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The Antichrist

Heading Up of Events Prior to his Coming

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IN speaking this afternoon on the subject of The Antichrist, we wish to point out first of all the fact that the Pope of Rome is not the Antichrist. In the first place Antichrist is a single person. The word "Papacy" is a collective term standing for a religious system. Second, the Antichrist makes himself God. If you are familiar with the history of the church you know that no pope has ever attempted to make himself God. The pope claims to be the vicar of Christ, the *Vicarious Christi*, and claims to take his authority from Peter; therefore, the Roman Church speaks of apostolic succession. Third, the Antichrist through the aid of Satan will do signs and wonders, something which has never been attempted by any pope. Fourth, the Antichrist shall have a kingdom. No pope has ever erected a world's kingdom. He has been striving after secular power, but no pope has ever striven for world power as the Antichrist will. Fifth, the Antichrist will abolish all worship of God. The pope encourages the worship of God, but tries to control it.

In the last days the Antichrist will appear and reign a short season, three and a half years or forty-two months. When we come to the study of the term "time, times and a half time," that word "time" in Hebrew is translated a year; so we read it, "a year, two years and a half year," forty-two months. Papacy has ruled and will rule many years. Popes have had universal reign over believers since Gregory the Great and Boniface III assumed the power of being "papa" or "father" of all believers. He rose from his position as Bishop of Rome, in 600 A. D. to that of the spiritual supervisor and father of all Christian believers, and ever since then the Roman Church has reigned as such. We are now in the year of 1927 so the figures of three and a half years can never be applied to the rule of the papacy without doing violence to the Word of God.

In Daniel 7:23 we read that "the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." This is not true of the Papacy. We have about 270,000,000 Roman Catholics, 110,000,000 Greek Catholics and 180,000,

000 Protestants in the world. So you can see the Catholics do not compare in this. We have 2,400,000,000 people on earth, and here we read the Antichrist will devour the whole earth. Furthermore, Papacy is a semi-false religion, and false religions are never compared in the Bible with a beast, but with a harlot, (Rev. 17:3-6) because a believer is always typified by a woman or a wife in her faithfulness to her husband. Our spiritual husband is Jesus. The real believer in the Lord who obeys His Word and yields to Him by the power of the Holy Ghost is the spiritual bride of the Lord. A woman may be unfaithful to her husband in the natural; a picture used of certain believers who, like the Catholics and a good many Protestants live contrary to the Word of God, and yet hold certain truths of the Bible. The Catholic Church is compared with a harlot. She is not true to the Lord Jesus Christ, as she puts man's teaching on a par with God's Word.

In our studies we read that the harlot sat upon a beast; that beast is the Antichrist, as a system. However, this system will develop into one person, the person of the Antichrist, who shall rule over that system. The woman who is sitting on the scarlet beast represents the many religious systems that will control the world powers, but the time will come when the beast and ten kings will come and kill the harlot. We must not confuse the Antichrist with the Papacy, although we do not deny there is some of the antichristian spirit among the popes.

The Antichrist shall reign forty-two months. I wish to point out to you that the number 42 in Scripture is the number of the Antichrist. He shall reign three and a half years, forty-two months or twelve hundred and sixty days. Why is 42 the number of the Antichrist? Because it is a multiple of six and seven. Six is the number of man in his fleshly hatred against God. Seven is the number of spiritual perfection. The natural man, six, is of the earth, earthy; this in opposition to seven brings forty-two. Therefore, we will find a terrible war and conflict, such as this world has never seen. It will be guided by one man who will be the super-man in his battle against God.

If you read your Bible carefully you will find in the wanderings of the children of Israel in the wilderness, they had forty-two stations mentioned which bring out the striving of their fleshly na-

ture against the Holy Spirit. Therefore, God let them wander forty years, the last figure telling of protection and judgment.

There is an incident in the life of Elisha, when young lads came out from the city of Bethel and mocked him, and "there came forth two she bears out of the wood and tare forty and two lads of them." Elisha had just come from the translation scene of Elijah. The news of this translation had spread among the lads of Bethel who mocked at the idea of a man being translated, and cried, "Go up thou bald head! Go up thou bald head!" II King 2:22-24. They had the spirit of the Antichrist.

We are now heading toward the time of the appearing of the Antichrist. Through the millions of evil spirits and powers, through principalities and world rulers, he is preparing the hearts of the world and the luke-warm church for his coming. The coming of the Antichrist you will find very clearly taught in the book of Daniel. In Dan. 7:2 we read, "Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. This is a faulty translation. In the Hebrew we have the word "Ruach" and it should read, "And behold, the four spirits of the heaven strove upon the great sea." These four spirits are mentioned in other places in the Bible. In Zech. 6:5 and in Jer. 49:36 it is clearly taught that there are four spirits who exercise a great power not only upon individuals on earth but on nations. In the New Testament the Greek uses one word for "spirit," for "breath" and for "wind." The Hebrew speaks of "ruach." When our Bible speaks of the Spirit of God the Hebrew says the "Ruach Elohim." When it says, "He breathed his breath," it means "He breathed His life into him." In Greek the word *pneuma* stands for the Spirit or breath of God.

You will find the same four spirits that wanted to do harm to the earth mentioned in Rev. 7:1-7 but God told them not to hurt the earth until the 144,000 of each tribe should be sealed. God will have a company of Jews in the tribulation who will be sealed to go through, but we Gentile Christians if we let the Holy Ghost be our Guide, shall be so filled with Him that we will be permitted to escape the great tribulation. In Jer. 49:36 we read that God sent evil spirits to scatter the Elamites and in our text He permits four evil spirits to bring forth four terrible beasts.

What does the sea stand for symbolically? In Isa. 17:12, 13, God compares the Gentile nations with a mighty flood of waters. In Rev. 13:1 you

see the same beast come up out of the waters as God revealed it to Daniel. Can there be any greater similarity than here and in the 17th chapter? These nations are compared with the waters of the sea, peoples and kindred and tongues. Now we understand why Daniel saw four distinct beasts come up out of the sea; first a lion, then a bear, then a leopard, and another horrible beast. These great beasts are four kings. This looks like a contradiction. In our text it says that the four spirits strove upon the sea and out of them came four beasts. It doesn't say out of the earth. Out of these nations the evil spirits are bringing four beasts, the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the horrible beast, identical with Nebuchadnezzar's image.

I am not trying to interest you in the study of the four kingdoms, but we are interested in the fourth one that Daniel saw coming out of the waters. If we went into details about the other beasts, it would take us away from our subject. The Greek calls this beast a "*therion*," which means a wild beast. Jesus is called the Lamb, the Antichrist is called a wild beast. According to God's own interpretation, the first kingdom is the Babylonian Empire, the second, the Medo-Persian, the third, the Grecian, the fourth beast, legs and toes, is the Roman Empire, which is now heading towards the empire of the Antichrist.

You will notice that in Nebuchadnezzar's vision the Roman Empire is divided into two parts. We know from history that the Roman Empire is divided into the Eastern and Western. In our studies on Revelation I have read many books and pamphlets, but they all have their failures. Baxter's book on prophecy is precious, but it is not infallible. He says that Germany and Austria will not belong to the Roman Empire, but we see now that the very Central Powers which were fought by the twenty-eight nations during the World War, are now members of the League of Nations. Expositors have said that Germany will never belong to the League. There is a better key. You take the symbolical meaning of the number. Ten stands for closed history as to the creature, and reckoning on the part of God.

You will not find horns in the lion, you do not find horns in the bear. Neither do you find them in the leopard. You find horns in the ram and one big horn in the he-goat. But an animal with ten horns has never been found. So this animal of abnormality, of power and might, speaks of the undue power which this last kingdom is to exercise over the whole world. The

image of Nebuchadnezzar ends in ten toes, and then comes the stone from heaven striking the image on the toes. Then the gold, the silver, the brass, the iron and the clay shall be ground into dust. But these four kingdoms do not end in the leopard age, in the bear age, or the days of the horrible beast; not in the golden age or the silver age, but in the age of the feet and toes of iron and clay.

In the image that is struck by the stone, you will find that man's power and man's glory will end in destruction, but in the vision of Daniel, you will find that this horrible beast has ten horns, and we read later on *that* beast will come to an end. Why is it that Daniel saw a beast and Nebuchadnezzar saw a man? Nebuchadnezzar was blind to God and to the condition of sinful men, and, therefore, he saw the human race as a man, a man deteriorating from gold to clay. God sees into the heart, and God alone knows what the human heart can be when it yields altogether to sin and the devil. Therefore it is a deterioration. First, the lion, then the bear, then the leopard, then the horrible beast. Why? The beast tempted our first parent, and man instead of being steward over the beast, lowered himself. Therefore, man through sin is under the beast.

Let us come into a description of this fourth beast: "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly"—no such expressions are used about the other animals. Then it had "great iron teeth." What does iron stand for? For firmness. Jer. 15:2; Micah 4:13. What are teeth for? To tear things to pieces so that they can be swallowed. Wild animals have fierce, canine teeth, so as to tear their prey previous to swallowing. The "horrible beast" has to tear up the nations, and do it in a violent way.

The World War has torn the nations to pieces; one nation is striving for a chance to tear up the other. But do not think that this is the last war. We have today in Europe more armed soldiers than we had before the war. Russia, of course, tries to keep it as secret as possible, but she has about 13,000,000 men who can be called to arms immediately. In other words, 13,000,000 soldiers. She never had that number under the empire. Now she is under Soviet rule. Poland is completing an army of 4,000,000 soldiers. France has 8,000,000 soldiers at her disposal which is more than she had before. Italy is organizing a military force of 5,000,000 men. All nations are working with feverish heat, building

destroyers, sub-marines and air-ships. Do not think that because you do not hear of Russia she is asleep. There are 300,000 Germans in Russia making ammunition. And Russia too is building aeroplanes. Other nations are boasting; Russia is keeping silent. Can you not see the "horrible beast" ready to tear the nations to pieces?

I would never classify those ten horns as England, France, etc., etc. Men have classified and have failed. Ten is taken not literally but symbolically. There will be a group of nations—one group antagonistic toward another group. Yet when it comes to destroying the religion of Jesus Christ, they are all one. Russia forbids the worship of God. The Bolsheviks even deny the existence of God and forbid the Russians to mention the Word of God in the home as long as the youngest child is not eighteen. That is practically wiping out every religion no matter whether it is Protestant, Greek or Roman Catholic. Soviet has put her foot down on every religion. What is that but the spirit of Antichrist? He is against Christ and God, for he will put himself in the place of God. "We will fight God!" one of them has said. That is the spirit of Mussolini. Do not say that Mussolini is the Antichrist. We must not be too hasty, but the spirit of the Antichrist is working in him. In the great Battle of Armageddon some nations will be against the Jews; others will take a stand for the Jews. Then the Lord Jesus will appear as the Son of Man, as the Great Deliverer. Then they will be called to accept our crucified Jesus as their Messiah.

You will find this antichristian spirit also working in America. It would surprise you to know that there are millions of people in the United States who deny the existence of a God. They talk about evolution; about the world being created billions of years ago and man starting from an animalcula and developing into the present man, but he is about as near a brute as he ever was since the fall. This attitude against the Bible started with Darwin and Huxley in England and Lodger in Germany years ago. It became at home in France among her greatest infidels. It was then transported from France and Germany to America. Our American professors are teaching evolution in the schools and our children are compelled to listen to such high-sounding but silly teaching and are not permitted to say a word in defense of the Bible. They are helpless. The spirit of the Antichrist has entered into our little ones and into our homes. Do not think this spirit to be all against Jesus. It is also against

the Father. Man today says, "We do not want any Christ or any God. We are gods." That is now similar to Christian Science; mind and matter. Matter isn't real but mind is God. That is part of their devilish religion, which will head into one great denial of the God of our Bible.

You will find very few churches where they teach the pure word of God. In fact nearly all of our ministers are tainted with higher criticism. One university is spending three million a year for the education of their students, and that university belongs to a Christian denomination. Do you know how much they spend for theology out of the \$3,000,000? \$1700. Some poor fellow who teaches theology gets the \$1700. We are drifting very fast.

Then we read in the 19th verse, "Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass." Why has he nails? What his teeth cannot tear, his nails can. Iron speaks of hardness; brass speaks of judgment. The animal will be a kingdom that will tear everything to pieces with an iron firmness. It has also ten horns. A horn is a symbol of might and power. God will bring that power to judgment. It will be the last human kingdom. The next will be the reign of Christ, when there will be no more hard judgment, no more subduing and grinding of nations. It will be a kingdom of grace, for we have in Christ a King of Grace. He came "not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." We are fast approaching this millennial kingdom. Are you not glad?

This is the vision Daniel had of the last human empire. It is the spirit and system of the Antichrist. Daniel said, "I considered the horns and behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horn were plucked up by the roots." This little horn had eyes and a mouth which speaketh great or proud things, and whose look was most stout. So out of the ten kingdoms another one arose. It is quite a little horn; its beginning is small, but it has power enough to cast out by the roots three of the ten horns. Here in the ten horns you have the system, and in the little horn you have the Antichrist himself as a person. It never speaks of "eyes" in the ten horns. Eyes speak of intelligence, and "a mouth that speaks great things": the Hebrew says "proud things," "swelling things," things that are directed against God Almighty. Then it says, "whose look shall be stouter than the others." There you have the

Antichrist as the little horn rising out of the midst of the ten horns. There is the person of the Antichrist coming out of the whole Antichristian system.

Then we read in verse 17 that these great beasts are four kings, or rather the Hebrew says "kingdoms" which shall rise out of the earth; out of the people of the earth. And the last kingdom shall be a horrible kingdom, a kingdom in which the spirit of the Antichrist lives. That spirit of the Antichrist will head into a personal Antichrist, typified by the little horn. In the 21st verse, it says, "And the same horn (the little horn) made war with the saints." Some say it means the New Testament saints, but it doesn't speak about the church. The church is founded on the blood of Jesus. We have no right to wrest the Scriptures. The "little horn" will fight the Jewish saints. If you are a saint according to the Word of God you will escape that trial; you will belong to the Bride. There will be an end to the reign of the Antichrist when the Lord comes. The Antichrist will lose his power. The 23rd verse says he shall devour the whole earth.' There you have a picture of the universality of the rule of the Antichrist. Have you thought of it? Expositors have confined it to the ten European nations, but here it says he shall devour the whole earth. The spirit of the Antichrist shall permeate the whole world during the time of the ten horns, and when the Antichrist shall come he shall rule over the whole earth. And then they will be compelled to have the name of the beast on their foreheads. People are trying to find the name of the beast. Never mind. You do not need to know it.

I Thess. 4:16, 17, says, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." Then we will come back with the Lord on white horses and the armies of heaven shall follow, and with the sword of His mouth the Lord will smite the Antichrist and the false prophet, and cast them into the lake of fire. Then Christ shall reign a thousand years. And those who have learned to deny themselves and by faith considered their old self dead in Christ, will have Christ living in them.

Now in the 25th verse I want to bring out something that will show you clearly that the

Antichrist will not war against the Christian saints. It says, he shall "change times and laws." We Christians have no law. We are under grace. But the Jews are under law. What about the word "times" in the Hebrew? It means the set feast of Jehovah. We have no set feasts. We are dead in Christ and we have been raised in Christ, and Christ is in us. We are not living in "new moons and Sabbaths." We are living in Christ and He in us. Get away from the law. We are under grace.

When the Antichrist shall appear in Jerusalem he will find many Jews there and he will try to stop them from carrying out the law, for the orthodox Jews are very faithful. You know in Jno. 5:45 the Lord says, "I have come in my

Fathers' name, and ye received me not." Jesus was a Jew. There will be another Jew coming, in his own name; him they will receive. Do you know the seven head men in Russia are apostate Jews, seven God-hating Jews? So the Antichrist will be a Jew who will come out of the nations. If a Jew does not want Jesus, he will get the Antichrist. Just so, if we do not want salvation, we will get hell. God doesn't want a soul to go to hell, but if you do not want salvation, you will be lost.

Forty-two months is the time in which the Antichrist will rule as absolute God and prince of this world, and it behooves us to be ready to escape. Are you not glad there is an escape for us?

The Pearl a Type of Salvation

Searching into the Depths of India's Fisheries

Miss Leonor H. Parker in The Stone Church Convention, June 5, 1927



THE Scripture that the Lord gave me for this evening is, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he hath found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." Matt. 13:44-46.

As I meditated upon this scripture, I saw the world as the field, and the Lord Jesus Christ as the Merchantman who bought it at a great price. He purchased this world on Calvary, and the hid treasure in it are His children, elect to be gathered out of all nations. The goodly pearl is the one sought out and brot to Him. Thru the divine act of love and redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus, it becomes a pearl of great price. The field is not only America, but the whole world; India, Africa, China and the uttermost parts of the earth have been bought on Calvary by the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Oriental countries this lesson is better understood than by us here. While India has some banks, yet for the most part the natives of India are too ignorant to know how to invest their money in stocks and bonds. They bury their treasures in the ground under their houses, and in times of war should they be obliged to flee they leave their treasure buried. Sometimes they are killed in war and lose their homes with the buried

treasure. The parable, I believe, is taken from that custom.

I want now to speak about this "goodly pearl." When I last went to India I stopped in London, England, and one day I went to see the Tower of London. I never will forget the wonderful lessons the Lord gave me while in that Tower. As I went to the different rooms, He had a lesson in each of them, but I got my greatest lesson in the room which contained the Crown Jewels of the Royal Family of England. The Round Tower is the place where people condemned to death spend their last night. As we went up the walk there were armed guards on each side, at three different places. In the center of the tower was a room in which were these jewels, enclosed in a heavy plate glass case. On the outside of this case was an iron railing, so no one could get within two feet of it. As I looked upon the Crown Jewels, glittering and scintilating in the sunlight, representing fabulous wealth and cunning workmanship, I looked upon the greatest earthly magnificence one could behold. But as I gazed, this glittering array faded away and in their stead I saw the face of our blessed Savior and King. Upon His head was the crown of thorns. I saw the thorn-pierced holes upon that sacred brow with the blood flowing therefrom. Then a heavenly radiance of pure white light surrounded that blessed face, "so marred more than any man." My heart was so pierced I scarce could look upon the sight, and yet I longed to continue gazing upon that sacred face, marred for me. But the guard came toward me and I was obliged to

move on. That picture is still in my memory. These earthly crowns of rarest jewels, representing wealth untold, held no beauty when the face of the "One altogether lovely" came into view. Were I asked to choose between these earthly treasures and Jesus, I would say, had I a million voices, "Take the world but give me Jesus."

Then as I looked upon the largest diamond in the world, the Cullinan diamond of the Stars of South Africa, I thot, "Lord, why did You liken salvation to the pearl? Why did You not liken it to a diamond?" And He said to me, "My child, the diamond is just like a piece of stone. It is nothing unless the light shines upon it. The light playing upon the diamond brings out its wondrous beauty, but *the pearl is alive.*" That night the Lord kept me awake until three o'clock speaking about the pearl. He took me down to the sea and showed me the oyster, how a little particle of sand gets lodged into it and how it grows in this scavenger until it becomes a beautiful pearl which the pearl-diver seeks after. They say the little grain of sand in the oyster wounds it, and as the pearl forms and grows larger and larger, it takes from the life of the oyster. Even so the Word of God dropped into our hearts wounds and hurts our self life. The secretion from the oyster nourishes the pearl and in the same way the seed of truth is made to grow within us and nourished by our determination and will to have Christ formed within us. The Lord showed me the human heart as a scavenger; the tiny seed of the Word is dropped in. As the grain of sand, it is at first very small and insignificant, but as it is nourished it grows, and Christ in His beauty is formed within. Like the oyster, the old life of sin and self becomes weaker and weaker, and finally dies altogether. The larger the pearl the weaker the oyster becomes, so the greater the Christ-life within, the less will there be of self. I saw a great heap of oyster shells wreacking with filth, representing the old, cast off life of the Christian, with salvation's pearl giving new life and beauty.

You see a man in tatters and rags, filthy and uncouth, like the dirty oyster, but what a transformation can be wrought in him by dropping in that dirty heart a tiny seed of the Word of God! I very seldom see a beggar that I do not think, "Perhaps if we plant a seed in his heart he will become a goodly pearl." We do not know what is in the human heart anymore than these pearl fishers know what is in the oyster.

The merchant goes down to the sea and he buys a certain area where the oyster lives. Then

he has his divers bring up these oysters which they pile on the sand and after a time break them open. The stench from these dead oysters is unbearably sickening, but what care the "fishers" when they find the pearls!

India is like these pearl fisheries, composed of great hordes of filthy, disease-smitten, demon-cursed, caste-bound humanity. We go into the villages and the bazars meeting the very scavengers of earth, but into these hearts we sow the Gospel seed, and here and there we find those who nourish this seed by a longing and a determination to have salvation's pearl formed within them. As we go through the villages and to the melas, the hideous idolatry, the awful bondage of the caste system, the degradation and superstition, the sorrows of India's women, the awful discouragement in planting the seed, sicken the missionaries beyond words, but they press on with a courage born of God, and here and there they find a pearl. When they find one of great value that will shine forth amid India's blackness, they feel well repaid for the suffering and the difficulties encountered.

The merchant who buys the allotted portion of the sea spends vast sums of money in search of pearls, sometimes finding only a few ordinary ones, and sometimes those of priceless value. In this he may be likened to the Christians at home who send of their means to buy a fishery in a heathen land. But the pearls that are found through their gifts are priceless according to God's reckoning—one soul worth more than all the world.

When the Lord started me out to India I was full of enthusiasm. I thought I would do great things for God among the women; that I would be like the fisherman and bring many pearls out of the slime and filth of heathenism, but I soon learned otherwise. It wasn't long after reaching the field until I awoke to the fact that I was called to suffer; that it would not be all joy. I learned that if I would be a real fisher of pearls I could not be a weakling. I had to be strong in the Lord and in His grace, or I would never accomplish anything for Him in that land. I praise God that He has been faithful. Wheresoever He calls He goes before, and He has permitted us, by His grace, to find a few pearls in that dark land.

I had charge of Bro. Thomsen's work in Cawnpore when he and Mrs. Thomsen were on furlough. Miss Trab, a new missionary, was with me and was just beginning the study of the language. She was having quite a struggle over

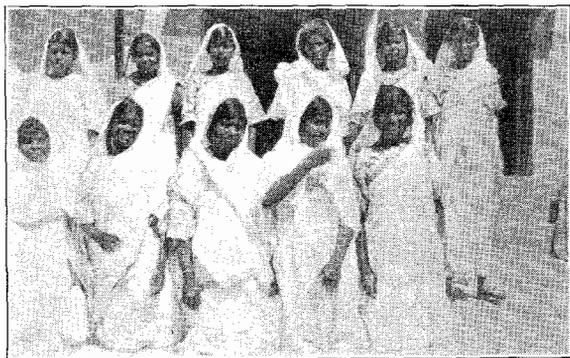
it and we prayed that the Lord would send us a good pandit (teacher). He sent us a Brahmin, a professor in the Government High School in Cawnpore. This man had been educated in a Christian College in India, had studied for his B. A. and had failed, so he was again preparing for the examination. He heard we wanted a teacher and came.

I thought I would study with him too, and translated the Scriptures. As we studied he began to question about Christianity and about salvation. Remember, he had gone through a "Christian" school, but knew nothing about salvation. As he questioned about the Word, Miss Trab began to witness to him, and I read the Bible with him and translated it. One day the Lord showed me I should get out my old Bible School notes on Dispensational Truths and translate them for this man, which I did. The Spirit of God began to work upon his heart and he began studying the Bible as he had never done before. He saw salvation in the Word, and God wonderfully saved his soul.

He had a wife and one child. His wife was an ignorant woman, could neither read nor write, and when he told her, she said it was all such a mystery she could not understand it, but she would do whatever he did. He continued to come four or five months and in our studies we translated to the dispensation of grace and to the last stage of the church. He asked me one day what proof I had that the Bible was real, and the Lord sent me to my notes on the truth of the Word of God. It became a new book to him. He went on in the Lord by leaps and bounds. When he got into trouble he would come and ask us to pray for him. One day he said, "I am in trouble with the teachers. They have been saying that I am a Christian but I haven't told them anything as yet. Yesterday the principal called all the teachers together and said they would discuss religion. He asked one teacher after another what they thought of different religions, and when they came to me they asked me what I thought, and I said I didn't believe in any of them; that I believed in Jesus Christ, and I loved Him with all my heart." Needless to say he was asked to send in his resignation. That was the first persecution he met.

Then a few days after, the landlord in whose house he lived, called him and said, "I hear you have a new religion and that your caste is broken. You cannot live in my house any longer. In two weeks you must get another house." "All right," he said, and witnessed salvation to the man. He

came to me and told me, and I said, "The Lord will test you to find out if what you profess is real." He said, "Oh, I could never give Him up now. He lives in here (pointing to his heart). Then his wife had a letter written to her father saying that her husband had accepted another religion and to come and get her. The father came and took away his daughter. Later on her father sent for her jewelry, about \$500 worth. He came to the mission in great distress, saying, "What shall I do about it. I bought it with my own money." I said we would pray about it. So we got down to prayer and the Lord showed me that he was to tell the men that if they would send the father-in-law he would give him the jewelry. He went back and told the men. They said, "What is the matter? You said you would not give up this jewelry. What made you change your mind?" He said, "I have heard from the Lord." So they took the jewelry and took away



Some of India's Precious Pearls at Partabgarh

his son. We prayed many times about this son, and after some months the Lord gave the child back to him.

Then there came another persecution. When his father died he left a little piece of land that he used to rent out to a farmer. He received \$2.50 a month from this piece of land. The relatives took him into court because they said it should be kept in his family because he broke his caste.

But he became a soul-winner. He used to go out in Cawnpore and witness for Jesus, and though he met with much persecution and trouble, up to the time I left there he was faithful. That was one pearl that the Lord helped us to find.

Since I have come home our boy who served table and did general housework has been baptized. When I left he was serving the Lord in his heart, but he hadn't the grace to step out and take baptism at that time. But since then he is a changed boy. He has been baptized and is full

of zeal and has a passion for souls. I received a letter from him and he asked forgiveness for stealing a few cents. He asked me to have my church people pray for him because he knew he would meet with trouble. But the Lord was on his side, and though they took his head off he would be true. This is our first convert (pearl) in Partabgarh. We do not get converts in India like they do in China and Africa, because of the caste system, which is religious from beginning to end. It is not like our religion, like a garment which you can put on and take off. Caste is the woof and warp of the whole country. Everything the people of India do is attended by a religious ceremony, from the conception and birth of a child until its burial. The kind of furniture they have, the clothing they wear—religion plays a part in their whole life. It is said that one-half of mankind is ruled by religions that started in India. Above all, beneath all, surrounded by all, and in all India is religious.

There are many precious pearls in India and by our prayers and our gifts we can search them out. Jesus died for the people of India, and we have to go down to the sea of much suffering to get them, for there are many in that land who will become gems for His crown.

When I think of that land of three hundred and fifty million and the tremendous task of evangelizing her people, my heart almost stands still, but God has given the command, and our duty is to obey. The Word of God is filled with missionary messages from cover to cover. In nearly every book of the Bible mention is made of "all nations." Jesus has given us the commission to make disciples of all nations, and He has many devoted disciples in India, who are willing to lay down their lives for their Savior.

This young boy of whom I have been speaking faces the very jaws of death. He was married at the age of seven to a lovely little girl, and when he was fifteen he was a father. His father was an old cook in the Nawabganj Mission, and this boy went to school there. He reads Hindi very well and also English. His wife never fully

came out for the Lord. His mother at one time made a covenant with the devil, that if he would give her a certain request she would fast a certain number of days in the week. She wanted power to blow sickness out of people, a sort of witchcraft. She fasted until her body was nothing but a living skeleton and she received this demon power. She is afraid if she comes into Christianity that this demon will take away her family. Whenever they make a vow of that kind it is almost impossible to do anything with them, they are so under the enemy's power.

This boy's wife came down to Cawnpore and was with us three months. Then she was taken with small-pox and when it was at its height she promised the Lord if He would heal her body and let her live, she would be true to Him. The Lord healed her, and she went out into the village talking to the people. One day she came home and when she reached the door she dropped dead in her mother-in-law's arms. I asked an official what he thought of a case of that kind, and he said she probably had been poisoned. They never told this boy until she had been dead for a week.

It is not customary for a man to marry a second time until his wife has been dead a year, at least, but this boy's mother called the head man of his caste in the village and told him that as the boy leaned toward Christianity they would lose him unless they got him married again to a strong woman. So they forced him to be married after his wife had been dead three months. They knew I would not permit it if I were home, but they got him to their place while I was in the hills last summer. Just before I left India we learned they had married him to a bad woman and the marriage was being annulled. They were also arranging to have him marry another, but I had a long talk with him before leaving, and he promised me to go through with the Lord.

If you Christians in the homeland will continue to be the merchants who buy the fisheries, we missionaries will be the divers who go down into the filth and slime of heathenism to search for the hidden pearls of priceless value.

Sacrificing for Souls

IT WAS MY husband's birthday in Poland. I had given away everything to the blind children, and on this occasion I wanted to bake a cake. I said to the girl who was helping me, "Martha, I have one egg and a little flour and I want to bake a cake." She looked at me, "You are crazy," she said, "you cannot make a cake

with nothing." I took a little water, one egg, and the flour, and went into the bed-room with Martha and prayed, "Lord, I have given everything away and you have to bake this cake with these few ingredients." I put it in the oven, and when I went to take it out I cried, "Hallelujah!" There was the cake, and it was the best cake

I think that I have ever eaten.

We had a great revival. There were four or five hundred people saved, among them the best dancer in that village. The men became angry and said that we hypnotized the girls. They said they were going to kill Pastor Schmidt, though we didn't know anything about it at the time. We were sitting at a table, and there was a big kerosene lamp in the window. The boys filled a tin can with stones and threw it in at the lamp. But when the can got to the lamp it went sideways. These boys were not satisfied. They waited for us until eleven o'clock, everyone with a stone in his hand. The leader said, "When the Schmidts come, knock them down." We were singing, "Heaven is my home," and the leader said, "Now fire!" But they commenced to scream. Their hands were paralyzed; they could not fire. The leader of the crowd got saved.

It pays to be a missionary. I love everybody but I have a deep love for the unfortunate. One day I was home and there came a knock at the door. There was a young girl of about seventeen. I saw she was about to become a mother, and she was shaking with fear as she said, "Are you Mrs. Schmidt the millionaire from America?" I said I was Mrs. Schmidt but I couldn't say I was a millionaire. "Oh God have mercy on me!" she cried. "I have no father or mother. For God's sake help me. I have been to all the institutions and nobody will help me. If you will not help me I shall take my life." I told her I had some money when I married but I had none now, but I took the girl to the hospital and asked

them to take her in. She said to me, "Mrs. Schmidt, will you take my baby when it comes?" A day or two after they sent for me saying that the girl was very ill. The baby had died. When I came into the room I saw that she was dying. She looked at me with a smile, and as our tears mingled together she said to me, "Oh Mrs. Schmidt, I am going to see Jesus. I will praise God in eternity for sending you to Poland. Where would I have been if He had not?" I could not speak. I just held her dying hand in mine. She said, "Thank everybody in America for sending you over here." Then she could not speak any more and soon passed into eternity.

They did not have any dress for her burial, and the Sister came to me and said, "Haven't you a white dress?" I said, "No, I haven't." Then I remembered that I had my wedding gown. But I didn't want to give it. I held it very dear as any woman would. I went silently upstairs and took out of my trunk my wedding gown and my white shoes and stockings, and I ran over to the hospital, but I didn't do it with a very willing heart. She looked beautiful in white, but I was a little downhearted about my dress. That night I dreamt that I was in heaven. As I looked around I saw many people I had been helping, and among them this young girl, so beautiful and so happy, clad in a white robe. Then I saw Jesus and He had on my wedding gown. I tell you I did not sorrow any more, but praised God that I had given the gown as unto the Lord. *Mrs. Gustav Schmidt in the Missionary Rest Home.*

"To What Purpose Is this Waste?"

Miss Bernice C. Lee, Uska Bazar, India



UT when His disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?"

It was the disciples who asked the question—those who had walked and worked with Jesus, those who loved Him—surely they thought their love was genuine, and we know they *did* love their dear Master, but oh, how love needs to be tested!

Not only did they ask the question, but they were indignant! One would think that such constant contact with so magnanimous a Teacher, Friend and Companion, would have broadened their vision and caused them to see things in the larger light. But the narrowness and frugality of their minds came to the front and they were actually indignant as they saw love lavished upon

the One for whom they claimed real affection.

"TO WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS WASTE?" WHAT is *waste*? Let us turn our thoughts to a little company of the Lord's own in a far-off land.

In the early part of the day, in a certain out-of-the-way district, the little group set out for the special purpose of getting the gospel portions into the hands of needy souls. These children of the Lord knew just a little of what the day would bring; there would be the scornful remarks, the supercilious smile, the rude refusals, and also the glad, wondering acceptance of the Word of Life. As on their way they trudged, through sun and dust and heat, their thoughts travelled swiftly back over the miles that lay between them and home, and they seemed in fancy to hear some of the disciples of the Lord saying, "To what pur-

pose is this waste?" Could it all be worth while? Was there not an unnecessary expenditure of time and money and strength just to get a few copies of the Word of God into the hands of these ignorant people? Let us watch the efforts of these servants of the Lord, and perhaps He, Himself, will give us the answer to the question.

Entering the hot, dusty market place, which was crowded already with those who had come to "buy and sell and get gain," they found, beside a wee, grass-covered hut, a vacant, native bed. Being warm and weary, they sat down for a few minutes' rest. Almost immediately the curious crowd gathered. Here was an opportunity to preach the Word, and so, with the help of the Lord, the Bread of Life was dispensed. What joy to talk of Him! The crowd thickened, and then came the opportunity of selling the books which contained more of the precious truth. A few—for oh, so many cannot read, bought the portions, not fully understanding what this new thing might be, but the servants of the Lord rose to go on farther into the dust and heat and noise. Was this "waste?" Something in their hearts whispered, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The ever-increasing crowd of curious onlookers gathered close around at each halt; here and there, opportunity presented itself of "preaching the Word of this Life" and again and again the precious books found ready buyers. Then came a sad moment—a moment when the blood rushed to the cheek, a pain tugged away at the heart, for a young man, seemingly bright and interested, purchased a copy (the very neatest, cleanest one had been selected from the bundle) and then, holding it up so there should be no mistake about its being seen, he tore it to shreds! **WHAT COULD IT MEAN?** There was **ONE** who knew, and the little company of disciples turned away, with a prayer in the heart and, may we say it, a new courage within, to go on with the precious work.

Up one narrow, crowded, dusty street and down another they wended their way. Many were the wondering glances they received, many were the offensive remarks, many were the curt refusals, but all the time, there were also the opportunities embraced and book after book was sold. Encouragement rose, and then again came the bitter with the sweet. Once more a copy was

purchased, and then for the first time in the experience of this little company, the portion was not only bought and torn to shreds, but the bits of paper were thrown, with malice, upon the head of the one who had sold it! Surely at that moment, some disciple of the Lord in the homeland, not **VITALLY** interested in foreign missions, would have indignantly exclaimed, "To **WHAT PURPOSE IS THIS WASTE?**"

On and on they labored, these servants who had been commissioned by the Master. The above act was repeated and once more the leaves of the sacred little volumes were torn and thrown with force upon the head of the disciple. Right in front of the messengers walked one of the enemies of the Cross, hooting, jeering, and calling out to the crowd not to buy, and yet all the while, people were purchasing and the Lord continued to be with His own.

At length the day was getting late and it was time to turn the steps homeward. The miles that stretched ahead looked a bit long, for hours in that motley crowd with the din sounding in the ears, were enough to bring a sense of weariness, and the feet were heavy ere the end of the journey was reached. Over and over the question seemed to be whispering itself, "*Was It Worth While?*" The sun was sinking low, the night chill was coming on, the tents in the distance looked far away, but all the time there was a song of joy that sang louder than the question, and the little company communed together as they walked, and "Jesus, Himself, drew near." And just as they saw the last glory of the sunset, and the place called "home" was reached, just once again the question was borne in upon the consciousness, "To **WHAT PURPOSE WAS THIS WASTE?**" and almost like an angel whisper, the glorious answer came winging its way, down from the courts of heaven,

"So shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

The Weaver

BEHIND our life the Weaver stands,
And works His wondrous will,
We leave it in His all-wise hands,
And trust His perfect skill.

Should mystery enshroud His plan,
And our short sight be dim,
We will not try the whole to scan,
But leave each thread with Him."

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Notes

The Time Is Short

Romans 13:11.

Theres a time for everything under the sun,
But how can you know when it is?
Except your heart is set by the Infinite heart
To the tick-tick-tick of His.
It is time to kneel at the rugged cross
Till your burdens all are gone,
It is time to rise in the Spirit's power
And to put your armour on.

Does your heart keep time with the heart of God?
Do you know what time it is?
Do you set it each morning with prayer and praise,
To the tick-tick-tick of His?
'Tis almost time for the Lord to come,
And the watching time is here.
The waiting bride has washed her robes
And the bridegroom standeth near.

Will you be prepared for the trumpet call?
Do you know what time it is?
Are you watching the signs with a heart in time
With the tick-tick-tick of His?
For a shout will come from the opening heavens,
A call that the dead will hear.
Be ready, be ready, oh church of God!
For your Lord will soon appear.

—Mrs. Cora Rice Fish.

Two Months' Report

(May and June)

Paul J. Aenis, Brazil.....	\$10.00
L. M. Anglin, China.....	25.00
Miss Olga J. Aston (Baby Nursery, India)....	6.00
J. Wesley Bovyer, China.....	20.74
Miss Mattie Brann, China.....	8.00
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C. F. Juergenson, Japan (Chapel).....	20.00
Miss Marie Juergenson, Japan.....	8.00
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Miss Ethel King, India.....	45.00
Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Leader, fare for Congo.....	45.00
Miss Bernice C. Lee, India.....	40.00

Miss Clara Lewis, Liberia.....	10.00
Miss Y. G. Malick, Syria.....	20.00
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Miss Leonore H. Parker, (furlough).....	20.00
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B. A. Schoeneich, Cent. America.....	15.00
Gustav Schmidt, (furlough).....	5.00
W. E. Simpson, Tibetan Border.....	10.00
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Jessie Wengler, Japan.....	10.00
Adah Winger, South America.....	30.00

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Besides the above amount, we have on hand \$263 which has been sent in toward the furloughs of Brother and Sister Surtees (nee Pansy Mason) and their two children. Something over \$500 is needed to bring these missionaries home from China, and we ask our readers to pray that the full amount may come in. They have been out seven years and have worked very strenuously, never sparing themselves in their love for the Chinese.

A Brighter Outlook for China

ACCORDING to the Chicago daily papers the outlook for mission work in China is considerably brighter. Dr. C. C. Wu, foreign minister for the Nationalists told Senator Wheeler of Montana, who has been studying conditions in China, that the Nationalist government is willing to make reparations for the outrages suffered by Americans recently in Nanking; that they would like the U. S. Consul to return to Nanking and to have missionaries return to the interior. He also so informed the American State Department.

Previous to this General Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian" general, who has just returned to the political stage, after a conference with Gen. Chiang-Kai-shek, military commander of the Nationalist forces, telegraphed an ultimatum to Michael Borodin the Russian adviser and all other Russian communists—that they were to leave Hankow within twenty-four hours. The Bolshevik influences have been largely the cause of China's anti-foreign agitation, and every Christian hails with joy any news of the crumbling of Russia's influence.

We are in sympathy with efforts to unite China, North and South, and believe that with a strong united government all difficulties between China and the nations will become adjusted. A strong, central government will be in a position to put down banditry and lawlessness which has cursed China for the last decade.

A Fruitful Revival

MRS. Amice Semple McPherson, founder of Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Calif., is holding a 25-day evangelistic service in the Coliseum, this city, June 16-July 10. The meetings were begun in the main auditorium which seats 12,000 people, but as the Chicago people were not meeting the expenses which according to Mrs. McPherson were a thousand dollars a day, they were changed to the North Building in the middle of the campaign. This building has a seating capacity of between four and five thousand, and on Sunday nights it has

been taxed to its utmost capacity.

Mrs. McPherson is untiring in her efforts for lost souls and large numbers sometimes a hundred at a time, went forward nightly to give their hearts to God. Fourteen earnest, devoted workers from Angeles Temple accompanied her, and are assisting in the meeting. Large numbers from the Pentecostal churches in the city are also helping in the meetings, ushering, singing in the choir, etc.

Mrs. McPherson is organizing a Four-Square Gospel work in Chicago, and is expecting to organize branches all over the States.

How to Make the Most of Life's Opportunities

An Admonition to Young People

Evan A. E. Stuernagel, in The Stone Church, March 5, 1927



TONIGHT I wish to bring to the Young People a message on how to make the most of their opportunities. II. Peter 1:10 reads, "Wherefore, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." The first great condition of success in life is a thorough conversion. Unless we are genuinely saved it will be more or less a concern to us all through life. It will worry us and hinder us in our progress; disturb our peace, and rob us of the joy and the inspiration that comes to us from knowing that we are saved. To make good progress we must have the right start, and when we persevere along the line in which we have started, we are likely to have a good ending. One person came to me since I have commenced these meetings, who seemed to have a very mystified idea as to God's plan of salvation. I want to make this very clear to you. I studied into the plan of salvation for my own life, I had an inquiring mind, but missed the true way, joined the church when I was not saved, and it worried me until I was almost beside myself. I'd reason, "Here I am in the Church and not saved; people will think I am a hypocrite;" and that thought of posing to be what I was not had a terrible effect upon my life, robbing me of all joy, but finally when the light began to come I sought diligently, and would not cease in my search until God gave me a clear conception of what it meant to be saved. Then I received a genuine experience.

The matter of salvation is not so difficult when you take the Word of God as your Guide. In the first place, God requires repentance. John the

Baptist said, "Repent ye!" And when Jesus came He also said, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In the first sermon that Peter preached after Pentecost he reiterated the same thought, saying, "Repent and be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus," and a little later, "Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." From these passages we learn that no one may expect to see God unless he repents of sin. There is absolutely no salvation unless there a genuine repentance from all known sin. When a man has repented from all sin because it is sin and intensely hateful to God, then he knows that repentance is genuine. Set your face toward God and come to Him in true repentance and contrition, and when you have done that you have taken the first step in the way of salvation.

In the second place, we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." Some say, "Oh it is easy to believe that He died for you!" But simply an intellectual belief is not sufficient. Jesus came into the world as God's representative, clothed with all the authority of heaven for He said, "All authority is given unto me in heaven, and on earth. From this it is clear that saving faith calls for a complete submission to the authority of Jesus Christ. This is always included in saving faith. We must not only turn from sin, but faith for a complete submission to the authority of Jesus Christ. This is always included in saving faith. We must not only turn from sin, but surrender to Jesus Christ, and say with Paul, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" Romans 9,10, makes salvation very clear; "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." All the great evangelists like Moody and Finney,

have preached the finished work of Calvary and then brought a man down to where he would say an eternal "Yes" to Jesus.

When a man joins the army he lays aside all his own plans and surrenders himself to the authority of the government, placing himself under its direction. When a woman becomes married, what happens? There is one thing that makes a couple man and wife; she submits herself to the authority of her husband, but in these days you have to say it softly, as women do not like to hear it very well. But unless you have that love and confidence in the one you have espoused, you had better not marry, but wait until you have some one whom you can trust. If the husband is the man he ought to be, he will so love and care for his wife as to make every call for submission a real joy. There are never two heads to anything. When you find two heads, you have a monstrosity. So when I say "Good-bye" to the world and put my hand in the hand of Jesus, my will is lost in His. Everyone that does that becomes a child of God, "For as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them who believe on His Name."

The second important step for young people, if they want to be prosperous in life, is to obey their parents. See Eph. 6:12. "Honor thy father and thy mother," is an old-fashioned commandment which we do not often hear preached on in these days. You do not have to go to the Old Testament to find it either; here it is in the New. This age is peculiarly marked by disobedience, and dishonor on the part of children to their parents. It has not always been so. There was a time when children had great reverence for their parents. It is said that in the days of Jonathan Edwards when the parents came into the room children would invariably rise from their seats as a token of respect, but the pendulum has swung to the other extreme in our day. Reverence is the first element towards obedience. If you are not inclined to reverence your father and mother, just think of what they have done for you from the time you were brought into the world. They fed you, clothed you, and watched over you with great tenderness many a night when your life hung in the balance. There is no one in the wide world to whom children are indebted as they are to their parents, and some of these days your father and mother will slip away, and half your life will be gone.

The next thought is of *love*. It is not enough to love your father and mother, but you ought to

show your love to them. The home ought to be the scene of reciprocity of love between parents and children. Many parents covet the knowledge that the children love them, and appreciate what is being done for them; they go through life with a cry in their hearts for the knowledge that their children really love them, but they do not always get it. I know of an instance of a mother who had reared seven sons to manhood. When the last one was old enough to leave the parental roof, the mother had a nervous break-down. Later she came to her death-bed and the sons were all called home. As they gathered around her dying couch, the eldest son knelt down, wiped away the perspiration from her forehead and said, "Mother, you have been a very kind mother to us." The dying woman closed her eyes; then the big tears ran down her face as she said, "Son, do you really mean I have been a good mother to you?" "Sure, mother. We boys have often talked of how kind and faithful a mother you have been to us all these years." She again closed her eyes and wept. Then she opened them and asked the question again, looking at them searchingly as if to detect anything unreal. They told her they often felt like telling her of her faithfulness. Then weeping she said, "Ever since I brought you into this world it has been my one prayer to be a true mother to you. Many a time when you were asleep, I would pray, 'Oh God, make me a faithful mother to my boys', but I never knew that I succeeded until now." Friends, love your parents. Let them know that you love them and revere them for all the sacrifice they have made for you. I believe, too, in implicit and prompt obedience of children to parents, without any back talk. Children have no right to stand and argue with their parents about trifles. They should love their parents in such a way as to consider their word as law. I was brought up in that kind of a home. I do not recall that I ever talked back to my parents. When father asked me to do a thing, it was done, and that was the end of it. He was a good disciplinarian; if he had not been I might not have been a preacher today. He always prayed, "Lord, make one of my sons a preacher." Should we be surprised that his prayer was answered? Before I was converted I left home and said, "Now I am free. I will have a good time." I felt I didn't have to go to church and Sunday School. I had never been in a theatre because father would not let me go; so I went down the street one night thinking I would go to the theatre. But before I knew it I stumbled on to a company of people

who had an organ and were beginning an outdoor service. I loved to sing so I got a book and joined in with them. I then followed them into the hall and that night I was converted. The Lord had a hook in me and before I knew it He hooked me into the kingdom. That was in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1889. So I thank God for godly parents and for proper discipline in the home. I shall thank Him for this as long as I live. It is a great mistake to give such wide range and unbridled liberty to children, when we know that proper discipline will be helpful in after years. If we do not learn to obey, we will never be able to command in after years.

In the next place, if we want to make progress in life and be at our best, we must study the Word of God. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." If we should put the matter to a test as to how much people actually know about the right use of the Word of God, I wonder how we each one would stand. The average individual has not yet begun to study the Bible as he should. Studying God's Holy Book is one of the essentials to the highest development of true manhood and womanhood. It is the means whereby we cleanse ourselves from sin, the world and self. The Word of God is our Guide; it gives us wisdom, teaches us how to live, how to act, and how to plan our affairs in life. It gives us a vision of eternal things, inspires us with hope, and thru the Word we are able to put on the armor of God and withstand the adversary in the evil day. If you do not know the Word you are likely to fall into the traps of the enemy, but when you know the Word you are protected against the onslaughts of the adversary. But get a good, clear-print Bible and not one with print so fine that you cannot read it. If your child brot home a book so tiny as many of the children's Bibles are, you would wonder what was the matter with our school board. School books are printed in large letters so as to be very readable. Read a chapter every day, meditate upon it, feed upon it until you have mastered every element of truth in it. We cannot begin to know what this wonderful Book contains unless we make some real sacrifices of time and effort in order to master its contents. Many people read the Bible only as a matter of duty. They read the newspaper ten times as much as they do their Bibles. The study of the Word of God is of the utmost importance if we would make progress in the Christian life. I praise God that every young person may acquire

a real appetite for God's precious Book. Study the Bible and read good books. I am ashamed of some homes that are supposed to be Christian. They have newspapers and magazines piled up everywhere but scarcely a good religious book or readable Bible. Men who spend thousands of dollars on an automobile and \$75 on a good suit of clothes will not even spend five or ten dollars on good books for their library. It ought not to be that anything for a man to put \$50 into good books. One man who caught the inspiration said, "Stuernagel, I will spend \$100 on some good books if you will pick them out for me. You will never be qualified for Christian work unless you dig into God's Holy Book in a systematic way. John Wanamaker appeared before a Business Men's Club, and when asked to give the secret of his success as a great merchant, he said, "I have handled millions of dollars; I have certainly accumulated wealth and built up a great business. You say you would like to know how it came about? When I was only a boy and attended Sunday School, I made my first investment in a little red-covered Bible that cost \$2.60. I bot it from my Sunday School teacher, and not having the money, I paid for it on the installment plan. That little red Bible was the secret of all my success. All my future was planned according to the Holy Word of God.

In the next place, young people, it is hardly necessary to say if you are going to make real progress in life, keep in touch with God and heaven, and be guided by His precepts and principles, that you must become men and women of prayer. The Bible says, "Pray without ceasing." Every true Christian is born in an atmosphere of prayer. Every Christian lives thru prayer. There are certain fish, we are told, that navigate in the depths of the sea, but every now and then they must come to the surface in order to get a breath of air. We are in the world, breathing a worldly atmosphere, but if we would live, we must now and then rise and breathe from the heavenly atmosphere in order to be sustained and to get inspiration and power to do the will of our Lord and Master. I believe that it is essential for us to have a stated time for secret prayer, tho it is doubtful if one in ten do that. We used to do it more than we do now. It is so easy to neglect praying unless we decide to set aside a certain hour when we will get alone with God. Let us have a trysting place, a place where we always meet with our Heavenly Father. It will become a fixed habit, a great joy, that we feel we cannot miss. Then I believe, too, we should always be

present if possible, at the prayer meeting in the church service, when the saints gather together for there is an advantage in united prayer. In many cases we cannot get the victory alone, but have to bring them to the assembly and present the matter unitedly. I believe it is also helpful to have a prayer list, and say, "By God's grace I shall learn how to pray. I am going to pray for some of my companions, some difficulties in the church, for the minister, etc." Prayer is the mightiest agency in the universe. God will supply our every need, and all heaven is ready to minister to us if we but pray the prayer of faith.

In the next place, young people, I would say what Paul said to Timothy, "Keep thyself pure," physically, mentally, morally, socially, doctrinally, religiously, and in every way. Tonight I have time to touch only briefly upon social purity. We are living in an age when the whole social realm becomes defiled, depraved and corrupted, and if young people are not careful they will be drawn into the mesh of society where they breathe an unholy atmosphere and their spiritual life becomes vitiated and tainted; they become demoralized and lose out of their life that sweetness and freshness, that nobility of manhood and womanhood that is their right by creation. There are many things that have a tendency to defile the minds of our young people, to grip their morals and rob them of that native vital energy that every young man and young woman should have when they come to a maturity of years. The vital energy is among the most precious things in all the world, and yet young men and women are wasting it as tho it were the cheapest commodity. One drop of vital energy is said to be equal to sixty drops of blood, speaking plainly. What is it that is robbing our youth of their strength, their freshness, their manhood and womanhood? A great many things. There are many things today that naturally suggest to the eye or to the mind things that are not becoming and not health-promoting and that do not tend to the best interest of clean mortals.

It is hardly necessary in a congregation like this to talk about the dance, for I know nobody here is foolish enough to think that any good can come out of the common round dance, where men and women hug each other to music. It is a well known fact that the brothel has been supplied by that institution more than by any other means. Leave the dance alone, if you want to keep right with God. The theatre has attracted more of our young people than perhaps any other one institution in the world, demoralizing and

debauching them; but there is no institution on earth that is so rotten, so corrupt, and that has disseminated such an unclean and unhealthy taint thruout the world as the theatre. I believe it is the greatest enemy we have to fight. I do not know of an exception, when you count the hundred of thousands and millions that are flowing into these places of amusement every day and every hour, to be entertained with crime and shame and luteness of every kind. Can you tell me that people can go there, be entertained by sensuous plays and remain clean in mind and body? Never! There is not a thinking man on the face of the earth today who will stand up and defend the theatre if he knows anything about it. Some people speak about clean plays, but the institution is bad. It is one of the gates of hell, and I warn you to stay out of it.

When in Toronto, someone said to me, "Bro. Stuernagel, will you not preach against novels. There are young people here who are carried away with them." It is true, some young people are in awful bondage to that kind of reading; they become so enslaved with cheap, sensational reading that they neglect their household duties and best interests, and become slaves to this pernicious vice. If you want to keep out of that trap and want to save your life from that vice, keep out of your heart and home every book that is unwholesome. I have seen many books that had to have a bon-fire. Burn the trash and spend a little money and get wholesome reading, and when people come around and look at your books they will see something worth while.

I do not want to talk about woman's dress. What I might say hardly applies to those present, but I will say that among the women of the world, and sometimes of the church, there has been adopted fashions that have had a tendency to demoralize men of all classes. A lot of women are determined to choose the latest fashion even if their persons are exposed thereby. I know men in universities who are rising up and demanding that women change their attire because men are exposed to temptation. Paul says, "Let the women dress as is becoming, with shamefacedness." What is shamefacedness? In a way that you are not ashamed of, and with moderation. That means that you are not to adopt a style that is extreme. I tell you womanhood has gone to tremendous extremes these days. I heard Mrs. Carrie Nation talk against long dresses as being unsanitary and slouchy; they surely were, and I was glad when they got them up to the ankles, but they didn't stop there. It seems there is no modesty left any longer. Women should

reform their dress. If we are Christians let us dress in a becoming manner and not like the world.

In the next place I would say, dear young people, choose your vocation. Be certain you find out early in life what calling God has in mind for you. Not only ministers, missionaries and Christian workers are called to some distinctive sphere of service, but I believe every man and woman in the world has a definite call, whether it is to some distinctive Christian work or to what we call secular activity. Do you know that more than half the people in the world have missed their calling? That is why they are worried; that is why they lack real success; that is why they have no real inspiration to do anything. They are out of their sphere. If every man knew his natural talent and found his native sphere as God intended, he would be happy in his occupation. Thomas Edison worked eighteen hours a day thru many years of his life and took such pleasure in his work that he could stay at it all night long. He was in his element. Many young people come out of school and into any kind of occupation not considering the matter of calling. They try one thing and then another, and often drift into something for which they have no fitness whatever. I believe this matter of vocation is of very high importance. I know one man who gave his life to the study of it. I myself, have been exceedingly interested in it. God expects young people to find their calling in life, and when they do they will take great pleasure in the vocation they are pursuing. When you find you are just in the place God intended you to be, you will be exceedingly happy. Some one came into the office of Mr. Roosevelt and found a large crowd of men waiting for an interview. One man said, "I see you have a big job on here, meeting all these people. Don't you get tired?" He answered smilingly, "I like my job." When you like your job you do not grow weary of it. And if it is done as unto the Lord, it will bring not only great joy and satisfaction, but also a full reward in the crowning day that is coming.

Finally I want to say in this same connection, that I believe every individual who has some lawful calling ought to honor God with the first fruits of his substance; every young man and woman should lay aside at least a tenth of their earnings and put it into the Lord's treasury. If they so honor God with the first fruits, He will honor and bless them beyond all expectation. Let me illustrate: William Colgate, when only a young man started out for the city of New York. His father was a poor man and could not take care

of him any longer. When he got there he was wandering along the streets and met an old Canal Captain who said, "Well William, what are you doing here?" William told him his father had sent him to find work. "What can you do?" asked the old man. "All I can do is to make candles and soap," he replied. "That is an honorable business," said the old man. "And let me tell you, some day somebody will be the greatest soap-maker in New York City. Why may it not be you? Trust God, find a position in some soap factory and the first dollar you earn, set aside one-tenth. Live a Christian life, make an honest soap, give a full pound, and always honor the Lord with the portion that belongs to Him. If you do this you will be a great man and amass a great fortune. Let us kneel down here on this tow-path and seek His guidance." They knelt down and had a little prayer-meeting. William soon found a position in a soap factory, and of the first ten dollars he earned he gave one to God. It wasn't very long until one of the partners died and William was asked to take his place. He still continued to give a tenth and the Lord honored him more and more. Later the other partner died and he became the sole owner. Then he had the book-keeper set aside one-fifth, and then one-third, and finally one-half and God honored him above all expectation. Then he built a great university and finally arranged for his family and gave all the remainder to the Lord. Do not fail God in the matter of giving. Let your business be consecrated to God. Honor Him with the first fruit of your labors, and God will honor and bless you.

Finally, if you want to be at your best, do some special work for God. Jesus said, "Go work today in my vineyard. He wants the young people to be workers for Him. Every boy and girl can do something worth while for the Master; everyone can be a witness for Jesus. Think how much He has suffered and endured in your behalf, and you will find a hundred and one ways to witness for Him. Do something definite in the way of winning souls. You have neighbors and friends who need to be won to Jesus; maybe God is waiting for you to speak the timely word. Perhaps their eternal salvation rests with you; if you do not speak the word they may ultimately be lost. Consecrate yourself to this mighty work of winning souls to Jesus and God will make you proficient in soul-winning. The object of the Christian life is not just to get to heaven, but to develop a character that will stand as a monument of God's grace thruout eternity, and one day we shall receive the "Well done!"

and enjoy the full reward. When the Lord shall call us into His presence we will enter with great joy, and our arms will be full of sheaves to lay at the Master's feet. I pray that every young

person may learn that life is worth while. But what we do we must do soon. Let us rise and go forth with power from on high, and win souls for His kingdom.

The Essential Elements of True Sonship

Christ in Us Wins the Sinner

George Bauerlein in The Stone Church Convention, May 31, 1927



TONIGHT by the grace of God I wish to speak on the subject of walking in the spirit of sonship, taking as my text Romans 8:15, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father." The great secret of the world learning to know of Christ lies in us who are His redeemed people allowing the spirit of sonship to operate in and through us. As we walk in the spirit of true sonship in Jesus Christ, the world will learn to know and see Him. But upon this very ground you will find the most fierce opposition from the enemy. It is the battle ground upon which Satan puts up the fiercest fight—the ground where we take our stand that we have been adopted into the family of the Lord Jesus Christ; that as a people we have been delivered from the bondage of the world and been made joint-heirs with Christ. All the powers of hell and Satan have been broken by the Son of God and we now stand in the place of true sonship. Truly, this is the very place where Satan brings forth all his forces. Why? Because as we stand in this place which is ours in Christ Jesus, we stand in the place of freedom, in the place of deliverance, in the place of victory, and in the place of the fullness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is the great purpose of Satan in attacking us when we get into this place of true sonship? What is the great ambition of the enemy as he brings against us all his forces? His great purpose is to seek to move us from this place which is ours in Christ Jesus, and to bring us back into the spirit of bondage and of fear. But thank God, through grace we have been delivered from the spirit of bondage and from fear and have been made free in Christ Jesus. I am glad that no preacher, no evangelist, no human being, no one but the Son of God Himself has delivered us from bondage and brought us into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Is it any wonder that as we walk in this liberty Satan seeks to bring us back into bondage and fear? He knows full

well that when we are under the spirit of bondage and fear, our witnessing has no power; we have no freedom for God. But as we walk in the spirit of sonship, the Spirit and life of God flows through us and we speak of Him to those around us. Once you were fearful of what man might say of you; fearful lest others speak evil of you, fearful lest they misunderstand you, and you were rather hesitant to mention the blessed name of Jesus. It is sad that there are many Christians who even today have not been delivered from that spirit of bondage and fear. While under that spirit they never will have liberty to testify and witness for the Lord. It is only through the Lord Jesus and His blood that we are delivered and brought into the spirit of sonship. Let us recognize our place in Him, as His children. While once we were alienated from God, now thank God, we are united through the Lord Jesus Christ.

What a high calling, that we who were once down in sin and far from God, now can stand in the place of sonship! We cannot understand it with our finite minds, but thank God, through faith, we can accept it. There are many things in this Gospel I cannot understand, but I believe them in my heart and by virtue of believing, I belong to Him.

Now there are four essential elements to this life of sonship. We all recognize how blessed it is to walk in this life, but we must remember there are essentials. In the first place, we must agree with God in His utter condemnation of ourselves. God's estimation of our natural man is that it is nothing but filthy rags. In His sight we are condemned already. The Scripture teaches that we are all born in sin. Therefore the first element of true sonship is that we must agree with God and with the Scripture in God's true condemnation of the self life, the old Adamic nature. For this cause God took this old Adamic nature of ours and nailed it to the cross with Jesus Christ. There on that cross hung the blessed Son of God. Though He knew no sin, He became sin for you and me, and our condemned nature was nailed to that cross. Jesus

was put to death that we might be clothed with His righteousness. What a marvelous salvation this is! To think that the Son of God was made sin for us! Hung on the cross as a criminal before the whole world! And on that cross God dealt with sin, once and for all. There He conquered sin, and from that day until this, the devil is a defeated foe. Because the Lord Jesus has conquered, we go free.

Until you know your unworthiness, your nothingness, you will never know the greatness of God. It was so with the prodigal son. While he was yet a great way off, he saw the father, and as he came nearer, he said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. Make me as one of thy hired servants." He saw he had been nothing but a failure, and in his feeling of unworthiness he asked to be made a servant. But the father said, "Send for the best robe, for my son who was dead is alive." How blessed when we come to God with a contrite heart! He puts on us the robe of His righteousness, and adopts us into His family; makes us a joint heir with Jesus Christ. We must see ourselves as God sees us, an utter and complete failure, before we can be clothed with the righteousness and holiness of a righteous and holy God.

The second essential element I'd like to mention is that the whole of us, spirit, soul and body, is to be filled with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ; every portion of us is to be filled with the divine love of the Lord, for only when filled with His divine love and divine compassion for souls can we be worthy warriors. His battles are being fought by those who are truly in love with Jesus Christ. When your whole being becomes filled with His love, you become qualified to be a worthy, effective warrior for Jesus. Then you will know what that scripture means when it says, "The love of Christ constraineth us." You have seen His face, you have heard His voice, and now, by His grace you can do none other than to go forth to satisfy the desire of His heart. What a high and holy calling! There is but one thing to live for, and that is that you satisfy the hunger of His heart by letting Him be glorified in you.

I think now of an illustration I heard, of a pastor in New York City who at the lenten season, delivered twelve sermons on the question of the existence of God. It was in one of the large churches and this pastor was considered a great scholar. There were a number of agnostics who came to hear him because of his eloquence and

learning. He had his twelve sermons all arranged and preached them with great earnestness. There was a lawyer who was an avowed agnostic who sat there listening to every sermon. Finally the pastor came to the last sermon, the service closed and the audience was dismissed. As the lawyer walked down the steps he dropped his walking stick. It rolled down to the side-walk and an old colored woman picked it up. As she handed it to the lawyer she said, "Oh Mister, I hope you have Jesus in your heart!" The lawyer looked down into that black face and saw the glory of God shining out of it. The Spirit of God pricked him to the heart, gripped him. He went home, but the memory of that black face shining with the glory of God would not leave him. In his heart he said, "If I could get what that black woman has, I would be willing to be saved." Three days later that lawyer was converted. He went into the pastor's study at the church and said, "Pastor, I have come to tell you that I have given my heart to Jesus." "Well," the pastor said, "I am very glad to hear that. Would you mind telling me which one of my sermons was the means of bringing you to this step?" The lawyer said, "The one who was the means of bringing me to salvation was a little black woman," and he related to him the incident. "When I saw the joy of a living Christ on that face, it gripped my soul, and I went home and prayed. Pastor, today I know Jesus."

The life of that colored woman was filled with the love of Jesus. She hadn't preached any twelve sermons, but by her life she had preached a sermon that saved a soul. It was the presence of Jesus shining out from the face of one who knew God that convicted the man of his need. Thus we are to become living witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A sister was once asked the secret of the joy in her life, why she was always in victory, and she said, "Whenever the devil comes my way I hurl a Scripture at him." That is the same method that Jesus used. But the devil is not afraid of our hurling Scripture verses at him unless they are hurled in the Name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Ghost.

The third element you will find in the 14th verse, "For as many as are led by the Spirit they are the sons of God." The Spirit of God leads you away from yourself into Christ; He leads you into a life of prayer; He leads you into the blessed, living Word, which is the foundation of your Christian life. He sustains you in the greatest tests. Through Him you can have a

"know so" conviction that you are a child of God, and that conviction will sustain you in the greatest conflict through which you are called to pass. "As many as are led by the Spirit, they are the sons of God." By the Holy Spirit you will be led to stand upon the naked Word of God and believe it. The tragedy today in the church of Jesus Christ is this that few believers are willing to take the Word of God in all things. We have come to a blessed place in Christ when we are willing to say "Amen" to all of His will; when this Book becomes all in all to our souls, and its guidance final.

The Scripture says that Jesus came from the bosom of the Father. He left the Father's bosom, came down to earth to save sinners, and through His love and power He takes us to the bosom of the Father. He will present us spotless, without blemish unto the Father. Jesus

loved me before I was born. His is an everlasting love, without beginning and without end.

A last thought: In I John 3:1, we read, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew Him not." Another essential element is the opposition of the world. Because they hated Him, they will likewise hate us. Because they despised Him, they will despise us. Because He was misunderstood, we will be misunderstood. We have no fellowship with the world.

There are two lessons every Christian should learn. The first is the lesson of calling Jesus, Lord. God loves to be our Father, and Jesus loves to be our sovereign Lord, to rule and reign and govern our lives. Let Him have the place of Lord of your life.

An African Chief Hears and Receives the Gospel

Fred G. Leader in Stone Church Convention, June 5, 1927



WHILE my passport reads that I am a British subject, I have a passport to glory. I am going to associate with the Apostle Paul who had his passport changed. In Mark 11:15, we are told to go into all the world." We go because there is a need. That "go" that Jesus gave there is the most emphatic word we find in this Bible. Though it is a very small word, yet it is of great import. We praise God that this "go" and the need of the people are what causes us to move forward in His Name. It is not just the men and women in the United States that have a need. The African needs the Gospel badly. That "go" includes the whole world. There is not a man or woman left out. He does not compel us, but just makes us willing to go, so we merely obey the command of God when we go forth.

Our method is not to take civilization nor education, but Christ. I have been asked, "If you were not a missionary would you go to Africa?" I say, "Emphatically no." I would not leave this good old United States to go over there to do either commercial or educational work, but I praise Him for the privilege of answering this "go."

In Central Africa there was a woman who saw the need. Off from the villages there was a settlement of lepers. If you have ever seen an African leper, you will not want to set your eyes on them many times. Your heart would grow sick. This colony seemed to be absolutely let alone by the government and by the natives, away off on

an eminence. This missionary woman heard of this neglected colony and one day while the sun was beating down hot she wandered up the long trail and visited those lepers. When she got in there and saw the filth and the limbs rotting off, the sin and the misery, her heart went out to them and she called upon God. He met the need and cry of her soul, and she was given the liberty to work among that people. When a young woman gives up everything and hides away among a people of that kind, it takes a heart filled with God. We missionaries are not different from you people. God has simply put His hand upon us and we go forth.

I remember one time going to a village where the Gospel had never been preached. The chief of the tribe was away. His wife and a retinue of underwives came to greet us. I noticed what a fine-appearing woman his wife was. She came forward and invited us into the chief's house and said that after awhile the chief would be along. She seemed quite a superior woman, and when we saw her husband we were attracted to his frank, open face, and we coveted him for God.

We talked with him and told him we wanted him to have a bon-fire that night and invite his men and we would have a talk on the Gospel. He said, "I never heard those words. I do not know what you mean." We told him we would tell all about it that night. As this chief brought out his ramshackle chair and his wife sat down beside him and his head men, we realized that this was

our opportunity, and we opened up the Scriptures about King Agrippa. We read the Scripture and explained it to him as best we could, making it appear as if he were Agrippa. We preached with all our souls and hope sprung up in our hearts. Here was a man to whom God had given us the privilege of speaking. He gave us great liberty in speaking, and I got so intense about that old man's soul I forgot everything, and drove home his need of a Savior with all my soul. After awhile we had to go on to the next point, and on that trip we visited forty chiefs. If you catch the big fish it is easy to get the small fry. We got this chief alone after the service, and he said, "These are great words. They sound very good to me." We prayed that God would work in his soul. It is a great thing for a chief to step out for God before his people.

A little while after he said, "I want you to train these boys and teach them about the Word of God. Then have them come back to my village and teach my children." That was one step. After awhile that old chief came to the mission and heard the Word of God, with twenty or twenty-five natives. Then he sent word that he was building a chapel where we could come

and preach. When a chief opens his heart to the Word, it means that entrance is made into the hearts of fifty or sixty thousand people for the Word of God. So we praise God for this old chief who has lived in sin and witchcraft and who has come forth from under their power and taken a stand boldly for Christ. His old knees had never before been bent in worship, but he knelt and bowed his head in prayer. Now he is building a church in his village, so when God said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," it is for such as these He sends us forth. He went ahead and prepared the heart of that old chief for His Word.

We want to go back in September. Pray with us that God will provide the means and anoint us for further service in the Congo. I hope to shake hands with that old chief again and rejoice with him that He has been brought in. Since I have been home I have a greater desire to be 100 per cent for God, and I trust to go back and win many chiefs to the Lord Jesus Christ. There are forty in that district, and hundreds more in other districts. Pray with us that God will save not only chiefs, but whole tribes in the coming days.

Child Healed of a Sarcoma Cancer

Testimony Reported by Miss Rose Meyer in Altoona, Pa.

DURING the early winter of 1925 our little daughter, Raffaella, then nine years old, injured her left breast in school. A lump developed about the size of a small orange. We took her to one of our foremost physicians, a Johns Hopkins University man and he put her through many rigid examinations and finally pronounced it a sarcoma cancer (one of the worst forms of cancer) of the left breast. She lost weight rapidly and suffered much pain. The physician said that it was so deep seated that he would not advise an operation but recommended applying a brown salve to keep the pus down as much as possible. Just about this time we heard of the Abrams Electric Treatment. We placed her under a doctor's care and every day she was given this treatment.

One Sunday we invited this doctor to a chicken dinner at our house and as we were seated at the table he looked sadly at our little treasure and then turning to me said, "Mrs. Serio, there is a man holding some kind of special meeting in a large tent in Wyoming Avenue in Scranton. He prays and people get well." We all exchanged smiles and we thought he was joking but the

doctor became even more serious and continued, "Really, I'm not joking. I mean it. I had a patient who had a very large goitre. She had not been in for treatment for five days but one day she walked into my office and I scarcely recognized her; there was not a trace of that goitre. When I asked her about it she said that an Evangelist by the name of F. F. Bosworth had prayed for her and she was instantly healed. Why don't you take dear little Raffaella down there? They may be able to help her also?" I looked at my husband, Dr. Serio, who is a practicing dentist in Scranton, and then replied, "As you know, Doctor, my husband is a Roman Catholic. I don't know whether he cares to go." My husband then said, "Of course we'll go—why I'll go most anywhere to save her."

We motored to Scranton that evening, heard a wonderful sermon and bought "Christ the Healer," a book on Divine Healing by Mr. Bosworth. We read much of this book aloud, explaining it to Raffaella. The following Sunday evening, one week from our first visit to the Tent, Raffaella was prayed for and anointed by Rev. F. F. Bosworth. He prayed that God would heal her and

use her as a living monument for His praise and glory to shine down through the ages.

We came home and I slipped up to the bathroom and prepared the bandages and the brown salve. Then I called Raffaella. As she came into the room she looked at me in baffled astonishment and said, "Why mother dear, where is your faith? Didn't you hear that man say that Jesus healed me? I don't need any more bandages. *I am healed.*"

To all outward appearances everything looked the same—the large, hard mass, the swelling up as far as the collar bone and under the arm. I could not sleep all night but would go to the side of my sleeping child and cry, "Oh dear Lord, am I making a mistake? Oh! please, please show me" while the scalding tears coursed down my cheeks. Morning dawned and with it came a newness of life for our darling; she had stepped out into the

faith life with Jesus and He had met her. Oh the joy and glory of it all! All the swelling had left the collar bone and under the arm, but the lump looked the same. Five days later the lump was reduced to the size of a hickory nut—then—we know not the exact day or hour—it was entirely gone. Praise our wonderful, precious Jesus! This occurred during the summer of 1925. Now, this Lord's Day, June 12th, 1927, our little sunbeam, now eleven years old, is the picture of perfect health. Every sign of the former disease has disappeared and she has gained forty pounds in the meantime. You are welcome to come and see for yourself.

My husband and our entire household are walking in the footsteps of our Master. Pray that we may always be in the center of His will.

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A Bunch of Keys

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AND I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matt. 16:19.

"Lord, what are these keys of which you promise such wonderful things, and what do they signify for us?" With upturned face I asked the question while in communion with the Lord. Then ceiling and all else between disappeared, and in the distance I could see the beautiful city of gold rising above its gates of jewels and walls of precious stones. Before one of the gates stood a man in flowing robes with a huge bunch of keys in his hand, and something was engraved upon each one. I seemed to draw near that I might read what was on them.

One seemed to separate itself from the others and I could read the word "POWER," and a voice said, "And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Acts 1:8. Yes, surely, we need the power of the Holy Ghost that what we bind or loose on earth shall be actually accomplished.

"Pray without ceasing," spoke the voice again, and the word "PRAYER" shown plainly upon another key. "In everything give thanks," went on the voice, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." And two keys stood forth that the words on them could be read; one was "PRAISE," the other "GRATEFUL HEART"—prayer mingled

with praise and thankfulness has the promise of the Father that it shall be heard.

"For I am meek and lowly in heart"—"HUMILITY," Without this key the others would have small value, for "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble" and the word says that even a "proud look" is an abomination to the Lord.

How the next key shines! What is the word upon it? "LOVE." Oh, yes! and the voice goes on, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples that ye have love one for another." It takes real divine love and compassion to "heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead, cast out devils—." Where love abounds unity prevails and the power of the Spirit to "bind" or "loose" is present.

"OBEDIENCE," and the gentle voice said "Even though he were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered." Heb. 5:8. Oh, how we need to be taught implicit obedience!

"If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed—." "FAITH," surely we need this key, else the mountains of sin, sickness, etc., would never be cast "into the sea." "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." No gates to "greater things than these" will open to the doubt key.

"TRUST." "Trust in the Lord and He shall bring it to pass." Ah, we thought we did trust, but how like a hollow reed it seems to the solid gold key that unlocks heaven's power for us!

Oh, wonderful keys, bright and shining with

the glory around the throne, we need all of you! The bunch is large and what is upon all of them we cannot see, but we know that in the word of God each one is described, if we SEEK we shall FIND them, for it was a wise and holy God who bid us "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES." All we have need of we shall find therein.

Divine Surgery

REGARDING all demons, the name of JESUS is an expulsive power. The name of Jesus affects the human body like the X-rays. It exposes the demons; it makes a show of them. The blood of Jesus is an antidote. Demon means death; the Blood means life, for the life is in the Blood. Demons bring stagnation in parts of the body, and the life which is in the blood, counteracts stagnation.

The most malignant case of demon possession or obsession can be effectually dealt with by the Blood of Jesus. The surgeons' knife sometimes fails, but the Blood of Jesus can cut as no surgeon's knife can.

The name of Jesus and the Blood of Jesus are Divine weapons in the hands of the saints. The Spirit will tell you when to use them; one at one time and another at another; or both together.

A surgeon has instruments. He uses them as he sees fit. The Divine Physician teaches the saint when to use divinely appointed instruments.

There is a complete set of instruments; oil for anointing, and the prayer of faith; laying on of hands; the Blood of Jesus; the Name of Jesus. Then there is the co-operation of the patient: Confess your faults. Behind all, there is the promise, "The Lord shall raise him up." This is the divine prescription for every patient. The Holy Spirit directs how all should be used.

The name for the casting out of demons—it is written: "In my Name they shall cast out demons." And they shall bind them also. An earthly physician ties up the ligaments of a patient, but the saint can in Jesus' name bind the demon.

"Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."—Matt. 18-19. The saint has the wonderful privilege of binding and loosing. The wonder of wonders is that he does not dare to use his prerogative. If you are going to bind princes by and by (Psa. 149.8), start binding demons now. You can also unloose bound saints. The power works both ways. There

is the casting down of the demon and the raising up of the saint. This ministry is to be exercised by the Christian (the Christ one) by the one who is in Christ. "Greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto my father," spake Jesus. "The works that I do shall ye do also."

How many saints are doing the works He did? If you are faithful in performing the works He did, He will enable you to do the greater works. But He will not enable you to do the greater works until you have proved faithful in the lesser ones. Do not skip a class; having been found faithful in that which is least, you will be fitted to be faithful in that which is greater.

The hand of Jesus Christ operates. He touched the ear of Malchus and healed him. Luke 22:51; in the operation there were no bandages and no stitches. Shortly afterwards the hands of Jesus Christ were bound. One of his last acts was to heal. That is how He values healing.

God does not want His saints to be mutilated by surgeons. Some Christians are fond of the surgeon's knife. Saints should rather trust the skill of the pierced hand of Jesus.

In Divine Surgery there is a complete equipment for every ache and pain and disease in the human body.

God wants the latter end of his people to be like Caleb, who, at the age of eighty-five, was as strong as he was at forty, and who wanted the mountains to fight in, and the great fenced cities of the Anakims—Joshua 14:7-12. "With long life will satisfy him and show him my salvation" is the promise of God.

God puts the two together. It is his desire that the righteous should live out all their days, unlike the wicked who live out half their days.—*Sel.*

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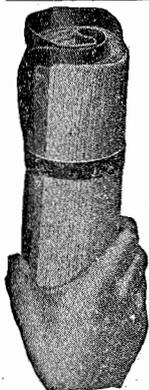
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