to come to Chicago. I had a weak heart, weak eyes, and weak knees. I was a nervous wreck. I praise God today I am healed."

"I had stomach trouble. I felt the heavens opened this morning and praise Him for His wonderful healing power. He has healed me many times in my own home."

"I praise God for healing me at home. I was sick and I did just as Sister Etter told us to do, clapped my hands and praised the Lord, and He healed me."

"I praise God for healing me of deafness in one ear, kidney and heart trouble I had since I was a child."

"God healed me last night of stomach trouble I had for thirty years. I had never asked the Lord to heal me before, but I did last night and He has done it."

"I praise the Lord this morning because I had faith like the woman who said, 'If I can but touch the hem of His garment I shall be healed.' I believed Jesus Christ through Sister Etter would heal me. For five years I have been expecting to go blind. This morning, thank God, I have my healing. I was just like a little child. I could read the signs along the street this morning which I couldn't do before. I believed as they told me, God would heal me in my seat, and He did."

"I praise the Lord He sent me to Chicago. I had kidney trouble for over three years, and suffered so I had to cry out with pain. I went to the altar and was prayed for by Brother Clarke and Brother Cunningham, and the Lord took away the pain. I never knew the sense of smell in my life, but glory to Jesus, it is becoming more acute every day."

The crowd was so great, and when the altar call was given there was such a rush, we had to have some system or it would have been impossible to keep the people within bounds. They pressed forward with tears in their eyes to get to the platform for prayer, some almost in despair for fear they would not be prayed with. We made rules but they were often broken by the people in their desperate earnestness. A col-

ored woman gave this characteristic testimony:

"I have reason to praise God. He saved me, soul and body. I was given up to die because of heart trouble. I could hardly get my breath. I thank God he led me right here. There was a crowd at the altar praying, but I made my way right through and walked up on the rostrum without being asked. I did not know it was against the rules, but Jesus had me by the hand. Glory to God, I am a living witness to His power to heal! After my healing I went downstairs where the seekers for the baptism are and I said, 'I don't want that thing called tongues.' But God held me over hell and I sought Him and He filled me. I have been an old-time Methodist."

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One sister testified for another. "I brought in a woman that had been sick for fourteen years with spinal trouble. Last Tuesday I brought her here and she was healed. I have called her up twice on the 'phone and she says she is well. She is sleeping in the daytime, which she never could do. I brought another woman in a wheel chair Friday who had been sick for nine months. She had been in bed and in a chair. I went to see her before I came to meeting tonight and as soon as she saw me she said, "Glory to God, I am healed!"

Another said, "I feel led to testify for my aunt at Rogers Park. She was brought here last Friday in an automobile and the Lord instantly healed her. She walked out and went to the restaurant and got her dinner. She is perfectly healed.

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Some amusing incidents occurred, but we were made to feel over and over that the Gospel of healing touches hearts as nothing else does; no amount of reasoning or preaching theories, or denouncing people's sins, convinces the world that God lives and moves on earth today as does the fact that the blind see, the deaf hear and the paralyzed walk. A woman came to one of the ushers and asked, "Will this healing continue all the time?" He said, "Yes," he thought it would. Then she said, "I have just been healed of three ruptures that I have had for eight years and I am going to be one of your regular customers."

Some men passed two girls walking on the street and one man remarked to the other, "Those girls go to the 'Glory of God' church." When the Lord delivers a body that has been racked with agony for ten and twenty years who

would not shout His praises? And if we did not praise God with them the very stones would cry out. Men go to a political rally and cheer and clap their hands, making a noise that is positively deafening, and base-ball enthusiasts shout over their champion until they are hoarse and no one is disturbed over it; rather, the world encourages hilarity on the part of its devotees. Have not the children of the Lord a right to shout and sing when their King comes into their midst? Let none think it strange that we greet the King of Glory with applause when He condescends to walk among us breaking chains and setting captives free, loosing those whom Satan has bound for many years!

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For the most part there was deep reverence on the part of the spectators; even the curious were respectful, but occasionally there was a skeptical one in the crowd. A young man came into the meeting one night and during the prayer service, mocked and made light of the scene before him. Going home that night he was struck by an automobile about two blocks from the church and was seriously hurt—leg broken. He sent word to us to pray for him.

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Mrs. Etter closed her ministry Sunday night, July 27th, but the meetings have continued with much blessing. All day Monday the people came together in little groups for prayer, and streams of healing flowed. On Monday night, as the brethren prayed, the power of God was present to heal. One old colored woman when the shock from heaven's battery struck her, jumped up and exclaimed, "Oh, praise the Lord! I didn't expect it! I didn't expect it!" and ran down the aisle praising the Lord.

When the sick came seeking deliverance, if they obeyed instructions and praised the Lord even though they did not feel like it, they generally received blessing. Mrs. Etter always called on the sick ones prayed for to raise their hands and praise the Lord, and when they did, with heart and soul open to God, He met them. Brother Kinne gave some valuable instruction to people seeking healing, which we believe will be helpful to others who are suffering:

"It is not only that you should get your mouth open to praise the Lord; He wants your whole being set free to praise Him. These months belong to Him and so do these bodies. He wants to heal them and glorify Himself in you. The first thing is to get your soul and body full of

the glory of God. The more you praise the Lord the more the resurrection life of Jesus comes in. It is not your old strength that comes back, it is the resurrection life of Jesus flowing into your body. The old strength has not time to come back. It is the same resurrection life that came into Lazarus when he rose from the tomb. When in your homes, in place of giving way to temptations of doubt and discouragement walk through your rooms and praise the Lord, and every step you take will cause your faith to grow and the glory of God increase within you."

Sister Etter emphasized the fact that the sick should first of all get a touch from God in their souls. She inspired them to look up and believe for a real shock from the skies to go through them, and often said unless the Lord met them in spirit, nothing would be accomplished. She endeavored to get the sick to get hold of God for themselves by an actual faith and contact with Him, that they might indeed touch Him and be made whole.

While there are many people who are prayed with who are not healed, we know that it is God's will to heal because Jesus on the cross "took our infirmities and bare our diseases." People must be willing to meet God's conditions. We know unbelief stops God. Covenant breakers and those who have drawn back and refused to walk in the light, may find God withholding healing until these evils are corrected. Then there are those who, like Job, find their healing delayed. They are conscious God's hand is on them and a great transforming work is going on in them, perfecting patience, endurance and victory that glorifies God in the fire. In delay their faith may "wax strong," their obedience be made full and a triumphant testimony to healing soon be given them. God has many such witnesses.

There were many striking and wonderful miracles of healing, but there were other cases in which the healing was but partially realized, and we are constrained to believe that in both classes there are some who did not retain their healing; but this does not disprove that a supernatural work was wrought in many at the time they were prayed for. Some failed to return for teaching and, as Christ tells in His parable of the sower, such "withered away because they had no root in themselves." When a soul comes to God for salvation and then goes back among his worldly associates, he is in great danger of losing his precious inheritance in Christ. "The cares of the world choke the word and he becometh unfruitful." It is the same with healing.

Even though there has been a mighty inflow of the resurrection life of Jesus, if the person is resting in his feelings for the validity of his healing, he goes under at the first breath of testing. Those who are not deeply grounded in the Word and are surrounded by worldly and unbelieving associates are in grave danger of backsliding from any experience they may have in God, whether salvation, healing or the baptism. It is especially incumbent on those who have just been healed to surround themselves with spiritual influences and mingle with those who are strong in faith.

We could fill the paper with testimonies of healings that have stood the test of years, but our present purpose is to show what God is doing in our midst today, for the encouragement of those who have need of healing and help. We cannot refrain, however, from giving a short testimony from our beloved Brother Graves, whose miraculous healing has stood the test of twenty years:

"When I think of those long twenty years of epilepsy that I passed through, listening to the teaching that the day of miracles was past, it doesn't seem possible that I stand before you today, for I never expected to be well again. I had over three hundred attacks; I have fallen under horses' feet and through scaffolding, and yet I lived to be fifty-seven years old yesterday.

"With all the quarts and gallons of medicine I took, there came a time when I put them all away; when Jesus said to the spirit of epilepsy, 'Come out of him and enter no more into him.'" This blessed teaching we are having today is the teaching that brought me deliverance. 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever!' I thank God for the dear brother that held that up before me day after day, an' day after day until it was made real in my life. My healing has stood these twenty years. What are we going to do with the teaching that the day of miracles is past in the face of such testimonies?"

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All praise is due our Wonder-working God for the greatness of His power. His outstretched arm has given us this glorious visitation! His marvelous light has dispelled the darkness in many souls and with the mighty breath of His Holy Spirit He has destroyed disease and driven back the powers of death.

"Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins by His blood; and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

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**Notes**

**A Personal Word**

WE have great cause for rejoicing because of God's signal blessing, not only upon the church but upon the paper during the five years of its existence. It has had a steady growth from its very beginning; the hand of the Lord has been upon it and He has enabled us to carry it forward.

I have felt keenly the responsibility of the work and believe it to be the Lord's leading to turn over the entire responsibility to another. I therefore announce to our readers that I have transferred the entire stock of The Evangel Publishing House, including the paper and all books and tracts in its possession, to Anna C. Reiff, who has been associated with the publishing house work from its beginning. She has had charge of this department since my husband's death a year and a half ago, and there will be no change whatever in the policy or character of the paper. It will continue to be issued in the interest of the Pentecostal Movement, and will be run in connection with the Stone Church.

I beseech the earnest prayers and support of our readers in her behalf. The burdens in connection with the paper are by no means light and but for the experience and fitness of this devoted helper, my husband's dying wish that the paper should continue could never have been carried out. I take this opportunity to render grateful thanks for the Lord's goodness to me and

mine in so meeting our need and providing that the work should go on.

LYDIA M. PIPER.

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WE are sending out this August Evangel into all the world as a witness to the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit in these days. We were eye witnesses to the events recorded in its pages and much care has been taken to give accurate accounts of healings and other manifestations of divine power. The testimonies are given as they fell from the lips of the witnesses.

We believe that the record of this great Chicago meeting, the testimonies of healings and miracles wrought, will build up and inspire present day faith throughout the world as has never been done before. Never in any one month's meetings have we seen such a record and we feel God has been giving an object lesson for His saints throughout the world.

Mrs. Etter left Chicago for the Montwait Campmeeting, South Framingham, Mass., and will spend the month of August there. We ask the earnest prayers of our readers for Sister Etter. She passed her sixty-ninth birthday while with us and is a marvel of strength for her age. Strong men felt the strain of our month's meetings but she is now going into another month's series which we do not doubt will be equally strenuous. Were it not for the resurrection life of Jesus by which she is renewed day by day, she never would be able to stand the strain of long meetings and the arduous labors of praying for hundreds daily; but though she goes home from each meeting exhausted, she is always promptly on hand at the next. She allows nothing to interfere with her appointments. Brother Fockler and Brother Clarke have gone east with Mr. and Mrs. Etter and will be in the New England meetings.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hale, who came with Mr. and Mrs. Etter and assisted in the meetings, went to Zion City with Brother Emerick from St. Louis, on Monday, July 28th, and had a blessed time there. They said there were about twenty-five healings, and that some said they had never seen such a sight in Zion City. About two hundred and fifty from there attended the Chicago meetings, and there were a number who received marked healings.

From Montwait Mrs. Etter goes to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, where she will minister to the saints in Horwick Hall at the Exhibition Grounds. This Convention will begin September 16th and continue until the 30th or longer, D. V. Other workers expected are W. Black, H. McAllister and Andrew Frazer. For information regarding accommodations write to Charles E. Baker, 434 Lisgar St., Ontario, Canada.

The Stone Church meetings (37th and Indiana Avenue) will continue every evening at 7:45, excepting Saturday. Sunday services are at 10 A. M., 3 and 7:15 P. M. Brother Bosworth was obliged to go back to Dallas for a short time, but is planning to return in the near future. Brother White will stay indefinitely. We have every reason to believe the Lord will continue His blessing in our midst.

## “Neglect Not the Gift That is in Thee”

### Instructions to Ministers and Christian Workers

Mrs. M. B. Woodworth-Etter in the Stone Church, July 17, 1913.

Note.—One of the most deeply solemn meetings was that in which seventy elders, evangelists and helpers had hands laid on them that they might receive a fresh anointing of the Spirit and have more power in their ministry. A holy hush fell on all and the slaying power of the Lord was strongly manifested. One after another they were prostrated under the power until the large platform looked like a battlefield.

Then came a cry from those who worked in hospitals and visited the sick, that they might have more power to bring blessings to the suffering, and Sister Etter and several of the brethren prayed for nearly fifty. Again, as other ministers and workers came in at the close of the month's meetings, there was another service of this nature on Sunday, July 27th, in which fifty more were prayed for. All present were deeply affected by seeing the mighty power of God resting upon His workers. The faces of many were wet with tears as they looked upon the scene.

On July 17th, before giving a talk to the ministers and Christian workers, Sister Etter made a few introductory remarks, in which she said she was not sending them out with license to preach, but that she did believe in many there were gifts lying dormant and that she felt part of her mission was to stir up the gifts in her brethren. She said: “I have no authority to send you out. My prayer is that God will give you authority. We can be of the

same mind and same spirit though separated a thousand miles. God has wonderfully blessed me by imparting gifts, and many have received the baptism when I laid hands on them. You are going out with a courage you never had before. We don't want to be a hissing and a by-word. We don't want to run ahead of the Lord nor lag behind. Let us get deep in the Spirit, so the power will come on us this morning.”

Brother Argue spoke of the fresh anointing that had come to many at the Los Angeles Campmeeting through a similar service, and also emphasized the fact that these ministers who were about to be prayed for with the laying on of hands were not being sent out by Sister Etter or to claim any authority from her or the Stone Church, but that they might go away from this service with more power, a new courage and a stronger faith. He spoke of the great need of wisdom; that some had not exercised wisdom and had gone out claiming authority from certain missions because hands were laid on them in that place. Everyone was committed to God and made to feel his responsibility to God. Many other valuable instructions were given fitting the hour, but lack of space forbids us recording them further. We give below the address given by Mrs. Etter. All felt the hush of the presence of the Lord, and it was a time of real solemnity to many hearts.

**A**ND this Gospel shall be preached unto all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come.”

“The Holy Ghost said, Separate me, Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called them.” They had been called and were working, but now they were to be set apart in a special way. The Holy Ghost has to call you, qualify you. Jesus Christ has to send you forth.

“And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed.” Has God sent you? The Holy Ghost has to qualify you. Our laying on of hands would

do no good unless the Holy Ghost comes in to work mightily. The Holy Ghost said, “separate.” These men had been called and chosen; chosen for the special work to which they had already been called.

Now in the tenth chapter of Luke we read that the Lord appointed the seventy and sent them forth two and two before His face. He said, “Behold I send you forth as lambs”—let us remain lambs, and not become wolves to bite and snatch and tear and antagonize everybody. “Behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves”—but remember the wolves won't devour you. “Carry neither purse nor scrip.” Don't be over anxious about anything.

Verse 19: “Behold, I give unto you power to



tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Then He tells them not to rejoice that the spirits are subject unto them, but rather rejoice that they are children of God. Don't be puffed up by the miracles, don't get your eyes on them, but keep your eyes on Jesus. You are not saved by miracles. You are saved and kept by the power of God. The miracles are the works of the Holy Ghost. You will get a reward for the works of the Holy Ghost that are wrought through you; they are going to make your crown, but they will never save you. If a hundred thousand were healed through my prayer today, I could not pin my salvation to that. We are not saved by works, but through faith in Jesus, through living, constant faith and prayer. We are kept by the power of God. The works are thrown in and there will be a great reward for them; our crown will be the brighter.

Now in Moses' day the work was great as it is now and the time came when the force of workers had to be enlarged. The Lord told Moses to select seventy men of good report, elders of the people, and bring them together to the tent of meeting that He might take of the Spirit that was upon Moses and put it on them. He said that they should be used in the same way as Moses; and so it was, the Spirit that rested on Moses came upon the seventy and they all began to prophesy. Then they were sent out to work. When the Spirit of God comes on you, you are not going to sit around idle and do nothing. And the Spirit fell upon two men who had stayed in the camp. They had not been brought into the tent by Moses yet the Spirit fell upon them. That made some feel jealous and you will find the same spirit today—jealousy of those who are being blessed. Are you jealous for the cause or jealous for yourself? It wasn't for God's glory that Joshua asked Moses to forbid the prophesying of these men. Thank God for Moses' answer, "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets." You must have the Spirit resting upon you if you are to do anything for God, either at home or abroad. You are not fit for work unless you have it, and those who serve at home must have it the same as those who go to China or Africa. God is not calling every one to the foreign field, but God is calling everyone in some way. Many make the mistake of going out whom God has not called, and many spend all their time running around to campmeetings. Let us make every place a tent of meeting with

the Lord and the Spirit may fall on us as on Eldad and Medad, who were not called to the tent of meeting. And if you are not called to the foreign field get to work in the place in which God does call you to labor. If you cannot get victory for God you are not called. The hardest place God sends you to is just the place where He is going to give the greatest victory. But if you have not the spirit and power of the Holy Ghost to energize you, you will be stranded. God expects us to be qualified by the Spirit resting upon us even more in these last days than in the time of Moses. The seventy that Christ sent out had power, and how much more should we have power now that Christ is glorified? So we are expected to do all these great things set forth in the last chapter of Mark.

Now in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew it says this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached to all nations as a witness and then shall the end come. Friends, you and I cannot go out and preach as we used to do. Many sermons that God wonderfully blest in the past I cannot preach now. I used to preach hell fire, so you could nearly see the fire, and it took effect then, but the call today is for a different ministry. It is not so much in the might of preaching but in the demonstration of the Spirit. Sinners are more hard-hearted than they used to be. You can preach hell until they see the blaze and yet they will stand and look you calmly in the face; but let them see the mighty power of God manifested and they are convicted.

The disciples came to Jesus privately and asked him what should be the sign of His coming and of the end of the world and He answered these questions. The same questions are being asked today. "How will people know when You are coming back again? and then, what will be the sign of the end when the Tribulation is over?" Now, we are given signs that we may know Jesus is coming soon. He goes on to tell many things that will happen by which we may know. He says this Gospel must be preached all over the world as a witness and then shall the end come. This is our business, to sound the midnight cry, to herald the King. It is our mission to blow the trumpet in Zion among the saints for the day of the Lord is at hand. It is near, even at the door. Jesus says in the same chapter, "Now from the fig tree learn her parable; when the branch putteth forth its leaves ye know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also when ye see all these things know that He is

nigh, even at the doors." He had just been saying that the Lord would send forth His angels with the great sound of the trumpet to gather together the elect from the four winds. These are not actual angels but God's servants. The Greek word translated angel means messenger. You see the heralds going forth giving this last message of the kingdom, having power in the Holy Ghost, signs and wonders following; then know that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. The Lord has given me a special mission to bring about a spirit of unity and love and God is raising up people in every land who are reaching out after more of God and saying, "Come and help us. We want the spirit of love. We want the signs and wonders." The Lord showed me last night as I lay awake the most of the night, to gather together the ministers as far as I could that we might see eye to eye, preach the same Gospel and have the same signs following. The word is going forth and the multitude is going to take it up and publish it everywhere—this Gospel of the Kingdom, our last commission. So you see the saints going out to give this last message, telling the people that Jesus is coming soon.

Our Lord told us as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in our day. While the great mass of people are busy with the affairs of this life a little band like Noah and his family are preparing to be hidden away in Christ from the disaster that will come upon the world. And we are told that in the time of the end the book of Daniel will be read and understood. Daniel had called upon God to show him the future and he was given a vision of great things taking place; but the Lord said, "It is not for this people, Daniel. It is for the people you ask about in the time of the end. Seal up the book; they won't know anything about it now." The book of Daniel is for our time and God is now opening His Word. The light of heaven is shining upon it; God is unveiling it to us. He is giving us light on these things as never before. He says positively, "They that be wise shall understand." We are going to know before Jesus comes. Nearly everyone that is carried away in a vision gets the message, "Jesus is coming soon. Tell the people to be ready."

God expects us as ambassadors, as teachers, as messengers of His Kingdom to blow the trumpet that sounds the alarm to those who are not ready for His coming. He expects us to prove by His Word, and by the signs and wonders

following our ministry make it plain that Jesus is coming soon. His ambassadors must stop all contention, all hair-splitting theories must be dropped; this hobby and that hobby with continual harping on finished work or sanctification that antagonizes the saints must be put away. We are to go out and lift up Jesus. Not many sinners come in by our preaching red-hot judgment these days. Paul says preaching has to be with demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The Holy Ghost bears witness with signs and miracles; unless these attend our ministry we cannot succeed. There are scores and hundreds getting saved. They come from all parts of the country to get healed. The ministry of healing brings people more than anything else and if you can lay hands on the sick and they recover you won't have to preach to empty seats. You produce the goods of heaven and people want the goods. Let the word go forth in demonstration and power so people can see what God has for them. There will be no failure in your ministry when they see the power of the Lord present to heal.

The main thing to keep before the people is the near coming of Jesus. We are not to set the day—God forbid; but the saints will know as the day draws nigh. We can tell by the signs that it is near. God expects you to preach as one having authority. This is a generation that will go up without dying. Christ looked down the age to our day and saw the whole world in unbelief, men fainting and their hearts failing upon the earth and Daniel prophesied and said the wicked should grow worse and worse and none of the wicked should understand; but the wise shall understand.

Then the Lord gave Daniel another picture. He saw on the land and on the sea, here and there, messengers blowing the trumpet, hailing each other as they pass along. For years back whenever I met a child of God my greeting has been, "Watchman, what of the night?" and from those who have much of the Spirit of God the answer comes, "The morning cometh." But the night is here too. We have to preach that. We know the darkness of hell is spreading over this earth and it will soon be a fearful scene, a regular deluge of blood. We have to sound the alarm and give the message that the King is coming. Some will be accounted worthy to escape all these things and stand before the Son of man.

There is loving unity here. So far as I can see there is not a dissentient voice. There is not much wildfire. God will not permit it and no one dares to chime in saying, "I am a dove" when he is a raven. No one dares to join us but to magnify God. Those just starting in the life of the Spirit will run off in the flesh more or less, but if they are honest they will recover themselves and fall into their places. There is room for everything in a meeting but the devil. We don't want to give him a place. I haven't heard any hobby aired here. Christ finished the work on Calvary, the wonderful plan of salvation, but I do not consider the great work of the baptism was finished until after He went to glory, because the Holy Ghost could not be poured forth until after His ascension. That brings us into the heavenly places and leads us on in the Way. There are powers and gifts and greater gifts; we are to go on from glory to glory. God didn't send us out to ride hobbies, to hold up this term or that term, but to hold up Jesus. He didn't send us out to tear down churches.

When Christ sent out His workers He said, "If you go to a city don't be gadding about. Abide in one place and be much in prayer and don't be worried about the money not coming in for the laborer is worthy of his hire." Give yourself wholly to your ministry. If you are in the will of God He will provide for you. And eat such things as are set before you; don't have some fad about diet. Don't say, "I don't eat this," and "I don't eat that." If you don't eat it let it alone, but don't air your opinion about it. The Lord says, "He that receiveth you in My name receiveth Me," and we want to represent Him worthily. As for forbidding to marry or having spiritual affinities—shun such things as you would a deadly viper. But you don't need to talk about these things. Just hold up Jesus. God doesn't want you to be personal about these sins. Let Jesus have the pre-eminence. The more He is held up, the deeper people get in love with Him, the quicker they will drop everything else. So let us hold up Jesus and herald the coming of the King. Show them the great danger of the Tribulation. Preach Jesus and hold on to God until the signs follow. There is something wrong unless they do follow. Don't wait until you have any special gift. Believe you can do it and it will be done. Not only send forth the prayer but look to God for courage, command the devil to go and you will see victory perched on your banner. People are affected

every day by seeing the wonderful miracles. There are different degrees in heavenly places; there are the moon and the sun and the stars. The time has come when we have to be something more than the moon. We have to be as the sun. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.

Don't denounce churches. Don't denounce the Catholics. Catholics won't come in for fear you will denounce them. I never mention Catholics. I never denounce any particular church. We can show the signs of the formalist in a general way, and they see they have been fed on chaff, and they know they are frozen to death and will want to get alive. Let us hold up Jesus and if we do that these antagonistic spirits will get ashamed. They will find themselves lacking. If you blow the trumpet, show the people a supernatural God, and give them the light on what is coming in the millennial age—that they will be kings and priests—they will realize that the King is in our midst in power and might and glory. Any one that will call upon God in the right way shall be saved. He is pouring out His Spirit upon the sons and daughters. There is a special ministry for the women in these days. The sign that brought the people together when the five thousand were converted, was healing, and there would have probably been ten thousand if they hadn't broken up the meeting. Five thousand as a result of this one man healed, and from that healing the disciples preached the mighty works of God. So the great revivals all through the New Testament were the result of somebody getting healed. Eneas was eight years afflicted, like the man the other day, only this man was probably in a worse condition than Eneas; he could not bend himself, could not open his mouth, could not even move his eyes or his head. Soon he was able to stand on his feet; he had been carried in and while we were singing he ran down the aisle, and down the stairs without taking hold of the banisters, and down the street. And all that saw him glorified God as the people did when Eneas was healed. There are scores to get saved and healed, so you will always have the miraculous, if the signs follow. God is going to draw in such as can be saved, to see the mighty works.

Paul said to Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee." If there is any gift God is showing you you ought to have, you can receive it by the laying on of hands. It is not so much what you say about the baptism in the Holy Spirit



but what they see you have. We can talk until we are hoarse and they won't be convinced, but the power of God convinces them. Don't wait for manifestations before you go forth and do

something. When you are weakest, then you are strong. Let us go out and work miracles. Then the people will glorify God.

## Be Patient; His Coming Draweth Nigh Present Day Conditions Portrayed in Prophecy

A. H. Argue in the Stone Church, July 24, 1913.



**I** FEEL in my innermost soul that God is revealing Himself to me in a deeper sense, ever since my coming to Chicago. God, of a truth, is moving here—moving on the hearts of the people in a very special way. Sister Etter spoke a moment ago about visitations of God in revelations and dreams. He surely is visiting His people in many ways—in dreams, in visions and revelations. While in California I had a dream of a terrible disaster. I saw people being swallowed up one after another in a great flood. Only a few days afterward I received a newspaper telling of the terrible calamity in Ohio and this dream was forcibly brought to mind. I had felt at the time it was a warning of coming disaster.

God is not only speaking to the hearts of His people in these days, but He is confirming His Word by signs and wonders in our midst. Those who have charge of the work here could not sit down and map out a plan for God to work by; we could not reproduce this meeting if we should try. But God has graciously heard the prayers that have ascended from His little ones and as they have gathered here He has come forth in power and is really shaking this city. He is reaching the world through these meetings and before He is through with this work I verily believe He will send men and women forth to different quarters of the globe with more faith in God and more filled with the Spirit than ever before, that they may speak His word with authority and signs and wonders follow their ministry. I love to see these precious brethren here working side by side and I feel in my own soul that God is dropping down faith and giving fresh courage, enabling us to go forth in the power of the Spirit and believe for greater things than we have yet seen.

I want to read to you 1 Timothy 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery,"—that is the elders, those who have the ministry. We have read this and re-

read it, but only as it comes as a revelation from heaven to our own souls does it become a living truth to us. This injunction has largely been a dead letter to us, but God is bringing us to the place where it is a living truth. Many of God's children here have been inspired, the gifts have been stirred up and we are really believing for great things. I am convinced that God is moving us on step by step and as we deepen in the Spirit these truths will more and more become living, bright realities to us and give us a real hold on God for His mighty power to be manifested.

When I go downstairs where they are praying with seekers and enquire "How many have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost today?" the answer usually is ten, twelve or fifteen, and one brother whom I believe is real good authority, said there were forty baptisms in three days last week. He says he notices how easily and quickly they come through into the blessed experience because of the mighty power of God which is present. The spiritual tide is a high tide and it is not as in the past when there has often been a long hard struggle in prayer to bring people through into the baptism and when they got it there wasn't much of an overflow. Now they come through filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking freely in tongues. God is dealing with His people in such a way that they will go forward strengthened and deepened in greater measure than at any time since the Pentecostal movement came into existence. I believe we are moving forward to a deeper life in God and will be better equipped for the work than ever before. This has not been brought about by man but by the Lord Himself who "worketh after the counsel of His own will." And now that we have had this visitation of God, now that we have heard Him speak in revelations and visions and show Himself in signs and miracles, it behooves us not to limit God. The devil would like to keep us back but we are children of the day and as we draw nigh to God He will increasingly reveal Himself to us.

Let us not only talk about these things but do

them. Let us not limit God or hinder Him in this work. The devil would like to instil doubt and prejudice into our hearts, he would like to make us his mouthpiece and his tools. Recently God taught me a lesson that I will never forget. As I saw in some of the dear saints a tendency to find fault and talk of failures even to those that were looking for healing and help from God, it came to me as a flash from heaven that God's own children were doing the devil's business by instilling unbelief and criticism instead of lifting up Jesus and inspiring faith. God wants us to rise above all hindrances and believe, for it is not the doubting ones that the signs and wonders are to follow but those that believe. He has given us power to resist the devil and promised that if we do resist him he will flee from us. And because of the shedding of the precious blood of Christ and through our faith, we have all heaven at our back and can go forth and triumph over all the power of the enemy.

Oh, this is the day of the mighty visitation of God and He wants us to be awake to the things of the Spirit! He wants us to believe Him that He may bring things to pass that will shake the world. The fifth chapter of James deals with the condition of the world today and then says, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it until it receive the early and latter rain." He further says, "Be patient; establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Note that the first part of this chapter speaks about the rich man heaping up treasure just as they are combining to do it today, and pictures the present condition of the world; then connects this with the coming of the Lord and tells us to be patient and strengthen our hearts (not go around with unbelief because of what we see) for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The Apostle James was inspired to write what would transpire in the last days, God gives us this warning from heaven and urges us to strengthen our hearts. Then notice the next verse, for here are conditions that exist all around us, "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned." Weymouth translates this, "Do not cry out in condemnation of one another." Then James tells us to pray for the sick and encourages our faith by reminding us that Elijah who had such wonderful faith was a man similar to us. Elijah lived way ahead of his day. He had faith that took such a hold on God that he could

close up the heavens that there should not be rain but by his word, "and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heavens gave rain." Not long after that Elijah went up in a chariot of fire. As I was walking along the street day before yesterday this subject opened up to me. I had never noticed the close connection between these events in the life of Elijah and the lesson given us in the fifth chapter of James, but when I went home I took my Bible and linked together the condition of things in the last days—the getting all these little grudges out, scisms, contentions, doctrinal points, etc., then the power comes to pray the "effectual fervent prayer of the righteous that availeth much," followed by the translation of the saints. God wants us in these last days to have the faith of dear old Elijah that when we pray to Him the heavens will be at our back and He will confirm His word and bring things to pass as He did in the case of His prophet of old. When He has a people like this who are "strong in the Lord and the power of His might" He will have a people who are ready to be translated as Elijah was.

Now I want you to notice the lesson given us in Ephesians 4:1-3. Paul is speaking: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Endeavoring means doing our utmost, and note it is "with all lowliness and meekness." It is the meek who are really going to inherit the earth, not those who are strong in their opinion. Seek meekness, for as the message recently went forth in the power of the Spirit from Zeph. 2:3, "seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye will be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

Elijah must have been wonderfully in touch with God; we read about the widow's son that he brought to life and how, shortly after that, Elijah was translated. He was ahead of his day, and I believe if we stand true to God, lift up Jesus, preach Christ and the power of His resurrection, we are going to see greater things than we ever yet have seen. It is not going to be the mighty ones that will believe the word of God and get the power to do the "greater works" in Jesus' name, but the meek ones as they lay hold on God's word until He really brings things to pass.

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For \* \* \* how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken

by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will." Heb. 2:1-4.

## Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost

### God's Cyclone of Power a Great Leveler

Mrs. M. B. Woodworth-Etter, July 6, 1913.



DEAR friends, we have met in the presence of the Most High God, we have come to do business for Jehovah. Let us do it well. We shall meet again in eternity. Let us be very solemn. God's reporter is taking note of every thought, every action here tonight, of those who are against Him and those who are for Him. So let us turn our minds from the fleeting things of life, the things that are passing away and be shut in with God this hour.

The message the Lord has brought before us tonight will be found in the twelfth chapter of Matthew, verses 31 and 32:

"Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whomsoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whomsoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

This message comes to us from Jesus tonight as much as if He were standing here. Hear the eternal word from the lips of the Son of God now reigning in glory. The words are just as powerful as when from His lips if they go out by the power of the Holy Ghost.

This subject is considered one of the deepest in the Word of God. You have often heard the question asked, "What is the unpardonable sin?" and some people are very much concerned about having committed it. John says, there is a sin unto death, I do not say that you shall pray for it, but other sins are not unto death, and through prayer God will wash them all out. Blasphemy against God and all kinds of sin against Him and against mankind will be blotted out, but whosoever speaks against the Holy Ghost hath forgiveness neither in this world, nor in the world to come. Christ said this because they said He had an evil spirit and did His mighty works through that agency. So you see it is an unpardonable

sin to attribute any of the mighty works of the Holy Ghost to the devil.

There has never been a time since the Early Church when there was so much danger of people committing the unpardonable sin as there is today since the Pentecostal fire has girdled the earth and tens of thousands have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost, backed up with signs and wonders and divers operations of the Spirit. When men and women come in contact with this work of the Holy Ghost, feeling His presence, hearing His words and seeing His works, there is danger lest they attribute the power present to some other agency than the Spirit of God. There is danger lest they condemn the power and condemn God's servants. How often have we heard ministers say, when they heard men and women and children speaking in other tongues, "Oh, it is the work of the devil." Now you hear what God says about it; they are speaking against the Holy Ghost.

God has been working in this city and is going to work in much greater measure. We expect to see greater signs and wonders; if the saints stand together as one, pray together and shout victory, God will show Himself a mighty God and a Savior. He will not only come in healing power but will manifest Himself in many mighty ways. On the day of Pentecost Peter said, "God hath poured forth this which ye see and hear," and from what they heard and saw three thousand owned it was the power of God and turned to Christ. Others stifled conviction, and turned away saying, "This is the work of the devil." When the Holy Ghost is poured out it is either life unto life or death unto death. It is life unto life to those who go forward and death unto death to those who blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. So we want to be careful what we say about the divers operations, supernatural signs and workings of the Holy Ghost. Some people look on and say, "It looks like hypnotism." "I believe it is mesmerism;" to others it appears mere foolishness, even as Scripture says of the natural man, "the things of the Spirit of God

are foolishness unto Him and he cannot know them because they are spiritually discerned." It was the same on the day of Pentecost when the multitude saw the disciples staggering about under the power of the Spirit, speaking in tongues; while some said, "they are drunken," others knew the mighty power of God was there.

There is a power here that is not of earth, a power lifting people up, making men and women upright, making them good neighbors, good husbands and wives. It is the mighty presence of Almighty God. Watch the lives of these people; they do not seek worldly amusements but the power of God is manifested in them.

What did the power bring on the day of Pentecost? The crowd that came together were all amazed and said, "We never saw it on this fashion." Everybody began to get convicted, though some, not willing to accept it, not willing to be called fools for Christ's sake rejected it and, to ease their guilty consciences said, "They are drunken." They knew better. They knew the mighty power of God was there and if there was a question God settled it. Peter got up in the midst of the brethren and said, "These are not drunken as you say. Men don't get drunk at nine o'clock in the morning; but this is that which was spoken by Joel the prophet, 'In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.' This is the Holy Ghost which you now see and hear."

It is the same Holy Ghost tonight. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God. He is a Person and He works under the direction of Jesus Christ, under His orders. He doesn't do anything but what Christ tells Him to do. When we are ready to receive Him Jesus sends the Holy Ghost to impart to us His own gifts. The Holy Ghost cleanses these temples and comes in to dwell. He fills these bodies and His power in us gives us utterance in tongues and works through us in other ways.

Now in order to guard against committing the unpardonable sin we must know a little of what the Holy Ghost is. He could not come until Christ was glorified. Christ was on the earth in His human body for only a short time, but at Pentecost He came through the Holy Spirit to stay. Jesus said that when the Holy Ghost should come whom the Father would send in His Name, "He shall abide with you forever." And He will not speak of Himself but what He hears He will say. Oh, I love the Holy Ghost because

He is always witnessing to Jesus and He comes to bring us power. He is "the Comforter, the Spirit of truth" who shall "abide forever." He brings all things to our remembrance. We are so forgetful in our natural state; but we have a spiritual mind and God writes His Word on our minds and the Holy Spirit brings these messages to us at the right time—a message to this one in sin, that one in sorrow, encouraging the weak and helping the strong with some message from heaven, always pointing us to Jesus the great Burden-Bearer—rivers of living water flowing from the individual, healing virtue going out. Virtue went out from Peter so that the sick were healed upon whom his mere shadow fell. Power went out from Paul so that they sent handkerchiefs and aprons from his body and through them, when they were laid on the afflicted, streams of healing went forth and devils were driven out.

The Holy Ghost is called "water." "I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." A tidal wave of glory is coming this way. God help us to be as empty vessels that the Holy Ghost's power may fill us to overflowing. The Holy Ghost is spoken of as "fire," "wind" and "water;" three of the most destructive elements in the world and three of the most useful. We could not live without fire, wind or water. When a cyclone comes men and women turn pale. When God's cyclone through the Holy Ghost strikes the people it is a great leveler. They lose sight of their money bags and all hatred and ill-will are swept away as a cyclone carries all before it. When a tidal wave strikes a city it submerges everything; so, in a tidal wave of the Holy Ghost, everything goes under. Oh, we want a cyclone of God's power to sweep out of our lives everything that cumbers us, and a tidal wave to submerge us in God.

God uses these great elements, fire, wind and water in all their force to give us an idea of the mighty power of the Holy Ghost. Our bodies are His temples and, as great pieces of mechanism are moved by the power of electricity so our bodies, the most wonderful piece of mechanism ever known, are moved by the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. He filled the one hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost with power to witness for Jesus. At the hands of the apostles God healed the sick, and He heals today by the same power that was on the apostles. God pours out rivers of living water. What manner of people ought we to be? If we haven't the

power let us confess it and ask God to give us the power He gave the first disciples. If those who come to the Lord will be filled as they were on the day of Pentecost we will have streams of living water rushing through us and flowing to the very ends of the earth.

Jesus Christ was baptized in the Holy Ghost but he did not have all power until He finished His course. He could have turned away and not have gone to the cross, but He went all the way and cried, "It is finished." His last act was this going down into death. But God Almighty raised Him up and when He came up all power was given Him—ALL POWER! He sent His disciples out in His Name and said that those who believed on Him should cast out devils, should speak in new tongues, should lay hands on the sick, and if they drank any deadly thing (accidentally, of course) it would not hurt them. He said to the disciples, "Do not marvel at what you see. These things shall ye do if ye believe, and greater works than these shall ye do because I go to the Father."

Now when Pentecost came they were all in the upper room waiting. They were all saved and all pure and of one accord—no division, no controversy. They did not know how the "promise of the Father" was going to come but they were waiting for it; and suddenly the Spirit as a cyclone came and filled the whole building, a great tidal wave of power was turned upon them and they were all filled with living water. The Spirit's tongues of fire were upon their heads and they all began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Ghost gave them utterance. The people who came running up were amazed and said, "What does this mean? Are not all these that speak Galileans? Are they not ignorant of these foreign tongues? Yet everyone hears them speak in his own language wherein he was born." It was the Holy Ghost who gave them the utterance in languages. The Lord had said, "With men of other lips and stammering tongue will I speak unto this people, but for all that they will not believe." He put the stress on that and the people heard and knew, yet for all this they mocked and cried out that the men had been drinking.

The Holy Ghost came to testify of Jesus. The Spirit preached the first sermon on Jesus' resurrection through Peter who got up and brought forward the Scripture to prove that this manifestation was of the Holy Ghost and that He witnessed to Christ. People who had not believed

that Jesus was the Christ—though He did works that none other did and spake as never man spake—were now brought under conviction and three thousand souls were converted on that day. Many in Jerusalem believed when they saw the operations of the Holy Ghost and "A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

The Holy Ghost is here tonight bringing Jesus into our midst. He is healing the sick today by the power of God, devils are being cast out, and miracles are being wrought in the mighty Name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Ghost. God is giving visions. The prophet says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." People are having visions today of the second coming of the Lord, visions of the marriage supper of the Lamb and of the rapture.

The Holy Ghost comes with weeping. He makes you weep because of what is coming on the earth. Oh, there is a sign of trouble! The unbelieving world is going to be cast out into darkness; but while we sigh and weep at the sad condition of the world, we rejoice to know that Jesus is coming soon.

We were holding meetings in Moline. One night an evangelist came in whom we had never seen before. We were talking about the baptism in the Holy Ghost which she had heard about and she was hungry for it. I said to her, "You are going to get your baptism tonight." There wasn't much sign of it as I got up to give the Word. She sat in front of me and while I was talking it looked as if she was asleep; but the power of God was on her. The Word was going out and the lightning struck. When I got through talking the power of God was on her in a wonderful way and she commenced speaking in tongues and interpreting. Then she would wail the most sad wail I ever heard. It struck me it was like the daughters of Jerusalem weeping over the destruction of the temple; so painful, so doleful was it, everyone was made sad. I said, "That is the signal of some great sorrow, great distress, great anguish and trouble that is coming on the people." God showed me it was a signal of distress, of awful calamity that was coming. This lady said that she saw a great earthquake, and described how the water swept over the corpses and down the street. The next day there came out in the papers an account of the dreadful destruction by earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica. Do you not see the hand of God in that vision? It was something that, coming true immediately, would convince the people. In

Dallas last year the Lord showed us many things that took place in Turkey when the armies came together. An old brother in Dallas had visions of the battles before they took place and saw multitudes being killed. One night there was a loud report as of a terrible explosion, about sixty of the saints heard it and the congregation felt the shock. As soon as the news could reach us we heard about it through the papers.

The Holy Ghost brings gifts, miracles, discerning of spirits. We laugh and cry in the Spirit, we shout and dance and leap, our bodies get so light we scarcely touch the earth. The Spirit gives heavenly music. At our last meeting at Long Hill, Connecticut, the heavenly choir surpassed anything I had ever heard. We had it two or three times a day and there wasn't a discord. It was the Holy Ghost making harmony through these bodies and the singing was no earthly tune but heavenly. Sometimes I would be a little late in getting to the meeting and as I came up the hill the sound of the heavenly choir was wafted down. It sounded as though it came from heaven; it was the song of the redeemed. God is getting His children ready to sing at the marriage supper of the Lamb. They sing a song no one can sing except the redeemed. No outsiders can join in. The Spirit has shown me the coming of the Lord is very near and I know it now more than ever.

God baptized me twenty-five years ago with a wonderful baptism, but I am more hungry today than I ever was. I see greater possibilities today than ever before. Let us go on from one degree to another. Blessed is the servant who, when his Master comes is found at his post, giving to the household their portion of meat in due season. This is your opportunity, your day of God's visitation. "The Bride hath made herself ready." You cannot put it on at the last minute. You

cannot go to the tailor and order your suit to go to the banquet; you have to make it yourself; the Bride hath *made herself* ready and it is going to be the most wonderful wedding garment you ever heard of. It takes skill to weave the garment of pure linen and embroider the "fine wrought needlework," and when she is ready He will greatly admire her. There will be a great company of guests in the banqueting hall. But some of us are not ready; we haven't our garments. The time has come to get ready. Oh, it means something to dress for the marriage supper of the Lamb!

When there is a banquet in honor of the king's son or daughter it is a great occasion and the musicians are trained for it long before. Now this banquet that is going to take place in the skies, this marriage supper of the Lamb, will be the greatest wedding that was ever known. The King of Glory will be married to His Bride. Don't you know that every good thing the world enjoys God is going to let us enjoy ten thousand fold? That will be the greatest banquet, the most wonderful occasion ever heard of, when we shall eat bread and drink wine in the kingdom. The bride is now in training. The Holy Ghost is the Dove; the singing is the cooing of the dove before a storm. Did you ever hear the doves before a storm, calling to their mates to seek shelter? So the Holy Ghost is cooing and chirping, calling us to seek shelter from the tribulation storms that are coming upon the earth. The Lord is having us in training, making our bodies light and supple so that we can go up. May the Lord help us to be filled with the Holy Ghost so we can rise. It is the only moving power in the church of Christ, the mighty agent He has sent to carry on business through His body. Let us get the fire from heaven that will enable us to do business for God.

### Additional Notes of July Meetings

#### HEALINGS THROUGH HANDKERCHIEFS.

God blessed in the anointing of handkerchiefs. A man in Winnipeg wrote to Brother Argue (now attending meetings) asking for prayer for the healing of a rupture. Prayer was offered and a handkerchief sent in the name of the Lord, but before he got the handkerchief he realized the healing was taking place. When he received the handkerchief his whole body was filled with the power of God. He went to the mission and told the people what God had done, the power

fell, and they had three wonderful cases of healing.

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Mrs. Hawkins testified to the healing of a fibroid tumor last winter while in the hospital waiting for an operation. A friend sent a handkerchief to Sister Etter in Dallas, and when it was laid on her body in faith, the tumor disappeared. She had suffered intense pain from the tumor, but God healed her.

There is blessing in the use of the anointed

handkerchief if those who receive them use them in faith.

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Tommy Griffin: "I went out to Oak Forest last Saturday and a woman who was making all preparations to die and had asked me to take care of her body so the doctors would not get it, was wonderfully healed by the Lord. I am glad to be so privileged as to live in these days. Eleven years ago I was a poor, drunken gambler, dying of consumption of the lungs. Though I was a Roman Catholic the priest would not come to see me; but the Lord Jesus Christ came into my life and healed me. I was also healed of a disease contracted through sin, and not a mark or scar is left. God has restored the years that the canker-worm and locust had eaten. I was prejudiced against our Sister Etter because of reports I had heard, but I came praying and I saw it was God's eternal truth she was preaching; and since these meetings opened, God has really blessed my ministry in the slums as never before."

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SALVATION.

A woman who had been an infidel and was wonderfully saved and later baptized in the Holy Spirit, has been filled with the fire of God and has been publishing the tidings everywhere. Her friends said to her, "There must be something in it if you believe. You were the worst sinner in Chicago." She said, "There is something in it. You come and see." They said, "There is some change in your eye. It looks like fire." She answered, "It is the fire of God."

Her husband, who is a traveling man, coming home and finding his wife so changed, took her to a doctor and said, "Doctor, isn't there something wrong with my wife, she looks so strange?"

The doctor after examining her said, "There is nothing the matter with you wife; she is perfectly normal. Take her home and let her be a Christian. My mother is a Christian."

When the Lord saved her she could scarcely read at all, nor write her own name. After she was converted she wrote her niece a letter which touched her so that she said, "I thought I was reading a letter from mamma in heaven."

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A Roman Catholic came to be saved; said he had been seeking salvation for three years and was still in darkness. He came up to the brethren who were praying for the sick, and asked them to pray for his salvation. We were led to

contrast this revival with others. Many times have our workers gone through the audience seeking sinners and asking them to come to the altar. In this series of meetings conditions were reversed. Sinners came forward and asked for prayer. As the brethren and this man knelt together in prayer, he was melted before the Lord, the darkness rolled away and the light of heaven shone into his soul. Every day there were numbers of cases of salvation; some had been church members for years, others had backslidden, and grown cold and indifferent.

VISIONS.

A number of people told of visions that God had given them. On the night of July 7th, while sitting in the auditorium a sister had a vision of a great wall around the platform. This wall stood between the people and God. All at once she saw the wall tottering, and the Scripture came to her, "By faith the walls of Jericho came down," the Lord showed her that it was the prayer of faith that was causing this wall to fall. As the prayer of faith ascended, the wall came down.

She also told us that while living in her home in Danville, she would be led to get up at night and pray. One night last Fall she was praying, and going out on the porch she saw the letter "Z" in the sky, beautifully and perfectly formed of stars. While praying what it meant, the Lord said to her, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end," and revealed to her that the time of the end had come.

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During the service a sister saw a hand stretched out on the south side of the building, and as she looked that hand enlarged and stretched out over the congregation—the hand of the Lord stretched out in power to heal.

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Another had a vision of angels surrounding the platform, with Jesus in the midst. Then a cloud of glory came down and rested upon the congregation.

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A little Jewish girl, about twelve years of age, told of a vision God had given her. She was baptized in the Spirit about three months ago, and recently while in prayer she was carried away in spirit. She said, "I saw Jesus and the white angels standing by His side. His face was shining as the sun. I saw a great multitude of people and the angel blew the trumpet. Then I heard a loud voice saying, 'Woe, woe to this

generation; and another voice saying, 'Woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth.'

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Messages in tongues were given and interpreted at a great many of the services. They were messages of exhortation, of warning, encouragement and prophetic utterances of the coming of the Lord, warning people of the nearness of the time of the end. The following is one of many that stirred the hearts of the people:

"The Lord is about to burst forth upon this old earth and among the children of men with majesty and glory and power. Are you ready for Him to take hold of you? Are you awake? Are you aroused by the Spirit of God or are you full of half-heartedness and lukewarmness? Are you insulated from the things of this world or are you in contact with them so that God's power cannot come upon you? Are you asleep in the most perilous hours the world has ever seen? Are you asleep in the most gracious hours that have ever come to this world? Are you half-hearted, lethargic and thoughtless? Behold the Bridegroom will descend in majesty and glory and power and might and snatch away those that are ready, and you who are not ready will be left behind. What can be said to the people of God more than has been said to awaken them? What can be done for the people that has not been done to arouse them? What binds you? What hin-

ders you? Will you seek the Lord? Will you find out what holds you back from the power of God? Seek the Lord until you find Him in the power and majesty and glory of His mighty revelation."

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