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SHOULD CHRISTIANS GO TO WAR?

An Answer to an English Editorial Republished in a Recent Issue of the Christian Evangel.

(See editorial column).

There appeared in the columns of the Christian Evangel (No. 70) an article headed "Is European War Justifiable?" in which the question was asked "should a Christian go to war," and then the argument is set forth justifying Christians in taking up arms in behalf of their country, if the country happens to be in the right as far as the cause of the war is concerned. But it seems to be forgotten that Christians asked this same question once before.

In Luke 22:49, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" They prayed, but, instead of waiting for an answer, one immediately drew the sword and went to battle, cutting off the ear of one of their opposers.

We will meet the argument that it is only natural that we defend the weak against the "bully" as was brought out in the illustration used by our English brethren, which appeared in the columns of our little paper. The illustration goes further to say "that in case a great wild hooligan came in and began to maltreat the family, that it would be right to fight, praying to God at the same time," or words to that effect. Now, that is what the disciples did, prayed (Luke 22:49), but, in stead of waiting for an answer, they began with carnal weapons to defend the weak (the man Jesus) against the bully (the opposing force which came against Jesus).

Now brethren, we that ask the question "Shall we fight with the sword?" or "Shall a Christian go to war?" let us wait for an answer from God. Let us not begin to reason from the natural point of view, but wait for a "Thus saith the Lord."

What was the answer of Christ to the disciples (Christians) to this question? (Math. 26:51) "Put up again thy sword into his place." This is what God is saying to the Christians of today, "Ye followers of the Prince of Peace, disarm yourselves" for "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal." (the musket, sword, siege gun or cannon). 2 Cor. 10:4. And we are not contending with flesh and blood. Our warfare is waged against the host of spiritual darkness. Our armor is not the spiked helmet, the suit of mail, etc., but the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness. Our feet are not "swift to shed blood," but are shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. 1 Thess. 5:8, Eph. 6:11, 17. Oh Christian, "put up thy sword into his place, for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Matt. 26:52.

Jesus, to teach the disciples that the warfare of the Christian was not with carnal weapons, gave them an object lesson, saying, "when I sent you without purse and scrip and shoes, lacked ye anything?" They said, nothing. Then said He unto them, But now he that hath a purse let him take it, likewise his scrip (go, give alms, relieve the suffering, etc. Isa. 58:8-11; Jas. 1:27; 1 Jno. 3:17, 18.) "and he that hath no sword let him sell his garment and buy one (Heb. 4:12)," and they, with ears tuned only to the natural, said, "Lord, here are two swords," and Jesus, to teach the lesson that was recorded for the Christian world, said, "It is enough." Lu. 22:35-38. And now the time has come, "Lord, shall we smite with the sword?" Thou art weak, shall we defend thee against the strong? Thou art in the right, shall we defend thee against the wrong? "Shall we smite with the sword?"

The argument that we must go to war in behalf of the weaker nation because of its being in the right, is not consistent with the doctrines of Christ. It is also against the teaching of Christ to fight in self-defense. "For even hereunto were we called, because Christ also suffered leaving us an example that we should follow His steps, who did no sin (violence, Isa. 53:9) who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered, threatened not, but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously.

Paul gives a better way of peace than by gaining it through bloodshed. "I exact therefore, that, first of all prayers, intercession, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority that we may live a quiet and peaceable life, etc." The Christian is not of this world even as Christ is not of this

GREAT OPPORTUNITY AND GREAT PRIVILEGE

God Has Mightily Blessed in the Past and Wants to Greatly Multiply His Blessings in the Future. An Opportunity Now Given For an Investment in the Kingdom of God That Will Yield 500 Per Cent to the Glory of God and the Furtherance of Foreign Missions.

In the past year or so, God has used the *Word and Witness* and the *Christian Evangel* to gather and send out, free of charge, about \$10,000.00 to our foreign missionaries. This fact, when made known at the recent General Council at Chicago, caused great rejoicing and gratitude to God for His mercy and great blessing upon the usefulness of these papers.

ONLY IN OUR INFANCY OF USEFULNESS.

But all could see we are only in our infancy of usefulness on this line. Intelligent missionary information, direct and fresh from the missionaries, has always been a necessary factor to stimulate wise Christian giving. All our Pentecostal papers furnish such an avenue free to the missionary. No charge is made (though it costs much money) to publish the missionary letters. No charge is made for subscription to our weekly paper to any worthy foreign (faith) missionary. This amounts up towards \$300.00 a year. No charge is made for handling funds, keeping the books, sending receipts to donors, writing letters to missionaries when sending money, and not even for the postage on the letters. All this expense of clerical work, papers, letters, postage, etc., comes out of the receipts of the Publishing House, and makes quite a strain upon it, our office help being compelled to actually live on less than the missionaries themselves receive. Now God wants this good work to go on and to increase, and at the same time, the actual necessary expenses of the papers to be met. The field is white unto the harvest in many lands, and what we do we must do quickly.

A GRATEFUL AND HEARTY RESPONSE.

When these facts were made known, the brethren at the Chicago meeting at once resolved that we should ask our readers for \$5,000 to equip an efficient printing plant and do all of our own printing for God's glory. This plant will belong to all the Pentecostal people and not to the editors. We now pay about \$200.00 per month to hire our papers printed and much of this can be saved and the publishing plant placed on a better and safer basis, if we have the proper machinery to print our own papers. This waste is not wise. Truly Jesus said, "The children of the world are wiser than the sons of Light." But, thank God, we are waking up.

A WONDERFUL INCREASE IN SIGHT.

It is very reasonable, and almost certain, if Jesus carries two years, and this \$5,000 is at once forthcoming, that the Publishing plant can, in turn, raise and send on for foreign missions \$25,000, or five times the amount invested. Who wants a greater reward or a better return from God for his money than that? To raise only as much as is invested is 100 per cent on the money to God's Glory. Twice as much is 200 per cent and five times as much is 500 per cent, in two years. Is not this prospect glorious? Remember, too, this is not any gain for man but all for the work of the Lord. Not a dollar will go to the editors of either the \$5,000 to be invested in the printing plant, or of the \$25,000 which the plant, in turn, expects to raise for missions and the spread of the Gospel all around the earth.

AND NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

God is already moving, and His very blessing makes it necessary to have help at once. Already \$1,200 of good printing machinery has been given free, and this demands, at once, a few hundred dollars to move it from New York to our new quarters in St. Louis. This is to cover cost of freight and cost of installing ready for printing the papers. This is the opportunity for our readers to give to God for His printing plant to be held in trust by the Pentecostal saints and used to spread the Gospel to all the earth.

A \$2,500 linotype machine, which sets type a line at a time, which has been used a little while and is in good condition, is offered to us at less than half price for cash. For \$1,150 cash we can buy this machine. It is the next thing we need and we must have it. But we must first get this money. How many will give God \$1,000 or \$500? How many \$100 or \$50? How many \$25? How many \$10? How many \$5? How many a one dollar bill?

We mean business for God. This is no wildcat scheme. This is not for man but for the Lord and His work, and it has been laid before God and has been approved by all the brethren at the recent Council in Chicago. Saints of the Living God, come on! We can do it! Let everyone help and help now!

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world. Jno. 17:16. Our citizenship is not of this world, our citizenship is in heaven. Phil. 3:20. We belong to the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world are not allied. When two kingdoms go to war with other nations or kingdoms, their interests are mutual, they are allied one with the other. Christians are separate from the world and are subjects of God's kingdom, a kingdom of peace which shall be established upon the earth when the Prince of Peace returns.

We hear the Spirit say, "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity. He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword." Here is the patience and faith of the saints. Rev. 13:9, 19.

Shall we fight with the sword? Shall we as Christians go to war?—Burt McCafferty, Ft. Worth, Texas.

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OUTPOURING AT SHADY GROVE.

Here at Shady Grove, near Pinckney, Texas. God has met with us in a wonderful way. Some have been saved; five were baptized with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and six were baptized with water on Sunday. One Catholic woman, about sixty years old, went to the altar one night and called mightily on the Lord. The next night she prayed through to victory and arose shouting praises to God and testified that she knew she was saved, and wanted the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. One man about fifty years of age who had never made any step toward God before, was saved, baptized in the Holy Ghost and in water. Many testified that they never had spent such a glorious Christmas in all their lives. One who testified was a Baptist preacher who had received his baptism about four months ago and had never worshipped God on Christmas Day in the beauty of holiness before.

Bro. Steve Odom, formerly a Holiness preacher, was with us, and God sent the truth in mighty power through him. God's healing power was also manifested in many ways. One sister

started home about midnight and the team became frightened and ran away. Her husband pulled her out of the wagon but she was severely hurt. They brought her back to the house covered with blood. She was hurt in the breast and side. When we began to pray some of the sinners said we need not pray for she would be dead before daylight. After the third season of prayer she raised her hand and said, "He takes it away," and kept praising God until she rose to her feet, leaping and praising God. She was healed and came back to every service, praising God for the healing.

In the afternoon of Christmas day we had dinner spread in the church and most all present were baptized souls. It was a feasting time for both soul and body.—W. M. Harrison and John Die.

WIDENERS, ARK.

We have a good place here on Main St. and ask the prayers of the saints for the work here. The word goes forth every night and the people are hearing it with amazement, not having heard before.—Evan. Chas. Williamson.

PROSPECTS IN CALIFORNIA.

Brother Pinson Tells Conditions and Makes Recommendations for Workers in This Great Field.

I have been thinking for some days of writing to the paper and giving the public a little information, especially those who have turned their faces toward California. Many have heard of the "gold fields" and many other things that would be enticing in bringing people to California. Now comes the great Panama World Exposition, causing the low rates from every direction. This exposition will run from February 20th, 1915 to about the same time in October. It is a fact that California is a great place, but money does not grow on bushes unless a person considers oranges, lemons, nuts, grapes, etc., as money, and not very many of the poor people have access to these only in gathering time, when they receive a dollar and a half or two dollars a day. See the point! Thousands of people have already flocked to California because of the exposition, many with just enough money to get there, and doubtless others have beat their way. A poor workingman has perhaps seen some great advertisement in some daily paper "Men needed," and when he gets here he finds thousands of men up and down the coast out of work. While millions have been spent on the exposition, giving work to many, yet many more came for employment for whom there was none. They claim that already 98% of the work on the buildings is completed. That means hundreds of men thrown out of work. The result is and will be stealing, murder and other crimes. A millionaire was killed in Los Angeles a few days ago. In reading a San Francisco paper I noticed that the mayor of the city called upon the people for finances to relieve the worthy unemployed citizens. The mayor said, "Already there are nine hundred married men with families (he says nothing about the single men of which there are doubtless thousands) registered with the general relief committee. These the police have found worthy."

They are going to build a boulevard to give employment to some of these married men to keep them from starving.

The Religious Side.

Every religious fanatic who can raise the price will come because of the low rates, expecting to convert the world to his little "ism." What California needs is men and women clean in heart and life, spirit-filled, level-headed, to represent Jesus in a time like this; good sound literature—I mean good tracts, something short, condensed, right to the point. People will be in too big a rush to read long tracts. Hundreds of dollars could be used on this line of giving out tracts on Salvation, the Baptism with the Spirit, etc. We don't need tracts wrangling over theories of any kind. There are already meetings—one or two camp meetings being planned.

My advice to the saints is to be careful where you place your money. It is an easy matter to help scatter an "ism" and God get no glory for what is spent. My advice to young preachers and workers who have the western fever is to pray through and get a hearing from God before coming west, as doubtless the next twelve months will be a financial strain because the war is affecting almost everything out here. I do not mean to dishearten anyone whom God has really called to come. Would be glad to have some who have proven a success in winning souls in their own community, to come and help us wage the battle against the enemy. Do not come sight-seeing or pleasure seeking, but to be a soldier for Christ, to bear real hardship out here with us.

Let all the saints everywhere pray that God Himself shall come forth with convicting power and sweep many into His Kingdom, and shall pour out His Spirit on the believers and heal the sick and confirm His Word with signs following as in olden times. Thank God, He has been doing some of this but we want to see more.

My permanent address is 1639 84th Ave. Oakland, California. Any of God's faithful messengers coming this way will be welcome at my home.—M. M. Pinson.

FAITHFUL SAYINGS.

The most effectual way of seeing the evil of sin is in the face of Christ.—Bonar.

The greatest need of the Christian church today is a thinning out.—Moody.

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EDITORIALS

MOVE TO ST. LOUIS, MO.

Our new office has been opened in St. Louis by Brother E. N. Bell at 2888 Easton Ave. Our printing presses have been shipped and the office will be moved just as soon as the printing presses have been installed and the plant is ready for operation. This will probably be about the first of February or possibly a week before that time. We are ready to handle all orders for song books from both the Findlay, Ohio, office and the St. Louis, Mo., office until the first of February, when all business will be handled from St. Louis. It is expected that a new Assembly Hall will be opened soon in St. Louis in cooperation with the Publishing House with Elder E. N. Bell as Pastor. Full information later.

On the front page of this issue there appears a clear statement of the needs of the work connected with the publishing plant, and an opportunity is given for all our readers to share in the establishing of this plant for the glory of God.

When it was suggested in Chicago that the Publishing House be authorized to raise \$5,000 for an equipment which would be capable of handling the increasing work of the plant, including the weekly and monthly papers, Sunday school literature, tracts, pamphlets and books, etc., one brother laughed at the very idea. He said our faith was altogether too small. We should have \$10,000 or \$15,000 at least. This brother had formerly been business manager of the Gospel Trumpet Publishing plant and had seen the plant grow from a shed to a big institution with modern machinery, costing many thousands of dollars. He was right in his premise, but we will be satisfied with a smaller and cheaper equipment providing that it does the work we want it to do in the publishing of Pentecostal truth.

However, we expect the plant to grow so big that the presses and linotype machine will be kept busy night and day, pouring out Pentecostal literature by the ton which will be scattered all over the world, awakening the people to their sins, and letting them know that we are living in the time of the Latter Rain when God has come down among His people. Hallelujah!

But there must be a start, and we are now making the start, and expect a great response from God's people and the amount to be raised in a very short time.

Remember, these papers and this new publishing plant belong now, and always will belong, to all of God's children who are co-operating with us in this glorious Pentecostal Gospel. The institution is being placed upon the right foundation which cannot fail.

Should the editors fail at any time to proclaim the truth and go on with the Lord, all the Pentecostal saints have to do is to come up to the General Council and choose others who will, in the fear of the Lord, conduct the papers to His glory and the advancement of His kingdom. A better investment, for the glory of God, cannot be made and we expect all our readers to respond heartily to the appeal. **This Publishing Plant belongs to you.**

SHOULD CHRISTIANS GO TO WAR.

In another column in this issue there appears an article under the above title, which was written in reply to an article published in No. 70 Christian Evangel. The article referred to was an editorial which appeared in a recent copy of Confidence, an English Pentecostal paper which has a wide circulation and great influence. We copied this editorial, not because it wholly coincided with the views of the editorial staff of this paper, but because it showed the attitude that many of the brethren in England are taking toward the war. It is one thing to be away off here in America and look on the situation in Europe and say what ought to be done and what ought not to be done, and it is entirely a different matter to be located right on the scene of hostilities and then to find the right thing to do under the circumstances.

We wish to say here that many things are permitted to enter our columns with which we do not wholly agree, because this paper is a religious newspaper and not an individual organ to advance some pet theory or theories. A newspaper must be broad and be willing to look on all sides of a question, hence we have published the article under the above heading which takes an opposite view to the editorial in question. However, there are some limitations to this liberty which we allow. As soon as a question becomes controversial, we reserve the right to throw the article of this nature in the waste basket, or return it to the writer. We propose to maintain the sweet spirit of love, fellowship, tolerance and respect which has characterized the articles which have appeared in this paper in the past and to refuse to break over and allow anything of a harsh, critical or controversial spirit to creep in. We believe all our readers are with us on this principle.

One little suggestion we might make on the illustration Brother McCafferty uses in the beginning of his article. There is a question whether Jesus can be used as a good example of non-resistance, as Jesus was foreordained to be captured and offered up as a lamb without spot or blemish. What if Jesus had been foreordained to live and reign as a living and righteous monarch on earth at the time of His first advent, and the soldiers had come to take him and rob him of His rightful place? Of course, the question cannot be answered, as that was not in the purpose of God, and even under these circumstances He would have passed through their midst and they could not have touched Him as He did on many other occasions during His ministry.

It is also interesting to note, that Peter fulfilled the prophecy of our Lord in that he took the sword, cutting off the ear of the servant of the High Priest, and he himself was beheaded with a sword at the close of his earthly ministry.—J. R. F.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for the saints at this place.—W. G. Wood, Quay, N. Mex.

Pray that God will send a Pentecostal worker to Gallon, Ohio, and pray for me that I may be kept and led by Him in this city of spiritual dearth.—E. J. Witte.

Please pray for me and my little boy. I am a widow woman and work for my support. This is a hard place and there are no saints here. Pray that I may do my duty in this town.—Mrs. Letta Chandler.

Pray that the Lord will send some Spirit-filled workers to Gila Bend, Arizona. There is no church of any kind here. Pray also that my son may receive the Baptism and that I may be used here for His glory.—Ella Hardcastle.

THE NEW ASSEMBLY AT OAKLAND.

We expect the Lord to work in a mighty way in Oakland, Cal. The tent meetings this fall were a great success and resulted in a new Assembly out here in Elmhurst. Bro. Pinson has the evangelization of this city very much on his heart. Pray for the work here, and that in 1915 (the Exposition year) God may work in a wonderful way.—Ruth A. Hitchcock.

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GRACE DID MUCH MORE AROUND.

Kept in Child Birth.

To the glory of God, giving Him all the praise, I want to send in my testimony concerning the wonderful deliverance the Lord brought to me during my confinement.

When my second child was born, I laid between life and death, and I was also under the influence of chloroform. The doctor and nurses said they had never had a more severe case. Once they thought I had passed away and were much surprised to find that I was alive.

They said if I ever passed through it again it would mean death to me. But the Lord saw fit to let me pass through it again, and, like all other mothers, fear and dread came over me.

The Lord permitted me to come in contact with some Pentecostal saints, and they asked me to go through by faith in Jesus, and told me there was no case too hard for the Lord. So gradually my faith grew, and as the time came near, I took hold of God through faith and prayer. The saints also prayed and took hold of His promises for my deliverance.

God in a wonderful way poured out His Spirit upon me long before the time came, and gave me His promise according to 1 Tim. 2:15 with many other promises from the Word. My faith took hold of them, till every fear was gone, until the day of my confinement. Oh! the joy and peace that was within me, I never can tell, having the assurance that His promises are sure, and He will not fail us, knowing we do not live under the old curse, but that Christ was made a curse for us.

To the glory of God, and the encouragement of other mothers, I can say we need not dread, nor fear, if we place ourselves in the hands of God, knowing He doeth all things well.

The day God so wonderfully delivered me, I can truthfully say I did not have one hard pain, but all through I was praising God, and claiming the victory in the name of Jesus, praising Him in advance. He blessed me

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with twin girls, and without the aid of a doctor. Oh, how God was there with power, I shall never cease to praise Him for His love and goodness to me.

The Lord kept me from chills, pain or fever. No weakness came upon me whatever, never felt stronger in my life. I got up the sixth day, and have been up ever since. The babies are eight week old; they are strong and healthy. Praise God! Oh, it is wonderful what the Lord can do for us, when we put our trust in Him.

I am so glad that the Lord filled me with the Holy Ghost, September 28, 1914, and I am looking for the coming of the King.—M. N., San Antonio, Tex.

We certify to the correctness of the above.—Pastor Fred Eiting.

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Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

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GIDEON AND THE THREE HUNDRED.

Lesson Text—Judges 7:1-8, 16-23.

Golden Text—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zech. 4:6.

Leading Thought—"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

1. **The Three Hundred Chosen by God.** (Vs. 1-8). "Rose up early" V. 1 with a righteous zeal for his God-appointed task Gideon and his people prepare for battle. Though conscious of God's presence and working with them, they were not slothful in the business required of them. Now comes the time of sifting. "The people that are with thee are too many." V. 2. Though Israel might reckon her danger in the smallness of her army, God looked past the outward appearance and saw the unconscious self-sufficiency which would mean later boasting. Hence it was in their largeness that He saw their danger. It is through weakness that God manifests His strength. 2 Cor. 19:9, 10; Isa. 40:29. God's deliverances are to the end that His name be glorified and "that no flesh should glory in His presence." Isa. 42:8; 1 Cor. 1:29. Note whom the first proclamation affected—"the fearful and afraid" (V. 3), or those who were failing in faith. They were only so many dead weights to the progress and victory of the army. Two agreed as touching one thing can accomplish more in a fight of faith than a whole congregation of half-fearful, half-believing Christians. Furthermore this was God's direction for conducting a campaign. Deut. 20:8. God's word to all such today is "be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Isa. 35:4; Eph. 6:10-18. How does such a proportion compare with the result of God's sifting today? And yet there were too many! To what an end must God go to bring His people to an end of themselves? Note the peculiarity of the next text, and likewise its significance. God often uses little things as important tests in our lives today, perhaps all unconscious to us. Lu. 16:10; Matt. 25:21. This re-

markable test distinguishes between those most intent upon the approaching conflict and those more prone to seek their own refreshment and comfort. V. 5. It was the first great final trial of Gideon's faith and courage but he did not flinch from minute obedience to God's command. V. 8. Then God granted him fresh support to his faith by directing him to be his own spy thus enabling him to hear the Midianite's dream. See intervening verses 9-15. What was probably a great piece of vanity and nonsense to the two Midianites became a direct message of encouragement to the man for whom God really intended it. With great confidence he returns to reassure his friends—"Arise, for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian."

2. **"The Sword of the Lord, and Gideon."** (Vs. 16-23). With the command God had given the promise of victory. V. 15. Very cleverly Gideon plans his stratagem, making the most of the men and material on hands. All he required of the men was to look at him and do as he did; that is all the "Captain of our salvation" requires of us. Heb. 13:2. The trumpets were the voice of prayer—a call Godward; the torches, the light of God's truth within these "earthen vessels"—the pitchers. 2 Cor. 4:7. "Like this undaunted handful we have but to blow vigorously the trumpet of prayer and be broken in God's hands; so shall the glorious light of the Gospel shine forth to the confusion and overthrowing of Satan's kingdom. 2 Cor 10:4, 5; Josh. 23:10. The God of Gideon is our God; and a like overwhelming victory is for us if we "fight the good fight of faith." What a lesson for us in the example of their conduct as set forth in V. 21! "They stood every man in his place."—God help us to be as steadfastly united and resolute in faith and courage. The resulting victory was sudden, supernatural and supreme. Verily they had not to fight; the battle was the Lord's, and their enemies became the instruments of destruction to one another. The prosecution of this glorious victory was unselfishly shared with their weaker brethren. Vs. 23-25.

PENTECOSTAL CONVENTIONS

MID-WINTER PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

Berlin, Ontario, Canada.

This Convention will be held from January 14th to 24th at the Pentecostal Mission, 15 Scott St., Berlin, Ontario. The day services of the 19th and 20th will be devoted to considering the question as to whether or not the Ontario Missions and Assemblies will form a Council in harmony with the General Council of the Assemblies of God in the United States. The minutes of the General Council, held in Chicago on Nov. 15th to 29th, 1914, will be on hand to be read and discussed.

It is requested that every Mission standing for the truth as held by the Pentecostal people send and bear the traveling expenses of their pastor or a good delegate to this convention. Special workers will be present, also some foreign missionaries. All are invited. Notify of your coming. G. A. Chambers, 15 Scott St., Berlin, Ontario, Canada.

A PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

The Assembly of Iola, Kans., pastor J. A. Dunham and the Assembly at Gas City in charge of J. A. Derry will unite for a convention from January 15th to 25th with C. E. Foster, of Topeka, Kans., in charge. For information write to J. A. Derry, Gas City, Kans. The convention will be held at Gas City, Kans.

OLD-FASHIONED REVIVAL MEETING.

Will be held at the Apostolic Church of Christ, Osborne, Kans., beginning January 3rd, 1915. Pastor O'Neal will be in charge, assisted by Evangelists Johnson and Wise, of Missouri. Everybody is invited.—Thos J. O'Neal.

TRACTS ON THE BAPTISM.

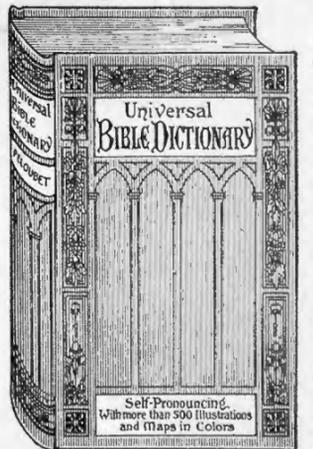
Brother D. J. Carter, of Canalou, Mo., desires us to state that he has a tract entitled "Scriptural Guide to the Holy Ghost," and will be glad to send copies to any one on request.

GOSPEL SCHOOL.

The Spring term of the Gospel School opens Jan. 5, 1915, and continues to April 1st, 1915. Students admitted at any time. Write T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

BLESSING IN BATTLE CREEK.

God is wonderfully working in this place. Ten have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the last week. Bro. C. R. Orsburn is pastor at present.—S. B. Davis.



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THE WORK IN ASIA MINOR, TURKEY

Sister Maria A. Gerber, Just Returned From Turkey, Gives Account of Her Experience and Work, and the Conditions in Turkey.

(Portions of messages given at the Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio.)

THE FIRST CALL TO GOD'S WORK.

When lying upon my sick bed about 36 years ago, given up by many physicians, in the last stages of consumption and afflicted with rheumatism and heart disease, I was convinced of my unsaved, lost condition. I called upon God in my distress, and while I was pleading with God for mercy a passage of scripture was brought to my mind (Matt. 28:18) and Jesus came and spake to them saying "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." I said "O Lord, if this is true, if Thou hast as much power in this earth as in heaven, there is help for me" and I made my first consecration, telling the Lord if He would forgive my sins and accept me as His child and heal my body "I will give Thee my life. Thou canst do anything with me." And the Lord said "Amen" from heaven. I could hear His voice. That very minute I was healed body, soul and spirit. Praise be to His blessed name! Divine healing was not thought of in our church and I did not know that there was anything like healing for our bodies in the Bible, and only some years later the dear Lord gave me more light on that subject through Matt. 8:16, 17. "When the even was come they brought unto Him many * * * and he healed all that were sick. That it may be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness."

I knew what it was. It was the answer to that saintly mother's prayers. Those Pastors came back after mother was placed in the ground, and said "Sister Gerber, something wonderful happened today. We think we will have to begin a revival right away." I said "Yes, I think so too." The same evening we invited the people around and we had crowds for weeks and the fire of God fell upon us. The very place was shaken where we were. A great many healings took place and the casting out of demons. The Gospel was preached with great power. One person, already dead, rose up to life again. All these wonderful things took place without any effort. We only remained in prayer and were very careful not to place our hands on anything God was doing because we were sure it was all God. We only looked at what He was doing and just obeyed His as little children.

God's Judgments.

Judgments were manifested in many cases. Two men came evening after evening. They always remained near the door and mocked. One evening the Lord pressed me to go and tell them that this was their very last chance. If they would not come that evening to get right with God they would not have any other opportunity. They did not heed and both left the room and went away. The next morning the news came to us that one of them, a shoemaker, had hanged himself and the other, a carpenter,

ple and we entered an Armenian church with our revival meetings. A great many were saved and healed and the truth of the second coming of Jesus made a deep impression on the people because it was all new to them and, as they did of old, the people searched the scriptures to see if it were so, the truth we taught them. A number of times since while working in Turkey, we have had such blessed revivals.

Revivals in the Orphanages.

When this last war began we had in our home 215 children. A great many of them are total orphans, both parents being dead. Some of them have mothers living yet, the fathers being killed in times of massacre and war. A blessed work is going on constantly among our dear children and the majority of them have a personal experience of regeneration. Three of our dear orphans who have been for some time in the home have died and, I am happy to say, they all were saved and left us with joy and peace. One of them saw Jesus before leaving us, and He told her that He would soon send the angels to carry her up. The dear little face shone with a heavenly glow when telling this experience. Another of the three, a small boy about seven years old, was a marvel to all of us, when often in our prayer-meetings the power of God would fall upon him, and with tears he would plead with His dear Jesus Whom he loved so much. Oh, what a blessing! What a privilege! These souls have more value than the whole world, and Satan cannot do any more harm to them.

Only a small number of these very needy orphans without homes can be cared for in the orphan homes. Hundreds have to be sent away from our door without our being able to help them and yet what precious jewels they are to have to starve and freeze and die away by the hundreds. Oh, dear ones, should we not do all we

who would show me the way to a house of a poor widow who was ill for a long time, not able to stand on her feet. I followed into a narrow street. At the end of that street there was a hole in an earth wall. We entered in. That was a house like the houses of most of the poor widows,—one room, one story, earth roof and earth floor, no window, one hole to enter in by, about three feet high. The rain had entered into that house and it was muddy and there upon the damp ground she lay upon old filthy rags, full of lice crawling around by the thousands. No furniture not even a box to sit on. There in these rags lay a mother with her child about six years old. The mother excused her child for being in bed, by saying that she was not ill like herself, but was ashamed of her nakedness when anybody came. I said, "Mother, who takes care of you?" She pointed to the child. I said, "Who gives you your food?" Again she pointed to the child and said, "When it is dark in the evening and nobody can see her nakedness, then the child goes from door to door for some food and that is what we eat."

It is impossible for me, under such conditions, to preach. There is something to be done first, and, after I had placed her in another dry, clean house and bed (the beds are all placed on the floor) and had put her in clean clothes and brought her some good warm soup and bread to eat and hired another poor widow to take care of them and to come to our kitchen every day for warm food for them,—then was my time to speak to her about our Saviour. And oh, how gladly she received the truth and joyfully she went up to be with Jesus. The child is prospering in our Orphans' Home. I never forgot how that after the poor woman was in her clean clothes and clean bed and clean room, refreshed with some warm food, she clasped her hands again and again, asking me repeatedly if this was not heaven. The dear soul is now in Heaven. Praise be to His blessed name.

My Faith Life.

When I first started out to work for my dear Master years ago, the work of George Muller, of Bristol, England, came to my attention and after seeing in my Bible that this was the Bible way for a child of God to trust Him alone, I am so thankful to say that my work now is a faith work entirely. The dear Lord gave me liberty to go before God's people, telling them of the need I had and then to leave it with the Lord to make use of the message in His way. Some dear sisters did write to me when in Turkey, asking me to write to them all our needs and our trials so that they might know how to pray and how to give. For this purpose I have made some trips through Europe, laying the need of our work in Turkey before any assembly where God would open the doors.

During the many years of my walk of faith, with my Lord, I have proved Him the faithful One in every time of need. Through His high purpose He allowed me to go through many hard places with my large orphan family, without any missionary board.

Our Support Largely From Europe.

I wish to let the dear people of God know that the present trials belong to the severest ones that I ever was called upon to go through.

Almost all our support came from Europe for the seven hundred and twenty meals ministered daily from our tables, the clothing for over two hundred orphans, the evangelistic work in our home and surrounding villages and the printing of a religious paper, in the Turkish language, with the full Gospel, printed in our orphanage going out every two weeks to many hungry souls, through the land. Now that afflicted Europe has become an orphanage, having enough to do for themselves and we stand in Turkey with our large work where poverty is increasing day after day. Hundreds have to be sent away from our door constantly without our being able to help them.

It is the merciful God who has sent

me to America to lay the need of this manifold work before God's people. Wherever the Lord will open a door, that I may bring His message in detail, kindly address me, care Rev. D. W. Kerr, 6403 Linwood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

If God lays it on your heart to contribute to this work, kindly address to my name at the above address. All letters will be forwarded to me.

The expense is \$40.00 a year in our home to support a child. For this sum the child gets food, clothing, schooling, and is taught a trade, so he may make his future living. Whoever will undertake for some years to pay the \$40.00 we send the photo, age and history of their child, and from time to time you get news from that child, and the child himself will write to you as soon as he is able to write.

MARIA A. GERBER,

From "Zion," Orphans Home Zinjedere, near Cesorea, Asia Minor, Turkey.

A MACEDONIAN CALL.

Josephine Planter Helpless and Held From Work Urgently Needing Her.

I am praying to God to show you the great need of sending some Spirit-filled brother to deliver me from my enemies. I am cast here on this island (Sicily) and cannot move to help the poor dear converts who are crying to God to send me back speedily. My heart and soul are sick. I am ready to be offered at any time for the sake of Christ and lost souls. My health is poor. If I am called Home I trust someone will come and take my place in Tunis.

When the war broke out, they found occasion against me because I was born Bohemian, and my nationality is what has caused the great opposition. I am waiting for help. The French authorities were very severe with me on seeing my Austrian passport.

It is hard to preach the Gospel to Moslems when the French are doing all they can to stop religious work. For those two and a half years I suffered beyond measure but praise God for precious fruit He gave me for my hard labors. And now that I know the language and had precious converts to help I could be doing so much there. Pray earnestly for me that God will mightily work and make it possible for me to return to my work in Tunis.

Later word has just been received from Miss Planter at Tunis as follows: When I returned to Tunis I was cast into prison, Acts 21:28, 33. Acts 20:22, 23. The Scripture is fulfilled. The Lord is coming soon. This day I was marked up and they took of me a photograph like all the prisoners, as an evil doer. I am looking to Jesus who sent me to Tunis to be a witness for Him. I wait for Him to deliver me by His power. If I was born in Bohemia it is no sin and if I as His servant suffer because not being furnished with American papers when I departed from America, I am His and in Him is not any respect of nationality. I count not my life dear to me but all that I have belongs to Christ and Him only. I ask all to pray for me to be able to bear my cross and glorify my Lord. Pray for my speedy deliverance. God has shown me He will send one directly to deliver. Let prayer and supplication be made for me. Some brother is working to get me an American document. Pray speed the work. Rev. 2:10.—Miss J. P.

OMAHA, NEB.

We are having good meetings now, the crowds are increasing and also the interest and we are expecting great things for Omaha. A number have been saved and several baptized in the Holy Ghost. Pray for Omaha that God will send a sweeping revival. When I can I will send some money for a large roll of papers.—Fred E. Poole.

The characteristics of the early church were its poverty and power, while those of the present church are its wealth and weakness.—Sel.



Our Large Family of Orphan Children and Workers.

Dear ones, let us all understand that our bodies are just as well redeemed through Christ our Saviour, as our souls.

Everything New.

After I was healed and the burden was all gone, I felt I was swimming in the love and peace of God. The presence of God was wonderful. I said to my mother, "I am healed. I want to get up. I am actually well. I do not cough any more and I have no pain." I saw my dear ones were a little uneasy and that something was wrong. It is a custom in some places in Switzerland when somebody dies that those who are left in the family do not wear the clothing of the one who has died. The clothing is given away to the poor. They had given my clothing away. When they told me I said "Isn't that beautiful. Now I have a new body and my soul is new and now I will have new clothing. Praise His Name!"

Pentecost in Switzerland.

Twenty-eight years ago and eight years after my conversion and healing the Lord visited us with a special outpouring of the blessed Holy Spirit and I am sure it was in answer to the prevailing prayers of my dear saintly mother who is now in Glory with the Lord. She would get up every night as regularly as the clock struck one, and pray on her knees until two o'clock. She never missed a night for years. She plead that the power of God might come down and that the dead churches might be revived.

A Revival Funeral.

At our mother's funeral there was a crowd in the church many times as large as this audience today. There were several Pastors and Preachers on the platform. They had prepared a nice program for the service, noting who should speak first and who should speak last and who should give her life story and who should pray first and who last, but the Holy Spirit took the meeting and ran away with it. It was a service of praising and testifying and praying and singing—a red-hot revival meeting, and there was that dead mother. It was wonderful. People were in amazement. Nobody expected such a thing.

had fallen about three stories down upon the pavement and became a cripple for life. Many times I tremble when I see people standing against God and against the work of the Holy Spirit, for we do not live any more in ordinary times. It is the last time, the closing up time, the time of the Later Rain, and God's judgments will fall upon many who oppose His work.

Speaking in Tongues.

In this great revival twenty-eight years ago in Switzerland, I, with some others, was speaking in tongues the same way as is manifested in these days, but we did not know what it was. We did not practice it in public and I did not tell anybody. But I did like to give way to this manifestation when I was alone and to sing in tongues with new God-given melodies, because it made me feel so good and happy. But I did not know what it was and I became so busy for the Lord in His work that this experience left me for many years until I came again in touch with the Latter Rain Pentecostal people a few years ago. The power of God, especially when giving the Gospel, never left me, and the first time when I was speaking again in tongues in these later years I knew at once that I had done this many years ago. I do praise God that I am permitted to live in this wonderful time when the Lord is getting His people ready for the rapture which will soon take place.

Call to the Foreign Field.

I had made a vow to the Lord that I would follow Him wherever He would lead me and the Lord held me to it. Sixteen years ago He sent me out to Turkey after having labored for Him many years in Europe in the Home Missionary work, and ten years in the United States. After arriving in Turkey with a young sister, the Lord brought us far into the interior of the land where many people are yet in deep darkness and ignorance and are very, very poor. The first year we had a blessed revival. We began meetings in a small room. Soon we were not able to hold all the people and two adjoining school-rooms in town were given to us for our use. There also in a short time we were not able to hold all the peo-

ple can to save a few more? May God help us.

Some of our dear children were wounded and half starved when they came. Two of them were dug out of the snow and brought to our home. One I found in the mountains standing beside a big rock, leaning her tear-stained face upon her little hands, fatherless, motherless, homeless, hungry, not knowing where she could sleep. If we had not come and found her she surely, like a great many others, would have starved or been eaten by the wild dogs or animals. Oh, mother, just think if this were your child!

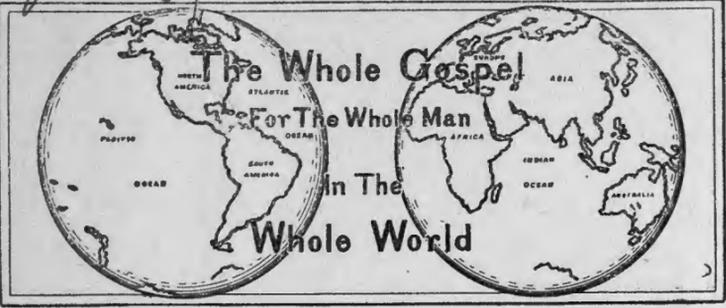
Thousands of Destitute Widows.

When the old Sultan, with his wretched unrighteousness, was yet ruling the country, he in his wicked and fanatical state, so often ordered the Christians under his rule to be massacred, but not the women; only the men were killed. This was for sinful reasons. Therefore we have numberless widows in a sad condition, with no way of earning any money, and without hope of any kind and without God. When we were able we helped some of them.

I do not need to tell how open they are for the blessed Gospel of Jesus in Turkey. One story told in detail will give the story of thousands. One day I was invited to follow a person



"Zion" Orphans' Home Zinjedere, Near Cesorea, Asia Minor, Turkey. These Buildings Were Erected by Faith, Which Now Shelter Many Orphans.



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.

MRS. ADDELL HARRISON.
So. China.

We have gone through the dark valley for quite a while. But Jesus went with us and has led us forth into a brighter and most glorious experience. I do praise Him for opening the way to return to our work again. All are doing nicely in the home. We have had quite a bit of sickness and lost two little ones, but more are coming in and we are crying to God to undertake for us in the way of a home for these little forsaken ones. He is going to, Hallelujah! I have had such a hard pull along these three years,—no missionary helper in the work, but God has given me strength and faith and courage to push through everything and claim the victory. I do praise Him for all that has been done.

J. M. L. HARROW.
Africa.

We bless God for getting things through to us. Mail comes regularly every two weeks. We were notified that no steamers would come for six months but English steamers call regularly and we even got our cargo safely, so we are not in need. Our hearts are full of praise to God for all His love and care. Our money looked as if it would be useless, but it is as good as gold.

The five of us are here at present. Miss Boddy has been with us for a week and is fine. God has surely done great things for her.

MATTIE LEDBETTER.
So. China.

We have had quite a stir in the new missionaries coming out,—twelve of them. One has come to live with me, Miss Buchwalter. So I have a co-worker now and I am praising God for her. She is quite an experienced worker and a consecrated Christian, and is hard at work on the language. Is an encouragement in many ways.

Our work is moving on quite well. Had a remarkable healing last week. A Chinese woman had been sick with a chronic disease. Her husband wanted her to go to Canton to the doctors, but she came to us. We prayed for her and anointed her and she was healed. In a few days she came to us very enthusiastic and said she wanted to go with us to the villages and witness to the power of Jesus to heal. She is from one of the prominent families of the town. Every morning now she comes to our prayer services and seems so happy. Pray for us.

God is blessing in all the Pentecostal missions here in South China. The work is growing and spreading in a wonderful way.

A GREATER FIELD IN SOUTH AFRICA.
M. Lak.

The Dear Lord has given me a greater field to work in for Him. Doors are open on every hand among the Dutch of Africa. I travel many times throughout the midst of Kaffirland, where there are thousands of natives without the true Gospel. The loving Lord has given me now a good horse and saddle so the path is made plainer for me to enter into the open doors. Don't forget to pray for this work among the Dutch of Africa. Everything is becoming dearer because of the war.

BROTHER AND SISTER SLAGER.
China.

We praise God for the victory we have in our souls and for the health and strength He gives us to labor for Him. While the earth is filled with war and rumors of war, there is a deep, settled peace in our souls because our minds are stayed upon Jehovah and He keeps us in perfect peace. It is sad to think of the hundreds of lives that are going out on the battlefields of Europe these days.

God continues to bless His work here, especially at Woosung, near Shanghai. More of the heathens are becoming interested in the Gospel. Some of the native Christians are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, while others

have grown cold and indifferent. Please pray for these dear ones that their hearts may be prepared to receive the whole truth.

God is blessing and caring for the orphans. He is working in their little lives. Some were famine children and had weak constitutions. God has wonderfully healed sickness and infirmity of the body of several of them. Some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Please pray for these little ones.

Mrs. Lawler and her children are preparing to return to America. Will leave here (D. V.) Nov. 24th. Bro. Mader and ourselves will be left in charge of the work. The responsibility will be great but we praise God—"The government shall be upon His shoulder." He will need your prayers greatly.—George C. and Abbie H. Slager.

J. O. LEHMAN.
Enroute to South Africa.

I am glad to really be on my way to my dear home in South Africa where my heart is to work among those dusky-faced people. I could have spent much more time profitably for both myself and the work in U. S. A., but as the Lord made it very clear that this was His time for me to return I was only too glad and willing to obey. Brother and Sister Spooner are with me on their way to So. Africa. Pray that their accompanying me at this time may give a mighty impetus to the work there.

WANTS ALASKA EVANGELIZED.

In one way Alaska seems to be an almost forgotten field. There seems to be so little interest taken in it by God's people. It is quite a large field and there are great opportunities for doing good for the Master. Most of the Indian tribes have been ruled over and kept in bondage by priests who have taught them the use of intoxicating liquors and other bad habits, and they are in darkness and superstition, knowing nothing about God or His Christ. There are many places where the Gospel has never been held forth in its power and beauty. It is a pioneer field and will take much prayer and patience and money to get the true Gospel to those dear precious souls. In several places some Indians have been converted to God. How simple and childlike they are, and how they trust and believe God. The white population is Gospel hardened, there being much infidelity and skepticism. Some are Pharisaical and trust in their good works to gain eternal life. I have spent over seventeen months and have been in several different places in His name. Will all who read this please pray for Alaska that God will be glorified and many souls may be brought into His kingdom. Pray for those laboring for the Lord here that we will be courageous, steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.—Alex McKaig, address Cr. Wm. Barnett, 385 E. Davis St., Portland, Oregon.

ALICE WOOD.
South America.

Brother Sorensen started this week for his new field among the Indians in the far away "Chaco" up nearly to Bolivia. Pray for him. This is the very warmest season, and he may be obliged to work with his hands to support himself if he can find work. He proved to be a good and faithful brother while in this mission for about a year, and we miss him very much. Sister Annina is still here awaiting the time when the Lord will open the door for her to go on to her vocation among the Indians.

I am glad to tell you God is blessing in our mission, and sending in the people as never before. We have had seventy-five and a hundred come in some nights to hear the Gospel. That is wonderful for Gualeguaychu. Thank God, we know it is in answer to many prayers, and now we trust Him to give us souls. We had to move into a larger mission hall, and now nearly all the seats are taken in that, so we will be obliged to buy more benches if the numbers continue to increase. This mission is in the same block as our home, a large room which we have long wished we might occupy, but the rent was too expensive till now when we most needed it, they are letting us have it very cheap, only twenty-five pesos a month, which makes sixty-eight pesos a month including the

house rent, which we are trusting God to supply through His faithful people. We believe we had God's plain leading in this increased expense, so will trust Him to see us through, if it is during a crisis and war times. Pray for us.

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS.

The fight here is very hard. The city has many churches of many creeds and doctrines. We have been opposed by those who should recognize God in this work. Please pray much for this place. No one has yet received the baptism except one. Seven or eight are seeking but need more faith to hold steady until God can do the work. We shall be glad to see any of the brethren passing through here.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cooper, No. 2 B-Flat, Hutchinson, Kansas.

BAD WELL WATER CURED BY PRAYER.
(Japan Independent Mission).

In early winter of last year I was living at Mr. Tsujimoto Isaburo's house. The water of his well was very bad even when filtered and had a peculiar smell. I remembered the passage about Elisha's cured water, and followed his example, and to my great joy my prayer was heard and the water was cured. It became clear and was fit to drink. I told the villagers and some members of our mission about it. One day some one told me that the water was not cured on account of my prayers but because the weather had been fine for a long time. I positively believed that my prayer was heard and the water was cured, but in some way or other I became doubtful of this afterwards when suddenly the water in the well became bad again and remains bad to this day. God wants me to trust in Him very firmly.

Some time afterwards our mission station was moved to a better location and the well water was very bad there too. All the wells in the village were bad and I had no filter, so remembering my experience of the last year, I prayed for the water in the well of the compound of the Japan Independent mission and it was cured. The glory is God's. The God of Elisha does a miracle even at present.—(Signed) K. Sato.

(I have before me the testimony of Mr. Ushimatsu Tanaka, of Miyake village, or rather a copy, the original has his seal on it, in which he says: "I have lived seven years next to the house occupied by the J. I. M. All wells in Miyake are bad and especially in this neighborhood. The water looks like sewer water. It is an entire wonder that the water in the well which is in the compound of the J. I. M. has suddenly changed in its quality. All the other wells are just in the same state as before. I testify that the water has changed its quality." Signed and sealed Nov. 20th, 1914.—Ed.) God is mightily using Mr. Sato to heal and save. Send a postal card (.2 cent stamp) for our paper "The Lord's Vineyard," giving full name and address and we will send it free of all charges.—Robert Atchison, Hiyeida, Nishinada Mura, Kobe, Japan.

H. M. TURNEY.
So. Africa.

The past year has been a year of victory. We have seen many souls seeking to know the power of the blood of Jesus to cover their sins. We have baptized about 75 or 80 by immersion and there has been a forward movement at the different stations, a deepening of the spiritual life. One young girl who gave her heart to Jesus was nearly killed by her heathen relatives. Her father, mother and an elder sister beat her so badly that she could not leave the house for two weeks. Her body still shows the scars. Her cousin brought us word from her and a request for prayer. "Pray for me that I may be faithful to Jesus," was all that she asked for. She is now seeking her Baptism. Pray for her.

NETTIE D. NICHOLS.
China.

We praise God for increasing our staff by two of His Spirit-baptized servants. One has charge of evangelistic work and outside work. God has recently given a hall for the Gospel, in the midst of a thickly settled Chinese district. The other assists in the Home. I praise God that through the time of testing and being alone He has given victory. Our special interest is in those deep down in sin, especially the women and girls. Pray that this may truly be a "Door of Hope" to many hopeless ones down in the depths of sin. May the Lord bless the dear saints in the Homeland and keep them faithful and true ministers of intercession.

NEWLIN, LA.

We just had a good meeting. Sister Maud Herring has been with us. We have a good strong mission with about thirty-five Pentecostal saints. The Lord is still adding to the church. Pray for us.—J. H. Cook.

MRS. ETTER WONDERFULLY RECOVERED.

God Answers Prayer After Gates of Death Have Been Reached.

For the last three years my burdens and cares have been heavy. I traveled over 11,000 miles, carrying and caring for my invalid husband. I carried him from the Atlantic to the Pacific, holding meetings three times a day in many of the large cities, and stayed at each city for a month or longer.

With all the burdens that are connected with the work of the Lord, standing alone at times, caring for my husband day and night, then adding to all this the sorrow and bereavement of laying my husband to rest last August, while I was in the midst of a large campaign in Philadelphia, Pa., he urging me to go forward with the work to the very last; passing through this heavy strain, and laboring continually, I finally got very weak in my body. I only kept going through Divine life and strength.

When I left home for our meeting in Chicago, they had to take me to the depot in an auto. I went, believing that God called me and that He would hold me up through the meeting, which was to continue for one month or longer. D. V. The Lord wonderfully sustained me through the time that I had promised. In my weakened condition I contracted a severe cold one day, which soon developed into pneumonia. My co-laborers and friends at once decided to take me away from the meeting, home to Indianapolis, where I could rest. Following you will find the testimony of a skilled medical brother, Dr. Green, of the Martinsville sanitarium, Martinsville, Ind., about my condition at this time:

Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 24, 1914.
Mrs. M. B. W. Etter,
Indianapolis, Ind.

My Dear Mrs. Etter:
I wish to testify that on the 20th of November, on 63rd street in Chicago at 10 a. m. in the morning I saw you in your room at a temperature of 102, pulse rate 100 and irregular, with prune juice expectoration, making a germ cell pneumonia and an engorged entire lower lobe of left lung. Upon my advice you were removed to a drawing room in Indianapolis on Wednesday evening, Nov. 11. On the following Friday evening at 5:30 I visited you in your home, found a temperature of 100 1/2, pulse rate 84, respiration 28, complete consolidation of whole lower lobe of left lung with tubular building. I again visited you on Tuesday morning, found temperature 100, pulse rate 84, expectorating with great difficulty great quantities of prune juice loaded with pneumonococci. I again visited you on a Friday afternoon, found temperature normal, pulse rate 84 and regular, lower lobe of lung clearing nicely, tongue clean, taking a sufficient quantity of milk and eggs and having slept soundly during the night before. I again visited you on Monday following and found a complete crisis had been passed, lower lobe clearing up nicely, respiration 24, excessive sweating for two days, appetite good, sleeping well.

This result came to you through implicit faith in God's power to heal you. You took nothing but air, milk and eggs, and passed through what is ordinarily fatal in sixty per cent of persons seventy-two years of age.

Sincerely Yours,
E. V. GREEN.

When I was told of my condition, I began to praise the Lord. Soon the Lord appeared to me in a vision in a cloud of glory, sitting on a great white horse, with a sword in his hand, showing me that He had conquered death and disease, and that I should go forth again in great power and that He would be with me.

I praise God, through the prayers of the saints that have gone up in my behalf, my life has been spared. Now He is calling me out in the work again. The Lord willing, I shall commence my next meeting in Tampa, Florida, some time between now and the beginning of February.

WILLA B. LOWTHER ARRIVES IN CHINA.

The Lord is far better to me than I deserve. I noticed your announcement through the Christian Evangel concerning the sending of money through the Gospel Publishing House and I hope the people will heed it. Already some small offerings sent me have been lost. The letters came but the "enclosed" was not there.

Those wishing to write letters to any of us missionaries in Hong Kong should be very careful in speaking of the war. This is an English port and recently they have begun opening all out-going and incoming mail at the postoffice here. If any letters or papers contain war news they are thrown out of the mail. Much mail is probably lost in this way. The missionaries here (as I suppose they are in every country) are greatly affected by the war. Almost everything

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used here was imported from Europe before the war, but is cut off now. Prices on many things have more than doubled, while some things common to the table can not be had at all. On the other hand, all employees wages (both Chinese and foreign) have been cut down just half. I suppose this adds to the list of robberies, as robbery is so common. People keep their doors locked all the time.

China would be a miserable place to live in if one were living for pleasure, but when called of God to live for others and to win souls we do not consider the disagreeable side so much. I am so glad the Lord at last opened the door and let me into China. I have been up in the country for a week, visiting the different stations before beginning the study of the language. Sister Addell Harrison seems to be doing a blessed work among out-cast children and especially among the blind children. Her blind teacher teaches them music, sewing, etc. Bro. Kelly too has a fine school of young men, most of whom have a call to the ministry. I am sure that if Jesus tarries some fine teachers will come out of Bro. and Sister Kelly's school.

Miss Appleby and Miss Hammond are just opening a station at LaPaan. We praise God that in spite of wars, persecution and opposition He will get glory to Himself in these last days.

I like my new home very much. Sister Deane is very sweet to me, and indeed she is to everyone. Her niece's health is completely broken down. They are planning to return as soon as Sister Schermerhorn and I get able to take hold. Neither of them were expected to live last summer but are much better now.

Here one cannot leave clothes hanging on the wall because of the awful dampness, rats and roaches, etc. Snakes frequently get into the house, while centipedes are common.

Sister Kugler has gone to Waangong to work with Sister Phoebe Holmes. That place is the headquarters for hundreds of thieves and soldiers are giving the girls special protection just now.

ETTER MEETING IN TAMPA, FLA.

A New Date Has Been Set Since Sister Etter Has Been Healed in Answer to Prayer.

The meeting which had been announced for Tampa, Fla., was indefinitely postponed on account of the illness of Sister Woodworth-Etter. Since God has so wonderfully answered prayer in her behalf and raised her to His glory, Sister Etter feels led of the Lord to proceed to Tampa, after a short rest, and commence the meeting January 23rd, 1915. These services will continue for one month or longer, D. V. All who wish further information about this meeting can address J. L. Webb, Secretary, R. R. 3, Box 272, Tampa, Fla.

GOD BLESSING IN PUXICO, MO.

God is still blessing here and confirming the Word with signs following. Yesterday morning I saw a General Baptist preacher come running down the street. He came to the door and knocked and I told him to come in. He ran in and began to hug me and said, "Brother Childers I am so happy. I have just received the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues, and it was a real language, too."

We expect to have a new church house 36x48, ready for service within five or six weeks. Pray for us.—W. W. Childers.

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