



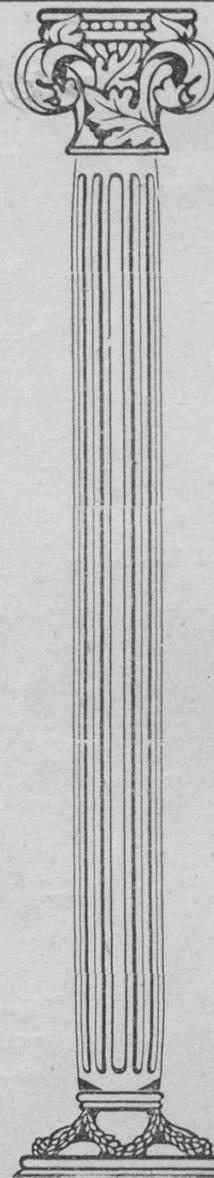
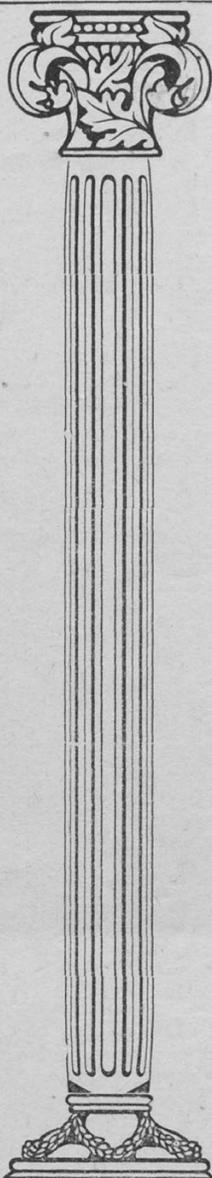
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## LITTLE TALKS WITH THE OFFICE EDITOR

IN THESE DAYS of rapidly changing currents, of loosing from the old paths, of launching out into trackless expanses of doctrine and experience, one is often made to rejoice, or be amused, and quite often to be saddened by what is seen and felt, as the eddying currents bring ever new scenes before us. Now we rejoice as we see a soul launch out into God, realizing a new abandonment to the Spirit, being filled with God and overflowing in manifestation of His indwelling and controlling presence. Then amusement comes as we see the vain effort of man to reach out after something, seeking a realization which God never intended, and the discomfit which ensues. Then again there comes a great sadness as we behold saints of God, in their ever persistence for the spectacular, leaving the moorings of a saintly life in the Spirit, and launching out after the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, vainly thinking they are gaining new ground and obtaining favor with the Lord. Undoubtedly they are gaining new ground, but that ground is full of pitfalls and there are dangers everywhere. Some of them come to their senses and seek the old paths of righteousness; others are so enchanted by the luring spirit that they follow on and on until they end in destruction of their spiritual experience and their ministry for God. How we should pray for the brethren and endeavor to draw them back into the fold; not berating them, but loving them and interceding for them that they might be rescued and healed of their backslidings and departures from Godliness and sobriety.

When the first message of Pentecost was brought to us, how anxious we all were to further the message by street meetings, testimonies, visitations, distribution of tracts and papers, and in every other way possible. Now, what is the motive compelling our lives? Are we still anxious to carry the message of Salvation and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, or are we concerned about other things, such as refuting the teachings of some other brother or giving some new light which will discomfit him in his ministry. These are days in which we should examine ourselves to see whether or not we are in the faith. Let us look into our hearts and search diligently to see whether or not there is anything there which is not for the glory of God alone. If anything is found, God give us the grace to purge it out and seek His face until we know we are clean, and then pursue a course of yieldness and surrender to God, walking in the light.

And now we come to another thing. Are you more interested in handing out a paper or tract which advocates some issue, which is filled with arguments for or against some doctrine, with which the author agrees or disagrees, than you are of simply preaching the Word and drawing men unto Christ to receive of His fulness? What kind of a paper or tract would you give to a hungry soul who is earnestly seeking light and who desires to enter into the Spirit-filled life? Would you hand him a paper full of controversy, or would you give him a clean-cut message of salvation, and with glad testimony to the Pentecostal outpouring and the soon coming of our Lord. You would do the latter, of course.

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## Editorial

### SOME WHOLESOME THOUGHTS.

It is a wholesome thing to consider our ways, to examine ourselves, to see if we are in the faith, to measure ourselves by the invincible Word of God and to try ourselves out in His presence, that we may assure our hearts before Him; or when He comes we may be ashamed before him. John bids us, "Abide in Him; that when He shall appear, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming." Some, it seems, will be ashamed when he comes. Since this is to the Church, it must mean that some, who expect to be ready when he comes, will fail in some way of PREPAREDNESS and suffer the shame of rejection.

These are days in which we can well follow the example of David the king, who said, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue; I will keep my mouth with a bridle (Ps. 39:1)." There is much in the present state of affairs that calls for words and the tongue of many is as the pen of a ready writer. There is much too that is irritating to our spirits and we must watch out against what may injure us spiritually. We need to test our ground to see that we are holding true to our place in Christ and that we are not affected by the spiritual pride that is all about us. Remember! "The Lord knoweth the proud afar off," and it is to the humble that he giveth grace.

Certain times and certain conditions develop certain needs, and the present dispensational hour surely has brought (for the church) its special demands. Our bark is rocking; our boat is in danger of overthrow through the tremendous shaking of the elements of christendom. The church is undergoing a dreadful sifting. The master's fan is surely "purg'ng His floor." The wheat is in the winnowing process and the chaff is flying all about us; and the end is not yet. We are assured that these things will end; God knows how soon.

The eternal, almighty God of omniscience is moving on to complete the work so well begun. Nothing can stay his hand. He will subdue all things unto himself. God shall yet be all and in all. Every word of God will be fulfilled. "HALLELUJAH!" Our own God is on the throne of His universe and all shall eventually take shape and order in accord with His purpose for eternal days.

The church holds a distinctive place in the plan of God, and Satan would gladly defeat the purpose of God revealed in it. God, however, will have all He has planned for, and if some fail of His requirements and lose their crown, others will fill their places in the glorious body of Christ and enjoy sitting with Him in His throne, when He shall be revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords. When the true church is raised above this environment of sin and given her rightful place as the bride of Christ, she shall see the end of her hope, and shall know the significance of all her Lord's dealings with her.

How essential it is that we truly abide and fail not in what depends upon us. Failure in relation to God's plan is impossible on His side; but all failure is on our part. These are days in which many will fail God and all will find it difficult to avoid a measure of drifting. Amid the peculiar conditions that are now apparent, it will be necessary to resort to frequent heart searchings and life measurements, for it is deception we must fear and avoid. Being deceived one thinks they are right when wrong. Being deceived, one feels fine when they should feel the sting of conviction. Deceived, one sees as through a colored glass and all things bear (to them) the coloring of the deception. It is not enough that we think we are right, that we feel good, that we can see certain things; nothing less than knowing that we are not deceived will afford safety in the last days. The saints of God are not all alive to this and many will measure things by an independable standard. Many will be led away from the truth, into error. Many will leave the path of holiness for the way of sin, in the last times; following a false light. The very Word of God, a lamp to our feet and a light upon our pathway, may be obscured by colored interpretation or deceiving explanations, which, however well intended they may be, are not at all safe.

Some doubtless think it essential that we know and understand and be able to explain the truth as written, to be right with God and safe from down-fall. Not so! We are not saved by knowing, nor are we heard because we can explain things: We are saved through believing and we hear from heaven when we can cry out of an humble heart, "Lord I believe." It is not the man who can persuade others to accept what he says about the Word of God who is in a place of safety these trying days; but the humble saints who esteem others better than themselves and who are simple-hearted enough to believe and trust. It is a good time to dig about and find the true land-marks, the foundation stones, the rocks of certainty; and without so much concern for the various superstructures that are being builded,

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# THE WORKS OF GOD

B. F. Lawrence

## A DEPARTMENT OF RECORD

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." Mal. 3:16.

### ARTICLE VII.—The Gift of Tongues, and the Pentecostal Movement.

It is our privilege to offer a reprint of a letter published some time ago in England, which deals so satisfactorily with the wonders of the movement that we feel it will be a blessing to all who read it. The pamphlet from which this is taken belongs to the Free Literature Series of the Confidence Press, Sunderland, England.

I was pleased to receive your letter the other day and am particularly glad that you are desirous of having information on the subject of the present "Pentecostal Movement." I feel that all Christians should have the fullest information on this important matter and am therefore going very fully into the subject in response to your invitation.

In speaking of the present "movement" it is to be noted that this is not a "movement" in the ordinary sense in which the word is used. The chief justification for using the word is that the Blessed Holy Spirit is moving in and upon men, women, and children mightily. There is no human leader or head and no organization at the back of it. Those upon whom the Spirit is working, belong to many countries and various denominations. Therefore as I use the word "movement" you will understand that it is for lack of a more suitable designation.

Connected as I have been with the movement for about eighteen months and looking as I do to the Scriptures as the absolute test of spiritual things, I have had recourse to them in judging the strange and wonderful things which I have seen, heard, read, and experienced. After doing this, my testimony is that I have found nothing in the essential features of the movement contrary to the Scriptures and a great deal which illuminates and confirms the movement.

The theology of the movement is orthodox and Evangelical. While there is therefore no alteration in the creed of the "Pentecostal" Christian the blessed Spirit makes wonderfully real what he previously believed.

#### THE CROSS OF JESUS

becomes to him the "wondrous" cross indeed. The blood of the Lamb is honored in a most unusually marked way. The Lord Jesus Himself is exalted and adored in a way above anything I have heard anywhere else. Jesus said of the Spirit, "He will glorify me." This is profoundly true in the present movement. Jesus is to Pentecostal people in a wonderful degree—"the chiefest among ten thousand and the altogether lovely one."

The love to Christ produced by the Spirit is of the same nature as that between bride and bridegroom—in-

explicable and inexpressible. It is not a love for what He has done but for Himself alone. It has been my blessed experience to be carried into a state of rapture as the Spirit has come on one, filling one to overflowing with this supernatural love to Jesus. One's eyes have sparkled and voice kindled as one spoke of Him. Glory to His holy name. This leads me on to say that the prayers of Pentecostal people are largely supplemented by praise and adoration. At prayer very, very frequently at the outset the blessed Spirit causes us to praise for a long period before we begin to pray.

"Worthy is the Lamb" is the theme of our praises. Hymns very much used in the meetings are "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," "Come let us join our cheerful songs," "Hallelujah to the Lamb who died on Mount Calvary." It has seemed to me that the praises now arising from hearts under the inspiration of the Spirit today are just like the tuning up of instruments in a grand orchestra in preparation for a glorious outbursting of the great "Hallelujah Chorus" soon to be sounded forth by a "great multitude which no man can number out of every kindred nation and tongue" when "the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Not unfrequently the manifestation of tongues comes while a believer is praising. The Revised Version of Psalm 50, verse 23, is very significant in this connection. It runs thus:—"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me and prepareth a way that I may shew him the salvation of God."

Further pursuing the same theme of the theology of the movement. I may say the first thing to start to break down my prejudice against "Pentecostal" people was the reading of an article in one of their papers, dealing with the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The teaching there given was just that which a special study of the subject from the Scriptures had previously led me to. Briefly it was this. First: that the baptism was intended for every believer; second, that it is or should be the experience of babes in Christ; third, it was always accompanied in apostolic days with some decided "manifestation." I do not now take time to give the Scriptures proving these points—a little careful reading of the Scriptures should make this clear to any intelligent reader. Here let me remark that it is very desirable that all who would know the truth on the subject of the present movement should carefully read up in the Scriptures what may there be learned on the subject of the blessed Holy Spirit.

A friend recently asked me what was the best book on the subject of the Pentecostal movement. My immediate reply was—"The Bible." Readers should seek the enlightening of the Spirit and putting away preconceived notions, read the word. It needs no twisting or straining of it to bring it into agreement with the movement; just an intelligent reading of the Word as it is. Reverting to the subject of the

#### BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT,

I do not propose to deal with the two first points which I mentioned, as they are not held by Pentecostal people alone. The third point relating to manifestations at the time of the believer's baptism with the Spirit, needs to be dealt with fully, as it is the essence of the "movement." It will be better to leave the Scriptures on this matter unquoted. First it will save my time, and further, unless the reader is earnest enough to search the Scriptures for himself, he is not likely to receive much benefit from my explanation.

To confirm the view that there was always a "manifestation" accompanying the baptism of the Spirit I quote from Conybeare and Howson's "Life and Epistles of St. Paul," which speak thus:—

"We know from the gospels that the new converts were baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and after the performance of the sacrament an outward sign was given that God was indeed present with His Church, through the mediation of His Son, in the person of the Spirit, for the baptized converts, when the Apostles had laid their hands upon them, received some spiritual gift, either the power of working miracles, or of speaking in tongues, bestowed upon each of them by 'Him who divideth to every man severally as He will.'"

The Pentecostal Christians' experience is termed by some "the baptism of the Spirit with the Bible evidence." This is, I believe, a correct designation. The question is sometimes asked of those who hold this view, "Then have not any who have not spoken in tongues been baptized with the Holy Ghost?" I do not feel that we can say that they have not. It is safe, however, to say that they have not had the baptism on scriptural or apostolic lines. I am inclined to think that in these days persons being baptized with the Holy Ghost will generally, if not always, be caused to speak in "tongues." There are five records in the "Acts" of persons being baptized with the Spirit, namely, The Disciples at Pentecost, The converts in Samaria, St. Paul, Cornelius, and his household, and the twelve men at Ephesus. At Pentecost, at Caesarea, and at Ephesus, it is recorded that they spake in Tongues. Regarding the case of St. Paul, the nature of the manifestation is not recorded, but he states in 1 Cor. 14, "I speak in tongues more than ye all." Is it therefore not natural to suppose that he received this gift at his reception of the Spirit as the others did?

Regarding the case of the Samaritan converts, as in the case of St. Paul, we are not told what the manifestation was. Thus, it will be seen, that "Tongues" were at least a very frequent accompaniment of the baptism, yet we cannot decisively say that it was always the accompaniment.

No wise Pentecostal leader would, however, tell seekers to seek for tongues. I have myself never heard it done. Wise seekers seek for the baptism of the Spirit and not any manifestation. Personally, I did not seek even the baptism of the Holy Spirit, but I sought God alone. When supernatural utterance came to me, I just thanked Him for it, taking it as His will for me.

Some that I know of received "tongues," while praying for the healing of another, others have received the gift while engaged in intercessory prayer for others. Of course those definitely seeking the baptism of the Spirit with the Bible evidences, will not cease to seek until these evidences are given.

It appears to me, however, that clear theological views of the subject, though desirable, are not strictly necessary, for as many have obtained salvation by a simple heart cry to God and without a clear apprehension of the way of salvation, so God works in this blessing.

A prayer I used, and which I believe was my burden at the time I first began to seek, was "Lord, give me an unquenchable thirst which Thou alone can satisfy." This was a heart cry, and such reaches the ear of God, who will answer according to His own will.

There are other manifestations in the Pentecostal movement which may also be termed "Bible Evidence" of the Baptism of the Spirit. As at Pentecost, the "sound was of a rushing mighty wind" was heard, so to-day it has been repeatedly heard. Likewise, as on the same occasion, there was the appearance of "tongues as of fire,"

so in these days the appearance of fire is repeatedly seen. Further, Peter at Pentecost declared that "this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel," quoting the prophet's prediction of the outpouring of the Spirit in the last days,

#### ACCOMPANIED BY SIGNS,

visions, dreams, prophecy. These things accompany the outpouring of the Spirit to-day. It will be remembered also that the three thousand converts at the feast of Pentecost "were continually in the temple praising God, also that there was a wonderful knitting together amongst them, and again they were filled with gladness and singleness of heart. I recognize in these what, to a marked degree, I have seen amongst Pentecostal people.

Dr. Pierson, nearly twenty years ago, in an address spoke as follows of Joel's prediction of the outpouring of the Spirit on all flesh. "I want you to remember that Peter did not say on the day of Pentecost that this was the fulfilment of what had been spoken by the prophet Joel. The more I study the Scriptures, the more I believe in the inspiration of the words of Holy Scripture. There is no mistaking the words he uses here. He does not say, 'This is the fulfilment of what Joel said.' He simply says, 'This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.' This is not spirituous intoxication, but spiritual exhilaration. The fulfilment of Joel's word is yet to come. There is to be a greater Pentecost, to which that was only like the first few drops that indicate the mighty rain that is to come down."

Looking at the present Pentecostal Movement, with its repetition of Pentecostal experiences and also remembering the wonderful recent

#### REVIVALS IN WALES,

India, China, Manchuria, Burmah, Madagascar, and other places, there is much reason to believe that we are now on the threshold of the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy. The blessed Spirit is giving the message "prophetically" to thousands to-day—"Jesus is coming soon," and it appears that following upon a world-wide revival or outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, the Lord Jesus will soon be here for His bride.

But I must not leave the matter of the Pentecostal movement here but by dealing somewhat fully with its "manifestations" show how groundless are most of the objections raised against it, when the subject is fairly dealt with.

I believe that, to a great many Christians, the evident supernatural element in the movement is a great stumbling-block. It is very strange to say the least that believers who accept freely and fully all the supernatural or miraculous which appears in the Holy Scriptures should be stumbled by the same to-day, and seek diligently to find either natural explanations of the phenomena, or worse still, in their stubborn and unreasoning disbelief, attribute the work to Satan. I had an extremely sad experience a few weeks ago with a "believer" of this type. This man, an earnest Christian, stopped me in the street, and saluted me with this remark: "I wish you would leave spirits and fire alone." I was cut to the quick by the irreverence of his words. I certainly am only following the Holy Spirit and His fire. This man, like many another, is treading on very dangerous ground when he uses this language. Let us ever bear in mind that the unpardonable sin is that of attributing to Satan the work of the Holy Ghost. With this word of caution, let us look into the question of the appearance of the supernatural or miraculous in the Church to-day, and I think I will be able to show that we have no need to fear the same, but rather welcome that amongst us in

our day which was so evident in the apostolic days. (Surely Evangelical Christians who resent the attempt among the critics to-day to explain away the supernatural from the Bible, should rejoice at its re-appearance.)

Conybeare, in his "Life and Epistles of St. Paul," speaks as follows about the Church of the Apostles' day:—"The feature which most immediately forces itself upon our notice, as distinctive of the Church of the Apostolic age, is its possession of supernatural gifts." Therefore the Church to-day is un-apostolic in at least this respect. But some will argue that these gifts were only for those days and we are not to expect them now. A friend was adopting this line of argument with me recently, but pointing to a house we were passing, I said, "It is as though you were proving to me that there could not possibly be a house there and I am looking at the house." This argument ignores facts, consequently it cannot stand. Apart from the manifestations of to-day, Church history tells us that these supernatural gifts did not forever disappear after the Apostolic age. Schaff, in his work on the "Apostolic Church," makes the following remark on the subject:—

"Spiritual gifts did not then fully and forever disappear, for in times of the Spirit, in the creative epochs of the Church, we now and then observe phenomena quite similar to those of the first century."

Other Church histories concur in this statement. This is evidence then that these gifts were not for the apostolic period alone. Why they did not permanently remain in the Church can only be a question of opinion. It may be that the Church, becoming impure and worldly, was the cause of their withdrawal, or it may be that the blessed Saviour and head of the Church has only given them at what Schaff calls the creative epochs of the Church, and that it is because one of these periods is now upon us, the gifts have reappeared.

Having spoken of these gifts in general, let us now look at them in detail, beginning with

#### THE GIFT OF TONGUES.

There is much objection to the manifestation of this gift to-day, but it generally arises from lack of careful reading of the Scriptures. It is most necessary, as I have said before, that those who would be able to discuss the Pentecostal movement should first of all carefully and prayerfully see what light they can get from the Bible on the matter. Many errors would be avoided and more important still things would not be said which grieve the Holy Spirit of God. There are many who are guilty of doing this latter by asking in a disdainful manner "What is the good of the gift of tongues?" To such, before answering the question, I would point out how ill it becomes any child of God to speak thus of any of his Father's gifts. God's gifts are surely to be gladly and thankfully welcomed and not treated as useless things to be scornfully spoken of. Beware of unthinkingly doing this and so grieving the Spirit. Now let us look at the Scriptures and see what they teach us about the "use" of the gift of tongues. St. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 14:4—"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." The question is again sceptically asked, "How can he edify himself by speaking in tongues?" When this question is asked with incredulity, I say, ask St. Paul, he said it, that is quite enough. If the question is seriously asked I think I can give

#### A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

Will the reader turn to 1 Cor. 14:2—"He that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not to men but to God." As this is so, an "intelligible language is unnecessary." Just as the baby's cooing is perfectly intelligible to the mother,

so the unintelligible, Spirit-given, utterances of the believer are intelligible to His Father, and the child, unimpeded by the limits of human language, fully and freely communes with its God, and "He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit."

The following quotation from Schaff's book on "The Apostolic Church," I believe, accurately describes "speaking in tongues," as it was in the apostolic time and as it is to-day. He writes as follows:—

"Speaking in tongues, as described from life by Paul, himself a master in it, is an involuntary spasmodic praying or singing in a state of spiritual ecstasy and of the deepest absorption in the mysteries of the divine life. It is an inward act of worship and an ecstatic dialogue of the soul with God in a peculiar language inspired by the Spirit."

It will be useful also to quote Conybeare on the same subject. In "The Life and Epistles of St. Paul" he writes thus:—

"With regard to the gift of tongues there is much difficulty from the notices of it in Scripture in fully comprehending its nature, but from the passages where it is mentioned we may gather this much concerning it:—First, that it was not a knowledge of foreign languages as is often supposed. We never read of it being exercised for the conversion of 'foreign nations,' nor, except on the day of Pentecost alone, for that of individual foreigners, for those present were all Jewish proselytes and most of them understood the Hellenistic dialect.

"Secondly, we learn that this gift was the result of a sudden influx of supernatural inspiration which came upon the new believer immediately after his baptism and recurred afterwards at uncertain intervals.

"Thirdly, we find that while under its influence, the exercise of the understanding was suspended while the spirit was rapt in a state of spiritual ecstasy by the immediate communication of the Spirit of God. In this ecstatic trance the believer was constrained by an irresistible power to pour forth his feelings of thanksgiving and rapture in words, yet the words which issued from his mouth were not his own, he was even usually ignorant of their meaning."

In writing thus of the apostolic experiences Schaff and Conybeare so accurately describe their speaking in tongues as it is enjoyed by Pentecostal people to-day that they might have been present at a Pentecostal meeting and heard it. What they so truly describe as the manifestation of the gift in apostolic days is just a description of its manifestation to-day, and they show, how then, as now, the believer was edified by the gift. In addition, they also clear away

#### SOME POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS

on the subject of the gift of tongues. Just to mention one of these common errors so corrected. We see that the belief that the gift was for the preaching of the Gospel to foreigners, is unfounded. Foreign people did certainly hear their own languages on the day of Pentecost (the disciples were not, however, on that occasion, preaching the Gospel but magnifying God—the common use of the gift) therefore the Spirit must have sometimes given a known language. This is the experience to-day, known languages are heard and have been identified by persons hearing them. Personally, I have heard an address delivered in Spanish and Portuguese under the inspiration of the Spirit. These languages were recognized by one of those present, who had a slight acquaintance with them. There are other thoroughly authenticated instances of the same thing. Scripture fully bears out the statements of Schaff and Conybeare as to unknown languages, i. e., languages unknown to any, even to those speaking them. Because they were unknown the gift of the interpretation of tongues was needed.

(To be continued next week.)

## BABES IN CHRIST.

By "Old Man Miller."

In a recent letter from Brother Jacob Miller, he says:

"I feel like a few encouraging remarks on the line of the babyhood would be helpful as I find so many of our precious saints failing God on account of not understanding themselves." His remarks follow:

In Isa. 32:9 it says, "Rise up ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech." We have conceived the idea that a woman is typical of the church, and if so, then a woman is a mother, and the duties of a mother would be the care of the family. The Church has the same mission in the world as a mother has in the home.

In some places there is a spirit of criticism and a spirit of judgment. We have framed in our minds the description of a Christian based on the teaching that we have received that a certain experience molds a life, making it perfect, forgetting that a soul must pass through babyhood before it is developed into manhood. We may have been ready to rebuke and condemn anyone that failed to measure to our conception, but we are learning that God is dealing with us as a Father and not a taskmaster, nor a slaveholder, but He dealeth with us as with sons.

So then, as a mother deals with her little flock, so ought the Church to deal with her members. As a mother does not demand as much of a five year old child as she does one that is fifteen years old, so ought we not to demand as much of a babe in Christ as of one who is mature in experience.

Let us study some of the ways that a mother deals with her little ones, and it will help us to broaden out and to have more love for the weaker members.

When a baby is born he is a full member of the family, but he is helpless and needs mother's care. She knows that he is a baby and she washes him and dresses him and feeds him and does everything that she thinks is necessary to develop the child into a full grown man. When he first tries to sit alone, she puts a smoothing iron on his coatie to keep him from falling over, and then puts a pillow behind him so that if he does fall over it will catch him, so that he will not be hurt. She knows that he is a baby and is liable to fall over.

We have been so apt to say, "Well, he had no business getting into such and such a place," or "Oh well, I didn't have much confidence in his experience anyway, in fact, I never did believe he had the baptism." Now brother, does that look to you like a mother's work in the family? That is putting a rock behind him in the place of a pillow.

The first time he undertakes to climb up by a chair, mother is right there ready to catch him if he falls. So the church should be ready to bear the infirmity of the weak and to hold up the weak members. If we do not, the sheep will eat the wool off each other's backs.

We have only one way to prove that we are His disciples, and He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Our love is manifested by our long suffering and being kind and forgiving one another, encouraging one another. If we allow ourselves to censure and condemn, we will become barren and unfruitful.

In Isa. 32:12 it says, "They shall lament for the teats," and if the source of food is dried up the children will starve.

I do hope these few remarks will be a help to some of our people who have their eyes on each other, and will help us to attribute the faults and blunders of the saints

more to weakness of babyhood, and not be so ready to criticize. So let us love, not only in word, but in deed and in truth; for he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He is righteous.

Jesus said that He did not come to condemn but to save, and He left the same mission in the hands of the church to seek and save that which is lost. So if we are the church, or this great mother, then we should be careful to maintain good works so that the church will not become barren and unfruitful.

## TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

One of our sisters sends the following:

"There are many saints who pile up their tracts at home. Please request that they distribute them as time is short and many would find the way of salvation through some good tract. They will sometimes do more good than all the talk saints can do for so many are void of wisdom. We must in these days be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

It is true that there is no agency so effective as the distribution of tracts. They are silent messengers and will stand any amount of abuse and not say a word back.

Many a saint in glory can point back to the reading of a little tract which was the means of salvation and blessing. Let us take on a new purpose to spread the Gospel and reach all we can for Jesus. The Gospel Publishing House will be glad to furnish tracts in any amount and we want to see the good work prosper.

"I think we miss much by not cultivating and practicing direct, simple faith in God. Faith always enchanted Jesus on earth. It does now. Sins do not cut us off from God as much as unbelief does."—Catherine Booth-Clibborn.

## EDITORIAL.

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much of which is questionable at best, hold to the fundamentals and rejoice in Christ our portion; who, whether we understand all about it or not, "is made of God unto us, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification and Redemption."

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**68. Do the Pentecostal saints hold it is right for saints who do not love one another to get a divorce according to state laws and remarry?**

Ans. No, they believe what Christ said in Matt 19:9, "whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her who is put away (divorced) doth commit adultery."

Love before marriage had nothing to do with marriage in Bible times. Women did not court and marry whom they liked, but their parents gave her to the man they liked and who could care for her, and treat her right. It was their duty to court and love after they got married. No man and no woman has a right to get a divorce just because they do not love one another, and marry somebody they like. This is no Bible ground for divorce. It is their duty to love each other, and a lot of them could do it and would do it, if they had to, and it was not so easy to divorce and remarry. This whole custom is from hell. God's law is one man for one woman for life. Saved people who in ignorance violate God's laws will find mercy and be beaten with few stripes, but those who know His will and do it not shall be beaten with many stripes.

**69. Give references on sealing with the Holy Ghost.**

Ans. Eph. 1:13 and 4:30; 2 Cor. 1:21, 22. "Grieve not, the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed" reads in the Greek original. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God in whom ye are sealed." This proves we are sealed in the Holy Spirit, just as we are baptized in the Spirit, not by the Spirit. But in 1:13 "in whom" refers to Christ, and if we substitute "Christ" for "whom" it would read, "Having believed in Christ, ye were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise." So it is clear we are sealed in or with the Holy Spirit after believing in Christ.

**70. How could Jesus be the fruit of David's loins as said in Acts 2:30, when Joseph was not really his father?**

In Matt. 1:16 it says "Jacob begat Joseph." This settles it that Joseph, the husband of Mary, was strictly the son of Jacob. Joseph was a son of David in the Bible sense; but as the question suggests not Joseph, but God through His Spirit was the real father of Jesus. So then Mary, his mother, would have to be also a descendant of David in or-

der for Christ to be of the "seed of David," as Paul, Matthew and Peter declare. Note that Luke does not say with Matthew that Jacob begat Joseph, but in Luke 3:23 says Joseph was the "son Heli." Now according to Jewish customs one does not actually have to be begotten by a certain man in order to be called his son. If he is joined to a family and becomes in any sense his son or son-in-law, he could be called the son of that man. Now Jacob actually "begat" Joseph, Matthew says, so Heli as in Luke could not be the actual father of Joseph, nor Joseph be his actual son. But Heli could be and must be really the father of Mary and Joseph his son by marriage to his daughter. Heli is by Luke traced back to David. This makes Mary, as well as Joseph, really a daughter of David. But it is not customary in Jewish custom to give the woman official recognition. So Joseph and her father Heli would be used in the official count. So Scofield and other scholars hold that Luke really gives the genealogy of Mary. So Mary and Joseph both being of the seed of David, it matters not through which one you trace Christ, as you come to David in either way. So Matthew and Luke are both right, and Jesus is truly the son of David.

**71. How do you reconcile 2 Kings 8:26 with 2 Chron. 22:2, one saying 22 and the other 42 years old?**

Ans. This is an error by some copyist that has crept into the manuscript in copying by hand for a thousand years or more. A mere dot beside a letter accidentally left out in copying would make the difference, as the Hebrews did not use the Arabic figures as we do for numbers. There are several such errors in copying in Kings and Chronicles. No need for worry over this, which scholars have noted for many centuries, as no vital truth is involved in these figures. The chronologies in the Hebrew, the Greek, and the Samaritan manuscripts differ by over 1000 years, but no harm is done by it. Note this in the chronological tables in the back of your Bibles, in your Bible Helps, where a comparison is made of these figures or dates. The original Word of God as directly inspired was without these errors even in dates and figures, as well as in salvation truth.

### A STUDY IN CONTRASTS.

It is strange how many different conceptions there are of truth. Some people are never satisfied unless they are embracing some certain teaching which will put them on the offensive or else the defensive with all the rest of God's children. Then, to their conception, nothing can be blessed of God unless it conforms to their ideas. This is always the view of extremists. Truth is always found on the middle ground. This is a lesson which has been taught by history and we, in this enlightened day, should be apt to profit by it. All extremes have some truth in them, but the whole truth is found when the extremes are balanced and the average is found. We wish all God's children would learn this lesson, and we would hear less calls of "Fanatic," "Compromiser," "Heretic," etc. Notice the two following letters in regard to the Evangel and its principles. One is full of blessing, and the other is frankly the opposite. May the dear Lord bless them both and bring us to the place where we will all see eye to eye.

#### The First Letter.

"Pardon me for not notifying you sooner of my desire to have 'The Weekly Evangel' discontinued, as I cannot endorse its principles. It is, for one thing, becoming too much of a merchandise affair. Trusting God will revive it, I remain." We purposely withhold the name of this brother. We feel sorry for him if he has fallen away from the principles for which the Evangel is standing. May God help him to return to the battle for fellowship, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace \* \* \* until we all come to the unity of the faith.

**The Second Letter.**

Please find enclosed money order for \$1.50 for which please send the Evangel till Jan. 1st, 1917, to (three names and addresses here.) I wish that I was able to give the Evangel to ten thousand people. It is the best paper I have ever read. We ought to raise the subscription list to 20,000. Wishing you much success, I am." This last letter was from a brother preacher in South Carolina. Both of these brethren are preachers. The second letter was opened immediately after the first, and if our hearts were saddened somewhat by the contents of the first, they were more than made to rejoice by the second. May the Lord bless our brother, and put the same spirit into every one of our subscribers which is possessing him, so that we can realize the 20,000 subscriptions he speaks of. Why cannot we do it? We can—don't forget special offer to make the plan easily possible?

**THE RICE CASE.**

Since the Gospel Publishing House has been sued for libel by A. A. Rice, we have been much in prayer over the matter, and feel to call for special prayer that the case shall never come to trial. There is no question but that the facts in the case can be proven, but this involves so much expense and labor, besides the ordeal of appearing in the courts, which can in no sense be glorifying to God that we know of, that it would be much better for the Lord to undertake in this matter, in His own way, and dispose of the suit Himself. With this end in view, we have called a

**Day of Special Prayer—Sunday, June 4th.**

We ask the pastors of the various assemblies, as well as individuals not attending meeting, to take this matter up on this day with their congregations and pray earnestly with us that God will dispose of this case Himself in His own way, and let us believe together that He will do it for His glory.

**A PAPER FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

There has been a decided need for a paper which can be used in the Sunday School. A number of Assemblies are finding that the Evangel is as practical as any, and just about as cheap as the regular Sunday School story papers. Note the following letter from an assembly in Michigan:

"I enclose three dollars for one quarter's subscription of twelve copies of the Weekly Evangel, all of which are to be sent to one address. Our Bible class in Sunday School voted to use these in place of the story papers which had been always used before. They found the story papers exceedingly thin and tasteless diet for mature Christians. Our young people prefer the Evangel to the story papers too and will doubtless get them soon."

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June 3. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Rev. 3:21.

To be an overcomer necessitates things to be overcome. There can never be a victory without a battle. Thank God, then, for the hard things, the obstacles, the trials to be met each day. They give us the opportunity to overcome—they are blessings in disguise. God help us to be true overcomers!

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June 4. "Take heed what ye hear." Mark 4:24.

What faint impression the word of God makes on many lives! They hear, they appreciate for the moment, they are deeply moved apparently, but the impression—the effect—is not lasting. See how James deals with this matter in ch. 1:21-25 of his general epistle.

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June 5. "My heart is inditing a good matter: \* \* \* my tongue is the pen of a ready writer." Psa. 45:1.

Look at the margin—"my heart boileth or bubbleth up." With what? With love, with adoration, with praise for the Heavenly King, the Lord of glory. No wonder his tongue spoke freely. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Believer, what "boileth or bubbleth up" from your heart?

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June 6. "Whom resist stedfast in the faith." 1 Pet. 5:9.

The first essential for war is an enemy. The war is on for every true child of God. There is no truce, no desire even for peace with the enemy, for the faithful follower of the cross. Some to their own soul's destruction have made peace with this enemy. For them there is no war. But God is saying to every determined, faithful one, "Take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

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June 7. "As many as touched were made perfectly whole." Matt. 14:36.

Perfectly whole! A perfect provision for a perfect salvation was the heart of God's purpose. And it is still a perfect salvation! Hallelujah! Too many of us are content with only a partial deliverance or healing. We stop too soon. Beloved, as you touch God expect to be made "perfectly whole." "All things are possible to him that believeth."

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June 8. "So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us." Neh. 8:23.

No wonder many prayers are unanswered; few souls are saved, healed and filled with the Spirit; and but small victories and exploits effected for our Lord. We are not enough in earnest. Catch the same spirit of zeal, devotion, and sacrifice that moved Nehemiah and his faithful company and you will prove the verity of God's Word, "Ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

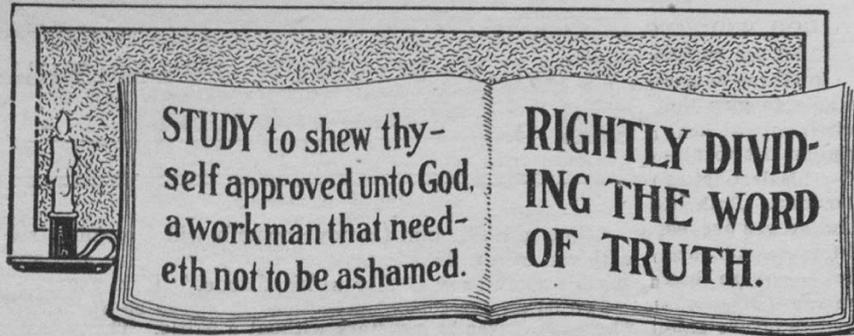
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June 9. "There shall not an hair of your head perish." Luke 21:18.

Assuring promise for the child of God from the very lips of our Saviour! **Not an hair of your head!** Could it be more definite, more certain? Then why need we shrink from the call of God because it involves danger or uncertainty? Remember, "He is faithful that promised."

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How many subscriptions have you taken this week in the campaign for doubling the subscription list of the Weekly Evangel? If you love the Lord and the message which we are proclaiming, you will not let a day pass without sending in at least one new subscription.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

June 11, 1916.

### SOWING AND REAPING—TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Lesson Text.—Gal. 6:1-18.

**Golden Text.**—"God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7.

**Leading Thought.**—What will your harvest be?

1. **What We Owe to Our Brother,** Vs. 1-5. We owe a **forgiving spirit** to the erring brother. To begin with, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." And if some of us have returned unto the "Shepherd and Bishop of our souls," and are walking in the light with Him, all the more reason we should show Christlike forgiveness toward those who have proven weaker than ourselves. Those we have considered the very strongest have often made the worst mistakes. No room for boasting or indulgence in any thing of a self-righteous spirit. If you do, God may have to let you do the very thing you have so harshly and unkindly denounced another for. **Humble yourself** under His mighty hand, that He may not have to use harder means later on to bring you low at His feet. Fall on the stone and be broken, beloved, that God may not have to let the stone fall on you and grind you to powder. While God sets a high premium on righteousness and holy living, they can only please and satisfy His heart when combined with a tender humble spirit. We can only have this spirit as we keep low at the foot of the cross gazing by faith upon our precious Lord—who suffered in our stead, the just for the unjust. "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:31, 32. We owe a **spirit of mercy** to our brother. We owe **service** to our brother.

We are saved to serve—first, our Lord who has bought us; second, our brother, whatever his need may be. We are our brother's keeper. V. 2. "**One another's burdens.**" Is it not beautiful and precious? I serve you in your need today; tomorrow perhaps God grants you the opportunity to serve me. Different needs, possibly, but met by that same compelling law of love—which is the law of Christ—manifested in our attitude toward one another. God wants us to be to a certain extent dependent on each other. It will cure that horribly selfish, self-sufficient spirit of independence that is such a hindrance to brotherly love and fellowship. That is how love grows, through toiling and suffering together in His blessed service. Laborers together—sufferers together! Holy, sacred fellowship in the Holy Ghost! 2 Cor. 1:3-7; Heb. 10:34; Phil. 1:7; 4:14-19. 'Child of God, are you being deceived in the way V. 3 describes? Are you over-estimating the value of your own work, and by so doing are you depreciating the value of another's labor? I fear this is true of many. It may be done unthoughtedly, but we must not forget we owe our brother a **spirit of appreciation**. I certainly don't mean flattery. We can appreciate another's labor and merit without saying a word to them; but sometimes a word of encouragement does a great deal of good when spoken by the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Vs. 2 and 5 are not contradictory as might be supposed. "Burden" in V. 5 means responsibility. The two words translated "burden" bear different meanings in the original. We are responsible for ourselves alone before God. How vastly important that we keep our eyes on the Lord for it is to Him that we all individually must render an account for the deeds done in the body. We owe **temporal benefits** to those brethren whom God uses for our spiritual upbuilding. V. 6. 1 Cor. 9:11-14. The spiritually impoverished condition of many assemblies might be traced often to a failure in heeding this admonition.

2. **What We Owe Ourselves,** Vs. 6-10. We owe it to ourselves that we

sow carefully. The harvest is sure, and what we reap is always in far greater quantity than what we sow. Assuredly "God is not mocked," though men may sneer at His Word they cannot escape the certain operation of His laws. But this principle applies to saint as well as the outbreking sinner. Many a so-called child of God sows to the flesh. They seek a place for self-exaltation even in spiritual work; they neglect prayer and the study of the Word for the indulging of temporal desires; they know no such word as sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Is not divine power given on the terms of absolute self-abandonment? You who would win souls—you who would hear the eleventh hour call of our Master, "Go work in my vineyard"—learn the power, the blessing, the victory, of real sacrifice for the Lord Jesus Christ. I mean love sacrifice. True love prompts sacrifice, and sacrifice feeds love's consuming fire within the child of God. What a rich, unestimable harvest for such a life! It is real "sowing to the Spirit." And now comes that sweet word of encouragement, "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." V. 9. Sometimes our eyes are so blinded by tears we scarce see the seeds as they drop from our hand into the ground. We are unable to even see that they find any lodging place. But to such patient toilers God says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6. What blessed incentive God gives us to faithfully labor on! The need is appalling right now for consecrated, humble, obedient laborers. There are many to rush "out in the work" so far as the name of it

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From Alma.

P. S.—The last song I sang in the Spirit was "He's Coming Soon, so very Soon. Get Ready, Oh Get Ready."

**WHAT A PICTURE DID FOR AFRICA.**

Perhaps you may remember that about two years ago a cut was inserted in the Evangel representing myself sitting in the midst of a group of natives teaching them out of the Word of God. It was taken from a photograph which I sent you.

I think you may be encouraged to know that that picture attracted the notice of a Canadian lady and interested her so much that she wrote us, offering to become responsible for the support of one of our native evangelists, an offer which we most thankfully accepted, and from that time up to the present she has had her native representative in the field.

Your brother in Christ Jesus.  
H. M. Turney, South Africa.

I love the Evangel and its staff. The paper is a real blessing and feast to my soul. I thank God for it.—D. W. C., Yelm, Wash.

**GOD WORKING IN NASHVILLE, ARKANSAS.**

We wish to report that God is working in Nashville. People are being stirred. Some are hungry for God. Bro. W. L. Stallones is here from Hot Springs. We are looking for a wonderful work to be established here. We desire the prayers of all the saints.

I wish to say to those who wrote me in regard to coming here, I received so many letters I did not answer all of them. Any ministering brethren passing through will find a hearty welcome.—Mrs. Alice Ledbetter.

**MANY BAPTIZED IN IOWA DISTRICT.**

Bro. J. Willis Rilea, writing from Grand River, Iowa, reports the following: "Since September last a wonderful work has been done here and ninety have received the baptism here and in Hopeville and vicinity, with signs following, for which we praise God."

**HEALED OF GRIPPE.**

I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for us. On the third day of last January my wife and myself, with four children, all took the grippe at once. We followed the Word and anointed with oil in the name of Jesus and prayed, and the Lord healed us. We have been in the faith three years and do not depend upon remedies but upon the Lord. Praise Him for His goodness. We want the prayers of all the saints.—J. H. B. and family, Castle, Okla.

**WANTS HELP.**

We have a letter from a dear brother in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., in which he makes a plea for help, as follows: "I am so hungry for the pure Word that I am writing to see if you can put me in touch with some Pentecostal hand with a tent, who could come and hold a meeting. I am the only one here who has received the baptism, but we have some very hungry people here who, I think, would support the work until it could be established. The full Gospel has never been preached near here. Please pray for a revival at this place. I will be glad to answer any correspondence in regard to a meeting here."—R. H. Sebren.

We trust God will supply this need.

**ASSEMBLY OPENED.**

Monett, Mo.

We want to state through the Evangel that God has opened up a mission here in which His children can worship Him and praise Him. Any Assembly preacher of the Gospel will be welcomed.—S. D. Shipley, 100 Pearl St.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.**

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goes, but a few self-sacrificing laborers, the consuming passion of whose lives is soul-winning. May God thrust forth LABORERS into HIS HARVEST. The lesson closes with a last word of exhortation along the line of doing good. "Unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith." This would include every line of service—spiritual as well as temporal. There is a time for both. "And do not forget to be kind and liberal; for with sacrifices of that sort God is greatly pleased." Heb. 13:16. (Weymouth.)

Next Week's Lesson.

June 18, 1916.

**THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER.**

Lesson Text.—Acts 16:16-40.

Golden Text.—"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thine house." Acts 16:31.

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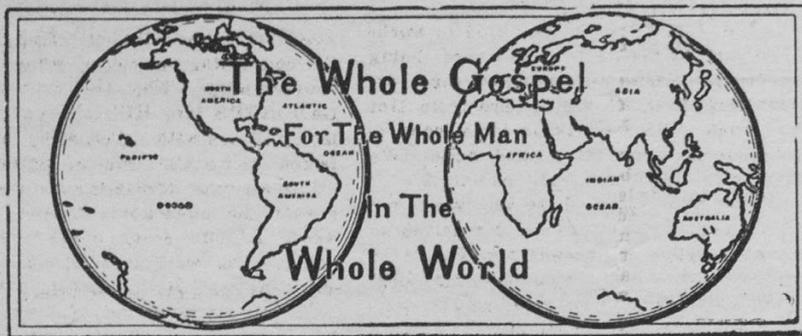
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#### Work Amongst the Natives in The Zoutpansberg and Elsewhere.

##### South Africa.

The following is a report that I have just this moment received from Bro. G. J. Booyesen. Brother Booyesen is a Dutch farmer who took up a small settlement in a newly settled area, right amongst the heathen in the Northern Transvaal. He is a precious brother in the Lord, age about 60, with a natural gift for dealing with the heathen. He just simply says God has filled his heart with love for them. I am a witness to that fact, as I spent some five months there making my home with him. He was saved some seven years ago through the ministry of Bro. Dugman, who shortly after laid down his life. I translate from the Dutch as I write.—W. T. Dugmore.

Beloved:—

It is a pleasure to me to send a report of what the Lord is doing amongst the natives in the Zoutpansberg, and I hope that everyone who reads this will pray more that the Lord may send out more laborers for the preaching of the true Gospel, that His Kingdom may come speedily. Praise Him. Yes, truly He is working, and who shall hinder.

Since my conversion in 1909, the Lord has blest me wonderfully in carrying the Gospel to the heathen. In many instances as we are gathered together, the Lord works mightily in our midst, so that many souls are saved, and request to be baptized. Hallelujah!

In March, 1914, I went to Mashau, about 20 miles from here. There was a great gathering and the Lord worked mightily. It was as if streams of blessing descended and rested on each soul. Thirty were baptized according to Mark 16:16. We also had the Lord's Supper. Glory to His name.

In another instance I was called to Njelele (Chief Mpefu's location), with blessed results, many being baptized, amongst whom were two sons of Councillor Mandiwana. Baptisms are taking place continually.

Last Christmas we had a large gathering here at the farm. More than sixty were present and eleven were baptized in water. We heard many blessed testimonies from hearts delivered through Jesus' blood. Hallelujah!

A very remarkable thing happened on Feb. 25, 1916. As I and my family were sitting in the house, we heard singers approaching from a northerly direction, and going outside I saw twenty-two natives, and on enquiry I found that they had come a distance of several hundred miles, from Rhodesia, with the express object of being baptized. One amongst them named Johannes was already a believer, having been baptized in the Apostolic Faith Mission at Potgietersrust.

On Sunday the 27th, the twenty-one were baptized. O, it was most blessed to see how they praised God with hearts unspeakably full of gratitude. On Monday they all returned homewards with hearts fully satisfied.

Yesterday March 5th the same thing happened again. We had just concluded service, having baptized one, when five more came from Rhodesia to be baptized. They were baptized today. Praise the Lord.

They tell me that there are many thirsty souls there, and their urgent request is that I should go thither. I am quite willing to offer myself up on behalf of that blessed work to which I am called. I am needing a conveyance, otherwise I cannot reach them. I am praying continually that the Lord may open my way so that I may be able to carry the Gospel to these heathen so lost and blind. He, who has called me, is faithful, and will do it. Praise His name.

Will you now, beloved, all you who love the appearing of the Lord, lay this earnest and important matter at the feet of Jesus and unite with me in prayer?

I thank you all heartily for your will-

ingness. I believe and am persuaded that God answers prayer.

With greetings,  
G. J. Booyesen.

We praise God that He has provided the van that was needed. A brother in the Lord has given one. There are some alterations to be made to it, but our Father will undertake. Please pray that the Lord may undertake for the draught animals. Our brother writes that he has four donkeys, but I have written him that he will need at least six as the Gospel van is too heavy for four in the rough country in which they will have to travel.—W. F. Dugmore.

### WORD FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

#### W. Theron.

We have arrived from a visit to Johannesburg, Baksburg, Pretoria, where the Lord blessed us abundantly. We visited conventions at the two latter places, where the dear Lord proved His love for sinners by saving souls and baptizing others in the Holy Ghost and fire. We were glad to see that He never changes. Praise Him forever! We were a happy lot together. We assembled from different points to hear what God had done for us. It was blessed to have a real time of fellowship and hear how God works at the different points—Bro. Fisher from Basutoland and Bro. Blakeney telling us much about the need of the fields beyond the "Congo Belge." The main need is intercession for the millions in darkness. He has come back from there and others are laboring there for the King of kings. Hallelujah!

We heard much to make our hearts glad. We have to sound a note of praise also. Jesus filled four souls the last two weeks with the Spirit. We feel that we are entering upon a real time of revival and we have claimed the town for our Saviour. While the one sister came through she spoke clearly in the "Xo-a" tongue which was understood word for word by our native girl. She, the native, is also praying for the baptism. Another Dutch sister who does not understand any English, burst forth in the English language and was also understood by some. It is a genuine experience.

The Lord saved a young white man and a native convict in the jail yesterday. Praise Him!

The paper grows better and better. It contains soul food. I send each copy of Oklahoma as soon as I read it and those people write how much they enjoy it. The spirit of Christian fellowship and love manifested is truly of God. May He continue to bless you.—L. H. D., Sioux City, Ia.

### ENCOURAGING WORD FROM CEYLON.

Bro. W. D. Grier.

We are much encouraged in the Lord for Ceylon. Yesterday (Sunday) we held a cottage-meeting and there were present some who never heard of Pentecost. One was the inspector of schools for the government. He visited us today and asked us to tell him how to receive the Holy Ghost. We did this gladly. He went away to come again, when possible. His father is a minister. Please pray for him and for all the people in Ceylon.

### WITNESSING IN CHINA.

Bro. John D. James reports victory in His work for God in China, as follows:

"Praise God for victory in the name of our King Emmanuel. He is coming soon. Hallelujah! I have been in Hong Kong preaching on the streets and selling Gospels to the poor heathen and I am sure it would make your heart ache to see these poor souls in darkness taken captive by Satan at his will. And still there are so many, many thousands who have never yet heard the Gospel of our Saviour and still many who never heard His name. But I believe God is going to let me see His Word go further throughout this dark kingdom in full Apostolic power, accompanied by signs following.

"I had the privilege of returning to Shin Tong last Tuesday. We had meeting every night, and although gambling was going on at full headway in the place, still God did not leave us without attendance. We partook of the spiritual body and blood of our Lord in the grape-juice and bread Friday evening, in remembrance of Him. One woman in this place who has had a cough over a year and has been sick in bed over a month, was prayed for, and I truly believe God has healed this precious soul for a witness for Him in this place. Before prayer I told her they would have to destroy all the idols before Jesus would heal her. Then she began by tearing down a paper idol, and her husband and I tore down the others that were in the house. Afterward she said she was better "eight parts" (lacking two parts being well, as the Chinese call ten a whole). Her husband said he believed Jesus, but afterwards much was said by his people to persecute him, and I earnestly request your united prayers for these precious souls.

"We have great need for funds to pay expenses and penetrate the interior. We shall be glad for any help God may lead you to give. I also beg your continued prayers for God's work and for His children in this benighted land for the air is filled with the cry for war! war! war! Another revolution is on in China and fighting has already begun."—John D. James.

## Conventions and Camp Meetings

### CAMP-MEETING, GLENDALE, FLA. July 7-17th.

We have an assembly here of about twenty-seven members and the Lord has wonderfully blessed. We have a tabernacle built and expect to have a Camp-meeting beginning July 7th and running ten days or longer. Everyone come prepared to take care of himself, and come praying much for the meeting. The nearest railroad station is Defuniak Springs, Florida.—J. E. Harrison, Glendale, Fla.

### MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEXICO CAMP-MEETING.

We are expecting to hold a camp-meeting, if Providence favors it, at Mountainair, New Mexico, some time in August. The date will be given later. We desire all Spirit-filled helpers to come and help us who can, as we are in a new field, we being the only Pentecostal family here.

Come with the necessary equipments for camping. We will trust the Lord to supply the necessary funds to carry on the work.

We request the saints everywhere to pray with us for victory and that we may succeed in winning souls for Christ. Hallelujah!

Preachers especially invited. For further information address: James A. Perkins, Box 225, Mountainair, New Mexico. (We are expecting a glorious time).

### NORTHWEST TEXAS CAMP-MEETING.

Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Northwest Texas Camp-meeting and local convention will be at Wichita Falls, Texas, August 3rd to 13th, or longer, D. V. All ministers and workers entertained free. There will be plain meals served at low rates. Rooms will be available close by. We invite the co-operation of all the saints and preachers of this section of the country. Wichita Falls is reached by five railroads, so you can come from almost any direction. The town has 20,000 people and is a fine field to labor in for the Master. Brothers Collins of Ft. Worth and Jamieson of Dallas, and other ministers are expected. Prepare now to come to the feast. Come and help us exalt Jesus. For further information write Pastor W. W. Hall, 309 Travis St., Wichita Falls, Texas.

### SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Camp Meetings.

Southwestern Section Camp to be held at Springfield, Mo., Aug. 4th to 13th, 1916. Tents will rent for \$3 each. Cots 60 cents each for ten days. All those coming must order tents before July 15th. Two meals a day on free-will offering plan. Lunch stand also on grounds. For full information write B. F. Lawrence, 1001 N. Main St., Springfield, Mo.

Southeastern Section Camp, August 25th to September 3rd.

Watch papers for further and more definite announcement as to location and workers to be present.

### CAMP-MEETING, TRUCE, TEXAS.

The Camp-meeting will begin at Truce, Texas, July 20th, 1916, and will be run as long as the Lord directs. For further information address Pastor Oscar Jones, Jacksboro, Texas, or Ed Baker, Newport, Texas.

### PENTECOSTAL ENCAMPMENT AT MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, MD.

June 9th to 25th, 1916.

For detailed information address J. R. Reckley, 134 Elder St., Cumberland, Maryland, or A. B. Cox, Shaft, Md.

### CAMP-MEETING, CONROE, TEXAS, IN JUNE.

A Camp-meeting will be held at Conroe, Texas, about June 10th, 1916, the Lord willing. For information, address Deacons T. J. Weaver and Harry Orr of this place.—Jannie Hewitt.

### THE TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

Wichita Falls, Texas, August 3 to 13.

For information address W. W. Hall in charge of local assembly.

Arch P. Collins,

Chairman State Council.

S. A. Jamieson,

Presbyter.

### SECOND ANNUAL CAMP MEETING OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

Petoskey, Mich., July 1st-30th.

Mrs. Woodworth-Etter and band of Christian workers in charge. Communications may be addressed to F. W. Jewell, Pastor, 901 Waukazoo Ave., Petoskey, Mich.

### INTERSTATE PENTECOSTAL CON- VENTION.

Findlay, Ohio, June 30th to July 9th.

Will be held with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School, 404 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio. Address T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

### LOUISIANA STATE CAMP MEETING.

Kinder, La., August 24th to Sept. 3rd.

Let all the workers and saints everywhere come. We expect some of the leading brethren. Send all offerings for State Camp and Bible School to Lee Floyd, Kinder, La.

### DUBLIN, TEXAS, DISTRICT CAMP- MEETING.

The District Camp-meeting to be held at Dublin, Texas, will begin August first and continue as long as the Lord may lead. For further information write Pastor Henry A. Smith, Box 11, Dublin, Texas.

### CAMP-MEETING, BROWNDL, TEX.

June 30 to July 10th.

Everyone is cordially invited to come. Bro. Harvey Shearer will be in charge. For further information address S. L. Wise, Box 212, Remlig, Texas.

### FIRST ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI DELTA PENTECOSTAL CAMP-MEETING.

Landing, Miss., July 15th.

Will convene with the Assembly at Landing, Miss., and continue indefinitely. Look for further announcement later, or for further information, write

Jas. O. Savell,

Sturgis, Miss., Route 3.

That which we have seen and heard declare  
we unto  
you, that  
ye also  
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the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ—1 Jno. 1:3

## Fellowship

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### A PAGE OF TESTIMONY.

We have a number of testimonies received during the past few weeks which have had to be held aside because of lack of space. We will make this issue one of Testimony of God's goodness, and try to get into the Evangel as many as possible. May the Lord continue to bless all those who have tasted of His goodness, and cause their little mite of praise to enter the life of many a person discouraged and lacking in faith. We came across in our reading this week a little saying of Mrs. Catherine Booth Clibborn which seems to strike the key—"He loves to give Himself to those who love Him passionately." May we love Him more. He loves to be loved. He loves to give. Let us give Him our heart's affection more fully.

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#### JUST RECEIVED THE BAPTISM.

I want to testify that a year ago I began to seek the promise of God, and about four weeks ago I received the blessed Holy Ghost. I was alone when I received Him. I have a wife and eight children. Two of the children received the Holy Spirit also. I desire the earnest prayers of the saints that God may pour out His Spirit upon all of them.—L. T., Alto Pass, Ill.

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#### HEALED OF STOMACH TROUBLE.

Years ago I had a very serious stomach trouble which I had had for years. I could eat nothing but bread, soft boiled eggs and a little fruit, with skimmed milk and lime water. For weeks at a time I could live only on the skimmed milk and lime water. The best physicians said it was only the matter of a short time until I must starve to death. My eyes also were weak and I could not see without glasses. I had no earthly hope. Everyone said the days of healing were past. But I was God's child and He showed me He never changed and what He did for others He would do for me if I would only believe. I turned to God with my whole heart and began to pray for healing. I could ask no one else to pray for me for they would only laugh. So I clung

the closer to God and believed He would heal me.

One day while communing with my blessed Saviour He asked me if I would testify to it if He healed me. Again and again He said "If I heal you you must testify to it." In desperation I said, "Yes, Father, I will, by your help." O, how gently He laid His healing hand on me and I was instantly made whole. I arose and shouted and praised God and I could hardly wait to tell it even though I knew they would not believe. Glory to Jesus! It was done and today, at 52 years, I can eat what I want and do not wear glasses and I am still giving God the glory.—Mrs. M. Y. R., Allen, Kansas.

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#### HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE.

A year ago last November I thought I was doomed to die from heart trouble. I had doctored and doctored, only gaining a few moments relief. Of course I had always believed in prayer and faith in the Lord. He had answered many prayers for me and I knew He heard the voices of His children when raised to Him in earnest supplication. I had suffered off and on for six years with my heart and it seemed as if I could not live any longer. One day in reading the Word, I read where Jesus Himself says, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name in faith believing ye shall receive," and, as my eyes fell upon those words, a great load seemed lifted from me. With all the faith in the world, I began to pray for Him to heal me. I grew much better for a time, but I gradually grew worse again.

Living in Healdsburg (Cal.), away from Pentecostal people, I wrote to my mother-in-law in Santa Rosa and told her to have Bro. Stokely pray over a handkerchief for me and send it as soon as possible. It was done. With my heart almost killing me, I placed the handkerchief over my heart and immediately it ceased its pain and, praise God for His goodness, I am well to-day and my heart has never hurt me since. To-day I hold up Jesus Christ as the best physician on earth or in heaven. I give Him the glory for all He has

done for me, saving me and setting me free from sin. What He has done for me He can do for you. I pray that you will give this great physician a chance.—M. G., Healdsburg, Calif.

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#### A FATHER RAISED UP FROM DEATH'S DOOR.

On April 2nd I was at my son's, J. A. Barnes. Had expected to attend the meeting at Hester Church. Some other saints were there also, but we did not go to the meeting as it started to thunder and rain. We were a little disappointed, but it had not been raining long before one of the nearest neighbor boys came to get us to go and pray for his father. It was raining and the wind was blowing hard, but this did not stop us.

'God works in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform,  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.'

When we reached the home we found the father apparently dying. He was unconscious. His head was drawn back to his spine and he was struggling for breath, his eyes being set. We began to pray that the Lord's will be done (and we felt His will was to heal him). A sister and myself felt victory in the matter, but he did not seem any better. We had no oil with us to anoint him according to the Scripture, so we sent someone over to the church for the pastor, but he had not reached there yet. We sent for Bro. Richards, but before he came we kept holding on to the Lord for his healing. One time he seemed to have no pulse and his hands were perfectly cold, but we kept crying to God.

When Brother Oscar came he was breathing naturally and was conscious, and when he was anointed with oil and we prayed again, the Lord lifted him up and he walked. He was able to take some soup, and when we left he was sitting up and he is still up and at work. Bless the Lord! He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. I am glad I am serving a God who can heal soul, mind and body. I want the saints of the Evangel family to pray for me and the church at Baker that we may all so live that our daily walk and conversation will draw souls to Christ.—M. E. B., Baker, Fla.

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#### SAVED, BAPTIZED, HEALED.

I praise God for salvation and for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It is wonderful how Jesus keeps us if we will only trust Him. I praise Him for healing me of kidney trouble. Pray for me that I may be faithful, and pray that God will save my dear ones.—Mrs. M. T., Luling, Texas.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.**

Pray for the brethren in Western Oklahoma.

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Pray for a little Assembly in Leann, Mo., that God will bless and lead.

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A sister in Maxbass, North Dakota desires prayer that she may be filled with the Spirit.

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Pray for a brother and his family in McGehee, Ark., that they may receive the Holy Ghost.

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Pray for the healing of a sister from deafness; also for her son that he may be saved and healed.

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Pray for a son in Hiawatha, Kansas, who will have to submit to an operation for appendicitis.

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A Persian brother in Chicago, Ill., wants prayer that he may be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

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Pray for a consecrated blind sister in Hutch'nson, Kansas, who wants sight and also the fulness of the Spirit.

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A sister in Sugar Valley, Ga., desires that we pray for her for help in the bearing of many burdens almost too heavy to be borne.

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A brother in Lineville, Iowa, sends urgent request that the readers of the Evangel especially pray on Sunday, June 11th, for the conversion of his wife.

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A brother in Borden Shaft, Maryland sends urgent request that the saints pray for him that he may receive the comforter. His name is Wm. Montgomery.

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A sister near Lubbock, Texas, desires prayer that she may be healed of neuralgia from which she suffers greatly. Pray also that the right person may be led to take the Gospel to that place.

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'I sincerely ask the prayers of all the saints. I was once saved and filled with the Holy Ghost but have back-slidden and want God to remove everything that is unlike Him.'—P. Gaskill, Ark.

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A brother in Marion, Ill., is anxious to be able to do work in a town which has been upon his heart for some time and desires the prayers of the saints that the means may be supplied and the way opened. It will take about one hundred dollars.

A brother in Pampa, Texas, writes 'I haven't had any more fever and chills since writing the saints to pray for me. Bless His name.'

**FROM NEWPORT TO TRUCE, TEX.****Notice of Change in the Place of Texas Meeting.**

Pastor Oscar Jones sends us the following announcement: "We wish to state that the meeting has been changed from Newport, Texas, to Truce, Texas, five miles south of Newport, where they have a good tabernacle and a place to take care of the workers. Everybody invited. Bring bedding and toilet articles. Those who are sick and who are seeking God are invited. We are expecting Bro. Collins of Ft. Worth, also Bro. Fred Eiting and other helpers to be with us. For further information address: **Pastor Oscar Jones, Jacksboro, Tex., or Elder Ed Baker, Newport, Texas.**

**PRESENT ADDRESS WANTED.**

We have on our books the names of a number of persons who ordered books, or other merchandise, from us in the past, but who cannot now be located at their old address. Please let us know the whereabouts of the following named persons. The addresses given are the last places where we heard from them. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

Sarah Jackson, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Homer Sellers, Caryville, Fla.

N. N. Kemper, Pitkin, La.

W. M. Hawkins, \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Andrews, Searsport, Me.

W. B. Redd, Texarkana, Texas.

Lonnie Lackie, Marianna, Fla.

W. J. Read, Rusk, Texas.

Send information to J. W. Welch, Editor, 2838 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

**GOOD NOTE FROM SPRING VALLEY, ARKANSAS.**

I want to praise God for victory in my soul. The Lord has been blessing us and has saved some and baptized them with the Holy Ghost since we built the new church. We are looking for deeper things from God. We are a small church and at present have no pastor and we earnestly desire the prayers of God's children that God will send the man we need, as we want a man from God.—L. A. Hinds.

**PARMA, MO.**

We just closed a meeting Sunday night in which four received the baptism. We have our new church done and would be glad to have any Spirit-filled preacher to stop with us who is passing this way. We stand for a clean ministry and preach and endeavor to practice a holy Godly life. My wife and I are going out in the Evangelistic work as we have a large tent. Let the saints pray that God may have His own way.—Evang. W. C. Anderson and wife.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For the convenience of the brethren who desire to make special announcement through these columns, we will accept **Want Ads** at the rate of one cent per word, with a minimum charge of 25 cts. for each insertion.

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**TENT FOR SALE.**

I have a 40 by 60 oblong, round-end tent, two poles, 10-ounce top, 8-ounce walls, with tackle blocks and mask guys, also border poles for sale. Tent in good condition, used only one season. Address **E. J. Douglas, Beacon, Tenn.**

**TENT WANTED.**

We desire to engage a tent from July 28th to August 13th for Camp-meeting at Pilot Point, Texas. If anyone near this place has one they will rent at a reasonable rate, or can come and assist in the meeting with their tent on the above date, write at once to **J. E. Price, or T. G. Irick of Pilot Point, Texas, or to T. J. O'Neal, Pampa, Texas.**

**WANTED:—**One thousand loyal members of the Evangel Family to interest their neighbors in the Weekly Evangel. You may only preach to them once in a year, but if they subscribe for the Evangel, you will assist in preaching to them fifty (50) times a year. Is it worth it?

**REVIVAL SPIRIT AT KELLERTON, IOWA.**

God is wonderfully visiting us here with a blessed revival spirit. Three were saved a few nights back in prayer-meeting. The power was so great on Sunday at Sunday-school. There was just one sinner in our midst and she went down before God for salvation. Sunday evening while a few of us were on the road in a car God spoke to us to go to Grand River, thirteen miles from Kellerton. We did not question God but went and found a dear saint, a sister, attacked by the enemy and having lain prostrate for seven hours. A doctor had pronounced it spasms. She seemed dead. They called for us to pray with her and we rebuked the devil in the name of Jesus. She was instantly delivered, got up praising God and went five miles to meeting at night. Praise God for the power there is in Jesus.—Elder Kelly Campbell.

I read the Evangel and bury my face in my hands and cry to God for such a paper.—**M. M. H., Bellevue, Tex.**

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