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CREATURE. — Mark 16:15



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LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

Praise the Lord for the third issue of the Weekly Evangel in its new form. Letters and cards have been pouring in from all quarters telling about the blessing that the paper has been made to the Evangel Family, and in this we are much gratified and feel that the hand of approval of the Lord is resting upon us. We are following a definite plan, indited, we believe, by the Holy Ghost, and we are already seeing the fruits thereof, though the ink of the first issue for the new year is scarcely dry.

We believe that God has especially blessed the Latter Rain message of the soon coming of Jesus, and that He is waiting today, as in the beginning, to pour out His Spirit upon all hungry hearts who will receive Him, and so we are determined to make every issue of the Weekly Evangel count as an evangelizer to help the people get ready to meet our Lord, by bringing them the light of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with its accompanying signs which are being manifested among His children today.

The battle is on. The Lord is coming soon, probably sooner than any of us are aware. What we do must be done quickly. We are counting on every member of the Evangel Family to put their shoulder to the wheel with us, helping together by supplication and prayer, that God will give us the greatest ministry of our lives this year in carrying the message of the hour to those who have not yet heard. Will you co-operate?

Last week we told of a crisis in the publishing work which we are facing. It costs, for printing and postage, about \$125.00 per week to publish the paper. This paper reaches eight thousand homes and probably has an influence over twenty-five thousand people. Is not this a glorious ministry? If our paper was a free paper, the postage would be \$80.00 extra on it, making the total cost per week of over \$200.00. We are saving God's people this \$80.00 per week. But we are not receiving enough money each week to keep the weekly paper going in its new enlarged form without running in debt, and so must make some kind of a change. Last week we suggested the following plans for the consideration of the Evangel Family.

1. Publish the 16 page paper every week, providing some one will sell their property and make arrangements so that about \$50 per week will come into the office to meet the extra expense of labor, paper stock, etc.
2. Publish the 15 page paper every week providing fifty of the brethren who have this work on their hearts agree to send in \$1.00 per week from their tithing to meet the extra expense as above.
3. Continue publishing the paper with the present office force, employ no additional labor, and only getting out two papers a month, once every other week. This can be done with the present office force.

At the time of writing this editorial, the last issue had not yet reached the Evangel family, and so there has not been time to hear anything from any of you. But we are hoping that we shall find some of the brethren who have this matter on their hearts, so that we shall be enabled to go right ahead with this glorious work of publishing the Gospel every week, without financial strain of any kind to hinder us in the work. Such glad words of appreciation and commendation are daily reaching us that we feel sure the Evangel Family desire the paper every week and that they will take the necessary steps to make it possible. We hope to hear from many of you. Pray over this matter and see what the Lord says to you about it.

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EDITORIAL

THE MORAL DISEASE OF PREJUDICE.

The moral disease known as prejudice, like the physical disease, Jaundice, is characterised by the coloring of the eyes. "If thine eye be single (pure), then thy whole body shall be full of light. If thine eye (jaundiced) offend thee, pluck it out." Prejudice bars many a door and darkens many a window. It is the open face that is transformed into HIS image.

THE GOSPEL SWEETNESS.

It is said of Jamaica Pepper, that the flavour of every spice may be detected in it. This reminds us that in the glorious Gospel is to be found, all of the sweetness and aroma of every blessing. It is a blessed compound of all the sweet spices of Jehovah's character. They are rich who possess it. May its fragrance and its freshness fill all our lives.

"PURIFIED MADE WHITE AND TRIED."

It is a well known fact that exposure to the purifying influence of the sun and air, will bleach and whiten certain fabrics. There must however, be COMPLETE EXPOSURE of the fabric to obtain desired results.

If we would be purified, made white, in the trying of our life, there must be a complete surrendering up of all, with a constant and unreserved exposure of the whole heart and life to the testing, purifying, influences of the Holy Ghost.

PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL.

There is perhaps nothing more dangerous to our spiritual life, than pride. It may offend some to talk about pride as though it was to be found in the lives of they who have been baptized in the Spirit, but it seems needful nevertheless to mention it in a way of warning. Undue self-assurance together with undue self-appreciation, always preface a fall. None need fear being too humble, and surely the new beginner or babe in Christ can afford to stay in a place of security as much as possible. In some nurseries there is what are called "leading strings." They are used to support children when learning to walk. The children of God will do well in these days, to keep good hold upon the leading strings of GOD'S WORD, especially the younger ones—if they would learn to walk worthily. "PRIDE GOETH BEFORE A FALL."

THE DRAWING OF THE SPIRIT TOWARD UNITY.

There is in the human body, a muscle called the "adductor," because it draws one part of the body toward the other. This is the work of THE HOLY GHOST in the body of Christ. Would God we could see more of the working of the Spirit as the mighty "ADDUCTOR" in these days, with less of the workings of the spirit which causes division.

"ENDEAVOR TO KEEP THE UNITY."

Nothing short of a real and determined effort on our part will clear us of responsibility in the matter of unity as purposed by God for the church. We are each of us responsible for our part of what is required to establish and maintain unity. It is quite easy for many of us to avoid, in a large measure, this responsibility which belongs to us. It is easy for us to see where others are at fault, while we at the same time are neglecting the effort due from us to sustain unity. Finding ourselves separated in spirit from other saints, we are apt to lay the blame for it upon others when we may be at fault as well. Let us ALL do our part in keeping the unity which we all see belongs to the church, after which we can afford to trust God with the care of all of the interests which may be endangered.

OWE NO MAN ANYTHING BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

We are doubtless responsible for our attitude toward all men. There are certain obligations which we must meet. There is no man anywhere to whom we owe nothing. These truths confront us in a forceful way as we turn to look toward the Mission field. Away beyond the spreading seas are millions of darkened souls, with minds beclouded by ignorance and superstition, with hearts darkened concerning God and the truth, with bodies given up to sins and unholy practices. Nothing will save them out of their terrible plight but the grace and power of God.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." * * * "But how shall they call upon Him in whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" We owe it to these darkened hearts and sin-bound souls, to afford them such help as we are able to give. Are we meeting our responsibilities toward the Mission field? Some of the missionaries are now in need and are looking this way, let us come up to their help, and that without delay. God will add His blessing to us, if we do our duty by others who are depending upon us for help.

A POSTOLIC FAITH RESTORED

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

**By
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Article III—Tongues in History.

Pursuant to our plan to trace a few details of the work of God from the days of Pentecost to the present outpouring of the Spirit, we present the following:

It is obvious that the preparation of a detailed chronological record covering 1500 years would involve a deal of time, labor and research; and the publication of such a record would require as much space as we are prepared to give to this whole history. The space for publication and the facilities for research we do not possess; moreover, as we declared in our first installment, it is the Scriptural rather than the historical aspect that interests us.

Before we take up the details which we have allowed ourselves, we desire to call your attention to the following facts.

PRELIMINARY OBSERVATIONS.

First. The primitive Christians were persecuted by Rome, in the persons of her emperors, governors, magistrates and citizens, largely because of the circulation of false reports concerning them. They were said to be atheists; to offer infants in sacrifice, and then to eat their flesh; to be guilty of gross immorality, even to incest; to be enemies of the State; and to be responsible for fires, earthquakes, floods and pestilences.

Second. The greater amount of our information regarding the "heretics" who took their stand against the established (and generally corrupt) order of things in the middle ages, is derived from their enemies. And it must be remembered that these informants were often as destitute of righteousness, sound judgment and love of the truth as were those who circulated such false reports about Paul and his brethren.

Third. The Protestant scholars who have investigated these records have, in the majority of cases, been as prejudiced against the phenomena in which we believe as were the ones who wrote the derogatory accounts of the revivals. Understand, in many cases, these investigators believed in the *doctrines* of the "heretics" while condemning the "excitement" under which they labored.

This disposition to slight and undervalue glossallalia, (speaking in tongues) is apparent, not only in their manner of handling the reports of its appearance in history but in their criticism of the New Testament manifestations as well. (See Encyclopedia Britannica and Catholic Encyclopedia, article Gift of Tongues.) This fact robs their condemnation of mediaeval and modern tongues of much of its weight with those who believe that God, "divided to every man severally as He willed" and that tongues were included in the giving.

Fourth. The stories now disseminated in many places regarding the present work of God are of the same family and bear the same general character-

istics of those told against the primitive and mediaeval Christians. We are all hated by the world, and for the same reasons.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA,

Vol. 27 Pages 9 to 10, 11th edition says that glossallalia, (tongues) "recurs in Christian revivals of every age, e. g., among the mendicant friars of the thirteenth century; among the Jansenists and early Quakers, the converts of Wesley and Whitefield, the persecuted Protestants of the Cevennes and the Irvingites. Along with this phenomena came reports of healing, miracles and prophecy.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

The Catholic Encyclopedia says that St. Francis Xavier, who was born April 7, 1506 in Navarre and died Dec. 2, 1552 on the island of Sancien just off the Chinese coast preached in tongues unknown to him. The sphere of this man's labors embraced Spain, Portugal, Japan, India, Ceylon. He is accounted one of their greatest and most successful missionaries of all time, and, of course, this manifestation of tongues is received by Catholics as a genuine work of the Spirit.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

With its mountains and valleys was a famous breeding ground for so-called "heretics" from the twelfth century on down. Indeed, some of those old congregations are still in organic existence. In this territory the Waldenses and Albigenses were nearly coexistent in point of time, beginning about 1170 and continuing until the 15th century. The Camosards appeared at a somewhat later date and held on until 1705 or later. Each of these sects had those among them who spoke in tongues.

THE JANSENISTS.

Just prior to the disappearance of the Camosards, a man by the name of Cornelius Jansen, a French Catholic, began to set forth his ideas. It was not his intention to separate himself from the Roman Church, but he did insist on personal knowledge of God and communion with Him. This contention provoked a storm among the sacramental religionists of Rome, and the Jansenist doctrines were condemned by the Pope. Those who held to the proscribed doctrines were at last unable to refute the charge of heresy and many fled to Holland. The persecution waxed fiercer, the power of God fell, and many spoke in tongues and prophesied. This occurred in 1702-1705.

THE QUAKERS.

Over in England the fire was burning at the same time. Geo. Fox, the first Quaker, had begun his ministry in 1647. He insisted on personal salvation, communion with God and the leading of the Holy Spirit. He also, in opposition to the Puritans, Baptists and other nonconformists of his day, believed in present, complete deliverance from sin. He was opposed to war for any cause, would not take oath, and the people whom God raised up under his ministry were the only ones for a long time who refused to meet secretly in times of persecution. This persistence in public worship brought much suffering to them, but was one of the great factors in bringing about religious liberty in England.

For a long time the Quakers had no regular organized existence; and it was easy for any one to obtain a reputation of being a Quaker by simply attending their meetings. Many men of no principle did so attend and were the source of great reproach to the true children

of God. This condition is notably true of the Pentecostal Movement.

Later, when an attempt was made to correct this and to provide an orderly worship and government, there was strong opposition on the part of some very good men who seemed to be afraid of the same things some of the Pentecostal people are afraid of today.

The Quakers further refused to set out a written creed and did not attempt to bind the consciences of their people in minor matters.

In their worship, they permitted women to preach and pray on equal terms with the men, and sometimes had great manifestations of the power of God. So great was that power at times that both saint and sinner would fall prostrate, and frequently those falling would shake, or "quake" as they called it then. Speaking in tongues was frequent among them, not only in England but in this country.

From 1647 to 1662, a period of fifteen years, four hundred of these godly persons are known to have died in prison, while another hundred died as the result of the violence of mobs. During this time a total of 4500 were imprisoned, and in 1685 when a petition was addressed to the king praying for relief and protection, there were 1460 in confinement.

This brief account shows that these people were, in many respects, our true fathers in the faith; the burden of their preaching and practice was identical with our own. This exception should be noted, however; they neither baptized nor took the Lord's Supper. Truth requires that we add that this lack was less from objection to the sacraments than to the place assigned to them by the other religious bodies of their time.

WESLEY AND WHITEFIELD.

During the 18th century both Wesley and Whitefield accomplished great works for the Lord. Whitefield was one of the most eloquent, powerful, successful preachers the church has known. His converts were numbered by the thousands, and some of them received the baptism in the Spirit and spake in other tongues.

Both the Encyclopedia Britannica and the Life and Epistles of St. Paul admit the presence of glossolalia among the early Methodists. The latter work in the People's Edition, pp. 451, 452 has the following in a foot note, "...If, however, the inarticulate utterances of ecstatic joy are followed (as they were in some of Wesley's converts) by a life of devoted holiness, we should hesitate to say that they might not bear some analogy to those of the Corinthian Christians."

It might be noted here that speaking in tongues was not always followed by a "life of devoted holiness" on the part of some in the Corinthian Church. See 1 Cor. 3rd to 6th chapters. Both from the Scriptural record and modern observation we know that tongues are not the evidence of a mature Christian character. If, as we believe, they are an evidence of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, then they often come at an early stage of the development of that character. See Acts 8, 10, 19. Those who contend otherwise injure the truth and create an improper impression in the minds of those who are or will be in contact with the phenomena of tongues.

EDWARD IRVING.

Sometime after the revivals of Wesley and Whitefield the work broke out in Scotland. Edward Irving became acquainted with it from that source in 1830. He was a divine of the Established Scottish Church, but for some time had been dissatisfied with the condition of things in his heart and church. When he heard and saw the wonderful works of God he fell in line with them.

though at a considerable sacrifice. His church excommunicated him in 1832 on the charge of heresy and he was chosen pastor of the Congregation in Newton Street London, in the following year. The name chosen by the movement at that time was, "Catholic Apostolic Church." Irving was an eloquent, forceful speaker, a man of great natural ability, the friend of such men as Carlyle, Henry Drummond and Coleridge. Carlyle said of him that, "His was the bravest, freest, brotherliest human soul mine ever found in this world, or hopes to find."

About this time the great Charles G. Finney, Presbyterian, was engaged in a revival campaign which resulted in the salvation of five hundred thousand souls. He says of himself that he "literally bellowed out the unutterable gushings of his heart." Inasmuch as he taught that the baptism in the Spirit was an experience subsequent to regeneration, it is evident that he spoke in tongues.

Though arising at different times, under different circumstances, rebuking different abuses, holding different doctrines along some lines, these all, to a greater or less extent, enjoyed the presence and power of God, and suffered for it. We follow in the steps of a goodly company.

Some have wondered at the diverse doctrines held in these days by people who all agree on the speaking in tongues. Here in history we have our counterparts in this respect. I think that some of our hairsplitting is amusing to the great God who has seen so much of it in the long centuries which have elapsed since Pentecost, and that He, seeing our hearts, blesses us in spite of these things, just as He blessed these men of old.

ALL BIBLE OFFERS STILL HOLD GOOD.

You have seen advertisements for Testaments or Bibles in the old Word and Witness or the Weekly Evangel which appealed to you, and you thought there is my chance, that is the Bible that I want. You did not have the money just then and so could not answer the advertisement, and then the advertisement did not appear any more. This word is to you. If you have ever seen an advertisement for any Bible or Testament that you want, we still have that Bible or Testament, and will have whenever you get ready to buy it. Send in your order and we will send it to you promptly on receipt of price, and if you do not find it to be what you wanted, return the book to us and we will see that you are satisfied. Bible Catalogue on request.

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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.

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN POST-APOSTOLIC TIMES.

By Wm. G. Schell.

SPEAKING WITH TONGUES.

"For, though ye were not present at the time of Christ's suffering, yet from the sun which was darkened, and which ye saw, learn ye and understand concerning the great convulsion which took place at that time, when He was crucified, whose Gospel has winged its way through all the earth by the signs which His disciples, my fellows, do in all the earth: yea, those who were Hebrews, and knew only the language of the Hebrews, in which they were born, lo! at this day are speaking in all languages, in order that those who are afar off may hear and believe, even as those who are near."—The above words are attributed to Thaddaeus, one of the seventy, in the book entitled, "The Teaching of Thaddaeus," said to have been compiled under the direction of King Abgar, a contemporary of Christ.

The Apocraphal New Testament mentions speaking with tongues in two places.

"And the proconsul, having heard these things, was the more inflamed with rage and filled with wrath and threatening; and he was exceedingly enraged, and said to the priests: Why need you speak, when they have bewitched my own wife? And from that time she has spoken to me with strange words; and praying all the night through, she speaks in a strange tongue with a light shining round her; and groaning aloud, she says, Jesus the true light has come to me. And I, having gone forth from my chamber, wished to look down through the window and see Jesus, the light which she spoke of; and like lightning it came upon me, so that I was within a little of being blinded, and from that time forth I am afraid of my wife, on account of her luminous Jesus."—The Acts of Philip.

"He then, who wishes to be saved, looks not to man, but to him who dwelleth in him, and speaketh in him, amazed at never having either heard him utter such words with his mouth, nor himself having ever desired to utter them."—The Epistle of Barnabas.

These words of Barnabas serve as a key to the words of Jesus in Jno. 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, . . . he shall bear witness of me." "He shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak." Jno. 16:13. The holiness people have generally taught that the speaking of the Spirit promised in these texts is a speaking to the saints by impressions and suggestions to the mind. But according to Barnabas the Spirit when he comes into us speaks, not merely to us, but, in us, and in words that are audible, to the amazement of the hearers, and also of the speaker himself. This can be nothing less than the regular speaking in other tongues, such as always accompanies the baptism of the Holy Spirit in these days.

Irennaeus, bishop of Lugdunum, Gaul (Lyons, France), in the latter part of the second century, speaks of tongues as follows: "For this reason does the apostle declare, 'We speak wisdom among them that are perfect,' terming those persons 'perfect' who have received the Spirit of God, and who through the Spirit of God do speak in all languages, as he used himself also to speak. In like manner we do also hear many brethren in the church, who possess prophetic gifts, and who through the Spirit speak all kinds of languages, and

bring to light for the general benefit the hidden things of men, and declare the mysteries of God."—Against Heresies, Book 5, Ch. 6, written about the year 185.

Tertullian in his book entitled "An Exhortation to Chastity," written about the year 204, speaks plainly of the evidence of tongues. He says, "It is true that believers likewise have the Spirit of God; but not all believers are apostles. When, then, he who had called himself a believer, added thereafter that he had the Spirit of God, which no one would doubt even in the case of an ordinary believer; his reason for saying so was, that he might re-assert for himself apostolic dignity. For apostles have the Holy Spirit properly, who have Him fully, in the operations of prophecy, and the efficacy of healing virtues, and the evidences of tongues; not partially as all others have."—Ch. 4.

"He who can truly say, 'We are risen with Christ,' and 'He hath exalted us, and made us to sit with Him in heavenly places in Christ,' is always living in the season of Pentecost; and most of all, when going up to the upper chamber, like the apostles of Jesus, he gives himself to supplication and prayer, that he may become worthy of receiving 'the mighty wind rushing from heaven,' which is powerful to destroy sin and its fruits among men, and worthy of having some share of the tongue of fire which God sends."—Origen, Against Celsus, Book 8, Ch. 22, written about the year 250.

DANCING IN THE SPIRIT.

Philo Judaeus, a learned Jew who lived at Alexandria in the first century, wrote a book about the Christians, styling them healers. Both Eusebius and Jerome acknowledge this book to be a genuine history of the Christians. In it Philo describes the ancient Christian feast of Pentecost. He shows that in the observance of this feast the ancient Christians sometimes danced. His words are as follows: "And after the feast they celebrate the sacred festival during the whole night; and this nocturnal festival is celebrated in the following manner: they all stand up together, and in the middle of the entertainment two choruses are formed at first, the one of men and the other of women, and for each chorus there is a leader and chief selected, who is the most honorable and the most excellent of the band. Then they sing hymns which have been composed in honor of God in many metres and tunes, at one time all singing together, and at another moving their hands and dancing in corresponding harmony, and uttering in an inspired manner songs of thanksgiving, and at another time regular odes, and performing all necessary strophes and antistrophes.

"Then, when each chorus of the men and each chorus of the women has feasted separately by itself, like persons in the bacchanalian revels, drinking the pure wine of the love of God, they join together, and the two become one chorus, . . . and a truly musical symphony, the shrill voices of the women mingling with the deep-toned voices of the men. The ideas were beautiful, the expressions beautiful, and the chorus-singers were beautiful; and the end of ideas, and expressions, and chorus-singers was piety; therefore, being intoxicated all night till the morning with this beautiful intoxication, without feeling their heads heavy or closing their eyes for sleep, but being even more awake than when they came to the feast, as to their eyes and their whole bodies, and standing there till morning, when they saw the sun rising they raised their hands to heaven, imploring tranquility and truth, and acuteness of understanding. And after their prayers they each retired to their own separate abodes."—On a Contemplative Life, Ch. 11.

PROPHETS.

"We have now amongst us a sister whose lot it has been to be favoured with sundry gifts of revelation, which she experiences in the Spirit by ecstatic vision amidst the sacred rites of the Lord's day in the church; she converses with angels, and sometimes even with the Lord; she both sees and hears mysterious communications; some men's hearts she understands, and to them who are in need she distributes remedies. Whether it be in reading of Scriptures, or in chanting of psalms, or in the preaching of sermons, or in the offering up of prayers, in all these religious services matter and opportunity are afforded to her of seeing visions. . . . After the people are dismissed at the conclusion of the sacred services, she is in the regular habit of reporting to us whatever things she may have seen in vision."—Tertullian, *A Treatise on the Soul*, Ch. 9, written about the year 203.

This beautiful illustration of the ancient gift of prophecy, doubtless illustrates how the prophets used to discern in time of service in the church, in the time of Paul, 1 Cor. 14:29.

Another kind of gift of prophecy is described in the Book of Hermas. "He who has the Divine Spirit proceeding from above is meek, and peaceable, and humble, and refrains from all iniquity and the vain desire of this world, and contents himself with fewer wants than those of other men, and when asked he makes no reply; nor does he speak privately, nor when men wishes the Spirit to speak does the Holy Spirit speak, but it speaks only when God wishes it to speak. When, then, a man having the Divine Spirit comes into an assembly of righteous men who have faith in the Divine Spirit, and this assembly of men offers up prayer to God, then the angel of the prophetic Spirit, who is destined for him, fills the man; and the man being filled with the Holy Spirit, speaks to the multitude as the Lord wishes."—*Commandment Eleventh*.

The gift of Prophecy described in this text is the same as that mentioned in Luke. 1:67-79. It would be well to observe that there are two gifts of prophecy, one given by the Spirit, 1 Cor. 12:10, and one given by Christ, Eph. 4:11.

VISIONS AND DREAMS.

Visions and dreams were prominent manifestations of the Holy Spirit in primitive times. The ancient Christians are continually talking about their dreams and visions, of which the following are specimens.

"But the most admirable Polycarp, when he first heard that he was sought for, was in no measure disturbed but resolved to continue in the city. However, in deference to the wish of many, he was persuaded to leave it. He departed, therefore, to a country house not far distant from the city. There he staid with a few friends, engaged in nothing else night and day than praying for all men, and for the churches throughout the world, according to his usual custom. And while he was praying, a vision presented itself to him three days before he was taken; and, behold the pillow under his head seemed to him on fire. Upon this turning to those that were with him, he said to them prophetically, I must be burnt alive."—*The Martyrdom of Polycarp*, Ch. 5 written about the year 155.

The brethren who wrote the book which gives account of the martyrdom of Ignatius, speak as follows: "Having ourselves been eye-witnesses of these things, and having spent the whole night in tears within the house, and having entreated the Lord, with bended knees and much prayer, that he would give us weak men full assurance respecting the things which were done, it

came to pass, on our falling into a brief slumber, that some of us saw the blessed Ignatius suddenly by us and embracing us, while others beheld him again praying for us, and others still saw him dropping with sweat, as if he had just come from his great labor, and standing by the Lord. When, therefore, we had with great joy witnessed these things, and had compared our several visions together, we sang praise to God, the giver of all good things." Ch. 7, written in the year 107.

An ancient book entitled "The Life and Passion of Cyprian," who was Bishop of Carthage in the middle of the third century, describes a remarkable vision which Cyprian had one year before he suffered martyrdom, as follows: "There appeared to me," he said, "ere yet I was sunk in the repose of slumber, a young man of unusual stature, who, as it were, led me to the prætorium, where I seemed to myself to be led before the tribunal of the proconsul, then sitting. When he looked upon me, he began at once to note down a sentence on his tablet, which I knew not, for he had asked nothing of me with the accustomed interrogation. But the youth, who was standing at his back, very anxiously read what had been noted down. And because he could not then declare it in words, he showed me by an intelligible sign what was contained in the writing of that tablet. For, with hand expanded and flattened like a blade, he imitated the stroke of the accustomed punishment, and expressed what he wished to be understood as clearly as by speech.—I understood the future sentence of my passion. I began to ask and to beg immediately that a delay of at least one day be accorded me, until I should have arranged my property in some reasonable order. And when I had urgently repeated my entreaty, he began again to note down. I know not what, on his tablet. But I perceived from the calmness of his countenance that the judge's mind was moved by my petition, as being a just one. Moreover, that youth, who already had disclosed to me the intelligence of my passion by gesture rather than by words, hastened to signify repeatedly by secret signal that the delay was granted which had been asked for until the morrow, twisting his fingers one behind the other. And I, although the sentence had not been read, although I rejoiced with very glad heart with joy at the delay accorded, yet trembled so with fear of the uncertainty of the interpretation, that the remains of fear still set my exulting, heart beating with excessive agitation'. . . . Everything was foretold to him beforehand which subsequently followed. . . . He asked for delay till the morrow, when the sentence of his passion was under deliberation, begging that he might arrange his affairs on the day which he had thus obtained. This one day signified a year, which he was about to pass in the world after his vision. For to speak more plainly, after the year was expired, he was crowned, on that day on which, at the commencement of the year, the fact had been announced to him.—Ch. 12, 13. Cyprian suffered martyrdom in the year 258.

In a book of Martyrs written by Tertullian, giving account of some martyrdoms which occurred in the year 202, there are records of some beautiful visions given to some of the martyrs after they had been cast into prison. The accounts of the visions were composed by the martyrs themselves.

"Then my brother said to me, 'My dear sister, you are already in a position of great dignity, and are such that you may ask for a vision, and that it may be made known to you whether this is to result in a passion or an escape.' And I, who knew that I was privileged to converse with the Lord, whose kindnesses I had found to be so great, boldly promised him, and said, 'Tomorrow I will tell you.' And I asked, and this was what was shown

me. I saw a golden ladder of marvelous height, reaching up even to heaven, and very narrow, so that persons could only ascend it one by one; and on the sides of the ladder were fixed every kind of iron weapon. There were there swords, lances, hooks, daggers; so that if any one went up carelessly, or not looking upwards, he would be torn to pieces, and his flesh would cleave to the iron weapons. And under the ladder itself was crouched a dragon of wonderful size, who lay in wait for those who ascended, and frightened them from the ascent. And Saturus went up first, who had subsequently delivered himself up freely on our account, not having been present at the time that we were taken prisoners. And he attained the top of the ladder, and turned towards me, and said to me, 'Perpetua, I am waiting for you; but be careful that the dragon does not bite you.' And I said, 'In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, he shall not hurt me. And from under the ladder itself, as if in fear of me, he slowly lifted his head; and as I trod upon the first step, I trod upon his head. And I went up, and I saw an immense extent of garden, and in the midst of the garden a white haired man sitting in the dress of a shepherd, of a large stature, milking sheep; and standing round were many thousand white-robed ones. And he raised his head, and looked upon me, and said to me, 'Thou art welcome, daughter.' And he called me, and from the cheese as he was milking he gave me as it were a little cake, and I received it with folded hands; and I ate it, and all who stood around said Amen. And at the sound of their voice I was awakened, still tasting a sweetness which I cannot describe. And I immediately related this to my brother, and we understood that it was to be a passion, and we ceased henceforth to have any hope in this world.'—Ch. 1.

Another vision of Perpetua is given in this book as follows: "The day before that on which we were to fight, I saw in a vision that Pomponius the deacon came hither to the gate of the prison, and knocked vehemently. I went out to him, and opened the gate for him; and he was clothed in a richly ornamented white robe, and he had on manifold callicubæ. And he said to me, 'Perpetua, we are waiting for you; come!' And he held his hand to me, and we began to go through rough and winding places. Scarcely at length had we arrived breathless at the amphitheatre, when he led me into the middle of the arena, and said to me, 'Do not fear, I am here with you, and I am laboring with you; and he departed. And I gazed upon an immense assembly in astonishment. And because I knew that I was given to the wild beasts, I marvelled that the wild beasts were not let loose upon me. Then there came forth against me a certain Egyptian, horrible in appearance, with his backers to fight with me. And there came to me, as my helpers and encouragers, handsome youths; and I was stripped, and became a man. Then my helpers began to rub me with oil, as is the custom for contests; and I beheld that Egyptian on the other hand rolling in the dust. And a certain man came forth, of wondrous height, so that he even overtopped the top of the amphitheatre; and he wore a loose tunic and a purple robe between two bands over the middle of the breast; and he had on calliculæ of varied form, made of gold and silver; and he carried a rod, as if he were a trainer of gladiators, and a green branch upon which were apples of gold. And he called for silence, and said, 'This Egyptian, if he should overcome this woman, shall kill her with the sword; and if she shall conquer him, she shall receive this branch. Then he departed. And we drew near to one another, and began to deal out blows. He sought to lay hold of my feet, while I struck at his face with my heels; and I was lifted up in the air,

and began thus to thrust at him as if spurning the earth. But when I saw that there was some delay I joined my hands so as to twine my fingers with one another; and I took hold upon his head, and he fell on his face, and I trod upon his head. And the people began to shout, and my backers to exult. And I drew near to the trainer and took the branch; and he kissed me, and said to me, 'Daughter, peace be with you;' and I began to go gloriously to the Sanavivarian gate. Then I awoke, and perceived that I was not to fight with beasts, but against the devil. Still I knew that the victory was awaiting me. This, so far, I have completed several days before the exhibition; but what passed at the exhibition itself let who will write." Ch. 3.

"Moreover, also, the blessed Saturus related this his vision, which he himself committed to writing:—'We had suffered,' says he, 'and we were gone forth from the flesh, and we were beginning to be borne by four angels into the east; and their hands touched us not. And we floated not supine, looking upward, but as if ascending a gentle slope. And being set free, we at length saw the first boundless light; and I said, 'Perpetua (for she was at my side), this is what the Lord promised to us; we have received the promise.' And while we were borne by those same four angels, there appeared to us a vast space which was like a pleasure-garden, having rose-trees and every kind of flower, and the height of the trees was after the measure of a cyprus, and their leaves were falling incessantly. Moreover, there in the pleasure-garden four other angels appeared, brighter than the previous ones, who, when they saw us, gave us honor, and said to the rest of the angels, 'Here they are! Here they are!' with admiration. And those four angels who bore us, being greatly afraid, put us down; and we passed over on foot the space of a furlong in a broad path. There we found Jocundus and Saturninus and Artaxius, who having suffered the same persecution were burnt alive; and Zuintus, who also himself a martyr had departed in the prison. And we asked of them where the rest were. And the angels said to us, Come first, enter and greet your Lord.

"And we came near to a place, the walls of which were built of light; and before the gate of that place stood four angels, who clothed those who entered with white robes. And being clothed, we entered and saw the boundless light, and heard the united voice of some who said without ceasing, Holy! Holy! Holy! And in the midst of that place we saw as it were a hoary man sitting, having snow-white hair, and with a youthful countenance; and his feet we saw not. And on his right hand and on his left were four-and-twenty elders, and behind them a great many others were standing. We entered with great wonder, and stood before the throne; and the four angels raised us up, and we kissed Him, and He passed His hand over our face. And the rest of the elders said to us, 'Let us stand; and we stood and made peace. And the elders said to us, 'Go and enjoy.' And I said 'Perpetua, you have what you wish.' And she said to me, 'Thanks be to God, that joyous as I was in the flesh, I am now more joyous here.'

"And we went forth, and saw before the entrance Optatus the bishop at the right hand, and Aspasius the presbyter, a teacher, at the left hand, separate and sad; and they cast themselves at our feet, and said to us, 'Restore peace between us, because you have gone forth and have left us thus.' And we said to them, 'Art not thou our father, and thou our presbyter, that you should cast yourselves at our feet?' And we prostrated ourselves, and we embraced them; and we drew them apart in the pleasure-garden under a rose-tree. And while we were speaking with them, the angels said unto them,

'Let them alone, that they may refresh themselves; and if you have any dissensions between you, forgive one another. And they drove them away. And they said to Optatus, 'Rebuke thy people, because they assemble to you as if returning from the circus, and contending about factious matters.' And then it seemed to us as if they would shut the doors. And in that place we began to recognize many brethren, and moreover martyrs. We were all nourished with an indescribable odor, which satisfied us. Then I joyously awoke.'

(To be continued.)



DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY . . .

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Jan. 15. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isa. 40:29.

Blessed promise of God for his children, so absolutely dependent on Him. We are in partnership with Him—our part to show faith; His part to show love and grace and mercy.

Jan. 16. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:21.

How real the Lord Jesus becomes to us rests with ourselves. Every act of obedience brings us a fresh revelation of Jesus. "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land."

Jan. 17 "Put up again thy sword into his place for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Matt. 26:52.

Are we not constantly forgetting that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal? When will we learn that God's weapons (Eph. 6:13-18; 1 John 5:4) are the safest for us to use, and by far the most effective upon the enemy.

Jan. 18. "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Acts 4:33.

How much witnessing today which is very ineffective! It will not take so many words, or so much fleshly energy if we are truly filled with the Holy Ghost. Take care, dear Pentecostal worker, that you do not try to run your engine on spent steam. The past momentum may carry you a short way; but a dead stand-still sooner or later is inevitable.

Jan. 19. "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Rom. 12:11.

From this we would believe that God is not displeased when we dispatch His business in a practical, systematic manner. On the other hand He is much more glorified thereby than by the slack, loose methods which many very religious people employ in the discharge of His business. Prov. 22:29.

Jan. 20. "The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good." Gen. 24:50.

What a blessed thing if many another would take this same attitude in the face of God's manifest moving! There are times for us to take our hands off, and to refrain from speaking.

Jan. 21. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might become rich." 2 Cor. 8:9.

Oh the wonderful, unbelievable condescension of the Son of God that would cause Him "to empty Himself"—and all that you and I might be restored to divine favor and later share with Him the glories of His heavenly kingdom. Surely we have a new appreciation of our redemption and what it cost our blessed Savior.

Grapes and Pomegranates

W. F. CAROTHERS

The object of marriage is to found a family and any pretext which defeats this object brings a victory for the common enemy of God and man.

The persons you help will generally prove ungrateful, but if you keep on doing good in the name of Jesus, some one else, without apparent reason, will be just a little better to you than you have been able to be to others.

Try keeping a "thought-book"—a little memorandum book in which to jot down new thoughts, ideas, visions, etc. Then go over them occasionally, prayerfully testing and improving them. Soon you will find yourself able to express your finer feelings in language that is all your own and what you say will be helpful to others.

Disorder is as fatal to the individual as to an assembly. There is entirely too much living around in boarding houses, single or "divorced," with distant husbands or wives and children being neglected. Normally every man should be the husband of one wife and every woman the wife of one husband and they should have a home in which to rear their children in the fear of God.

When we look upon the confusion and foolishness so prevalent in spots over the Pentecostal movement, it is difficult to resist a feeling of discouragement. But just about that time we meet some honestly hungry heart, longing for a revelation of the fulness of God, and giving out the full gospel to such an hungry one brings such a blessing that we take fresh courage and resolve to press on.

The writer has been honored by the Pentecostal people above his deserts, and yet he would not think of launching a new doctrine or new "movement" without consulting the brethren. But there be many, with no such indorsement, who do not hesitate to rush out with the first impression that strikes them—making shipwreck for themselves and often for many others. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

When, by some misfortune, a woman or girl has to go out in the world and become a bread-winner, she is entitled to all honor. But too many are doing it in order to buy fine clothes or to avoid the marriage relation. This is flying in the face of God and will end in destruction. Others are "working out" because the men of the family are too worthless to make them a living, in which case the men will have a fearful account to render in the day of judgment.

In our travels we meet people who have not grown a whit in all the ten or twenty years since we met them last. They have not a new idea, no enlargement of vision, nor of love nor grace. Actually their bodies seem to have shrivelled. On the other hand, we meet those who have grown wonderfully; they are broader, sweeter, more lively in God—and "fairer and fatter" than when we met them last. Such people are an inspiration to their whole community. Verily we are expected to "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord."

Sunday School Lesson

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

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

January 23, 1916.

THE SPIRIT OF LIFE.

Lesson Text.—Rom. 8:12-30.

Golden Text.—"As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

Leading Thought.—The Spirit-filled life.

1. **The Life and Liberty Granted by the Spirit.** Vs. 12-17. After the account of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, and their liberty in service and the salvation of souls it is very fitting that we consider something of the nature of this same Holy Spirit. Like the electric current we cannot explain or understand really the nature of the Spirit but we can see the effect of its working and the nature of its manifestation in the hearts and lives of God's children. Eccles. 11:5; Jno. 4:24; 6:63. This epistle to the Romans has been termed Paul's Masterpiece, "the profoundest book in existence," the chapter before us carrying us into the very heart and inmost circle of the deepest Christianity. Luther said, "This Epistle is the chief book of the New Testament, the purest Gospel. It deserves not only to be known word for word by every Christian, but to be the subject of his meditation day by day, the daily bread of his soul. The more time one spends on it the more precious it becomes and the better it appears." Certainly the study of this book would do away with the shallow, wavering condition of many today. "Thy words were found and I did eat them," Jer. 15:16. It will be most helpful to read through the Book in the study of this lesson, dwelling particularly on this eighth chapter. It begins with "No condemnation;" it ends with "no separation." And this is just what the spirit-filled life means. Glory be to our God! God's purpose is that we be conformed to the image of His Son. The contrast between the flesh and the Spirit is made very plain; they are contrary to each other. Gal. 5:17. The first brings death through indulgence on our part; but our acceptance of and obedience to the Spirit brings life and

liberty. How we love that word life! We are in nowise indebted to the flesh though the enemy of our souls would strive to make us think and act so. We are free to choose and purpose to obey the guidance and direction of this blessed Holy Spirit. The Spirit is stronger than the flesh and by following it "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus makes us free from the law of sin and death." Hallelujah! To know and realize this for oneself is the only way of fully and rightly understanding it. We love the word liberty about as well as we do life. Some perhaps love it a little too strongly, over emphasizing it. True life always brings liberty in a natural measure. Its unnatural, over-use is license. 1 Cor. 8:9; Gal. 5:13. Let us notice the liberty of the Holy Spirit as Paul presents it here. We are delivered from law and bondage, Vs. 14, 15. We are delivered from fear, V. 15. We are made conscious of our sonship. "Delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." Believe it, know it, live it. Vs. 16, 17. Ere long shall we taste the fullness of its reality.

2. **The Intercession of the Spirit.** Vs. 26, 27. "The Spirit helpeth our infirmities." Our chief infirmity is ignorance of how to pray and what to pray for. So many of God's children today have testified to the wonderful stimulus the outpouring of the Holy Spirit has given to their prayer life. That is what it should do for every baptized child of God. A waning of desire toward God for definite needs in His work and salvation of souls should ever be regarded as a warning of spiritual declension. The people with the deepest prayer lives are the ones who live and act most positively for God. The wonderful, immeasurable possibilities of a prayer-life in the Holy Ghost! But it means co-operation with God on our part; it means sacrifice even of good natural desires sometimes that we may obey the call of the Spirit. It means a willingness to suffer oftentimes misunderstanding on the part even of God's people;

to drink of the cup with our Lord in Gethsemane. But it also means indescribable joy and blessing in the conscious knowledge that we are truly laborers together with Him. And it means a changed name as in the case of Jacob, for as princes we shall prevail with God. Human infirmities need not hinder or spoil prayer. Nor is fluency in speaking essential to prayer. When words fail and we can only groan out our hearts to God perhaps our prayer is most big with meaning and will prove most efficacious. The greater and deeper the desire from God the less likely we will be to adequately express it. Someone has said, "We have two intercessors, one in heaven and one in the heart. Christ for us, the Spirit within us." Notice the part "the will of God" has in this. Compare with Christ's words to His disciples. John 14:13; 1 John 5:14, 15. How the church of the Lord Jesus Christ needs the fresh stimulus of the Holy Spirit in the mighty work of intercession.

3. **The Protection and Guidance of the Spirit.** Vs. 28-30. Some perhaps would consider this 28th verse the gem of the whole chapter. One old saint called it "her easy chair" in which she dropped to rest whenever discouraged or tempted to complain of her trials or hardships. It would be a decided benefit as an accession to the furniture in most of our homes. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." What a poor knowledge some of us must have of this certain fact, judging from the way we complain and question the workings of God in our lives. And all the while God is patiently working, waiting till we are quiet and submissive enough to see, before He can show us the pattern of His wise design. There is a place in God where we can recognize, or at least believe to recognize some future day, our good and God's ultimate glory out of every trying circumstance. Never mind the secondary causes; look on the positive side, God will take care of the negative one. This thing is practical, tried, and proven. Thank God! John Fletcher was about to accept a commission in the Portuguese army. Just before the vessel was to sail, a teakettle was upset, so severely scalding his leg that he had to remain at home. The vessel was lost at sea with all on board. David Livingstone once wrote, "I find that evil-speaking against me has, by the good providence of God, turned rather to my benefit. I got two of my best friends by being spoke ill of."

"When we're in God's purpose, love Him as we should,
He will work all things together for our good."

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

WHEN THE BEE STUNG MOTHER.

A young boy was once asked how long he had known his Savior, and if he knew that all his sins were forgiven.

"Oh yes, he replied, "I know that they are all forgiven; I am sure of that."

"When did you first come to know and understand that?" asked the minister.

"When the bee stung mother," said the boy quickly.

"When the bee stung mother? Tell me what you mean, my boy."

"Sir," said the boy, "I have a mother, who for some years told me what Jesus had done for me! but I never really understood and realized how He had taken my place, and died in my stead, until one summer's afternoon, when playing at the door of our cottage. Mother was ironing in the kitchen, at the door, with her sleeves turned up upon her arms. Suddenly, whilst I was playing around the doorstep, a large and apparently much-excited bee, came buzzing round my head. It no doubt had been hurt, and seemed determined to sting. I was frightened, and tried once or twice to flap it away with my handkerchief; but round and round my head it came, closer each time. At last, in despair, I ran inside to get rid of my enemy, and made for my mother, who had been watching my injudicious efforts to free myself from my opponent; and with a cry I hid myself under her long white apron."

"Amused at my fear, but with motherly care, she put her iron down, and, with a smile, put her arms outside, as it were to assure me that I had full protection."

"This was hardly done, before the bee settled upon one of her bare arms, and stung her so deeply that the poor thing was unable to draw out its sting, and in an exhausted state crawled down her arm."

"My mother, who felt the sting sharply, was taken aback; but looking at the bee crawling down her arm, I thought struck her which was the means of my salvation."

"She said to me, 'There, you may come out now; the bee has stung mother instead of you; come out and look at it crawling on mother's arm. It cannot hurt you now.'"

"Timidly I lifted the apron, and put my head out to see. There was the bee crawling still slowly down my mother's arm; and my mother, pointing to the sting higher up, said, 'There it is; it has stung mother instead of you. You may play with it now; it cannot sting again; see its sting in mother's arm. Poor creature, it has only one sting!'"

"Half afraid and a little sorrowful for my mother, I looked at the sting."

My mother then went on to explain to me how I might play with the bee now, and even take it in my hand, as it could not sting twice, and therefore could not sting me now. She well applied the lesson, explaining to me how it was a picture of what for long she had told me, about Jesus having taken my place, and been punished in my stead.

"I had learned and often repeated that verse, 'By His stripes we are healed,' but I never understood until then, with the bee and the sting before us, that it was just a picture of what Jesus had permitted to be done to Himself—to be punished instead of us, who deserved to be punished; and how, if we claimed that He had taken our place and been punished in our stead, we could not be punished. The law having punished Him in our stead, it was powerless now to punish us."

'Payment God will not twice demand: First at my bleeding Surety's hand. And then again at mine.'

"That moment of realization I shall never forget it. It was all so clear then. I saw and understood for the first time, what mother had for long taught me, how that God would not punish me, because He had punished Jesus in my stead." Selected.

GLEANINGS FROM OUR MAIL BAG.

I feel I cannot do without it for I do get so much pleasure out of it.—Mrs. C. H., St. Petersburg, Fla.

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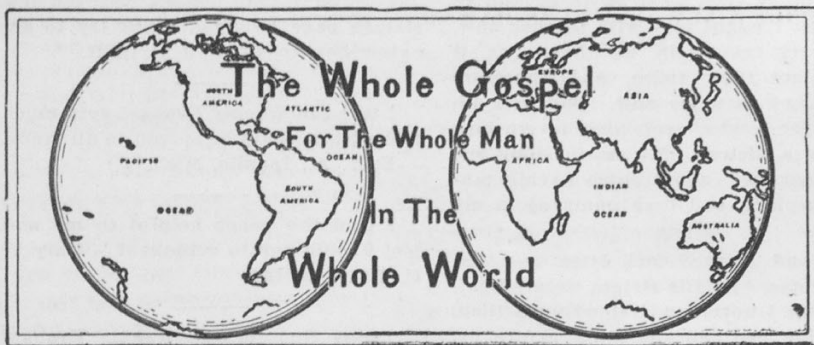
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We greet our missionaries, this beginning of the New Year, in the precious name of Jesus, desiring and praying for them that God may grant unto them the greatest year of service they have ever known, providing the Lord does not come. We are, of course, expecting Jesus to come for us at any moment, and while we are occupying till He come, we trust that the time will not be long that we shall meet in the air to greet our blessed Lord, to abide in His presence forever more.

We desire to thank our dear missionaries for their co-operation and help for the paper in sending us frequent reports during the past year which have been fruitful in stirring up missionary interest.

It is of the greatest importance that the Pentecostal people retain their missionary zeal. A Missionary church is a praying church, a paying church, and a church on fire for God and souls. May the missionary spirit increase among us.

And now about the Weekly Evangel. We have been sending you the paper for some time, three hundred and more of you. **Do you want us to continue it to your address?** Someone has to pay for the papers to you and we have been making the Publishing House stand responsible. This costs the house for printing and postage about \$450.00 per year. Please advise us at once whether you want us to continue the paper to you or not, and if you do, whether or not we shall take some money from the missionary offerings to pay for your subscription. If you desire the paper to continue, please notify us and we will make arrangements to pay for your paper from the missionary funds. If we do not hear from you in a reasonable time, we will take your name from our mailing list as we will understand that you do not want the paper any longer. We shall expect to hear from you all shortly.

INTERESTING REPORT FROM B. S. MOORE.

Yokohama, Japan.

Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who have prayed for us during this perilous year 1915. Thanks to you and to our God for the temporal support rendered which has enabled us to continue on in this needy field which is a land of idols (goozo) see Isaiah 2:3. 14-24. It is a good photo of this country and what will come upon idol worshippers when God "ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

God has given us a number of real converts the past year and very many enquirers. When a soul is really born again they are seriously dealt with by their ungodly relatives and employers. Many are kept from the meeting. Some struggle on and keep true in their hearts, stealing into the meeting whenever they can. Recently a number of women have been saved and this means much for they are always persecuted by their drunken companions and relatives. The employers threaten the young men with the loss of their employment if they accept Christ. Or the parents will send them away where there is no mission.

One very earnest young man was sent away from here and is working for 50 cen a day (15 cents), boarding himself out of that. He came to us sometime ago sick, and you should have seen the workers cry over him, as we prayed and laid our hands on him. The power of God went through him and healed him, and he was so thankful to God and to us as they always are. Another young man was kept away for months, and he came in on the sly. That night the power of the Spirit came upon him and two others and they went down the street shouting, "Hallelujah." Of course this stirred the devil, and the young man's uncle stopped him from coming altogether.

The women are always persecuted and have to steal away. One was in tonight who had been invited by her friends to see a heathen dance, and show of some vile sort; but she refused and came to the mission another way. Some eight or nine have accepted Christ

them that the ban will be lifted and these hungry hearts will be free to attend the services. If those who get saved were free to attend we would soon have a good company of Christians. in the past two meetings. Pray for However our workers visit them in their homes and shops and thus encourage them. We rejoice that our first convert is standing true. He lived next door to us and heard us sing and pray, becoming deeply interested. He was gloriously saved and feels called to gospel work. A young friend of his is also standing with him. They write of God's blessing. One said God heard his prayer for his sick sister and raised her up when she was dying.

The work is like good old Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. Amid trials and battles of difficulty, watching and praying, the work gradually goes on. The enemy of Christ is constantly using his submarines, and foxy diplomacy against us, and all who accept Christ; but we find the artillery of heavenly dynamite more than a match for the enemy. Like Jehosaphat, our eyes are looking unto God.

One Great Difficulty.

The Government has taken a decided stand against Christianity, and is reviving Shintoism, the worship of departed spirits, especially departed Emperors. The present Emperor has declared these to be divine and heavenly and that their dynasty would stand forever. He has worshipped them in the past and at present is worshipping them daily, while the people worship him as God. The two emblems which they use are a divine mirror, which represents the spirits of departed Emperors, and a divine sword which stands for the conquest of the world. These are placed in a small house similar to the "Ark of the covenant." During the Coronation they danced before them (Royalty and all) and prayed and sacrificed new rice to them. They declared the late Emperor was looking at them and was well pleased with these ceremonies. This example is set for the nation and on the 10th inst., Coronation Day, the Emperor commanded the people to follow his example. The Prime Minister did obeisance to him, also the congregation; the nation was asked to worship with their faces toward the east on the same day, but many refused.

Earthquakes are shaking this country; twenty-five recorded in one day, one lasting twenty-five minutes. Pray for a spiritual earthquake such as shook the shackles off at the Phillippian jail.

I can't well get along without the Weekly Evangel.—M. L. S. Bellefonte, Ark.

A REVIVAL SPIRIT IN CHINA.

Sarah A. Kugler.

We are praising God for a real revival spirit in our midst. Have just returned from Ngau Pooi Leng, Brother Kelley's station, where sixteen were baptized in water. One of our teachers received the baptism and many received definite help from God. Truly God was with us. It is truly precious how Jesus is being revealed to the Chinese as well as we missionaries. We have not yet found the height and depth and breadth of our Lord Jesus. His name is truly above every name.

As the weather has turned cooler, we are canvassing the surrounding villages the Gospel has never been preached in. The opportunities are fine and the Gospel is going forth. Interest is good here in the mission. Inquirers come almost every day to learn of the Gospel. We need your prayers and co-operation, that God will give us a real Pentecostal shower. We have two bright boys in school preparing to give forth the Gospel. We are still expecting God to open the next door to us for a school.

God is wonderfully helping me in getting hold of the language, for which I give Him the Glory. I have had many things to come in and hinder my study, but God's grace has been sufficient. Hallelujah!

MUCH SICKNESS IN SO. CHINA.

There is much sickness, fever and cholera in the West River District now, following the flood; and the death rate is appalling. Many of our people have had slight attacks, but have looked earnestly to God and He has healed all so far. Praise His name! We are trying to be faithful to the trust God has committed to us. He also is proving faithful to us. Pray for us.

We enjoy the Evangel very much. Many thanks for the kind letter and check.—Mattie Ledbetter, Sam Shui, S. China.

A BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

I hope you are praying for us that God's hand may remain over us in converting sinners and baptizing believers. Last Sunday we had a Baptismal service at the River. We had a big crowd to see; but they did not see the four buried until they HEARD God's word preached. One young brother was baptized against his father's wishes. Bless God, this Gospel brings division. Luke 12:51. It makes a clean cut between sin and righteousness.—W. Theron. Cape Province.

BUILT A NEW CHAPEL IN HAWAII ISLANDS.

Brother Tommy F. Anderson sends us a very interesting report of the building of a chapel for the Filipinos at Hilo, Hawaii. He says, "People in this community gave carpenters lumber to the amount of \$1100.00 and we built the first Filipino Mission in these Islands. The Sugar Co. gave us the land free on the night of dedication. All seats were filled and many expressed themselves as wanting to be true Christians. We have a Sunday School of fifty children of all nations. Pray for us.—Tommy F. Anderson.

DIFFICULTIES OF MISSIONARY LIFE IN INDIA.

Our God lives and reigns and we are still going on in spite of the enemy's workings to put us down, and to destroy our work, and to hinder souls from getting the light.

During the hot season we had to have the roof of the bungalow repaired to make it fit to live in during the rains; but this year we had unusually heavy rains and they had to be repaired again and again. Then came a flood and a part of one veranda fell tearing out a portion of an outer wall of the bungalow. Of course this had to be repaired at once to save the whole house. This was done, but two weeks later another flood came and tore out all the repairs that had been made and they had to be done over again.

We trust that God will enable us to build before another rainy season for we fear for the safety of the bungalow in its weakened condition. In fact we are very far from being properly housed for work in this land. Missionaries can work much more effectively if they have a proper place to live, otherwise their time, strength and money must go as much of ours has had to go since we came here—in repairing and patching up poor old buildings.

We have a foundation for a bungalow here which has been build several years but is in a perfectly good condition, which will save us at least \$200 on the expense of building a new house.

It has become necessary for us to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes and make room for new missionaries and also to spread out in the work. Therefore a new station is to be opened up as the Headquarters of the Mission, while Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner will remain at Nanpara and carry on the work there and this will be a substation, but the two works will not be separated.

Our new Headquarters will be at Basti, U. P. for the present while we are opening up our new station at Khalilabad, 20 miles east of Basti, where it will be necessary for us to build a bungalow for our work as it is a new

unworked field. This may seem strange to some in view of the fact that we have said we need a new bungalow at Nanpara, but we are trusting God to give us the means to enable Mr. Wagoner to build at Nanpara and also for us to build at Khalilabad, both are needed.

Miss Doll, whose work is in Basti, is very much in need of a furlough, and while she is in America I will help carry on her work; but we do not wish our friends to be confused over this change for the two missions are quite separate and the two works are not connected. It is a matter of convenience as it holds her work while she is away and at the same time affords a home for us while our new station is being started and a home built, as besides the bungalow in Basti there is a small house built for native workers suitable for us to live in.

We expect to get land as soon as possible and some of us will live in a tent and begin work in the new place at once with our native preachers and Bible-women. Don't forget to pray for us in our opening up a new station, and also for Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner and their needs in the Nanpara work.

Yours for the Evangelization of India.—Laura Gardner, Basti, U. P. India.

**SISTER MARY W. CHAPMAN.
India.**

Please say in the Evangel that my address in India is Dodballapur, Mysore State, India.

I spent two weeks in Bombay and a few days at Mukti and Dhond before coming here. God is getting a company together here whose hearts are crying out for the fulness. Also from other places near, the call comes for help. We feel that He is going to pour out His Spirit on this dry and thirsty ground.

One Indian Evangelist and wife, both blessedly filled with the Spirit, have found a home here with Mrs. Chester for some months, and have worked faithfully. The Lord is providing means so that he can now go out and give all his time to preaching the Gospel. Praise His name!

The fields are white unto harvest. God has not forgotten South India. He is working.

Please ask prayer that many precious sheaves may be gathered in. One dear girl in our meeting this morning cried out and confessed her sins, and said, Jesus said, "I am coming very soon, you must get ready quickly." She laughed and praised God. Others are earnestly seeking. I am so glad to be in India.

How I appreciate the Evangel! I feel it is so helpful.—Mrs. C. N., Carthage, Miss.

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.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for the opening up of a mission
 in Smithcenter, Kans.

Pray for a brother in Canalou, Mo.,
 suffering from neuralgia in the eye.

Pray for a brother in Kentucky who
 desires healing of stomach trouble.

Pray for the saints of Grand Junction,
 Colo., who have a great field before
 them but many opposers.

Pray for the needy fields in Colorado
 where only a few know about the Pen-
 tecostal truth.

A sister at Arlton, Ala. desires heal-
 ing of a swelling on her eye, and to
 be made perfectly whole.

Pray for a sister in Shepherd, Texas,
 that she may be definitely led by the
 Lord in her life.

Pray for a sister in Carthage, Mo.,
 that she may be healed of paralysis.
 She lives at the Alms House but says
 the Comforter abides.

Pray for Bro. Squire of Penn Yan,
 N. Y., suffering from Lukemia, and
 who is very low, his life hanging on a
 thread.

Pray for a brother (one of God's
 children) who is in jail for a charge of
 which he says he is not guilty. Pray
 that God will guide in judgment.

A sister in Eupora, Miss. desires
 prayer for healing from heart, stomach
 and general nervous condition. Has
 several children and the need is great
 for her healing.

Pray for a brother in Joplin, Mo.
 Compelled to work hard because of fi-
 nancial strain, but who spends the
 night suffering from fever and from a
 cough. Pray for complete deliverance.

Pray for a sister in Jean, Texas who
 desires that God will be able to use her
 as she keeps low at His feet. She de-
 sires God's will not hers.

Please continue to pray for my eye.
 The neuralgia has left it but the sight
 is impaired.—D. J. Carter, Canalou, Mo.

Pray for a young woman in Tennes-
 see who is confined to her bed, suffer-
 ing from nerve and other troubles, that
 God will baptize her with the Holy
 Ghost and save her wicked husband.

NESHOBA PENTECOSTAL SCHOOL.

A Literary School owned by Pente-
 costal people, run on faith lines, partly
 industrial. It has an ideal location in
 the country. For further particulars
 write J. E. Wade, Principal, R R 5,
 Union, Miss.

A REPORT FROM PANGBURN, ARK.

Just before the close of the year we
 received a report from Brother A. E.
 Humbard, which was crowded out and
 could not be used. The report follows:

"Since my last report I have been in
 some good meetings. We held a ten
 days meeting at Ellsworth, Ark. and
 the Lord blessed. Some were saved
 and eight were buried with Christ in
 baptism. Then we were in a meeting
 at Wilburton, Okla., then at Hartford,
 Ark. Two were reclaimed. We came
 through Huntington and Ft. Smith and
 preached at each place. Stopped off
 at the Bible School in Russellville a
 night and day and then home. May the
 Lord bless all the saints throughout
 the world. Pray for me.—A. E. Hum-
 bard.

A MEETING NEAR RED STAR.

We have just closed a meeting near
 Red Star, forty miles below Eureka
 Springs. Two saved and baptized ac-
 cording to Acts 2:4 and one was re-
 claimed and spoke in tongues, and they
 danced and spoke in tongues for two
 hours. Praise the Lord. He poured
 out a blessing I never will forget.—C.
 D. Shepard, Little Rock, Ark.

QUINLAN, TEXAS.

Since last writing several more have
 been saved and some baptized. The total
 numbers about 11 saved and nine or
 ten baptized in the Spirit. The interest
 increasing. Numbers seeking at the
 altar every night.—Evang. Burt Mc-
 Cafferty.

A MEETING NEAR OKLAHOMA CITY.

Any one desiring a meeting near
 Oklahoma City may write Evangelist
 Julia A. Ross, 24 E. 5th St., Oklahoma
 City, Okla

NEW PRICE OF EVANGEL ROLLS.

On account of the increased cost of
 production since changing the Evangel
 from four to sixteen pages, Evangel
 Rolls will be sent out at 2 cts per copy
 from now on instead of 1 1-2 cents as
 heretofore.

Old copies of The Weekly Evangel
 and the Word and witness published in
 1915 will be sent out for distribution
 for 5 cts. per pound.

A HELPER NEEDED.

A Christian worker, formerly a
 school teacher, who is the daughter of
 an M. E. Minister, greatly needs a help-
 er, a deeply spiritual woman, called
 unto and experienced in the public and
 evangelistic ministry, to assist her in
 the Lord's work. Address (Miss) Leila
 M. Conway, Hurlock, Md.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD—ST. LOUIS, MO.

We are glad to announce that, after
 a wait of many months, in which a
 number of saints in St. Louis have been
 lying on their faces and waiting upon
 God, it is now possible to open an
 Assembly of God where meetings can
 be held which will be closely connected
 with the Publishing House and its in-
 terests. Last summer we tried to se-
 cure a church at 2929 Montgomery St.,
 which had been built about twenty-five
 years ago by Sister Woodworth-Etter.
 We failed to secure the building and so
 the matter rested. Since the first of
 the year, this building has been put
 into our hands, and the first meeting
 was held in it Sunday morning, Jan-
 uary 9th. All brethren passing through
 St. Louis are cordially invited to stop
 off and worship with us. Services
 Sunday afternoon and night. Prayer
 meetings Tuesday and Friday nights.
 —J. W. Welch, Pastor.

CONVENTION AT IOLA, KANS.

15 Days Commencing Jan. 26th.

A Convention is announced as above.
 For further information address J. A.
 Dunham, 414 S. 4th St., Iola, Kans.

A HOME FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

Foster Young, care of Wm. G. Schell,
 Fostoria, Ohio, desires to make an-
 nouncement as follows.

"Wanted, a young middle aged wo-
 man preferred with no children, one
 who has no home but desires one with
 board and clothing, for caring for three
 children who are going to school, as
 my wife is not able to take care of
 same."

A SMALL BAND AT BEARDSTOWN, TENN.

There are a small band of us here,
 we have no preacher. We covet your
 prayers that God will send the right
 one to this barren place.—Mrs. Madie
 Small, Beardstown, Tenn.

STIRRING WORK AT WACO, TEXAS.

We have been having meetings every night for several months. Street meetings almost daily. Crowds good. A few nights ago the power of God fell and the Lord had right of way throughout the entire service. The next night or two the meeting took a turn toward the subject of healing in answer to prayer. Testimonies one after another came pouring in. Then people began to come forward for healing. Finally we spoke from James 5 for half an hour. We called this the Healing night. The Spirit had right of way.

Not long since the spirit of praise shook the house, as it were. One after another praised Him with that genuine ring of praise, and I was led to exclaim "How different now from other days when I was merely a church member!" How many are yet simply members of some Church-house.

Some sixty people have been healed in answer to prayer of the saints in the last two or three months. One was healed of pelagra, one of chronic malaria, one of shaking palsy, one of chronic gastritis. The case of chronic malaria was instantly healed, although he lived miles away at another town when prayer was offered for Him. One man was healed after being confined to his bed between five and six months,—in answer to prayer. When the doctors learned that we were offering prayer for him they quit the case. He was baptized with the Holy Ghost and is looking for work, although we were told by his wife that the night we prayed for him he was mortifying in spots. Thank God! Pray for us. Last night one was baptized in the Spirit, speaking in other tongues, and one other sought saving grace. I have closed my medical office.—Dr. Arthur C. Bell.

SAINTS OF BENTON, ARK. MELTED.

Some time late in November our Evangel office received a very blessed report from Benton, Ark. written by Bro. A. E. Wilson, which was crowded out only through lack of space. It is as follows:—

Yesterday was a red-letter day in our Assembly here in Benton. At the eleven o'clock service, after a short address explaining the nature and purpose of the sacrament, I, assisted by Bro. J. N. Orr, who is the oldest man in our Assembly and therefore looked upon by the rest of us as a father, administered the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper. I have been a Methodist Pastor fourteen years and have attended many of these services but never in all my past experience have I seen so much of the power of God manifested at a similar service. It seemed as if the very body of our blessed Christ lay

before us and the saints came to the altar with loud weeping, commingled with deep rejoicing and the Power of the Lord rested upon us all. Praise His dear name. Immediately following we had a service of foot-washing, in which the Lord bestowed a wonderful blessing. The dear sisters especially seemed to be united in such bonds of love that all differences seemed to be swept away in a perfect flood of Christian love, and the presence of the Lord was felt all over the place.

We had an exceptionally sweet service on Saturday night, the Holy Spirit manifesting Himself in messages and strong weeping. On Sunday the power of the Lord was so strong that during the testimony service we were not able to have any preaching for, after a strong message given in tongues, with interpretation, many came to the altar without even an invitation and prostrated themselves before the Lord, with weeping and supplications. Many, unable to endure the scene, left the house and the power of God's presence was felt by all. Praise the Lord for His wonderful love.

God has been blessing us ever since our meeting in September and October. This meeting resulted in ten conversions and four were baptized with the Holy Ghost, eighteen being baptized in water. Bro. Arthur Roberts of Sheridan, assisted throughout the meeting. Bros. Willie Millsaps and Patterson and Sister Patterson were with us one night on their way to Sheridan from Camp-meeting at Little Rock. Bro. H. E. Reed of Corning, Ark., a former Pastor, was with us nearly a week. We appreciated the presence of these dear ones and give God the glory for the work done.

May God bless His dear children everywhere and give them victory in their souls. Pray for us.—A. E. Wilson.

LETHBRIDGE, ALTA., CANADA.**Convention Report.**

We are glad to report victory, although the great things did not come to pass as we were hoping they would during the Convention. But, praise God, it has been an inward victory. We are seeing blessed results in the saints—dear ones launching out into the deep, letting the shore-lines go and sinking deeper into the great ocean of God's love, and since the brethren left us and the Convention closed we have felt the Holy Spirit hovering around us and so blessedly near. There have been a number of healings and dear ones have received visions of Jesus. One sister was in bed with the Grippe Sunday afternoon. Her husband brought some tablets from the Doctor for her but she said "O I cannot take them; I am trusting God for healing"—and she

arose and dressed and came to the meeting, testifying to the healing power in Jesus' name. Glory be to Jesus! Another brother gave to our leader his glasses and said he would trust God for his sight. One more marvellous case for the glory of God,—A little girl, twelve years of age, stricken down by typhoid fever and boils, and given up by the Doctors. She had five boils in one ear and two in the other. Was stone deaf and had boils on her body, terribly thin and wasted away to a skeleton. One of the saints living on the same street, was burdened for her in prayer one Sunday night. The following Sunday afternoon another brother was burdened and wrote a note saying how sorry we were to hear about dear Daisy being so near death's door and how Jesus could heal her, and quoted James 5:14, 15, saying how we had proved them so often and if they desired we would go and anoint Daisy in the name of the Lord. So she sent and asked us to go and as two of the Elders entered the sick room she began to moan and cry, and the little brother kicked up and cried "Leave her alone. Come away." The saints, perceiving the devil was fighting, commanded him to come out of her (but not audibly), and got down and laid hands on her and anointed her in Jesus' name and then audibly commanded the devil to come out in Jesus' name and the little girl heard instantly and was healed and is a living testimony today. Praise His precious name! He is worthy of all praise and adoration. Dear ones, who may read this, if you are suffering, Jesus is the same today. Pray for Lethbridge.—Sec., Treasurer.

MARCHING ON TO VICTORY AT HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The saints of the Lord are marching on with a conquering tread here in Houston. The Lord has used the steadiness and good judgment of Bro. Morwood to keep the down town mission open and has built up a large assembly full of zeal and good faith. Souls are being saved and receiving the Holy Spirit every few nights. God stretches His hand forth to heal in most every service and several wonderful healings have been given. How I praise God for His faithfulness.—Mrs. Joe Rosselli.

A GOOD MEETING AT PLEASANTON, IOWA.

The Lord has given us a real good meeting here in Pleasanton the past few weeks. About sixteen have received the Holy Ghost and two or three others saved that have not received the Holy Ghost. Thirteen have been baptized in water and one or two others to be baptized.—Roy E. Scott.

GRAFTON, WEST VIRGINIA. Convention Report.

A remarkable convention, with telling results and great blessing, was held from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2nd. We felt definitely led to pray for this Convention before entering upon its responsibilities. So every night for one month we devoted the time to God in real heart cry and supplication. In working in co-partnership with God in this way the results, which were so marked, were by no means a surprise to us. We expected them.

Grafton's Pentecostal Assembly has just arisen in the past year to this date. The Assembly numbers approximately fifty persons who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

From the very opening of the Convention God began to instruct believers more perfectly and corroborate the instructions received in the past until believers began to feel the fire burning in their souls. The Lord was faithful to give us a basis to work from and when we all located our position the break came. Praise God! a beautiful spirit of worship and adoration rested upon the believers and one dear sister who was so hungry for God, not being able to resist the pressure of the power any longer, yielded herself to God and in a few moments was speaking by the Spirit in a beautiful, clear language. Soon the multitudes gathered and the opportunity came to call sinners to repentance. Church members came and received a knowledge of sins forgiven, testifying afterwards how blind they were.

While there were only five bright conversions and five baptisms with the Spirit, victory was brought to those who were out of victory and nearly all of us healed of different ailments. There was a work done in the heart of every believer that has put courage and vim in all to go through. The Spirit of unity prevailed and everything worked beautifully and harmoniously with no friction. The brethren who labored with us were Bros. Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburg, Pa., C. A. McKinney of Akron, Ohio, and D. R. Moreland of Cumberland, Md.—J. W. Pottorff, Pastor..

BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

I praise God for His goodness and blessings to me and the saints at large. We have a few here who are as true as steel. We have about four night meetings per week and Sunday meetings at private houses. The Lord blesses us in a wonderful way. Some have been saved, sanctified, baptized and healed. Our Brother Pinkerton wants to ask the saints, through the paper, to pray for his eyes as they are failing him.—John P. Gaskins.

VICTORY AT CHAFFEE, MO.

We are glad to report victory. We had good interest in our two weeks meeting which was closed early in December. Forty-eight were baptized with the Holy Ghost and most of these were saved in the same meeting. Since our last report, one sister who was taken very sick with pain in one lung and had fever for five days, after much suffering, was instantly healed the other day at 3:40 P. M. She was anointed and the prayer of faith was offered in Jesus' name and God mightily blessed her. She raised her hand and sang with us praises to God and got up and ordered supper, ate a hearty supper and came to the service and testified. She is healed yet, thank God.

We have services four times a week and expect to trust the Lord for the revival spirit to continue. Pastor M. V. Ferguson and wife.

GOD'S BLESSING RESTING UPON WESSON, ARK.

We came to this place something near eleven weeks ago. We pitched our tents and started the battle against the powers of darkness. The dear Lord has done a wonderful work. Many have been saved and about fifty received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost with the Bible sign of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The dear Lord permitted us to establish a Sunday School; seventy-seven in the School. Many have been healed and we give God all the glory.—W. T. Mack and band.

OAKHURST, TEXAS.

I praise God for the wonderful way He is blessing us in the meetings and for the interest manifested by the sinners. God is wonderfully manifesting His healing power. I desire the prayers of the saints for myself that God will open a way for me to go out and labor in His vineyard. The fields are white unto harvest and Jesus is soon coming.—Vivian Strickland.

A NEW MEETING—HASTINGS, IA.

We are just opening up a Pentecostal Mission on Main St. here and would ask all the workers to pray that God will give us power to prevail against all the power of the enemy. Any reliable saints passing through will be welcome.—Eugene N. Hastie, Box 213, Hastings, Iowa.

TENT FOR SALE.

I have a Gospel Tent, 30 x 45, in very good condition, well worth the money, which I will sell for \$50.00. 10 oz. double filled duck, 8 oz. side walls.—W. S. Sapp, Cottondale, Fla.

CHURCH DEDICATED AT WALBERT, Mo.

On Sunday Dec. 12th 1915 the Assembly at Walbert, Mo., dedicated their new Church. The Lord truly has blessed the saints by giving them a new modern brick church, seating about 350 people.

The dedication was followed by a Week's revival which was conducted by Bro. Dauer and the writer. Bro. Dauer moved to Stanton, Mo. from the city almost two years ago, and has been faithfully working for God during this time. God has honored him with the gift of healing and he has prayed for the sick and God has healed many cancers, consumption and all kinds of disease. One man who was bald-headed for years was prayed for and his hair has grown on his head. Nothing impossible with God.

The Lord has baptized about 400 with the Holy Ghost and He is working in a wonderful way. Praise Him! —R. O. Miller (Minister).

CALL FOR WORKERS.

I am out ten miles from Coweta, Okla., with no other saints near. Am praying that the Lord will send someone out here and help hold a meeting. This is a very needy field and I want all the dear saints to pray much for me.—L. E. Bish.

McCLURE, ILL.

We have had a glorious time here. Brother McCalla was with us and the Lord wonderfully blessed. One brother received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire the first night. The Lord used Brother McCalla's preaching. Pray for us here. We need a Pastor. I am praising God for His Spirit poured out upon me the first of last September.—John Mainer.

THE REVIVAL IN ELDON, IOWA.

The revival came to Eldon in September. This was a new field for the real Gospel and God surely met us from the first. We rented an old building that had been used for a saloon and began the battle. God began to deal with the people and saved forty and filled them with the Holy Ghost. We baptized twelve in water. We later moved into another building where we now are. Had a two months meeting. Pray for us.—Harry Nigh and band.

GOOD INTEREST AT BOWER, OKLA.

Just closed a meeting at Bower, Okla. Good interest from the beginning. Crowds increased. People were convicted of the truth. Three came through to victory. One old man who came to condemn the way and to preach women's rights, was convicted and wonderfully saved. Pray for this place.—Mrs. Luella Cutsinger, Arpelar, Okla.