

"And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (published, Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

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DAVIS CITY, IOWA.

God is still working here in spite of the enemy. Sculls are being saved and receiving the Baptism as in Acts 2:4, under Bro. John S. McConnell and his mother. Praise God for victory in Jesus' name. The way is growing brighter every day, after about a year of being in the way.—W. T. Waddell.

REPORTS VICTORY.

Rector, Ark.

I want to report victory all along. Just came here from Alms'ed, Ill., where we had a great week's meeting. The Congregational brethren let me have their church. The brethren of all orders fell in with me and received the Word. The saints all lined up nicely. They need a place to worship very bad. Will start some meetings at Greenway, five miles west, in a General Baptist Church which is vacated. Pray for us.—Joseph Snyder.

FINE ATTENDANCE.

Independence, Ore.

We are having good meetings here and, all winter, have had fine attendance and good results. Will close with tender love to you, dear Bro. Bell. I do dearly love you, though I never met you. Your article hit deep into my soul. I see an advanced maturity of spirit that is so lacking in so many of us. I say "God Bless you."—Harry Morse.

DALLAS AND BRIDGEPORT, TEXAS.

Have been here (Bridgeport) for ten days and the tide is rising daily, saving sinners and baptizing believers in the precious Holy Spirit. I am praying and expecting great things of God this year. God has baptized a precious band of Christians here.

The work in Dallas is in excellent shape. Never has there been such a deep spirit of prayer and so much of it. At present we are having an average of thirty cottage prayer meetings each week in different parts of the city. Sinners are finding God and others receiving the Holy Spirit.—F. F. Besworth.

HEALED OF STOMACH TROUBLE.

About four years ago I took Jesus as my healer and called some of the saints to pray for my little girl who was sick with severe cold and fever. The Lord who is faithful, heard and answered prayer and she was healed. After she was healed God spoke to me and said, "I can heal you of stomach trouble," so I knelt down in their midst and asked for prayer. They prayed for me and rebuked the enemy in Jesus' name, and the same Jesus, who healed the sick, opened blind eyes and made the lame to walk, touched me and I felt the old trouble go. Praise His name! He never fails to do all He has promised. This was about four years ago. I have never had a touch since. Surely He can do the same for all who are afflicted in any way if they will meet the conditions and believe Him.—James Page, Jasonville, Indiana.

FORTY-TWO BAPTIZED.

Walnut Springs, Tex.

Just closed a nine weeks' meeting here at Walnut Springs. Forty were saved and forty-two were baptized as they were on the Day of Pentecost. Some people are believing that it is not done away with yet, and it was promised to more than the twelve Apostles. Praise God! The revival spirit is still on. I am glad He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Sister Myers from Dallas has been with us and the Lord has used her in preaching the Word. Pray for our band that we may be established on the Word.—J. E. Osborn, Pastor.

FIRE FALLING AT MALVERN, ARK.

The meeting is going no. The fire is falling. There have been twelve or fifteen saved, reclaimed and filled with the Holy Ghost.—John Green.

THREE MIGHTY OUTPOURINGS

Sound of Abundance of Rain Heard as the Message of Pentecost goes Forth in the Power of the Spirit

It is with increasing gratitude to God that we note the blessed re-ports coming in from all quarters of the mighty blessings of God resting upon the work as it did in the beginning. Revival fires are being rekindled in any parts of the country, and not only are believers being baptized in the Spirit, but sinners are coming into the fold by the hundreds, many of whom go right on into the experience of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and many are being healed. All praise belongeth unto our God, who only doeth wonderful things.

One of the blessed phases of the recent revival spirit is that these outpourings are not dependent upon some party cry or peculiar hobby which is being ridden by the preacher or workers, but is a result of the simple Gospel of Christ, preached in the power of the Holy Spirit. May the blessed work continue, and this greater evangelism proceed with great power and demonstration of the Spirit, sweeping in the sinners by the thousand, strengthening the saints and preparing the way of the Lord. Hallelu'ah! We believe it shall, as we unitedly co-operate to this end in prayer and fellowship, working with one heart and one soul for the glory of God.

Note the three special reports that follow from North Dakota, Indiana and Florida, and the great number of other reports which are filling our columns from week to week and then rejoice with us with exciting great joy for the wonderful works of God.

OLD-TIME POWER.

Indianapolis, Ind.

From the very first day the Old-Time power of the Lord was present in a most blessed way. We are not even trying to keep account of the numbers saved and filled with the Spirit, but some have been saved at every service and numbers filled with the Spirit.

The crowds are very large and last night it was estimated that 100 people came to the service and several were not able to gain entrance into the tabernacle, and when the altar call was given 71 came forward seeking the Lord. Never was such conviction seen upon the people before at the Tabernacle. Sinners trembled and shook in their seats in the back, until the seats shook, and at one time I saw twenty prostrated under the power of God and as many as two and three coming through at the same time speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Old aged men as well as young came calling upon God mightily. Some hardly got on their knees until they would look up toward heaven and cry out to God with all their hearts. Several preachers are seeking the Lord for the Holy Spirit and some have already received. Preachers and hungry souls as well as workers are coming in from various states and cities. This campaign will continue until April 4th, the Lord willing. Services every afternoon and night at Oak Hill Tabernacle, 2024 Roosevelt Ave., Indianapolis, Ind., Brightwood car line.—L. V. Roberts, Pastor.

OUTPOURING IN THE NORTH.

Regent, N. Dak. and other Places.

We went first to Regent. They gave us the City Hall and we witnessed a beautiful sight one Sunday morning. The altar was full and six came through speaking in other tongues. Three of them were ministers, two Sunday-school Superintendents and one was a pillar in the Lutheran Church. They all live from ten to seventeen miles each way from Regent. The Lord baptized 24 in Regent, four being ministers and three of them Catholics. He is still pouring out His Spirit, and, since we left, six more have received the Baptism. One of the Ministers took his Bible and explained to a Catholic all about the Baptism and he sought and Jesus saved and filled him and he burst forth in other tongues. Leaving Regent we went to Thief River

Fall, Minn. where the Lord baptized forty, five of whom were preachers. There were some wonderful healings.

Then on to Detroit, Minn., where, on Christmas Eve, the Lord saved every one in the school-house. I asked all who were saved to raise the hand and not one went up. When I asked all who desired to be saved to raise the hand all but three were raised. I said "Just kneel by your seats. So they all knelt but three and I went from seat to seat to pray with them. Two who did not kneel began to laugh at the others who were crying and praying, so I stopped and prayed for them and the Lord poured out a great spirit of weeping upon them. I never saw any one cry harder, and God saved them. Then I prayed with the others, and every one was saved,—between thirty and forty. Several received the Baptism in Detroit and Jesus touched everyone who sought healing.

The assembly here at Woodward, Iowa is very spiritual. Five have lately been added to the Church. The Perry saints are spiritual also. No divisions in either place.

We have a few more places the Lord has put on our hearts for meetings and then if Jesus carries, we will be on our way to Egypt again. Just had a letter from a precious native brother in Minia, saying he was taking good care of our household goods until we returned.—Agnes and Frank Crouch.

CLARK—RAHTER MEETING.

Orlando, Florida.

When we came here it did not look very favorable for a meeting as the Pentecostal Church was a little building, 30 x 40, on the outskirts of town, but we began and "He is faithful who has promised." One of the first things the Lord did was to heal Bro. Reneker, a Methodist minister, of Asthma, who was so bad he could not lie down at night. He had hemorrhages and passed quantities of blood. Had been totally blind in one eye for 46 years and the sight was poor in the other and he was healed. Now he sleeps, sees out of both eyes and is in better health than for forty years. He is past sixty-nine. We give God all the glory. This so pleased the brother that he bought a tent for our meetings, which we have located in the center of the city, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing.

Many are being saved and many healed and some are being baptized. A sister came from near Tampa and yesterday afternoon received a wonderful Baptism of the Spirit. She drew crowds on the outside of the tent as she shouted out. She was healed and baptized at the same time.

One young lady who was saved was so anxious to be baptized in water that she had us taken in their auto out where they have a summer home and we baptized her. God wonderfully witnessed as she went down. Before we leave we will have a baptismal service as there are many candidates.

We have here a good opportunity to reach people from so many different states who come to Orlando for the winter, this being a beautiful place; perhaps it has no superior in all Florida. There are people in the meetings from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky and many other states. The truth of Pentecost is going out. Nearly every night there are crowds on the outside who cannot get seats. Sunday night at least twenty hands went up for prayer and salvation when invitation was given. The people have been very good to us, for which we praise God. May He richly bless them.—Earl W. Clark.

HOPE TO BUILD A CHURCH.

Oakhurst, Texas.

I praise God for His blessed atonement for both soul and body. My little seven year old girl was taken sick Saturday evening with a chill and had fever all night.

Sunday morning I called for the elders and some of the other saints to come and pray for her. She got up and went to prayer meeting in the evening and has been well ever since. I am giving God all the glory.

God has put it in the heart of a man here to give us a piece of ground to build a church, and I ask the saints to pray that God will provide the means for the building. We have blessed meetings in the homes and there seems to be a spirit of conviction among the unsaved.—Mrs. Vivian Strickland.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT.

Our dear Brother E. N. Richey left with his precious family this morning for Milwaukee where he is to take charge of the work with Bro. Fockler. He came to us more than a year ago. The Lord has used him in a very blessed way. Many have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit during his ministry. It does my heart good to say that Bro. Richey is clean, safe and sound, energetic and faithful. We thank God for him and his devoted family and pray the Lord to continue His grace and blessing unto them and to enlarge their usefulness in their new and larger field.—A. P. Collins.

REFRESHING TIMES.

Plymouth, Ind.

I want to tell of the refreshing time we had in Plymouth. Rev. Taylor and son Charles, the boy preacher of Rochester, held a five or six weeks meeting. The hall was crowded with many standing. Some nights the crowds could not all get into the house. The altar was filled with seekers. Quite a number were saved and twelve received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2:4. Some say there were twenty five saved.

A little girl not quite ten received the Baptism. She was very small for her age. When under the power of God she stood with her hands up for an hour and fifty minutes. She went all through the house praising God. She told in her childish way of seeing a ball of fire with tassels, and blood dripping off of it, and she saw Jesus on the cross. Some were healed and the believers were strengthened. God manifested Himself in mighty power. One brother from a distance said that as soon as he opened the door on Sunday, to enter the hall, he felt the power of God. Pray for the Assembly in Plymouth that we may keep the unity of the Spirit and that Jesus may have His way. Rev. Jewel of South Bend is with us now.—Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, R 7, Plymouth, Ind.

COTTONWOOD (ALA.) MEETING.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in our last meeting. Ten or twelve were saved and a multitude convicted and convinced of the great truth. Many confessed that this was God's way, with tears in their eyes. We are looking for a great revival in that country. The town and whole country around seems to be turned this way. We desire prayer for this vicinity.—Sam W. Noles and wife.

GOOD OPENING.

Abernathy, Texas.

There is a good opening here on the plains for the truth to be established. May the Lord send someone this way who really loves God and fallen humanity, and is willing to sacrifice all for the glory of God. Anyone wishing to write in regard to the work can address me at the above address.—R. W. Bowley.

LIVINGSTON, TEXAS.

The Lord is still working at Providence, about four miles from Livingston, Texas. He has saved two from sin, baptized two with the Holy Ghost and restored one to the joy of salvation and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise God for His wonderful works to the children of men! There are about twenty baptized saints here in about two years, and they are standing true to God.—W. M. Harrison, John Die.

CLIO, ALABAMA

Just closed a meeting in Antioch. God's power was present. Four were saved and the saints blessed. Glory to Jesus!—Christine Johnson.

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OUR NAME IS CHANGED.

One of the first things our subscribers will notice when this paper falls into their hands is that the name has been changed from *The Christian Evangel* to the *Weekly Evangel*. The reason for this is that there is already a paper published in St. Louis by the name of *The Christian Evangelist*, and the post-office at St. Louis considered it necessary in order to avoid trouble in the mailing of two papers with almost the same name, that we change the name of our weekly paper to some other name, which would not conflict with the name of the paper already entered in St. Louis. The simplest way out of the difficulty seemed to be to adopt the title *Weekly Evangel*, as already our weekly paper has been called familiarly by that name, and to henceforth this paper shall be known, not as *The Christian Evangel*, but as the *Weekly Evangel*.

THE EFFICACY OF CHRIST'S BLOOD.

There is power in the blood of Jesus to cleanse from all sin; to wash out adultery, fornication, theft, hatred, murder, blasphemy and all ungodliness. When Moses lifted up the brazen serpent and the Israelites looked upon it they were completely healed. They did not even have to look a second time. "Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." When Jesus died on the cross and cried out "It is finished" He satisfied the demands of infinite justice and became the author and finisher of our salvation. Under the Levitical priesthood, atonement for sin was continually being made, but Jesus by His atonement on the cross paid the price for man's redemption and by this one sacrifice made the atonement complete or perfect. "The law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Certainly! because that the worshippers once purged should have no more conscience of sin. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year." Heb. 10:1-3. "Then said He (Jesus) to I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first (covenant) that He may establish the second. By the which will (or covenant) we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 10:8, 10. "A thorough purification of the blood of Christ will cleanse from all sin. Those who are under the blood are free from the dominion of sin. None can be saved and stand justified before God without the sanctifying blood of Christ; but those who are under the blood are cleansed from their sins and therefore stand in a justified state before God. There is sanctifying power in the blood. Heb. 13:12; Justifying power, Rom. 5:9; Overcoming power, Rev. 12:11; Redeeming power, Eph. 1:7.—R. L. Honeycutt.

LIFE AND DEATH.

W. M. Allison.

Occasionally there is one who, through lack of a comprehensive knowledge of the Scriptures, gives a narrow and restricted meaning to certain Bible terms, thereby failing to comprehend much divine truth. The simple words "life" and "death" are greatly abused in this manner.

In the first place it was said to Adam, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Gen. 2:17. Now if Adam died immediately after his eating of the forbidden tree, it was a death in trespasses and sins and not merely a physical death. The spiritual man is the important part of man.

The body, not being the real man, but rather the temple of the spirit of man, it may be truly said, "He that believeth in Me shall never die." He may lay his body down but he lives right on. In that hour death and decay die and perish forever, and if he is a son of God and an heir of eternal life, his last enemy (death) has been destroyed in principle, for in the resurrection his immortal body will be free from decay.

The error entertained by some that the word "death" as used in scripture, always refers to the body, is fruitful of some pernicious theories. They forget that "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth." 1 Tim. 5:6. They also affirm that if they received "Eternal Life" by virtue of the new birth, they should live on in this body forever. They say that the death of the body is the only penalty for sin and, as it would be very quickly consumed when cast into the lake of fire, they deny the doctrine of everlasting punishment.

The term "eternal life" has direct reference to salvation from sin.

If it meant continuous existence only, then the devil has had eternal life for a long time. Death and destruction, when turned upon the spiritual man, works no punishment but a cutting off from communion with God and His people. After Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil the Lord called to him and he ran away and hid himself. He lost his fellowship with God. What was the matter? He was dead while he lived.

The Seventh Day Adventists, Millennial Dawn people and others, though meaning to do good, bearing in mind the changes on the word "death," always insinuating that in all there is of man. They say "The wicked will be as stubble under our feet—they will be utterly destroyed—why, God is too good to punish anyone forever and ever and then some." So they make their declarations. Some professing the Apostolic Faith have fallen into this error of so asserting. Friends, let God take care of His own goodness. If the angels who kept not their first estate; if those who perished in the flood have been suffering under chains of darkness and as spirits in prison throughout the ages gone, as they all admit, is He righteous to let them thus suffer the penalty of their sins and then let the present-day sinner who tramples the mercies of the Son of God under foot, who accounts the blood an unholy thing, let them go scotfree? The "much sorer punishment" means more than mere death to the body, as the context clearly teaches.

The "wages of sin is death." Not will be when the body dies. And this death fastens itself upon man's soul and robs him of peace, comfort and consolation. It is the soul that does the sinning and in the soul is the remorse, the grief, the dread. It takes the blood of Jesus, along with sorrow of heart and repentance unto life, to save us—to cure us of this death, this destruction, this misery.

Glory to God! I know Jesus Christ can do this, for He has done it for me. As the song says: "I was dead but now I live, Glory, Glory, Glory!" God has given me eternal life and I expect to live on forever with my Lord, though I am looking for a resurrection with a glorified body between now and my going up to meet Jesus in the air.

A PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION WITH TWO DAYS INTER-STATE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Findlay, Ohio, March 26th to April 4, 1915.

This convention will be held with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School, Findlay, Ohio. The District Council was established in the January, 1915 Convention. All Pentecostal Evangelists, Pastors, Workers and Seekers in Ohio and adjoining States are invited to attend, and on

March 29, 31 consider the important matters of interest to the INTER-STATE COUNCIL and co-operation with all the Pentecostal Assemblies of God in the U. S. A., Canada and Foreign Lands.

Accommodations.

MEALS and LUNCHES will be served in the School dining room for a free will offering.

LODGING—Dressed beds furnished in Dormitory for all wishing lodging, for free-will offerings, and 55 undressed cots free to those who wish to bring their own bedding; free to the poor.

We shall register names for accommodations in the order they reach us, so write us early.

COME HUNGRY ONE and tarry until you be endued with power from on high.

(For further information write, T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio, U. S. A.)

I'VE ANCHORED IN JESUS, I'M WHITER THAN SNOW.

Burt McCafferty.

"In Jesus" I now am made perfectly whole; "In Him" I have rest and sweet peace in my soul.

My idols I've banished and truly I know I've anchored in Jesus, I'm whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow,
Yes, whiter than snow.
I've anchored in Jesus,
I'm whiter than snow.

"In Jesus" I'm heir to a home in the skies; I'm free from all sin—from the world and its ties.

I'll follow my Savior while living below; I've anchored in Jesus, I'm whiter than snow.

"In Jesus" I find a true fellowship sweet, While waiting in faith at His glorified feet. The power of His blessing doth over me flow;

I've anchored in Jesus, I'm whiter than snow.

"In Jesus" by grace I shall pass thru the gate

And enter the joys that for me now wait. I'll wander no longer in sorrow and woe, I've anchored in Jesus, I'm whiter than snow.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY MEETS MAY THE 14TH.

St. Louis, Mo. the Meeting Place

As per the mutual agreement of the Presbyteries at Chicago last November, 1914, we hereby make announcement of the semi-annual meeting of the Executive Presbytery, to be held in St. Louis, Mo., beginning 10 a. m. Tuesday morning, May 11th and continuing over the following Sunday. Each Presbyter is especially urged to be present as a number of important matters will be presented for deliberation and action. All those who have important matters to present should send them in to the Secretary at 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo. to reach him not later than one week before date of meeting. Please note this is not a General Council, a Convention or a Revival Meeting but a meeting of the Executive Presbytery only for important Home and Foreign Missionary business which demands their attention. We solicit the prayers of all God's children for the Executive Presbytery as they meet in Council for the work of the Lord.—J. Roswell Flower, Secretary.

A BOOK FOR PREACHERS.

Charles G. Finney received the baptism in the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues, and God made him the greatest evangelist of his age, it being estimated that over half a million were converted under his preaching. Finney's Lectures on Revivals is one of the best books on the subject a preacher can get, and every Pentecostal preacher should have one of them if it is his purpose to be used by the Lord in winning souls. This book formerly sold in cloth binding at \$1.50, but a nice new edition is just out on which we can make a Special Offer.

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Sunday School

March 24, 1915.

JONATHAN AND HIS ARMOR-BEARER.

Lesson Text—1 Sam. 14:1-13.

Golden Text—Let us put on the armor of light. Rom. 13:12.

Leading Thought—The reward of two courageous, obedient hearts.

1. Jonathan's Purpose, vs. 1-5. We see Saul and his army in a pitifully reduced condition—presumably in hiding with only six hundred men, separated from God and God's prophet, Samuel, ch. 13:13-15. Still they are oppressed by the Philistines. God has yet one brave, faithful heart to whom He may speak—Jonathan. It took dauntless courage and determination to propose such a deed to his armor-bearer. And he showed wisdom as well, in that "he told not his father." v. 1. He had probably lost confidence in him already to some extent. He likewise kept his purposed trip secret from all the people. Perhaps some of us would have told the whole company in our first glow of enthusiasm, and then wondered why the results failed to come. Not many are able to keep the secrets of the Lord. "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God." Rom. 14:22; Psa. 25:14. Mark 1 Kings 20:11. Oftimes our supposed boasting in the Lord is sadly mixed with self confidence and exaltation. Notice the two sharp rocks that guarded the approach to the Philistine's garrison—Bozez (shining) and Senah (thorny). They must both be passed before they reach the field of victory. "Two sharp rocks"—one, blessing, the other, trial. We would have all our sharp rocks Bozez (sunshine), but God knows we need Senah (trial) as well, and the path to our great victories are bordered by both. Such a way will teach us to say with Paul, "I have learned." Phil. 4:11, 12.

2. Jonathan's Armour-Bearer, vs. 6-10. These were mutual blessings in the association of these two. Would that our Lord Jesus had many such faithful followers as this loyal armor-bearer. "Behold I am with thee according to thy heart."—were his words (v. 7), denoting a life consecrated absolutely to the service and desire of his master. A faithful second—no name upon which to lean glory—"only an armor-bearer," willing to follow his leader, any where, any time. Are you one? God is speaking to us. "Come, and let us go over." And we may rest confidently if we obey. He "will work for us; for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." Glory to His name! Notice Jonathan's faith rested on two facts—his enemies were "uncircumcised," and the Lord is sovereign in His working—in no wise dependent upon man, v. 6; Zech. 4:6.

3. Jonathan's Attack, vs. 11-14. "Discovered themselves." It took courage but they had already counted the cost. God make us as brave in discovering ourselves to the world. Matt. 5:14-16; Cor. 14:3-15; Phil. 2:15-20. With great contempt the Philistines taunted them, v. 11. "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Little did they dream how swiftly the tables would be turned. Reluctant in the granting of the desired sign (vs. 10, 12), the two men pressed forward. They had some strenuous climbing to do, upon their hands and feet—a lost stretch of faith—and then God wrought for them 2 Sam. 2:35. But they diligently continued the attack, proving their faith by their words. "Blood is blood that circulates, and faith is faith that leads to a throne." Read the closing verses of his story (vs. 14-23), and see how marvelous and overwhelming was the God-given victory, for there was a trembling in the entire host—a trembling of God. It was a very easy matter for Saul and the rest to share in what was a victorious battle already. Jonathan and his comrade had passed the hard place alone. But God has all the glory, v. 23.

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION.

At The Apostolic Faith Church, 57 Anderson Street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

The Convention will open Saturday, March 20th, 1915 and continue until Sunday the 23rd. Services will be in charge of Pastor Rob. A. Brown and wife of New York City and Evangelist Joseph Tammore of Pittsburgh, Pa. For further information address either: Pastor Thomas Thompton, 104 Webster Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y., Treas. Robert Stone, 475 Main St., New Rochelle, N. Y., or Sec'y Harold H. Moser, 258 Franklin Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

YELLVILLE, ARK.

We came from a four weeks meeting at Yellville, Ark. God was with us in a blessed way. They claimed it was the best meeting since the first outpouring. Old difficulties were gotten out of the way which left them in good condition. We now expect to open up a tent meeting at Little Rock, Ark. April 1st.—Mother Barnes, Thayer, Mo.

HEALED.

I was almost an invalid for six years and was healed in a meeting at Dallas.—P. J. Corder, R 2 Coleman, Tex.

PERRY, FLORIDA.

Surely we are living in the time of the Lotter-Rain, when our blessed Lord is pouring out His Holy Spirit upon His Children. It is stirring to see three or four under His mighty power, preaching the blessed Gospel amidst praises to our God. We are a gazing-stock to the world but I feel like fighting the battle until He comes. I am just learning to stand on His blessed Word and run the race with patience. I just know enough to know that there is something for me to learn, and I do praise God for His blessed, holy Word and the little Christian Evangel. Most all the others here belong to the Church of God. Pray for me that I may continue to hold up His blessed Word and walk in the true light. Hallelujah! I feel like going on.—Daisy Brown.

HASKELL, TEXAS.

The Lord is blessing in every service. One has been saved and a number received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as they did in Acts 2:4. We are looking for a great revival here. There are only ten of us. We are holding on to God for great things, knowing He is able to do exceedingly more than we can ask or think.—W. L. Lambert.

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Fostering the Spirit of Co-operation and Fellowship

A Sermon by E. N. Bell, Delivered in Chicago at the Stone Church and published in The Latter Rain Evangel, reprinted for the edification of our readers.

Suppose most of us who are here this afternoon are aware that these are just the preliminary services of the meeting of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, with the emphasis on God, for this thing belongs to God. We have not come together in any sectarian sense but that we might co-operate together for the glory of God, and whether you come from a Pentecostal Assembly, a Christian Assembly, an Apostolic Faith Mission, or whatever the name, you are most heartily welcome. I find in a few remarks that have been made if not some doubt, there is at least some uncertainty regarding the purpose for which we are gathered together. I trust the Lord will enable us to give some idea in regard to this and yet try to preach the Gospel of the blessed Savior, which I am sure will be a propitiation on the Lord's Day. Already we have had blessed fellowship together; as we gathered together this morning God melted our hearts and made us to feel it was good to be here. There is something about the old story that has in it the joyful sound. You know the people of the Lord know the joyful sound. As our brother talked this morning about the things of the kingdom it had a blessed warming effect on my heart and made me feel my need of the Lord. I have heard people say they'd like to see the man that could preach them under conviction. If you hold up a good, high ideal you can almost always get me under conviction.

There is a little text that the apostle gives us in 1 Cor. 10:31 that will suggest some things I want to talk about: "Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God." So we are here for one thing, under God, to co-operate for the glory of God. It seems to me that for God's child the will of God should be one of the sweetest things in all the earth. I remember years and years ago how I used to read in the book of Hebrews of the Lord. "I come to do Thy will, O God," and somehow that would get hold of my heart and that purpose that was in Jesus would cause me to want to say that too. There may be many struggles in our lives; there may be many difficulties which hold us back as we stride along more or less in the dark ere we come out into the full light of the Lord, but I believe deep down in the heart of every child of God is the determination to do God's will, and we ought to cut loose and tear away everything on the face of the earth that stands between us and the will of God. Oh, that it might become the consuming desire in our hearts as a Pentecostal people to glorify His name upon the earth. The angels can glorify it in heaven, but we have the privilege as redeemed saints of Jesus Christ which they do not have in heaven.

When I see a man trying to glorify the blessed Savior, lifting up Jesus, it puts within me the desire to fall down and crown Him Lord of all. It does me unspeakable good. I am not jealous of him. I would that ten thousand of you could do it ten thousand times better than I could, because He is worthy.

Another thing which is very closely related to this is the preaching of this glorious Gospel to the ends of the earth. When we think of what it means for a soul to be saved, to be translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the marvelous light of the liberty of the children of God; when we think of what it means for some one who is in the grip of sin and under the power of Satan to have those chains broken and be set free; when we think of what it means in heaven's sight to have some one who is a child of the Father made a child of God and have his name written in the Lamb's book of life, and that through the preaching of the Gospel, then beloved, this is no small purpose. I am glad we can speak of this experimentally. When we think of what it has done for us, of how it has turned our night into day, then it means something to us to have this Gospel preached to some other soul. There have been times in my life when it seemed things were all against me and life didn't seem worth the living, but I do thank God for the glorious way in which He comes to us in the blessed fulness of His Spirit, and that He changes our lives and makes it worth while for us

to live in this world, and now I am in no hurry to go away.

If God will permit us to stop a little while and talk a little more about Jesus, if He will permit us to co-operate and work together for the spreading of this Gospel until more souls are brought in from the uttermost parts of the earth, it will be worth while for us to stay here a little longer. And we are but endeavoring to carry out what we believe to be the fundamental commission that Jesus Christ, the Son of God with power and authority, gave unto His people, to preach the Gospel to every creature, both in the home and foreign lands. And if there ever was a time when we should bestir ourselves and realize that the time has come to do quickly what there is to be done, it is today. Six months ago places where our missionaries could preach Christ, are today devastated by war and ruin, and it is practically impossible to carry on missionary work. Take Palestine: our Christian Alliance brethren have missionaries there, and we have too, but just a few days ago I was informed they have already arranged with Thos. Cook & Sons to transport all their missionaries from Turkey and Palestine back to America. That means they recognize that door is practically closed; that the opportunity, so far as those countries are concerned, is gone. Beloved, it may be gone forever. It may be that the souls in Turkey who have not heard of our Christ will be so disturbed on the right hand and on the left by war and ruined countries that our missionaries will find it practically impossible to preach the Gospel to them. The last we heard from our missionaries in Egypt was just before the entrance of Turkey into the great war, and they said it was universally believed among the missionaries that if Turkey did enter into the war and Egypt became involved, that Egypt too would join the list of those where it would be impossible to carry on the work; that they would be in tremendous danger and great risk of losing their lives. Just within the last day or two I saw in the paper where the Russian Consul, the English Consul and the French Consul in leaving Palestine were compelled to sign an agreement before being permitted to leave, that for every Turk that was killed, three of their enemies should be killed also. Do you think there will be much opportunity of lifting up this blessed Christ under circumstances like that? Beloved, we know not how soon other doors will be closed. We know not how soon the war dogs will be turned loose on other lands and that it will be impossible for our missionaries to carry on a successful work for God. Hence, I repeat, if there ever was a time when we should bestir ourselves to carry this Gospel to open doors it is now. The Lord God in heaven help us to see the importance of this thing. It is not incidental, it is not a side issue. It is a fundamental with us to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the uttermost parts of the earth. We all understand and that what one cannot do alone, others co-operating, can do. It becomes therefore almost indispensable that we realize we have come to the kingdom for such an hour as this; that we put our hearts together, that we put our hands together, that we put our shoulders together; that we co-operate largely for the kingdom of our Christ to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and that we do it quickly.

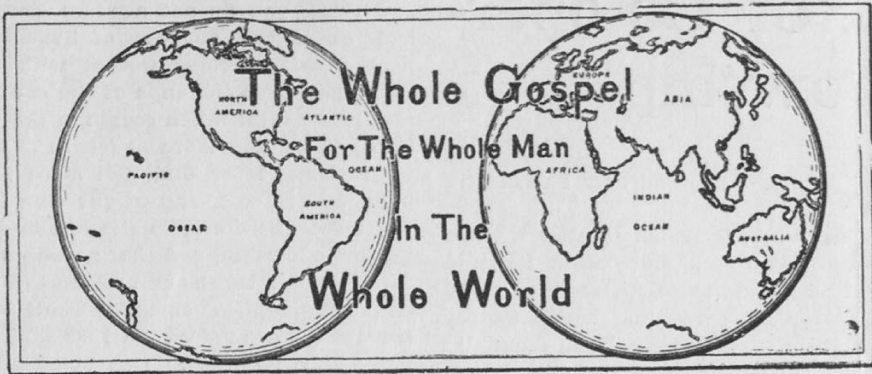
Incidentally we hope in a general way to further the spirit of co-operation among all God's people. Most of us are co-operating in some measure and sometimes we do not realize it. A pastor might come here and work and labor and toil, but if you don't stand with him with your means and your prayers and your co-operation he can do nothing. If our gathering together here doesn't prove a blessing to you instead of a hindrance, I will think we have been a mighty failure. Instead of interfering in any way that will hurt the local assemblies we want them to catch these common purposes in such a way for God that they can do twice as much at home as they have ever done before. It is quite generally realized by those who understand the principles of Christianity that the larger our purposes the more unselfish they are, that the farther off God gives us grace to go from home, the more we are worth at home. If any of you saints think you can do as much by

building a little fence around yourselves, and think you do not need to co-operate and catch the purpose of the Spirit to spread this glorious Gospel with all of God's people to the ends of the earth, you are the most mistaken people in the world. The greater and more unselfish the work we undertake for God, the more He can bless us at home, and in our own hearts. We trust, therefore, to strengthen all the ties of fellowship, and that as we go along the blessed relations of brother to brother and assembly to assembly shall become more and more united until we shall all by and by be able to join in one glad song of glory and praise to our common Master. We trust that God will so bind our hearts together in Him that we can do more than we ever could have done without this spirit of fellowship and co-operation.

Incidentally, we hope that any little difficulties and any little wrinkles that hinder God's blessed work and hurt the kingdom of our Lord, shall be removed by the spirit of co-operation and fellowship. I do not know that we are any more afflicted on this line than any other people of the Lord. I am not as old as some of you here, but I doubt if there is one here that can remember the day when there were not these difficulties that needed to be straightened out, by wise counsel and advice. "In the multitude of counselors there is safety," and we can be mutually helpful along these lines of service. We want to find out—and everybody hasn't found out yet—what God's Word says on any given topic, and whenever we find a babe in Christ who doesn't know what to do under certain circumstances, God's Word makes it plain that we are to lead him into the light.

We have a desire that we may grow closer together in what we say and teach. It may be that along this line some have more fears than any other. They say, "That is just what I was afraid of; that someone would make a creed and compel me to believe it." Well we settled that down in Hot Springs once and forever that we were not going to write any creed for anybody to be compelled to believe. You know that has been thoroughly tried in the history of the religious world. It is a failure to try to bring people into unity in that way. We do not believe it is God's will to make a creed and compel everybody to believe just that, but we do want to hold up the standard as it is in the Word until men see it for themselves and voluntarily fall in with us, and hasten that blessed day when we shall all be in the unity of the faith as well as in the unity of the Spirit. The apostle tells us that God gave the ministry of the apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints. You know there is a sense in which we can be perfect and complete in Christ, as God looks at us in Him and through Him, even though we need a great deal yet brought out in our soul. The apostle understood this and declared on the authority of God's Word by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, that His church was imperfect and that He had provided the means for the perfecting of His saints until they all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto the perfect man; that means the grown-up man. By the way let me say that in most of the places in the New Testament where the perfect man is spoken of, it means one of full growth, a spiritually grown up person; not a babe tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

We believe that as we get into God's perfect will, there will be more unity of the Spirit, more unity of faith, more brotherly love, and the glory and power of God will be let down upon His people as never before. There is something selfish about seeking personal blessing. I grant you the unsaved soul ought to be selfish enough to get saved, but the children of God filled with His blessed Spirit should be far more concerned for God's glory than for personal blessing. I used to be pastor in a watering place, St. Augustine, Florida, and I had to preach to some of the most unhappy people in the world. They were seeking happiness all the time and never found it. They would come from the ends of the earth seeking a place where they could rest, but like Noah's dove they found not enough to set the sole of their feet upon. It was always just a little bit ahead of them. On the other hand who of us has not seen some soul, who, forgetting his own troubles, and forgetting his own difficulties, has not found happiness in making some other soul happy. So if we co-operate in behalf of others, we believe we are working along the line that will bring the largest blessing to us individually.



There is great need for missionary funds at this time in many lands. Three or 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, 2838 Easton Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

THE WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Apostolic Faith Mission.

At the end of another year we look up with joy and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father and to Jesus our Savior for manifold blessings enjoyed by us all.

First we think of the work of the Lord, and though we realise that we might have accomplished more had we partaken more richly of the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus, we praise God for great advances.

We have occupied our present premises in the Central Tabernacle, Johannesburg, 12 months, and there are evidences on every hand of the blessed progress made during that time. New halls have been opened at Ferreirstown, Braamfontein, Booyens Reserve and Fordsburg. This is apart from the work that previously existed and continues today at Vrededorp, Doornfontein, Krugersdorp and Brakpan. Services are held on the streets and in these halls with blessed results. This is of course entirely apart from the many Native services that are held all along the Reef. The Central Tabernacle congregation is being maintained notwithstanding the drain caused by workers going to these additional Assemblies. God willing, work will shortly be opened at Germiston and Jeppes.

Meetings on the field.

On the one side, visits have been paid to various centres and blessing has resulted. Many of the beloved brethren on the outside have ministered with blessed results. Some have reported to us, others have been content that the facts are recorded in heaven. We praise God for the faithful workers on the outside. Beloved go on, strong in the strength which God supplies.

The Special meetings held from December 12 to 21 have been most richly blest. The brethren from the Pentecostal Mission joined with us in these meetings, and we had some real Hallelujah times. Nineteen were baptized in the Holy Ghost, a number saved and baptized in water, and we in Johannesburg have been greatly blest in meeting those of the country brethren who were able to attend.

The Tabernacle Packed.

On Sunday morning, the 20th, the old Tabernacle was packed and we had to put many of the little ones forward on and in front of the platform to give seating room for others. Bless God! Testimonies rang out to the glory of Jesus and all were blest by the Bible teaching given daily by Brother Burton whom God has richly endowed with a knowledge of His Word. The lessons taken were the 6 foundation doctrines and going on to perfection. Heb 6:1, 2. Bro. Burton has come to Africa with the call to the natives strong on his heart. Pray that his guidance may be sure and his way prosperous.

During one evening service the Lord led us into the Mission field. The following figures quoted by Bro. Burton caused us to realise more fully the scope of the command of the Lord Jesus—"Go ye into all the world, and make disciples of all nations." There are in the world, he said, nine million faithful Jews, eighty-five million in the Greek Church, 148 million Protestants, 187 million Mohammedans, 195 million Roman Catholics, 200 million Brahmans and 895 Heathen. Total 1676 million. How many are overcomers beloved? Shall we not rise to our responsibilities and witness for the Savior of the world and coming KING. At the close of the service many came forward in full consecration to go whithersoever the Lord may lead.

A Sister Erasmus from Potchefstroom received a most blessed healing. For nine years she has suffered being a chronic rheumatic cripple not able to take solid

food or get about. God healed her so that she was immediately able to walk a distance of about a mile, to and from the services. Her appetite is excellent and she takes good strong food. Praise God! Pray for a Sister Hartsliel needing healing from paralysis.

Co-operation in South Africa.

Meetings have been held of delegates from the different Pentecostal bodies in order to greater co-operation in the work of the Lord. The results are glorious. At the last meeting it was decided that we shall continue under the separate heads for the present, but shall heartily affiliate with one another and work hand in hand for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men and women.

This agreement was arrived at between ourselves, the Pentecostal Mission and the Tabernacle Pentecostal Assembly. It was decided that a committee be appointed consisting of 4, 3, and 2 representatives respectively. Nine in all. They have only advisory powers, and will meet periodically and recommend dates for United Conventions and consider ways and means of overcoming and avoiding friction in any and every centre. Bless God for this!

It is a matter for sincere regret that we cannot fellowship in this way with the Apostolic Faith Church under Pastor Brooke. The reason is that there are three points of their teaching to which the rest of us unanimously take exception.

(1) The appointment of Pastor Hutchinson of Bournemouth, England as first Apostle.

(2) Government by the gifts or spoken word. (Tongues and interpretation and prophecy.)

(3) The rapid repetition of the word "blood" erroneously called "pleading the blood."

We all realise that the acceptance or toleration of such teaching would result in confusion and cause many to stumble. The way is open for Bro. Brooke and every true child of God associated with him to come into the closest fellowship with us if these points are conceded. May God bless Bro. Brooke whose sincerity we do not doubt, with the realization of the truth and justice of our claim.

Let us Return Thanks.

Let us return thanks to God for blessing us with such bountiful rains and for the practical restoration of peace within our borders. Truly our Father is gracious and merciful. Many of us have been troubled and perhaps somewhat involved in the troubles of these times. Beloved these things ought not to be. Let us unitedly refuse to be involved, even in Spirit, and obey the behest of our Master who said, "Let not your hearts be troubled" and look for the fulfilment of the promise "I will come again and receive you unto myself."

We render all obedience to those in authority consistent with obedience to our Master. We are citizens of the Heavenly Jerusalem Heb. 11:16. Our inheritance is in Heaven 1 Pet. 1:4. Our conversation is in Heaven from whence we look for the Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Phil. 3:20. We are commanded to know that in Christ we are dead unto the world to self and to sin and alive unto God. Rom. 6:6. Blessed saving knowledge! Let us be Spiritually minded so shall we enjoy life and peace.

We commend you to our Father and to Jesus our mighty Redeemer. May the New Year see each one going forth simply and bravely to glorify Jesus. Yours in Jesus, —W. F. Dugmore, Secretary.

FURTHER NEWS FROM MISS GERBER.

Miss Maris Gerber who is now in this country, working in the interest of her orphans in Turkey, writes as follows:—

The dear readers of the Christian Evangel have read a few articles concerning this needy work and I desire to give the latest news at hand concerning the work.

I have received this week three letters from Turkey telling me that our dear orphans and workers who remained in the Home are all alive and have had enough to

eat up to the present time. The money forwarded to them has reached them safely, and they are deeply thankful to the Heavenly Father. They also write that there is a spirit of prayer upon the workers as upon the dear orphans, for the dear people who are helping them and for myself in this country.

Political news they cannot give. They say the conditions are very dark in Turkey. Dear ones, let us pray on and expect God's supernatural help and He will give us the desire of our hearts. Praise His precious name!

In my journeying for the work I have also many reasons for which to praise my God. There is one matter especially which I wish to impress upon everyone that comes in contact with these lines. It was the leading of God, after much prayer, when the work first started in Turkey to organize in the way which I have already mentioned in a previous issue of this paper,—for every person that would undertake to send us the sum of forty dollars a year, with which sum a child can be supported, we would take such poor child from the street into our home. With forty dollars we are able to give a child shelter, food, clothing, schooling and training, fitting them to become teachers or preachers. Over two hundred children had supporters among European friends. Many churches, missionary societies, young people's societies, Sunday-schools, families and a number of dear single young men and young women sent us their addresses and pledged the forty dollars yearly until such time as the child should become self-supporting. If for any reason some would rather undertake for two or three years, it will also be gladly accepted. These supporters earnestly prayed for the children and the dear children would pray very earnestly for their supporters in the far off lands, and thus it was a blessed working together for our Master. As a result of the continuous prayer connected with this work, we were graciously given many revivals during the time I was in Turkey.

As I said before, almost all of our support from Europe has been stopped through this sad war now going on, and we know

not how long it may continue. Now I want the dear friends to take this matter before God very earnestly in prayer and ask Him to give me new supporters for those poor orphan children. The number is daily increasing rapidly through this war. I am praying for three hundred persons who will adopt a child—that is, become responsible for such child's support in our orphanage and hold such child up in prayer so that when I return to Turkey, which will be as soon as the war permits, I may fill our two large buildings, in which we have room for three hundred orphans. Any person desiring to undertake this work in the Dear Master's name, may forward their address to me as follows:

Miss Maria A. Gerber, Care of Rev. D. W. Kerr, 6403 Linwood Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

This money may be sent quarterly, semi-annually, or in sums most convenient to the giver. While I am in America this money may be sent to me at the above address. When I shall return to Turkey, please send all money for my work to Rev. Kerr, designating the purpose for which it is sent, and Brother Kerr will forward the same to me.

Three hundred children looks like a very large family, but it will be like one drop in the ocean when compared with the great need that will be on every hand after the war shall have ceased. However, let us do at least this much and keep at least this number from starvation.

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