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## THE KINGS OF THE EAST

The River Euphrates Drying Up to Make Way for the Return of Israel.

Truly it seems that Satan is having his revival and harvest of souls as "nations rise against nations, and kingdoms against kingdoms." Only today the news is brought to us that Turkey, who has been threatening trouble ever since the war first broke out in Europe, has at last cast the die and plunged into the conflict. What this will mean in the future can hardly be realized. Turkey can muster an army a million men strong which she will now hurl at Russia, at Egypt, into Palestine, and in all probability at the Balkan States. We are confident that the outcome will be the overthrow and annihilation of Turkey, the wresting of Palestine from her slimy grasp, and the return of Israel in triumph to once more take her place among the nations of the earth, but as to what shall transpire between now and the time of the end, we are almost entirely in the dark.

### An Invasion of Egypt.

It is altogether probable that Turkey, taking advantage of the occupation of the British troops in France and Belgium, will make an invasion of Egypt. Whether the Mohammedans will arise and assist her in throwing off the English yoke or not is still a question unsolved. Germany is counting on the Mohammedans declaring a holy war, and thus create an uprising in all of England's colonies with a Mohammedan population, which would give Great Britain more trouble than she could conveniently take care of. In fact a recent letter from a Pentecostal Missionary in Egypt reveals just such a contingency. We quote as follows: "Last night after we had retired, the Mohammedans started a demonstration outside our bedroom windows in favor of Germany and against the English. They have deeply laid plans on foot to massacre all the Christians and divide the loot the moment Turkey makes a move against Great Britain. Out of 13,000,000 people here nearly 12,000,000 are Mohammedans, and the facts are they are against the English and want Turkey and Germany."

### Effects of War on Missionaries.

That our Missionaries are in grave danger in Egypt, India and Africa cannot be denied. The Boers, under the generalship of the famous leader, General DeWitt, have commenced a rebellion against Great Britain in South Africa which is very threatening and which may be the means of cutting off financial support and destroying the home and mission stations of the missionaries, and stopping all missionary effort for years to come. Whether the Boers of South Africa succeed in their purpose or not, the Missionaries will suffer until the conflict has passed, and possibly for years afterwards. In India the Mohammedan population has to be reckoned with and a recurrence of the Sepoy Rebellion is liable to occur. In this case, all Europeans and Americans will be put to death unceremoniously by the fanatical population. In Egypt the missionaries are facing the same threatening dangers which are hanging over them as a cloud, ready to burst upon them at the slightest provocation. God's children need to pray as never before for the safety of the missionaries in these fields and to do all in their power to help relieve them in a financial way. Read some of the letters in this paper and then act as God leads you. Not only is danger of personal injury imminent to the missionaries, but foodstuffs are so high that it takes about twice as much money to live as it did before the war broke out. May God help and strengthen and comfort our dear missionaries in this time of great need.

### A Ray of Light.

But there is one bright ray of sunlight in the midst of all this gloom and sorrow, and that is the return of the Lord Jesus Christ which cannot much longer be delayed. The entrance of Turkey into this great conflict, in which already eight great nations are engaged, confirms more than anything else our conviction that we are down towards the time of the end and that this great war is the fulfillment of the prophecy in Math. 24:6-8 and that this is the beginning of travail. The Turks are the descendants of Esau to whom the descendants or children of Jacob have been bowing for "seven times" or 2-

520 years. The times of the Gentiles closes sometime within the next few years. Some people think it will be in 1914 and others think it will be not until 1935. At any rate the time is near, and Bible Students have been expecting for years that Turkey would be overthrown and Palestine released from her grasp, and now the time seems to be at hand. It was thought that the Balkan war would fulfill the prophecy, and it did partially, but now the prospects are bright for a further and more complete fulfillment which brings forcibly to our attention the fact that the coming of the Lord cannot be much longer delayed. The drying up of the Euphrates, figuratively, refers to Turkey (Rev. 16:12) and cannot be entirely fulfilled until just before the Great Battle of Armageddon, near the close of the tribulation, but every blow which is struck against her and every war in which she enters and in which she loses territory, helps to fulfill the prophecy and make way for the Kings of the East which will be the future nationalization of Israel when the Lord shall come and reign over them in Mount Zion.

### A Word of Warning.

But now while wars and rumors of wars are occupying our attention, and the temptation is strong to pore over the newspapers and read the accounts of the terrible death struggles of the East, don't forget to pray earnestly for the missionaries that they may be kept and protected in these times of sorrows and that the church may be prepared for her coming Lord. Give and pray and lift up your hearts and rejoice for your redemption draweth night.—J. R. F.

## BLESSED VICTORY IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

A gracious revival is going on in our midst. Souls are being saved at every service. Even in Sunday morning worship they come through to salvation and the glorious baptism. Six were baptized during last week, about fifteen in just a few days, and there are some wonderful healings. Two just occur to me—a woman, unsaved and wearing very strong glasses for 17 years, came to meeting Sunday night and was saved. Returned Monday night and was powerfully baptized in the Spirit, speaking at length as the Spirit gave utterance. Then we were asked to pray for her healing. God instantly healed her eyes. She could read small print easily and without any trouble. Last Wednesday night we prayed for ulceration of the uterus of many years standing (almost constant pain and discomfort). She was instantly and perfectly healed and was out the next day praising God. Her two daughters were saved and baptized in camp-meeting this summer. Another, a brother whom I have known for six years, has been very deaf—has not heard a sound in his right ear for 24 years. He came yesterday to be prayed for. The power of God came upon him and felled him to the floor like a dead man, but God opened his ear and he demonstrated to many all day long that he could hear perfectly in that ear. These are a few of the things God is doing.—Will C. Trotter.

### A TESTIMONY.

Praise God this morning because I have been redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus. I am standing on the everlasting rock, and am trusting Him in everything. Five years ago a band of good Apostolic people came to our town and gave us the true Gospel and I accepted it and was saved, sanctified and baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. I shall always hold up the blood-stained banner for Jesus. As Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness, so ever must the Son of man be lifted up. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I may be able to quench all the fiery darts of Satan. Pray for my husband that he may be saved.—Mrs. Lanier Machin, Mineola, Texas, R. 4.

### OFFERS HIS SERVICES.

I want to offer my services in the Lord's work. I am willing to go anywhere I am needed. I am Pentecostal from start to finish. I believe in the old-time religion (nothing else can satisfy). There are many holiness people here who emphasize a "second definite work of Grace," and I preach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the same signs following as on the day of Pentecost. Would like to be with some true saints of God. Let any who feel led, write to me.—T. H. Williams, Marion, Ill.

## FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS

Brother Hicks Called Home After Life of Loving Service in Egypt.

Our Beloved Brother Hicks responded to the call of God and went home to receive his reward on September 24th.

Bro. T. D. Hicks came to Egypt as a missionary with his wife and family from Mercer, Mo., Jan. 1913. He was a kind and loving husband and father, and a faithful missionary. His advantages in the ministry before coming here were limited but he diligently applied himself to study and endeavored to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

He was loved by all, not only those of like faith but by many more, and all believed him to be a man of God.

He took Typhoid Fever but, after a while, feeling better, began to work and eat, this resulted in a relapse. He was taken to the American Mission Hospital, which is conducted by Christian doctors who gave their services free. Nevertheless he suffered much and failed rapidly and in three days the end came. He was always ready to give God the glory for all that Jesus had done, and was doing. When asked if he wished to return to America he said, "No, not now." He desired to labor on and lift up Christ, and preach the Gospel in its fullness and see many more of the precious Egyptians saved, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and Fire and ready for the coming of Jesus Christ.

We received a telegram Sept. 23rd saying, Brother Hicks hopeless. Come. We took the first train we could get, but on arrival found our Brother was already dead and the funeral service being conducted by Bro. C. W. Trotter, Bishop of the Holiness Movement Church. The text was "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." We assisted him at the close and then proceeded to the Cemetery where we laid the remains to rest near Bro. Brelsford who died at that station two years ago, both having labored faithfully till the very last.

Our departed Brother leaves a wife and three children who keenly feel the loss of husband and father. We have committed them to the tender care of Him who says, "Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive, and let thy widows trust in Me." Will the saints please bear them up in special prayer before the throne of grace?

Sister Hicks and family desire to return to America as soon as the way opens.

Sister Mary Smithson who labored so faithfully with them was worn out and sick in her body. We brought her with us to Cairo, and she is resting and gaining in strength as she leans on the Everlasting arms. We want you to pray specially for all your missionaries in these times of perplexity and uncertainty.—C. W. Doney.

### WATCH AND PRAY.

If there ever has been a time for God's children to watch and pray it is now. Jesus said that many false prophets would arise and deceive many. Matt. 24:10. This will take place in the last days. When Jesus was on the Mount of Olives and the disciples came to him privately saying, "tell us when shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world," Jesus answered and said to them, "Take heed that no man deceive you for many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am Christ' and shall deceive many." Notice the force of "shall" in this verse. (Read Matt. 24: 3, 4, 5 and 23:6, 7, 27. May God help us to see where we are and where we are going. It will be better for the false prophet in the judgment if he will take his tent down and fold it up and ship it home.

Preacher, when you go to pray for the sick and use the words that Peter used when he and John went up to the temple to pray—if you say, "Silver and gold have I none but such I have give I thee," be sure that you do not have the gold and silver, neither lands or stock, and be sure that your clothes are somewhat like sackcloth and ashes. When Jesus says "Go ye," it means to put all on the altar.

The man that Peter and John prayed for immediately received strength in his ankle bones and he leaped and praised God. What happens to the one you pray for, Preacher? Perhaps if you read Rev. 21:8 it may contain one of the reasons why the one that you prayed for did not leap and praise God. We shall reap what we sow. A small pebble may be thrown into the great sea and when it strikes the water the little ripples start and the farther they spread on the water the larger they get. Some day they will reach the other shore, and if you have cast in a pebble of hatred into this old world you will reap the sure harvest of damnation to your own soul. If it be a pebble of a loving thought or deed, you will hear, "Well done good and faithful servant."—R. L. Hatcher, Chancellor, Ala.

### A NOTE FROM ARKANSAS.

The Apostolic people are increasing in this great state. The Council of the Assembly at Hot Springs last April had its influence. It gave the people a better knowledge of the Pentecostal teaching. That was the purpose of the great Council of Nice in the year 325 of the Christian era. It was for the purpose of harmonizing teachings and doing away with erroneous ideas. It seems that each representative had a voice. The inspired writer has said, "In the multitude of counselors there is safety."

I am glad to see the spirit manifested by the editor of the Word and Witness. Bless God for such a spirit. So many these days want to coerce, rule or ruin. But God will sift out such.

A word about Faith—Much is said about it these days. See Matt. 9:33, "It was never so seen in Israel." Now the application: Brother Chambless, when in the Lone Star State, was directed to go to Enola, Ark., and hold a series of meetings. Abraham-like, he obeyed and came back to his old home. A Texas brother helped him. They had a good meeting and at its close there was no place for the saints to hold their services in without discommending someone else. Now comes in the faith part. One "Mr. Faith" said, "I will give the timber to make the lumber;" another said, "We will take the logs to the mill." The sawyer's Faith expanded and he said he would saw the lumber, and the spirit of generosity got hold of the merchants that they donated the nails to nail the combined "faiths" together. But such an occurrence never was known here before. Bless God for His cementing and unifying and uplifting power! The building will be ready for use in a short time. The size is 30 by 50. God bless Bro. Chambless in his efforts in the cause of the Master.—A. C. Snelson.

### VERA, TEXAS.

The Lord has been wonderfully blessing us at Vera and at Cottonwood about six miles from Vera. Am so thankful the Lord ever sent Bro. J. S. McConnell and wife to this place. About 45 or 50 have been baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and I could not tell how many have been saved. Sinners have been struck down under conviction all over the tabernacle and have come through, shouting victory. The Lord has done a work that will stand until Jesus comes. Praise God! There were some wonderful cases of healing during the meeting. One deaf and dumb boy whom I have known for some time, was prayed for and could hear and speak words plainly, and I have been told he can now hear the crickets sing. Our God is a wonderful saviour. Five have received the baptism in the Praise meetings and at home since the meeting closed. Sunday night, Oct. 11th the power of God fell on the audience and the shouts went up, and conviction took hold of some very hardened sinners.

I have been sanctified for about 14 or 15 years, but, Praise God, I feel I am one round higher, and Christ seems so real to me. I think the Lord is going to give us a preacher or two out of his body of people. We are praying for the Lord to send us a preacher filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us that He may lead us on until Jesus comes, which we do not feel will be very long.—Mrs. W. J. Wiggins.

### SEVENTY-ONE BAPTIZED.

Well praise the Lord. He has saved 125 here and baptized 71 with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God in the highest!—W. R. Amiot, Collinsville, Okla.

## TROUBLE IN PALESTINE

Effects of War Keenly Felt Before Turkey Actually Enters the Conflict.

"A few days after the war trouble began, Jerusalem and all Turkish dominions became very restless, without there being any war against Turkey. First, the government began to collect every mule found in Jerusalem, and in the towns and villages around; then they blocked all the roads with soldiers, and gave notice that if any man from the age of 20 to 45 tried to escape and was caught he would be shot immediately. Every road leading into Jerusalem from outside was blocked. All kinds of notices, orders and rumors filled the town, and the people were terrified. At last the deputy for Jerusalem sent a telegram to the mayor saying that the parliament had decided not to take men of those ages who had never been in the army, but to let them pay one or more (as they pleased) Turkish liras as a help. This was published and sent around by the mayor, for it was a real and official telegram from the authorities. The commandant then in Jerusalem sent out official notices against this order, only because it was not sent direct to him, as the head of the military here, and the mayor had published it without his consent. Yesterday, every man between 20 and 45, of whatever creed, had to present himself to be registered and without delay; they were then told to go and to return in a few days. Many people say that the commandant wants to show his authority. Every man who is able to pay thirty Turkish pounds (\$165) may so exempt himself from military service. Nearly everyone, however, is unwilling to pay, especially the Jews, who swear by the Ten Commandments not to pay one penny. Besides, nobody can get any money, because all of the banks have been closed since the war trouble began, and can only give a very little indeed. The trouble about the metalliks has begun again, and the old ones (copper pieces) are no longer accepted. Francs were not taken either, but they have been brought up to their original value. Everything is dearer.

The government sent soldiers to Aleppo, Damascus, via Nablous and Afaieh. Horses and mules were collected, and only the weak and worthless ones were left. At least fifty sacks of flour were collected from every mill and every rich merchant for the soldiers. All ropes were taken from every shop. The soldiers and police have been going around to every shop, and taking one-tenth of everything eatable they could find, such as oil, butter, rice, potatoes, biscuits, sugar, sweets, etc. Jerusalem is now in an awful state, all commerce stopped; everybody has gone mad at the treatment of the government; and no one can find money to emigrate or pay his exemption fee. The government is not spending one para on the soldiers who were collected, but they are feeding themselves, and will be provided with what has been taken. The government also collected all the sheep they could get around Jerusalem, and meat will soon be very dear. A tin of water costs four metalliks (five cents). The soldiers that were taken from the villages have been sent to Lifta and Ain Carim to be able to drink and to live there until they are called for. (Both these villages have good springs). In the morning when they find peasants coming to Jerusalem to sell cabbages, fruits, etc., they take what is loaded on the donkey and pay nothing for it at all. Famine is in Jerusalem, and sooner or later, the people will have to rob the shops and houses in order to live."

Copied from "The Near East" by Florence I. Bush.

### CATO, ARK.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed us here. We have four missions now and will open three more soon, if the Lord wills. Fifty-two have received the baptism. This is a new field—work in the country. Since January last we have had some wonderful cases of healing.—P. N. Mayhew.

"The Bible is the 'blue-print' used in erecting the religious structure of a Christian. No contractor would attempt to erect a building without making constant use of his 'blue-print,' for he knows he could not build safely without it, and neither can you."—Voice in the Wilderness.

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EDITORIALS

1. What evidence does a person usually have when he obtains one or more of the nine gifts?

Ans. The best evidence we know of that a person has one or more of the nine gifts is when we see the gift in operation. The real proof that a gift actually has been received and that that gift is from God is that the person receiving the same is so humble that he never mentions the gift or glories in it and seems almost to be unconscious of its existence in his life until the time comes for it to be exercised. There is nothing more abnoxious than for a person to go around boasting in this gift or that and then, when put to the test, he is most generally found wanting.

2. Would like the best scriptural explanation as to why the baptized saints will be the only ones to be caught up at Christ's second coming?

Ans. In answer to this question, would say that there is no scriptural explanation of this statement. About the only verse of Scripture which gives any foundation for this teaching at all is the 25th chapter of Matthew, dealing with the parable of the Ten Virgins, and when this parable is looked into closely it is found that the ten virgins are not the bride of Christ at all and there is no evidence whatever that they are to be raptured. This parable in its dispensational setting applies to the close of the tribulation period and not to the saints before the rapture, and the only connection this parable has with us in the "time of the gentiles" is that it teaches us we must be prepared at any moment or any hour for the coming of the Lord. About the only clue we have as to those who will be ready for the coming of the Lord is found in the second and third chapters of Revelation, in the promises to those who overcome; and again, Luke 21:34 gives us a decided warning that if we would escape the tribulation terrors we must watch and pray, whether we be baptized in the Spirit and speak with other tongues or whether we be not baptized. The baptism of the Spirit is the beginning of the Christian life and does not qualify anybody for the rapture. The experience which qualifies God's people for the rapture is a life of overcoming victory through the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Spirit.—J. R. F.

QUESTION BOX.

3. "For with thy sorceries were all nations deceived." Rev. 18:23. Please give the New Testament meaning of the word "sorceries".  
Ans. In the American version the word "sorcery" occurs four times: Rev. 9:11, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15. The same Greek word is also translated "witchcraft" in Gal. 5:20. In the revised version the word is translated "sorceries" in Gal. 5:20. There is another Greek word translated "sorcery" in Acts 8:9, 13:6, 8, and "wise men" in Matt. 2:1, 7, 16, but this word has a different meaning and bears no relation to the word in question. The Greek lexicographers give as its primary meaning "a drug" one who deals in drugs, the employment of drugs for any purpose (Green Lex.) "Enchantment by the aid of drugs," (Young & Scott). Dr. Seiss in his works on Revelation defines the word

"sorceries,"—a dose, a drug, a medicine. Webster defines drugs: "Any substance used in medicine." The Holy Spirit will not let the saints take any part in deceiving the nations with the drug business. They hold Jesus up as the only panacea for all ills. "He took our infirmities and bare our sickness." See Matt. 8:17. All glory to our Physician.—D. E. Stover.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

We request especial prayer for the healing of Bro. Chewing, afflicted with cancer.—A Brother in Tucker, Ga.

Please pray for us that God will send a good worker to this place.—A sister in Miles City, Montana.

Please pray for the healing of my body; also that I may receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost.—M. A. Pilgrim, Marlow, Okla.

I have been afflicted with epileptic fits for 18 years. God has saved me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I have taken my case out of the hands of the doctors and am trusting God to heal me. Please pray for me especially the first week in November, that I may be healed.—J. W. Tucker, Cleveland, Texas.

Pray for a sister in Marlow, Okla., who has nervous affection, catarrh of the head and lungs, and neuralgia of the breast. She has been healed before in answer to prayer, and knows God will hear the prayers of the saints.

THE OTHER SIDE.

I am one of those "Second-Blessing" Holiness fellows, double-woven and dyed in the wool. I am saved, sanctified and satisfied with my Saviour. I have a perfect Saviour and He saves perfectly.

We do not teach, as you seem to think, that sanctification or Christian perfection is an end. We constantly teach and affirm that it is a means to an end. The end is, 1st: Constant growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, that we may abound more in the knowledge and love of God. 2nd: That we may have the best possible equipment and endowment for the most effective service in the Kingdom of God.

We do not believe there is any state of grace from which men could not backslide. It is possible for men to sin as long as they are in this body. I am perfectly familiar with all the authors from Wesley, Fletcher and Clark down to the present. I have heard many of the holiness preachers and have attended holiness camp-meetings but never heard anyone teach absolute perfection nor angelic perfection, not even Adamic perfection.

We do believe in Christian perfection. A man is evangelically perfect when he meets the conditions and requirements of the dispensation of grace under which he lives.

Mr. Wesley used about 40 different phrases to express an idea of full salvation, or entire sanctification but the "Baptism of the Holy Ghost" was not one of them. The older authors, viz: Wesley, Fletcher and Clark, knew the phrase to be ambiguous. So they did not rely upon it as modern authors do.

The modern holiness men have overworked it. It is all right when properly understood. If to be born of water means to be baptized in or with water, to be born of the Spirit means to be baptized in or with the Spirit. It seems that Jesus connects the baptism in the Spirit with the new birth. (Yes, "if." But born of water does not mean baptized with water and so born with the Spirit does not mean baptized with the Spirit.—Ed.)

Paul says we are baptized into the body of Christ in or with one Spirit (certainly not by one Spirit). This text seems to teach that a person is not a member of the body of Christ or the true Church if not baptized with the Spirit.

John the Baptist, speaking of Jesus, said: "He it is that baptizeth, (or is baptizing) with the Holy Ghost. Jesus is the administrator; a child of God is the subject; the Holy Spirit the element. The administrator and the element never change places.

We certainly feel the need of the merit of Christ's death. His blood cleanseth or is cleansing from all sin. To be cleansed from all sin and filled with the Holy Ghost is what we call Christian perfection or holiness.—S. W. Shelton.

NOTE ON ABOVE.

We have just let our precious brother who writes in such a sweet spirit tell his own story and leave it with the readers. We might reply that we do not believe some things Brother Shelton seems to think we teach, but we do not want to argue or detract from what he says. If all can keep sweet like this brother writes, then we can all love and fellowship each other and work together for God's glory, as we should. Amen! Things are getting better all the time.—E. N. B.

THE ROYALTY OF CHRIST

The Following Is a Sermon Preached by Our Dear Bro. Ryan Sunday Afternoon at Chelsea, Mass.

Jer. 6:1-18. Not in all the portals of heaven or anywhere in the earth was there found one that gave perfect satisfaction to Divine justice—to plan the way for man's redemption. But Jesus, the only begotten son of God, was willing to leave Heaven with all its splendor and glory, and condescend to come to earth and take on Himself the form of man to fulfill this divine mission. The angels could not understand and were amazed and astonished that Jesus, God's only Son, should lay aside His robe of royalty and go down to earth on such a mission as this. And when the time came that this step must be taken, a body of angels accompanied Him, doing all they could to help the Son of God in this great mission to the earth. We read of the Heavenly host visiting the shepherds as they kept watch over their flocks by night and made known to them the good news of the priceless gift—and not only this, but told them how and where they might find him. And after they had preached this wonderful sermon to the shepherds, we read that suddenly a multitude of the heavenly host joined the angels in praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, good will to men."

Later we see that the angel appeared to Joseph, warning him to flee with the young child from the wicked king who sought to kill him. Now we know that when a person comes here from another country, he must, in order to become naturalized, have his papers with the government seal upon them. So, our dear Saviour, coming from heaven, brought His divine documents with him, and these were sealed with the seal of man's complete redemption through His precious blood (which divine justice had declared would be satisfactory.)

"When I see the blood I will pass over you." Our precious Saviour not only proved himself a complete Saviour, fulfilling every detail required in the accomplishment of the perfect redemption, but, after going through the earth doing good, healing all kinds of sickness and disease, raising the dead, and comforting the sorrowing, when the fullness of time came, he was taken by cruel men and nailed to the cross. But all does not end here. Thank God, the documents were nailed there too with Jesus and are and will remain in good effect until Jesus comes for His Bride a spotless church. Praise His dear name forever!

May God help each of us in this world who is called to preach this wonderful salvation which cost the precious blood of Jesus, to be true and pure representatives of Jesus in every sense of the word, so that, should it please Jesus to take us to Himself before He comes for His church, our lives may be so spotless and truly devoted to Him that they may continue to live on and prove a rich blessing to many souls. The Word says, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."—Abbie S. Phillips.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

To the readers of the Voice In The Wilderness: We wish to announce the change of our address from 1450 N. Missouri St., where we have been for the past three years.

Our NEW address is now 330 West 10th St., where we are publishing tracts and free Pentecostal literature on our own press.

Please direct all mail to the above address hereafter. We earnestly desire your prayers that the work might prosper, and great good be done in the name of the Lord.—Eld. G. T. Haywood, 330 West Tenth St., Indianapolis, Ind., U. S. A.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

We have had some good times here lately. Some have been saved, some baptized and some healed wonderfully. One sister was healed of several diseases—rheumatism, kidney and stomach trouble. One brother was healed of blood poison. He is a Free-will Baptist minister and has received his baptism and was also healed of rheumatism. Had been so afflicted all year that he could only get about on crutches. Now he is as nimble as a young man. Truly our God is the same today as he was years ago.—W. W. Hall.

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

INTERNATIONAL S. S. LESSON.

Nov. 15, 1914.

JESUS AND PETER.

Lesson Text—Mark 14:27-31, 53, 54, 66-72.

Golden Text—Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10:12.

Leading Thought—"Watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation."

1. Peter following afar off—(Vs. 53, 54). "And they led Jesus away." Notice to whom—the High Priest—a significant fact in consideration of it being his duty to examine the sacrifices whether or not they were without blemish. Here was the great sacrifice "without spot or blemish," sent away bound and approved for His offering up. "Led as a lamb to the slaughter."

But a few hours have elapsed since Christ's farewell meeting with his disciples in the upper room. Bold were Peter's words of assurance to Christ's friends. "Although all shall be offended yet will not I." And even after more forceful explanation by Jesus Peter "spoke the more vehemently," confidently declaring his faithfulness. Mk. 14:27-31. How overconfident many of our assertions have been! It bordered on self-righteousness—that subtle disastrous first step in the downfall of many Christians. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." 1 Kings 20:11. May God illuminate. Rom. 9:16 in this connection. We are not surprised at the next step—"Peter follow afar off." Love for Christ and fear of man wrestled in his heart; little had he realized his weakness until the test came.

"Into the palace of the high priest"—to the near His Lord in position, Peter's condition was still farther away. "He sat in the seat of the scornful,"—he warmed himself at the world's fire. Psa 1:1. Lu. 22:55.

2. Peter fails.—(Vs. 66-71). His first denial. "And thou also wast with Jesus." V. 67. Compare Jno. 18:15-17. John had evidently taken a bold stand with no apparent danger. But fear of reproach swooped down like an avalanche upon poor Peter. He had been neither watching or praying. The wily adversary knew well when to strike his blow and that first denial only made doubly easy the two that followed. A word of courageous affirmation would have had exactly as strong an opposite effect. Satan leads his captives from bad to worse. 2 Tim. 2:25, 26. And by a servant maid at that! He who had cast out devils (Lu. 9:1-6); beheld the glory of God on the mount (Matt. 17:1-9); most openly confessed Christ as Lord (Matt.

16:17)—overwhelmed by fear of a simple maid! Ah Peter, "he who thinks to be standing, let him be looking lest he fall." 1 Co. 10:12. Roth—His second denial. "This is one of them." V. 69. Deeper is the denial, accompanied this time with an oath. Matt. 26:72. Surely the cock crowing just previous should have arrested him. But how weak his memory was now! Had he forgotten how anxious and proud he was to be considered one of them when Christ was admired by all, and even in the garden. But that was before he knew how much it really meant to be "one of them." Now he knew and shrank. God help us who sing so joyously—

"I am glad that I can say I'm one of them."

to stand firm by our company when the hardest, closest press is on. "He will give grace—and glory." Hallelujah! His third denial—"Thy speech agreeth thereto." V. 70. Though sadly mutilated spiritually there were still some earmarks. Shun it as he might the reproach was still upon him. "Surely thou art one of them." Ah Peter did you not know the value, the glory, the sweetness in welcoming the offense of the cross! Gal. 5:11. In how many lives has it ceased today. With every forward move of God there is an "offense," a cross. Doubly true in Pentecost—God grant us to see our exalted privilege to actually be "one of them," tho the whole world reproach us therein. Rom. 15:3; Isa. 51:7; 2 Cor. 12:10; Heb. 12:26; 13:13.

3. Peter forgiven.—(V. 72). "The second time the cock crew." A simple thing occasioned his fall; a simpler thing becomes God's instrument of restoration. "And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter." Lu. 22:61. No wonder Peter remembered then; sad was his awakening realization of gross unfaithfulness to his Lord. "He wept bitterly." Matt. 26:75. Judas too had wept but, unlike him, Peter found a place of repentance. In place of being the consummation of a life of resistance of God's mercy; it was but the momentary failure under pressure of the enemy. How sweet and comforting to Peter must have come his Lord's word's "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fall not." A short while and this very Peter stands forth, filled with the Spirit uttering that wonderful Pentecostal message which culminated in that mighty altar service. Acts 2. Peter has many followers of his pre-Pentecostal life; would that he had more followers of his life after Pentecost.

A TESTIMONY.

I am thanking and praising God for victory through the precious blood of Jesus. He is so good to us. I am so glad I ever found Him. About twenty-two months ago the Lord wonderfully baptized me and healed me of bone erysipelas in my left limb. I had been a cripple 23 years and wore a bandage 15 years and could not button my shoe around my ankle until last winter. Am so glad I ever heard of God's power to heal, and that I laid my life in Jesus hands. I was born and raised about four miles from this place (George's Creek, Texas.)—Bertha Calahan

DOTHAN, ALABAMA, CAMP.

The Camp closed Oct. 25th with great victory. The latter part was the best we have had.—Wayne Tomlin.

A TESTIMONY.

God saved my wife and me when we were about 16 years old. In 1903 I fell 60 feet, breaking both legs and losing one foot. In 1906 I was married when wife was 20 and I was 25 years of age. In Sept. 1910 we were baptized with the Holy Spirit and the Lord later gave us the gifts and offices in the church. God has called us to pray. How it does satisfy us to let Him speak and pray through us in English and other tongues, and to let Him have His own way in our lives.

God has cleared up all my business and my debts are all paid. He has given us a good home. By His grace we mean to press on and meet Jesus in the air. We want Him to come and we feel it will not be long until He returns to catch us away. Oh, how we want to be ready!—Jas. Foreney and Ethel May, Walters R. 8, Cozaz, Alabama.

CUMBERLAND, MD.

God is blessing here. There is a good spirit between the two missions. We will begin on the new church today in North Cumberland. This is the ripest and neediest field I ever saw. If you know of any good, Spirit-filled workers who are looking for great opportunities, send them this way. God has wonderfully blessed me since I received the baptism. Praise His dear Name!

Another young man and I began a meeting last night in a little town about 25 miles from Cumberland. Had a nice crowd and splendid interest. We are expecting God to bless and save souls. Pray for us that we may stay humble.—O. P. Brann, Moscow Mills, Md.

HIRAM, MO.

There is a break here and thirty or more have received the baptism with the Spirit. Five received their Pentecost and two were saved last Sunday and we had a glorious time in the Lord.—Wm. E. Giles.

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# The Church and Churches

PASTOR EDWARD ARMSTRONG

## I.—The Contrast.

That the universal or true church is one thing and the visible or local church another is quite apparent to every one who has studied his bible. Evidently a man may be a member of the latter without being a member of the former. The local church is in the sphere of profession; hence men may profess much and possess little. But the home church is made up of God's hidden ones who not only profess but possess. Hypocrites can not get into this church though they creep into the local church; indeed many false spirits put in their appearance, and for this reason we are exhorted to try the spirits whether they are of God.

## II The Universal Church.

Identification with the true church is the all important thing. The scriptural setting for this church is worth noticing. It is called the body of Christ, (Eph. 1:22, 23.) and the names of all who belong to this church are written in "the Lambs book of life," (Rev. 21:27) and the record is kept in heaven. (Heb. 12:23) Christ Himself is the rock upon which this church is built, (Mat. 16:18; I Pet. 2:6) and He also is the head of the church; (Col. 1:18) but the material for the building proper is found in the saints. (Eph. 2:21-2; I Pet. 2:5.) This gives us a complete building, but this building is not made with hands but is eternal in the heavens (II Cor. 5:1.) And because our life is hid with Christ in God we have an inestimable inheritance in Him. (Col. 3:24; I Pet. 1:4.) but He also has an inheritance in the saints as Paul declares: "In whom also we were made a heritage." A. V. Eph. 1:11. And again we are enlightened that, among other things, we might know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the Saints. A. V. (Eph. 1:18.)

## III. The Local Church.

Now we find upon investigation that the Scriptures give a large place to the local church. Most of Paul's letters were addressed to local churches, and the second and third chapters of Rev. are occupied with seven messages to seven local churches in Asia. Necessity calls the local church into existence; for believers, in any given community, must come together to break bread, to worship, to praise, and to pray; else how shall they fulfill the Scriptures! "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together." Whether they "break bread from house to house," or meet regularly in a building set apart for public worship matters little so that the important thing is done; coming together in the spirit of worship to glorify Jesus and lift Him up. The simplest form of a local church is where "two or three are gathered together in His name." These two or three might be in some isolated spot without means to build a special building for worship, and indeed, under the circumstances, there would be no call for it, but they would constitute a local church nevertheless; for such a small assembly has the promise of the Masters' presence in the words: "There am I in the midst of them."

## The Assembly Set in Order.

We must not conclude however that in this case we have a well equipped, well organized local church; for we have not. When we say: "the assembly is set in order," what do we mean by such an expression? To my mind it means much. A well ordered Assembly is one in which Pastor, Elders and Deacons, as well as the rank and file of saints are found. The danger of over-organization is eliminated by adhering closely to the Word. But this is not all. In an Assembly where God has His way the gifts of the spirit will be in evidence and the fruit of the spirit will be manifest. The saints will not despise those in authority be it political or religious. (I Pet. 2:13, 14; 2 Pet. 2:10; Heb. 13-17) but will pray for them (I Tim. 2:1, 3 "Not pray at them" as Bro. Boddy tersely puts it) and submit to them. Furthermore in a well ordered Assembly the missionary spirit will be found and offerings will, from time to time be taken for the heroes of the cross who have gone forth to "teach all nations."

## Preaching and Prayer.

In addition to the ministry of the Word the ministry of intercession will receive attention. It is not enough to say: "The Word is going forth in our Assembly." If God is having His way the ministry of prayer will be back of the ministry of the Word. Certainly God is calling people to pray as well as to preach, and if an Assembly lacks intercessors it is because the call has not been answered by those who received it. Evangelists will be led to the local Assem-

bly occasionally as God sees best. There will be Prophets, Exhorters, and teachers in addition to those above mentioned. The signs will follow (Mk. 16:17, 18) and where the saints pray for and expect it—God's thought will be worked out every time they come together for worship—thus insuring a great variety of meetings; for God is resourceful. Many other things might be said in this connection but these observations will suffice for our present purpose.

Accordingly on the one hand a local church, set in order, is a mighty factor. Such a place will attract attention. People will come from near and far and say: "What meaneth this?" Then, in a little while, the questioning attitude is displaced by the seeking attitude, and many are found at the altar seeking the Lord for salvation; for healing; or for the fullness of the spirit, praise the Lord.

## Condition of Local Members.

On the other hand the local Assembly is a poor place if you are looking for men and women possessing absolute perfection. After studying carefully Paul's letters to the early churches we are impressed with the thought that the people, though saved and filled with the spirit were after all just folks with considerable human about them yet. The abounding exhortations in which Paul indulged prove this, so that then as now "the strong need to hear the infirmities of the weak." We need to "pray one for another," and "confess our faults one to another." We need to "walk by the Spirit," so we will have constant victory over the flesh. We need to "keep our tongue from evil and our lips from speaking guile," then we will not be tattlers and busybodies, but will have learned to "mind our own business." And above all we need to "love one another with a pure heart fervently."

## How the Human Spirit Affects the Local Assembly.

The human spirit as it affects the local Assembly is a matter we would like to touch upon in closing. To be sure the Holy Spirit and not the human spirit is to predominate. It is a self evident fact, however, that many things charged up to the Holy Spirit originate purely in the human spirit, and much prayer brought to bear on some things would reveal this to be true. To illustrate: In a City where there are several Pentecostal Assemblies it becomes a large question to some as to where they shall labor for the Lord and put their money. If the Holy Spirit leads, He will, as He sets Elders in the churches, (Acts 20:28) place yielded men and women where they can be best used. But if the human spirit leads they will place themselves. It is not a question of going where one likes, or where the power is falling or where one gets his spiritual food. It is rather a question of being used in behalf of hungry hearts, and being so yielded that it does not make any difference what Assembly you labor in so that you know the Lord is having His way with you. To have personal preference as to leaders is to have "respect of persons" and that is sin. It does seem that every one should have a local church home, in which is had a special praying, laboring, and giving interest. How good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity through the various experiences that attend any Assembly, mutually sharing the joys, the victories, the burdens and responsibilities that obtain. The unity of the Spirit must prevail, and unity of purpose is also necessary. The saints must stand together, and pray through the dry spell when it comes. It is easy enough to praise the Lord when the power is falling and souls are getting through to God but "when the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit in the vine; the labor of the Olive fails; and the fields yield no meat—the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stall" (Hab. 3:17, 18) then it means something to "rejoice in the Lord," and "count Him faithful that promised."

## A Final Word of Exhortation.

In the large centers, God wants various local Assemblies; for no one Assembly can adequately cope with the situation. All may be "contending earnestly (not bitterly) for the faith," withal "keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." And if the power is falling in one Assembly more than in the others, all may mutually rejoice in the victory, and let us not magnify the failures and mistakes of any Assembly but "considering ourselves," lift one another up in prayer, and bear one another's burdens, and ever remember that the

Lord's message to the Philadelphian church is also a message to us: "Behold I come quickly hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." Rev. 3:11.

## THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST.

"Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." (Matt. 12:31-32).

What is the sin against the Holy Ghost Surely that which our Lord says it is—speaking against the Holy Ghost.

"Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.

Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit."—(Mark 3:28-30).

"And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven.

And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say."—(Luke 12:10-12).

The people of today need warning; some have come perilously near to, while others have spoken against the Holy Ghost, have committed the unpardonable sin.

"Then was brought unto Him one possessed with the devil, blind and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, 'This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils'."—(Matt. 12:22, 24).

Our Lord first reasoned; then (as recorded from verse 28) He spoke with authority, as one in the secrets of heaven, with power to declare the principles of Divine judgment. There is, He declared, an eternal and unpardonable sin. And it seems that the Pharisees had committed the sin; for they said, "He hath an unclean spirit," O, may the blessed God keep the reader from committing this sin.

What is the sin against the Holy Ghost? We answer again, that which our Lord says it is—speaking against the Holy Ghost. When any one attributes the work of God to the devil, this seems to be the sin against the Holy Ghost. The warning was called forth by the actual transgression. There is no theorizing about it therefore. It is an exposure and denunciation. This gives us an idea of the fearful unbelief and bitter hatred of those who opposed Christ.

(1) Why is it unforgivable? 1. Because of the majesty of the crime. It identifies the Representative and Son of God, and the Holy Ghost with the devil—the best with the worst. 2. From the nature of the spiritual state induced. When a man deliberately falsifies his spiritual intuitions, and corrupts his conscience so that good is considered evil, there is no hope for him.

(2) The likelihood of its being repeated. 1. It is an extreme and final degree of sin; and as increasing light and grace tend to throw into stronger opposition the spirit of evil, it must be regarded as: 2. A possibility of every sinner. There are many who profess to be Christians, and are not, who are on certain occasions likely to commit the unpardonable sin. Some say that it is hard to sin against the Holy Ghost, but we learn from God's word, that this is not true, for we all know that it is an easy matter to speak one word, and Christ says, "Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him."—(Matt. 12:32). Blasphemy, or impious speaking against the Holy Spirit was to have no forgiveness: i. e. when a person obstinately attributes the work of God to the devil.

"Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme:

But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit."—(Mark. 3:28-30).

Here the matter is made clear beyond the smallest doubt—the unpardonable sin, as some term it, is neither less nor more than ascribing the works of God wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost, to the spirit of the devil.

I have written this in answer to the request made by Sister Sasser through the "Baptist," and hope that it will give the desired information. Hoping that none of those who read this have ever committed the sin against the Holy Ghost, I remain your humble servant seeking the lost.—John S. Mercer, Charlotte, N. C.

## DOPE FIEND HEALED, SAVED AND BAPTIZED.

Nashville, Tenn.

The Lord has been confirming His word with signs following. Several have confessed faith in Christ. About 10 were baptized in water and five received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Among the number was a young man about 22 who had been a dope fiend from childhood. He was a total wreck. Words could not describe his condition. He came into the meeting and heard the word preached and came to the altar for prayer. In a short time he rebuked the devil and commanded it to come out and from that time he began to give up to God. He was at the altar several nights and we continued dealing with him. Finally he arose to his feet and began to search his pockets and we told him to clean them out and he went to the stove and opened the door and threw his morphine tablets into it. He also threw away old cigar stumps he had picked up,—and afterwards he came to the altar and the Lord blessed him. The following Sunday he was baptized in the river. Finally God granted him the Comforter, with Bible evidence. He was given some clothes and soap and water and cleaned up while the blood of Christ made him clean on the inside. Praise God for the double cure. The change in this young man is a marvel. The physicians had pronounced his case hopeless, but the Great Physician was able to heal.

A lady who had gall stones and appendicitis and was given up by physicians came to the meeting looking more like a corpse than anything else. After prayer in Jesus' name she began to amend and was baptized in water and is seeking the Baptism. She has been growing in strength physically and spiritually. Our God is marching on.—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crick.

## SIoux FALLS, S. D.

### A Testimony.

Four weeks ago I was taken with a chill which resulted in a hard case of pneumonia fever. My acquaintances tried hard to persuade me to have a doctor but I would not take so much as a hot lemonade, which my wife wanted to give. I was sick for their sakes that Jesus might be glorified through my body and that they might believe.—John 9:3. The sweetest part was that after a prayer of faith, in the beginning God gave me the witness and from that on I had sweet peace and assurance while my neighbors were worried. I could not "call for the elders," as my wife and I were the only Pentecostal people in town when we came here four months ago, except one man who has almost fallen away. God has baptized one and many more are believing. We want God to pour out His Spirit here and we believe it will come. Let every reader offer up a prayer for us and for Sioux Falls. Pray that we may be kept humble and may have grace for all things.—E. B. McCalla.

## HUTCHINSON, KANSAS.

We are now in this city. Came here five weeks ago, holding cottage meetings and doing personal work. We need a "band" before opening up in a public way as one or two persons cannot always successfully start public services. On last Friday night a lady (resident of this city) received the precious baptism and just as God likes to do, He showed to those present that it was all His power which moved upon and in her, as we did not have a thing to do with it. Six persons are seeking now for the baptism. As the Father directs, we hope to start meetings in a hall, or as He may provide for us.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cooper.

## JACKSON, TENNESSEE.

We have just closed a meeting at Ranger, Tenn. God mightily stirred the people there. About thirty were gloriously saved. Fifteen baptized in water and five gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit. Many healed. In our meeting preceding this one God wrought marvelous things by stretching forth His hand to heal. One woman who had been sick for two months of fever was instantly healed and came to service that night. One man asked God to remove a wen which was on his wrist and he saw it immediately vanish. Many other things God wrought, for which we praise Him. We earnestly covet the prayers of all the saints for this part of the state.—J. C. Brickey and wife.

## HARTFORD CITY, IND.

A two weeks' meeting closed here last evening. The meeting was conducted by a sister whom the Lord sent here from Elwood. Five were saved and went through to their baptism. Twelve in all received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, mostly young people. One young lady repented and was gloriously saved in about fifteen minutes. Then immediately she asked the Lord to take her clear through which He did in about an hour. While she lay under the power of God, praising the Lord and talking in tongues, the Lord showed her He was not pleased with her useless ornaments and she jerked off her bracelet, rings and fancy comb and threw them across the room. No one had ever said a word to her to induce her to do this. The Holy Ghost did it. This act caused others to see their folly and they stripped off their worldly decorations. This girl is still on fire for God, speaks in tongues and gives the interpretation. We now have twenty-one baptized saints in our assembly. Brother Wm. Lamon is our beloved pastor. We only meet in a private house but it is far too small to accommodate all who attend.—Smith Castlerline.

## A BAND IN BONANZA, ARK.

Glory to Jesus! The Gospel has come here. About Aug. 1st. Brother Sam Mizell started a meeting. The Lord was with him in great power from the start and many souls were saved; many sick and afflicted were healed and seventeen were baptized with the Holy Ghost, having the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. There were many remarkable cases of healing in answer to prayer. The meeting lasted about seven weeks and now, instead of one lone believer in Pentecost we have quite a band, all praising and thanking the Lord for sending us the Gospel, and for His healing and saving grace.

The Lord has given us a house of worship and we have services every other night and oftener. The Lord is blessing the work and many are believing and accepting the Gospel. Bro. John Welcher has responded to the call to preach the Word. Pray for us that we may grow in numbers and in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—J. A. L. Nunn.

## LABORERS OF CHRIST.

Laborers of Christ—lift up your heads. Be not dismayed or disheartened. \* \* \* God is for us: who can be against us! The mountain is full of horses and chariots of fire, and we must not trust the carnal vision to which spiritual forces are invisible and unreal. The only way to do any work for the unseen God is to work as well as walk by faith and not by sight—to believe that beyond the range of our short vision and finite observation stretch limitless realms of truth and fact. Behind all work for God stands God Himself, its inspiration and its assurance, its warrant and its reward. Let us believe that His command constitutes authority and His promise security, and in that faith to the end dare to do our duty as He has shown it, waiting for the end to interpret the beginning and all that lies between.—Arthur T. Pierson.

## COLUMBUS, GA.

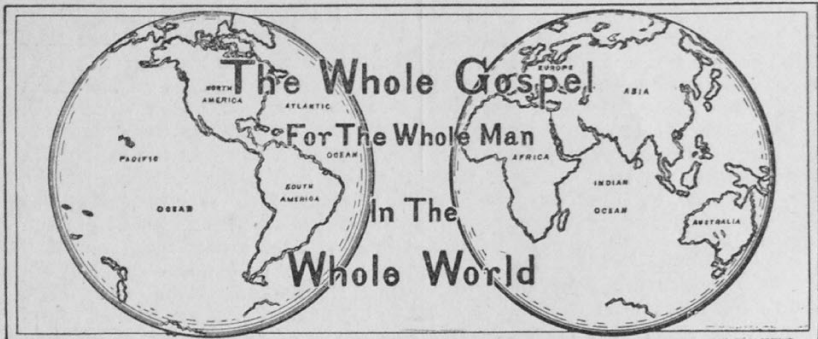
The fire has fallen since Brother James E. Wood came here. Our tent will seat only 350, and at each meeting the tent has been packed and enough people on the outside to fill four such besides. Nine souls have been happily converted and several reclaimed. Two have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and many are tarrying for it. I know God is going to bless because He has promised. Brother Wood does the preaching and I am doing altar work. Last night six little girls were converted and it was joy to my soul to hear them praising Jesus and I realized the angels in heaven were rejoicing. Brother Wood's tent, which will seat about 1,000, is on the road and we are anxious for it to arrive. Pray for us.—Chas. A. Hobson.

## EVANSVILLE, IND.

God is still working in this part of the country. We recently closed a meeting near Cormi, Ill. Twenty-five received the baptism according to Acts 2:4 and some were wonderfully healed. One lady who wore glasses for fifteen years, couldn't see without them, was healed and can see to read by lamp light. I received a card from Mill Post, Ky., which informed me fourteen received the baptism in one night.—Evang. D. P. Barnett, 402 W. Maryland St., Evansville.

## HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

The saints have a nice new home at this place in a good location, and Pastor H. A. Goss is feeling good over it. The writer dedicated the new house to God recently and the Lord let the power fall.—E. N. Bell.



There is great need for missionary fund at this time in many lands. Three to four hundred Pentecostal Missionaries are depending upon God to supply their needs through the Pentecostal Movement. We will gladly forward money, in any amount from five cent up, to any needy missionary. Send all missionary offerings to E. N. Bell, Treasurer, Findlay, Ohio.

**A VISIT TO ZULULAND.**

On the 8th of May I left Johannesburg with Native Preacher Johannes Mahlangu to visit the work amongst the Natives in Natal and Zululand. Johannes is a tried and trusted little fellow who has stood true to the Lord trusting Him for body and soul for something like 11 years now, and when he really gets going, preaching in the Spirit, he makes your soul just bubble over with joy.

We landed at a place called Verulam, in Natal, and were met by a whole white-robed choir of native believers who installed us at their head and marched us through the village singing the praises of Jesus.

Our destination was the home of the father of a young Native Minister, Ezra Mbonambi, whom the Lord has called into His service down there. We found his father to be a man of independent means (from the Native point of view) and owning a few acres of land with a tolerable house erected thereon. He is a real old Zulu to the heart's core. Ezra was away in the Lord's work in Zululand, but returned on receiving a telegram announcing our arrival.

**The Work of Verulam.**

Verulam is an old established European village, and Ezra told us how here he previously served the Devil with full purpose of heart, leading a wild and roystering life. The Lord convicted him, called him out of that life of sin and wrought a complete change in his life; and so strong was the call to preach the Gospel that he found no peace until he obeyed, testifying of the saving grace of the Lord to his former companions and using every opportunity amongst the laborers on the Sugar Plantations.

There is now quite a little community of believers in and around Verulam who are ministered to by Ezra and by another elderly Native Brother.

**Persecutions of Native Preacher.**

Some two years ago Ezra was definitely called by the Spirit to go and preach the Gospel in Zululand, and he obeyed. The Lord was with Him. Signs and mighty healings followed his ministry, and in and around some mission stations he captured nearly all the converts as well as a number of heathen. This raised a storm of opposition. He was hailed before Magistrates on several occasions only to be discharged again. Then an unholy alliance was made between so-called Native preachers and heathen Chiefs, with the result that he was fallen upon by six drunken Natives and almost beaten to death. Nothing daunted he returned to the charge, visiting the chief himself much to the latter's consternation and dismay.

I myself experienced something of the opposition that there was as we were all ordered to appear before the chief who used all manner of epithets against us, forbade us the right to preach on his territory and confessed that he only wished that he could get rid of the other (two) stations on his reserve.

We travelled about on foot. The Native Sisters considered themselves to be genuinely honored in being allowed to carry our effects for us, to prepare our food, and to generally wait upon us in Royal fashion even bringing warm water to wash our feet after the days march in true Apostolic fashion.

The spirit prevailing there is truly devoted, and the simple way in which they have surrounded themselves and all that they have and are to the Lord is truly an object lesson to us hide-bound Europeans. Our object of obtaining a site for the erection of a station as a center there has not yet been accomplished. Please pray for this work beloved. Pray especially for Ezra that he may be kept true and humble before God and that the purposes of the Lord in Zululand may be truly accomplished.

**A Conference in Basutoland.**

Towards the end of July a conference was arranged for in Basutoland. The party leaving here consisted of Bro. le Roux our leader; Bro. Burton, newly arrived from England, Miss Wick, Elias Mahlangu and myself.

Bros. Ezra and Johannes came up from Natal and joined us there. We were glad to meet them and hear of the work in Natal and Zululand.

The weather was very inclement, but after passing through sundry vicissitudes we arrived at our destination, at the kraal of Chief Jonathan. Here we found Bro. and Sister Saunders who had journeyed some 15 miles by cart with their little ones, and were enduring all sorts of hardships in real pioneer fashion and with strong faith in God.

Dear old Brother Hibbert, Brother and Sister Moodie and other European brethren were present. Brother Edward Lion and a whole party of believers had not yet arrived. We had several meetings amongst ourselves and eventually got into touch with the chief, who was just overwhelmed with affairs of state. We found him to be truly in earnest in his desire to serve the Lord. The matter of baptism in water had been so clearly revealed to him that he was glad to obey, and had been baptised a month or two previously. He was preoccupied and our visit seemed inopportune, but the Lord knew how to overcome the obstacles.

Sunday afternoon Brother Edward Lion and the believers arrived and we marched into the village to the tune of one of their favorite hymns (about 140 of us). We rounded up in the open-air right next to the chief's enclosure and opened out with a real rousing service. Considerable numbers of the unbelievers gathered interestedly around. Next morning we received a message from the chief asking us to prolong our visit, and to preach in the Royal enclosure. We gladly consented. That was a blessed occasion, the chief boldly confessing his faith in the Lord in the presence of all his councillors. We feel that the Lord used this visit to establish confidence in the hearts of the Natives as to the permanent nature of the work.

Peko, chief councillor to chief Jonathan and a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, would not hear of our leaving without visiting his village some ten miles away. We visited that place, though on account of some having to leave, the party then consisted of about 70 souls. You have previously heard how the Lord called Brother Edward Lion into his service, and of the opposition that he has fought through. His work is all itinerant. Rich blessing follows his ministry. I heard him present the contrast between the old and New covenants in a way that delighted my soul. Brother Burton remained with Brother and Sister Saunders. Pray them through the heavy pioneer work. They are hard at it getting a Station established.

We are always grateful to receive your papers and to join you in prayer and praise for blessing.—W. F. Dugmore.

**JOSEFINE PLANTER, Africa.**

I have been in Tunis over two years and suffered many things in learning the language. God has saved some souls. Present conditions bring suffering without measure. God only can keep us true and faithful. We are ready to leave all and die with Him, and in all sufferings God makes us triumph over our enemies, for which we thank the Lord. God sent me and I can tell Him "Why sendest thou me?" Is there no brother that can say "Yes" to the Lord, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, even to the hardest places I'll go."

Pray for the peace of Tunis and for us to be able to work and have liberty in the Gospel. Pray that the Mohammedans may understand and believe and receive God's word.

Please pray much that God will make free Samuel from his father before he kills him. We suffer much from this old Mohammedan.

**EVANSVILLE, IND., WANTS A SHEPHERD.**

We want all readers of the Evangel to pray that the Lord will send us a shepherd. Bro. Rickard had been called to another field and tendered his resignation three weeks ago, but we are going right on with the Lord. God is moving and the power is coming down. We want a consecrated man filled with the Spirit.—Mrs. D. A. Franklin.

**GOD WORKS IN SOUTH INDIA.**

I rejoice in the Lord for the mighty works done here and for the precious souls brought into close contact with our Lord Jesus Christ. The blind see, the lepers are cleansed and devils are cast out and the blessed Gospel is preached to the poor. Many have received water baptism and many are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The blind boy who was healed had been taken to prominent Doctors who tried their utmost to cure him, but it was of no use. God alone healed him afterward. Another raw heathen woman from Mantip about three miles from Kollpati (totally blind for about three years) heard of divine healing, gave her heart to the Lord and received water baptism. Our missionaries laid hands upon her and prayed. She is always praising Him and pleading the blood of Christ, and she is gradually receiving sight. Can you distinguish different colors. Her mother who had leprosy and was full of sores, after prayer has been free from all her sores.

The news of divine healing soon spread throughout the Tinnevely district and many sick people are coming from one to sixty miles away for healing. A woman with an issue of blood came to our missionaries from a place about 60 miles away and requested them to pray for her. Said she had been suffering from this disease for more than five years and had spent a lot of money for medicine, to no avail. Bro. and Sister Cook laid their hands upon her, anointing her with oil and prayed for her. She was instantly healed. All glory to His holy name.

We praise Him for giving us a temporary chapel in which we had a blessed waiting meeting for three days. The real presence of God was in our midst and everyone who came returned home with the greatest joy and happiness.

Every foreign missionary in India is in a precarious condition and the large denominational churches are shaking because of the great war in Europe. It shows that our Lord has just begun to purify and renew His church and prepare us for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

No American mail has been delivered to Bro. and Sister Cook since the war was declared. We took the Lord at His promise and looked alone to Him for deliverance. We would ask your prayers on behalf of Brother and Sister Cook at this critical time that all their needs may be supplied, and that we all may be comforted in this time of danger.—Arulappen Jacob.

**BROTHER LEHMAN TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA.**

Brother J. O. Lehman who was permitted of the Lord to come to the United States from his field in South Africa for a rest now feels definitely led of the Lord to return to Africa. He has received word of grave conditions in Africa. The Boers evidently, from the newspaper reports and from letters in his possession, are starting up a revolution and so he feels much concerned about getting back to his work. Any offerings to help Brother Lehman on his way to Africa can be forwarded to The Gospel Publishing House, and we will see that they are promptly forwarded to Brother Lehman. Make all money orders payable to E. N. Bell, treasurer, Findlay, Ohio.

**FLORENCE I. BUSH AND MOTHER Jerusalem.**

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7.

Jerusalem has been passing through a time of great anxiety and trial, but God has kept His children in perfect peace, praise His name. Though the mails have been delayed in many cases, yet the "Christian Evangel" has come to us quite regularly, greatly cheering our hearts in this time of trouble.

Now that the cooler season is here, we have resumed the study of Arabic and are giving all of our time to full Pentecostal work. Since the war trouble began, we have found the women in the homes very open to the Gospel. Nearly every home has been made sad by the going out of one or more of its members to the preparation for battle, and we praise God that we can comfort them with the blessed Gospel story, and urge them to prepare for the soon coming of our Lord.

The mission is open every night, and many come in to hear the messages from the Word, and we believe that the Lord is working in their hearts. Our trust is in the living God and we are looking to Him for results.

How wonderfully God can comfort hearts and garrison us about with peace, when all is tumult about us. In these two months of excitement and suspense, we have learned sweet lessons of God's faithfulness and received much divine consolation from His presence.—Florence I. Bush and Mother.

**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. Brightwood Assembly.**

The meetings are increasing in interest and power also, there have been nearly 30 saved, 30 baptized in water, and 43 filled with the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost, during the past 4 weeks, and there are about 25 still seeking the Lord,—from 3 to 7 new ones every night.

Many members from the different churches all over the city are coming and being filled with the Spirit, in some cases both husband and wife, and even some whole families are coming into the light and being filled.—L. V. Roberts, pastor.

**LOUISIANA, MO.**

The Lord wonderfully blessed the work of Brother Emrich here this year, as there were 14 who received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the evidence. Praise His Holy Name! I was ordained to preach this wondrous Gospel, and, by His help, I hope to ever be found doing His blessed will. Since Bro. Emrich left the power has continued to fall, so that five more have been added to our roll and their names written on the Lamb's Book of Life. On the past Sunday we held our second baptismal service and five were baptized in the Mississippi.—W. E. Kidson.

**MARMADUKE, ARK.**

God sent us Brother Snyder from Princeton, Ind., and the convincing Word he has given us has stirred us and it has surely been a great week. We are sorry to have him leave us so soon. He has received an urgent call to go to Paragould, Ark.—Dick Vestal.

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