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The days of Heaven on Earth

Man his own Destruction

IT IS strange to note how almost every one of the great shakings of the world by wars and tumults and devastations has been preceded by a period of thoughtless materialism and practical irreligion and wanton pride and wasteful luxury. Was it not so before the World War of 1914? Doubtless it was the crime of the German war-lords grasping at a transient empire which precipitated the catastrophe. But had other nations no share in preparing for the calamity? Were not Paris, and Rome, and London, and New York, as gay and as greedy and as sordid and as vulgar as Berlin and Vienna? Maybe the rich were not growing richer, but they were growing more ostentatious. Maybe the poor were not growing poorer, but they were growing more envious and disorderly. The great cities, with their contrast of senseless extravagance and crushing need, were sickening sights. Churches were half-empty except on show-days. Innumerable theatres, many of them with unspeakable plays, were crowded every night. Speed and noise and empty laughter prevailed over thought and self-control and inward joy. The old restraints were mocked at as out-of-date. Respectable women camouflaged their innate modesty in fashions copied from the unrespectable. Reputable men gave themselves up to making money greedily and spending it lavishly. It was a crazy carnival of frivolity and cupidity. It seemed as if all were saying, like the courtier of Louis XVI, *apres nous le Deluge*. But the deluge came suddenly, and caught them. Then, indeed, many sleepers were awakened. Idlers became workers, slackers were shamed into fighters.

But has the lesson been thoroughly learned? Has the insanity been cured even for a time? Here are the old frivolities, inanities, immodesties, transitory indulgences, and imbecile amusements coming back to the empty house. Will they bring with them seven spirits worse than themselves? Shall we have a new generation incapable of sober thought or self-restraint—not indeed a generation of vipers, but a generation of butterflies, caring only for excitement and change and plenty of honey, immersed in the transient and neglectful of the permanent? I know not. But if so, the shaking is not yet ended. It is only begun. The years before us will be full of strifes and convulsions. Wars and fightings will not cease, but spread from class to class till the whole world blazes and bleeds.—HENRY VAN DYKE, D.D.

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The World's Unrest

THE WAILING WALL, over which there have been riots and blood-shed, is in the minds of pious Jews, closely connected with their former greatness. It represents the last visible masonry of Herod's Temple. For nearly sixty feet rise its giant blocks of limestone. "In all sorts of dejected attitudes men, women and children congregate, weeping piteously, 'For the temple that was destroyed, for our majesty that is departed, for our great men who lie dead, for our kings who have despised Him, we sit and mourn.'"

An act of supreme contempt was committed in the burial inside the wall of the Indian Moslem leader who died in London some months ago, and of ex-King Ali Hussem of Trans-Jordan—both were buried in the Temple area, an act, to a Jew, as sacrilegious, says one, as the offering of swine's flesh by Antiochus Epiphanes on the altar of the Temple before the Christian era, and in defiance of God's Word that the temple will again be built.

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The destruction of American capitalism and the Sovietization of the United States, is one of the chief aims of Stalin, the dictator of Soviet Russia, according to a recent biography of Stalin by Isaac Don Levine. This author states that Stalin is personally conducting Communistic

activities in the United States. Quoting from Stalin's address in 1928, he says:

"The American Communist party is one of those few in the world upon which history has laid tasks of a decisive character from the viewpoint of the world-revolutionary movement. I think that the moment is not far off when a revolutionary crisis will develop in America. And when it does, that will be the beginning of the end of world capitalism as a whole. It is essential that the American Communist party should be capable of meeting that historical moment fully prepared, and of assuming the leadership of the impending class struggle in America. Every effort and every means must be available in preparing for that, comrades. For that end the American Communist party must be prepared and bolshevized."

It is patent to every thoughtful person that present conditions in the world are breeding revolution. Every nation is in distress over the unemployment problem. Troubled men are asking, "How long will the millions of jobless workmen suffer silently?" Idle industries, unsellable products, complete inability to move raw material, over-population, displacement of labor by machinery, all these are given as the cause of the unemployment, but the real cause is not known. The Scripture foretells this time, "There was no

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When the Antichrist Reigns

Uniting of Religions Anti-Christian

Sermon by Nathan Cohen Beskin in Chicago, April 21, 1931



AM calling your attention to the 17th chapter of the Book of Revelation, from the 1st to the 15th verses.

The Roman Catholic Church is unquestionably the harlot spoken of in this chapter; that is conceded by all Bible students. Take her adornments; the papal colors are purple and scarlet and on the Pope's crown there are pearls and precious stones spelling the words, *Vicarius Filii Dei* which means, the Vicar or Substitute of the Son of God. Some one wrote to *The Washington (D. C.) Post*, asking, "What words are found on the Pope's crown?" The editor of the *Post* answered, "On the Pope's crown are found the words, *Vicarius Felii Dei*." A Catholic Society which upholds the good name of the church immediately wrote to the editor of the *Post*, "What do you mean by telling the people these words appear on the Pope's crown? Don't you know the Protestants make 666 out of that and because of that they claim that the Pope is the Antichrist? Don't you know that we Catholics deny that?" The editor wrote an apology saying, "It is true that I said those words were found on the crown and I am sorry I said so. I know now it is not so." He should have stopped right there but unfortunately he went further and said, "The reason I made that mistake is that I used the Catholic Encyclopedia of the Seventeenth Century but looking in the new encyclopedia I find it is not there." The question I would like to ask is, if it never was on the Pope's crown how was it mentioned in the encyclopedia of the Seventeenth Century? I am afraid that editor overstepped himself. I have absolute proof that it is on the Pope's crown; the first word is written in diamonds, the second in pearls and the third in other precious stones.

The blasphemy of the Catholic Church is terrible. The Pope is called, Our Lord God the Pope, and the eucharist is considered the actual blood and body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Speaking to a Catholic man I said to him, "Do you believe that the wafer is actually the body and blood of Jesus Christ?" And he replied, "Yes, I believe it actually is." "What does the priest do with it?" I asked. He said, "He breaks it

and eats it." Then I said, "Oh then he is a cannibal if he eats the body and blood of Jesus Christ." He said, "No, no, it is just a wafer." "Oh but I thought you said it was the actual body and blood of Jesus." "And so it is." "Well then the priest must be a cannibal if he eats the body." "No, no, it is simply a wafer that he eats." I said, "Pardon me, I must be dense. I thought you said it was the body and blood of Jesus Christ." Each time he argued he would raise his voice a little more until I finally stopped the argument with saying, "Well either it is a lie or the priest is a cannibal." The blasphemy of the Catholic Church is beyond human comprehension; the indulgences, the adoration of the saints show the depths of her pollution.

Now the Antichrist is not the Roman Catholic Church, and again, the Antichrist is not a Jew, tho I have heard it said that he would be a Jew. First of all he will be at the head of the Roman Empire, not ecclesiastically but politically. As I mentioned before, the seven heads refer to the seven mountains upon which Rome is built, for Rome is the only city built upon seven mountains; they boast about this. Some years ago the Roman citizens elected a Jew as mayor of Rome; his last name was Nathan. When he became mayor I thought he might be the Antichrist for then there was a Jew ruling the city on seven mountains, but in his inaugural speech he met with disfavor of the Pope so I knew it was not Nathan. Later developments show us that anyone but a Roman Catholic being ruler of Rome is out of the question. It has been said that the man who would settle the Roman question would be the greatest statesman in the world. You remember that General Garibaldi brought the Pope out of Rome; he became self-exiled and the King of Italy was excommunicated. History tells us that when the Pope was crowned he appeared on a balcony. A great controversy arose both among the people of the government and among the clergy; the clergy claimed that the balcony being part of the Vatican building, was on Vatican ground but the Italian people claimed that the balcony hung over on Italian soil and therefore the Pope had stood on Italian soil. The question was, Would it be possible for the Pope to stand on Italian soil? But what do we find today? The

Pope is given his own city and he is king once again. Among the articles of agreement are these: Every Italian school is to be a Vatican school; and every Italian magistrate must administer the oath with a crucifix. If ever there was a Roman Catholic country, Italy is one today. Even Mussolini himself, that arch-atheist and anarchist, in order to hold his power, assumed the Catholic faith and was remarried by the Pope.

The Antichrist will be someone who will be acceptable both to the Catholics and to the Jews, and also to the weak-kneed Protestants. In the 9th chapter of Daniel we are told that he shall make a Covenant with the Jews. Daniel says nothing about the Gentiles; he prays only for the Jews and when he speaks of the "many" he refers to the Jews. The Antichrist makes a Covenant with the Jews for seven years and breaks it in the midst of the seven years.

These are days when religions are uniting; the confessional is being put back into the Episcopalian church. They are not going into the Roman Catholic Church but they are coming into some kind of a Federation in which Catholics, Jews and Protestants will worship together. They were having a religious love feast in a certain place at which our friend, Shailer Matthews, presided. A Mohammedan priest offered prayer, a Buddhist priest was present and he had something to say, a Catholic Cardinal got up and welcomed them and said, "The time is coming when all religions will become one under the great fountain head, the Holy See." They are uniting.

I can refer you to another man, Dr. Stanley E. Jones, whose writings are read by many of you, and who advocates a unity that is not Christian. He says that when he has a missionary meeting he has a Mohammedan priest offer prayer and a Buddhist priest preside, to show that everything is peaceful and lovely and that they get along well together. Yes, religions are uniting, uniting under the head that worships idols in order to keep the people satisfied.

The Antichrist will be acceptable to all of these. To the Jews he will be the Messiah. Perhaps many of you think that the Zionist Movement is a religious movement but it is not. My father used to excommunicate any student from the seminary if he found he was a Zionist. Zionism is a Jewish, political organization. Of course they are fulfilling prophecy and returning to their land in unbelief, but they are not aware of

this. At the dedication of the Jewish University on the Mt. of Olives a representative from Mussolini was present and also a representative from the Catholic Church. Who are the Jewish voters uniting with? Are they with us in the reform questions? No, they are with the anti-prohibitionist because they are being deceived by the Roman Catholic Church; they are telling them that they are the friends of the Jews today. I spoke to a Jewish friend not long ago and asked, "Was there ever a massacre of the Jews in a Protestant country? Was a Jew ever persecuted because he was a Jew, in a Protestant country?" I referred to Germany, England and America. "No, never!" Where is he persecuted? In Poland, in Russia and in Armenia. Why? They are Roman and Greek Catholic countries. And yet the Jews have turned against their friends, the Protestants and are uniting with the enemy of the Protestants, the enemy of God and of Christ.

After Rome was broken up they said never again will there be a World Empire; but it is coming back and our friend, Mussolini is rebuilding the Roman Empire. In Germany, Hitler polled a tremendous vote in the last election; Austria is being controlled by the Fascisti party, Albania has turned to the Fascisti party and in Poland the same party is about to control things. The Roman Catholic Church will once again rule and prosper. On the other hand the Jews will have their temple rebuilt and for three and a half years they will prosper.

I think I mentioned once before that the devil is anti-God, the false prophet is anti-Holy Ghost and the tribulation period is anti-millennium. The devil will say he is god, but he is not *God*; the false prophet will say he is God's revelation but he is not. Now what will take place after the rapture? Just before the rapture, the Antichrist will be revealed; not appear; not come, but he will be revealed. In II. Thess. 2:3 we read, "That day shall not come except that wicked one, the Antichrist, shall be revealed". The word, "revealed" is the same as is used in reference to the revelation of Jesus Christ, when the second coming of Christ was revealed to John. Someone asks, How long will it be? I believe the Lord will shorten the days for the elects' sake, and we shall be caught up to meet Him in the air. We are told that we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh, but we are also told to watch the Fig Tree (the Jew). The fig tree has budded and it is blossoming and we

are living on the verge of the coming of the Lord. I believe no longer should we sing, "By and by we're going to see the King", but we ought to sing, "Very soon we're going to see the King." We are on the verge of tremendous events and things are getting worse instead of better. The most important work now is to get people ready for His coming.

The Jews are returning in unbelief to Palestine; they will build their temple and their temporal kingdom will be given to them. The desert will be well irrigated; the Arabians will be dispersed. The reason England has permitted the Arabians to do some of the things they have been doing is because England is the greatest Mohammedan country in the world; within the British Empire there are more Mohammedans than in Persia and Turkey combined. And England dare not stop the Arabians or she will have a "holy war" on her hands. England would like to get rid of Palestine, for it has brought nothing but heartaches. England operates the greatest oil fields in the world in the Near East. Mussolini wants Palestine for he realizes that if Rome is to rule the world, she must have Palestine; but Mussolini has nothing to offer England for he has no possessions in Palestine. France has possessions there; France controls a new outlet to the sea, but France does not want Palestine. So I am looking for a general exchange; I am looking for France to get the Italian possessions in Africa and for Mussolini to get the Mandate for Palestine and then I am looking for England to get the French territory in Palestine. Italy will get Palestine and England will get an outlet for her oil fields. Italy and Mussolini or whoever rules there, will help the Jews; the Arabs will be suppressed and the Jews will be given absolute control over Palestine.

The last outbreak between the Jews and the Arabs was not over wealth or farm lands. What was it over? It was over the Wailing Wall and therefore a religious war. Why? The Arabians had spanned off a part there and they were getting ready to build a Mohammedan Mosque right on the site of the Jewish Wailing Wall but the Jews were not willing to give it up, for if the Jews are ever to rebuild their temple they must have it there and they are not willing to give up the site of the temple. That will be the most beautiful temple ever built and they are getting ready for it now. You can ask any good Mason and he will tell you that in the Grand

Lodge in New York City they have the plan for the temple and they are preparing for it all over the world; preparing the material and collecting the money. The Jews will think that surely the millennium has come when the temple is finished and they have Palestine in their control. The Catholics will think their millennium has come because every Holy Ghost baptized Protestant will have been taken away and that is millennium enough for the Catholics because we have been a thorn in their flesh all the time. There will not be anymore prayer meetings or revivals.

I am not saying that the Catholic Church is the Antichrist, but the Catholic church will rule for three and a half years, and for three and a half years the Antichrist will set up his image in the temple. Now the Jews have done many things but that is one thing they will not do, bow down to an image. They got cured of that in the seventy years of Babylonian captivity. Then will begin the hour of "Jacob's trouble." Antichrist will make a covenant with them for one week and break it in the middle of the week. The Catholic Church will realize that there is something wrong some place. They have many saints and all their images, but here is a man who says you have to worship his image and he is not dead yet. You know you cannot be a saint until you are dead but here is this man, still alive and building an image to himself.

Then there is someone else; there is the two-headed beast who has a mouth like a dragon and a body like a lamb. What is that? That is the Jesuit slogan—Be as mild as a lamb and as wise as a serpent. The Catholics will soon see that this man is stepping on their toes. Not only that, but his image is alive and has supernatural power. That is too much for the Catholics and that will be the beginning of their trouble. The Antichrist will burn the Vatican City, kill the Pope and the cardinals; he will abolish all religions and he himself will sit in the temple and command people to worship him. And then will come the awful times such as the world has never seen nor heard. The world has seen the Spanish Inquisition and it has seen the awful horrors of the Dark Ages but this will be something far worse. Oh there is an awful day of trouble coming when thousands of Israelites and many Gentiles will be slain! And those who have dared to be true to God will be burned, and persecuted in other ways. This tribulation will

last for three and a half years and during this time the Jews will realize their mistake—that they trusted the Antichrist and that everyone has deceived them, and then they will look to Jehovah, their God, and accept Jesus Christ, and then “a nation shall be born in a day.” They will be surrounded on every hand by the armies of the Antichrist. This will be the Battle of Armageddon. What an awful array against them! How terribly outnumbered they are! What will they do? In their extremity they will look up to their God and then will come the Lord with ten thousand of His saints. He will destroy the Antichrist “with the brightness of His coming.”

Let me give you another picture: The Jews and Israelites were oppressed by the Canaanites in the days of the Judges. The Israelites were not permitted to walk on the main highways but had to walk on the side paths. There is the prophetess Deborah and then there is a man whose name is Barak. Deborah said, “Let us go out and fight the Canaanites.” They go out. The king of the Canaanites sends his general, Sisera, and says, “Go up and defeat these miserable Israelites.” They all go out, Deborah, Barak and the Israelites. There come the Canaanites with their torches and weapons, their bows and arrows and their fighting steeds and they are determined to finish them up for good. So says Sisera. There is but a handful of Jews but their leader says to them, “Do not worry, the Lord will fight for you.” And all at once hail and fire come; the soldiers get excited and fight one against the other. Stones and hail and fire are falling upon them. What is Deborah doing? What is Barak doing? They just stand and look on while the Lord fights for them. And then all they have to do is to go and take possession of the spoils.

Do you see the analogy? A handful of Jews, surrounded by the armies of the Antichrist who is bent on defeating them, surrounded by millions of Chinese and Japanese and the dark races, for let me remind you that the next war will be one for supremacy not only of religion but a supremacy of color when the dark races will try to break the white supremacy. Russia is making her progress now among the yellow races. Surrounded on every hand by millions of enemies—what can a handful of Jews do? It looks as though they will be finished for good, but just then hail and brimstone and fire will rain from the sky and the armies of the Antichrist will

be discomfited and wiped out.

What happened to Sisera? He fled to a tent and said to Jael, “Give me a drink of water.” And Jael took a nail and a hammer and while Sisera was asleep, she pinned his head to the ground and that was his end. That is what will happen to the Antichrist. The Lord will fight for us and the Antichrist will be destroyed; the devil will be burned and all we have to do is to stand and rejoice. And then we can take possession of a cleansed earth where there will be no devil, no enemy and no sin; where there will be no more disappointments or sorrows or death, and where for a thousand years we shall reign and live with Christ.

Martyrs in Africa

REVIVAL fires are burning in Africa. There is a great stirring among the natives after God. The following from Miss Sophia Nygard, writing from the Interior of Liberia, shows that persecution and revival go hand in hand, as they always have.

“I am alone at this Station now with a family of about forty children. My days are full but when the Lord is blessing we are very happy. Our native preacher has just come in with a good report. He has been away for three days having services in the villages around us, and says the people are hungry to hear the Gospel. The people are ready to respond to the message, but when it comes to living a Christian life it is quite another matter. Praise God, some have taken the great step. Recently six young men and two women in this town have taken their stand for God, and they have been so bold in testifying for Jesus.

“At a station about three hours from here two chief men were saved and burned their juju, which made the heathen very angry. They started to persecute the Christians, but the two chief men, Moses and Wilson, stood strong for God. They killed Moses, but still Wilson stood true. Then they killed Wilson’s little boy that he loved so much, and a few months later they killed his little girl, and that almost broke his heart. But when the devil people saw that Wilson was still praying to God it made them so angry that they poisoned him. The day before Wilson died, he took his wife and went to the bush to pray. It began to rain and some of the people tried to get him home, but Wilson remained in prayer all day. He said, “I know I will die now but I want to die for God’s side.”

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Warning Judgments Signs of the End

The World's Greatest Catastrophes in this Generation

Harry Steil, Cleveland, Ohio, in the Stone Church May 27, 1931



LET US read verses 22 and 23 from the 8th of Romans. If I understand this passage correctly, the Apostle is teaching that the whole earth is in a state of dismal discontent and suffering and in a time of long travail; He says, "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," and then he goes on to say that in their pain and in their travail, man and beast and all living created things, whether conscious or unconscious as to the issue at stake, are praying and longing for the climax or the crisis when deliverance will come to them. And then the Apostle, under the inspiration of God, proceeds to tell when deliverance from suffering will come.

We know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth within herself, "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our bodies." Someone might say, "I thought our bodies were redeemed when the Lord Jesus died on the Cross." So they were; spirit, soul and body had their ransom price paid, but nevertheless, while our spirits may soar among the clouds, our bodies are still subject to the laws of this earth; we are in bondage to the powers that control this earth when it comes to our physical bodies. But Paul says there is coming a day of deliverance when the power of the Spirit shall be multiplied to us until we overcome the laws of the power of gravity that holds us to this earth, and then we shall mount up to meet the Lord. It is not only the church that is groaning but the whole creation, and the Apostle says the creation is in a state of distress, discontent, restlessness and dissatisfaction, waiting for the crisis when deliverance will come. This will be realized on the day when we as a church, have the redemption of our bodies.

Then over in the 19th chapter of Revelation we are told that a mighty angel comes, winging his way down from the throne of God and with a loud voice he calls upon all creation to rejoice. And what are they to rejoice for? Verse 7 of the same chapter tells us that it is because the marriage of the Lamb is come. Evidently all

of creation could not be invited to be glad and rejoice until the Lord had come to His chosen bride, and until she had made herself ready. Contrast these two scenes; the scene that Paul paints for us of the whole creation groaning and travailing together; contrast that, I say, with the invitation of the heavenly messenger inviting the whole creation to be glad and rejoice. The travail is past, the agony is over, all pain is gone and all creation is made to rejoice. Why? Because the wife of the Lamb "hath made herself ready."

Now let us read another scripture in the 24th chapter of Matthew and I wish to use this as a chief basis for our remarks. We find here the signs given in response to the question of the apostles concerning the Lord's Second Coming. As they stood on the mountain they asked, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of this age?" And Jesus proceeded to give them many signs. We shall speak of just the four chief ones: wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes. "All these are beginning of sorrows." And were we to read the similar passage in the book of Luke, which refers to this same occasion, we would find the Lord enumerating these and other signs: and then He says to His church, "When ye see these things begin to come to pass, *look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh.*"

Wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes! Now some might say, "Is it not true that there have always been these things on the earth? Have there not always been wars?" Yes, perhaps. "Have there not always been famines? There was a famine in Abraham's time and in Joseph's time. Haven't there often been pestilences? Was it not a pestilence that slew so many Egyptians when Israel was in Egypt?" Yes, there have always been pestilences and there have always been earthquakes but the thing I wish to emphasize tonight and which the Spirit emphasizes in the Word of God, is the growth of such conditions on the earth. Things are rapidly rushing to a climax these days; things are happening in history, in politics, in the physical and in the human world, and also in the spirit world in one week's time now that formerly took centuries to bring to pass. Yes, things are rapidly hastening on to

a crisis. There is a rising tide; I believe this is true spiritually among God's elect and then there is a rising tide of sin among the children of the devil, a rising tide of iniquity. The Apostle Paul refers to these two opposite forces as "the mystery of godliness" and "the mystery of iniquity."

You ask, "How can wars be a sign of the nearness of the Lord's coming when we have always had wars?" Though there have always been wars, let me emphasize the fact that the greatest war in history has occurred in your life time and mine when ten million soldiers were killed and twenty million were wounded; twenty million were sent home of whom some seven million have either died or become helpless. Likewise the greatest famines have taken place in your life time and mine. In the two years that followed the close of the World War, the Russian and Near East Relief Commission figured that in Asia and Asia Minor, in Russia and the Near East, fifteen million people died of famine, including millions that died in China and in India. In this present year, they figure that from six to eight million will starve to death in India and in China several million will starve to death. So the greatest famine conditions that ever prevailed in history are prevailing in your life time and mine.

There have always been pestilences but it is strikingly significant that the greatest pestilences have occurred in your life time and mine. In the last few months of the world war and the year following, influenza swept around the world, and in one year's time twelve million souls were swept into eternity. The year immediately after, a form of typhus broke out in Russia and in all that section of the country, and another eight million were swept away by this typhus plague; so in those two years twenty million were ushered into eternity. One historian said it was the greatest plague that had ever infested the earth. Fifteen million taken by famine, another ten million taken by the great war and twenty million by pestilence, making a total of forty-five million souls taken away in about five years' time. Statisticians also compute that another twenty million non-combatants died, due to causes provoked by the World War. Add up this gruesome total and you discover that over a period of eight years some sixty-five million souls above the normal death rate, have been swept into eternity by these preliminary warning judgments of God.

And then we have the other major sign, the earthquakes. There is a book out by Prof.

Milne who writes on earthquake statistics and he says that for some reason, unknown to science, earthquakes are continually increasing. Two years ago they reported that thirty-three thousand earthquakes were registered in one year the world around. Not all of them were major catastrophes but thirty-three thousands were registered. Science has no answer or explanation for this. Has the Bible? "*Earthquakes in divers places.*" Not only has the greatest war occurred in your life time and mine, not only have the greatest famine and the greatest pestilence taken place, but also the greatest earthquakes. A missionary from China told us of the great earthquake in that country and told us about the Chinese farmer who went to bed and the next morning when he awoke his farm had been moved several miles away. If I had not seen the photographs I would have been tempted to think he had been misinformed, but I saw pictures showing whole orchards of fruit trees hurled about by the terrific concussion and motion of the earth. They said that China didn't have any word for earthquakes so they called it, "When the mountains walked." And that is just what happened. I thought of that scripture, "Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence." Surely the mountains flowed. They say it is impossible to calculate the loss of life in that Chinese earthquake, but it was at least one fourth of a million and it may have been two million.

Then previous to the great earthquake in China, a tremendous earthquake took place in Japan. You well remember the terrible reports that came to us of that great catastrophe. Something like 276,000 lives were lost. I have clippings that describe the horrors of that quake, how the gas tanks burst as well as the oil tanks. When people ran to the harbor to get out of the land fires they drove into an ocean that had burning oil upon its surface and instead of finding the water soothing, it consumed them. The gas and oil tanks which had burst, sent their streams of fire down into the ocean until they said the ocean was verily on fire, and so terrific was the suction of the heat that bodies by the hundreds were sucked up into the air and then like living torches, would fall down and ignite afresh hundreds and thousands of other bodies. Five cities were destroyed and almost five million souls were made homeless. These two earthquakes, the one in China and the other in Japan,

are the two greatest quakes in the history of mankind.

Running parallel to the rising tide of iniquity which has become more and more open, I see the warning hand of God. Let me go back to that picture that Paul paints. He says the whole creation is groaning together in pain even until now. Does he not accurately describe your day and mine? I care not where you go, in any nation of the world you will find distress. You will find it among the six million unemployed in our own country. Then in South America at least a dozen revolutions have broken out in the past year; stable governments have been overthrown, foreign credit has been shattered, and that has brought hardship. Farmers grow their crops but can get nothing for them; hence there has been one revolution after another until the whole continent is one seething mass of dissatisfied creatures. Go across the waters to Europe and there you can hear the tread of armored feet. We are told there are three million more men under arms than there were when the great World War broke out in 1914. Everywhere there is suspicion and malice against neighboring nations, until statesmen are fearing that the least little spark that might be dropped into that seething mass, will set it off again, and we will have another war in comparison to which the World War will seem like child's play.

There are from three to four million unemployed in England, and the same condition prevails in Italy; there is the dropping in men's wages and the drop in the national credit and wealth which everywhere breeds discontent. In Germany there are six million unemployed.

Then you can go over to Asia and find how Bolshevism with all of its deadly work is rapidly leavening all of the Near East and the Far East until the nations that control these countries, are in a state of revolution. China's four hundred million are cutting one another's throats, robbing one another's villages continually, and there is pillage and plunder on every hand. Go over to India and there you will find three hundred and fifty million Hindus and Mohammedans getting ready for an uprising, which is bound to come under Gandhi. I care not where you go, you will find the whole earth groaning and travailing together in pain.

When will it end? The apostle says, whether they know it or not, they are all waiting for one thing, and that is the redemption of the bodies

of the saints of God. When will that come? Our citizenship is in heaven from whence also we look for the coming of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change these bodies and fashion them like unto His own glorious body according to the working of His mighty power. When will that happen? It will take place in that moment, in that twinkling of an eye when "the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: 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: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." It will come when "His wife hath made herself ready." The Lord has put everything at her disposal. It is her duty to make herself ready, and in that day when she puts on her beautiful garments, when she gets as homesick for heaven as her Lord is homesick for her; in that day when we as Christians shall arm ourselves with the whole armour of God and do the last moment's work that is waiting to be done; when we make ourselves ready by all the gifts and enduements that He has placed in the church, then not only will come the redemption of our bodies but all this distress will cease, this groaning and travailing together in pain even until now—it will cease and He shall come whose right it is to reign.

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It was getting dark when they came back to their hut, and they lay down on their mat and went to sleep. Wilson did not wake up again, but we know that they are all with the Lord now. The town-criers called, "Look at Wilson! He burned his jujus, and now he is dead. All who burn their jujus will die."

"Then the ring-leader of the Christians' persecution came to the altar and cried out to God for forgiveness. Some of the mission boys and men that he had beaten so badly found it hard to forgive him at first. Then one of the boys said as he looked at the man crying under the power of God, that he thought of Paul in the Bible and how this man was just like Paul, and so God put a real love in their hearts for them.

"Before they poisoned Wilson, the devil-people tried to poison the mission people by putting poison in their waterside, and in the iron-pots in the cook house. The devil doctor gave the people some medicine to protect them, but

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Is the Church of Christ Receiving Herself?

Calvary's Cross Will Cause the Iron to Swim

Ben Hardin in the Stone Church May 21, 1931



LAST night I woke up in the middle of the night with my mind on this meeting. I had been looking to the Lord, seemingly in my sleep, and today this scripture flashed across my mind in II. Kings 6:1-7. "The sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold

now, the place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us"—Things had narrowed down until there wasn't enough room, and so they decided they would enlarge their borders. So they consulted the prophet and suggested going down to the Jordan and building a larger place, and the prophet said they might go. But they wanted him to go with them. Like Moses said to the Lord, "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not hence," they felt they'd rather stay where they were and suffer inconvenience than to move out of the will of the Lord, and lose His presence. So they came to the Jordan and cut down wood, and "as one was felling a beam, the ax-head fell into the water: and he cried and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed." I heard a very good statement regarding this, and that is that the man stopped just as soon as he saw the ax was gone. How many have gone on after they have lost the ax-head, still swinging the handle, still preaching away after they have lost the unction, going thru a form of religious observances without the power, but with no better results than the man who lost the ax-head. No one has ever cut down a tree with an ax-handle, and no man is able to accomplish anything for God unless vitally linked up with Him. We can go thru the form of worship, we can sing and pray and shout, but we have to have the ax-head on the handle, the power of God, if we would do business for God.

These sons of the prophets had gone to the Jordan. Jordan is a place where some people lose their ax-head and others receive it. Jordan is a type of death. It means a dying to our surroundings and our desires. There on the banks of the Jordan as he felled those trees this man lost his ax-head. He stopped. He could have gone on. He might have said, "Now I will fool the prophet, and make him believe I am still cutting the tree. He will not know the difference."

Today there are some who swing the ax-handle and say, "I am not where I ought to be but I will just say 'Amen' and make people believe I am all right." They are like Samson. When he was shorn of his strength, he said, "I will go out and shake myself as at other times," but *"he wist not that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him."*

This young man never swung his ax-handle without the ax. He saw how absolutely futile it would be to pretend. He stopped and went right to the man of God. I am glad there is a place to which we can go when in need. The Bible is full of instances where men have lost their ax-heads and have gone to God for them. I think of David as he walked on the roof, resting at home when he should have been out in the battle. He fell in love with Bathsheba and put Uriah, her husband, in the front of the battle so that he might be killed. After he had sinned he went straight to God and the ax-head was restored to him.

The son of the prophet came to Elisha and said, "While I was felling a beam the ax-head fell off." "Where did it go?" Where did you lose your power? Pretty hard to tell just the spot, but I believe the Holy Spirit is a faithful Sentinel. I have heard people say they didn't know where they lost their ax-head, but I believe they know exactly where it fell. Have you lost the ax-head when the Spirit of God prompted you to witness and you refused? Have you lost the ax-head when the offering was being lifted and the Spirit prompted you to give and you did not? God is faithful in showing just where the ax-head fell. If you acknowledge where you lost it, it will be a big step toward getting it back. You say, "Brother, I haven't any idea where it fell. I do not know what became of it. I lost it in my prayer-life. I used to get up early and pray, but everything is in such a rush it seems there isn't any more time." "I lost it during the Convention. I was house-cleaning and didn't have time to go;" "I used to do personal work, speak to people on the train, in the shop, to those who came to my door, but now I never witness for the Lord." There is just the place the ax-head was lost and that is the place to find it.

The prophet cut down a stick and threw it in, and the ax-head came to the top and floated on the water. As I said before, Jordan is typical of death; it was thru the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that we have power with God. I am glad the Son of God waded the dark waters of the Jordan and came up on the other side, bringing life and peace and joy to those who believe. There is a tree, a piece of wood that will make the iron swim, and that is Calvary's cross. How many times when we have lost the ax-head we have gone to the cross, we have poured out our heart to the Son of God and He has by the power of the Holy Ghost caused the ax-head to swim!

When the children of Israel went out against the city of Ai, they were smitten, and thirty-six men were killed. Joshua went down to the Jordan and cried, "Oh God, we have lost the ax-head!" And God heard his petition, and showed him where it was lost, and when it was sifted down they found where the trouble was. They took Achan, and the gold and silver wedge and took them out and dumped them into the valley of Achor, which means trouble. When the trouble was removed they went out against the city of Ai and God gave them victory over the very city

in which they were defeated. But what brought the victory? Joshua falling on his face before God. When we come to the cross, admit our failure and our sin, when we confess before God that we have lost the ax-head, then we are in a good place to have it restored. God will bring the ax-head to the very top.

Have You Lost your Ax-Head?



No Building for Eternity without God's Power

when you are in a hard place and Jesus casts the tree into the water, the iron will swim for you. God will work a miracle, if necessary, to deliver you. Mr. Fosdick also said he could not believe Jesus walked on the water. I am glad that we have a God that does miracles. Of course iron could not swim apart from the miraculous, but I believe every miracle in the Word of God.

A very intelligent-looking young man came to

I suppose this text would be hard for a Modernist to believe, but I am orthodox enough to believe that the iron did swim. When I was in New York City I went out to Riverside to see that new Six Million dollar church where Dr. Fosdick preaches. Someone told me that Dr. Fosdick said he couldn't believe that the iron floated. I will grant that Dr. Fosdick has a wonderful education, he may have forgotten more than I know, but I am glad that I believe the iron did swim. And I believe that

me in New York City and said, "There are so many things that I cannot understand and therefore I can not believe." I answered him, "I am not here to explain the things you cannot understand or to help you to believe, but I can tell you that you believe a great many things you do not understand." One of William Jennings Bryan's pet sayings as he lectured was this: "I do not understand how a red cow can eat green grass and give white milk that churns yellow butter, but I just eat the butter." There are many things in nature that we do not understand and yet believe. I do not understand the miraculous but I believe it, for I read it in God's Word.

Now the Bible records instances of those who have tried to fell beams with a dull ax. I believe that the reason the ax-head fell, was, it was dull. I think of Gehazi with a dull ax trying to restore the Shunammite's son. He took the staff and knelt down, but nothing happened. His ax-head was too dull. But when his master came and prayed the boy returned to life. There is the difference whether you are working with a sharp ax or a dull one. Are you sure your ax-head is as sharp as it should be? If it is dull you positively will lose it. If you have lost it, come to God and tell Him just why you lost it.

I believe that the church lost her ax-head during the Dark Ages, and it seemed her power was gone forever, but Martin Luther crawling on his hands and knees saw the light and cried to God for help. God reached down, and right in the midst of that darkness Luther saw Calvary's tree and his salvation purchased thereon. When the church gets away from the cross her ax-head is gone. But when she takes her place at the cross, from there the power and glory will stream down upon her. I believe with the restoration of Pentecost the ax-head has been restored to the church. The Christian Herald came out with the statement in the month of April that the fastest growing denomination of the United States was the Assemblies of God. They reported a gain of 17% for 1930. No other church in the United States had an average gain of over 2%. Some even less. The Baptists gained 2%, the Lutheran Church 2%, and the Methodist Church lost a half per cent. They said the Assemblies of God, which represents only about half of the Pentecostal churches, reported a following of 105,000 and I believe there are over the world at least 500,000. And I am confident

that if we as a movement, will wade into the waters of the Jordan and take hold of that swimming ax-head, and by the help of God fit it on to the handle, we will be able to fell some beams for God's building. A little organization is good if we do not have more machinery than oil to keep it going. If we as a movement are wise enough and spiritual enough to wade into the waters of the Jordan, get hold of the swimming ax, put it into the handle and go to cutting for God, we will greatly add to our numbers before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. But we will never get the ax until we wade into the water. I praise God for the mighty power that caused the iron to swim. When the Lord looked down upon the church and saw she had lost her ax-head, He put faith into some of His children to wade out into the Jordan, get hold of the swimming ax and wield it in power for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

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In a questionnaire recently sent by ten ministers to 19,372 ministers in America regarding their attitude on war, 10,427 said they would refuse to serve if called to take up arms; 12,076 said that the churches should now go on record as refusing to sanction or support any future war; 5,801 are willing to participate; 2,890 are in doubt, and 254 gave no answer.

Seventy-nine per cent of 1,101 theological students who were questioned said they believed the churches should refuse to sanction or support future war. "I shall enlist if another war comes," said General O'Ryan of the United States Army, "but I shall not try to reconcile it with Christian principles. I shall not pretend to take Christ with me into the war."

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Is our Warfare Aggressive or Defensive?

Every Revelation Must Harmonize with the Word of God

David H. McDowell, Alton, Ill.



WE HAVE also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts." II. Peter 1:19.

The need of an aggressive, offensive warfare in the Christian Church is very apparent. The army that takes the offensive has the decided advantage. The best means of defense is a strong and vigorous offensive. We have been too long using defensive measures in trying to hold our positions. The Christian Church needs to take the field in a definite offensive.

The days are upon us and the call is to every man to stand by the guns. Throughout the world the battle is raging between the forces of right and wrong; the armies of Christ against the hordes of Satan. The lines are being clearly drawn through every walk of life and decisions are being made that are fixing destinies for eternity. Amidst the noise and fury of battle, through the poisonous fumes of hell's gas attacks and the blinding smoke screens thrown out to deceive, if possible, the very elect, comes the call of the Holy Ghost to every Christ-loving saint to stand loyally by the revelation of Holy Writ and in the boldness and power of the risen Christ press the battle out into the open and on to certain victory. This is no time for bickering and fussing with one another over matters of minor importance. We must stand together on the main fundamentals of God's revelation. Every child of God should be diligent to provide himself with a knowledge of God's Word, become skilled in its use and learn how to depend wholly upon its unfailling truths, and then in the fullness of a genuine Pentecostal Baptism of the Holy Ghost press on and out into the enemy's camp and take prisoners and "bond slaves" for Christ.

With all the developments in modern infidelity and the skill with which the enemies of Christ are equipping themselves against the truth of God's Word, it is high time for believers everywhere to bestir themselves to a definite purpose

and arm themselves with a fighting knowledge of the Sword of the Spirit against the great conflict of the days that are just ahead. We must not be caught unprepared. God is counting on us and we will be held accountable in that day for the privileges we are now enjoying and for the manner in which we are treating our responsibilities as witnesses to a lost world.

Concerning the Word of God there are two important things connected with its form:

1st. Inclusive. We need no more than is revealed in the Bible.

2nd. Exclusive. We can do with no less than is written therein.

In these days of new things the devil is busy with new revelations and a strong endeavor to get the saints off into by-paths in spectacular visions, messages and prophetic ventures without the least regard as to their harmony with the Word of God. Just because it is something new, fascinating, thrilling, flesh exalting! Like a rocket shot into the dark, it is illuminating, entrancing and glorious to the senses. But it is short-lived. It flares, flickers and dies and the darkness becomes more intense and dreadful than before. In the mad rush for power and leadership many are being led away by the subtle tactics of the "angel of light" into an abyss of disappointment and gloom.

God's divine revelation brings to us only those things that are absolutely necessary and that we could not get in any other way. Nature tells us of God's omnipotence and omniscience, but only the Word of God tells of His love for a ruined world and of the supreme sacrifice He offered to save us from eternal doom.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," is a statement given by the Master Teacher, and the generations that have followed since then have had ample time and experience to prove the truth of that word.

The five mountain peaks in the earthly ministry of Jesus are expressive of His absolute reverence as well as loyalty to the Divine revelation. He could have and no doubt did enjoy many hours of communion with His Father in which special and direct revelation was granted

Him, but His ministry was never garnished with spectacular thrills of religious fancy. His sermons were always packed full of the Word of God. In the crisis hours of His great conflict with Satan, He relied wholly on the power of the written revelation and used it freely against every attack of His arch enemy, driving him from the field of battle in complete confusion. The devil jumped into the battle putting Christ on the defensive but the fearless undaunted "Captain of our salvation" used the same Word of God and taking the offensive drove the devil down to absolute defeat. To his matchless and wonderful Name be honour and power and dominion and glory and majesty forever!

The five high points might be noted as follows:

1st. His presentation in the Temple at the age of twelve. That was the age when, according to Jewish custom, He was compelled to come up to this feast and as a son of the Law he would be permitted to incur legal obligations, learn a trade and take up some course of training. It was at this feast He met the Doctors of the Law and it was here He made the statement that was the keystone of His whole ministry: "*Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business*". His Father's business took precedence over every other thing throughout His career.

2nd. His Baptism in water and Anointing of the Holy Spirit at the Jordan. "*Suffer it to be so now for thus it BECOMETH US to fulfill all righteousness*". God's prophet had spoken centuries before and now the minute fulfillment of every detail must be enacted. God had given the revelation. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost". God directed the fulfillment. Holy men of God moved as they were directed by the Holy Ghost.

3rd. His temptation in the wilderness. After a stormy battle with the king of night for forty days and nights in which His Sonship and Saviourhood were threatened, He emerges victorious, His only weapon being, "*It is written*". That was sufficient. He would use no less. He needed no more. From here He came forth to present Himself to man as the Saviour, a Victor over the world the flesh and the devil.

4th, His introduction to His Life's Ministry. "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives*"; "*Go and tell John that the poor have the gospel preached*

unto them". "*I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefor am I sent*." This thought is amplified on the Emmaus road after His resurrection: "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself". Here Christ taught them to believe that it was so (from the beginning) before He revealed to them that it is so. Christ could have satisfied the two by a special revelation and thus reached them at the outset, but He desires that we have our bearings and faith, as to the facts, resting securely in the Divine revelation rather than have us depend upon special mental infusions by other means. Such times of illumination and mental exhilaration are perfectly scriptural and granted to us by God as we wait on Him, but it is necessary to have a firm footing of faith in God's Word first as a background and safeguard to all other methods and means of communications. Signs should follow every ministry for it is the will of God and ordained by Christ. The more faithful we are in standing by God's Book and resting our every claim on its promise, the more we will see of the real manifestation and work of the Holy Ghost in our midst. God is bound to honour His Word, not our theories about His word. "Preach the word," and God will stretch forth His hand to heal and signs and wonders shall be wrought in the Name of Jesus.

5th. His last utterance on the cross. "*It is finished*". What a wonderful life of faithfulness and devotion to the Word of God. He knew it; He loved it; He preached it; He taught us to do likewise. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations".

The importance of the Divine Revelation is seen:

First: By its place as the motivating influence in our lives. In times of temptation and trial when hell rages to overcome us; when our feelings are lax; when the light of reason fails; when weakness and darkness presses on all sides; when we are tempted to give up and quit, then our recourse is to the written Word of God. "It is written", was good enough for Christ in the greatest crisis that any man ever faced: it won the day in the battles fought by the Early Church; it stood by the fathers when the martyr fires were searing the flesh off their bones; when the rack and pinion pulled them bone from bone; when tortured in dens and caves; wher

wandering as strangers and pilgrims in the earth; when destitute and afflicted, tormented and forsaken; when hounded by wicked kings and fiends of hell; in foul prisons slowly starving to death; in all kinds and manner of deaths their faith in God's Word was their stay and support. Because it is "forever settled in heaven": "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away." It has never lost an atom of its power and is all-sufficient for us who are coming up as the shock troops of the last conflict.

Second: By its place as the light for the gathering gloom. The devil is doing all within his power to take two important things away from the Church of Christ. First. The light of the Word of God. Second: the oil, of which the latter is by no means the least important. We need the oil to keep the lamp burning. Oil is a symbol of the Holy Ghost and no believer can grow without the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We must not be deceived about this important experience. If we would have the Word of God effective in us and through us in ministry to others we must walk in the Spirit and be filled daily with His life and power. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on this phase of Christian experience. If you do not have the baptism of the Holy Ghost begin at once to seek until you are filled. Do not parley but pray. If you have been filled and have leaked out in your experience and become dead to the Word of God and the needs of a lost world, then turn and seek God's face in humble repentance and receive a refilling of the Spirit for victory in service for these last hours of our opportunity. Third: By the duration of its testimony, "Until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts". There is no period in the history of man that the whole of the revelation of God is not needed. The *"all that is written"*.

The world is the battle-field and every force is being prepared for the last final struggle. Every branch of human life and industry is preparing for 'that day'. Hell is arraying its forces and preparing its messengers of destruction; God is marshalling His armies in earth and heaven and a sense of the fierceness of the great impending struggle is being forced upon us at times until we can feel the heat of the coming conflict. All nature is out of order and revolting against the sin and rebellion of man against his Maker. The earth is reeling like a drunkard and tottering with the weight of iniquity upon

it and when it falls it shall not rise again. And we, what are we doing? Taking in the scenery, living at ease in Zion, letting up in prayer, neglecting the Bible, forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, making Sunday a day of picnicing and joy-riding under one pretext and another. Saints, it is time to awaken out of sleep! It is time to put on the whole armour of God and stop complaining about the terrible times, the lack of power and a lot of other things. Raise the morale by taking on a greater supply of courage and faith in the Word of God and joy in active service for others and God will give us the victory.

In General Pershing's account of the World War, I was greatly impressed with his description of the conditions that existed among the Allies at the time of the last great German offensive in the Spring of 1918. The tremendous show in strength on the part of the enemy, their victorious attacks and large gains in territory, in prisoners and guns taken, the weakening of the morale among the Allies and the war weariness of those who had lived and reeked in blood and death for four years, all pointed to a disastrous end for the Allied armies and the boasted cause of civilization. The American troops held some encouragement but not sufficient to produce much hope of any decisive victory. Had the American forces at this time imbibed the spirit of defeat that was creeping, like the pall of death, through the ranks of the Allied forces, the war would have been over in a short time, with a different looking map of Europe than we have today. But the "never say die" spirit that took possession of the American soldiers, their faith in the righteous cause of protecting their country and homes from the ruthless invasion of a designing foe, put a spirit of courage in their hearts that could not be downed. They faced the enemy and drove him out of his trenches into the open and then kept him there, changing ignominious defeat into glorious triumph and victory.

In comparing these things with the great spiritual warfare now going on I see a parallel. In the seeming amount of strength being presented by our enemy in his great offensive against the Word of God and the Christian religion and the weakening elements among God's children in a defensive battle, we are giving ground gradually but surely. Where will the line be drawn? When shall we stop retreating? When shall we deter-

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From the Foot-Lights to the Foot of the Cross

Choosing Rather the King's Service to the World's Applause

Mrs. Edith Mae Pennington, Pine Bluff, Ark.

The National Capital has truly had a "City Wide Revival." Pastor Harry L. Collier of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, writes of the unprecedented stir in that city under the preaching of Evangelist Edith Mae Pennington, which started for a four weeks' campaign and ran for nine weeks. He says: "The first week the meetings were held in the Tabernacle, but it was necessary after that to move the campaign to the commodious Masonic Temple Auditorium in the very center of the city. Large numbers attended and at some meetings hundreds were unable to gain admittance to the services. Visitors from many states were present and delegations came from nearby cities. Many church people and Ministers also came to see this modern repetition of Pentecostal scenes. The press became interested and gave good accounts of the revival work. Thousands heard their first Pentecostal sermon during this campaign and much of the comment was favorable. A great interest has been awakened which we expect to reap in the near future. We

want to commend most highly the ministry and untiring zeal of our Sister Pennington. Coming as she does from the allurements of the stage and the world's attractions, to preach the simple gospel of Christ, her self-sacrificing spirit, her love for the Master, and her uncompromising loyalty to the full gospel, win the people to the Saviour. Her sincerity is apparent to all. She made a host of friends here. Records were hard to keep in such a campaign, but they show over 250 baptized in the Spirit as on the day of Pentecost. Remarkable healings occurred. Strong men and refined women wept their way through at the altar. The two prayer rooms were filled repeatedly. A host have told us of the blessings received in this great visitation. The services were broadcast every Wednesday night, and many letters have been received telling of the uplift in many hearts."

The following is an account of Mrs. Pennington's conversion and call to the ministry as published in the Full Gospel Messenger.



ALL things have a beginning, and my life began early one bright morning of June 9, when I was born into the home of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Patterson of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

For several months my life was almost despaired of when finally after many attempts the milk was found which agreed with me, and I thrived from that time on. My parents were members of the First Christian Church of that City, and at a very early age my brother and I were regular attendants at Sunday School.

At nine years of age, I decided to make a confession of Christ, and join the Church, so one Sunday morning I went down at the invitation of the pastor and gave him my hand. I was baptized in water the following Wednesday night. It was very sacred to me, and I felt very happy in my heart. After the service as I was walking home with my family and a little friend who lived next door, I looked up into the heavens, and the moon seemed to shine more brightly than I had ever seen it—the stars looked very beautiful and the very air seemed so clean and pure.

But I soon began to participate in school activities, and later upon entering High School I became a member of the younger society set, and began to dance, play cards, etc., and the love of

the world gripped my heart. After graduation from High School I attended College where with the other subjects I studied Science, and the theory of Evolution.

I had always believed in the Bible, and had a reverence for God. But when I studied the suppositions, theories, "perhaps so's," "might have been's," etc., of various so-called scientists and writers, there had to be some reconciliation of what I had learned (if such was true) and what the Bible said. Therefore, to satisfy my mind (as I did not want to give up my faith in the truth of the account of Adam and Eve as recorded in the Word of God,) I came to this conclusion; Well! if man did evolve, and developed from a bit of protoplasm, the lung fish—then on and on — from the Ape man of Java, the Neanderthal man, etc., when they finally reached the highest type as man is today, God gave the first pair their names—Adam and Eve. I just could not discredit God's Holy Word, or doubt the infallibility of the Bible.

And God kept me during that critical time, and has since taught me through His Word, that man was created, and not evolved, and that there is a gulf—so wide it cannot be spanned or bridged—between the lowest man and the highest beast, and that man was made in the image and likeness of God.

My ambition had always been to teach school.

Even as a child I had that desire to be a teacher. Such was realized when I was given a position in the Lakeside School in my home town. I was quite contented in the school room and enjoyed my work. Just before the close of school for that year I had consented, at the insistence of my aunt, to have some photographs made. There was at that time a Beauty Contest being conducted by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat in 1921, and my aunt sent in one of my pictures as one of the entrants in the Contest.

After the close of school, my aunt, several cousins, and myself went to California and other points on our vacation. Upon our return to Pine Bluff, I received a wire from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat requesting me to appear before the judges of the Contest.

Mother and I went to St. Louis. I went before the judges composed of two artists and a woman sculptor. There were about ten young women who appeared before them at the same time. We were dressed in street attire — not bathing suits. We were entertained at the Statler Hotel. In all, about fifty of the seven thousand entrants in the Contest who were selected from their photographs, went before the judges at specified times. I was in the last group. We returned home, and the Fall term had begun. I began to teach school again.

October 6th it was announced in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat that Miss Edith Mae Patterson, nineteen year old school teacher of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the first prize of \$1,000 in the United States District outside of Missouri, Illinois, and the City of St. Louis. There were three prizes in each of the four Districts.

I then received several offers to appear at the theatres in St. Louis, and I accepted one of the invitations to make personal appearances at the Missouri Theatre for which I was to receive \$500. Upon our arrival in St. Louis, we were met at the station, and motion pictures were taken.

Also motion pictures were taken of Mayor Kiel presenting me with the keys to the City of St. Louis in his office—also of our visit to the Children's Hospital and Clinic. The pictures were shown at the Theatre before my personal appearance on the stage, when I wore expensive and beautiful evening gowns and fur coats, furnished by one of the leading Ready-to-Wear Shops of the City.

The Globe-Democrat presented me with the \$1,000 check as first prize with congratulations.

I was entertained royally. We returned home with the \$1,500 and I continued teaching. I had engaged a substitute in my place during my absence. A month later, November 6th, I was also awarded the Grand Capital Prize of an additional \$2,500, with the title of "The Most Beautiful Girl in the United States."

Gifts and money came from various sources. I was called upon to christen an oil well and hydro-electric dam. I was dined, and feted, flattered, and honored. I was advised to capitalize, and take advantage of the publicity and popularity which I was receiving. So December 6th I gave up my position, and accepted an offer to tour the country—making personal appearances in Theatres as an added attraction.

With my Mother, Mr. J. B. Pennington, Business Manager, and a young man, baritone soloist who was with us part of the time, I appeared in one hundred and one towns and cities. During the engagements in many of the cities, I wore beautiful and expensive clothes from the select Ready-to-Wear Shops, was guest at the various Club luncheons, viz., Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, etc., had a car and chauffeur at my disposal, receiving applause, worldly honors, publicity and flattering sums of money from the Theatres, entertained at Country Clubs, and meeting the Mayors, and so-called elite of the City.

It was very exciting, alluring, inviting,—yet it did not satisfy. I was disappointed and surprised that I was not as happy and contented as I had expected to be with such within my grasp. There was an aching voidness in my heart—a hunger for something I knew not what and neither did I understand.

As a child, I had always prayed at night before retiring, and each time before my appearance on the stage, I would pray. While on the stage, Mother would be behind the curtain praying for me at my request and her desire—for God to help me, and not let me make any mistakes.

After a year on the stage, I grew restless, and tired of dances, luncheons, flowers, cars, applause and wanted a change—something different. Perhaps, I thought, I will like the screen better than the stage, so we told our friends and family, good bye, and started for Los Angeles and Hollywood. Mother always went with me. She was my constant companion. When I saw Hollywood, and had appeared in several pictures, I was more disappointed than ever, and shocked

at such a wicked world. The cinema life did not appeal to me, and I was horrified at the immorality, and things which I witnessed. My air castles shattered at my feet. I had several narrow escapes which frightened me. God saw my heart, and its hunger—my soul with its need of salvation—and He in His great love and mercy began to deal definitely with my heart—Praise His Name!

I began to attend services, and heard the Gospel preached simply but in power. It stirred my soul. I awakened to the startling realization that I was a sinner, lost and undone. I purchased a New Testament, and began to read. Oh, what a different Book it was to me! I could grasp its meaning better, and the Way seemed brighter, and my soul lighter. I would read and pray each night, and was seeking God for my soul.

It was there I came to the parting of the ways. One way led to a career, fame and fortune, but there was sin, the world, and a lost soul at the end. The other way revealed the Cross, and Jesus the Saviour having died for me that peace, joy and forgiveness might be mine. I made my choice. I gave up the thought of a career, and made my decision to leave the screen. Even though the Studio called over the 'phone, and letters were received requesting my presence to be cast for another picture, I would not reconsider, but took my stand and held to my determination by the grace of God. I had made a start for God, and desired to live a Christian life, but had not yet made a complete surrender, or been born again. I was changed in many ways, but was still holding on to a part of the world.

My father, and brother had, in the meantime, moved to California. But after my decision to give up pictures, I married Mr. Pennington, and we moved to Houston, Texas, to make our home. My husband and I later moved to Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Pennington's business required several changes. From Birmingham we moved to Dallas, Texas. From Dallas he was transferred to Oklahoma City.

During that time I realized that I was not living a victorious life—that I was trying to serve God, and hold on to the world. But there was an intense longing to know God, and I was all the while seeking a Church where I could worship and find God as I so desired to know Him. I wanted deliverance from the bondage of the world. I would read, and pray, yet attend Church one night and the Theatre the next.

I was becoming more and more hungry for righteousness, and the Word says, "He that hungereth and thirsteth after righteousness shall be filled."

One afternoon in October, 1925, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, while riding with some friends in a Metro-Goldwyn Trackless Train, which was being sent over the country to advertise Metro-Goldwyn Pictures, we passed a little white Church. Oh! somehow I felt my heart almost cease to beat—so it seemed—when I saw a sign above, "Jesus Saves." At the side was a placard with the name "Pentecostal Holiness Church." Pentecost! Pentecost! It thrilled my soul to see those words. I thought, "surely they must know the Lord here."

I told my husband about it, and we went on Sunday night. I felt so far from God when I saw the shining faces and heard the testimonies of victory in their souls. I had gone to the nominal Churches, but did not know there was such a Church with the name Pentecost, although I believed in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as I had heard the Full Gospel in Los Angeles, and had read the Bible concerning the truth of the experience, but did not thoroughly understand the operations, or manifestations of the Holy Spirit as was later revealed to me by experience and study of His Word.

My husband and I attended several Sunday nights. A Friday afternoon Prayer Meeting was announced. I thought that I would go. On that afternoon I dressed to go, but the enemy seemed determined to hinder my progress with God. There was a conflict going on in my heart. Something said, "I would go to the Theatre. I wouldn't go to Church today, etc." Then there seemed to be a leading to go to the little Church. As I walked out the door one step seemed to say "Theatre," the other "the Little Church." And I truly thank the Lord that I heeded the voice of the Lord to my heart, and walked past the Theatre, and into the door of the little Church.

I was dressed quite worldly with my fur coat, costume jewelry, rouge, and lipstick, the latter I had only recently begun to use. After the Bible lesson, there was much joy manifested among the saints, and one precious sister was under the Power and began to dance in the Spirit, and to speak in other Tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I remarked to one of the sisters by whom I

was sitting, "Is she in the Spirit?" There was a lack of understanding in my heart, and evidently doubt as well, for the sister who had danced so gracefully, and talked in Tongues so beautifully, came directly to me as I finished speaking, and with her eyes narrowed and piercing, she pointed her finger toward me, and rebuked me in a language that I did not understand. I knew that it was a rebuke from the Lord.

The sister next to me said, "The Lord says, Do you not see? Do you not see?" Yes, I did see the supernatural Power of God, and my unworthiness and how far away I was from God. Immediately I rushed to the altar and fell at the foot of the Cross, crying out to God. The saints gathered around me, and prayed that God would bring to my remembrance everything in my heart and life unlike Him. God answered their prayers.

I made the full surrender, and answered, "Yes, Lord, I will give that up. Yes, Lord, I will give up the theatres. Yes, Lord." At the last "Yes, Lord," oh, what a peace came over my soul—a quietness, and the burden had rolled away! Tears began to flow. I was happy, and felt so free, so light, so clean. As I left that little church, I was (so it seemed) walking on air. I passed the Theatre, and that was five and a half years ago, and I have not been in one since, nor have I had the desire to go. I went home, and took off my jewelry, and the Lord delivered me from desiring to wear it. I did so love it, and had always worn it to match my costume.

The next night, Saturday, October 17th, 1925, I went to service. I was asked to go to the altar—during the invitation—to seek my Baptism. I answered, "Yes, I would like to have the Baptism, but I do not know how, or what to do."

I went to the Altar, and obeyed their instructions. I praised the Lord, but it seemed so strange. However, I knew that I loved the Lord so I continued to praise Him, and soon the praises began to flow from my heart, and I enjoyed praising Him. Soon I was prostrated under the Power of God. Then I realized where I was, and wondered how I looked, and where the people were, and the Power lifted. I had gotten my mind off the Lord, and on myself.

When I felt the Spirit lift, I became frightened. I felt that I had grieved the Holy Spirit away, and I cried, "Oh! He has gone! He has gone! Will He not come back?"

And, praise the Lord, He did, and how wonderful it was to be under the Power of the Holy

Spirit. Words are inadequate to describe the glory, Divine ecstasy, and thrill there is in being immersed—filled with the Holy Ghost and fire.

I sang in the Spirit, laughed, shouted, cried, and was so blessed, refreshed, and filled to overflowing. Then, He announced His arrival by speaking in other Tongues as the Spirit gave utterance—I preached in other Tongues and there it was I received my call to "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

After a few months' stay in Oklahoma City, we returned to Birmingham, Alabama. There I began to teach a Sunday School Class in a Pentecostal Church, had charge of the Young People's work, and often gave Bible lessons at the Ladies' Prayer Meetings. God blessed my efforts, and encouraged me in working for Him. Two years later, November 23, 1927, our little daughter, Edith Lorraine, was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In 1928 a band of saints in Pine Bluff gathered together in the various homes where we held Cottage Prayer Meetings—having recently come into the District Council of the Assemblies of God.

I was made Assistant Pastor and had charge of the services except on Wednesday night. After a few months, the Lord so blessed that we moved into a vacant store building and arranged it comfortably. The blessings of the Lord continued to descend, and the Lord added to our number, so we later moved into the old Christian Church Building.

A year ago Elder E. J. Bruton, who had been elected Pastor, moved to Pine Bluff to take full charge of the work enabling me to answer God's call to evangelize. I am happy in the work of the Lord laboring in His Vineyard.

When I review the past, and think what might have been my future, I shudder, but praise the Lord, I am now a child of the King, and have chosen "The Highway of Holiness."

"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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TWO WEARY travelers sat beneath the boughs of a great tree in deep meditation. With bowed heads, they wished they might die, for the distress of soul and body was seemingly more than they could bear. Each charged the other with the crime that had brought them into such distress, which only added to their grief. Alone they sat weeping. Oh the sting of sin! No home! No one to look to and nowhere to go! Wander where they would, thorns pierced their feet, and the cry of vicious animals made them more afraid. In the darkness of the night they went out to tread no more the path of sin. Beneath the grassy mound lie the cold, lifeless forms of those who knew God but obeyed not His word.

You say "Tell me more of that strange story." Ah, friend, they were our first parents who walked and talked with God! There came a day when they were severely tempted, and in the evening of their terrible conflict they did eat of the forbidden fruit; they disobeyed God, and immediately they were lost in the waves of condemnation. Sin separated them from God, and the shadow of their own crime darkened their spiritual vision, and filled their souls with unutterable distress. But the sad story does not end here, for like Adam, we too have sinned, and even now are suffering for our own misdeeds, "for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The soul is in distress because of the violation of a divine law. Distress is sufficient evidence of a broken law. Sin not only separates man from God, but robs him of moral purity and spiritual power. Sin breeds mischief and is the mother of vice. Sin creates misunderstanding, jealousy, war and death. We would not have known trouble had it not been for sin; sin is the cause of all discord. Man has sinned and the evidence of that broken law is manifest in physical weakness. There is a cause for the good and there is a cause for the evil. God is good, hence evil cannot come from God. Satan is the enemy of God, therefore good cannot come from Satan. Goodness is the evidence of God, but sin is a manifestation of Satan.

SICKNESS

is the cause of much distress, and sin is the cause of sickness. Sickness is not a dream, nor is pain imaginary. Man is not sick because he thinks he is sick, nor is a man well because he thinks he is well. A man's condition is not always what he thinks it is.

One evening during my school days, my friend, Albert Andrews, and I sat in the moonlight on the college steps in pleasant conversation. He was handsome, congenial, noble and true, and has since gone to Heaven. As we parted that evening he went to his home and I went to my room in the dormitory. We were in usual health and full of ambition. When I entered my room I was seized with a sudden sickness, and remained unconscious for several hours. When I recovered, by my bed was the doctor, the President of the Seminary, several teachers and scholars. Do you think this was a dream, and that I was sick because I thought I was sick? I was no fool then, and I am not as wise as Solomon now, but one thing I do know, sickness is not a dream, but the result of the violation of a law of health, which is a law of God.

Our sickness may be the result of our sin, or it may have been handed down to us even from the third generation. Every deed must be accounted for, whether committed yesterday or a hundred years ago. You cannot destroy the law of nature. You are suffering because of your own sin or because of the sin of another. Why should such a thing be considered unreasonable? Is there not a family resemblance? Does not each family have its own peculiar and distinct characteristics? Let us be honest and turn to God who only can give freedom, peace and happiness.

PAIN

is not imaginary. This human body is a bundle of nerves, very quick in expression. A man might as well try to convince me that I never told a lie as to tell me pain is imaginary. If pain is unreal, and Jesus did not suffer, then the Bible is a false book and we are deceived; but many of us know this is not so and can say with Paul, "I KNOW whom I have believed."

Some people have been carried into a realm of extreme speculation, and they tell us matter is insensible and void of feeling, but experience and

observation teach me this is not true. Pain is the cry of the physical for relief, but relief cannot come until the cause of pain is removed.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

is within the reach of everyone in distress. There is no one like Jesus who can heal all our diseases. Look unto Him, O troubled heart and be healed!

In a hospital by a beautiful lake, lay a man helpless and hopeless. Kind friends were present to comfort but the end of his suffering was at hand. Yes, at hand, for Jesus stood by his cot and unto him said, "Take up thy bed and walk." Immediately he took up his bed and went on his way rejoicing, for the thing that caused the pain and distress was removed. In the temple Jesus met him again and to him said, "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon thee."

The soul is in distress because of sin, and sin can be removed only by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus died for the sins of the world, this does not signify that your sins are forgiven. Because God is willing to forgive sin is no evidence you will get to heaven. Man went out from God and must return to God by faith in the atoning blood of Christ, if he would be delivered from the power of sin. Call upon the Lord, O soul in distress, for He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds. "He forgiveth all thine iniquities and healeth all thy diseases."

COME UNTO ME

God's call to man has been the same in all ages and to all people. He invites the prodigal to come home. The door of salvation is wide open and whosoever will may enter. He demands repentance, qualification and service. Man went out from God and man must return to God if he would obtain mercy and salvation. Men have their own opinions, but the law of God is unchangeable. The spiritual condition of man is seen in his physical life. To reject or postpone the invitation of God is to the soul like a dose of poison to the body. God's last message has gone forth, the invitation of God is before you, and the destiny of your soul and body depends upon your decision. Stop a moment and be patient while I read to you from God's last statement. It is a message containing a final agreement bearing the seal of divine mercy: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness, but is

long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9.

REPENT

is the first word in the final agreement. The Lord Jesus began His ministry in Palestine, saying: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17. The disciples began their preaching on the day of Pentecost saying, "Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:37-39. Simon Peter said to Simon the sorcerer, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee." Acts 8:22. Again the Lord Jesus said: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Lu. 13:3. "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and unto our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7. "For the Lord's hand is not shortened that He cannot save, nor His ear heavy that He cannot hear, but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear." Isa. 59:1,2. "But if the wicked will turn away from all his sins that he hath committed and keep all my statutes and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his sins that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto Him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live." Ezek. 18:21, 22. "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgression from us." Psa. 103:12. The mercy of God to us-ward is boundless, who can reject it? "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I Jno. 1:8, 9. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no dif-

ference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him, for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:9-13. "He was manifested to take away our sins." I Jno. 3:25, "Who His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin; should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed." I Pet. 2:24. "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then being justified by His blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Rom. 5:8, 9.

Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The Lord Jesus, our only hope of eternal life said, "I am come not to do my own will, but the will of Him that sent me." "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost." "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "I lay down my life for my sheep." "No man taketh it from me, I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again." "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." "And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand; my Father which gave them me is greater than all, and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." "And where I am there ye may be also." "Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." "O taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is that man that trusteth Him."

Christ came to fight our battles and the gospel we preach is the glad tidings of His own victory. He came as a humble servant with our pardon, and the gift is His own. He is the sinner's friend and the Christian's Saviour. Hear Him saying, "Come unto me and I will give you rest." Come, for He is calling you. Come, ye who have sinned and want pardon. Come, ye who have lost confidence in those whom you have trusted. Come, ye who have lost faithful friends and feel alone and lonely.

Come, you who have laid the precious form of a loved one away in the cold grave. Come to Jesus. Can you not hear Him calling, "Come unto Me just as you are with all your sorrows, and I will give you rest"? The Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him that heareth say come, and whosoever will come, come, come, for this is the day of your redemption. Come and receive your salvation.

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mine to take new courage in a cause that brought Christ from glory to suffer and die and that has strewn the age with the dead bodies of the faithful saints of the past? Where and when shall we launch an offensive and start out to put the enemy to flight? In that day when we return as one man to our knees and call on God to fill our hearts with fresh courage and reinforcements of power, when our vision is renewed in the cause for which Christ died and rose again, when we lay aside our trifling differences in minor opinions and launch together, armed with the 'sure word of prophecy' and drive the hordes of hell out into the field in open conflict, then we shall come forth more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

When we as Christians realize the important part each one is to take in this last battle of the Christian age; when we esteem the house of God a better place to be in on Sunday than joy riding, or home in the easy chair trying to bolster an accusing conscience by feeding it on some radio quiet hour sermonette instead of on the firing line at the meeting; when Christians get back to practical Christianity and real Apostolic praying and loyalty to the Word of God—then I say things over the country will assume a different aspect and we will find the enemy on the defensive instead of leading in the fight. Then his great show of strength will wane and as our flagging forces will take new courage and rally to the standard the flag of truce will be waving over the enemy trenches and the great armistice parley will sit in Jerusalem. Hell will be defeated; the prince of darkness banished and Christ shall reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords before all His ancients gloriously. Even so Come Lord Jesus!

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the people in town became very sick; in most every hut sick people were lying on their mats, and seven people died. Then the people confessed their sins to God's people, saying that be-

cause they had done this thing the poison had turned on them.

"A woman in this town cut her knee with a cutlass; her limb was very swollen and she suffered much. Her husband came and asked us to 'beg God' for her. We found the woman very sick and because she couldn't walk outside they had dug a hole beside her, and when they washed her limb the water ran into the hole. Consequently the ground where she lay was damp and she got lockjaw and could not eat. The woman and her family were told that if they trusted the Lord and did what was right the Lord would heal her. So all the people in the hut cried to God with their faces to the floor, and He healed her. Today she is sitting outside and is very happy. Praise God He is ever faithful!

"While I have been writing this, some chief men have come from Kettspoo tribe begging for a native preacher to come and teach them God's way. They brought a goat as a gift, asking me to write a 'strong letter' to Mr. Perkins so he will send some one to teach them."

Station Swept by Plague

FOREIGN missions spells sacrifice, lives laid down, populating "God's acres". This has been painfully realized recently when the Mission Station of Sikasso, French West Africa, was swept by yellow fever. Three valuable missionaries working in the Christian and Missionary Alliance were stricken by death. Only one was known to us, Mrs. Rudolph Anderson (nee Ethel Mason) who was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Mason, one of the charter members of The Stone Church.

Dear Ethel had been dedicated to the Lord by her mother before her birth, and all through her childhood the hand of the Lord was upon her. Once when critically ill with appendicitis the Lord spoke to her mother about giving her as a sacrifice for His glory. Thinking it meant death she questioned how it could be for His glory, and it was then that she was made to understand that God wanted her as a living sacrifice, to work among the heathen.

When she was sixteen she had a remarkable experience. Standing on the porch of her home she saw written in a black cloud the words, "Come to Jesus". The following Sunday she yielded to the Lord and was truly saved. Immediately she cast about for some service she might render to the Lord, and began by teaching a S. S. class of girls, never giving up until she had won every one to the Lord. A few years later, upon hearing a message on the great privilege of being an ambassador for Christ, she

surrendered her life wholly, and gave up a coveted career for the mission field.

During her first term in dark Africa she married Rudolph Anderson, and after spending last year on furlough they again returned to their field, and a little babe was born to them. She was smitten with yellow fever within a year of her return, and just twenty-four hours after her death her husband joined her in the home beyond. Humanly speaking it seems a tragedy that these young lives, so eager to work for God, should have been cut off, but the God who sends forth His laborers has seen fit to say, "It is enough," and though the blow is a heavy one to the station, the work, and their loved ones, yet we know that He makes no mistakes.

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hire for man, nor any hire for beast," (Zech. 8:10) when famines are abroad in the land. Men of affairs hold session after session discussing the why of the inability to move raw material, why the industries are idle, but the task is hopeless—all the while the toll of poverty and hunger increases. Food is rationed out (Ezek. 4:10) and in the midst of plenty there is no money to buy.

A man of great culture and wide political experience in Europe, recently said: "Europe can only continue in this state for another year or two. We are running the risk of a social upheaval which may reach unprecedented proportions."

The Latin (Roman Catholic) Church are erecting a large building on each prominent hill-top in each town in Palestine, and buying up large communities from the Greek Church. They have built a high church tower in Jerusalem, lighted at the top by an electric cross, for it is their purpose to have the highest point to light in that city. On one of their other buildings they have an image of the Virgin Mary electrically lighted.

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"General Ludendorff says the real reason for offering relief to Germany and the price to be paid by the German people is Germany's pledge of alliance in the big war next spring. In this war, which the general says will be started under the camouflage of a preventative war against Russia, the nations will destroy one half as a sacrifice to Moloch."

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