

"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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GOOD DOTHAN CAMP

The camp at Dothan, Ala. just closed, is the regular State Camp, and this is, I think, the third year it has been held. In former camps, Bro M. M. Pinson and Brother L. C. Hall have helped to the edification of the people.

This year the weather was bad from Monday till Friday, and it looked for a while as though we would be rained out. The camp started \$50 in debt and things looked dark for awhile, but God undertook for us.

Jesus was magnified as seen by Isaiah in Isa. 9:6. As He was exalted the power began to come down. The last three days were glorious, the spiritual tide rising higher and higher, until they were shouting and dancing in the Spirit. On Sunday night the power fell on a young girl and she went to the organ, playing and singing in the Spirit.

Attendance Good.

It was said forty to fifty preachers were in attendance. They fed 168 at the camp table for campers, and others camped in houses and cooked their own meals. The camp committee (Noles, Graham and Hardwick) thought they had nearly 200 campers, the best attendance at any camp, they thought. Some came from 500 miles away, and from five or six states.

Testimonies to Healing.

There was a big healing service on the last Sunday afternoon. The power fell on many as they were prayed for. They danced, shouted and praised God. Next year will be the best time to count the number of healings that have stood the test for a year.

The testimonies in the preliminary part of the service were marvelous. Perhaps thirty or forty testified, and many more who were healed and were present had no time to testify. Rupture, acute rheumatism, long standing cases of malaria and chills, cancers and various other diseases had been instantly healed, had stood the test of staying healed, and the people, seeing the ones before them who had been marvellously healed, could not say anything against it.

Two Cases of Pellagra Healed.

Among those healed a year or more ago and who are still healed, were two cases of the dreaded disease of Pellagra. One of these had a letter from her former doctor when she moved to Dothan, giving advice for future treatment of the case, in which he said, "It being already all over the trunk of the body there is no hopes for a cure." But Jesus cured her.

Another was present and testified to her healing of this awful disease, which in reality is only a form of leprosy. A third case, encouraged by the healing of these two, came forward to be healed and was prayed for. I hope the next camp will find him healed along with the two already healed. Praise God.

Unity and Spirit Fine.

God was present in saving, healing and baptizing power, but the number the writer never heard. The debt was met and a good offering given the visiting preacher, despite the very short crop in cotton due to damage by boll weevils.

The camp committee pronounced the camp the best they had ever had in three respects:—best in spiritual power, glory and victory, best in attendance and best in the sweet unity among all the preachers. The preachers did not go around grumbling about anything. All was unity and peace. Some who came with fears of division were happily disappointed. The writer was glad to meet this fine body of young preachers in the Southeast who give promise of greater things for God, was glad to minister the Word to them, and to find them appreciative and loyal to the Word of the living God. God bless every one of them. Received three invitations to hold other meetings but had to turn them down for the present.

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BRO. BELL ON THE TRINITY

The One God manifested in Three Persons
taught in the Word, The Son especially
being exalted in this Age.

What I am about to say is not the final word to be said on this great subject of the Godhead. I have never yet seen the person who has made it clear how we have only ONE GOD, as we all agree, and yet THREE PERSONS in this one God, but we are to believe what God reveals in His Word as true and not merely what our finite minds can understand.

Father, Son and Spirit.

The Word clearly sets forth that God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. Also the Spirit of God was brooding over the face of the deep on the morning of creation (Gen. 1:2); He strove with sinners in Noah's days (Gen. 6:3); He was upon Moses, the seventy elders and all the prophets, also with John the Baptist, and came upon Jesus in the Jordan (Lu. 3:21, 22). So then nothing is clearer than there are God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. This is plain as to persons. Three in one.

Offices Distinct.

Each has His own office work to perform. In the dispensations before Christ was on earth, God dealt with the world. He was supreme in office. The Spirit was subject to Him. God sent His Spirit to strive with the people before the flood. He took of His Spirit that was upon Moses and put Him upon the seventy Elders. He moved the prophets by the Holy Ghost to speak His messages to men. The Father also sanctified and sent the Son into the world.

But it was Christ that was the Prophet that all must obey or be destroyed (Acts 3:22-26); it was Christ that died for our sins and was raised for our justification. He was our Prophet. He is our High Priest and will soon be our King on the throne of David. He glorified the Father.

The Holy Ghost has come to reveal Jesus to us and to make known to us the things of heaven. Much more too numerous to mention. Jesus said, "In that day (when we are baptized with the Holy Ghost) ye shall know that I am in my Father and ye in Me, and I in you," John 14:20. In the same connection (v. 20) He said He

and the Father would make their abode with us. It is clear that all this is to be done in us through the baptism with the Holy Ghost. But Jesus is the baptizer with the Spirit and the only one in the universe who does now baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Christ Now Supreme.

The Father has placed Christ upon the throne to rule as supreme during this age and the age to come. The Holy Ghost is not now in authority, as many wrongly suppose. After His resurrection Jesus declared He had received all power or all authority in Heaven and on earth. He must reign till the last enemy, death, is destroyed. The Father now judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son. God now wants all men to honor the Son as they have honored the Father before.

The Holy Ghost is bestowed in the baptism by Christ. Jesus said, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you," John 16:7. So Jesus sends the Holy Ghost. He has received this of the Father and sheds Him forth. God is doing nothing in these days except through the Son Jesus Christ; and the Holy Ghost comes only to exalt and glorify the Lamb slain for our sins. So Christ is in supreme command or in supreme authority now and will be during the age to come, the Millennium.

Trinity Incarnate in Jesus.

"God is a Spirit," said Jesus, John 4:24. The Holy Ghost is a Spirit, as all know. Neither, apart from Christ, has any human glorified body. But of Jesus it is said, "But a body hast thou prepared for me," Heb. 10:5. This human, yet glorified body, as a representative of all the redeemed, is now in Heaven on the throne. Oh, Glory to God!

Paul says, "In Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead **bodily**, Col. 2:9. Many overlook this little word "**Bodily**" and the passage means to all no more than if it were not put in there by the Holy Ghost. God wants us, however, to know He means something by every word He has put in the Book, and for us to leave it all there just as He put it. Let us not cut it out or deny it because we

do not understand it; but leave it in and pray until we do understand it.

Now since seeing this truth that the whole Godhead dwells in Jesus Christ **bodily**, I have found that Scofield's Bible has a heading for chapter two of Colossians thus:

"The Godhead Incarnated in Christ, in whom the Believer is Complete."

So many are seeing this wonderful truth concerning the exaltation of Christ in this age, and He wants us all to see it, rejoice in it, and be blessed by it. It is not said it has always been thus, nor that it always will be thus. We leave that with God who knoweth all things. But since Jesus has taken on a body and it is in Heaven, glorified, the Word declares for this age, at least, the whole Godhead dwells in Jesus Christ **BODILY**. This is not saying that Jesus is the Godhead, by any means. Let us not draw that false conclusion. The Word of God, as it is, gives to Christ all the honor He desires. Amen!

Finally God All in All.

But after Jesus has completed the commission to subjugate everything unto Himself, after every knee has bowed to Him as supreme Lord in Heaven, on earth and under the earth; after the last enemy, death, is conquered for every saint, after their bodies have been raised in triumph over Satan, who brought on death through sin, after the reign of 1000 years, after the great White Throne Judgment "then shall the Son also Himself be subjected unto Him (God) that did subject all things unto Him (the Son) that God may be all in all," 1 Cor. 15:28. So we join in with the Apostle in saying "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."—E. N. Bell.

SOME TEXAS NOTES.

Bro. I. H. Hall and wife, Evangelists, send an account of God's dealings with them during the past few months, in the following words:

Last March and April we pitched a tent in North Austin, Texas called Cedar Springs. It was early for the tent, as the stormy season was on, but, through it all, the meeting became interesting and finally some began to seek salvation. Ten or twelve were touched up in soul and some saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Bodies were healed. A number were baptized.

We then went fifty miles south to hold meetings but the rainy season was against us. We held meetings at Dale, Texas, and Union Grove. Some good seed was sown which we hope later will spring up and give a hundred fold increase. We then came to Lockhart, Tex. and pitched our tent. At first the people stood outside but when they found we were preaching just the good old-fashioned Gospel they came inside. After a few weeks we began to gain the confidence of many. They came to our house, some for healing, some to inquire the way of salvation.

There were some remarkable healings. One man 82 years old had been in bed for several months and we went to his home and prayed for him. He arose and walked and in a few days came to the tent and testified to his healing. A lady 72 years old was healed of heart and spinal trouble, and her soul saved. She came to the tent afterward, and also went around to the neighbors and prayed for others. A colored woman was healed in her feet in answer to prayer. Had not been able to work but now she washes six days in the week. The laundry man's wife had not walked for twelve days and had an abscess on the bone of her foot. The Doctors wanted to split it open. When hands were laid on and prayer offered, it was healed instantly of all pain and soreness and she got up and walked and afterward shouted and praised God. Glory to our God who is the healer of His people! He can stop the surgical knife if we will let Him. One aged Methodist woman said she had not had a blessing for years but when she saw bodies healed she had to shout "Glory."

When we felt our time up there we came back to Austin and began meetings at Hyde Park, expecting to hold on until many souls are delivered from sin and disease.

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THE TWO FOLD VISION.

"Wherefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the Glory of God," Rom. 5:1-2.

Here are two views of truth to encourage us and help in establishing our hearts before God. There is first a retrospective view, or looking into the past, in which we see ourselves as having been guilty before God along with all others. Our lesson is in Romans. Previous to this Paul has established for the Romans the following facts: First, all the world guilty before God, whether Jew or Gentile, whether of one class morally, or of another—all included under sin that God might have mercy upon all; and second, justification by faith in Christ crucified, the only effective remedy for sins.

After showing that justification is apart from ordinances, and not by the law, illustrating this truth by citing Abraham and his experience of justification, Paul comes to the "therefore" in the matter and asserts that being now justified by faith we have peace with God. This plainly implies that sins are purged and our guilt removed, that now we are reconciled to God and the past has been settled forever. So we sing sometimes "The Old Account was Settled Long ago."

How it warms our hearts to realize that when we reached the place where faith was given us to appropriate Christ as our Savior and Redeemer and we accepted Him, God at once set aside our sins and accepted us, and the Word says we are justified; which means practically that we were accepted as though we had not sinned. We love to refer to this blessed truth from time to time and rejoice in it, for by grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast.

When this is real in our lives then we may turn to the other view which is prospective and looks into the future rather than into the past; but not until the past has been dealt with and settled satisfactorily to God can we see clearly into the future. But now, thank God, being justified as to the past we have access BY

FAITH and—not apart from it—into this grace or favor of God wherein we stand. Yes, stand. Thank God! There is a blessed place of establishment where, standing in the grace of God, we look out into the glorious prospect before us and rejoice. That is to say, be happy, be glad, be free, be hopeful, be earnest, be pure, be expectant, for the glory of God awaits us, and shall even be revealed in us, Praise God's precious name. "For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us," Rom. 8:18. Thank God, the past is settled for many of us in the precious love of Jesus, and having been baptized with the Holy Ghost in the order of God's glorious plan for His people, we are looking into the future with hearts all aflame and with glorious expectation of great and mighty things to come.

We are especially pleased to note the article in this issue upon the Godhead by our brother Bell, formerly Editor-in-chief, and now Contributing Editor of the Weekly Evangel. We might speculate much about the mysteries of the three-fold personality of the one God with little or no profit, but it is surely better to simply believe what the Word tells us about God, and accept what we know Him to be through acquaintance with Him, without too much effort to see God in comparison where no correct comparison can be made. God is a Spirit, (Jno. 4:24) and because of this fact concerning Him there is a vast difference between God and any natural or physical being, and the manifold manifestations in which we see God, who is not only seen in three distinct personalities, but who is known in a hundred-fold greater and more wonderful ways than even that are due to the fact that He is God, a spirit. Why God is everywhere at the same time, and not only so, but manifests Himself as a distinct presence to thousands of His praying, worshipping people at the same time. And every one of them realize that he is giving them special attention. We all believe that and rejoice in it, and how blessed it is. God even goes beyond that, for not even a sparrow falls to the ground without His notice, and the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Glory to God forever! Why should we be confused by the Trinity or the thought that God is one God and yet three in one. The whole matter lies in the very nature of the case, and these things are true of God simply because He is God, and because as God He is infinite or limitless, without bounds as to when, where and how He shall manifest Himself. Let us not try to mark His boundaries nor prescribe His greatness. Let us worship Him in the beauty of holiness, let us be true to our vows of consecration, and let us wait for a fulness of understanding, until we shall know even as we are known.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Bro. R. L. Blankenship of Saratoga, Tex., desires special prayer for his wife that she may be delivered from typhoid and malarial fever.

Pray for a sister who is afflicted with several diseases and has a continual pain in her head, sometimes so severe she cannot think or pray right. Suffers from trouble in stomach and throat. Pray God to deliver her from a man-fearing spirit, to save an unsaved husband, to heal a relative, a little girl suffering from weak eyes, throat and stomach, and to save her. We trust God will grant all our sister's desires.

GOOD DOTHAN CAMP.

(Continued from page 1.)

Interest in the Papers.

The camp gave us quite a list of subscriptions, and some twenty preachers promised to raise between now and Christmas \$10.00 worth of subscriptions each, and one will try for \$50. This is a labor of love on their part with no pay, only for the work's sake and the glory of God, and we ask all our readers to respond nobly when the preachers mention this matter. God bless all Alabama and all her dear saints.—E. N. Bell.

CALHOUN, OKLA.

God worked in a wonderful way in our meeting at Calhoun and the people who never go to church in years were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. 42 have been baptized in the Holy Ghost. God is wonderfully blessing now.—Willie Jones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

November, 14, 1915.

DANIEL IN THE KING'S COURT. (Temperance Lesson.)

Lesson Text—Dan. 1:8-16, 19, 20.

Golden Text—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 1 Cor. 16:13.

Leading Thought—Standing by one's convictions.

1. The noble purpose, vs. 8-10. "Daniel purposed in his heart." (v. 8)—there is the secret of all his future power and success. A young man probably from fourteen to sixteen years of age, he made his life choice. In this he was joined by his three comrades, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. All were youths of noble parentage who were carried captive in the first deportation of Judah. And there were doubtless many more such young men but, unlike these first, they failed in firm resolve which eventually brought favor and promotion to the four faithful ones. "In his heart" that is the place for every true purpose to begin. Lip purposes do not always stand the test. Lu. 16:15. The king, Nebuchadnezzar, had already heathenized their hearts or lives. This was the crux of Daniel's purpose—he would keep himself pure from defilement. What a lesson to us today, literally and spiritually, when conditions are so sadly mixed between God's people and the world? I am convinced that herein lies one reason for so many of our Pentecostal young people (and some old ones too) going back from God. Too many bridges are left behind; too much accepting of the world's dainty meat and drink. One chief requisite of true and undefiled religion is to keep oneself "unspotted from the world." Jas. 1:27; Jude 23. Not the meat alone but all that went with such oriental banquettings was to be shunned—the revelling and idolatry. To "abstain from all appearance of evil" is Paul's injunction. 1 Thess. 5:22. But with all Daniel's firmness of purpose note the gentle courtesy of his manner in dealing with this heathen officer. "He requested"—no condemning, no judging of the rest! Daniel gently but firmly carried out his conviction the not in such a manner as to antagonize or affect religious superiority over the official. "Daniel's will was iron, but his manner velvet." The very strength that causes us to hold to our own convictions tenaciously should be tempered with the beauty and tenderness which was so evident in our blessed Lord Jesus. "Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary." Psa. 96:6. We all need more of Daniel's courtesy. No wonder God brought him into favor and tender love with the prince. v. 9; Prov. 16:7.

2. The test, vs. 11-15. "Prove thy servants"—such a strength of purpose never fears the test. But Daniel was depending on more than his own strong purpose, and here is where many fail. He was depending on the strong One who had given him the purpose with such a test they needed a mighty God to carry them thru, but the young Daniel knew how to trust. Daniel had no boastful spirit as to the outcome; rather, a spirit of submission and reasonableness with likewise a quiet confidence in Jehovah's faithfulness, v. 13. "Ten days"—a full measure of responsibility, v. 14. Read v. 15 with a real shout

of triumph in Daniel's God—and our God. Then commit the verse to memory. Was it not a glorious victory of faith? "Fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." Verily "he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:39. There is something more than the bread that perisheth John 6:27. Moses esteemed 'the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt.' Heb. 11:16. Mark the reason why. Read prayerfully Deut. 8:3; John 4:32, 34; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 10:3; Heb. 12:16.

3. The Promotion, vs. 16-20. And now they were entirely freed from even the temptation, and were granted that food most conducive to high thinking—v. 16. They were granted an audience with the king who immediately recognized their superior ability. It was but a verification of God's time-honored principle, "Them that honor me, I will honor." 'God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.' v. 17. Unto Daniel was a special ministration given—"understanding in all visions and dreams." It was for a particular purpose—bringing enlightenment then to the king, as well as to us who are centuries removed, and to whom this book of Daniel is daily becoming more full of import and inspiration. Ch. 12:8-13. Read carefully the whole and surely you will praise God afresh for Daniel who would

"Dare to stand alone
Dare to have a purpose true
Dare to make it known."
—ALICE R. FLOWER.

WORD FROM RICARDO, TEXAS.

"Since I last saw you in St. Louis I have been very busy here in the Mexican work. The work here started last Spring and has been blessed of God so that now we have 23 Spirit-baptized Mexicans here. There are also some believers at Kingsville. God has called five from this little band to carry the good news on to others. They are studying the Word of God, praying and getting on the Christian armour. God has given many visions, healings, revelations among them. We desire to hold a Camp-meeting at Kingsville as soon as we get a tent large enough for the Assembly. May the Lord put it on the hearts of people to help us get a tent. The one we have is too small. We have a small press to print tracts and a paper, but do not have enough type to go ahead with the work. What will you do toward sending this Gospel both by word and press to Mexico's millions? We have had several ask for meetings in their towns but have not yet been able to reach them. God is wonderfully working among them and has set His seal upon our work.—H. C. Ball.

Editorial Note: We believe this is a worthy work, and shall be glad to forward any sums of money which may be sent to us for this purpose. When sending offerings be sure to say this is for the "Mexican Work."—Ed.

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- Present Day Conditions, 6 pages, 5 cts. per doz. 25 cts per 100.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO PREACHERS

There was a change made by the Council when in session at St. Louis, in the Credential Committee and the plan of issuing credentials to Preachers. Brother J. R. Flower, Secretary of the Council, is now Secretary of the Credential Committee, and will receive applications and issue credentials instead of Brother H. A. Goss of Hot Springs, Ark., who has heretofore handled this work.

We are ready to publish the minutes of the General Council at St. Louis, Mo., and the time has come to revise and complete the list of ordained Elders, Ministers, Evangelists and Missionaries. There is a lack of correct information on our records concerning the ordination of many who are on the list. To have and keep a correct list which we can submit to the Railroad Bureau so that our ministers can get rates, we must have this information. Please write us at once and let us know whether you were ordained as an Elder, Evangelist, Minister or Missionary, the date and place of your ordination, date your Certificate was issued, whether you are now engaged as a pastor or evangelist, and your permanent address where mail can always reach you.

This information is quite important. Be careful to not miss sending this information at once if you desire your name and address to appear in the General Council Minutes which will be presented to the Clergy Bureau for 1916.

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The Daily Lives of the Early Christians

Remarkable Glimpses of Christian Conduct and Practices as Described by Writers of the First and Second Centuries.

(Continued from Last Week.)

(Compiled by Wm. G. Schell.)

Athanasius, in the year 177, said, "Among us you will find uneducated persons and artisans, and old women, who, if they are unable in words to prove the benefit of our doctrine, yet by their deeds exhibit the benefit arising from their persuasion of its truth: they do not rehearse speeches, but exhibit good works; when struck they do not strike again; when robbed, they do not go to law; they give to those that ask of them, and love their neighbors as themselves."—A plea for the Christians Ch. 2.

Clement of Alexandria, in about the year 194, said, "Holding festival, then, in our whole life, persuaded that God is altogether on every side present, we cultivate our fields, praising; we sail the sea, hymning; in all the rest of our conversation we conduct ourselves according to rule."—Stromata 7:7.

Again Clement, speaking of the Christian, said, "His whole life is a holy festival. His sacrifices are prayers, and praises, and readings in the Scriptures before meals, and psalms and hymns during meals and before bed, and prayers also again during the night. By these he unites himself to the divine choir, from continual recollection, engaged in contemplation which has everlasting remembrance."—Strom. 7:7.

Again Clement said, "The Gnostic alone testifies to the truth in deed and word. For he always does rightly in all things, both in word and action, and in thought."—Strom. 7:9.

Tertullian, in about the year 198, said "We are a body knit together as such by a common religious profession, by unity of discipline, and by the bond of a common hope. We meet together as an assembly and congregation, that, offering up prayer to God as with united force, we may wrestle with Him in our supplications. This violence God delights in. We pray, too, for the emperors, for their ministers and for all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the prevalence of peace, for the delay of the final consummation. We assemble to read our sacred writings, if any peculiarity of the times makes either forewarning or reminiscence needful. However it be in that respect, with the sacred words we nourish our faith, we animate our hope, we make our confidence more steadfast; and no less by inculcations of God's precepts we confirm good habits. In the same place also exhortations are made, rebukes and sacred censures are administered. For with a great gravity is the work of judging carried on among us, as befits those who feel assured that they are in the sight of God; and you have the most notable example of judgment to come when any one has sinned so grievously as to require his severance from us in prayer, in the congregation and in all sacred intercourse. The tried men of our elders preside over us, obtaining that honor not by purchase, but by established character.

There is no buying and selling of any sort in the things of God. Though we have our treasure chest, it is not made up of purchase-money, as of a religion that has its price. On the monthly day, if he likes, each puts in a small donation; but only if it be his pleasure, and only if he be able; for there is no compulsion; all is voluntary. These gifts are as it were piety's deposit fund. For they are not taken thence and spent on feasts, and drink-bouts, and eating-houses, but to support and bury poor people, to supply the wants of boys, and girls destitute of means and parents, and of old persons confined now to the house; such, too, as have suffered shipwreck; and if there happen to be any in the mines, or banished to the islands, or shut up in the prisons, for nothing but their fidelity to the cause of God's Church, they become the nurslings of their confession. But it is mainly the

deeds of a love so noble that lead many to put a brand upon us. See, they say, how they love one another, for themselves are animated by mutual hatred; how they are ready even to die for one another, for they themselves will sooner put to death. And they are wroth with us, too, because we call each other brethren; for no other reason, as I think, than because among themselves names of consanguinity are assumed in mere pretense of affection. But we are your brethren as well, by the law of our common mother nature, though you are hardly men, because brothers so unkind. At the same time, how much more fittingly they are called and counted brothers who have been led to the knowledge of God as their common Father, who have drunk in one spirit of holiness, who from the same womb of a common ignorance have agonized into the same light of truth! But on this very account, perhaps, we are regarded as having less claim to be held true brothers, that no tragedy makes a noise about our brotherhood, or that the family possessions, which generally destroy brotherhood among you, create fraternal bonds among us. One in mind and soul, we do not hesitate to share our earthly goods with one another. All things are common among us but our wives."—Apology 39.

Minucius Felix, in about the year 210, said, "We maintain our modesty not in appearance, but in our heart we gladly abide by the bond of a single marriage; in the desire of procreating, we know either one wife, or none at all. We practice sharing in banquets, which are not only modest, but also sober; for we do not indulge in entertainments nor prolong our feasts with wine; but we temper our joyousness with gravity, with chaste discourse, and with body even more chaste (divers of us unviolated) enjoy rather than make a boast of a perpetual virginity of a body. So far, in fact, are they from indulging in incestuous desire, that with some even the idea of a modest intercourse of the sexes causes a blush. Neither do we at once stand on the level of the lowest of the people, if we refuse honors and purple robes; and we are not fastidious, if we all have a discernment of one good, but are assembled together with the same quietness with which we live as individuals; and we are not garrulous in corners, although you either blush or are afraid to hear us in public. And that day by day the number of us is increased, is not a ground for a charge of error, but is a testimony which claims praise, for, in a fair mode of life, our actual number both continues and abides undiminished, and strangers increase it. Thus, in short, we do not distinguish our people by some small bodily mark, as you suppose, but easily enough by the sign of innocency and modesty. Thus we love one another, to your regret, with a mutual love, because we do not know how to hate. Thus we call one another, to your envy, brethren, as being men born of one God and Parent, and companions in faith, and as fellow-heirs in hope."—Octavius 31.

Again Minucius Felix said, "I hear the common people, when they lift their hands to heaven, say nothing else but 'Oh God,' and 'God is great,' and 'God is true,' and 'If God shall permit.'"—Octavius 18.

Philo Judaeus, a Jew of Alexandria, who lived in the first century, speaking of the Christians, said, "They always retain an imperishable recollection of God, so that not even in their dreams is any other object ever presented to their eyes except the beauty of the divine virtues and of the divine powers. Therefore many persons speak in their sleep, divulging and publishing the celebrated doctrines of the sacred philosophy. And they are accustomed to pray twice every day, at morning and at evening; when the sun is rising entreating God that the happiness of the coming day may be real happiness, so that their minds may be filled with heavenly light, and when the sun is setting they

pray that their soul, being entirely lightened and relieved of the burden of the outward senses, and of the appropriate object of these outward senses, may be able to trace out truth existing in its own consistency and council chamber."—On a contemplative life.

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Oct. 4th Bro. C. C. Kirkland, Gen. Del., Thrall, Texas, wrote that they had just closed a several weeks meeting at THORNDALE, TEXAS, where the seed was sown among some who are hungry for God but who have no public place for services. Two services were held on the street, with good interest. Pray for this Brother and his family that God will use them.

Oct. 4th, Sister Rose Thomas wrote from BISBEE, ARIZ., that they were engaged in mission work there and the Lord was blessing with conviction and conversion of souls, and that believers who had been on the way thirty years were seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. She asked prayer that a mighty wave of salvation might sweep over that place.

Oct. 7th Bro. J. E. Chamless and wife reported blessing from God in their nineteen days meeting at QUALLS, OKLA. Twenty were converted, twelve baptized in water and more expecting to be. This is a new field and this is the first time the old-time Gospel has been preached with the exception of a few meetings about a year previously. On the Sunday night previous to his report four received the Holy Ghost, and many others are seeking. Let us pray for this work.

Oct. 10th Bro. B. C. Condon wrote from HASKELL, TEXAS, that the Lord was blessing there and five had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and eight had been baptized in water. The Lord gave victory and sweet unity. Bro. W. L. Lambert brought the light to them and was still with them and they were expecting great things from God. He also asks prayer.

We are gratified indeed with these reports from the field and are standing with all the dear laborers in their trials and in their successes, praying that God may provide means and in every way honor our efforts to push the glorious message to the ends of the earth TILL HE COMES.—The Editor.

THE THAYER CONVENTION.

We have in hand a report of the Convention recently held in Thayer, Mo., over the signature of our Bro. W. V. Kneisley who is Pastor. He reports blessed victory in the Convention, although several things developed to hinder. We are glad to get this good report of the Thayer Convention, from which we learn that several were brought through to God for salvation, some for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and some blessedly healed. Commenting upon this Convention Pastor Kneisley says it was considered by some their very best Convention. We thank you for the report, Bro. Kneisley, and are with you for great things in So. Missouri.

GOOD WORK IN MARYLAND.

News comes from SHAFT, MARYLAND, through Elder A. B. Cox, that God is greatly blessing in that place, and has given 100 conversions and seventy-five baptisms. They are at present meeting in a dwelling house which accommodates only about 150 and of course cannot shelter the many who come. They expect to build a large 30 x 55 church and by this time no doubt have commenced the foundation.

About sixty have been baptized in water and more expect to be. Pray for Bro. Cox and his wife.

NOTICE.

We would like to correspond with some Assembly of God having enough children to maintain a few months school this winter and Spring. Have had several years experience in teaching. My wife also has taught some and will help. We are consecrated to give all our time to the work of the Lord. We prefer a place where there is need of a Pastor or Assistant Pastor where we can have employment all the time, day and night.

Let the assemblies everywhere that are interested in a separate school for their own children, and desire a Pastor or Gospel worker write. We can give good references.—W. M. Red, Union, Miss.

NOW AND THEN.

Now the sowing and the weeping,
Working hard and waiting long;
Afterward, the golden reaping,
Harvest home and grateful song.

Now the pruning, sharp, unsparing;
Scattered blossom, bleeding shot;
Afterward, the plenteous bearing
Of the Master's pleasant fruit.

Now the plunge, the briny burden,
Blind, faint gropings in the sea;
Afterward the pearly guerdon
That shall make the diver free.

Now the long and toilsome duty
Stone by stone to carve and bring;
Afterward, the perfect beauty
Of the palace of the king.

Now, the tuning and the tension,
Wailing minors, discord strong;
Afterward, the grand ascension
Of the Alleluia song.

Now the spirit conflict-riven,
Wounded heart, unequal strife;
Afterward, the triumph given,
And the victor's crown of life.

Now the training, strange and lowly,
Unexplained and tedious now;
Afterward the service holy
And the Master's 'Enter thou!'
—Havergal.

DELAYED REPORTS.

Through lack of space we find we have on hand several reports which were received the latter part of September and the first of October, which it has been impossible to get into print before this time. We will give briefly the news as follows:—

Sept. 22nd, Bro. J. W. Hudson gave account of the work at LAVACA, ARK, saying God had blessed the Word which was given in power through Bro. McEntire of Van Buren, Ark. Bro. Crossno of Aetna, Ark. and Will Brock, the evangelist had just closed a meeting, but there seemed to be difficulty in getting sinners to yield. He asked prayer that God would move upon the hearts of sinners.

Sept. 23rd word came from Bro. Ira D. S. Lee, sent from SAN ANTONIO, TEX., that he had been there since February, preaching and that the work was progressing well. They had a tent for meetings and were working among the soldiers with good interest. Bro. Lee would like to pastor an Assembly this coming winter and would like to have anyone interested address him at 2710 West Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas. Get in touch with him.

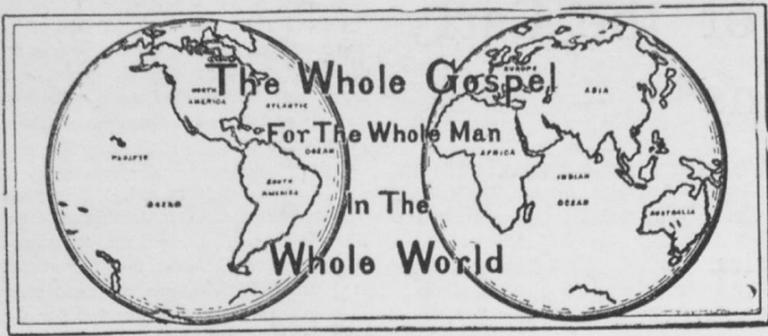
Sept. 28th we received good news from S. R. Henderson, sent from Reeves, La., saying they had closed a two weeks revival at POLLOCK, LA. where the Lord blessed in a wonderful way after a discouraging beginning. Sinners began to awake and tremble and cry to God for mercy. About twenty were saved and thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and a number healed. There was great opposition and the saints have been going through a hard experience, their tabernacle having been burned. He desired much prayer for the work in that place.

Bro. J. R. Doyel writes that he with his band held a six weeks meeting at OPAL, ARK., there being ten conversions and reclamations, and twenty-four baptisms in the Holy Ghost and twenty-two baptisms in water. He desires prayer for the young assembly there.

Oct. 3rd Bro. C. A. Lasater reported from SHOAL CREEK, ARK. that they were praising God for victory, the meeting having closed with good interest, twenty-five or thirty having been saved and thirteen having received the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four were baptized in water and God wonderfully manifested Himself among His people. Many were still seeking the Lord and the country was stirred. Pray for the people there.

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There is greater need for missionary funds at this time than any time since God first poured out the Holy Spirit in Latter Rain measure. Not only are conditions on the field harder because of the war, but issues over doctrines and practices have so filled the minds of the people that they have almost forgotten the missionary field. Hundreds of Pentecostal missionaries are still dependent upon God for their sustenance through HIS

children in the Pentecostal movement, and we have not been doing our duty. We must arise and shake ourselves and do what we can to relieve the distress and need of the missionaries. Come up to the help of the Lord now. We will gladly forward money, to any needy missionary. Send all missionary offerings to J. W. Welch, Treasurer, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

JOHN D. JAMES.
China.

The floods which have recently visited China are the most destructive the Chinese have known for many years. Many lives were lost and much property destroyed. Others who survived the flood had to go hungry only as someone came and gave them rice for food. It is awful to think of the thousands who went down into eternity without Christ. I praise God that I, with another European brother and one Chinese help, was able to give to the poor Chinese one thousand dollars worth of rice, through the kindness of the Red Cross Society and others who gave us the rice. These poor people were so glad to get the rice, and I am sure it will open doors for the Gospel which have previously been closed. We need to enter them now.

Have been sorely tested for lack of funds. The floods destroyed my mission in such a way that I had to pull down the front and side wall to the ground and the upper story had to be taken down. This stops my school and my meetings also. I have no place to live in but I know God will undertake. Am trying to put up the mission part which will cost about \$35.00 and have paid a little more than half this but have not the other. I am badly in need of about three hundred dollars to be able to continue this work. Pray for me.

MARY A. BLAKENEY.
South Africa.

Truly God is mindful of His Own. I sent you a letter some time ago telling you of Mr. Blankeney, my husband, going forth to the Congo, Belg. They left June 20th. Bro. Burton and Bro. Salter from England also Bro. Armstrong from here were the congo party. God truly had gone before them and now the Congo is wide open to the Pentecostal people. It has meant much but God is able. The last word from them was a telegram from Kokondja, Katango, Sept. 1st. On it was:

"Blakeney fully recovered. Salters very ill. Armstrong passed away."

This has been a hard blow to us. We have wired twice. No reply from them. But Father knows. Yes, He loves! He cares. Our eyes are upon Him. But we have said "All the way with Thee I'll go," and He is proving me these days, but by His grace I'll go all the way.

The financial needs are great at present. Will you not pray for us that God in His own time may meet them. Bro. Armstrong leaves a wife and two sons. One son has gone on before him. He also gave his life as a Missionary and died with fever a few years ago.

Sister Richardson and Hodges left here Sept. 1st. for the Congo. Pray for those who are gone forth. Also remember us in prayer.

BRO. B. S. MOORE.
Japan.

We have three Sunday-schools now and three workers, one Japanese teacher and amid trials, we rejoice to be able to report we are yet on "terra firma." God is saving and healing some and the walls are being built in troublesome times. 150 children in three schools and three workers and a teacher. Funds come slowly, but God is faithful.

BROTHER POST OF EGYPT.

Word comes from our Bro. Post of Egypt, that urgent duties in this country have called him home and he feels that God has a service for him here in relation to the work in Egypt. He desires prayer that God's purpose may be fulfilled in the briefest possible time. Remember our brother in prayer. He is now in this country.

FRISBEE, ARK.

Boy has a Vision of the Devil.

God has blessed in answering prayer during a Methodist meeting. A few of the Pentecostal people attended and prayed that God would show His mighty power, which He did. Several were saved and three were baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire, speaking in tongues. One of them came through saying "Jesus is coming soon; He is coming soon; He is coming soon." One little boy, very wicked and prone to swear, came to the altar and began to pray and cry to God with all his might and he saw a vision of Satan sitting between him and God mocking him, with a cigarette in his mouth. After a long struggle God wonderfully saved him and he said he wanted more from God. So we stayed with him until about twelve o'clock that night, when he received the baptism and spoke for quite a while in tongues. He is now warning sinners and God is using him wonderfully.

This is a new field and there are many hungry souls. About a year ago Bro. Frank R. Anderson and wife, with Bro. W. M. Harrison, held a three weeks meeting at this place and God has some saints here who are still holding faithfully to the truth. We need a tabernacle and a Pastor. We have no place for services. Pray that we may have the means to build. May the Lord speak to hearts to help us. The night is soon coming when no man can work.—R. B. Wood and wife.

SARATOGA, TEXAS.

God is blessing in these last days. We left Newton, Texas. Several were saved and about six received the Holy Ghost and the town was stirred with the truth. We left there and came to this place and pitched our tent. God has begun to bless and backsliders were reclaimed. We are looking forward to a revival and the soon coming of Jesus. Pray for me and my wife. Evang. R. L. Blankenship.

CONVENTIONS

GREAT PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.
In Los Angeles, Calif. from Oct. 3 to Nov. 3. Large Convention Tabernacle, 1315 S. Main St.

Extensive preparations are being made for a big revival. Mrs. Etter will be there from the first. Her meetings will be accompanied by a score of workers in vigorous evangelistic effort. Historically, Los Angeles is known as the "Jerusalem" of Pentecostal outpouring, and the many good saints there are praying and believing that God will copiously pour out His Spirit as never in the past. Good music a special feature. Come praying. For further information write, Pastor A. G. Garr, 4012 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

LETHBRIDGE PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, D. V., from Sunday, Nov. 7 to 14th. Incl. We are looking to the Lord to send Spirit-filled workers. The full Gospel will be preached, we trust, in demonstration and power of the Spirit, and we expect many to be saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost and healed in Jesus' name. We will entertain any workers who the Lord may send. Other saints attending will be able to obtain board and lodging at very reasonable rates. For information write, F. A. Denton, Secy.-Treas., 1816 6th Ave., N., Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

TORONTO, ONTARIO CONVENTION.

A large Pentecostal Convention for Toronto, Ontario, Canada will be held in Zion Church, cor. of Elizabeth and College Sts. (a few blocks west of Young St.) from Nov. 15th to Dec. 15th, 1915. Services afternoon and night. The Convention will be in charge of Evangelist, L. C. Hall of Chicago, Ill. and Pastor Geo. A. Chambers of Berlin, Ontario, Canada. Brother Hall's new book, "Songs of Power" will be used. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Furnished rooms can be obtained near by, by those able to do so. Billiing places will be secured for workers coming, and cot* provided in the dormitory for both men and women bringing their own bedding. We expect to supply meals in church on free will offering plan. Transfer from any car to College or Carlton cars which stop at the door. Come with open heart. Come expecting to meet God. Come praying. For further information write, Eld. Geo. A. Chambers, 18 Scott St., Berlin, Ontario, Canada.

A PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION NEW YORK

Beginning November 12, 1915 lasting ten days. Will be held at Glad Tidings Hall Apostolic Faith Assembly, 454 West 42nd St., New York City. Three Meetings daily 10:30 A. M. 2:30 P. M. and 8 P. M. Several Pentecostal Workers are expected. For further information write E. M. Agnew, 454 West 42nd St., New York City (Convention Secretary).—Robert A. Brown, Pastor.

COUNCIL FOR ALABAMA AND WEST FLA.

The Annual Council of the Assemblies of God for the preachers and workers of the State of Alabama and West Florida will convene at Hartford, Ala. beginning December 1st, 1915, and continuing five days. Let all the preachers and workers of the territory named be present, as business of importance is to be transacted.—J. W. Ledbetter, Secretary.

WINNIPEG MANITOBA CONVENTION.
Annual Fall Convention of the Apostolic Faith Assembly located at 228 King St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada will be held from December 3rd to 12th. Incl. Special workers will be on hand to assist. For further information address W. E. Moody, 27 Fawcett Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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January 23rd to 30th, 1916.

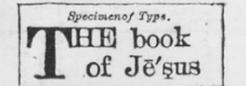
A council of saints and ministers for all Southern Missouri (viz. South of the Missouri River) will convene in Springfield, Mo. at above date with purpose of getting acquainted and to consider ways and means of co-operation and of extending the Pentecostal work throughout this section. Rooms and beds will be provided. Visitors must be prepared to take care of their own transportation to and from the meeting, and their board while here. Signed: J. W. Welch, B. F. Lawrence, M. V. Ferguson, Evang. Geo. W. Lawson, Mrs. Mary A. Arthur, Wm. E. Giles, J. R. Flower.

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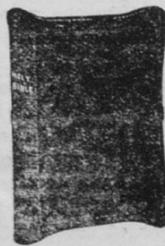
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A prayer for God's mercy.

9 Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is a sun and

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer;



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