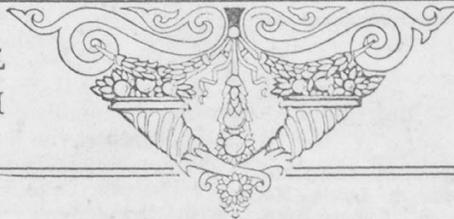




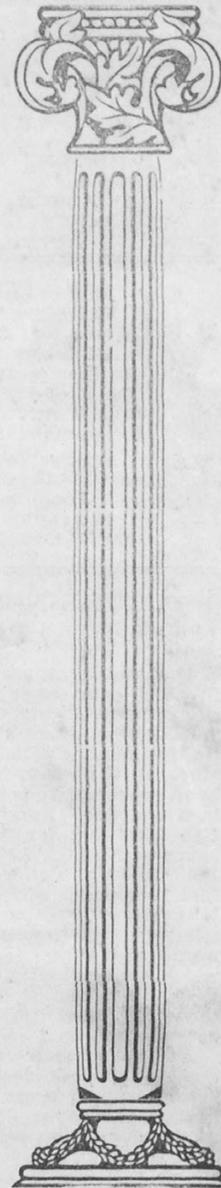
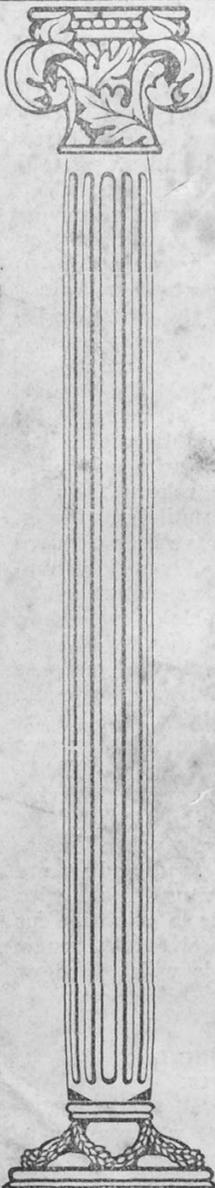
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## LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

We greet you, this glorious New Year's day in the precious name of Jesus. This is the day of new things, the ushering in of a new year, which reminds us that we are just one year nearer to the coming of our blessed Lord than we were a year ago today. May it be true that this year shall not close without our great desire being gratified by seeing Him whom we love face to face. Oh glorious thought. With what rapture we look forward in anticipation to His glorious appearing.

And now, in keeping with the time, and in answer to the promise made to the Evangel Family some months ago, we greet you in our new form, and we hope that you like our appearance. But appearance is not all that we are concerned about, our earnest desire is that we may, with all lowliness and meekness, be able, in this greatly enlarged paper, to give to the Evangel family the spiritual food that will enable it to grow in a way we could not do in the limited space of the old newspaper style weekly. We have started out with this purpose, and we throw ourselves into the hands of the Lord by an act of faith that He will meet us and make our great desire possible.

The Weekly Evangel is not the offspring of a weak desire to get a name in the earth, nor is it published just because the editors wanted to be publishing a paper. If those conditions were true, the paper would be wholly unworthy of a place in your affections and would be beneath your notice. The truth is that The Weekly Evangel represents a principle, a principle that is as true as God is Himself, a Principle that shall never die. The Evangel may fail and go down into oblivion, but the principle for which it stands shall never die, and, by His grace, it is the purpose of the Evangel office force to continue representing that principle until others relieve them by taking up and carrying on the work, or until Jesus comes.

The principles for which we stand have been itemized over and over again in these columns. Over eight hundred (800) preachers and workers have subscribed to those principles by applying for credentials or certificates of unity with the General Council. They may not all have understood fully those principles, but a place of response was found in their hearts to them, and it is our desire and hope that as we continue in the publication of this paper, they may all become fully alive to the truth and become strong men and women, standing for the unity of God's children, co-operating together for the greatest possible work for God before Jesus Comes.

We have launched into the new paper which will more fully represent the truth for which we stand, and we are counting on every member of the Evangel Family to respond by interesting everyone possible to subscribe for the paper, and, if in arrearsages themselves, to renew promptly for the new enlarged paper in which we now greet you.

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI COUNCIL.

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. For further information write B. F. Lawrence 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

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## EDITORIAL

### A WORD OF INTRODUCTION.

We feel that a word of introduction will not be out of place, as we enter in upon the new year, in a new sixteen page form and undertake the larger ministry made possible by the present change. It affords us a pleasure indeed to speak to the great EVANGEL FAMILY from the editorial page of this enlarged and revised form of the Weekly Evangel. We feel much like saying "Good-Morning," see our new suit and see what the Dear Lord has helped us to do." We trust that the new form of the paper will attract the attention of many new readers as well as that of all who have formerly read either the Word and Witness or the Weekly Evangel. We like the appearance of our new suit. New clothes are not put on for their good appearance only, but for their utility in other respects as well. The new form of the Evangel is not the result of an effort to make a good appearance only, although that thought was in our mind along with others. The true purpose of the change is to make room and opportunity for greater usefulness as a medium of edifying the church, preaching Christ to sinners and enlightening honest seekers after truth. As we welcome the New Year with all God shall permit it to hold for us, we welcome the great Evangel Family to partake with us of the increased responsibilities and benefits which the new paper affords.

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP.

Nothing is to be more desired among us than true Christian fellowship. We might express the thought in other words as "Christian fellowship in the truth." Jesus said, "I am the truth"—not error—there is no other ground of true fellowship than the ground-work of truth. Truth and error can never agree. Truth is light, while error is darkness indeed, and the effect of gross darkness. Light hath no communion with darkness, 2 Cor. 6:14. Jesus said to the Jews, "If ye continue in My words then are ye my disciples indeed and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," John 8:31. John writes concerning Jesus, John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, but he that BELIEVETH NOT THE SON shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him." Notice here it is what the Son says that is to be believed. "HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT THE SON" are the words. There is nothing in common between life and death. Nothing in common between light and darkness,

truth and error. Let us be of the truth, walk in the light and live together in true Christian fellowship.

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### THERE IS MUCH NEED OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AT THIS TIME.

There is much need of prayer at present on account of some matters of difference which have developed in many places among God's people. Whatever we may see or feel concerning the Word of God, it is easily apparent that we should, all of us, watch and pray against a wrong attitude or wrong feeling toward each other. Intolerance of others is a deadly wrong. Intolerance reflects hatred. Hatred is prohibited in us all. "He that hateth his brother is a murderer." "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." Intolerance is as a two-edged sword—it cuts both ways and has a destroying effect toward both the one who must suffer the unwarranted condemnation and the one who is guilty of hating his brother. We do not find a warrant for anything like malice or hatred in the Word. There are some Scriptures which may seem to suggest the need of contention for the right view of the Word, and it is right and proper to hold such right views against all inducements to see otherwise, but, at the same time, there is no warrant for a contentious spirit.

The gospel to the church is wholly after the manner of love. God's desire for us is so plainly seen in some of those inspired prayers of St Paul's, one of which we find in 1 Thess. 3:12, 13. "Now the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you; to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our father, at the coming of our Lord JESUS CHRIST with all his saints."

If we would be established in holiness before God and would be ready for the coming of Christ, we must be careful indeed that we do not defeat our own purposes and desires, by wrong on our part toward GOD or toward any man. Jesus taught saying, "When ye stand praying forgive if ye have ought against any man, for if ye forgive not other men their trespasses, neither will your Heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses." Let us not hold malice toward any one, neither let us despise our brother, but let us love one another with a pure heart fervently, even as the Word teaches. We have some splendid opportunities to practice the Bible upon one another. Let us take advantage of them and prove ourselves before God and the World, and all this in spite of any differences of opinion.



## POSTOLIC FAITH RESTORED

**A History of  
the Present  
Latter Rain  
Outpouring of  
the Holy Spirit  
known as  
the Apostolic  
or Pentecostal  
Movement.**

By  
**B.F. Lawrence**

### Article I—Back to Pentecost

There is, in the religious world of today, a great activity of the Lord's Spirit known as the Pentecostal or Apostolic Faith Movement. This movement of God has resulted in the salvation of hundreds of thousands of sinners, both in so-called Christian lands and in those called heathen. Tens of thousands have been healed of various diseases; other hundreds of thousands have received a Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Spirit; lunatics and demoniacs have been restored to reason and to peace; believers have been brought into a vital touch with God which has meant a tremendous increase of faith in, and knowledge of, Him; hundreds have felt the missionary zeal of the first evangelists and have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth in one of the most spontaneous and widely spread missionary efforts the world has seen since the days of Pentecost.

#### THE AIM OF THE MOVEMENT.

The honest-hearted thinking men and women of this great movement, have made it their endeavor to return to the faith and practice of our brethren who served God prior to the apostasy. They have made the New Testament their rule of life. There are some in the Movement, it is true, who have allowed their imaginations to lead them into fanaticism. These have been a grief to themselves, the Lord who died for them, and to us who love the truth. We, however, refuse to let the failure of some who have gone too far cause us to swing to the other extreme and stop short of the fulness of God. It is also true that in some phases of faith and practice we have failed to recover the whole of our New Testament inheritance; but this one thing we do, forgetting the things that lie behind, we press forward to the perfect purpose of our God.

This effort, which is so general throughout the movement, has had a peculiar effect upon those who were exercised thereby. The older denominations have a past which is their own in a peculiar sense; they can trace the beginnings of their church and the course of its history subsequent to its foundation. The time between the beginning and the present has been sufficient to establish precedent, create habit, formulate custom. In this way they have become possessed of a two-fold inheritance, a two-fold guide of action, a two-fold criterion of doctrine—the New Testament and the church position. The Pentecostal Movement has no such history; it leaps the intervening years crying, "*Back to Pentecost.*" In the minds of these honest-hearted, thinking men and women, this work of God is immediately connected with the work of God in New Testament days. Built by the same hand, upon the same foundation of the apostles and prophets, after the same pattern, according to the same covenant, they too are a habitation of God through the Spirit. They do not recognize a doctrine or custom authoritative

unless it can be traced to that primal source of church instruction, the Lord and His apostles.

#### THE FRUIT OF THE AIM.

We are bound to admit that, in the beginning of the work, this habit of mind was fruitful in confusion; it could not be otherwise. Paul, inspired of God, found when he came up to Jerusalem, that his doctrine was in perfect harmony with that of Peter. We make no claim to such apostolic inspiration. However, mark this, you who cavil at the confusion, it requires just that recklessness of disposition which produced the confusion to inspire men to throw off the shackles of custom and launch out into ways so old that moderns call them new. Men who are the slaves of custom and precedent have never, in any of the fields of human activity, gained new ground or blazed new trails. That with which you are now familiar and content was in your father's day decried as an innovation.

This reversion to the New Testament was directly responsible for the Movement, as we shall see as we continue our history. It is also responsible for another thing, viz. the absence of any serious effort on the part of the movement to trace an historical connection with the primitive church. There are those among us who believe that the phenomena of the Holy Spirit, for which we so strongly stand, never was entirely absent from the church; perhaps this is true; but to tell the truth, all of us are indifferent about it. If we can so order our lives that they shall fit the New Testament, we care no more for a lack of evidence that the majority of professors of religion did so in the past than we do for the overwhelming evidence that the majority of them are not doing so today. We shall present a few reports of the work of God down through the ages, more for the purpose of providing a ground of expectation that such a work was permanent in the church than in an effort to trace any historical connection with the primitive believers. If we can establish a fellowship of faith and practice we shall be abundantly satisfied.

#### THE DETAILS OF THE AIM.

And now perhaps you are asking, "In what particulars are you so earnestly striving to revert to primitive Christianity?" The answer is of course, "In every way." We recognize the fundamentals of Christianity, we do not slight them, but in addition, we are laboring to obtain that supernatural character of the religion which was so pre-eminently a mark of it in the old days. We do not mean to say that those who still believe in the new birth have wholly lost this, but we desire a return to New Testament power and custom along all those lines of activity which made evident beyond controversy that the church was the living body of a living Christ. We believe that healing for the body, expulsion of demons, speaking in other tongues, were in early times the result of an activity of the Holy Spirit in direct harmony with, nay, stronger still, a direct result of the divine attitude toward the church and the world. Further, we hold that this attitude was the only one consistent with the divine nature. If this is true, then with the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews we say, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever," and expect the immutable nature to maintain an unchanged attitude accompanied by the same glorious results.

#### THE IMMUTABILITY OF GOD.

Upon this point of the immutability of God depends all the value of the Bible as a revelation of God; all the value of Christianity as a real, proper comforting form of worship of God.

First, *The Bible as a revelation of God.* The Canon of Scripture was closed some eighteen hundred years ago; there has been no "year book" issued to keep pace with heavenly developments. If God, in character, attitude, affection, purpose or power, has removed from the place in which the scripture leaves Him, we do not know where to find Him. Mormonism and Christian Science (falsely so-called) profess to have information of a later date than that contained in the Bible, but this information contradicts that which we have obtained from the Scriptures, and we are rejecting it upon that very ground. Our very rejection of these modern messages compels us to admit that we believe that the God of the Bible is the God of today. If we make this admission, why not go all the way with it and allow God to manifest Himself in the church today as He was pleased to do in the days of our predecessors in His House.

Second, *Christianity as a real, proper, comforting form of worship.* This form of worship is founded upon the Bible and upon the Bible's God. It tells us to draw nigh to God, to love Him, to trust Him. It does this because the God with whom it was acquainted in the days of its inception was of the nature that delighted to have man do these things. If He has changed, Christianity is at fault, it does not give a real form of worship.

Again, Christianity instructs us how to draw nigh, and this instruction was founded on the character, nature, attitude, etc., of God. If He has changed, we no longer have a proper form of worship.

In bidding us draw nigh to God, Christianity tells us that He will receive us, love us, comfort us, defend us, strengthen us, supply all those various needs which only such a one can supply. If God has altered, we no longer have a comforting worship.

#### THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW.

Mark 16:15-18 declares two things; first what will happen to a believer of the gospel; and, second, what will happen to an unbeliever. Of the believer it is declared that he will be saved and that certain signs shall follow him. The orthodox churches admit that the fifteenth and sixteenth verses contain a perpetual commission and promise. Why not admit also that the Seventeenth and eighteenth present a perpetual description of the activities of the believer. There are no special classes of believers mentioned.

There are only three reasons why these signs do not follow in the church today. First, God may not desire to do these things; second, God may no longer be able to do these things; third, men may not allow God to do these things.

First, *God may not desire to do these things.* If God ever did these things to edify, and bless men, and it can be proved that they would still bless and edify, then the refusal of God to do them would create serious question as to whether He might not, in time, lose all affection for us and view our eternal loss with equanimity.

It is the excuse of many that medical science has made such progress that we do not now need the help of God in Miracle working. So long as the hearses daily carry victims of the ignorance of medical men; so long as the lame, the halt, the blind, the lunatic continue to defy the most advanced methods of that vaunted science, so long do we need the kind of help which God vouchsafed to blind Bartimeous, to the lame man at the Gate Beautiful, to the demoniac in the Gaddarene tombs.

This is not an arraignment of the medical fraternity—the world owes a great deal to them—but God can still outwork the arm of flesh.

Second, *God may be able to do these things.* If not, why longer a weakening, failing God to save from sin and hell? And the attacks of professors upon these manifestations of God's power have bred a doubt in men along every line.

Third, *Professed believers may not allow God to do these things.* And here you have the real reason. "These signs shall follow them that believe." When men *will not* believe, the signs have no one to follow.

Lastly, every thing in creation is either changing or is subject to change. God alone can say, "I Am That I Am." He alone can say, "I contain within myself all the principles of life and being necessary to an immutable, eternal existence. Time, conditions, environments do not affect me. I created them and am independent of them." It is this immutability that makes God an object of perfect faith.

Because these things are most certainly true, we are diligent in searching the Scriptures that we may discover those conditions which made it possible for the power of God to manifest itself in the midst of our ancient brethren. We count nothing of their faith and practice too small or too difficult to imitate, inasmuch as it was practiced and believed upon such authority and with such results.

We are conscious that the pursuit of such a course, the acknowledgment of such an ambition, will attract the scorn and opposition of those who are wise in their own conceits and who are satisfied with that condition of affairs which ministers to their personal profit. But we are encouraged in the recollection that our Lord and His apostles made such a profession and endured opposition even unto blood. We are happy in following them and, by suffering with the Master of the House, prove the legitimacy of our claim to membership in that House.

#### OUR INTENTIONS.

This department of the paper will publish, from week to week, articles dealing with the rise and progress of this great movement. We shall endeavor to trace, where possible, the conditions that allowed the activity of the Spirit, the results of that activity; discovering where we can the characteristics and methods prevalent. We believe that this will glorify God, edify the saints, and attract the attention of those who may thereby be led into a fuller fellowship with God.

We shall be glad to hear from those who are acquainted with the details of the Lord's work. In writing to us about these matters, always give dates, locations, names as far as possible. We cannot use indefinite information in this department.

Pray that God may use us to His glory and that this department may be a thing pleasant in His eyes.

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#### A MID-WINTER CAMP MEETING.

Elton, La. Dec 15 to Jan. 15th.

A Mid-Winter Camp Meeting will be held from December 15th to January 15th for the saints in East Texas and West Louisiana, at Elton, La. Two large buildings on the College grounds have been given us free of rent for the meeting. For information address Harvey Shearer, Elton, Louisiana.

## HINTS REGARDING DIVINE HEALING.

FLORENCE L. BURPEE.

We must constantly ask God to protect us from sickness. "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Ask God to hedge us in as He did His servant Job; that He will build the hedge around us, that the enemy cannot reach us. The hedge consists of the Word, the blood and the Spirit. "Be filled with the Spirit" is a command.

When God wished to place the "tree of life" out of the reach of man, he surrounded the tree with swords. God's sword, or the Word of God, will protect His children from the power of the enemy. Study it morning, noon and night; if possible carrying a portion with you as you go about your work. Ask the Lord to keep you under the blood, for when Satan, or his demons, see the blood they must pass you by.

Everyone should pray several times a day that God will maintain His hedge around them, protecting them from sickness, accident and every power of the enemy. In most lives today only a dead Christ reigns. It is so easy to imagine Christ dying on a cross, but many never realise that He arose again and is alive today; that His power is just the same as when He healed the sick on earth. A glimpse of faith at a dead Christ will bring healing, but health is only found when we receive the living Christ—until He lives in us. We must learn to draw from Christ's resurrection life the strength of His resurrected body. He alone can teach us to do this.

Take an example of a babe and a nursing bottle. I can take the bottle, wash the nipple, heat the milk, put the milk in the bottle, place the nipple to the child's mouth, but my part stops here. The child may starve before my eyes if he does not learn to draw his food. So we must learn to take from the Lord even as the branch draws from the vine. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let Him come unto me and drink." We must come and drink if we would receive our healing. Many have the faith to come but stop just there—they do not drink—they fail to draw the spiritual food He provides, and go on, half starving, while a few, praise the Lord, "drink," are fed, nourished and kept growing—strong men and women, monuments for the cause of Christ.

It seems that Israel of today is slow to believe the promises of God. The seeker after health comes to God's ministers who minister to him in the name of Jesus, pointing to the risen Christ. But the seeker turns to his symptoms and says, "I feel just as bad as I did before I was ministered to; my back aches just as badly, my head pains me!" Of course it does, dear one. Why shouldn't you feel bad, you are looking the wrong way. You must look beyond symptoms to God. The Lord may allow your symptoms to remain after He has undertaken your case and your healing commences; or even when the healing is nearly completed, to test your faith. The devil may put aches and pains upon you that have nothing to do with the disease you are trusting God to deliver you from. You must pay as little attention as possible to symptoms and keep your mind fixed on Christ.

If after the "fiery serpents" had bitten the children of Israel, they had insisted on looking at their bites instead of fixing their eyes upon the brazen serpent, they would not have been healed. God's people today, insist upon looking at their bites and pains and aches, and in nursing and talking about them, refusing to look up at the risen Christ. Stop looking down. Look up!

Never talk over your ailments with others after being ministered to; and taking your case to the Lord, leave it with Him. Pray with your neighbor who is sick, but, except in the way of instruction, say little to him about his sickness. Never mention your own aches and pains to anyone but the Lord. He is your Physician, treat Him fairly. It is a well-known fact that talking health actually helps to hasten ones recovery; while allowing the mind to rest upon disease, and worse yet, talking about disease, causes doubt in our own mind as well as in others, and as doubt is the opposite of faith, healing is hindered. School yourself to act health. When Jesus cleansed the lepers he told them "to go and show yourselves to the priests," a thing they were not allowed by the law to do. As they started to go, acting health, on the way they were healed, in the act of obedience; they acted health and healing was the result.

When the Lord healed the writer of a disease of sixteen years duration which had baffled the skill of the best physicians, the first lesson He taught me was acting health. While so sick I could scarcely lift my head from the pillow, the message came, "Do you believe that I, the Lord, am able and willing to heal you?" My heart replied, "Yes Lord, I believe." "Well, if you believe I have undertaken your case, and have taken me for your Healer, act as if you believed; get up and dress yourself and go about your work." I obeyed, all the symptoms of disease remaining.

The work I had planned for that day was a washing. Not an encouraging prospect for me, who could, looking at the natural only, scarcely walk about the house. Again I obeyed and attempted the week's washing, really feeling too sick to stir. After completing the work, the symptoms disappeared. Attempting the seemingly impossible opens the channel through which the supernatural current flows and healing is the result. Yes, think health, talk health, act health and God will hear your words and see your actions, making both true.

After giving your case over to the Great Physician, do not tamper with medicines, drugs or remedies, which are all right for the children of the world, but not for God's children. "I am the Lord that healeth thee," saith Jehovah. Some who claim to trust God fully for their bodies are constantly tampering with natural remedies. They think it no harm to use lemonade for a cold, or hot water for a pain or bruise, a plaster for aches, and ask if it is not right to apply alcohol for weakness, not seeking to understand that the use of the natural interferes with the workings of the supernatural, always retarding and sometimes preventing the healing. One says, "When Jesus healed the blind man he used clay." Yes, but this was simply to try the man's faith, not because there was any virtue in the clay. If clay contained virtue sufficient to heal the blind, the secret would have been known long ago and all who were blind would see today. We read, "By His Word He healed them," and "according to their faith was the promise." If you have entered into the "kingdom of God," you are no longer under Satan's rule, and the natural need not always be recognized.

If, unavoidably, you are obliged to sit in a draft, get the feet wet, lose sleep, go without food or eat improper food, do not expect sickness, but ask the Lord for deliverance from the old time bondage. First be sure that you are doing God's will, then step out on the promise, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." Too many Christians do not realize their birthright. God's cause may be suffering, but they cling to the natural. They cannot be broken of their rest, they say. And just as sure as they step out of the old time "ruts" Satan binds them.

Beloved, I am in the Kingdom of Heaven and under supernatural law, and if I break these laws I must suffer. I am not bound to the law of the world regarding health, only as I allow Satan the Master to blind and bind me. I do not teach or disregard the laws of nature, but I do entreat the Christians to be free from the bondage of Nature's laws. After asking the Lord to heal you in the name of Jesus, thank Him for it. In other words, praise Him.

Before I was healed I heard one say, "Certainly, if you have faith sufficient for your deliverance, of course you will praise and thank the Lord for what He has promised to do." The baby in a Christian household was sick and given up to die. His little sister prayed for her little brother and then came to the broken hearted mother, telling her not to cry for baby would soon be well. "How do you know," said the mother. "O, I prayed to God and then I said thank you." "Why did you say thank you, baby is growing worse every hour." "Yes, but God says if ye ask anything in my name I will do it, so I just asked Him and I was so glad that baby brother would live that I said thank you God." It is needless to say that the baby lived.

If we older children would learn to praise more and talk less, less sickness would be our lot. Songs of praise alone have many times been known to cast out demons from the room and from individuals. Beloved, would you be made whole? "He is the same yesterday, today and forever." "As your faith is, so shall it be unto you."

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#### A BLESSED EXPERIENCE.

I feel I should tell the world of God's wonderful power and of the way He has been dealing with me in the last few days. I was a strong opposer of church worship and I had my own ideas of getting salvation. When people talked to me about going to the altar it seemed quite a delusion to me. I said I could get saved any time I wanted to at home. But the Pentecostal people came and preached repentance and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the signs to follow. They taught repentance, not only as a deep God-given sorrow for sin, but, as a complete turning away from every known sin, Isa. 55:7, and that a sinner must be born again, and become a new creation, a fit subject to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and that He must wait for the promise of the Father and that he should receive it with the Bible evidence according to Acts 2:4.

I became deeply convicted of sin and went to the altar but did not pray much, thinking I would wait until I got home the next day and could then pray through and get saved. So I prayed at home the next day but all I could see was the altar at the tabernacle in the Park. So the next night I got in earnest about it, and after I had repented, God wonderfully saved me and I sought the baptism and God's power came on me in a mighty way, but I resisted at first. God kept at me, however, and finally the power of God came upon me so strongly that I fell at the feet of Jesus, and was caught away in the Spirit. I saw the straight and narrow way that leads from earth to Heaven. At first it seemed so narrow but it grew wider and more easy to walk, so I started to walk up and I heard the most beautiful singing and I heard people praising God, and Jesus came down to meet me and I talked with Him about my Baptism. He said He was going to pray the Father and He would send me another Comforter. So He went back to Heaven and later I received my baptism. Now I am on my way rejoicing and I want to tell everybody else about the wonderful power of God. Let all the saints of God everywhere pray that God will have His way here.—Annie Harrington, Parma, Mo.

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## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY . . .

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MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Jan. 1. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." Psa. 116: 12, 13.

And what have been His benefits throughout the year just past? Life and strength for service, joy and peace within our hearts, comfort and overcoming grace in hours of conflict and testing. Far beyond our understanding or appreciation have been His mercies all the way. Thus it is we raise our Ebenezer; and with hearts full of praise step forth upon the new year assured of His presence and help for each coming hour. Hallelujah!

Jan. 2. "Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." 1 Pet. 1:5.

Kept in the hour of testing,  
Kept by His grace divine;  
Kept in His secret dwelling,  
What a wonderful Keeper mine!

Jan. 3. "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." Gen. 28:16.

How often in some hard hour of trial we have pillowed our head on a stone; perhaps even cried out to God in the bitterness of our spirit against the hardness, dreariness of it all. And then as we submitted, in that very place, we have seen heaven opened; and God has spoken to our hearts until we have cried out like Jacob, "This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Heb. 12:11.

Jan. 4. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves." Rom. 12:19.

What a time the most of us have justifying ourselves, explaining our actions, and defending our ideas! There is always the possibility of our having made the mistake anyway, and if so the sooner we recognize it and make it right the happier we will be; if not so, how much better if we left the vindication of ourselves to God. "He is near that justifieth me; who shall contend with me?"

Jan. 5. "Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance." Acts 2:28.

God grant us a fresh appreciation of the life which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have partaken of that life and should so walk as if we really believed it, physically as well as spiritually. Life and joy are united; and "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Jan. 6. "For He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lam. 3:33.

Keep a heart of confident assurance through all God's chastenings that His love is back of all. Our doubt and resistance hinders the accomplishing of His divine purpose. And He is constantly endeavoring to mold and shape us like to the heavenly pattern.

Jan. 7. "Give and it shall be given unto you." Luke 6:38.

What a number of stagnant souls there are even in Pentecost! Make it then the practice of your life through the coming years to give—give—give freely as God hath prospered you. And you shall prosper in return. Your soul shall grow fat; your life temporally and physically shall flourish.

#### PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION—FINDLAY OHIO.

Dec. 31st to Jan. 9th. 1916.

Will be held with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School. Services three times daily. Special Evangelist and Missionary called. For information address Thos. K Leonard, 404 E Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio.

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## Questions and Answers

by E. N. BELL, 937 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.,  
to whom all questions should be sent.

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### RULES.

1. Ask only questions of real interest on which you honestly are seeking light, and not for controversy.
2. Ask only questions about religious matters that can be answered from the Bible or History; don't ask for interpretation of dreams or visions. We do not have the gift to interpret these.
3. Make questions as short as possible, and do not expect long exhaustive answers.
4. Sincere questions on controverted matters will be answered by giving a short explanation of what each side of the controversy holds, and the reader left to judge which is most correct according to the Bible.
5. Don't expect an answer in next issue of the paper after you ask it. Look in every issue until you find it printed under this department.

1. Who are the people sealed in Rev. 7:3, and what is meant by the sealing?

Ans. Rev. 7:3 itself says they are "servants of God," and it is clear from Rev. 7:4-8 that they are saints solely from the twelve tribes of Israel. They have not yet been sealed, and the sealing is to be with the Holy Ghost. See Eph. 1:13; 4:30 and 2 Cor. 1:21, 22.

2. Is an ordained Elder qualified to baptize his converts?

Ans. The Bible nowhere states exactly what officers are to baptize converts. But the commission to make disciples and baptize them (Matt. 28:16-19) was originally given to the Apostles or Eleven Disciples. These were preachers, and any Holy Ghost filled, clean, recognized preacher would certainly have a right to baptize. An Elder is really a preacher or teacher in the Bible sense of this term. Titus 1:5-9; 1 Tim. 3:1-7. But some assemblies appoint deacons who do not preach, but they call them elders. It is not customary everywhere for such local non-preaching elders to baptize; but there is nothing in Scripture to make it wrong for them to baptize, if need so require. If it is all right with their assembly, and there are those that desire it and who will be satisfied with it at their hands, there should be no objection to it. Especially is this true if God gave him some converts. An exhorter or Deacon, filled with the Holy Ghost, in the absence of others more customary, and if approved so to do by their brethren, might baptize converts without violating any scripture command or precept.

3. Should one speaking with tongues and claiming the baptism, but still using tobacco, be disfellowshipped as a sinner or be still treated as a brother in Christ?

Ans. It depends somewhat on the light the brother has and on whether all other points were in his favor. No child of God should use tobacco. It is a dirty, filthy and injurious habit, as even unprejudiced sinners admit. I would preach on it so hot that the fellow would get under conviction and quit it.

4. Is taking medicine a sin?

Ans. The Bible does not exactly say it is a sin; but King Asa, when sick, sought the physicians instead of the Lord, and God let him die. See 2 Chron. 16:12-13. He may let all others (saints who have the light) die likewise if they trust man more than God. All whose time has not come to die anyhow, can get healing who will meet God's conditions of repentance, faith and obedience. I would not advise disfellowshipping a saint who does nothing worse

than take medicine or have a doctor, through weakness of faith. Rather pray for and build up the faith of such.

5. Is the Man Child of Rev. 12:5 the Bride of Christ?

Ans. Some hold the Man Child is Christ Himself, but I do not so see it. I consider the Man Child a type of the Overcomers. Read Rev. 12:5 and compare with Rev. 2:26-28. Every overcomer will be a part of the Bride; but I could not say the Man Child was all the Bride. Another view is that the Man Child will include the raptured church which, as His body, provides "the fulness of Him who filleth all in all."

6. Who are the prophets that lie dead three days in Rev. Chapter eleven?

Ans. It is somewhat uncertain. Some hold they are the church but I don't agree to this. Others hold they are the overcomers or first resurrection saints. This is unlikely. Others hold they are Enoch and Elijah who went to heaven without death and who will return, prophesy and be killed and raised up. This may be true. But at least, I believe they will be two real men and prophets whom God will raise up as witnesses for Him to do exactly what is there said they will do.

7. What is meant by being born of water in John 3:5?

Ans. All church fathers and preachers from the second century up to John Calvin in the 16th Century, held it referred to water baptism. (See Hastings Bible Dictionary on baptism.) Calvin denied this historic and traditional interpretation. Two other views are held. One is that the natural birth is referred to. This view is supported by the fact that Jesus goes right on in the next verse to speak of the birth of "the flesh." Still another view is that the "washing of the water by the Word" is referred to. See Eph. 5:26. Since Calvin, till recent years, most Protestants have followed Calvin while the Episcopal and Catholic churches have followed still the ancient view that it referred to water baptism. Alexander Campbell, in the last century, and all his followers since, have held it referred to baptism. In recent years many Baptists have deserted Calvin and hold with Campbell on it, but not with as much emphasis on the water as he.

Pentecostal saints, most generally, have denied the ancient and Campbell view, but more recently, many hold that it refers to water baptism as an external purifying symbol while the real internal birth is done by the Holy Spirit. See article on Christian Circumcision in Evangel No. 118.

8. Are we born of God or of the Spirit when we are saved?

Ans. Yes, we are born when we are saved, but what does it mean to have a full New Testament Salvation? Adam is called a "Son of God." (Luke. 3:28) because God brought him into existence. The angels are called sons of God (Job 1:6. This scene is in heaven. See 2:1-7). This is the sonship of creation, not that through the new birth by the Spirit. Solomon and the nation of Jacob are called sons, but these were not sons in the New Testament sense of being born again through faith in Christ and of the Holy Ghost. Before the death of Christ the Apostles were taught to call God their Father, but they were sons on Old Testament grounds, as the blood had not been shed nor the Spirit sent. So today, every one who has been quickened, made a new creature in Christ, renewed by the Holy Ghost, are sons of God, and have some sort of a birth of the Spirit. But without the full baptism with the Holy Ghost, all such are in an abnormal condition far below the normal New Testament experience for believers after the day of Pentecost. A normal apostolic Christian experience in its fullness is not to be found short of the receiving of the Holy Ghost as given in the baptism with the Spirit.

**A PSALM FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

Awake to sing the praises of His glorious name!  
 Triumphantly the joy notes of His love proclaim;  
 And all His tender mercies, faithfulness and grace  
 How plainly may we mark as we retrace  
 The year sped from us. Swiftly do the years glide by  
 Hastening us with rapid footsteps to eternity.  
 We tremble as we stand upon the brink of each New Year,  
 It's unknown holdings, testings, shadows would give fear  
 Did we not backward look to wondrous tokens of His care  
 Granted to us in other paths we had not tried before.  
 The God who leads us free from Pharaoh's hand  
 Is the same God who leads into the Promised Land—  
 Who makes a way through water or through fire  
 To grant His chosen people all the good desire  
 Of His great heart of holy love. 'Tis true  
 We do not always know the thing that He doth do—  
 But we can trust, and sing in confident expectancy,  
 Until He makes most clear the bright reality  
 Of His design. With gladness then step forth along the way  
 Thy hand in God's, and living each passing day  
 So close to Him that thou canst ever hear  
 Each word He speaks to thee throughout the coming year.  
 All shall be well. The trials only draw thee nearer;  
 The victories, constant blessings sent, shall make Him  
 dearer;  
 A blessed, holy fellowship 'twill be. Awake and sing  
 O heart, thy song of gladdest note unto thy King;  
 And sons of men with lives redeemed and set aflame  
 With holy fire, acknowledge His great name.  
 Call to remembrance thy richest psalm of praise  
 For all His promised goodness that shall come in opening  
 days. —Alice Reynolds Flower.

**A GENERAL CONVOCATION AND REVIVAL.**

Hot Springs, Arkansas, Jan. 14th to 23rd, 1916, D. V.

The services will be held in the Assembly of God building at 222 E. Grand Avenue. The Revival will begin Jan. 1, and continue till Convocation and may continue after.

Expect to have some of the leading brethren to be with us to minister the Word of the Lord, also many other workers and visitors.

Visiting saints can secure rooms very reasonable near the Church, also meals, but we may have a dining room run on the free-offering plan, that is for the Convention.

For further information write—H. A. Goss, 222 E. Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

**NOTICE TO PREACHERS.**

**Who Are Eligible to Railroad Rates.**

Let all preachers take notice as to whether or not they are eligible before applying to the Clergy Bureau for Clergy Rates over the railroads. Only the following classes are eligible:

- Regularly settled Pastors.
- Regularly settled Assistant Pastors.
- Regular Evangelists capable of conducting revivals without the aid of any stronger preachers.
- Missionaries under recognized appointments.
- Foreign Missionaries home on furlough.

The Clergy Bureau refuses special rates to all our Sister preachers except those who are recognized as regular Pastors of Assemblies. All those who do not fill above requirements need not apply for rates as they will be refused them.

J. R. FLOWER Sec'y.



Not so long ago I entered an Assembly of colored saints and the preacher was reading verse at a time from the Sermon on the Mount and lining the saints up by the Word. He read: "Give to him that asketh thee and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away," and demanded: "How about it—do you all live up to that?" A brother replied in all seriousness: "Yes, Sir. I done lost a horse and wagon on that scripture." (meaning that he had loaned it unwisely and lost it). Seeing that many were in uncertainty over the verse, I ventured to call attention to the verse 6 Chapter 7 of the same discourse: "Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine," and explained that our property is holy, all being consecrated to God, so that we should be careful to whom we give or lend it. Whereupon the before-mentioned brother exclaimed: "I wish I had known that a few weeks ago, I would have had my horse and wagon yet!"

"Come hither, I will shew thee the BRIDE, THE LAMB'S WIFE:" And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me—THAT GREAT CITY, THE HOLY JERUSALEM, descending out of heaven from God." So then the beauties, the riches, the GLORIES of that wonderful "City," ascribed to it in the verses which follow, are the efforts of the REVEALING SPIRIT to convey to our poor minds SOME IDEA of the GREAT SALVATION which awaits the faithful. That "City" does not represent heaven, but represents THE SAINTS, adorned with the jewels of salvation, COMING DOWN FROM THE MARRIAGE in heaven. (Rev. 21:9-27.)

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: (To have a "big" Church?—To have a little dingy mission around the corner??—TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES???) To visit the fatherless and widow in their afflictions and keep himself unspotted from the world." (Jas. 1:27.)

Our petitions should be addressed to the FATHER, in the NAME of the SON, in the fervor of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Never nurse a grudge, nor a personal eccentricity nor a partisan spirit. Be forgiving, be natural, be fair.

"Some of the so-called saints have done me a grievous wrong—hence I will just quit and go on to hell!?" ("Let no man take thy crown.")

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.**

Troy, N. Y. Jan 13 to 23rd.

In commemoration of the dedication of the Gospel Chapel to the Lord's work in the midst of a sin stricken community. Will be held in the Chapel, 54 Harrison Place, Troy, N. Y. Evangelist W. E. Shannessy of Foxboro, Mass. in charge, assisted by our Pastor, Clinton E. Finch. We do not obligate ourselves financially for any but special workers. Rooms and board at reasonable rates in the near neighborhood. For further information write Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, 54 Harrison Place, Troy, N. Y.

STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

January 9, 1916.

#### THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Lesson Text.—Acts 2:1-13.

Golden Text.—Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3:16.

Leading Thought.—The giving of the early rain.

1. **The Spirit Descending.** Vs. 1-4. We have before us that bit of scripture which has been made so very real to thousands of hearts the world over; and it will be impossible for us to re-read it without a wave of refreshing, if our hearts are open and intent upon following God. To one who has felt the brooding of the Holy Ghost as on that day of Pentecost every word will burn like fire. The Holy Ghost himself proves the best interpreter of the meaning. May we all be anointed with fresh oil from the hand of our glorified Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ten days of waiting the disciples had put in. They had had a sort of church election and apparently everyone had kept sweet. That was a test. It is rather evident that the disciples divided their time between the temple and the upper room in which most probably the last supper had been celebrated. Luke 24:53. The Day of Pentecost was the fiftieth day from the second day of Passover. It was noted in commemoration of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the Jews considered that it commemorated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. This fact is deeply significant. Sinai is the strong type of Pentecost in the O. T. Read the account and see. Ex. 34:1-28. Compare with this 2 Cor. 3:7-18. And then consider those scenes which we have seen with our own eyes in the past nine or ten years, of God's glory revealed. Ah surely the ministration of the Spirit is glorious. It is fitting that the spirit, who alone can fulfill the law, should be given on the same day. **"Fully come,"**—What a God of order we have! He sent His Son in the fullness of time, and now He waits the time of scriptural completeness to fulfil His Word spoken through the prophet Joel.

"With one accord in one place" and has this not ever been the condition for God's most manifest working? The trouble is, we so foolishly allow the Enemy to slip in and break this "one-accordness," the continuance of which would only intensify the working of God. Recall the account of the building of the tower of Babel, and what God said concerning their united purpose on that occasion. Oh the sad discord the most of us have had a hand in making! The dear Lord forgive us and give us a new appreciation of the **"unity of the spirit."** This "one-accordness" is referred to exactly seven times in the Book of Acts in a good connection; and three times in an evil one. Take your Concordance and look it up. It will be a help to you. There were three remarkable outward evidences of the Holy Spirit's presence.—**"a rushing, mighty wind," "Cloven tongues like as of fire,"** and the speaking **"with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."** While each may have its symbolic meaning, these were actual manifestations of the Spirit's power. Then there was that inward manifestation that could not be seen, but was so very keenly and deeply felt. **"They were filled with the Holy Ghost,"** and it was out of the abundance of their hearts that their mouths spake. Hallelujah for such a filling! A little farther in the Book we will see some other evidences and results of this mighty filling. And don't overlook the last clause of the 4th verse, **"as the spirit gave them utterance."**

2. **The Amazed Multitude.** Vs. 5-13. All nations were represented in this Jerusalem assemblage—it was a very opportune time for such a demonstration. Such an affair would soon be noised abroad. Their recognition of the disciples' lowly station only testified the more to the supernatural character of the event. And they likewise recognized the orthodox nature of their message,—it was about the wonderful works of God. Today the message has almost universally been concerning the Lord's second coming. In lands beyond the sea, from among the widows of Pandita Ramabai's School, word has

come of the clear testimony of the nearness of this event. The last two verses of the lesson are as faithful a picture now as then of the effect of such happenings on the assembled multitude. While some believe there are always those who are in doubt. And there are always those who view any supernatural moving of God from a purely natural stand-point. Wherever God pours out His Spirit there are always those who criticize, misjudge and slander. But this did not deter the disciples from going right ahead; neither should it us. It is the very time when we should leap for joy. And so it was God gave the former rain; and now we are made to rejoice in the drenching showers of the latter rain.

"Oh I'm glad the promised Pentecost has come

And the Latter Rain is falling now on some;

Pour it out in floods Lord on the parched ground,

Till it reaches all the world around."

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It will be of great interest to our readers to note the following extract from the S. S. Illustrator in connection with this lesson:—

**"The Spirit of Power."** 2 Tim. 1:7.

"Began to speak with other tongues."

V. 4. Power is the manifestation of the Spirit through the believer in the use of definite "gifts." 1 Cor. 12:7-10, 28-30. Mrs Carrie Judd Montgomery has published a tract telling how the gift of speaking in the Chinese language was given to her by the Spirit. Her speaking and singing in Chinese was recognized and understood by a missionary who had been working in China for seven years. This is a remarkable case, and seems very authentic, yet most Christians these days have to acquire strange languages in the ordinary way. Sometimes the Spirit helps remarkably in the study of foreign tongues, as the following testimony reported by Dr. Stearns will show. He says: A young woman, a professing Christian, but who had fallen into an ordinary worldly life was, by the Word, restored, quickened, built up, and led to desire earnestly to support her own missionary in the foreign field. From a small salary she cheerfully denied herself five dollars a month to have a Bible reader in Japan \* \* \* Sometime afterward she went herself as a missionary to Cawnpore, India, and has been marvelously helped in the study of the language, and owned in the conversion of souls through that same Word which so quickened her own soul. Listen to her testimony:

"I know that you will rejoice to hear that the prayers which you have so faithfully offered to our Father that I might be helped with the language, have been heard and answered to such an ex-

tent that I have been enabled to complete the nine books in the two languages, Hindu and Urdu, which are required in the first year's course, and appeared last week for my examination, successfully passing in all the books."

And this before she had been more than six months in the country, because she believed the promise "He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee." Job 36:4.

Mr. Reuter, a German pastor who has been visiting Japan, was for many years engaged in church work yet had never, as he said, known what it was to have a changed heart. This experience came to him in a Salvation Army meeting and since that time his one interest has been to tell people of Christ's love and of the power of salvation. He has gone from land to land preaching the Gospel and has already done this in twenty tongues. Mr. Loomis who met him in Japan says that his gift of acquiring languages seems almost miraculous. In twenty-three days after reaching Japan he applied at the Bible House for appointment as a colporteur and it was found that already he spoke enough Japanese to be understood. In less than two months he sold thirty-two Bibles, 116 Testaments and 48,600 portions, going from house to house telling people that God loves them, visiting drinkshops and the Buddhist temples, receiving everywhere a ready hearing and respectable treatment.

#### POWER TO WITNESS.

##### God's Protecting Care.

Some years ago a Christian farmer lived in a sparsely settled part of the country. Every Sunday he would hitch up his horse and carriage and drive his family to church, leaving only one person to care for the house. One beautiful Sunday the father left his little girl behind to look after the house. It was the first time that she had been considered old enough to do so, but she was not frightened, for was not the good watch dog Rover there to protect her?

She watched the carriage drive off and then she took the large Bible and, for an hour, read the wonderful stories. Then she went into the garden taking care to shut the door to hinder Rover from doing any damage. She sat down on the grass and soon went to sleep. It was past noon when she woke up. She went into the house and, as she was setting the table she noticed two men who were coming towards the door. They were dirty and untidy and did not look like Sunday visitors, but, with the spirit of hospitality which she had learned from her father, she opened the door and invited them to come in. The two men seemed quite surprised and amused by her simplicity and looked at one another smiling.

"Then you are alone in the house, little girl!" said the younger of the two sitting down.

"Yes, sir; Rover and I."

"Who is Rover?"

"He is the big dog; I am surprised that he has not barked at you."

"Dogs don't do us any harm; we don't let them," answered the other man.

"Never mind Rover. I don't think you know the object of our visit, little girl."

"No, sir; but I think you would like to have something to eat. You seem hungry."

"Sure, we are! Hurry up and get us something," said the elder one rudely.

"Don't frighten the young lady," said his comrade, and speaking to the little girl, added, "he is cross, because he is hungry."

Reassured, Mary soon set out a table covered with good things, and sat down with her guests.

The younger began to cut a slice of meat when Mary said gently, "Won't you thank God first?"

Making a significant sign he answered, "I forgot how, for it is scarcely one of my habits. You say grace yourself, little girl."

Mary seemed surprised, but standing up she said, "Make us truly thankful, O God, for this food which Thou givest us in Thy mercy, for Jesus Christ's sake, amen."

After eating voraciously, the men asked the little girl many questions,—when she expected her father, etc. They inquired if she were not afraid there alone, and hinted at burglars coming to rob the house.

"I am not at all afraid," she answered, looking him full in the face. "God will take care of me. I expect you know the Psalm which says, God will take care of those who trust in Him."

"I cannot say that I know it. How does it go—that Psalm?"

"Here is one verse," said Mary, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

"And what are the words of the next verse?" he asked, pretending not to see the increasing impatience of his companion.

"O, fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."

The man began to feel ill at ease. He moved in his chair. Finally, he got up and went over to the window, his companion quickly followed him. There, in low tones, they engaged in a conversation which became more and more excited. Finally the younger man said, "I tell you, Thomas, I will not do it, and if you try, we shall see which is the

stronger." Mary heard no more, for the two went out. Presently one came back and said goodbye to Mary, whereupon they both departed.

That evening when the family came home, they found the dog Rover stretched out on the roadside, dead, but no other harm done. The two burglars did not leave off their evil ways. They were seized and deported to Australia. The older of them died unrepentant; but the younger man attended a service where he heard the Psalm which had made such an impression on him when little Mary had read it, years before. He repented of his sins, accepted Christ, and became an exemplary Christian. After a time he was paroled and subsequently released. He afterwards married and became a useful Christian. All this, dear young people, was the result of one little girl's perfect trust in God, and guileless testimony for her Savior. We hope that none of you will be ever subject to such an inadvertent test, but it is your calling to be always filled with the Holy Spirit, and your very life will speak for Jesus.—Sel.

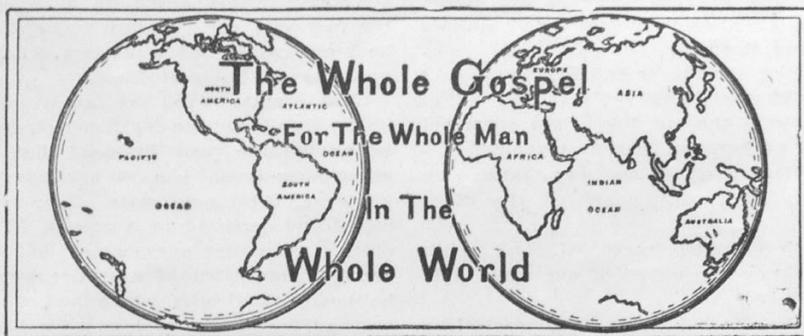
#### A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.

We are here with the Pastor, W. R. Cooper. The Lord is blessing. Last Tuesday night, the first night we were here, one came to the altar and prayed through to victory. Glory to God! Yesterday, Brother Cooper and I drove twelve miles into the country and preached; drove back to West Plains and the Lord gave us a message and sent the Holy Ghost to convict of sin, which resulted in three coming to the altar. One was a backslider and she was reclaimed.

After the altar service had gone on for quite a while, Brother Cooper's little daughter, Willma Ruth, came and knelt at the altar and began to cry out to Jesus. The Lord heard her cry and removed the burden and little Willma was happily converted. Praise God. Then was brought to pass that saying, "A little child shall lead them." One of the ladies had given up the struggle and was not trying to do anything, but when little Willma was saved and began to sing, "There is a new name written down in glory," she got in earnest and the Lord saved her. Praise His name. Little Willma is just six years and eleven months old but she has a very clear conception of and an unshakable faith in God. She asks that the saints pray that she may receive her baptism.—J. T. and Mrs. Winder.

#### A TESTIMONY FROM AUSTIN.

I praise the dear Lord for what He has done for us here the last few months. He has given us a nice tent and a precious band of workers where unity prevails.—Mrs Annie Johnson.



### THE APOSTOLIC FAITH ORPHAN-AGE.

#### Ningpo, China.

Much has happened since we last wrote you in August, so much that one scarcely knows where to begin in order to share the news with you.

Owing to the typhoon of which we wrote you, a wee girlie of one and a half years has been added to our family. Her parents, poor farmers, rendered homeless and starving as a result of typhoon, were about to sell her when some native Christians heard of it and persuaded them to send her to us. She was very weak and ill-nourished when we took her, but looks like a different child now. We have named her Mun-eng (Full Grace).

Several of the children have been ill, one quite seriously with an acute attack of dysentery, but we were again filled with praise as we saw the mighty hand of God stretched out on her behalf. We felt we could not spare our little Tse-eng and He gave her back to us. The others were attacks of Malaria from which He gave quick deliverances. This Autumn has been an exceedingly trying one, so much rain, resulting in an epidemic of Malaria and other fevers as well as damage to crops, etc.

The early rice crop was damaged by the typhoon, and the late crop by the continued rains just at harvest time. Already the prices of rice and native food are much higher than formerly and continue to increase. This means much suffering and distress among the multitudes of poor this coming winter, but Elijah's God is our God, and the Father of the orphans.

Our hearts have been deeply touched lately by many tokens of His love and care for our bodily as well as spiritual needs. He has sent us a gift of household furnishings for our own apartment. This came as a comfort for we had our rooms very sparsely furnished, believing in spending the money sent in,

as far as possible, for the Chinese, only using sparingly for our own personal needs. Most of our furniture was made from packing cases, neatly varnished, the work of our young carpenter friend. Now God, Himself, has provided us a very comfortable home. Praise His name.

Miss Webb would like to share one of her precious lessons learned during her illness. When in great pain, the Lord said, "In everything give thanks," The question naturally arose, Why? What for?—at such a time when one was crying for speedy relief! But He gave the spirit of obedience, and she did. After two days, Malaria developed. During the first attack, when in high fever, the Lord drew very near and whispered, "In everything give thanks," but this time very graciously giving the reason, because, "in everything ye are enriched by Him." We trust the enriching will be continuous for His glory and the blessing of others. We praise Him for the speedy deliverance He gave as one complication after another arose, and for final healing.—Mrs Nettie D. Nichols.

#### JOHN D. JAMES, China.

Your letter with enclosed offering received Oct. 29th. Oh how I do praise God for His remembrances of me. Glory to His name! And I also thank the ones in the homeland with a prayer in my heart that God will give again one hundredfold for remembering us with their prayers and means in these needy times.

The mission at Shin Tong has been rebuilt, since the damage by the great flood which was in China this year, but I haven't been able to build the top part yet, which is very necessary, for when it rains we cannot have meetings. This expense will be about \$75.00, making our total needs \$275.00. We need your prayers.

#### R. S. McBRIDE—S. AMERICA.

We find the Indians here in the heathen state and almost void of clothing, downtrodden and forsaken by all except God and His Christ, and those that He has sent to reap the ripened grain for Him.

We desire an interest in your prayers as we need wisdom in dealing with these dear ones and also more finance than we have heretofore received, as we must turn this work for God into the Pentecostal channel for His glory. Will you dear ones in the home-land co-operate with us to this end for the glory of our Christ and these lost, downtrodden ones?

We have opened up a school and find that the Indians are eager to learn and are very apt. We have also opened up an industrial school and the women are taught to sew, bake, crochet, etc. and are learning rapidly. The men, when not at work in the fields of cane, are taught how to make tables and chairs for their homes as these things are unknown to them, and they take great pride in them. We make them out of boxes taken from one of the Leach stores, but we are limited in our manufacturing department from the fact that we have so few tools.

We open the day with prayer and then we have school and the reading of the Word, and services every night except Saturday night.

Our services were interrupted Sunday night by a snake attending the service, and again on Monday, a large one came into the mission room and frightened the women very much, but was hastily dispatched with a gun. We killed three lizards in our house and some of the largest spiders that I have ever seen.

The Keltys are with us and are doing good work, as they have been in the Argentina for over five years, so don't forget them when you pray.

#### THE WIDOW'S MITE.

I send you a small offering for the Publishing House. Wish I could send more, but I am a widow with only a pension for an income, and there is no assembly here, and I am the only one here that has the baptism. Received the baptism nine years ago the 18th of February, and I am praying for God to open up the way for a Pentecostal Mission here. Pray for me. These are blessed days to my soul, and I am watching and praying and looking for the coming of Jesus. Believe He is coming soon. Praise His name!—Mrs. M. W. C., South Haven, Mich.

**GERARD A. BAILLY.****Venezuela, S. America.**

So many other tests are beclouded, and we have viewed with great sorrow and concern the enemy's strategy to benumb and almost to paralyze missionary interest in the clamor and pre-occupation of doctrinal controversies. The work of the Lord, the battle of the Lord, the issues of this last hour, and great final conflict with the powers of darkness and the Church of Christ, are over-shadowed and the missionaries at the front, under the stress of financial stringency, are almost staggered at the painful problems and threatened calamity.

In this sense, we are holding the front on the field and at times against desperate odds, but we believe the siege must soon be raised and the glory of God, and His holy name be vindicated, the requirements of the fields met for this emergency work, and we press on to victory.

As far as the field is concerned, the outlook is full of promise. Our faith is in the faithfulness and power of God, otherwise consternation, to see the shortening time, the providential openings, the ways for a firm and efficient base for operations, but from the material source of supply, almost stagnation. This is the outlook. We say nothing of the effects and reflex upon our persons, the daily pressure that properly belongs to the missionaries' life and experience. Yours, trusting His faithfulness.

**FROM WILLA B. LOWTHER.**

Your New York Draft dated September 4th has just arrived. I am sure I have never appreciated an offering as I have this one, because there has been a great shortage of funds this season, and there are native helpers depending on us for support too. I have had some very embarrassing experiences and I am sure many of the other missionaries have too. I don't know whether it is because of the war or big camps, or just what; but any way the experience has been a valuable one to me, for I realize the value of money and am by far more grateful for all He lays on others' hearts to do for me than I would have been without this experience. As we see the material side of the future, it isn't very bright, but God has ways and means of caring for His children that we know nothing of, and I'm not afraid to trust Him. Hallelujah to His name!

There has been so much sickness and death since the awful flood in South China, and several of our own missionaries were very sick. One of our number, Mrs. Frank Denny, went home to Jesus, Oct. 6, just a year from the day that our party, including herself, sail-

ed out of Seattle for China. Her passing away was so quiet and peaceful that we can see how "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."—Canton, S. China.

**SISTER EMMA L. WICK.****Johannesburg, S. Africa.**

Just a line to let you know that our regular outgoing mail is suspended. It will go at different times but not regularly. So if the dear ones do not hear from us they must not be alarmed. I hope they will write all the same so that we will not feel cut off. May the Lord bless you.

**MARY W. CHAPMAN ARRIVES IN INDIA.**

You will rejoice with us to know that the Lord has given us a safe and prosperous voyage. Delightful sailing all the way from Gibraltar. The seas could not have been more calm and beautiful. We had fine sailing across the Mediterranean, but felt our safety was only in God. He has cared for us and given us sweet rest all the way. We do praise Him.

We reach Bombay tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock, and land before noon. Continue to pray that we may have souls in India.—Mary W. Chapman.

**ARRIVES IN EGYPT.****Paul M. Joyner.**

I arrived here September 21st, on U. S. A. Cruiser Chester with 279 others, passengers and refugees from Syria. The Des Moines came the 24th with 419 from Jaffa alone.

Three C. M. A. sisters and Mrs. Fordner, Miss Lovell and Miss Brown are left in Jerusalem, and conditions are critical. The natives are facing starvation in Jerusalem and all lower Palestine, and awful massacres are occurring in Armenia. I saw some who escaped, and it is beyond description. Pray for Turkey and the Christians there, and for the peace of Jerusalem.

There is no immediate cause for alarm, but most Christian work has stopped and nearly all the workers have gone, and the darkness and powers of the enemy are great. Three native baptized saints and three German are all that are left at the present. Pray for them.

I found the work here in good order. I went to Cairo, but after two day's search for Brother Doney, returned here to leave for New York today, but a dream and an interpretation stopped me. The brethren beg and pray me to stay, and their love is touching. I was so burdened last night that I did not eat nor remove my clothes, but looked to God to prevail and overcome, and I am very happy.

Brother Post and Randall are much loved by the Egyptian Brethren. Brother Doney and wife are left here. Brother Boothby and wife of Jerusalem are working among the soldiers, and the soldiers need our prayers. Thank you for your prayers and the paper.

**THE PILGRIMS' MISSION—INDIA.****W. K. Norton.**

The new Pentecostal work in this heathen city is becoming firmly established, and the longer we live here, see the great needs and the opportunities to, in a measure, fulfill those needs, the more convinced we are that it was the Lord's will for us to come here.

Benares has been described as the heart of India, and it radiates and permeates this darkened land with its evil influence by the means of the vast number of pilgrims who come here and return again to their homes in all parts of this Empire. We are doing our utmost to give a saving knowledge of the Gospel to those pilgrims, so when they return to their homes, they will also carry with them the story of Christ's redemption. We earnestly ask that you will remember to pray for us, and for the heathen, that the Word of God sown in their hearts will bear fruit.

**SPECIAL MEETING BEGINNING****Jan. 2nd.****Moose Jaw, Sask. Canada.**

A Special Meeting will begin January 2nd, continuing ten days or longer at the Apostolic Mission, 639 Athabasca West, Moose Jaw., J. M. L. Harrow of West Africa in charge. For particulars apply to S. T. Odegard, 1133 Grafton Ave., Moose Jaw, Sask. Canada.

**MRS. WOODWORTH-ETTER IN SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.**

Beginning Jan. 13th and continuing one month or longer, Sister Woodworth-etter with her chosen workers will conduct a Mid-winter Convention at Glad Tidings Hall, O'Farrell St. near Fillmore St., San Francisco. The convention is on the self entertaining plan. A glorious visitation of God is confidently expected. For further information address Pastor Robert J. Craig, 1521 Buchanan St., San Francisco, Calif.

**TESTIMONY OF A GERMAN LADY.**

I belong to the Christian Church and I am seeking for the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I hope God will show me the light. I trust and praise His Holy name. I am a German lady. I sure do enjoy the paper, and I do wish the prayers of the saints.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have **Fellowship** with us, and truly our FELLOWSHIP is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.—1st John 1:13.

#### THE PENTECOSTAL WAY.

Brother Ralph H. Davis, Evangelist, of Sidney, Iowa, has written his experience in verse, which we print as follows:

When first I heard of Pentecost,  
I said it was a shame,  
For such ungodly teaching  
To go in Jesus' name.  
I said they were deluded,  
Had evil spirits too,  
That I could take the Bible  
And knock the whole thing through.

#### Chorus:

We'll sing and we'll preach  
We will preach the way of Pentecost  
so dear.  
We'll sing and we'll preach,  
'Till our Savior in His glory doth appear.

I took the dear old Bible  
And went to God in prayer.  
If I ever learned a lesson  
I surely learned it there.  
So I just said to Jesus,  
"Take my deceitful heart.  
I'm going back to Pentecost.  
And take another start."

When I received God's promise  
I simply had to shout.  
My soul was filled with Glory,  
And foreign tongues rolled out.  
And now my soul is flooded,  
With blessings night and day.  
Praise God! it pays to go through  
The Pentecostal way.

I've reached the land of Canaan,  
The land of corn and wine.  
The flowers are the sweetest,  
And the sunshine is sublime.  
Say, don't you want to come here.  
Don't fear. You can't get lost.  
Just board the Ship of Zion.  
She sails by Pentecost.  
(To be sung to the tune "Sing and Preach Holiness.")

#### A REMARKABLE HEALING.

Brother Jacob Miller writes us from Russellville, Ark of a marvelous case of healing, as follows:

God is still healing. We had a small boy at Jenny Lind, Ark., a couple of weeks ago, who fell from a wagon loaded with railroad ties, and one wheel ran over him. As he was not near his

home he fell into the hands of two doctors and a trained nurse and they pronounced him a hopeless case. About the time they had finished their examination, his father heard the news and appeared in company with his brother. They told the doctors not to give him any medicine for God would heal him, at which the doctors laughed. They were granted the privilege of praying in the man's house where they were and they went down before the Lord and He heard their prayers and they carried him home. The next morning someone came in to see if he were alive and found him eating his breakfast and the next day he went to school. There was no less than 3000 pounds on the wagon and the boy was only about eight years old, Brother Whelchei's boy." Praise God for His wonderful power to heal.

#### DESIRES HELPER IN THE WORK.

I want someone (a single man preferred) to work with me in the Gospel, one filled with the Spirit, straight and clean on the Word, and who feels led this way. Colorado is a very needy field with many large towns that have not heard of the Latter-rain. Write me.—J. S. Stuart, 1916 Bragdon Ave., Pueblo, Colorado.

#### MONETTE, ARK. NEEDS HELP.

This place (Monette, Ark.) is a needy place. We are only a few saints and we are all weak and need help. We desire some Spirit-filled preacher to come to this place right away. We have a good place to hold a meeting and we desire you to write before coming.—M. A. Pike, Monette, Ark.

#### DO YOU LIVE NEAR SWEET WATER, TEXAS.

Brother A. Slaughter and wife desire to know if there are any saints living at or near Sweet Water, Texas, as they would like to meet with them in their services. Please write to A Slaughter, Sweet Water, Tex.

#### SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

God has been working in our midst and twelve have received the baptism in the Holy Ghost recently.—W. F. Harlow.

#### SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS.

##### Frisbee, Ark.

I want to thank and praise God for the prayer meetings and manifestations of the Spirit at Frisbee since the meeting. God is still blessing, saving and baptizing in the Holy Ghost. Two received the baptism and spake in other tongues as in Acts 2:4 at prayer meeting, and as the saints started home from prayer meeting, they saw a beautiful cross under the Moon. One of the saints saw a cross one morning just before day light. It was a dark cross. My little brother, 12 years old, saw a bright light which flashed and went in front of him for a short distance, and a voice spoke to him and said, "Close." I believe the meaning of the word is that the coming of Jesus is close.

I am looking for Jesus to come and gather His elect, and I expect to be one of that number. Glory to God.

We want some Spirit-filled preacher with a tent to come to this place (Marked Tree, Ark.) It is a new field and I believe a meeting would do lots of good here. I think that a good tent with a good heating stove in it would be all right as there is no house that we could get that I know of. Marked Tree is on the Frisco Railroad, 38 miles from Memphis, Tenn. Address R. B. Wood, Marked Tree, Ark.

#### EVANG. GILBERT SWEAZA AND WIFE.

We left Parma, Mo. December 7th. The dear Lord gave us a gracious meeting there. Thirteen received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and about fifteen or twenty were saved. The last night of the meeting, about twenty were at the altar. Brother Anderson and wife are in charge of the work and we hope to hear of many more souls getting to God. They are building a church house for worship. We came here (Essex, Mo.) and started a meeting. The second night one was reclaimed. The fourth night eight were at the altar. We are looking for a wonderful time of reaping in this place. The revival is on and the dear Lord is pouring out of His Spirit.

#### CINCINNATI, OHIO.

God has graciously provided us a beautiful new building at 633 W. Eighth St., this City. We expect to have all in readiness by January 1st, when we expect to open a campaign to take the message of this hour to the homes of this city. Pray God's direction that we may have a plain path. The building is ideal, built this year, and is modern as to ventilation, light, etc. which is rarely obtained here. So we praise God. The location we believe to be God's own choosing.—The Assembly of God, O. E. McCleary, Pastor.

**WESSON, ARK.**

We have been here four weeks holding this wonderful Gospel up to this people, and God has confirmed His Word with signs following. Many were saved and eighteen received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. One sister was healed and filled with the Spirit that had been under the treatment of doctors for six years without receiving relief. When she heard that Jesus could heal she came to the altar and got saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and in a few nights she came up and asked for prayer for her healing, and through faith, she was healed and is now doing her own washing. A number of others were also healed in answer to prayer.

We are expecting wonderful things from God. Hold us up in prayer that God will take us and use us to His own glory.—W. T. Mack and band.

**DEDICATION SERVICE—MOREHOUSE, MO.**

On Sunday, Nov. 14, 1915 the Assembly at Morehouse, Mo. dedicated their new church. The Lord truly built it and 'tis a very pleasant church indeed. The ministers present were L. W. Clark, W. W. Childers, and the writer. The text used was 2 Chron. 2: 4. The presence of God was very real. Two or three times the Spirit fell on the people and they arose with outstretched arms and uplifted hands, and rendered unto God the Father praise, glory and adoration. Truly 'twas a real dedication service indeed.—H. M. L. Bradberry.

**BUILT A CHURCH AT IOLA, KANS.**

It truly is wonderful what the Lord has done and what He is going to do. We had the dedication of the new church building recently and the Lord wonderfully blessed in the preaching of His precious Word. Souls came forward seeking God. Had three services. Brother C. E. Foster and nine of the Topeka Assembly came down. The glory of God filled the Temple.

The church is 40 x 60 with a 9 x 29 platform in the side, and a 12 x 60 balcony, and the seats were all filled and many standing. Glory to God who is so mindful of His little ones. Came here three years ago last October and God only can tell the story.—J. A. Dunham, Iola, Kans.

**NOTICE TO ANY BAND OF WORKERS**

There are several places needing meetings in South Florida. Any band of workers who are out and out for souls for Jesus and who have a tent, may correspond with C. R. Rowe, pastor of the Church at Tampa, Fla. R R 2, in regard to these places, who will kindly assist in any way possible.

**DESIRES PRAYER FOR WILL OF GOD.**

I desire the prayers of God's dear people everywhere to the end that God's precious will be carried out in my life to the fullest extent. At my conversion in the fall of 1908 I received a call to the gospel ministry as an evangelist, and in the fall of 1912 I heard about and also received the Gift of the Holy Ghost. Since that time I have done some evangelistic work in the adjoining towns and surrounding territory, and in every case God has placed His blessed approval upon my work by sending mighty conviction upon the unsaved and also helping many to step out and take a stand for Christ. I have never doubted the call to work for the Master, but for some reason the way has not yet been opened up for me to enter upon evangelistic work altogether. I do urge all the saints to pray for me. I am a young man of 20, and single, but blessed be God, I have found the pearl of GREAT price, and by the grace of God I intend to FIGHT the GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, and LAY HOLD ON eternal life.—C. A. Godwin, 2911 Lake Ave., Dallas, Texas.

**SPECIAL MEETING—JACKSONVILLE, FLA.**

Commencing January 9th, 1916.

We ask an interest in the prayers of all the saints everywhere for a series of meetings to commence here in Jacksonville the second Sunday in January, that His richest blessing may be poured upon us at this time, and that this may be the greatest time for soul saving we have ever known in this city. The old four-fold Gospel will be preached in the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. We are trusting God to back it up with signs following. Everybody welcome.—M. L. Jacobs, Apostolic Faith Mission an Lackawana Ave., between Vinson and McDuff, Jacksonville, Fla.

**CAME TWENTY MILES TO BE PRAYED FOR.**

The dear Lord wonderfully blessed in our meetings here. A number have been saved and a few sick prayed for and healed. One remarkable case especially. A man heard of the meeting and that we were praying for the sick and they were being healed, and so he came twenty miles to be prayed for. He had ulcer of the stomach, and for the last three years had unceasing pain. Took morphine three times a day to relieve him of suffering. He had had three operations performed and was preparing for another one. The three cost him over \$1100.00. After hearing the Word he came to the altar and the Lord performed the fourth one. So he was healed and saved instantly. He testified to being well and saved and that he did not have a pain anywhere. Our mighty God did the work according to James 5:15, and we are praising Him for it. Pray for us, we are at Goshen now.—D. Wooten and wife.

**A GRACIOUS MEETING—QUINLAN, TEXAS.**

God is blessing. We are in the midst of a revival here. People are stirred as I have not seen for some time. We are with Brother J. B. Smith who is being blessed of God in giving the Word. Brother R. F. Baker of Terrell and others of Terrell were with us Sunday. Six have received the Holy Spirit in the good old-fashioned way, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Several others are seeking. The nights are cold but the crowds increase. Praise God.—Burt McCafferty, Quinlan, Tex.

**TENT FOR SALE.**

Brother J. M. Rowe, 418 Cotton Ave., Birmingham, Ala. announces that he has a 50 x 50 tent for sale. Says it is waterproof and mildew proof, and has only been used once. Is taking up pastoral work and does not need the tent any longer.

**SPECIAL NOTICE TO COUNTRY SUBSCRIBERS.**

God has given our precious brother, W. F. Carothers, a most wonderful discovery by which it is possible to predict weather conditions two weeks or more in advance. This discovery is bound to change the whole system of weather prediction now in use, and it is only a matter of time until it is adopted by the Government Weather Bureau. As a large number of our readers are farmers, or else reside in country districts, Brother Carothers has consented to furnish us with these weather predictions if our readers desire it. Such a department has never appeared in a Pentecostal paper before, and before commencing it we must hear from our readers. If one hundred or more of our subscribers will send us a card asking us to publish this Weather Department, we will do so. If you are interested in this, sit down and write us a card, telling us so, right now. The Gospel Pub. House, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.**

Please pray that I may receive the baptism.—Paul Preusz, Trinidad, Calif.

Please pray for me that I may receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost.—O. L. Pipkin, Elmer, Okla.

Please pray for me that I may receive the baptism.—Mrs. G. F. Spain, Decatur, Texas.

Elder Chas. A Squire is very ill. Conditions serious. May we have the united prayers of the Pentecostal saints for His recovery.—Sarah L. Squire.

Pray that I may be healed of Stomach Trouble and nerves, and that I may receive the baptism.—S. J. Bartlett, Wetumka, Okla.

There is a little band near Frisbee, Ark. They have no leader and only one of the band has received the baptism. They desire the prayers of the Evangel family.

Pray for a friend of mine by name of Adames who is trusting the Lord for healing of his throat. He cannot eat anything except a little soup. Pray earnestly for him.—W. K. Aber, Elcampo, Texas.

We ask the saints to unite with us in prayer and fasting that our Sister, Mrs. E. C. Henderson may be delivered. She is mentally unbalanced. We are trusting God to heal her.—Jas. A Perkins, Artesia, N. Mex.

Pray for T. H. Graves of Alvarado, Texas that he may be healed in his body, also pray for the work here at Brownsville. Also pray for my wife that she may be completely healed for His glory. Pray that God will give us a tent for the coming year's work.—Evang. Chas. Williamson.

Sister Eliza M. Sherrill of La Grange, Ind. requests prayer that she may be healed of general debility. She received the baptism about four years ago and was healed last January 25th. Pray that God will strengthen her physically and spiritually, also that a Pentecostal work will be established in her city.

Please pray for my wife's health that she may recover from weakness and poor health. Also pray that myself and wife may receive the Holy Ghost, and that we may understand the will of the Lord concerning us. We would like to go where our children could be in meetings, Sunday School and prayer meetings among the saints.—U. G. Davis, Ridgeley, Tenn. R R 1.

**GOOD MEETINGS AT GRAND TOWER ILL.**

"O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. for the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great king over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet." Ps. 47:1-3.

We are extolling the name of our great Redeemer for victory through the blood. Our meeting closed Sunday night (28th) with blessed victory in the Lord. Brother and Sister Lawson and myself came here a little over three weeks ago, and the Lord blessed abundantly from the beginning. About sixteen have received a blessed experience in salvation, and fourteen were wondrously filled with the Spirit (Acts 2. 4), and seven were buried with Christ in water baptism.

A blessed spirit of unity and love prevails and there is still greater prospects for the future, thank God.

Brother and Sister Lawson left over a week ago and we continued to wage the fight in the name of Jesus our captain and He continued blessing. The whole town is stirred from center to circumference and we are believing for many more souls here. We have an assembly of about twenty-five baptized saints here now. We request that all will remember us in your prayers.—Evang. Ralph W. Skelton.

**THE WINNIPEG, MAN. CONVENTION.**

The Convention held from December 3rd to the 17th incl. in this great "City of the Plains" was considered by many to be the best convention ever held here. However it is hard to draw comparisons, as the Winnipeg Conventions are always good. The one recently held was certainly characterized by a gracious manifestation of the presence and power of God. God sent us, as special workers, Pastor Andrew L. Fraser of the Stone Church, Chicago, Edward Armstrong of Indianapolis, J. M. L. Harrow of Liberia, West Africa, and Mrs. Lillian Denny of India. From the very first service the power began to fall and on the Monday night "the priests (preachers) were not able to minister at the altar for the glory of God had filled the house of the Lord."

God graciously anointed His ministers for the work, and though the enemy tried to bring in a ripple of discord, God overruled and gave blessed victory.

A number were saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit and healed. The Missionary Meeting on the Wednesday afternoon and evening of the convention reached the high water mark of spiritual power and enthusiasm, and the offering was a record one, reaching a total in cash and other gifts of over \$1000.—W. E. Moody

**NEED A CHURCH HOUSE.**

The saints at Petersburg, Texas have no place to worship. The nearest mission is 21 miles and the nearest church house is five miles. They are poor and have not the means to build a church. Pray for them that God will make it possible for them to have a place of worship. Address Lemmy Ragland or G. H. Cameron, Petersburg, Texas.

**CHRISTMAS MEETING AT LLANO, TEXAS.**

We received an announcement from Brother R. R. Phillips of a Christmas Meeting. We are sorry that this was received too late for the Christmas number. We trust that God gave them a gracious time on account of His presence with the Llano Assembly.

**GOD STILL BLESSING AT DALLAS.**

Am glad to report that God is giving us blessed times here in Dallas. The saints are looking up and God is meeting them very blessedly in the fulfillment of His gracious promises. Many are being blessed, some with salvation and others receiving the Holy Ghost. Blessed be the name of the Lord.—C. A. Godwin.

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