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THE LATE CONFERENCE AT DHOND

Unsettled Conditions on Account of European War Helps Assembled Missionaries in India to Realize the Coming of Christ is at Hand.

The notice of the Conference had been printed in July. It was stated: "The present time is most serious and solemn. Christ, in describing the signs that were to precede His coming, said,—'Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. * * * For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be great earthquakes in divers places, famines and pestilences, and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven (Matt. 24:6, 7; Luke 21:9-11). Those who read the newspapers know how these prophecies of our Lord are being fulfilled daily in this present time. And common wisdom would lead us to seek earnestly to be prepared and ready for the coming events which are so near at hand, 'not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.' Heb. 10:25."

And Then the War.

Only part of the notices had been sent out, when the terrible war in Europe burst forth, which at once most seriously affected India. Had we known such a war was coming so soon, we would not have had the faith or courage to have called the Conference. But under the circumstances we had nothing to do but to go forward. The war, with its immediate hard times for India, as well as for most parts of the British Empire prevented some missionaries and Christian workers from attending the meetings. The number of missionaries attending was about the same as in the Conference last year, but they were gathered mainly from Western India, there being but three from North India, two from South India and one from Bengal. Others wrote to us of their great desire to be with us and their earnest prayers for God's blessing on the meetings, though for economic or other reasons, growing out of the war, they could not come.

Affect on the Conference.

From the commencement of the meetings it was felt that Satan was trying to put a burden of depression and fear on the Lord's servants in India, and while one felt it was only right and proper to recognize the seriousness of the situation, with most of the leading nations of the world in deadly armed conflict with one another, yet we felt that all the Lord's people, who fed on His Word, must hear Christ's words, spoken for such a time as this.—"But when these things begin to come to pass look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh."

The Near Coming of Christ.

The uppermost topics of the conference were: "The near coming of our Lord" and "The Brideship of the Church." There was no spirit of panic or fear shown in any way. But all felt that they were to hold the fort in the place where God in His providence had placed them here in India. Some who for a considerable time had been expecting to go to the homeland on furlough this year, have given it up, in order to do what they can to help in shepherding the Lord's flock here in India in this time of need.

The Need of German Missionaries.

Much prayer was offered for the more than four hundred German missionaries at present in India. Two German missionaries were in the meetings. And an American missionary, who was working in one of the Gossner German stations in India, told of the great trials and hardships which have come upon these German brethren and sisters. They as a class have no more sympathy with the war-spirit of the Kaiser and the war party in Germany than the English people have, and they had come to India as devoted and humble servants of the Prince of Peace, to spread his Gospel among the poor suffering people of this needy land, looking for no reward till the resurrection of the just. They have had to discharge their Indian helpers by the wholesale, and many of them cut off from communication with their friends and supporters in Germany, are enduring want and suffering, and much need our prayers.

Love and Unity.

From the very commencement of the meetings there was manifest an unusual spirit of love and unity, and a deep longing for the fullest preparation possible for the coming of the Bridegroom, which was felt to be very near.

This was the seventh Pentecostal Conference in India, which the writer has been privileged to attend. All these gatherings have been owned and blessed of God in a special manner. And I feel that I voice the convictions of nearly all who have attended these assemblies, when I say—I have great gratitude to God, that I have been allowed of Him to go on record as in deepest sympathy with all the work of the Holy Spirit as manifested in these assemblies, and in the revivals and missions, which have had to do with them. It will not surprise us if this is the last of these Conferences in India before the coming of the Lord, as He may be here before there is time for another.

The Comforting Hope.

There is much to depress in these dark days, when death has begun to go forth with his scythe as never before. And as the Lord impressed upon us during the days of the Conference that we must constantly be looking off unto Him and so be filled with "The Blessed Hope" of His coming, so we must continue to keep looking; and thus we shall be kept strong and able to cheer and comfort others who are giving way to temptations of discouragement and despair. The Lord make us all to be true overcomers in the midst of the trials and tests of these last days.—A. Norton.

FOON M. WONG'S TESTIMONY.

I praise God for His saving grace. I am a sinner saved by grace. One day someone gave me something to read. I did not know at the time what it was but found on reading it that it was the Gospel and, feeling conviction in my soul went to hear the Gospel. After hearing, I repented of my sins and He forgave me and cleansed my soul and I was very happy. I afterwards learned about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and began to pray for it. After several months I was in a mission one day near Shan Kei Waan and I received Him. Praise Jesus! I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, as in Acts 2:4. Hallelujah! Afterwards I felt I must go out in my Master's vineyard and work for Him. I praise God that he sent Mr. An Yeung Chung Shing and Mr. John D. James to preach this true gospel which brought my dead soul to life, Hallelujah! Because of that I was convicted of my sins and repented. All glory to Him who gave Himself to die for me.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end, Eph. 3:20, 21. Please pray for your brother seeking to save the lost."

CLEAR LAKE, WIS.

The spiritual rain fell here on a little group of persons meeting here and there who were expecting something from God but who had never heard of the "Latter-rain" until God sent Brother Black with teaching along that line and, as the mystery of past ages was revealed "the Rain-fall" from heaven—our souls were refreshed and brought into a closer relationship with Christ (Acts 2:4). Praise God! the desert shall blossom wherever the rain falls. Because of a covering made of creeds and doctrines, doubts, etc., many are holding over themselves, they do not share in receiving this refreshing shower. If they had just known of the things "belonging unto (their) peace," as Jesus said, how quickly these false coverings would have been taken away. Paul tells us that in the last days there shall be a great falling away. Why? Can a plant withstand the sun's hot rays and live and grow without water? A plant placed under cover where it will receive no moistening

will quickly wilt and die. Just so, many are falling away because they have not been refreshed by the down-pour of the Latter-rain, which their souls so needed. God help them to ask that they may receive. May He help us that the light may so shine in our hearts as to give us the full light of knowledge and be able to understand the true principles of the doctrine of Christ. Truly to live and teach thus may bring thorny persecution but Glory to Jesus. He is the "lily among thorns." The Father sent the angels to minister unto him in the garden. Today He sends the Comforter and we are realizing a little the value of His great love. May God help us to know the age we are living in and redeem the time. "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone." Cant. 2:10, 11. Some day He will come and one shall be taken and the other left. May He give us grace to be ready,—and the refreshing from the spiritual showers, needed to make us ready.—Mrs. C. Gould.

FLORENCE L. BURPEE.

Mountain Missionary.

Our sister desires clothing for the very poor in the South. There are Christian and Pentecostal families without underclothing, shoes and proper food. The drought in the south this summer has reduced some to want. Send your address if you can send a barrel of clothing or provisions of any kind or a single article of clothing which can be sent by parcel post. By sending direct to needy parties, freight and postage can be saved. Our cities have charitable institutions,—Salvation Army, etc., to aid the needy, while the mountain districts have no help and must suffer unless the attention of the public is called to them. At Christmas remember the poor mountain children who have no playthings to make them happy.—Address: New Orleans, La., Gen. Delivery.

MATTIE LEBBETTER.

Praise God! the latter-rain is falling in South China. In the last month thirteen have received the baptism among our Pentecostal people here. May it continue and increase in volume. Eight have been saved here in our mission and one received the baptism in the last month. One of my workers received the baptism last week. His joy knows no bounds. He teaches me Chinese and assists in preaching at the two missions and out in the villages. He preached well before and I am sure will do better now. He is an educated young Chinese and people like to hear him. His wife teaches in the Girls' school. She is a Christian but does not have the baptism. Pray that she too may receive. Bro. Kelly of the Sai Nam Mission has had a blessed meeting at Ngan Pooi Leung,—his out-station. Nine received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and eleven were baptized in water. I sent my preacher and teacher up with them to help in the meeting praying that they would be blessed too. So it was there that my teacher received his Pentecost. We are preparing to have a week or ten days meeting here, beginning next week the 15th. Trust God will continue to work.

PHILLIPS BLUFF, IA.

Have just closed a meeting at this place. Was here about two weeks. God certainly did bless the Frenchmen. About sixty received the baptism with the Spirit. We are just starting up now at Kinder, La. The attendance was large the first night and God set His seal on the meeting by baptizing three in that first service, and two more the next night.—Robert LaFleur.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are preparing a beautiful little booklet containing about fifty poems written by Mrs. A. R. Flower, editor of the Sunday School Department, many of which have appeared in the Christian Evangel during the past year and have been a blessing to numbers of souls. These booklets are printed on high-grade paper, nicely bound and tied with a silk cord and will make ideal Christmas Presents. Will be ready about Dec. 7th. Price 25 cents each.

GENERAL COUNCIL GREAT SUCCESS

A Blessed Spirit Manifested Among Those Present as the Different Questions Were Discussed and Settled in the Fear of the Lord.

The General Council of the Assemblies of God at the Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., is now a matter of history and the many delegates who were present, and who grappled with the problems of the work in such blessed harmony, unity and sincerity, and who have now returned to their homes and fields of labor, must certainly profit from the many lessons learned and the fellowship which was so blessedly manifested all through the Council.

Plan of the Services.

The Council opened Sunday, November 15th, with spiritual services in which the power of God was manifested. Many of the Assemblies of Chicago took advantage of the presence of so many Pentecostal preachers in their city, and the preachers were scattered out, supplying the pulpits of a number of Assemblies, and reports were brought in of much blessing in each case. Brother A. P. Collins, pastor of the Assembly of God at Malvern, Ark., preached in the morning service at the Stone Church and the Lord brought the whole church down on their faces to seek for "that wisdom which is from above." We all realized our great need along this line and our hearts cried out to God that the wisdom of God might be granted to the Council during the coming days. Brother E. N. Bell preached in the afternoon and B. F. Lawrence at night. The Council was then in good condition to begin work Monday morning at 10 A. M.

The Business Sessions.

It was planned that the business sessions should begin each day throughout the Council with an hour of prayer, beginning at nine o'clock, the Council to be called to order by the chairman at 10 o'clock, the session to continue until two or three in the afternoon or until the day's business was over. The evening's services and the Sunday services were in charge of R. L. Erickson, pastor of the Stone Church, who called the different brethren to preach as he was led of the Lord. The business sessions of the Council closed Monday afternoon, Nov. 23, when the Executive Presbytery met together for the purpose of working out the problems assigned to them by the Council and the meetings of the last week were turned over entirely to preaching, teaching, prayer and testimony in which the Lord greatly blessed.

Many Souls Greatly Helped.

In spite of the fact that the pastor resigned from the Stone Church during the Council, to be free for the Lord's service in the evangelistic field, and that this caused some unrest, the people of the Stone Church being put to the necessity of choosing a new pastor, thus diverting their minds somewhat from the spiritual side of the Council, the Lord greatly worked and the altar was filled with seekers night after night, many of them praying through to victory, being saved, reclaimed, healed and baptized in the Holy Spirit. No account was kept of the numbers receiving help, but we were struck forcibly with the intense hunger of the people as they would rise up all over the church and come forward to the altar, filling up the space in front of the platform two and three deep, then opening their hearts in prayer to God until it became a mighty waterfall of divine intercession which brought answers from the throne of God.

Harmony of Teaching.

We were struck with the harmony of the Council in the matter of teaching the Word of God. Representatives of about seventeen different states and a number of foreign fields were present, many of whom had been trained under conditions which would naturally have brought out different phases of truth than held by the majority of the Council. However, each seemed to vie with the other in steering clear from all hobbies and peculiarities of doctrine and to have one object and one only, which was to magnify the name of the Lord and to learn those things which would make them better evangelizers when they returned to their home fields. The unity of the Spirit was manifested and all were encouraged with the blessed spirit of co-operation and fellowship which prevailed and which was carried from the Council by each of them. We have learned a great lesson which we sincerely trust shall speedily be learned by all the preachers in the Pentecostal movement which is, that we can co-operate together in the work of the Lord, forbearing one another in love, and still keep free from ecclesiasticism and sectarianism. May the day soon come when all in the Pentecostal movement shall have learned the lesson. Then our Lord shall surely come, for the prayer of the Lord Jesus shall have been answered and His people shall be one even as He and the Father are one.

The Spirit of Evangelism.

Many things proved to us that the Council was in the will of the Lord, but one of the most striking of these was the spirit of evangelism which prevailed throughout the entire session. Pastor Erickson is an evangelist first and a pastor second and so were many other of the brethren who were in attendance at the Council. Brother L. C. Hall, pastor of the North Avenue Assembly, particularly sounded the battle cry of "Co-operative Evangelism." We must co-operate to this end and we shall, by the help of the Lord. The General Council has committed itself to a greater evangelistic campaign this coming year than has ever been known in the Pentecostal movement, and we expect to hear and see great things as the brethren press out to the front and storm the strongholds of the enemy.

Pastors and People Get Together.

Assemblies who are without a pastor are already beginning to realize the value of the General Council as a place to secure a new pastor, and there will be a number of changes as a result of this Council, several pastors being called to new fields of labor for the coming year.

Minutes of the Council.

For the benefit of our readers, we have especially prepared the minutes of the Council, which follow herewith. These minutes will be published in pamphlet form, together with the minutes of the General Council held at Hot Springs and we hope to put a copy of these minutes in the hands of every Pentecostal family in the United States and Canada, and in as many of the homes of Pentecostal saints in the foreign fields as it is possible to do. You can help us to this end. Send for a bunch of them at the rate of 50 cents per dozen. Special rates on larger quantities.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT THE STONE CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILL., NOV. 15-29, 1914.

MONDAY, NOV. 16th.

The General Council was called to order by the chairman, E. N. Bell, who called for the enrollment of the delegates.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17th.

The Council was called to order and the names of the delegates present were read. It was then moved and adopted that these, with others yet to be added, should constitute the membership of the General Council.

On motion, A. P. Collins was appointed as chairman of the Council for the coming year.

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EDITORIALS

It is with deep gratitude to God that we realize the interest of the Pentecostal people in publishing work in its relation to missionary work. During the past year about ten thousand dollars have passed through our publications for work in foreign fields, and the people realize that very little, if any, of it would have been forthcoming had not there been a medium for them to know the needs of the field and an opportunity given for them to help to supply the need. Of course, this ten thousand dollars seems to be quite a large sum, and many will jump to the conclusion that the missionaries are being handsomely taken care of. But if you will do a little arithmetic and divide that sum between four and five hundred missionaries you will find that the share of each one of them is very small and unless they secure further help from other quarters they cannot even exist, let alone do aggressive missionary work.

The General Council in Chicago, realizing the great need of a publishing plant, permanently located and established on a self-supporting basis, to further increase missionary interest and support, has given us authority to raise \$5,000.00 for this purpose. This amount is very small and will not go very far towards securing the proper machinery, but it will help and help tremendously in that direction and we are trusting that more shall be added to it in the near future. If \$10,000.00 has been raised through the papers when there was practically no investment for equipment (which has been the case since the papers were first published, the press work being done by outside parties) then this sum should be more than doubled and should be multiplied many times, when the publishing plant is permanently established and the publishing house is enabled to push out on the right hand and the left in a greater campaign of publicity and enlightenment, because of an equipment of greater efficiency.

To show how God is working, already a brother has had it laid on his heart to donate a Huber Double Revolution Printing Press, A power paper cutter, A large marble Imposing Stone and a 6 h. p. Auto Gas Engine. This will make a good start towards an effective equipment. We will need besides this a Linotype Machine, a Stitching Machine and sundry other machinery, and we ask the prayers of the people that the machinery will either be donated or else the money may speedily be forthcoming for this purpose. Besides this we will need a suitable building for the publishing plant.

Fortunately for the people, this equipment will not be owned by one or two individuals, but it will be the property of the whole Pentecostal Movement, held by and under the name of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. It will not be used for the publication of hobbies in teaching or practice but will be used solely for the glory of God in the dissemination of Pentecostal truths and the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and the hastening of the return of the Lord Jesus.

Those who feel led to put their money in a good safe place where it

will be used for God's glory solely, can feel perfectly secure in placing it here as the General Council is a chartered body and is established on constructive lines, and manifests a degree of permanence which guarantees its continuance until Jesus comes. We shall be glad to receive suggestions and offers of help from anyone who feels thus led of the Lord.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for me that I may be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. Jones Versteegh, Sully, Iowa.

Please pray for my grand-daughter who crushed her finger and has suffered much from it.—A. Perriman, Carthage, Mo.

Please pray for Hondo, Texas, that God may send some workers here; and pray for my relatives and dear ones who live here.—A sister.

Please pray earnestly that a native of India, now living in a high valley of the Himalaya mountains, may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. There is much to hinder and little to help, but God is able. Do pray fervently.—S. A. Jamieson.

Please pray that I may receive the baptism. I am not quite satisfied and want to have the full baptism. Also pray that God will send someone to help us here.—P. O. B. Kenney, Texas.

Please pray for me. I am a shut-in, not having walked for nine years, and am confined to the bed. My body is drawn out of shape and I suffer much. My parents and two sisters have passed away. Should be glad to hear from anyone who is led to write and will enclose postage so that I may answer.—Josie Gregg, Parrottsville, Tenn.

Please pray that the Lord will send some one filled with the Holy Ghost to help us here. We need help, but want a God-appointed man or woman to help.—Mary White, Marcelline, Mo.

Pray for a crippled sister who has come among us. Has been crippled for years. Unite with us for her deliverance.—The Saints of Farmland, Indiana.

Would be thankful for the prayers of God's people that I may receive the baptism, and may also receive my hearing as I am almost deaf.—W. H. Foster, Jonesville, S. C.

Please pray for the people here (Marmet, W. Va.) that God will send us an overseer chosen by the Holy Ghost.—Kate Layden.

Please pray for our little band in Caldwell, Texas, that the love and unity may be restored that it once had.—E. Ragsdale.

Please pray that I may be healed of a cancer on my breast which is very painful. I know God can heal me for he has before. Pray also for my children that God will save them.—Eva Shannon, Wagner, Okla.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Every Pentecostal, Spirit Baptized Saint is a "Witness" for Jesus for that was why the Holy Spirit was given. See Acts 1:8. But some do not know how to witness or else are naturally timid about approaching a stranger and enquiring about the welfare of his soul. But everybody can hand out papers and tracts and do home missionary work in this way, and therefore we make the following bundle offers on our papers and tracts to help the good work along.

Club Rates on Word and Witness.

Twenty-five or more yearly subscribers at one place, to go in a roll to one address and be distributed by the person to whom the roll is addressed, 25 cts. each, for the 25, \$6 per year.

Five or more subscribers at one place, subject to same conditions as above, 35 cts. each per year.

Regular Bundle Rates.

Roll for 5 each month\$1.20 per year.
Roll of 10 each month\$2.40 per year.
Roll of 15 each month\$3.50 per year.
Roll of 25 each month\$5.50 per year.
Roll of 50 each month\$10.00 per year.

Or any other size roll at the rate of 25 cts. for each paper per year. Rolls for half a year will be accepted for half the yearly rate.

Transient Rolls.

One roll only—just once to one place—to be used as sample copies, one cent each when ordered in rolls of twenty-five or more. If rolls are to be ordered regularly they must be ordered at the regular bundle rate.

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Five or more subscribers at one place, subject to same conditions as above, 85 cts. each per year.

Regular Bundle Rate.

The Christian Evangel will be sent in rolls of any size at the rate of 1 1/2 cts. per copy or 75 cts. each per year. Remittance can be made monthly to cover the rolls sent each week. Sunday Schools and Assemblies are finding this an excellent means of keeping fresh Pentecostal literature before the people and doing home missionary work. The Christian Evangel contains select Pentecostal notes on the International Sunday School Lessons. A roll of 10 only costs 15 cts. per week. A roll of 25 only costs 38 cts. per week, and a roll of 50 only costs 75 cts. per week.

Transient Rolls.

One Roll Only—just once to one place—to be used as sample copies, one cent each when ordered in rolls of twenty-five or more. If rolls are to be ordered regularly they must be ordered at the regular bundle rates.

SULLIGENT, ALABAMA.

We have just closed a three weeks' meeting here where many souls were saved and many are seeking for a higher life in Christ Jesus. We are engaged in a few days of real Bible study. Souls are being stirred.—C. R. Rowe.

"POOR, YET MAKING MANY RICH."

The difference between one's own personal needs and the needs of those under one's care or within one's ecclesiastical parish can be traced out in Paul's epistles. If we have faith in the living God we have no right to make our personal needs known to man, but only to our heavenly father, and even in making them known to Him we are to remember that He knows what we have need of before we ask Him; and we are to be as free from anxiety as the birds and lilies. But seeing the needs of others, we are compelled to follow Paul in exhorting the saints to "abound in this grace also" (See II Cor. 8:7). Paul's attitude toward himself was always one of self-denial and he continually thought it best to allow his body to suffer so as to keep it under. Men of all ages have adopted this course as one way of conquering their bodily appetites. To be in necessity was to Paul a sure proof that he was a minister of God: "approving ourselves" says he, "as the minister of God, in necessities, in fastings" (II Cor. 6:3-5). Again he says, "I am a true minister of Christ because I am often hungry, often fasting, and am cold, because I haven't sufficient clothing" (See II Cor. 11:25, 27). And again in 1st Co. 4, mentioning ministers, he says, "I think God has set forth the apostles last." Up to that every hour he was hungry and thirsty and naked. He worked with his own hands rather than ask them to support him. He counted it a joy to suffer want and boasted of it. He knew it to be, as it were, another star in his crown, and a means of that which was behing in the afflictions of Christ, who for our sakes became poor.

But let us see what attitude Paul took regarding others. We don't find him afraid to open his mouth in this respect. Having preached to the saints at Macedonia, on going to the poor saints at Jerusalem, (in spite of the fact that the Macedonians were themselves in deep poverty) he had taken up a collection there and through this was able to set an example before the saints at Corinth. In writing to the latter church he comes direct to the point without hesitation, saying "we make known unto you brethren how that the saints of Macedonia have given and we have desired that Titus take from you also. Now we see that you give plentifully. Complete that which you have begun. Don't be behind in this. Show the proof of your love."

This collection which Paul had ordered in his first epistle (I Cor. 16), was for the poor saints in Jerusalem. Their wants were very urgent. They had not yet recovered from the pressure of the famine foretold by Agabus (Acts 11:28). Paul knew it was his duty to make this need known. He had already given order to the saints in Galatia and in writing to the saints at Rome (Rom. 15:26) set the example before them. We know that afterwards he took these collections to Jerusalem, other brethren accompanying him, (Acts 21). Much could be written about this collection. There are two whole chapters devoted to it in Corinthians. A careful study of these and other passages will convince anyone that Paul was well awake to the need of putting the needs of the work under him before the saints.—Hamesha Ummedwar.

HEALING AT PAXTON, FLA.

I feel God would have me write my testimony. For two years I had been suffering with pelagra and had tried every possible remedy but all failed. Some of the best physicians of the country, after treating me, said they could do no good. I also went off to the Springs and tried to bathe out the disease, but failed to be healed. Last April the Lord sent Brothers Graham and Belcher to our town and they told me how God could save and heal. I began seeking God and then I asked to be anointed and prayed for. They anointed me in the name of Jesus and prayed for me and God wonderfully healed me. It has been about five months and I am still well. Do not even have a symptom of the disease. I never will get through praising God for healing me, and I write this that others suffering with this dreadful disease may look up and be healed by the Great Physician who "forgiveth all our iniquities and who healeth all our diseases." (Psa. 103:3)—Mrs. Willie Bell Mills.

JACKSON, TENN.

We came here a few days ago and expect to be here indefinitely. We are about 10 miles out from Jackson holding a few days' meeting. About 12 requested prayer at the first meeting. There are many openings in this locality and we expect to do some evangelistic work around Jackson.—J. T. Crick.

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Dec. 13, 1914.

THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Lesson Text—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:36-49.

Golden Text—"Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20.

Leading Thought—The continuing of Christ's work.

1. The Meeting in Galilee. (Vs. 16-20) That was the trysting place, according to Christ's own appointment before (Matt. 26:32; Mark 14:28) and after His resurrection. Mark 16:7. It was evidently not long before the ascension and designed by Jesus as a time of special moment, most likely the "five-hundred" of I Cor. 15:6 being present at this meeting. The large number of His trustworthy followers in Galilee and its distance from jealous rulers at Jerusalem made it an advantageous spot for the purpose. Sight of Him the Risen Lord will ever bring a spirit of worship. V. 17. The doubt of some was caused by their imperfect vision, whereby they failed to recognize Him. But when "Jesus came and spake unto them" (V.18), there was left no room for questioning. Mark the force of His words to them. "All power is given unto me."—As a part of the trinity He had possessed power before. But He laid it down, taking upon Himself the form of man, conquering sin and death, "and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in Himself." Col. 2:15 (Marg) Eph. 4:8. Now all power—"in heaven and in earth"—spiritual power and authority, as well as power over nature, disease and death and every earthly condition or distress of mankind belongs to Jesus. Hallelujah! This is why He can say so boldly to this company of men and

women for the most part unlearned and obscure, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." They could never have succeeded in themselves; but listen, this all-powerful, resurrected One says something more, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." That is the secret of their success, and that of the countless laborers since who, heeding their Lord's unrevoked "Go ye," have thrust themselves into the lands of Christless darkness.

2. Jesus in the Midst of His Disciples. (Vs. 36-49). The risen Lord had already appeared to individuals; now He appears to the disciples collectively. This incident precedes Matt. 28:16-20. Shut doors were no barrier to His resurrection body. Fearful as they were of the Jews His "peace be unto you" should have abundantly reassured their hearts. But man's heart naturally shrinks from the supernatural. So it was in this case. Then Christ speaks more strongly, revealing His personal self to them—His pierced hands and feet—and to settle the last remnant of their unbelief, partook of food. V. 42. Then He cited the three recognized divisions of the Old Testament as testimony to His death and resurrection, thus proving their accuracy. The events recorded in Vs. 44-49 came at a later time probably just before the ascension, the repetition of His commission in Vs. 47, 48 supplemented by that promise so full of importance to us—"Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you." And if He so surely fulfilled to them His words (Acts 2) will He not do the same for every believing heart today? The fruitful "go" was preceded by a rejoicing "tarry." Thank God He still endues with power from on high. V. 49.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.

God is surely pouring out His Spirit upon us. Two received the baptism last week and four were saved in the regular meeting. Broken Arrow and its vicinity is stirred in a greater way than I have ever seen before. I believe from one hundred to one hundred and fifty people are turned away from our doors every Sunday night, and every bit of standing room is taken on the inside of the building. I have baptized 74 in water during the past two months and there are fifteen more to be baptized now. About fifty have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost since Brother Bowley left us. We will have our new church finished about the first of October.—W. H. Pope.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTIONS

BRUSHTON, PA., CONVENTION.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held at the Union Gospel Assembly, 311 Brushton Ave., Brushton, Pa., near Pittsburg, from November 30th to Dec. 13th. Workers to be present, Elder D. W. Kerr, Cleveland, Ohio, and T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio, and others as the Lord may send. For rooms and board and all information, write W. M. Robinson, 820 Ross Ave., Wilkingsburg, Pa.—D. D. Mathews, Pastor.

FALL CONVENTION, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

Will be held from Nov. 27th to Dec. 6th inclusive. Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth of Bradford, England will have charge of the services, assisted by other workers. For further particulars address W. E. Moody, 228 King St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The eighth annual mid-winter Pentecostal Convention with the Assembly of God, at the Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio, will convene from Dec. 26 to Jan. 5, 1915. This convention has been inter-state, generally represented from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, with a ministerial roll of 30 Elders and ministers ordained from the Assembly of God at Findlay, Ohio. We shall hold special council Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1 and 2, during which time we hope to approve of the Constitution of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and recognize ourselves as a district council of some recognized territory.

All the Pentecostal ministers and a representative from every local Assembly or Pentecostal mission in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan are urged to be present as important ministerial, ordination, school and missionary business will be considered.

Ministers and representatives should notify us early to insure entertainment, etc. Write T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

BERLIN, ONT., CONVENTION.

There will be a Pentecostal Convention and Council of the Assemblies of God in Berlin, Ont., Can., from Jan. 11th to Jan. 21st, 1915. We heartily invite and trust that many of our Canadian friends will avail themselves of this privilege and come.

We would be glad if every mission would bear the expense, and send its pastor as a delegate to this convention. The Lord willing, we shall devote Tuesday and Wednesday in considering the advisability of, and establishing a Council in Ontario in harmony with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States. We expect Elder T. K. Leonard, of Findlay, Ohio, to be with us as special worker. For information write Elder G. A. Chambers, 15 Scott St., Berlin, Ont., Can.

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GENERAL COUNCIL GREAT SUCCESS.

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On motion, J. R. Flower was appointed as secretary and B. F. Lawrence as assistant secretary.

On motion, D. C. O. Opperman was appointed assistant chairman for the coming year.

The Conference Committee.

On motion it was recommended that the Council proceed to the choice of a committee of seven to be appointed by the chair to act as a conference committee to receive and arrange resolutions to be presented to the Council for action.

The chair requested Brother J. W. Welch to act as chairman of the conference committee, and also requested his help in selecting his co-workers on this committee, and called the Council to prayer that God may help them that all things be done in harmony with meekness and wisdom.

The names of the Conference Committee as selected were J. W. Welch, E. N. Bell, H. A. Goss, B. F. Lawrence, D. W. Kerr, C. B. Fockler and H. G. Rodgers.

Brother W. F. Carothers presented two resolutions to the General Council. On discussion these resolutions were referred to the Conference Committee for revision and later presentation to the General Council.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18th.

The General Council was called to order by the chairman and the report of the conference committee was called for.

The Lady Delegates.

The Conference Committee presented the following resolution: "We, your committee, recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

"Resolved, that the sisters visiting this General Council who are mature believers and are in co-operative fellowship with our testimony, be received as advisory members of the Council, and that we recommend to all other deliberative bodies in the movement that they extend like courtesies to sisters of like qualifications in their midst. Rom. 16:1-3; 1 Cor. 11:7-11; Col. 4:3.

On motion, after discussion, the above resolution was adopted.

The Executive Presbytery.

The Conference Committee presented the following resolution: "We, your committee, recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Council proceed in the choice of a new presbytery, and that the chairman of the Council appoint a committee of three to nominate the first seven members of the presbytery, who shall in turn nominate the balance of the presbytery, the nominating committees to be open for suggestions from the Council in the selection of the nominees."

On motion, the above resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed that the presbyters be selected by ballot, one at a time.

On motion, it was adopted that if as many as five votes be cast against the selection of any nominee that the name of that one be referred back to the nominating committee, and that those having these objections be requested to appear before the nominating committee and state why they had these objections.

The chair appointed the nominating committee of three as follows: R. L. Erickson, W. F. Carothers, and Jacob Miller.

On motion, D. W. Kerr was requested to read the Scriptures pertaining to the qualifications of an elder or a presbyter. He made some remarks and then read various portions from first and second Timothy and Titus.

The Nominating Committee, after prayerful deliberation, nominated the following brethren as Presbyters: A. P. Collins, D. W. Kerr, J. W. Welch, E. N. Bell, F. F. Bosworth, H. G. Rogers and Andrew L. Fraser.

On motion, the Council received the names of the nominees to be voted upon.

Ballots were cast for each and the entire seven were elected as Presbyters.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19th.

After prayer and the reading of the Word, the Council was called to order by the chairman and the Conference Committee presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the number of the Executive Presbytery be increased from twelve to sixteen members, that the presbytery be more representative in its character.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Conference Committee presented the following for adoption: "We, your committee, recommend that the officers of the General Council be recognized as ex officio members of the Executive Presbytery."

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The seven presbyters who were recognized as a nominating committee with authority to nominate the remainder of the presbytery, suggested the following names: M. M. Pinson, H. A. Goss, T. K. Leonard, W. F. Carothers.

On motion, the names of each one of these brethren were accepted and they were unanimously elected as members of the executive presbytery. The Nominating Committee requested that the matter of the selection of the remainder of the presbytery be left entirely to the presbytery, with the stipulation that should they agree on their names before the Council adjourns the names will be presented for election, but if they have not been agreed upon by that time they be authorized to select the names of the remainder when found.

On motion, the request was granted.

Co-operation for Missionary Work.

The Conference Committee presented the following resolution for adoption.

WHEREAS, in the providence of God there have sprung up spontaneously in this movement throughout the country, Pentecostal centers, and whereas these places have gathered about them a constituency by the publication of periodicals for the dissemination of Pentecostal truths, and whereas in consequence moneys for missionary purposes are being sent to these several centers and distributed upon the missionary field,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Presbytery be instructed to seek to bring about a more perfect co-operation among these centers, in the matter of distribution of missionary funds, and the sending out of missionaries, with a view to greater efficiency in each of these various centers.

On motion, after discussion, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

An Effective Publishing Plant.

The Conference Committee recommended the following resolution for adoption:

WHEREAS, the printing press has been one of the principal means whereby the special testimony of great spiritual movements has been most widely and rapidly promulgated, and

WHEREAS, the very life of the papers now owned and controlled by the General Council depends on an equipment which will make them self-supporting, and

WHEREAS, God has used these papers for the last year or more in gathering about \$10,000.00 for foreign missions, thus making them indispensable to foreign missionary work;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Executive Presbytery be and is hereby authorized to take immediate steps in securing funds through voluntary offerings, subscriptions, or the sale of nonparticipating stock, or in any manner pleasing to God and the Executive Presbytery, of an amount of not less than \$5,000.00 for a publishing equipment to be owned and controlled entirely by the General Council, and to be used solely for the glory of God.

The resolution, on motion and after discussion was unanimously adopted.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20th.

After prayer and the reading of the Word, the chairman called the Council to order and the Conference Committee presented the following resolution for adoption:

The Right Hand of Fellowship Extended.

WHEREAS, some of the brethren in different sections of the country

deemed it necessary to form themselves into non-sectarian associations for the purpose of providing a method whereby a better understanding might be had as to who are properly accredited workers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we commend the spirit and attitude of the brethren in safeguarding the Pentecostal Assemblies and that we recognize these brethren and extend to them the right hand of fellowship in accordance with our constitution.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, the Council singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

On motion, Tuesday, Nov. 24th, was set apart by the Council as Missionary Day.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21st.

On motion, it was recommended that paragraph 3 on page 6 entitled "Church Offices and Officers" in the Minutes of the Hot Springs General Council, be amended by the addition of the word "ministers" immediately following the word "Evangelists."

Resolution on the Work of the Presbytery.

On motion, the following resolution, presented by the Conference Committee to the Council, was adopted:

Resolved, first, That the Executive Presbytery is especially charged with the duty of administering the obligations of the General Council to the young converts, young preachers, and young assemblies in unity with us, and we express the prayerful hope that the ordained ministers everywhere will co-operate with, and render all the assistance in their power to, the Presbyters in the discharge of these arduous labors.

Second. That among other things enjoined by the Word of God upon such officers as our Executive Presbyters, they be expected to travel over the field, at home and abroad, as the Lord may lead, with a view to acquainting themselves and the General Council with conditions everywhere.

Third. That, after consultation with the pastors and officers of the local assemblies, the Presbyters recommend to the General Council which of the local assemblies in unity with us are Scripturally set in order, and also which of said assemblies are not yet so qualified, in order that the General Council, through the Presbytery, may assist in the development of the latter in the will of God.

Fourth. We recognize the right of any assembly of God, scripturally set in order, to conduct all of its congregational affairs without interference from any outside source, and we express the prayerful hope that all such bodies will continue in unity with the General Council, send messengers to its sessions and co-operate in all of its work.

Fifth. That we recommend to those assemblies which are not yet thus scripturally qualified, that they seek the advice and service of the Presbytery and of such brethren as may be able to help them in "setting in order the things that are wanting." Tit. 1:5.

Sixth. That we further recommend that all assemblies which have difficulties of any kind which seriously threaten to cause division in their midst, to seek the help of the Presbytery for advice before the division occurs.

Seventh. Resolved further, That the Executive Presbyters be expected, with such advice from the older ministers throughout the world and of the various district councils as they may be able to obtain, to prepare a list of those ministers in unity with us who by experience and qualifications may justify the General Council in recognizing their ordination as Elders, and likewise prepare a list of those ministers and aspirants to the ministry whose experience and qualifications do not warrant their ordination as elders.

We recognize that all ministers of the first division are entitled to perfect freedom in the ministry of the Gospel, with no other ties binding them than those of love, unity and co-operation with the General Body, but recommend to the other class that they submit themselves to the brotherly oversight of the District and General Councils, the Executive Presbytery and such brethren as may be able to assist them. 1 Pet. 5:5.

Eighth. That, wherein any brother be used of God to establish an assembly in a new field, he be recognized as the logical overseer or pastor of that flock and that he be encouraged to remain with the same assembly and feed it and care for it until the Lord shall raise up a pastor to take this responsibility and thus relieve him that he may press on to new fields; and if he shall find it needful to go before this is accomplished let him confer with the nearest Presbyter before leaving. Thus we may avoid the disaster that has come to many of the young assemblies that have been left without pastoral care.

Ninth. And, whereas, the recognition by the General Council of the foregoing obligations resting upon it as the representative of the General Assembly of the First Born among us, and the discharge of these world-wide duties by our Executive Presbytery will call for the use and expenditure of large sums of money.

Therefore, be it further Resolved, That we recommend to all saints everywhere having treasures of money or property which they wish to offer to God, in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus (Math. 6:19), prayerfully consider the offering of such treasures to the Executive Presbytery, in order that there may be no failure of the Church of God to accomplish His full will for lack of means.

We further recommend to the saints everywhere that they diligently adopt the New Testament system and plan of "laying by in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered you" (1 Cor. 16:1-2) and warn them against slothfulness and irregularity in these matters.

In conclusion, we commend the Presbyters and their helpers as they may travel in the discharge of their duties to the saints throughout the world and recommend that offerings be taken in each place where they may visit for the work of the Presbytery.

MONDAY, NOV. 23rd.

A Co-operative Evangelism.

Brother L. C. Hall presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Council:

"As a Council, we hereby express our gratitude to God for His great blessing upon the movement in the past. We are grateful to Him for the results attending this forward movement and we commend ourselves and the movement to Him for the greatest evangelism that the world has ever seen. We pledge our hearty co-operation, prayers and help to this end."

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, that whereas the Stone Church and its people with other assemblies and saints in Chicago have extended to the General Council such hearty hospitality, therefore be it resolved, That the General Council extend a sincere vote of thanks to the saints of the Stone Church and those others who have by their hospitality helped in the work of the Council.

On motion, a tract entitled, "Advice to Young Converts," was, by the Council, ordered to be published.

On motion, the minutes as edited and corrected by the Presbytery, were adopted and approved.

On motion, the Council adjourned until the call of the next General Council by the Presbytery.

TRENTON, MO.

The Lord is working here. Twenty-one have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, and more than that number have been saved and some healed in answer to prayer. Many people are interested and seeking the Lord. Bro. G. C. Mangum and wife are working with us in this meeting.—Frank R. Anderson.

PORTERSVILLE, CALIF.

I would like to ask you to pray for us out here that we may do His will and keep under the blood. There is so much pride and unbelief. Pray that He may send someone here to open up a work. I think the Christian Evangel is fine.—G. L. Hall, R. 4.

FLORALA, ALA.

Brother Belcher and myself closed a successful meeting at Paxton, Florida, Aug. 30th. About twenty-five or thirty were saved and several baptized in the Holy Ghost. A number were healed. God wonderfully blessed throughout the meeting. We then came here to Florala and began meetings. God has been with us here in mighty power. Several have been saved and six or eight baptized in the Spirit. Sunday was a blessed day. God wonderfully blessed and many were slain under the power of God. Great crowds are flocking to hear the truth. Many are being convinced of the truth. We are looking for great things in the future.—J. M. Graham.

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Praise God for the victory that reigned at Auburn for the past 30 days. The Camp closed the 13th of Sept. with 22 baptized in the Spirit. The blessing continued until Oct. 4th, bringing the number up to 30 of those who were baptized in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Also there were many cases of Divine healing. We ask the prayers of all the saints that the revival in the hearts of the people may continue.—W. L. Short.

MUSKEGAN, MICH.

God is answering prayer and has begun to work in our midst. Several have been saved and baptized in water. Recently one sister received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in her home. The power of God is falling in both the meetings and in the homes. Pray for us and for this hard place.—Mrs. G. W. Bergstrom.

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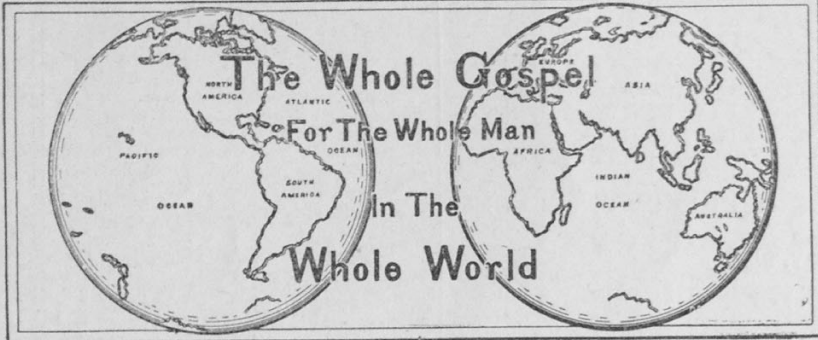
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A PLEA FOR MISSIONARIES.

To the dear saints and fellow-believers, awaiting the Lords return: Greeting; In considering the condition of our faithful missionaries, we are beginning to recognize more fully, that we are greatly indebted to the Lord for their lives and service, and that we are also responsible for their missions and their support. We have known this for a number of years, but it is being brought to our minds with greater force as we see the condition of things which this awful war has brought upon them. Our brothers and sisters have been laboring under conditions of which we know very little. We are blessed with all the good things of God, both spiritual and temporal, and most of us can truly say that we have need of nothing. But these faithful servants of the Most High God are giving their life and their All, for those who are without friends, poor, down-trodden, despairing, while we are living in plenty. Even the worst case that we have in our churches, missions, or city, are nothing to be compared with the suffering, anguish and sorrow that befall the poor heathen homes, especially at this time, and also our foreign missions and missionaries.

Dear brothers and sisters, could not we, especially those who have plenty, give a Christmas gift to the One who has redeemed us and set us free? This does not exclude those whose means are meager and low, for they can give as the widow gave her mite, and God will multiply it an hundredfold. Do not be discouraged if you only have a little to give, or if you have nothing at all but begin to pray the effectual fervent prayer, and God will begin to work. Hallelujah! Ask God to open the pocket-books of those who have money to give. He will do it.

Saints, are you going to spend money for yourselves, your children, and those whom you love, give them nice Christmas gifts to make them happy, and forget to give to those who really are in need? Oh! dear ones it is time that we were waking up; if we believe that Jesus is coming soon, and He surely is, we ought to be showing it by giving to the lost and dying, before it is too late. Don't be afraid to give of your means to Jesus, you could invest your money in no better way. It will pay you well, you will receive an abundant reward. We must come to the front in behalf of the missionaries and the heathen. We are the only human aid they have, if we fail or refuse to give they will perish, and the heathen without God. It is an important subject for us to consider. Jesus gave His life for us, what have we done for Him?

Dear saints, self-denial is a condition of discipleship, if you profess to follow Jesus, and do not deny yourself some of the luxuries of this world, your profession is vain. Is there not something that you could deny yourself? Consider this matter and then answer. Do not spare anything at this critical time. You have an opportunity such as no Christians have ever had before. This is a wonderful chance for you to gain stars in your crown, and a better place in Glory.

Jesus is coming soon, it is up to us to make a special effort to save the perishing souls. Now is the time to work, for the night cometh, when no man can work. What ever you do, do quickly. Remember this, it is not a question of how much of your money you are going to give to Jesus, but the question is, how much of the Lord's money are you going to keep for yourself?

Opportunities come and go, Each fleeting hour of the day, And e'er long we all must show, Concerning those which passed our way.

**JOHN D. JAMES,
Hong Kong, China.**

The meeting in Saam Shui closed Sunday night which had been continuing for ten days. God's approval was manifested in that He greatly blessed. Twelve were baptized in water and one gloriously baptized in

the Holy Ghost with the sign as in Acts 2:4. Hallelujah! Jesus is coming soon!

But there are still millions of precious souls groping in darkness. Pray for these poor heathen Chinese that they may be delivered from the evil one and be made partakers of that blessed hope as well as we.

**W. W. SIMPSON,
China.**

The Lord has sent us out from Shanghai to North China for Pentecostal Meetings in three places already. There are yet five or six places to which we have been asked to come. In every place the Spirit is poured out in mighty power as in Apostolic times.

A remarkable feature of the meetings everywhere is the great prominence of the Cross of Christ, or Christ crucified, both in my preaching and in the manifestations of the Spirit confirming the teaching. Many fall under the power, taking positions on the floor as though nailed to the cross, frequently with a finger of each hand pressed into the center of the palm and one foot on the other. Some, while under the power, go through the motions of nailing themselves, hands and feet, to the cross. Some have pains or burning sensations in the palms of their hands for hours, or even a day or two. This is all in confirmation of the teaching which the Lord gave me at the time I received the baptism, that the old man was crucified with Christ and we must take our places as worthy only of a criminal's death, and consent to crucifixion before we can be filled with the Spirit, this being the simple Scriptural meaning of water baptism followed by baptism in the Holy Spirit. Sometimes ten or twelve may fall under the power in this way, and many go on seeking until they are filled and speak in tongues.

In these three places three missionaries of the Norwegian Mission in China have received the baptism. One who had received in Norway but had not confessed it was restored, and four others are still seeking, having fully accepted the teaching. Some ten or twelve Chinese have spoken in tongues while at least a score or more have been under the power. We have three more days here then go to Tai Yuen, the capitol of Shansi, to help Brother Steinberg.

Hankou ought by all means to have a Pentecostal Mission opened. Is there not someone from the South who can open it, as the climate is similar? It is the Chicago of China, the very center of the country, with no Pentecostal Missionaries in the two Provinces surrounding it. Pray about it. The Spirit more and more emphasizes the speedy coming of the Lord. "Be ye also ready."

**DOROTHEA L. McCARTY,
India.**

These are wonderful days we are living in. It is like living a year in a week, so much happening the world over and the enemy is so stirred. We are in the fires here. They are threatening us in every village since we baptized the seven in one village. There are many others waiting for baptism, but such fear. The excitement will die down. I have word that a man and wife are coming out to help in this needy field. If we just had a home those who desire to be Christians would not be so fearful. The Lord knows, and if He should come soon, we will have a home over there. While the heart is sad at the things about us, still we praise God that our confidence is in Him and His soon coming. Pray for us. We need intercessors in the home-land. Much is expected of America in helping not only her own but those here from other countries, who cannot get help from their own countries. A call for help has come from the German missions and three hundred missionaries until help can come from the United States and England. The need is great.

**W. D. GRIER AND WIFE,
Kandy, Ceylon.**

The Lord has converted five more. They have been baptized in water and are waiting to receive the Holy Ghost. We are having a seed-sowing service on every occasion. The custom is quite different from American, so we have to preach as we can. Some are interested very much. We are well and happy in Jesus.

**ESTELLA BERNAUER,
Japan.**

While there has been no great outpouring here, yet God is working, and one week ago last Sunday two more fine young men were baptized in water. The attendance at our meetings is small. We are greatly hampered on account of having no hall for the meetings. Our room is very small and we cannot get the people into a private house. Often when we are singing many come and listen but as soon as we ask them to come in they go away. Our street meetings have been good, however. My native helper preached, sometimes twice in one evening. On last Sunday we had Brother Denney and party en route to China. We did enjoy them so much and God blessed in the services. One of the young men who was baptized Sunday, and a young lady were both under the power of God. Please pray earnestly for us and for the work. The offerings have fallen off so much since last Spring that I feared I must let my one helper-go, but we have kept going.

**MARIE JUERGENSEN,
Child Missionary of Japan.**

On Aug. 11th, 1913, I arrived in Japan with father and mother to tell the blessed story of Jesus who died for us. We have already been here one year and feel the need of the language very much. I am now nearly thirteen. Received my baptism on March 16, 1912. Praise the Lord! I feel He has some work here for me. The need of the language is great. I have studied at home this last year. Can speak just a little now so that I can go to school. Have already begun and would like to go for one year, but the expense for one school year is about \$80. We look to God who has all riches and can supply. I feel it is His will and for His glory for we need the language for the Gospel work. Jesus is coming so soon and we must make haste for souls are dying.

We have a mission now in front of a university, and have meetings most every night. Many are hungry for the Word of God. We also have street meetings. God is working. During the day we visit the poor and sick, praying for them, and giving out Bibles and tracts,—also going out in the villages and preaching the Gospel and opening other stations as the Lord leads. One station is open already. We ask you dear ones to pray for the work here and the supply. Until now we are doing everything through an interpreter. Still God is with us and we are looking to Him for a great revival in all Japan and that He will pour out His Spirit all over and use

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EFFECT OF WAR IN INDIA.

A Glimpse of Real Conditions as Seen by Mrs. D. L. McCarty.

I am getting my mail after four weeks of waiting. Presume you have read of the attack at Madras and the sinking of six vessels in the Bay. There are many articles on the loyalty of the Indians at this time of trouble, but I am amongst the common people between two cities, Benares and Gorakhpur. It is openly discussed that they are preparing to drive every white face out of the country if England should lose. They are getting very bitter toward us and will not let anyone work for us. The woman who did our grinding and the woman who pulled my (punka) fan, and the water carrier were all persecuted until they quit and they are saying that I am suppressing the war news, (I take an English paper.) They say I am German and are going to report it so I will be made a prisoner of war.

My three preachers went to the village where we are instructing 33 people for baptism (The day was set for Oct. 3rd). While sitting on the ground drinking water from their cups, a Brahman came and was very angry because they came to the village and slapped and kicked Betsosa in the face. God kept them sweet and he washed his face and they went on and held their meeting but it put fear on the new converts and they asked to have the date put off for their baptism. Four families in another village where we baptized six, are ready to step out but they are suffering and are not allowed to go to the well. Have been told to leave the village or their houses would be burned. Have notified the police and will also have to ask protection for the others.

In two other villages they are asking for teachers. There are 35 families, averaging seven to the home. The other is a whole village of nearly 100 homes. The head man is leading and he offers us land to build and station a preacher there. This we cannot do now for want of means. Many say, "If you had a home so we knew you would stay amongst us, it would not be so hard, but if you went away we could not stand."

My time here is up Nov. 1st and I have no place in view. Will have to pay much more rent if the owner lets me have it longer. There is an Indian christian ten miles away who owns an unused Indigo factory over a mile

from here, all in first-class order, six big vats cemented and walls five feet high, a long vat the full length of the four on one side. This would be the floor for a veranda. Then about 30 feet away is a cement water tank 25 by 45, 4 foot walls, which would make a fine church. There are other walls. The engine room can be torn down and the other walls built up. A roof and the work we would have to pay for. He offers us this at a yearly rental, giving all the material on the place if we paid three per cent on it. It would be only \$25.00 or \$30.00 a year. I should like to take it. This offer is open. The village doors are open. We can count on over one thousand who will come out, but we have no means.

Prices are high on account of war. I never see a white face. Have no means to spare for a visit or rest. In the five years on the field have not been away from my post. Yet God has kept me in the heat. I am not strong in body but trust the cool season will help me. While I have had no surplus, yet God has kept us above want and given us souls. We are happy in Him. Please remember us in prayer. We need your spiritual help as well as temporal.—Dorothea L. McCarty.

COLEMAN, COLO.

We started our meeting here Oct. 28th and believe the Lord is going to give us a good meeting. We are out on the great American desert eleven miles from the railroad,—a needy field. Hundreds of people here never heard a sermon and we believe God is going to supply workers enough to reach every town and community in this country. One county we know of only has two churches. We are praying for a Gospel auto to reach the people and ask the saints to join in prayer and that they pray also that our work may stand until Jesus comes. The meeting in Greeley Sunday was blessed. God witnessed to our move to the new hall.—J. W. W. Jones.

CRANE, MO.

My heart is very glad in the Lord. He is my complete saviour. God is working here at Crane. About 25 have found God in real heart-felt salvation. One Catholic woman was brightly converted; also several belonging to the Christian Church. Glory to God.—Ellis Barta.

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