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DROPSY TWICE DIVINELY HEALED

Sister Had Hard Fight With Enemy Which Resulted in Salvation of Her Family and Complete Healing of Her Body.

In gratitude to God my Savior for what He has done for me, I desire to write my testimony to the glory of God.

Over three years ago I injured my spine through lifting which resulted in Kidney Trouble. I kept on my feet, doing what work I could, and soon noticed that I had difficulty in walking. At this time my limbs began to swell, and my heart cried to God for help. Nineteen years ago I had been healed by the Lord through the ministry and teaching of Dr. Dowie, and I knew where my only hope would be found. I do praise God. He is our all in all.

Shortly after my limbs began to swell and I turned saffron. As I was about to get up one morning I was unable to rise, and for four weeks I could not get out of bed. My stomach, also, was in a terrible condition. I could scarcely eat without vomiting, and could not stop until someone bathed my face in cold water.

We kept holding on to God and looking into our lives. God is so patient with us. Different ones came and prayed for me during my illness. In four weeks I was able to get out of bed, but the cough still bothered me. I could not talk without coughing.

This was in 1912. In the Spring of 1913 my blood turned to water. We knew then that I had dropsy. I could not walk or help myself in any way and only grew worse and worse. Someone had to sit at my bedside all the time to fan and care for me.

Then we heard of Mrs. Etter's Meetings at the Stone Church in Chicago and of the wonderful work she was doing. It seemed impossible for me to go as I was so weak, but, praise God, He always opens up the way. A lady friend of mine called and persuaded Mr. Dolan to let me go. We went on a Sunday morning. They put me on a wheeled chair and placed me in the baggage car.

The next morning I was taken to the meeting and Mrs. Etter prayed for me and God heard and answered prayer. Glory to His name! I was carried to the platform, and when God touched my body, I was enabled to walk off. The trouble with my stomach disappeared, and, the following Sunday, God healed my cough. I had not been able to sing for over a year and you can imagine my joy in being able to join in singing the dear hymns again.

I noticed how happy the people were who were baptized in the Holy Spirit and a longing came into my soul for such an experience. Although God had already put a peace, joy and love into my heart, it made me hungry for more.

There were seekers meetings in the church every afternoon. I attended them and, the third afternoon, God baptized me in His Holy Spirit. How He did fill my soul with His Glory! I do praise His holy name!

We sent the wheeled chair home by freight and I returned home on the train. I cannot begin to tell the joy in getting home again and seeing my loved ones. To think that I had been taken out of bed and helped down to Chicago and that I had come back able to walk. It seemed wonderful, and I was very happy.

The Second Healing.
All went well until the threshers were here in the Fall. We could not get help and I overworked. Then came a severe cold. We intended going to the meeting on Saturday night but Mr. Dolan thought I had better stay at home. I was very happy and just longed to go, but agreed to stay at home. Whether we made a mistake in staying home or not, we do not know. I was all right until I went to bed when I became very sick. My suffering was terrible, the folks remaining up all night with me. The pain left in the morning, but my blood had turned to water again. I was very weak, and oh the anguish of my soul as I did not want to bring shame on the cause. But God is very merciful—He did not let me lose my spiritual experience.

My limbs began swelling again and the cough was worse than ever, but, to my delight, the trouble with my stomach did not return. During this time many dear friends came and prayed for me, and oh the blessings that I received from God! It was wonderful how He would fill me with His Spirit until my heart overflowed with praises, and the healing seemed a small thing compared to this great love. Still, at times, I would ask God to give me another chance.

But I could see that I was growing worse, and one evening at family worship I told the children that they would have to help us or they would not have a mother very long. Bless their dear hearts, they knew the first thing to do would be to give themselves to God. Praise His name! He wondrously saved five of them. Charley, the one that was saved first, came from meeting one night and told me he was saved. We were very thankful. He said, "Now mamma, if you had not taken sick again I would not have been saved." After he had left the room, it was literally filled with the glory of God. As He revealed some things to me, I knew I had to suffer a little longer, as each dear one was saved, it seemed like new props were holding me up to God.

Still I continued to grow worse, but was sure that I would get better in God's own time. I continued to swell, and at times had to open my mouth to get my breath. I had to sit in a chair night and day and could not even feed myself. But we were not tempted to use means and continued to look to God for deliverance.

To avoid any trouble, Mr. Dolan called in a doctor. Before he left, I asked him what I could expect. He said there was only one hope for me and that was a miracle, that I could not go through in the condition my heart was in. I sat there and faced death awhile and thought "Have I really got to die?" Several things passed through my mind as I sat there. I thought of my loved ones and how lonely they would be. All at once, the thought came to me, "No, I don't have to die. God is the Healer and if I meet the conditions He will heal me." A deep peace and rest came into my soul.

A few days later, in the evening, I seemed to be passing away. I could not swallow a drop of water and my whole body quivered. But God heard the cry of our hearts and I could feel my heart start up again. I began to get better at once. We noticed the swelling was going down, and in two or three days the flesh opened at both ankles and the water left my body. I was very thankful to be comfortable again.

I am determined to live to please God every day. The half has not been told of how God held us up. It is now over a year since He healed me. I have been able to do my own work ever since last Spring and I am well all the time. We give God all the glory.—Mrs. Jas. Dolan, R. R. 1, Box 41, Zion City, Ill.

NEWS FROM DOVER, ARK.
God has been blessing us and giving us some souls for our hire. One was baptized in the Holy Ghost and several have been saved and have good victory and are seeking the Baptism. Our helping the needy poor has been the means of reaching some of them and bringing them to the Lord. The needs of these mountain people are really greater than I thought at first. Cotton was at no price hardly this year and it placed the people of this vicinity in an extremely hard condition.—Lee Floyd.

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA.
We have reports from three giving accounts of the blessed meeting at Enterprise, Alabama, in which Evangelists A. A. Rice and J. M. Graham ministered. Many were saved and healed. Twenty-two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4 and the Lord wonderfully blessed throughout the meeting, the best that had been held in Enterprise.—J. M. Graham, W. R. Carmichael and Winnie Clements.

ASHLAND, KY.

I am in this place holding a meeting. Not much being done here. It is a hard fight with the devil. Have held several meetings in different towns, which have been blessed of the Lord in a wonderful way. Over thirty in two meetings received the Baptism. Yes, I expect, forty in all. Quite a number received the Baptism after I left one place, possibly about twenty. They are going to build a church in one place.

Several preachers have waded through and received the Baptism in some of my meetings and are doing good work now. Some marvelous healings have taken place. One man was anointed who came in on crutches and went out carrying them on his shoulder. A woman was in the jaws of death and her husband told me that her lips were blue and her eyes glassy. God healed her and afterward baptized her with the Holy Ghost and she came through speaking in tongues.—John Stroup, 311 F. 5th St., Ashland, Ky.

THE GREATEST NAME.

"And thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."

Great names there are in every land; Bright names that will forever stand. But O how few of these are sure For many ages to endure.

But there is one whose blessed name Shines brightest on the page of fame, The highest name on earth below, The highest name the angels know.

That name is "Jesus"—by angels given.

It brought us life; it brought us heaven.

O may it be our joy and aim To spread the glory of that name.

—Sel.

PENTECOSTAL HOME IN LEBANON.

We have a Pentecostal Home on the corner of Noble and Meridian Streets—a large place. Our attendance is large and interest good. Souls are being saved and seeking the Baptism. God has given us thirty-four who have straightened out their lives. That gives us twelve who have received the baptism. We have one girl only eight years old who was saved this morning at nine o'clock. She says she wants what Mama received according to Acts 2:4. A Mrs. Frances Kersey, who has not walked for five years was healed yesterday. She is now walking three squares and back to the meeting. She is past seventy years old. Her husband, seventy-eight years of age, who was healed, walked on crutches for 30 years. A month ago we kept his crutches and he has not used them since. Mrs. Jennie Roe was healed yesterday of a high fever. She was a very sick woman. She walked five squares and returned after being healed. Another was healed of misery in her lung of seven years standing. Sister Clemy Warren was healed of trouble supposed to be consumption, and Bro Tom Dickerson was healed instantly of a fever.

Pray for us that we may prosper and that God will save souls. The Word is going forth according to Mark 16th and these people will never forget your kindness in sending the papers. You will never realize the good they have done.—Pastor J. H. Dolby, 1406 S. Meridian St., Lebanon, Ind.

MERRYVILLE, LA.

Came here about two months ago and started a tent meeting about five miles south of Merryville and the dear Lord has established through us a mission of about 20 baptized saints with the Bible evidence as in Acts 2:4, and we have finished a nice tabernacle. We also have a house to live in. It is all of the Lord. We are expecting Him to save many more souls here. The mission is in good condition. The Lord is very good to us. Pray for us.—D. K. Morris.

A CARD OF THANKS.

I want to thank the Lord for putting it into the hearts of so many to send me letters, tracts and papers in response to my letter published in the September Word and Witness. It has surely been soul food for me and others. We have no preacher and anything sent us to read is gladly received. We praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is working other places.—Lula Whatley, Sturgis, Miss.

A BAPTIZED BAPTIST PREACHER

Brother A. P. Collins Tells How the Lord Led Him Into Fulness of Pentecost and a New Ministry in the Spirit.

Born in 1861, my mother died when I was six days old. The Lord cared for me through grandparents and aunts until the close of the Civil War, when father married again and brought a good step-mother into the home. By the grace of God, I was born again at the age of seventeen, after much weeping and crying unto God because I did not know how to find Him, and was afraid to find Him until I learned about His love for me in giving His son to die for me. Then I heard the voice of Jesus in the Word calling me to Him, and I was so glad to go, and have been glad ever since.

Jesus found me, gave me His love. I found Jesus, gave Him my heart—took Him for my Saviour.

My Early Life.

Reared on the farm, I had much time for meditation in my early days. Thank the Lord! Reading the old family Bible at night, it furnished food for thought during the day. My first lessons were in agriculture, learned by hard application in the field, going to school just a few weeks or months, at most, during the year. My reading of History filled me with an unholy ambition to be great. At 17 I secured a copy of Rollins Ancient History and devoured it along with the Old Testament, which was of surpassing interest, recording the history of many men in the brief sentence, "He lived" and "He died." All is vanity!

Through His mercy, I began teaching at the age of 19, reviewing my studies during vacation, until I secured first grade certificate; devoting in all about ten years to the work of teaching. During this time I was called to preach the Gospel, and continued teaching for three years after my ordination at the age of 27.

Entered the Ministry.

Feeling my need of greater preparation for the ministry, I gave up teaching and entered Baylor University, from which I entered Gospel Work exclusively, and continued therein until 1907, when I learned that the Lord was actually pouring out the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost. This information, through reliable sources, created an intense hunger in my soul for the blessed baptism in the Holy Spirit, searching the Scriptures daily and prayerfully, with a resignation to God's will to know if this were true and if for us in this day. I was determined that I would not be denied, for no one needed this Divine equipment for life and service more than I.

Conscious of my daily need and of my failures to preach Christ as I felt He should be preached, and failing to get this needed help from other sources, I went down before God with confusion and repentance, restitution and prayer, promise and consecration of self, family and all, binding the offering to the altar till God heard and answered in the fulfillment of His promise and in the flooding of my soul with His glory, on the 13th day of March, 1908. My wife sought with me and received the Holy Spirit beside me. My eldest daughter also sought and received a few weeks ahead of me. The question with my denominational friends was, "What will become of your family?" Of course, I had given up my pastorate of the Baptist Church and my salary had stopped. What about my children's associations? Social ostracism was to be their lot. But I committed all to God. One after another the children would receive the blessed Holy Spirit, until all nine of them, seven girls and two boys, had received. Then we were the happiest family in the land.

Would God Provide for Us?

As to the support of my family I said, "Since God, in mercy, has provided for us while I preached only a part of the Gospel, surely He will take care of us when preaching a full Gospel. We were put to the test, however, and the Lord has not failed us.

It might be helpful to some others to add that I had tried to persuade myself I had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit years before. I had had wonderful anointings and floods of joy, but I read that the disciples and the saints down at Samaria had

great joy before receiving the baptism. Some success had attended my ministry. Several hundred had been saved and baptized into the churches of which I was pastor. But I read of the success of the twelve, then of the seventy, and so I said, "Lord, I want the baptism in the Holy Ghost just like they received Him in the days of the Apostles, and you will give the evidence." I was particular about the language I might speak in tongues. I wanted it to be beautiful, not outlandish like some I had heard. But the Lord punctured that bubble of pride, and again I was on my face, saying, "Anything Lord, your way not mine, only baptize me in the Holy Spirit."

Effects Before and After Receiving.

Here are some of the effects on myself before and after receiving the Holy Spirit. The first effect was to discover how I had followed the opinions of men in my Bible Study. The second was to find myself much farther away from God than I had realized. The third was to repent of all pride of flesh and spirit and get back to God. The fourth was to learn how to seek God with my whole heart. The fifth was to learn how to surrender and be like a child and let the Lord teach me. The sixth was to have the things of Jesus made more real to me than ever before, and the seventh was absolute abandonment in God, and as I contemplated Jesus in His life, death, resurrection and ascension, intercession and His glorious return, and my heart was leaping up to Him in rapture, my own language seemed poverty stricken, and in the unutterable longing of my soul to praise Him, presently I heard a strange utterance coming from my throat, and with it came the sweetest peace, the most perfect satisfaction, the most ineffable joy I had ever known. The Comforter had come and witnessed for Himself. O glory! Then did my soul magnify the Lord.

As to the subsequent effects, I cannot tell you all, for every day brings some new experience that makes this wonderful baptism in the Spirit grow more wonderful and makes Jesus a wonder in my soul. Glory to His name! Dec. 24, 1914.—A. P. Collins, Malvern, Ark.

REPORTS VICTORY.

Have returned from Arkansas and Missouri where I spent two months in evangelistic work and can report victory. We spent some time in Paragould, Ark. Then went to Paulding, Mo., then to Kennett, Mo., where we had a great time. The house was crowded and a great many were outside who could not get in. Then we went to Pascola, Mo., where we found a people taken up with fleshly manifestations. We hope to go back soon. How much our people need the solid Word. We have found people preaching nearly everything that could be imagined. We need to be settled and established.

At Golden Gate, Ill., I spent ten days. The power of God fell the first night. The word began to cut and the saints began to confess out and many things have been buried under the Blood. Many have been saved and some received the Holy Ghost. The power fell all day Sunday. The house was crowded and the people would hardly go home.—Joseph Snyder, R. 2, Princeton, Ind.

RIPE FOR HARVEST.

Richland Center, Wis.
I want to report that God is with us and giving victory in all ways. Just arrived here. Held four meetings; six saved and several healed. God is manifesting His power. This section of the state is ripe for the harvest. May all pray that God will send more workers. The Lord saved one boy last night and gave him four visions.—J. D. Wells and wife, Evang.

WANT A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Mobile, Ala.
The Lord baptized three last Sunday night as in Acts 2:4 and saved two last night. Seven or eight more at the altar. Will all the saints pray that the Lord will give us a place of worship.—L. R. Walters, Toulminville, Ala.

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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 2338 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.

THE FEDERATION OF THE WORLD

On the first page of the Christmas Number of the Christian Herald there appeared an Appeal to the President from the Christian Churches of the United States, written by Dr. Frank Crane, which we cannot pass by without some editorial comment. The Christian Herald made preparations to furnish this appeal to churches all over the land, with instructions that a large list of names should be attached to them and these signed documents then to be forwarded to the President of the United States.

We are producing the appeal herewith for the perusal of our readers, as we believe that this is another sign of the times, and that prophecy is being fulfilled swiftly, hastening the return of the Lord Jesus.

It has been declared in our columns over and over again that the Lord was coming, and that preceding his advent to the earth in what is known as His "revelation", a great world empire is to be formed, over which a man shall rule who the Scriptures call "Antichrist." We had not looked, nor do we yet look, for the United States to be an active part of this federation of nations, and yet it is certainly rather a remarkable coincidence that the President of our United States should be appealed to to take the initiative in forming this very federation of prophecy by the denominational churches of our land, who are themselves making great plans for a federated church movement, and who will cooperate with a federated government of nations in the suppression of all opposers as a great and formidable beast of unlimited power. Truly the clouds are gathering, and, almost in a moment of time, when the old world is asleep and the church intoxicated with pride and selfishness the world federation of nations will be born, the man of sin be revealed and the great tribulation begin which

will rock the earth to its foundations and prepare the way for the true millennium and the true King who shall take His rightful place in the government of the earth.

Note particularly the statements which we have republished in bold face type. If this does not mean the antichrist kingdom, we do not know our Bibles and our eyes are shut to the things of God. But, thank God, we have anointed our eyes with eyesalve that we may see, and the Word of God is opening unto us, and we are not in darkness as those who have no hope. We see the prophecies of God's Word and also see the rapidly gathering storm clouds which awaken our consciences to the fact that the time is at hand that the rider shall soon come forth riding on a white horse, conquering and to conquer, the result of which will be, not the peace so long looked for, but war, famine, pestilence, death and hell. May the dear Lord come quickly and the time be shortened for the elect's sake. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

The appeal to the President follows herewith:

The Church of Jesus Christ to the President of the United States, Greeting:

We are at an unexampled crisis of history.

Civilization is in danger. The world points with scorn at the amazing outbreak of violence among so-called Christian nations.

Twentieth century States are fighting with the ferocity of Huns, with the cruelty of ancient Rome, with the unreason of medieval fanatics.

Never in time has such ruin, such horror been let loose on earth. Unnumbered corpses of men lie mangled in the fields. Thousands of women are widowed, their lives blighted. Homes everywhere are darkened. Poverty stalks in all lands. Pestilence follows.

The judgment of Christ thunders above the wretched ignorance of nations: "They that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

The United States of America is the only one of the great powers of the world that is at peace.

Under your wise guidance we have so far avoided disastrous entanglements.

But how shall we use the privilege of our fortunate isolation?

Shall we merely take advantage of it to capture the markets of the world and make money out of the distress of other nations?

We believe that you believe that States are as morally bound to do right and to act nobly as are individuals. From your public utterances we know that you reject the pernicious doctrine that the nation's only morality is expediency; its only righteousness force. You have often spoken of this country's duty to "serve mankind."

Is it "serving mankind" to stand aloof when brother nations are in extremities, or get gain from their disaster?

There is but one way to serve the world at this juncture. That is to take such steps as will eliminate the possibility of future wars.

And there is but one way to do this. It is to begin the formation of the Federation of the World.

It is to substitute the court of law for the arbitrament of war in settling the disputes of nations.

It is to have one army and one navy, under the orders of this court, whose duty it shall be to prevent war and not to make war, even as city police prevent and not make street brawls.

The fundamental error is that each nation now is the judge and executioner of its own case. This is practical anarchy. And international anarchy is as horrid as anarchy among private citizens.

To continue to make treaties with separate nations is useless so long as each nation is its own judge, backing up its decrees with its own guns. The absurdity of this to be realized needs only to be stated.

The Federation of the World is not Utopian. It does not have to wait for the millennium. It is practical right now.

It is not necessary to "change human nature." All that is needed is to substitute law for violence. This we have already done in all civilized communities; and what has been accomplished in Holland and in Ohio is feasible for the whole world.

Some nation must begin the movement. This is the oation.

We are the richest country on the globe, the most powerful in the resources of men and money.

We are not mixed up in any of the complications, jealousies nor rivalries of the Old World.

At the close of this war we shall have probably the naval supremacy of the world.

A proposition coming from us shall command the respectful attention of all the earth.

We therefore earnestly petition you to do this one thing in the name of that Christ whom you and we desire to obey.

Call upon Congress to invite all nations to join us in a World-Federation, that shall leave to each land its entire independence and that shall confine itself to the adjudication of international disputes.

We need not wait for all to come with us. Let us commence the Federation with any who will come in. We believe all the American republics will join us. We believe that China is ready. We believe that, as the war wears on, the European States will be glad to escape from their deadlock and unite with us.

We are not peace fanatics. We do not stand for cowardice nor dishonor. But we do stand for law as against anarchy; and for an intelligent government of the world as against such gigantic ignorance and folly as have led the European nations into this senseless whirlwind of waste and wickedness.

And you, Woodrow Wilson, are the man to act.

We elected you. We believe you want to serve us. We believe you are listening very closely to hear the will of this great people and to do it, in the fear of God.

It is our will and also the will of all the peoples of earth, that war shall cease; war, the supreme misgovernment, the prime stupidity; for we know that justice comes not from trial of arms, and that while princes sometimes profit from war the people never do.

Let our Congress issue its call to the nations. Let it back up this in sincerity by placing our armament at the disposal of this Federation. Let us spend hundreds of millions, not in fortifying our coasts, Panama, the Philippines, but perfecting the Federation.

Let us send our most representative men abroad to preach world-unity; such men as our ex-Presidents and others whose ability and distinction entitle them to a world-hearing.

We would not so address you did we not believe you have the courage, the vision and the high statesmanship requisite for this, so great a matter. Lead us! The great American people are with you.

Proclaim the United States of the World!

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray that I may be just what the Lord wants me to be. I have a tumor but it is drying up and I feel better than I have in five years.—Minnie Fleming Twedell.

Please pray much for me and my husband who is a sinner. God will hear at a distance just the same. I want to be healed for God's glory.—Mary E. Mills, St. Joseph, La.

Please pray that my health may be completely restored and that Satan will not put anything on me that I cannot overcome.—Cora Johnson, Oakhurst, Texas.

WOODWORTH-ETTER MEETING AT TAMPA FLORIDA.

Sister M. B. Woodworth-Etter is to begin a series of meetings in Tampa, Fla., at the Corner of 23rd street and 7th avenue in a large hall that will seat a thousand people. She expects to be here on the 23rd of January.

The meeting began Sunday, Jan. 10. Evangelist Earl W. Clark and wife, Mrs. Mary Rahter and Mrs. Everett are here, and the Lord is blessing and saving souls. We expect the greatest meeting Tampa has ever seen and we are preparing for it, Glory to God!

For further information address Rev. J. M. Rowe.

A LITTLE FLOWER.

We wish to announce to our many friends, that God has wonderfully visited us and granted unto us a little daughter, born January 9th at 8:15 p. m. She has been named for her grandmothers, Alice Adell, and is a happy, healthy, nine pound child. We are sure that all our friends will rejoice with us in the mercy and grace of God bestowed upon us at this time.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flower.

A CLOUD OF GLORY.

We thank God for the gracious way in which He has blessed us the last ten days. It seems that lately there has been an extra cloud of glory overshadowing us—such sweetness and glory. It is wonderful, and souls are continually going through. God wants to give us a continual revival, if we will only pay the price. It just takes earnest intercession all the time. Then we will see souls coming in all the time.—W. W. Hall, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Pentecostal Notes on International Sunday School Lesson

By MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Jan. 31, 1915.

THE BIRTH OF SAMPSON.

Lesson Text—Judges 13:8-16, 24, 25. Golden Text—"Beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine; nor strong drink." Judges 13:4.

Leading Thought—The responsibility of parenthood.

I. The preparation for his birth. (vs. 8-16). Read carefully the foregoing verses of chapter for proper understanding of present situation. Again Israel's sin has brought to her severe oppression, this time from a very inconsiderable source in comparison with Israel—the Philistines. Their great need caused the bringing forth of a Deliverer; so our great need made necessary and possible a Saviour. Rom. 5:20, 21. Like his great anti-type, Sampson's birth was of obscure parentage and was foretold by an angel; he was a Nazirite, the perfect type of our Lord, who though not a Nazirite, was absolutely pure from all sin and defilement, consecrated to His Father's honour and service. Like other noteworthy persons, Sampson was born of a mother, long deprived of the blessing of children, i. e., Isaac, Joseph, Samuel and John Baptist. Perhaps the waiting time was God's best way of preparing her for the bestowed mercy. Lam. 3: 26. It was no doubt to a chastened humble handmaiden the angel first appeared. And her husband must have possessed a like spirit in his open questioning acceptance of his wife's testimony concerning her remarkable visitation; and his forthwith proceeding to seek God for a further revelation in regard to the wonderful promise God had made to them. v. 8. He believed God's promise, like Abraham of old, and set about seeking God in the proper way, both facts proving some spiritual knowledge and intention on his part. Nor was he apparently jealous that the angel appeared first to his wife. vs. 9-11. There was unity between that husband and wife, and confidence in one another. 1 Pet. 3:7. How quickly the wife ran to share this second blessing with her husband, and how gladly he responded. Now Manoah diligently seeks for light and direction in the rearing of

this divinely promised child. Are all deeply spiritual people as concerned in this same vital question regarding their offspring? Is it possible a lack of spiritual desire and prayer both before and after birth accounts for the disobedience and indifference to God in the children of many good people today? Surely the pressure of these trying days demands uncompromising diligence in prayer, in example, in discipline, on our part. Prov. 22: 6; 2 Tim. 1:5, 6; 3:15; 1 Tim. 3:4, 5; 2 Tim. 3:2. Here is strongly emphasized the importance of pre-natal influence. v. 14. Would the woman have a Nazirite for a son, she must follow herself the rule of the Nazarites. Would we have clean, holy children, we must keep the temple in which they are formed clean and holy for this sacred service! His message ended, Manoah would show some courtesy to this wonderful visitor who had brought such glad tidings. v. 15. Though the stranger refused the offered food for his own refreshment, he accepted it as a burnt offering, and after owning their sacrifice revealed himself in part to them. Without directly answering Manoah's question, "What is thy name?" the angel caused them to realize it was none other than Jehovah Himself, the Lord Jesus in His pre-incarnate state, who stood thus face to face with them. v. 22. Verily His name is wonderful! v. 18. R. V. Isa. 9:6. Though so long a secret to the world His name was brought to light through the Gospel as Jesus, the Saviour of His people. Matt. 1:21.

2. The Birth of Sampson. (vs. 24, 25). "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise." It came to pass as God said. v. 24. His name means "sun-like" or "little sun," given to be a glory and light for his people, Israel. Here again he is a type of Christ, the Sun of Righteousness. God's blessing was upon him, no doubt preparing him both in mind and body for great future service. It was the Spirit of God that gave him strength, and had he wholly followed the Lord, his usefulness might have been greatly multiplied. Certainly he would have saved himself much suffering and humiliation.

WARNING TO SAINTS.

All saints are hereby warned that one C. E. Neal and one Mrs. Emma Comer, each leaving their own family, left Seymour, Texas last November. They left on the same train and were seen together at another town in Texas. Neal leaves a wife and three children without any support, and Mrs. Comer leaves a husband and two children. She took two Bibles and left a note that she was going out for the Lord.

(Signed) Elder T. J. Bowlen, Elder Oscar Jones, Elder F. T. Poole.

Editor's Note.

This is the kind of religious frauds that the Word tells us not to bid "God speed," nor receive into our homes. They must repent or be lost.

AN ALL-DAY SERVICE.

Tacoma, Wash.

Arrived on the Pacific Coast well and happy in the Lord. Bro. M. T. Draper and I went to Blaine and had splendid meetings. Souls were saved and the saints were encouraged and we had a grand time in general.

A young married couple came to the altar and the woman was gloriously saved with the joy bells of Heaven ringing in her soul and the next night the husband received the witness in his soul that he was also a child of the King. How they did praise God with shining faces so they could truly sing "O what a change."

We went from there to Lynden and had a blessed time. In this place souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed and believers baptized in the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Our last meeting was on Sunday and we had an all day service, starting at eleven o'clock in the morning and running along into the evening lasting until twelve o'clock. The message went forth under the anointing of the Spirit. The power fell. Everyone was blessed and the glory of God filled the whole place. Hallelujah! The altar was crowded with people and twelve precious souls were under the power of God. Three came through speaking in tongues. Seven backsliders were reclaimed. We are at present holding meetings in Tacoma. No baptisms yet. A few have come forward for salvation. Good crowds attending. The power of God is falling and the altar is crowded with seekers and we expect God to do a blessed work here.—Wm. H. Merrin.

TO PREACHERS ONLY

All preachers who have not renewed their credentials during 1914, write at once to H. A. Goss, 222 E. Grand Ave., Hot Springs, Ark., about the same. He is secretary of the committee to attend to such matters. Don't write the Editor or any other Presbyter about this. Write H. A. Goss only.

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THE LATTER RAIN FALLING. Egan, Texas.

We can report victory through Jesus' blood. We held a meeting at Meredith in July, God working. Five were saved: six received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Came back close to Alvarado and was in a meeting there with Bro. Jackson. God did help him to preach the Word. Would that we had young men everywhere as he to believe and trust God as he does. God gave victory there. Several were saved and received the baptism. Came here to Egan, Texas, where we are now located. God gave us a wonderful meeting. We are still in the battle here. Pray for us. Many are reading their Bibles who never read them before. Say they see it in the Word. Glory! The Latter-Rain is falling, but the enemy is also trying us. We are trusting in Him, the One who never lost a battle.—Ida Richards.

January 23, 1915

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS

The common house fly has 8,000 perfect lenses, 4,000 in each eye, all of them alike and perfectly formed and adapted to the purpose of vision, though no larger than the point of the finest needle. A professor in a German university, Leuenhaek, having adjusted the eye of a fly, could see in each of these lenses the whole steeple of a church which was 300 feet high and 750 feet distant. This is beyond all comprehension, yet we find it to be a fact.

Cannot we not now believe that the Divine Spirit can also see us with His many billions of divine lenses, and guide us into all truth therewith? Can we not also believe that He has ears to hear us when we pray, and mouths to talk to our hearts about heavenly things.

Let us look into some Scripture and see how beautifully He can see, hear, talk and walk with us. Jesus said:

"And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever, Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Jno. 14:16, 17, 26.

"And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." Jno. 16:8.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." John 16:13, 14.

If the Spirit is only an influence and not a person, how can one act toward him in ways like I shall now show.

"But they rebelled, and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them." Isa. 63:10, R. V.

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? Heb. 10:28, 29.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

Here are some of the things that grieve Him.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:31, 32.

Any one of these things if allowed to dwell in our hearts, will grieve the Spirit and limit His power in us, and faith is also diminished in proportion to the extent of the grief. Under these conditions, no one can seek any gift of the Spirit with any assurance of receiving it.

And if the Spirit is not a person, how can we account for such passages of Scripture as these:

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:6, 7.

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip. Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Acts 8:29.

"While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him. Behold, three men seek thee." Acts 10:19.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Acts 13:2.

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia, after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not." Acts 16:6, 7.

It is the privilege of all to be so filled with the Spirit that He can be in them, teaching, reproving, guiding, speaking, receiving, showing and praying. This seems to be beyond all comprehension, yet we find these experi-

ences going on in the lives of all children of God who walk with Him, whether filled with, baptized in, or both.

Strong proofs of the deity of the Spirit will be found in the following texts:

"Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." Heb. 10:15-18.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Acts 5:3, 4.

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Gen. 1:2.

"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life." Job. 33:4.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." 2 Pet. 1:21.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Acts 20:28.

See also Psa. 139:7-10; Rom. 8:11; Psa. 6:8, 9.

Let all men bow down and worship Jesus who has sent us such a mighty Comforter, Guide and Leader, and now we come to the gifts.

The Gifts of the Spirit.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." 1 Cor. 12:8-11.

These gifts are in the Spirit and the Spirit is in the Church. If the manifestation of the Spirit is not in operation in all of its nine workings, it shows that there is no faith in the Church to operate them. But, nevertheless, they are there as long as the Spirit abides. These gifts show the personality and power of the Spirit in the Church.

At this point, let it be understood that the working of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and in the New are different. In the Old, God sent the Spirit on whom He chose, whether good or bad, to work out His sovereign will, and even the good knew no way by which they could receive the Spirit, nor had they any assurance that He would abide. David said, "Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me." But in Joel it is written:

"And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." Joel 2:28, 29.

This was God's promise for the last days, and Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever."

With, In and Upon Us.

When He came, He came in a three-fold way—as dwelling with us, and in us, and upon us. The Spirit is with us tugging at our heart strings, convincing, converting, regenerating. And then He comes in us as a fountain of living water, cleansing, renewing, sanctifying, comforting, teaching and guiding; and upon us, revealing, energizing and empowering for service.

It is clearly shown that the Holy Spirit is the agent through whom all of this work is done. The terms "finished work" and "second work" are unscriptural, causing misunderstanding, contention, strife and division among the brethren, and never should be used. It is much more Scriptural to say that the Holy Spirit is with us and working in us, and coming upon us with power for service. Remember, that when Jesus said, on the cross, that "it is finished," he meant that His sacrifice was complete and atonement had been made for our sins. But sup-

pose that was all, and God had not raised Him from the dead, what would His finished work have profited us? We would be yet in our sins and have been of all men most miserable.

The Baptism in the Spirit.

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

This statement of Peter is parallel with Christ's death and resurrection. There is a three-fold operation involved here—not works of grace but works of the Spirit because of grace, as it is written "Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25.

"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." John 20:22.

"Then opened he their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures." Luke 24:45.

This took place in the evening, after he arose from the sepulchre. It is nonsense for anyone to affirm that they did not receive the indwelling Spirit to give them understanding and take out fear so that they could come out of hiding and go to Jerusalem and wait for the fuller promise of the Holy Ghost and fire.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

At Pentecost they were to be connected up to the Great Power Plant, and, when the day appointed came, they were connected, and that mustard seed has grown a tree that has filled the whole earth.

On and In and Out Of.

Now note three things which took place "on" and "in" and "out of" the waiting ones. First, cloven tongues upon them like as of fire. Peter soon found good use for this fiery energy and used it too, and burned a hole right through the hearts of those murderers. Second, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, both internal and external. And now, third, there came out those mighty rivers of understanding and truth that have shaken both men and kingdoms and set the people on fire with the love of God: "And they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Tongues, in the Bible, mean judgment. At Babel God sent tongues which scattered the people over the face of the earth. After Pentecost, God also sent them abroad, and "they went everywhere preaching the Word, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word with signs following." The Jews said, "We hear them speak," and in forty years the city was destroyed. Please note that when the Latter Rain began to fall, and the message of "Pentecost restored" went out from Los Angeles, it swept the globe in six months, and in the midst of this time, judgment came on Frisco, shaking her down to the earth and burning her with fire. Now, nearly one-half of the earth is involved in war and judgment. To me, the statement that tongues are a sign to the unbeliever, means judgment. Please look up 1 Cor. 14:21, 22.

After Pentecost has been received, the thing that speaks the loudest is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. This is the real test of the Spirit-filled life.—R. W. Hudson, Toledo, Ohio.

THIRTY-FIVE BAPTIZED.

At Willow Grove, Texas, four miles from Ladonia, 35 were baptized as in Acts 2:4, and several others are tarrying. Praise the name of Jesus for the Latter Rain.—Van and Bob Merrill.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Evangelist A. C. Croley has asked that we announce his change of address from Samson Alabama to Berrydale, Florida, where he may be reached at any time, by mail.

MOSCOW MILLS, MD.

God is still working at Moscow Mills. They have no place to worship at present, only at private houses. They are planning to build as soon as the weather permits. Pray for us as we are now at Blaine, W. Va. Some dear people here.—O. P. Brann.

KNIGHT, TEXAS.

God is blessing hungry souls. Just left Sourlake where I was holding a tent meeting. One received the Baptism and there were many hungry souls. Left there and came to Saratoga where the work of God is blessed. From there came to Knight, Texas, and I desire, if God permits, to visit all of the local assemblies and trust they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth and that God may receive all the glory. Pray for me and my wife.—R. L. Blankenship.

REPORT OF CONVENTION AT FINDLAY, OHIO.

The Inter-state Pentecostal Convention convened with the Assembly of God, at the Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio, from December 26, to January 5, 1915. Elder J. R. Kline, of Detroit, Mich., was the special evangelist. The ministerial students of the school and regular ministers from various parts of the state and Michigan were in attendance and assisted in the services.

Brother Kline rendered good service in the ministry of the Word and in the council concerning the general work of this district. Many yielded to God seeking for the Holy Spirit, healing, restoration, and salvation.

Jan. 1 and 2 were devoted to counsel and consideration of the general and local churches, missionary work, etc. Elder T. K. Leonard was recognized chairman and O. E. McCleary, recording secretary.

Various subjects were informally considered. Every question presented to the assembly was approved.

The following preamble was unanimously approved:

Whereas, At this meeting of brethren of various Pentecostal Assemblies in Ohio and Michigan held at The Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio, it was unanimously agreed that while the formation of a new organization was unscriptural and therefore undesirable; that owing to the great problems arising both in the home and foreign fields; the loose methods employed in financing missionary work and enormous waste of funds and other evils due to this condition; the necessity of recognizing and conforming to the organization and government as enunciated in the Holy Scriptures and of God's own planning has become apparent.

We desire therefore, to submit the following for the consideration and approval of God's people, namely:

1. God's church is not an organization merely, but an organism. Its members are such by virtue of the new birth, its officers are such by virtue of God's choosing (ordaining), and the spiritual qualifications which He bestows upon them. Its unity is such by virtue of the "One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism."

2. God's church is two-fold, comprising the General Assembly and the Local Assembly. The local Assembly in Apostolic days maintained its own local government of elders and deacons, and at the same time gave recognition to such officers and teachers of the General Assembly whose spiritual calling and qualifications warranted same. Hence when questions of doctrine and practice arose which could not be settled locally it was the custom as we read in the Acts of the Apostles to come together for mutual co-operation and counsel.

3. God's church still exists—therefore it need not be reorganized; but as there has been a lack of co-operation we deem it advisable to urge co-operation in the future. It was therefore decided that we brethren of contiguous states would come together for counsel as often as God permits, and it is deemed necessary, inviting to come with us the elders of the Assemblies who desire this co-operation that to facilitate the co-operation desired we recognize said council as "Inter-state Pentecostal Convention."

4. In counsel with the brethren concerning the present problems regarding missionary work we recommend the following:

(1) The appointment of Brothers C. W. Pelton and L. C. Grant to act as missionary secretaries to secure information concerning the needs of the various fields and missionaries, also information as to the worthiness of prospective missionaries.

(2) That we discountenance and discourage prospective missionaries in going about among the Assemblies in order to obtain money to get to the field, and that we encourage them to meet the brethren in convention relative to their "separation to the work to which they are called."

(3) That we advise missionaries to co-operate with the home Assemblies in overcoming the difficulty of not knowing where support is most needed by furnishing a monthly report to the missionary secretaries of moneys received and disbursed.

It was suggested and approved that copies of the proceedings of this council be sent to the various ministers and Assemblies of adjoining states for their co-operation and fellowship.

The following ministerial brethren were in attendance at the convention: C. W. Pelton, Conneaut, Ohio; Arthur Taylor, Madford, Man. Can.; David Warda, Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Manhold, Toledo, Ohio; J. R. Kline, Detroit, Mich.; C. W. Saxauer, Piqua, Ohio; Miriam C. Borland, Tiffin, Ohio; Wm. A. Kersh, Ottawa, Ohio; Mary A. Gerber, Cesarea, Asia Minor, Turkey; F. O. Price, Findlay, Ohio; Jesse E. Balmer, Franklin, Neb.; R. W. Hudson, Toledo, Ohio; C. Webster, Toledo, Ohio; O. A. Birdsall, Findlay, Ohio;

Mr. Cook, Fostoria, Ohio; W. E. Hartz, Bloomfield, Mo.; O. M. Mitchell, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. R. Flower, Findlay, Ohio; J. C. Bateman, Troup, Texas; O. E. McCleary, Findlay, Ohio; Paul Casterline, Cleveland, Ohio; Wm. Summers, Carrollton, Ill.; Jas. O. Forrester, Gary, Ind.; J. R. Rheberg, Chicago, Ill.

THE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY.

Earthquakes always create consternation and fear, especially among those who are unregenerate and who have no hope of eternal life. There is something about the unseen, omnipotent power of an earthquake, which brings terror to the heart and which awakens people to the consciousness that there is a force before which man is as stubble and can do nothing.

Earthquakes have a distinct place in the judgments of God, and it is remarkable how many earthquakes are recorded in the Word of God to take place during the short period of seven years tribulation. These will become so violent at times that "the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." Rev. 6:14.

Among the things mentioned in Holy Writ as a sign of the close of the age, earthquakes play a prominent part. These are the beginning of sorrows. Matt. 24:7, 8. We cannot help but notice that all things mentioned in this scripture are being fulfilled. "Wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes in divers places." Of late years, earthquakes have been on the increase and it is an easy matter to count on our fingers enough earthquakes to fill volumes of horror, beginning at Martinique and running down to the earthquake which occurred in Italy within the past few days, which is thundering at the very gates of Rome.

The shocks in the recent disaster commenced Wednesday, January 13th, and as we go to press on Monday, Jan. 18th, we learn that another shock has occurred, completing the destruction of a few days ago, rendering thousands homeless and insuring, approximately, the death of 30,000 people. This is awful to contemplate. No battle of a single day could do so much damage to people and property as an earthquake in one single hour, coming swiftly upon the world unannounced, as judgment is promised on this old world at the close of the age.

"For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Matt. 24:38, 39.—J. R. F.

WILL PREACH AND WORK TOO.

Should anyone be in need of a grain or stock-farm manager on farms close to some of God's assemblies, please write me at Hoopston, Ill. I could use two of my boys as helpers. I am prepared for two works:

1st, preaching the Gospel, the finished work of Calvary.

2nd, farming, which I understand and like. Should be glad to hear from the right parties.—J. E. Langdoc, Hoopston, Illinois.

OSBORNE, TEXAS.

God is blessing in the revival here. Evangelist R. T. Johnson and wife, of Missouri, are with us and we are expecting R. L. Erickson soon. Pray for us.—Thomas J. O'Neal.

UPPER ALTON, ILL.

Pastor Wm. F. Kirkpatrick. We have opened a new Pentecostal chapel in the Murphy Building, Upper Alton, Ill. We invite all to attend our meetings Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights and three times on Sunday.

HOOPSTON, ILL.

A cyclone of divine promise struck the north side last night at a tarrying meeting where about six had gathered for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The writer and a sister from Rossville had received their upper-room experience. After a few songs and prayers a solemn hush was felt by all and an old M. E. preacher was slain by the mighty hand of God after a hard struggle. The dear old brother said an eternal "Yes" to God and the Comforter came and expressed Himself as in Acts 2:4 Acts 10:46 and 19:6,—the first baptized person in the history of Hoopston. For further information we invite you to write to Bro. M. M. Meaugh, East Maple St.—a college graduate and at one time a radical M. E. preacher. We feel much encouraged and we are praying to God to meet all the preachers of this place. Pray for us.—J. E. Langdoc.

ZION CITY, ILL.

Bro. Walter Howell and wife of Texas are now with us indefinitely. Please pray that God may work mightily here saving, healing and baptizing many.—B. B. Bosworth.

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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.

PRACTICAL NEEDS IN INDIA.

W. K. and Mary Norton.

You ask about our needs. We feel that to open new stations and thus give wider scope to the Pentecostal work is an urgent need. Those who are "ordained unto eternal life" must hear of Jesus quickly, and "how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" With this end in view we are taking in new missionaries and straining every effort as it were to get them ready to take charge of out stations. Too many missionaries living together in one place and with no definite object of scattering out to give the Gospel in new fields, is simply to waste God's money and the time that should be spent in aggressive forward work. For years we have been training native workers and have a noble band of men and women who are definitely called to preach. But they cannot do as much good if they go out alone. They need the foreign missionaries to help them, and the foreign missionaries are much crippled if they have not got good native workers. Native workers can live very simply but even they must have houses of some sort. And foreign missionaries must have a proper roof over their heads in this tropical country, or they will become ill and have to go home to America.

We have much to rejoice over in the way God is blessing at Ora. It is a new work and they have many trials but God is leading and guiding them and the Gospel is being given in a district where it was not given before. Thank God!

Now we have two young women here with us at Bahraich, working hard to get ready to take charge of a new station when God shall see fit to open the way. They only expect a cottage home and a small band of native workers to begin with. We are also expecting a dear young missionary to come out to us from Bridgeport, Conn. when God shall open the way. She writes as if she were brave and fearless in the Lord and "war's alarms" have not daunted her. Her name is Miss Mattie Peterson.

We earnestly desire to have a closer relationship with reliable Pentecostal men and women in the homeland. We want you to know our missionaries and ourselves and to thoroughly know our work. We rejoice when people like Archdeacon and Mrs. Phair visit us and we give them every opportunity to investigate our work thoroughly. It is grievous to the Lord to have work misrepresented and missionaries fail sadly, as some have failed. May He keep us true in every minute detail.

SUSAN R. CHESTER'S GIRLS, India.

There are now eleven women and children and a matron here in the home. We also employ a poor woman and two of her eight children. These three have to make most of the living for the family. The husband is an old man, still a Hindu and demon-possessed, I believe. He acts like a mad man at times. This woman was baptized in water a few years ago but is very ignorant and only a nominal christian as yet, though she seems interested in the things of God. She and the children who are here have instruction in the Word daily. We are longing to see them truly the Lord's.

Recently we were able to get a small ox-cart for five dollars, to use in going to the villages some distance from here. I have learned to drive the ox and one of the girls from the home goes with me. She can help in speaking to the Kanarese people. For the many who understand Telugu I need no interpreter. Nearly all at present in the home are Tamil so we use that language for our meeting and for conversation.

Will you not pray that these girls may become truly converted. One was sent to us the other day because she was such a thief that the missionaries for whom she was working would not allow her to remain with

them any longer. Another is from a thief caste and the other night she feigned illness and left the room before we had finished the evening prayers. When the other girls went to the dormitory she was robbing oil for her head. She committed a much more serious theft some time ago and almost daily something is stolen. A little girl of seven is a cunning little thief. So you see what kind of people we have to deal with.

The matron is a dear, true girl, one of His jewels. Thank God for such a life. She knows how to take everything to God in prayer and to get answers from Him. The Lord sent her here. I had known her some years ago but did not know I could get her when she offered to come. May she be kept until Jesus comes. Pray for us that God may be truly glorified in our midst and among the heathen.

DAYS OF BLESSING

Geo. M. and Margaret Kelley, South China.

Surely these are days of blessing to us in S. China. God is working in our midst and it seems we are on the verge of a mighty sweeping revival. If only we will keep out of the way that Christ may have the preeminence.

We have the school opened here for our converts who wish to be workers for the Lord. There are twelve boys or young men here and they are diligently studying the "Word". Several of them have received the Spirit's Baptism and are on fire for God. Many have been prostrated under the power of God in our waiting meetings at night and God is truly dealing with them. Three of Miss Dean's boys from Hong Kong are here in school; also one of Bro. James' boys. God has blessed us in this work from the very beginning.

The new missionaries have arrived and we believe they are a choice lot of workers. They have begun studying the language already. It takes much grace and patience to sit down and study the language when one sees so much to be done. But it pays in the long run.

The Pentecostal work in South China is indeed encouraging at this time. We have opportunities on every hand that we never had before. This is indeed the "Day of His visitation," and in Christ we have a vision of great things He will do if we only trust Him.

We had a meeting out at Ngau Pua Leung (our other little station) some time ago and nine received the Holy Ghost. We were out here last Sunday and administered communion. A revival spirit is still on. Some others have been baptized in the Spirit; some marvelous healings and much persecution. They pray continually. It was refreshing to be among them. Pray for us and that God will answer in behalf of China.

BRO. URSHAN NOT BEHEADED.

Report of Death Without Foundation—God's Protection Continues Through Many Dangers.

On last Sunday morning a messenger was sent to our home village warning us saying that I should not go to a certain place to preach any more. If I did it they had sworn to kill me and pay the penalty which they had estimated would be \$2000.00. I told them in the Name of the Lord, that my life was not in their hands nor in the hands of the Devil to take or to keep, but in the hands of the Great God of Hosts. So, by His will I would be in that very town holding our revival meeting that very day. So I went and God mightily blessed and I came home safely. This is one of the many causes of trouble and you can see where we stand. We need no pity but many prevailing prayers for God to keep us busy and nourgeous as He has so far.—Andrew D. Urshan and co-workers, Urmia, Persia.

BROTHER AND SISTER PERKINS, En Route to W. Africa.

Just a note to let you know that we arrived here (Liverpool) safely Monday, Dec. 21st. God is faithful. Praise His name! We were evidently guarded by British gun boats all the way over, but best of all the Lord Himself was our helper.

In both services held on board the first Sunday there was a better at-

tendance than I have ever seen on board ship, but by the time we reached Liverpool there was plenty of drinking and carousing on board. It was rumored that a ship just ahead of us had struck a mine, but ours was spared any mishap except that we were delayed several hours just outside of the channel because of fog.

There are thousands of soldiers in Liverpool. The deeply spiritual people in England believe that this war is God's chastisement on the nations, their own included, and are praying God to give England a spirit of deep repentance and humiliation.

Our agents here have just received word from Bro. Harrow saying that all is well with them on the field. The Lord willing, we sail from here for Liberia, Jan. 2nd. We have every reason to believe that we are in the will of God in sailing at this time. He surely gave us many confirmations of His approval before we left Bethel Newark, N. J. Remember us in prayer according to Rom. 15:30, Eph. 6:18-20.

MANY HEALED IN BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA.

Daniel Berg.

The Lord is blessing us here in the work. The meetings are going on very well and we now have a nice hall. I believe the Lord is working in several hearts. Many have been wonderfully healed of sickness and delivered from sin and many have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God has supplied all our needs. Pray for us that God may have His own way with us and that His name shall be more glorified through us. We feel the wonderful power of God even in a strange land so full of Catholicism and sin.

C. W. DONEY, Egypt.

The third party of our missionaries, Bro. and Sister Scott, have returned to the homeland. Of the remaining ones here I know of none who purpose leaving in the near future unless forced to go.

We have been advised again and again of the imminent danger we are in, and the possibility of naval trouble on the Mediterranean and the dangers of internal uprisings and of the railways being cut up and being hemmed in, but our trust and confidence are in God alone. He keeps us in perfect peace with our minds stayed on Him. But we are very anxious to know His will for us and have grace to do it, for we certainly do not know what a day or a night may bring forth. However we are not making any preparations to leave but are looking to God for a general revival all over Egypt in Jesus' name. Pray for us.

MISSIONARIES ARE MARRIED

Brother James Harvey and Sister Esther Bragg United for God's Service in India.

On the 27th of November, 1914, James Harvey, Pentecostal Missionary of Nawabganj, Gonda Dist., U. P. India, was united in marriage to Esther Bragg, Pentecostal Missionary of Nanpara, U. P. India, the Rev. C. E. Simpson officiating. The ceremony was solemnized at the Lal Bagh Church at Lucknow, the party leaving by next train for their work at Nawabganj. They earnestly request the prayers of the saints that they may be made a blessing to the poor, ignorant people around them. Nawabganj Village Mission is in their charge and they are responsible for it in every way. They are entirely dependent upon the Lord for their support and the support of the Indian workers and other Indians in the Mission. Letters should be addressed to them at Nawabganj, Gonda Dist., U. P. India. Remittances should be sent to E. N. Bell, Treas., 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Write them a card asking for their quarterly report and get an insight into their work.

ALTAR FILLED WITH SEEKERS.

The Lord still blesses here in Corn- ing Ark. We couldn't seat all the people Sunday night. The altar still fills with seekers. They are being saved and filled with the Spirit at most every service. We had communion service Sunday morning and the Lord was with us. Pray for us that we may be found at Jesus' feet doing His will. Bro. Oliver has gone to be with the saints at Benton for a while.—H. E. Reed.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, In Unity.

We have a good hall down town and I believe we are making steady progress. Not all doing their best but no division. Have also opened up an upstairs hall and fitted it up for poor men to sleep there. Many are hearing the Gospel. Pray that God will give a real breaking through to salvation for many. Many outside calls we hope to meet later.—Fred Eiting.

MISSION WORK AMONG THE ORPHANS.

Maria A. Gerber, Turkey.

It is sixteen years since I began working in and for Turkey. Soon after I was there the dear Lord began to show us that our children in the home should be taught to think and to live for others. And in touching ways our dear children did begin to put into practice this blessed work.

At one time a fire broke out in the city where the Orphans' Home was, in the poorest quarters where almost every house was a widow's house with children. There is no industry for women in the interior of Turkey. Even the Hand-made carpet business has for some years entirely stopped, and the widows are extremely poor. A great many have died of starvation. The night the fire broke out about 200 houses of the poorest people burned down. I went near the place of the fire and saw that our only fire engines were the women's water-jars which they filled at the brook and carried upon their shoulders up the hill, pouring the water into the fire. At last we succeeded in putting out the fire by tearing the adjoining houses down and removing all the wood. Early in the morning I went down again to the place of the fire. Oh what a sight!

I saw poor widows with their children gathering half burned wheat, one grain after the other, out of the ashes. The mothers were weeping and, in the usual way, beating their breasts with their fists and pulling their hair. They followed me pleading for help. It was time for morning prayer when I came home and I told my Orphanage family the sad story. We prayed for them and I told them that I was going to write some of my friends about this great need, that they should continue to pray that the dear Heavenly Father would touch the hearts of my friends to give some money to help these poor. Soon the breakfast bell rang and all our dear children marched in an orderly way into the dining-room. When, a little later, I came into the dining-room I found the dear children sitting before their plates with rice soup and bread beside them, but none of them ate. I asked the teacher who was over them if the children were waiting yet for her to pray. "O yes" she replied, "we prayed, but the children desire to tell you something." After I asked what it was, one of them stood up and asked me if I would permit them to go without food that morning and let them take their soup and bread to the poor whose houses and all had been burned down. "Yes, dear children," I said, "I will give you permission and each of you can carry your breakfast on your plate. Put the spoon on the plate and take it in one hand and your bread in the other hand and go down." It seemed as if an electric current of joy went through that flock of children and they marched down the hill and gave their food. Shouting they came up with their empty plates and not one of them made any remark about being hungry, and they did not get anything until dinner time.

Some days later something like this happened again. It was the day when the children had for their meal raisins with bread. (Twice a day the children get warm food and once fruit and bread.) They like raisins so very much and always rejoice when raisin day comes. I came again to the dining-room where the children sat without eating. In asking them the same question as I had before, they replied by asking permission to not eat their raisins but sell them to me and eat only their bread with water, and with the raisin money they would buy bread and take to the suffering ones down town. The balances were brought; the raisins were weighed before the children and the money was given. Bread was bought with the money and down went the children, rejoicing greatly.

Often our dear children have done this, and refused voluntarily to eat some of their food, and it was always something they liked most, and the money goes to the Missionary box. When, a few years ago, there was starvation in India we were able to send a nice little sum of reserve money to India, not because we did not need all our money right in Turkey where the need is constantly so great, but because our dear children need to be taught that they are not the only poor in the world, and that they should pray for and help others, as Christ commands us to do, going into all the world.

PENTECOST AT NEW HOPE, ALA.

Praise God! Just closed another meeting at New Hope. God saved and baptized. Glory to His name! Fifty or more were at the altar nearly every night. I did not try to count conversions. They are preparing to build a nice large church house.—Ruth O. King.

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA.

The Lord is saving souls and baptizing them with the Holy Ghost. I have been here more than a month and the Lord has saved about forty and baptized with the Holy Ghost about 25. One woman was healed of a broken arm and one old man who called upon us for prayer was healed. God is surely blessing. Pray for me that God will use me in Broken Bow.—Willie Jones.

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THE FIRST IN TWO YEARS.

God is blessing in Terrell, Texas. There have been two reclaimed and one received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4,—the first in two years. Pray for us and the work here as it is in bad condition, not having had any shepherd and almost all of them have gone back, but they are now becoming interested and sinners are under conviction.—H. E. Jackson.

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GOOD NEWS, Texas.

Glad to report that God is still saving and baptizing in the Holy Ghost. Praise God! Brother W. L. Sloan, formerly of Overton, Texas, is holding meetings in Arkansas and reports that God has saved seven, three of which have received the Holy Spirit at Black Springs. Sister Mary Dodd sends word from Izara, Texas, that God is blessing. Seven have been saved and five have received the baptism. Pray for me.—Burt McCafferty, Ft. Worth, Texas.

NOBLE, LA.

The Lord is truly blessing and baptizing souls. Just closed a meeting in which eight received the Baptism in the Spirit, among whom was one Holiness preacher who thought he had the Baptism, but who is now on fire for God. Six were baptized in water Saturday. The Lord was with us and the power of God fell and souls were crying out to God to get more of His love. We are now at Redox Church holding a meeting and God is giving great victory. All the praying people please pray for this country.—G. C. Lout.