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"SO ALSO IS THE CHRIST."

The Body of Christ Typified by the Human Body—The Organic, Co-operative and Sympathetic Relationship of the Members.

Centralization? Never! When we speak of centralization, we mean of course that particular form of church government in which the authority over all the local churches, assemblies, and missions, is vested in some man or body of men, and the scriptural independence of these local bodies with their Pastors, or Leaders, is denied. The writer of this article stands unalterably opposed to such centralization, because such a form of church government, however sincere its advocates may be, or however mild its administration may appear to be in the beginning, soon develops into an absolute religious monarchy, more to be dreaded than any unlimited monarchy among the nations of earth.

The government of the General Assembly and Church of the First-born written in heaven, is vested in the Lord Jesus Christ, and is administered from heaven through the Holy Spirit, whom he has sent to unite all individual believers, assemblies, missions, or churches to Himself and to one another, in a **threefold relation**.

First, our relation to Christ and to one another whether as individual believers, assemblies, missions, or churches, is **organic**. That is we "are members one of another." In order to illustrate this relation the apostle Paul uses the human body with its various members—"For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ." 1 Cor. 12:12.

All the members of the human body are organically related to each other. If we study the anatomy of the body we find the most beautiful and wonderful arrangement in the setting of the members in relation to each other with reference to the symmetry and proportion of the whole body in its general appearance, to make it attractive and pleasing to the eye of the beholder. More marvelous still is the adjustment of members to each other with reference to the particular function of each member: all the members of the human body are so articulated to each other that the design and purpose of God is executed in the minutest detail without any friction or failure anywhere.

Second, our relation to Christ and to one another whether as individual believers, assemblies, missions, or churches, is **co-operative**. This particular relationship is also beautifully set forth in the human body. The hands and the feet co-operate in the most perfect manner in performing their functions. For while the head or intellect commands the hands to perform a given task, the feet are in co-operative service to carry the hands about in the performance of the work, and thus the feet and hands are in perfect co-operation in obeying the will of the head.

Third, our relation to Christ and to one another is **sympathetic**. For in the human body the different members are not only united by the most intricate system of muscles, tendons, and ligaments, binding them together organically and co-operatively, but they are also bound to each other by an exceedingly delicate system of nerves, so that when there is suffering anywhere within the realm of the human body, the fact is at once communicated throughout the entire physical realm, and a vigorous reaction is immediately set in operation within the body against the particular cause of trouble.

It is scarcely necessary to say that these relations between Christ and the individual believers, assemblies, missions, or churches, either locally or in general, already exist. That is, our general and particular organic, co-operative, and sympathetic relationship which we sustain to each other and to Christ lies in the great fact that "in one Spirit" we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink one Spirit." No amount of organizing or manipulating can improve conditions which may exist among us. Yea, the more we organize in a human fashion, the worse will conditions become, for the

body of Christ is a living organism, fashioned from its inception, much as the human body is formed. That is, the organism begins at the heart, from which as a center, all the members have their origin and setting, function, and ultimate use.

In order then, that the law of the Spirit of the Life in Christ Jesus which governs the body of Christ, may fully control and operate all the members of the body, whether as individual believers, assemblies, missions, or churches, it is necessary that we recognize this threefold relationship by which we are united into "One Body."

Recognition then, and not centralization is the way out of present chaotic conditions. Recognition is the first law of fellowship. For when the Lord God brought before Adam all the creatures which he had made to see what name Adam would give to each one, the record says that when Adam had finished giving names to the creatures which God said "were very good," there was "not found an help-mate for him." That is, Adam did not recognize in the nature of any of those creatures which God said were good, any thing to correspond to himself, or with which he could have fellowship. By special creation "God made Adam an help-mate for him." And when God brought this creature to the man, he instantly recognized that she was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. Adam had nothing whatever to do with the act of God which brought into existence a being which he instantly recognized as organically, co-operatively and sympathetically related to him. It was while he was "in a deep sleep" that God performed the work of taking the woman out of the man. But it was when Adam had awaked out of that deep sleep, and the woman stood before him that he recognized his counterpart and complement in her, and took her to himself in the bonds of a fellowship which Paul recognizes as the antitype of the relation between Christ and the Church. Eph. 5:31, 32

The Apostle Paul in order to impress upon believers the necessity of recognizing the fact of our threefold relation, and to act according to its principles, and not according to outward conditions, supposes a condition to exist in the human body in which these relations are denied. "If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body, is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, therefore I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?" Now in this illustration the Apostle takes up a very common evil among the children of God, namely that of denying organic relationship. But, as he observes, this is useless, since the mere denial of organic relationship does not change the fact of such relationship. Furthermore Paul says that to deny organic relationship amounts to a species of lying since "we are members one of another." The relationship remains but the fellowship and the joy of it is gone. Eph. 4:25, 30.

Again Paul says, 1 Cor. 12:21, "The eye can not say to the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." Here is a denial of co-operative relationship. For, if the members of the body of Christ are saying to each other "I have no need of you," their co-operation ceases, and the relation is impaired to the injury of the whole body, whether as individual believers, assemblies, missions or churches.

"God hath tempered the body together," says Paul in continuing his illustration, "having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one of another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Cor. 12:24-26. In these verses Paul emphasizes the fact that we are sympathetically related, and that when we deny organic and co-operative relationship, the whole body of Christ suffers. And that when we recognize and acknowl-

edge and practice organic and co-operative relationship, the whole body is made to rejoice!

The great need of the hour is not organization after the manner of men, but a faithful and persistent recognition of the unchangeable fact of our relation to Christ and to one another. God will do the rest. For "the head of every man is Christ, and the head of Christ is God, and the head of the woman is the man, and the woman is the glory of the man." Our efforts to bring order out of chaos, unless we recognize these fundamental principles which govern the body of Christ, will result either in greater confusion, or dead formalism.

When Paul speaks of the future presentation of the Church to Christ, he sees "Christ and the Church," in the relation of husband and wife as the antitype. Eph. 5:23-32. But when he speaks of the Church as a working body with its diversities of gifts, administrations, and operations, he views her as a human body with its members under the control and direction of the head as the antitype, and says "so also is the Christ." Now in this expression "so also is the Christ" Paul does not mean the personal Christ but

Get the Vision

(Isaiah 6:1-8)

(Tune—"Come thou Fount of every blessing")

Get the vision, wondrous vision,
Not of sordid things of earth;
These have now well-nigh despoiled us

Of the things of untold worth,
Get the vision, matchless vision,
That the ancient prophet saw,
Of the high and holy Being
Which inspired such sacred awe.

Get the vision, lofty vision,
Of the Lord upon His throne,
That shall in the dust prostrate us,
Till, indeed, we're all His own.
Get the vision, thrilling vision,
Of "the King, the Lord of Hosts;"
May our eyes behold the glory
Of the moving "door" and "posts."

Get the vision, melting vision,
That from us the cry shall wring;
Woe is me, for I'm undone, Lord,
Since "mine eyes have seen the King."

Get the vision, fiery vision,
That shall burn up self and sin,
And the living coal refine us,
Making us all pure within.

Get the vision, broadened vision,
Till the world's great need we see,
And our hearts cry out, with fervor,
Here am I, send me, send me.
Give the vision, oh our Father,
Of Thyself and of Thy Word;
Let the message of salvation
By all mortals soon be heard.

—A. W. Orwig, Los Angeles.

the Mystical Christ. That is, Christ as the Official Head, and the Church as his body, organically, co-operatively and sympathetically related and actively at work in the power of the Holy Spirit. So that in any given locality, an assembly, a mission, or a church, as seen by the Apostle, as centralized in Christ as its official head; and in general all the assemblies, missions and churches are thus centralized in Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that the collective body of believers, assemblies, missions, or churches on the earth are today and at this very moment thus centralized.

But Paul goes a step farther than this. He tells us that there is in every assembly, mission or church which is "set in order," an arrangement for the "perfecting of the saints to the work of ministry." Paul recognizes the fact that God not only "sets the members in the body as it pleases him," but he also recognizes that "God hath set in the church first Apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that helps, governments, etc." So then, according to the scriptures, there is also an official head in every assembly, mission or church. The purpose of this arrangement is "for the perfecting of the saints to the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, until the entire body of believers comes into the unity of the Faith, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the age in Christ."

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THE REVIVAL AT MARTINSVILLE

Blessed Meeting in Indiana City, where God Saved the Lost, Healed the Sick and Baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Sister Mary Rahter and Mrs. Minnie Everett came here from Chicago on Dec. 2nd to hold a meeting, invited by Dr. and Mrs. Green. They found a little Mission Church, Brother Fred Vogler, pastor. They began with about fifteen people. The meeting went on until last night when it closed with 800 people in attendance. For the past two weeks the meeting was held in the rink or armory,—the largest place in town. My wife and I joined them the second night they were in the armory.

God has worked marvelously. There have been some very wonderful healings. One woman came bound with rheumatism, could not open her hands, and walked by the aid of a stick. She was perfectly healed and is sound and well today. Several were healed of goitre. One woman felt as if a snake was wound about her neck, but is perfectly healed. The beauty of it is that all these people were sinners when we came here and have been saved, soul and body. Sitting near me as I write are two of the converts who have been wonderfully saved. One was the worst drunkard and gambler in town. At Thanksgiving time one of the boys finished a 40 days jail sentence here for drunkenness, but now both the boys have the baptism and are going on with the Lord, ready to go out in His work.

We do not find conditions any worse in a large city than here. Children from 8 to 10 years even smoking cigarettes and drinking. Very many of these same children have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues and praising His name. One young girl (Maggie, 15 years old) had a vision. She saw Jesus and Heaven. When she finished she told us to turn to the next to the last chapter of Revelation where we would find it. She said we were all taking flowers to Jesus and as we laid them at His feet they turned into stars for our crowns. She also had soul-travail and plead for sinners to repent. Strong men were weeping as they listened to her and watched her.

The closing day was wonderful and the last night God marvelously worked. All the seats were filled and two or three hundred were standing, and yet there was such perfect order. The right hand of fellowship was extended to 56 of the new converts, but altogether more than 75 have been saved. At the close we asked all those who had not accepted Christ but would like to before we left, to rise and come forward and shake hands with us. At least 50 came forward. Then several hundred in the congregation came forward and shook hands. It was a very blessed time. Jesus was so real to every one present.

The closing night we had a platform meeting, all the workers giving a short good-bye message. Bro. J. Roswell Flower came to us Saturday night before we closed and cheered us with a good message. Also Bros. Howell and Davis from Indianapolis came to us for the last Sunday and we were blessed by their ministry. Bro. Davis told about the healing of his little daughter of blindness in Sister Etter's meeting, and it came after he had yielded himself to the Lord and given up tobacco.

In closing I wish to say that Dr. and Mrs. Green have been lovely to us, entertaining us in their own home, and such hospitality as they have shown we will never forget. May God richly bless their lives is our prayer.

Sister Hattie Pryor from Chicago presided at the piano and cheered many a weary heart by her wonderful playing. God certainly uses her.

The pastor of the Presbyterian church said in his pulpit yesterday morning, "I am in perfect sympathy with all that is being said and done at the armory. I only wish I could get souls saved as they do, but I cannot." Pray for this pastor that the Lord may lead him out into Pentecost.

Truly we find hungry people everywhere. What they want to see is the power of God manifest—the Christ love for the lost.

The revival started in what is called "Bucktown,"—the poor settlement

where Christmas is usually celebrated by drunken brawls, but a prominent lady said that this year they celebrated everywhere with prayer meetings instead.

Please pray for us as we go on to our next place, that God may have His way in all our lives. The revival is on, dear friends. Praise His name forever.—Earl W. Clark.

A TESTIMONY.

I have been a drunkard for eight or ten years and was considered one of the worst drinking men in my town. It has cost me imprisonment in jail for many a day. One day I began thinking there was a better way to live. One night I went to a revival service and sat in the back seat of the church. The next night I moved up two seats from the back and the following night went to the front and while sitting there saw so many going to the mourners' bench to be saved that I went myself and was there for an hour and a half and God saved me and forgave me of my sins. I was then hungry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I sought for about two weeks and Jesus came in and cleansed me of all sin and made me pure within. I was given the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. Praise God for all He has done for me.—Howard Prather, Martinsville, Indiana.

PUEBLO, COLORADO.

We have been having one of the best meetings here we have ever had. Seven or eight have received the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to see those who said it was of the devil, come and see and be convinced and then go down before God and receive the baptism and come through speaking in other tongues. One holiness preacher came and saw his sister under the power of God. He said, "My, but the devil must have her." Then he said, "But these people all look intelligent and they seem so happy," and he began to pray and as he was honest God showed him he did not have what he was professing. He asked God to give him conviction and show him his need and he was given this scripture, "The fearful and unbelieving shall have their part in the lake of fire." This gave him all the conviction he needed. He and his wife came the following night. They were both blessedly baptized with the Holy Spirit. A few weeks later they were ordained and sent out, he as Minister and Evangelist, and she as helper. The meeting was almost too sacred to speak of. People present who had attended meetings in many places, said it was the most wonderful they had ever attended. I never saw any I would rather have ordained than these two precious souls. Pray for them, and for us that none of us shall fail Him in that which He has given us to do. Bro. Henry Polk and wife and Bro. Jim Lonsford, of Texas, were a great help to us. Pray for us.—C. V. Thomas, 1400 Carteret Ave.

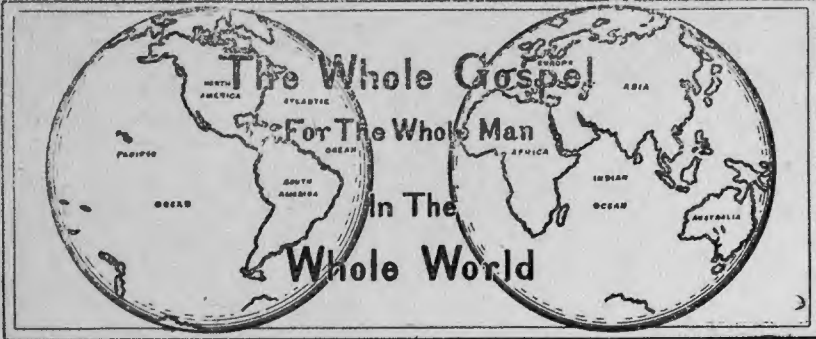
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NEWS FROM BROTHER JAMES.

In the last three months I have held four meetings. The first at Baxter Springs, where the power of the enemy is strong. God blessed. Some were saved and baptized. One sister had sought ten years and when she came to our meeting she received her baptism.

From there we went to Siloam Springs, Ark., and God gave us a good time there. Then to Ft. Smith, where His power was poured out in the old-time way. Eight or nine were baptized. Quite a few saved. Then on to Van Buren, where God blessed, saved and baptized. Our Christmas meeting is at Jenny Lind, Ark.—J. H. James.

If you want to hear what God is doing in the different conventions, revival meetings, etc., subscribe for *The Christian Evangel*. The latest news is printed in the least possible time. The reason why—it's a weekly.



There is great need for missionary funds 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 cents up, to any needy missionary. Send all missionary offerings to E. N. Bell, Treasurer, Findlay, Ohio.

R. S. McBRIDE.
South America.

While the great battles of the far east fill our secular papers and thousands of souls are being hurled into eternity, probably in fulfillment of prophecy, we wish to say that a battle of greater importance is being waged in this dark neglected land, not for the destruction of body and soul, but for the salvation of the same. Sharpshooters are upon every hand here just the same as there, with guns of "unbelief" and "higher criticism" in a more crude form perhaps than at home, but nevertheless just as poisonous. Our good ship "Zion" however, is anchored outside of the great city of Buenos Aires and is working in conjunction with the handful of men and we have our two largest guns, "Faith and Prayer," trained upon their strongest point which is "Unbelief," and feel that as the Word of God is passed to them freighted with the power of God that in some way some of this wall will crumble if only in a few places. We are greatly handicapped by not being fully acquainted with the language but by the grace of God we are striking a blow here and there as the chance opens and hope to soon be enabled to open a mission for the Lord where the Holy Spirit can be poured out open a few believing children and after a few have received the baptism we are expecting a great outpouring. We have no mission of our own here at the present but go about doing what good we can as we see the need and as we feel led of the Lord to do. We have felt led all along to go to the interior where the neglected tribes of Indians are, but if the Lord wants a place opened here first, our hearts say "Amen;" "They will not ours be done." We find Catholicism will not let us preach the truth if they can prevent it, and they generally find a way with us small chaps. Real spirituality is almost an unknown thing here even among the few foreigners that profess to know Christ. The leading church of the city is the Methodist church, called the American Methodist and their chief feature is being a theatre for picture shows and such like. They do it no doubt with good intentions but we find the old knee route is a better way to bring the people into the church as well as to hold them after they are in, for if they come in on this (the prayer route) they will not have to have any other entertainment than the Word and the Spirit to hold them and then we find that the world is not a friend to God and we feel that shows are for the world and prayer for the Christian. We need your prayers! We need a mission! We need capable workers filled with the Spirit and a determination to do the will of God. In other words men and women with a backbone as this is one of the most important things second only to being filled with the Spirit and love for lost souls. The paper here states that there will soon be an influx of "Yanks" here. We pray that some of them will be Spirit filled as we have enough of the other kind now of other nations.

A few boats flying the American flag have begun to put in an appearance for the first time and we can find a few things now and then in the stores from home. The National City Bank of New York has opened its doors, the first we believe from the United States on foreign soil.

A missionary here of another faith was telling me a few days ago of another missionary visiting a hospital and distributing tracts to the patients there upon salvation, but when he had passed on the Nuns came through and made each of them give them up, which all did but one man as he had read a little of his and was interested and so hid it, and I think he said he also told the Nun that he believed in the Bible. Anyway he was to have been discharged soon but for this was made to lie abed for one whole month as a punishment. Well pray for us beloved as the battle is strong. We did not come here to battle churches whether they be Catholic, Methodist or any other, and I only give you these samples to let you see how the tide of

spirituality is. We came here to tell men the truth, and of the love of Christ, that He might save the few of those He died for. The battle is not ours but the Lord's. We are only channels for the Holy Ghost to work through. The Word says to "make your requests known that we might pray for one another and this I have done. Wife and I are going through.

B. S. MOORE.
Japan.

We thank you for remembering us at the throne in these perilous times, when wars and rumors of wars are in all the earth and the "beginnings of sorrows" are upon us. God has been blessing and some souls are being saved, some healed and blest.

An old gentleman requested prayer for his healing Monday night. As he was prayed for the spirit came upon him and he wept, and cried out, "Ari-gato gozaimasu." He also said, "I am healed." We had related to him an instance of God's healing power in America which inspired his faith. He stated "if God could raise Lazarus from the dead when he had lain there four days, He surely could heal me." So he requested that hands should be laid on him in the Name of Jesus. He has returned to his home much encouraged.

We are conducting open air meetings which are largely attended, and gives us the privilege of distributing many tracts and gospels. Some times there are twenty or thirty hands reaching out at once saying, "dozo" or "please". The crowd was so great one Sunday they almost trode on each other, (as Jesus said on one occasion, Luke 12:1) in order to get some of the gospel portions to take home. We just received a report that some of the native workers in Tokyo were arrested for preaching on the streets, but the chief let them go after telling them it was against the law. The officer here has granted us the privilege to preach on the streets, only asking us to use wisdom and not block the traffic. Of course the law forbids street preaching, as the government is taking great precaution to prevent the spread of socialism and anarchy.

We quote the testimony of a young man (our next door neighbor) who has been wonderfully saved and is earnestly seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He has written it for publication.

"Dear Beloved Saints:—I am a Christian boy of Japan. I am very happy to write you how I became a christian. Date 27th Sunday, Sept. 1914. I attended to the usually Bible meeting at Mr. B. S. Moore's as usual. I felt exceedingly tonight about my sins, and I thought that how shall I be happy if I am not saved. Accordingly, I repent, and I earnestly pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of my sins, in the garden, in my room after I came back from the meeting. As soon as finished prayer I felt rejoicing. I sang the songs very loudly, and my heart jumped up with pleasure. I believe that my prayer is effectual. Also I quite understand this night that "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." I went to the bed to sleep with happy at half past ten. This is a remembrance in my life. Now I pray to accept the Holy Ghost from heaven Acts 2:4. I thank to God, I thank to Jesus Christ, Amen. Yours very truly, K. Onishi.

We ask for prayer for this young man. He is a promising boy and we feel God has some work for him to do. Bro. and Sister have moved here from Nagasaki, and we are all working together for God's glory. Their Bible woman is a keen soul winner, God uses her in personal dealing with souls, and also in preaching and interpreting, she has received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Sister Bernauer writes us from Tokyo God is blessing her work there, also Bro. and Sister Gray write their Japanese girl has been wonderfully saved, Bro. and Sister Jergensen are worthy workers, and we commend them to the saints. Being Germans they are having it rather hard, and need financial help, and prayers through this time of testing because of the war. Write them to 43 Ogawa Machi, Kanda, Tok-

yo, Japan. There are only a very few of us Pentecostal workers here in Japan, standing for the truth against much opposition. The truth shall prevail. Pray much for Japan.

EDGAR C. STEINBERG.
China.

Mr. W. W. Simpson and Mrs. Simpson have been up in these parts conducting meetings and God has blessed many souls. A conference was held in Yong Ning Chow, a city five days mule trip from here. Four Scandinavian missionaries received the baptism, as in the beginning, and several Chinese. Then they came back to Tai Yuan Fu for a series of meetings here. Mrs. Maude Davis, from Hartford, Ark., my wife, baby and I have been here since last Spring. A Chinese independent church here invited us to come. We are living in temple grounds. There are about nine buildings in all. We prayed all summer for an outpouring of the Spirit here and sometimes it seemed like hoping against hope. But God has worked. Old church members confessed sin, some crying very much. A few Chinese received the baptism and the whole church is now seeking. A number of very able young men feel called to preach the Gospel, but they want to tarry for the power first.

One missionary who has been in China over twenty years,—Bro. E. Pilquist, also received his baptism and God is using him. He was in connection with this church before we came and has done a great work by God's help, preparing the way for Pentecost. Bro. Pilquist has been trusting God for the supply of his needs for the last three years, but now some who have been supporting him will undoubtedly withdraw their help since he has received his baptism. He is worthy to be commended to the readers of the Christian Evangel, as a brother who deserves the support of God's people. He has a wife and two children in America, the children being in school.

In Ping-Ting-Chow, about six hours on the train from here, God gave His blessing to the meetings. A number of Chinese received the baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have been in China over twenty years and we do praise God for enduring them with His power and using them. Many doors are open in these parts of China for the Spirit's power. Pray for us all.

F. H. GRAY AND WIFE.
Japan.

Six weeks ago the Lord sent us a precious young girl (Inaba San) who had become hungry for the living water by dropping into Bro. Juergenson's meetings. A week on the Word of God and she was beautifully saved. Two days later, as in travail of soul for the lost she was weeping, she was caught away and saw the heavenly mansions and the straight and narrow road leading to them. Many times, even after we retired, we could hear her pleading with God. A week ago yesterday she was immersed. While on the way to the river, we reminded her again of the deep and glorious meaning of this ceremony, as taught in Romans 6, and how also with Jesus Himself and the Ephesian brethren and others, it was her privilege to be immediately filled with the Holy Ghost. As her faith took hold she clasped her hands and almost danced for joy. As a young brother, attending Sister Bernauer's mission, was being baptized, the power of God rested upon Inaba San so she could hardly stand. When she came out of the water her throat was swollen under the Spirit's operation, and her face was radiant. She seemed almost unconscious until half way to the house where she would change her garments, and then looking around said with beaming eyes "Inaba San is buried—Rebecca is alive unto God" (we call her Rebecca for she leaves all to be Christ's). Later, in an upper room, with Bro. and Sister Juergenson present, Rebecca was wonderfully baptized in the Spirit and as the Lord took possession He spoke through her in another language. She had a vision of being with God, and of heaven. Though a gentle, retiring girl, she was about as noisy under these manifestations of the Spirit as you in America. She was also blessedly healed. Her parents have been trying for months to force her to marry different heathen men. Pray for her. Pray God to give me a Bible woman at once. What we do must be done quickly. Millions of dollars are spent to mutilate men and send them to hell, while, for the lack of a few dollars the spread of the life-giving Gospel is crippled and hampered. Please take Nehemiah 8:10 to your New Year's feasts and God will bless you.

FLORENCE I. BUSH AND MOTHER.
Egypt.

It became very unsafe for us to remain in Jerusalem, but we were unwilling to leave the work and also had no means with which to escape. On Nov. 14th news came that a boat would

leave Jaffa on Tuesday, and at the same time God provided for our passage and made it plain that we were to go, as this would be the last boat. Accordingly, we packed and left Monday for Jaffa. Bro. Randall remained and is keeping the mission open every day, no one being allowed on the streets at night, and he is continuing the work there. Pray much for them. They have no communication with the outside world, except by way of the Throne of Grace.

We were conscious of His care all the way. Have taken charge of the work here in Beni Suef, and are believing God for great things. There is a flourishing mission here, many having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The hall is filled every night. Many are seeking the Lord. The native Christians are nearly all active, testifying to the power of Jesus in the services and through the day to their companions. Many also are seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The women have not the same privileges as the men in this land, but a goodly number come to the meetings at night and sit behind a sort of screen. A few are saved and one has the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We plan to have regular meetings for them in the afternoons. We also want to open a Sunday school for the children and begin regular visitation work among the natives. Please pray definitely about these things that God may have His way in our lives.

It surely is a wonderful privilege to be able to write and receive letters. It has been a very long time since we could receive mail, and could only write Arabic, Turkish, French or German. Every letter was read by the authorities and we were not permitted to tell anything that happened in Jerusalem. In this land mail passes freely to and from America. New York drafts or checks on London banks are readily cashed here, but New York drafts are preferred.

When we see these troubles and wars in the world we lift up our heads and rejoice for we know that our redemption is drawing nigh and we feel the upward drawing of our Lord. Surely He is coming soon, and we are glad.

ESTELLA BERNAUER.
Japan.

The Lord seems to be moving in our midst and I feel that His Spirit will soon fall upon us in power. Yesterday morning He was with us in such blessing in the Bible class. Many eyes were filled with tears, and yesterday afternoon we had such a grand time,—something like the precious meetings in the dear home-land. One by one the dear ones are yielding to God.

This terrible war is having an effect on us here. Prices are high and getting higher all the time. Offerings falling off. I have feared I must give up my native worker, but right in the midst of this test God has sent a dear young woman who also wishes to devote her life to His service. She will make a first-class worker, I believe. She is now with us and I am looking to God to see me through. It seems as if God sent her. There is such a need of consecrated, native workers and our hearts ache when we need them so much and pray so earnestly for God to send them and then are obliged to turn them away for lack of means to support them. This young woman can be supported with ten dollars a month. There is no debt on the mission thus far, and though we are tested and have many needs, yet God has kept us from day to day.

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MINNIE HOUCK.
Ceylon.

During a recent trip to Kandy I was impressed to write you. I spent a few days with the Griers and Miss Ebert. Each have cottage meetings in their respective parts of the town and God is blessing. I was especially pleased with the way the little heathen children came to Miss Ebert's home every morning and evening to sing about Jesus and to be taught from His precious Word.

My work here in Nuwara Eliya for the past year has also been largely among children both as Principal of a Mission School and Superintendent of a Tamil Sunday school. Years ago in America God called me to be a children's evangelist and my heart overflows with joy as I tell the heathen children about our beloved Saviour who said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring."

Will you not unite in prayer with me that God will cause the seeds of truth which have been sown in hearts to bring forth fruit to His own Glory.

W. D. CRIER.
Ceylon.

The Lord has converted five more people, who have been baptized in water and are now waiting for the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Among these new converts is a European brother, born in Ceylon. He is 35 years old and speaks three languages. He is a single man and we hope to see him preaching the Gospel. Fifteen dollars a month will board and clothe him. We shall be glad if someone feels called to support this brother. We certainly need native preachers. We have opened a mission in the city and many are hearing the Gospel. The war is raging on every hand. God is our refuge. Please pray for Ceylon.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

We are expecting great showers of blessing in this place soon. Bro. Bosworth returned this week and God is working in all manner of ways, glorifying the name of Jesus. Pray for us, brethren, that God will have His own way.—C. A. Godwin, 2723 McKinnon Street.

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