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Peace on Earth

"And having made peace through the blood of His cross,
by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself." Col. 1:20.

Peace for a world in darkness lost,
Reeking with sin, and tempest-tost;
Dripping with blood of thousands slain
To satisfy man's lust for gain,
And power to rule in fleshly might.
How dense and deep the world's dark night!
Yet this cheering word soundeth still for us,
There is perfect peace thro' the blood of His cross.

Peace for hearts that are troubled within
By doubt, and fear; by remorse and sin;
Many the tears of regret that are shed
For hopes and joys that are long since dead.
There is still for such ones a blest God-sent ray
Of light that shall lead them to His perfect day.
Hear His word, restless souls on life's sea tempest-
tost,
There is peace—deep and true—thro' the blood of His
cross.

"Peace on this earth, and goodwill toward men,"
This is God's message through His dear Son;
And Christmas-time, with its joy and cheer,
Brings afresh to our hearts each passing year
His love and His grace so unspeakably great
That reached unto us in our low estate;
And in place of our shameful failure and loss,
Gave us vict'ry and peace thro' the blood of His cross.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

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SPEEDY WORLD-WIDE EVANGELISM.

A. W. Orwig.

"Go quickly! Urgent is the call;
It will not brook delay;
Go forth with loyal heart and brave,
Go win the souls Christ died to save,
Go tell them of the empty grave;
Go speed thee on thy way."

"Go quickly" were among the words of the angel to the two weeping women at the empty tomb of the risen Lord. They were to carry a joyful message to the sorrowful, bewildered disciples, and they were told to do it "quickly." Ah, they even ran "to bring the disciples word." That was indeed holy haste.

"Go out quickly!" And this is the divine command to invite the unsaved to the Gospel feast. But why such speed? A strange question for any Christian to ask, and yet some do ask it. Dear reader, if your child were in danger of some dire physical calamity, how great would be your haste to rescue it! And shall not we be as greatly concerned to "rescue the perishing" souls of our fellow-beings, both at home and abroad? Surely the heavenly "King's business" requires "haste." But oh, how slow some are to do His heavenly bidding!

Often there are what are designated *emergency* calls in various temporal relations or affairs. Certainly the call to proclaim the Gospel of the Son of God to neglected and perishing mortals is an emergency call. In view of the uncertainty of life, and the growing hardness of many hearts, that which we do for them, ought to be done "quickly." For

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste, then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the life line and save them today."

Both the church, as such, and individual Christians, ought to be wide awake to the great importance of the *speedy evangelization* of the world. To what an awful degree it "lieth in wickedness!" Its myriads of benighted and unsaved inhabitants ought at least to have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message, and have a chance savingly to accept it, or assume the responsibility of rejecting it. Jesus himself declared, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness (or testimony) unto all nations." But this does not mean that all who hear the divine message, either in heathen or so-called Christian lands, will be saved. It is an appalling fact that great multitudes turn away from the message of salvation, some even scornfully. But let not this discourage us. Praise God for the many who respond to the call from on high!

Evangelism does not mean conversion or regeneration, as some seem to think. It simply implies faithful *proclamation* of the Gospel, leaving the results with God. Then let the work of *evangelization* be more speedy and earnest than ever! And let true prayer and faith always accompany it.

The church, or the professor of religion, not possessed of an evangelistic spirit is in danger of apostasy. Only "he that watereth shall be watered also himself," declare the sacred Scriptures. An old Scotch preacher once said, "The church that ceases to evangelize will soon cease to be evangelical." Doubtless some churches have already suffered that sad fate. Others, however, glow with evangelistic fervor, and have the great joy of seeing souls saved more or less continually.

Nor should the *preaching* of the Gospel be the only method for promoting evangelistic work. The distri-

bution of the Word of God, in whole or in part, has often resulted in the salvation of the unsaved. The scattering of tracts and other good literature has had the same blessed effect. Here is a field in which every Christian can engage, but many seem not to seize the opportunity. A young man who distributed tracts on a street car was asked by an elderly man how long he had done such work. "Ever since I have been converted, which was six months ago," was the reply. To this the other answered, "I have been a Christian for many years, and have never given any one a tract; but by the grace of God I shall begin the good work." Of course the giving of money for evangelistic work is obligatory upon every child of God. In the direct mission field all can co-operate in this way. "That thou doest do quickly." Oh, for that baptism from on high which will stimulate us to holy endeavor and sacrifice as never before!

"The glad Evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies,
'Evangelize! Evangelize!'"

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GOLD EXCHANGED INTO LIVES.

Jesus says in Luke 16:9, "Make to yourselves friends by means of money, which the unrighteous world reckons riches, that when it fails, they may welcome you eagerly into the homeland." He says that our money in its new form will be waiting our arrival on the other side. The men and women into whose lives we have been exchanging it, will be eagerly looking for us as we go into port. When you get through your own life here, you will go up and into the homeland, and at first, I suppose, you will have heart and eyes for nobody but Jesus. My mother used to say to me, "I thought I would like to have a talk with Moses and Elijah, John and Paul," but with the tears of deep emotion filling her eyes, she would say, "I have never been able to get past Jesus yet."

But this word of Jesus suggests that as you go in, you will find someone coming eagerly to meet you with outstretched arms and such a glad face. And he will say, "Oh, I have been looking forward so eagerly to see you. Welcome!" And you will say, "Well, this is very kind of you, but pardon me, where was it I knew you? In New York?" And he will say, with a flash of earnest feeling, "Oh, no, I never saw New York; my home was over in the heart of China. Our lives were very miserable there. There was a great tugging at my heart that nothing ever seemed to ease. But one day a stranger came to our village with some little books, and as we gathered about him, he talked so much about Jesus, and you can never know how it changed our lives, and homes, and our village, and since coming up here I have learned that it was through you that that man came, and I want to thank you. Next to Jesus, I think you are the best friend I have."

You will be thinking, "I'm so glad I gave that money; I had to pinch a bit, but its nothing to be compared to the joy of this." And so they come one after another welcoming you, where you have never been in person, but where you have gone potentially through your money. Exchange your gold into lives.—S. D. Gordon.

A SUGGESTION FOR CHRISTMAS.

Give your friends a Christmas present of a year's subscription to the Weekly Evangel. If you subscribe for five of your friends for a year each, we will include free, a copy of the *Apostolic Faith Restored* to each of them.

"NO ROOM IN THE INN."**A Christmas Message.**

By Florence L. Burpee.

At this beautiful Christmas season, I wish to draw my readers a word picture. It is late at night in the little town of Bethlehem. An elderly man and a strikingly beautiful young woman knock at the door of a brightly lighted inn asking a night's lodging and refreshment. The inn-keeper glances at the would-be guests, and thinking of the crowded condition of the inn, replies at once, "No room," and the humble carpenter of Nazareth and his youthful bride turn away into the wintry night to seek the only shelter available, a cold stable. The strangers were poor, there was no sign of wealth or affluence in their appearance. The inn-keeper did not know, as he looked into Mary's face, that the child soon to be born was He that shall rule all nations.

If Herod the king had appeared that night and applied for a room, the words "No room" would not have been spoken to him. The inn-keeper would gladly have given up his own room to entertain so distinguished a guest. But there was no room for the lowly Galilean peasants and the Christ child, He who in after years said, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me," was shut out.

We condemn the inn-keeper, yet how many times in our short lives we have been like him? As I look at the large roomy mansions in our land, what great possibilities for doing good! Looking again at the great mass of helpless humanity, my heart is moved with sympathy, for I know there is plenty of room in God's great world for all. God grant that none that read these lines will shut his or her heart to the gentle knock of the Christ-child today, and shut Him out with the cruel words, "No room."

There are old people, parents of children, for whom they have toiled hard from infancy up to manhood or womanhood, who are obliged, in their old age, to seek the home of strangers for help, food and shelter. How sad to think there is no room in their children's home for the dear old father and gentle mother, who would have gladly given their lives for anyone of the children, who taught their baby lips to talk, and the baby feet to walk, and to whisper the first baby prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

There are helpless little children in our orphan asylums who once had a home and kind parents, but when cruel death took their loved ones away, they had to depend on the kindness of the world. Many rich, or comparatively poor people, might give them a home if they would. Strange to say, those who have little of this world's goods are usually willing to share their little with those less fortunate than themselves. There is room in their humble homes for the homeless ones, while the doors of stately mansions are often barred. In the homes of the poorest mountain families one is rarely denied an entrance, although the home may consist of only a rude log cabin of one room; the less fortunate stranger is always sure of food and shelter, whether he has money to pay for it or not. The words "No room" are little known amongst these humble ones.

The inn-keeper did not know who his guests were. He was obliged to act without knowledge of results. So the most of our life work must be wrought out, *if we only knew*, how different a record angel hands would write down for us in the book of remembrance. A poor tramp knocked at our door one day asking for food. Our hearts said, "Better give him some food, you will not regret it," but we were unusually busy, and so in this particular case refused. Afterwards we found out this man was really

deserving, had been without food for days, and was honestly trying to get work, but without success. We would not have refused for anything if we had known, but we did not, and unknowingly we shut out the Christ-child.

A poor repentant Magdalene once committed suicide, but first she knocked at the doors of many Christian people, and applied to several religious institutions, who usually made room for such as her, but they were all obliged to go through a certain amount of form before they could take her in; at last she took her own life rather than face the world with the stain of sin upon her garments. The hearts of the people to whom she applied were kind and charitable; they were simply too slow in acting. They would have made room, but they did not know.

A young friend of mine gave his heart to God. One day he met an old time friend who was unsaved and spent some time with him, his conversation being on things of the world. The Spirit whispered, "Speak to him about his soul." But he neglected the opportunity and his friend met with an accident as he boarded a train and was killed. As long as my young friend lives he must regret the words of warning he would have spoken if he had only known.

Better to find room for the Christ-child always than to close the door of our inn, fearing we may make mistakes and entertain imposters. How sad to think that among the many Jesus lived and died for, few give Him room in their hearts and lives. While preaching in Alabama, a man made the remark to me, "If Jesus Christ were to come to this place today, the people here would have Him crucified within three weeks." I thought the statement a sweeping one, but had cause afterwards to think it was near the truth. Although they might not crucify Him, the desire to do Him harm was everywhere manifested. The people did not want the truth; they simply had no room for Jesus in their homes and churches.

Some earnest workers, our best preachers, are sometimes obliged to preach in the streets and hedges for lack of "room" in the richly furnished churches in our towns and cities. Personally, the writer has been sent for by sinners to preach in the slum district of a city where churches would have found "No room" for the sweet Gospel message, simply because they did not agree with every point of doctrine.

If Jesus were to come back to earth this Christmas, how many of those who claim to know Him best would really be glad to see Him? Let us search ourselves and see. Does Jesus always come first in our daily lives? Have we room for Him, in spite of the many cares of the day? Do we realize that if we are Christians, Jesus is the unseen guest at all times and in all places, that He listens to our conversation, and notices every act, however small?

If we find room for Him in our humble homes here, He will surely find room for us in His glorious home beyond. Doubtless sinners will read this message, let me entreat you, every one, if you never have, make room for Christ now. Who will let the Christ-child in today? Time is hastening on. Death and judgment may be nearer than you think. We who have noticed the signs in the heavens and upon the earth for many years have reason to believe our Lord's second coming is near at hand. The shepherds and wise men of today tell us they have seen the star in the east that leads them to look for His appearing at any hour. Oh, saints, lift up your heads and rejoice, for your redemption draweth nigh! Oh, sinner, once more I beg you, make haste and repent, for your time to get right with God is short, before the door of salvation is shut. Let the Christ-child in today. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS ON THE FRONTIER.

A Christmas Experience.

"I remember a day during one winter that stands out like a boulder in my life. The weather was unusually cold, our salary had not been regularly paid, and it did not meet our needs when it was. My husband was away traveling from one district to another much of the time. Our boys were well, but my little Ruth was ailing, and at best none of us were decently clothed. I patched and re-patched, with spirits sinking to their lowest ebb. The water gave out in the well, and the wind blew through the cracks in the floor.

"The people in the parish were kind, and generous, too; but the settlement was new, and each family was struggling for itself.

"Little by little, at the time I needed it most, my faith began to waver. Early in life I was taught to take God at His word, and I thought my lesson was well learned. I had lived upon the promises in dark times, until I knew, as David did, 'who was my Fortress and Deliverer.' Now a daily prayer for forgiveness was all that I could offer. My husband's overcoat was hardly thick enough for October, and he was often obliged to ride miles to attend some meeting or funeral. Many times our breakfast was Indian cake, and a cup of tea without sugar. Christmas was coming; the children always expected their presents. I remember the ice was thick and smooth, and the boys were each craving a pair of skates. Ruth, in some unaccountable way, had taken a fancy that the dolls I had made were no longer suitable; she wanted a nice, large one, and insisted on praying for it. I knew it was impossible; but, oh! how I wanted to give each child its present. It seemed as if God had deserted us, but I did not tell my husband all this. He worked so earnestly and heartily, I supposed him to be as hopeful as ever. I kept the sitting-room cheerful with an open fire, and tried to serve our scanty meals as invitingly as I could.

"The morning before Christmas, James was called to see a sick man. I put up a piece of bread for his lunch—it was the best I could do—wrapped my plaid shawl around his neck, and then tried to whisper a promise, as I had often done, but the words died away upon my lips. I let him go without it.

"That was a dark, hopeless day. I coaxed the children to bed early, for I could not bear to talk. When Ruth went, I listened to her prayer; she asked for the

last time most explicitly for her doll, and for skates for her brothers. Her bright face looked so lovely when she whispered to me: 'You know I think they'll be here early tomorrow morning, mamma,' that I thought I could move heaven and earth to save her from disappointment. I sat down alone, and gave way to the most bitter tears.

"Before long James returned chilled and exhausted. He drew off his boots. The thin stockings slipped off with them, and his feet were red with cold. 'I wouldn't treat a dog that way; let alone a faithful servant,' I said.

Then, as I glanced up and saw the hard lines in his face and the look of despair, it flashed across me, James had let go, too. I brought him a cup of tea, feeling sick and dizzy at the very thought. He took my hand, and we sat for an hour without a word. I wanted to die and meet God, and tell Him His promise wasn't true; my soul was so full of rebellious despair.

There came a sound of bells, a quick step, and a loud knock at the door. James sprang to open it.

"There stood Deacon White. 'A box came for you by express just before dark. I brought it around as soon as I could get away. Reckoned it might be for Christmas; at any rate, they shall have it tonight. Here is a turkey my wife asked me to fetch along, and these other things I believe belong to you.' There was a basket of potatoes and a bag of flour. Talking all the time, he hurried in the box, and then with a hearty good-night rode away.

"Still, without speaking, James found a chisel and opened the box. He drew out first a thick red blanket, and we saw that beneath was full of clothing. It seemed at that moment as if Christ fastened upon me a look of reproach. James sat down and covered his face with his hands.

"'I can't touch them,' he exclaimed; 'I haven't been true, just when God was trying me to see if I could hold out. Do you think I could not see how you were suffering, and I had

no word of comfort to offer? I know now how to preach the awfulness of turning away from God.'

"James,' I said, clinging to him, 'don't take it to heart like this; I am to blame, I ought to have helped you. We will ask Him together to forgive us.'

"'Wait a moment, dear, I cannot talk now.'

"Then he went into another room. I knelt down, and my heart broke; in an instant all the darkness, all the stubbornness rolled away. Jesus came again and stood before me, but now with the loving word: 'Daughter! Sweet promises of tenderness and joy flooded my soul.

Christmas Day

Florence L. Burpee.

Oh, the joggling, hustle, bustle,
In the stores and on the street,
Oh the hurry, worry, flurry,
Any—every where we meet!
Ask the child, the youth, the aged,
"What's the trouble?" All will say,
"Why are we in such a hurry?
It is almost Christmas day!"

Mammas loaded down with bundles,
Papaps in our path we meet;
No, they cannot wait one moment
Scarce have time their friends to greet.
Babies even share the tumult,
Grandpa, grandma, old and gray;
All are planning, working, trying
To make glad the Christmas day.

As I watch the throngs who pass me,
Dreams come back of other years;
And my heart is filled with longing,
While my eyes are dim with tears;
For I know how few who hasten
On their way with joy and mirth,
Give one thought to Him who loves them,
As they celebrate His birth.

Christmas means so much to many,
Thoughts of dear ones gone before;
Of the shining faces waiting
Over on the other shore.
Memories of the tiny stocking
Hung for them when life was May,
Haunt their vision, as they seek to
Cheer some heart this Christmas day.

Kindly thoughts for friend or stranger,
Loving thoughts for kith and kin,
But for Christ who died to save them—
Not one single thought of Him.
Pause, ye restless men and women,
Lest ye cast one gift away;
Take the gift that God the Father
Offers you this Christmas day.

I was so lost in praise and gratitude that I forgot everything else. I don't know how long it was before James came back; but I knew he too had found peace.

"Now, my dear wife," said he, "let us thank God together;" and then he poured out words of praise—Bible words, for nothing else could express our thanksgiving.

"It was eleven o'clock, the fire was low, and there was the great box, and nothing touched but the warm blanket we needed. We piled on some fresh logs, lighted two candles, and began to examine our treasures. We drew out an overcoat. I made James try it on; just the right size; and danced around him, for all my light-heartedness had returned. Then there was a cloak, and he insisted on seeing me in it. My spirits always infected him, and we both laughed like foolish children. There was a warm suit of clothes also, and three pairs of woollen hose. There was a dress for me, and yards of flannel, a pair of artic overshoes for each of us, and in mine was a slip of paper. I have it now, and mean to hand it down to my children. It was Jacob's blessing to Asher: 'Thy shoes shall be iron and brass, and as thy days so shall thy strength be.' In the gloves, evidently for James, the same dear hand had written: 'I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee: Fear not, I will help thee.'

"It was a wonderful box, and packed with thoughtful care. There was a suit of clothes for each of the boys, and a little red gown for Ruth. There were mittens, scarfs, and hoods; down in the center, a box; we opened it, and there was a great wax doll. I burst into tears again; James wept with me for joy. It was too much, and then we both exclaimed again, for close behind it came two pairs of skates. There were books for us to read—some of them I had wished to see; stories for the children to read; aprons and underclothing, knots of ribbon, a gay little tidy; a lovely photograph, needles, buttons and thread; actually a muff, and an envelope, containing a ten-dollar gold piece. At last we cried over everything we took up. It was past midnight, and we were faint and exhausted even with happiness. I made a cup of tea, cut a fresh loaf of bread, and James boiled some eggs. We drew up the table before the fire; how we enjoyed our supper! And then we sat talking over our life, and how sure a help God always proved.

"You should have seen the children the next morning! The boys raised a shout at the sight of their skates. Ruth caught up her doll, and hugged it tightly without a word; then she went into her room and knelt by her bed. When she came back she whispered to me: 'I knew it would be here, mamma, but I wanted to thank God just the same.'

"Look here, wife, see the differenc."

"We went to the window, and there were the boys out of the house already, and skating on the crust with all their might. My husband and I both tried to return thanks to the church in the East that sent us the box, and have tried to return thanks unto God every day since.

"Hard times have come again and again, but we have trusted in Him, dreading nothing so much as a doubt of His protecting care. Over and over again we have proved that 'They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.'"

FISHING FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN JAPAN.

Bro. Wm. J. Taylor of 10 of 24 Yamamoto Dori, 4 Chome, Kobe, Japan, sends us the Christmas number of "Fishers of Men," a blessed little Pentecostal paper, published occasionally as the Lord provides. Bro. and Sister Taylor are seasoned Christian workers who have spent

many years in Japan, but having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, they severed their connections with the Missionary Board with whom they were associated, and are faith laborers, independent of any missionary society, but very dependent on God. When we met them some years ago, their special burden was to get people to pray for the poor girls who are sold to a life of shame. In Kobe, where they are working, there are 1000 girls licensed by the government, the said government receiving so much per year for each girl, and in addition to this "the many Geisha, dancing girls, who go out each evening by engagement, the many back streets, and innumerable houses of unlicensed girls."

Sister Taylor writes, "One would be utterly crushed and discouraged, if the remedy for sin were not kept in view. But it is with joy we proclaim Jesus to our sisters who are yet in the bondage of slavery.

"He said 'I have set before thee an Open Door,' and we enter it in His name. The first visit was in Nagasaki, a Christmas day, a great desire to give Jesus something to make Him glad, when the thought of the precious girls in more cruel bonds than the slaves of Africa, or South America, swept over me, I felt I must go and tell them of His love, their Saviour. There was the Christmas dinner to cook, but souls were precious, and their cry was entering into His ears, so putting the dinner in the oven, and asking God to keep it from burning, jumped into a *kuruma*, with a bundle of tracts, was soon there, about four miles along the coast. His joy was like wings that carried one along, into each house with the white messengers of pardon, and peace. "Little is *much* if God is in it, man's busiest day is not worth God's minute." One felt it was God's minute.

"He was made glad, 'and the joy of the Lord is your strength.' Returned in time to serve dinner to my little family (not burnt up either) Praise Him! Many visits followed, meetings in the street, conversations with some, listen to the cry of one heart, 'O we have so much sorrow, I often weep all night.'

"One girl returned to her home, results will be fully known in the glory. 'The Shepherd leaves the ninety and nine, and goes after that which is lost, seeks until He find it.'"

A sister writes, "We entered six or seven houses—one or two refused permission to enter. The memory is blurred, for the houses are much alike.

"Past the keepers and in the midst of growing crowds we walked to the six or nine feet of grating through which it was possible to see from the hall into that front room and peered through—*peered* at human beings as at some strange beasts—there they sat in semi-circles. There were between nine and eighteen girls in each house. And there were unoccupied places for girls not yet ready to appear or already called out. Each girl sat on a beautiful cushion in front of a numbered black and gold lacquer desk-basket (I could not tell just what). It held toilet articles, for all through the evening little adjustments are made in the costume, more powder put on the cheeks, the lips retouched with red paint. The costumes were beautiful, the colors being largely gold and red. The hair was ornamented with the flowers or pins of the postal cards and pictures so much admired at home—for the maidens whose pictures you see come from such quarters. They were very quiet—only two or three would talk together or laugh in low voices at the novelty of the foreigners and their strange tongue. One keeper said his girls were from eighteen to twenty-four. But some looked so young one suspected "round numbers" had been

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MESSAGES OF THE MOMENT.

The Christmas Gospel.

The wise men of the east in their quest for Him who was born King of the Jews did not stay until they came to the manger in which He lay. And the greatest difficulty they would have would be to get through the inn to the stable beyond. "Where is He that was born King of the Jews?" Go through the inn, and what do you find? No encouragement there! No king dwelt there! They knew nothing about Him! But they went on to the stable beyond in spite of those that were in the inn. They were wise enough not to be turned back by those in the inn. And lo, in a manger, at the end of the stable, they found the King of kings, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.

God has said, "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." We are in the last days, and the people have looked for an outpouring of the Spirit. And they go to the inn. The inn is full of worshippers come up to worship, and they ask: "Where is the outpouring?" They know nothing about it. *They passed by the babe.* If they were told it was a babe, they would not have understood. Men hear the crying, the prattling, the jabbering, the unintelligible sounds of the babe, and they cannot understand. The King of kings was hidden in the little babe of Bethlehem; and in the stammering lips and other tongues of these latter days is hidden the Spirit of the most High God. It is good to pass through the inn of modern ecclesiasticism to the place where, from out the mouths of the babes and sucklings, you can hear the God-ordained praise in the Spirit.

The tender heart of the mother could interpret the crying, the cooing, the prattling of the babe, even in a stable. And the heart that is tuned of the Lord can hear the music of eternity coming through the weak babes. A few wise men have found the stable, and they have found Jesus there, but not many wise, not many mighty; only the weak, the base things, the things that are not, have found

out where God is now giving His Spirit. "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Those wise men said, "We have seen His star in the East!" As they looked up, their feet were guided aright. The glow of that star went right into their hearts, and they followed their hearts. Are you looking for His star? If you see the star, you will soon see the glory of God. The Daystar is arising. But if you are looking at the dazzling lights of the world you will miss the faint glow of the rising of His star. It is rising, slowly, quietly, to many unnoticed. But to those who *look for Him*, shall He appear a second time. Jesus loves to hide Himself. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." It is a heart search for His heart.

Few there be that find this way. Do not miss the doorway because it is secluded, because it is narrow, because the gateway is unpretentious. The despised narrow way opens up into the wide glorious way of eternity. Blessed, eternally blessed, are those who not only find the way, but continue in the way. Jesus will go all the way with you. Every step that you take in this way will be in Him. It is a narrow way, because if you step to the right or the left, you step out of Him. The way is only as wide as He is. From start to finish He is the way.

Christmas Giving.

Christmas is always associated with giving. God gave His only begotten Son to the world on that day, that through faith in Him we might not perish, but have the gift of eternal life. It was through Mary giving herself so wholeheartedly to God, that the Holy Ghost came upon her and the power of the Highest overshadowed her, so that she was enabled to give to the world that "holy thing," the Son of God. The wise men of the East brought their gifts, their gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him who was born King of the Jews on that first Christmas day. And the question comes to us at this Christmas season, What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits? What gift can we give to Him?

It is written of the Corinthians, they first gave themselves. This must be our first gift to the Lord. We knew of one man who had no objection to giving his money to what he thought was the Lord's cause, but he could not surrender himself. He would do things which were not straight, and then try to atone for them by giving a large sum to a missionary collection. The last we heard of him was that the Lord was letting him have twelve months in prison to think over the thing. If any who read these lines have not given themselves spirit, soul and body to the Lord, what better occasion could there be than the season in which God's great gift of His Son was presented to the world?

Then, let us not be stingy with our praise. Let us render to our God the praises due to His name. Some say, "Well, I'm very grateful to God in my heart, but I'm not demonstrative enough to praise with my mouth much." But He is waiting for "the fruit of the lips." In most households they like to get lots of fruit in for Christmas; let us see to it that there is much fruit from our lips for the heavenly banqueting table this Christmas season.

Do not let us forget to bring our gold to our King, even as the wise men did of old. Some of us do not mind bringing our myrrh, all the bitterness of our souls, for Him to sweeten, and others go a little further and bring the frankincense of their worship, but the offering is not complete until He has our gold as well.

There are only three sacrifices in the New Testament, that of our persons (Rom. 12:1), our praise (Heb. 13:

15), and of our property, (Heb. 13:16) and of this last sacrifice it is written "God is well pleased." A brother was recently baptized at the Bethel Chapel in St. Louis and he was careful to see that he had his pocket book on him, for he wanted that to go through death, burial and resurrection with him; and the first act after he was baptized was to get out a wet \$5.00 bill and give it to the Lord.

Some may ask, "How can we give to the Lord our gold?" Let Jesus answer that question. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." Do not ask yourself, "How much can I spare for that poor person this Christmas, how much can I spare for missionary work. Rather look up and say, 'Lord, how much can I give.'"

PRECIOUS PROMISE BOXES.

When once you know the delight of having a promise box, you will never be without one. They consist generally of boxes filled with little slips of paper on which precious promises are printed; you cannot tell what they are until you have drawn them out of the box, then you read them, believe them and get blessed. It is good to have one on the meal table, to pass them round, everyone taking one. It is as good, and generally a lot better than an extra course. Jeremiah says, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them." A dose of divine promise is an excellent tonic to weak faith, and a good stimulant to strong faith. We can testify ourselves that at many times when tempted to discouragement we have gone to our promise box, and asking the Lord to guide our hands as we drew out a text, have received a promise that has been a great lift heavenwards, and has sent us on our way rejoicing.

The promise boxes that have just been gotten out at the Gospel Publishing House are a great improvement on other makes. Not only are the boxes stronger, the promises are printed on strong art cards of various colors, instead of on the usual flimsy paper, and there are 224 promises, carefully chosen from Genesis to Revelation, instead of the 150 these boxes usually contain. We send them postpaid for 25 cents each, or \$2.50 per dozen. Giving a promise box away is an excellent means of getting the Word into the hearts that need it.

There will be no paper published Christmas week.

YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY

To Secure one of our Special Bibles before Price Advances.

We will be compelled to advance the price of our Special Premium Teacher's Bible and the Evangel A and Evangel B Bibles on December 31st. We had announced that the price would be advanced on December 25th, but for the benefit of those who have not yet placed their orders, we will give one more week of grace before advancing these prices. These Bibles are unparalleled in value for the money, and you could not get them at such a low figure in any book and Bible store in the country that we know of, the prices having already advanced by instruction of the publishers, but until December 31st, you can get one of them at the old price from the Gospel Publishing House. After this date, the prices will be advanced 30 to 40 per cent. If you want a Bible, or think you will want one during the next year, take advantage of this offer now and save a dollar or two on your Bible. Don't sacrifice quality for price, but get your Bible now when you can get high quality at a low price. This offer closes December 31st, after which time the new prices go into effect.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord." Neh. 8:10.

In your remembrance of those you love this Christmas-time do not forget the many "for whom nothing is prepared." How many desolate, forgotten ones there are, without blessings either temporal or spiritual! They must be included in our sharing of Christmas joys this happy season, since the feast of gladness which God has spread is as much for them as for ourselves.

Monday. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

"Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Life and light to all He brings.
Ris'n with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth."

Tuesday. "For now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me." Gen. 22:12.

The reality of Abraham's consecration was proved by his attempt to actually offer up Isaac at the command of God. All his former vows and promises of allegiance to God would have been vain had he failed to make the sacrifice in this crucial hour. That is no consecration which fails in the actual performance of God's will. "Obedience is the best sacrifice."

Wednesday. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift! How we praise Thee, our blessed Lord, for Thy love so great, so true, so deep, toward us who were hopeless, helpless and estranged from Thee! What shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits to us? Glory, honor, and thanksgiving be unto God forever and forever!

Thursday. "He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32.

Can we ever limit the boundless love and generosity of our Lord? So great indeed was the gift of His dear Son, and yet that is but the beginning; and we may expect to receive from Him in addition blessings unnumbered for body, soul and spirit. "For all things are yours; * * * and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

Friday. "And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." Col. 1:20.

"The Prince of Peace:" Ah, truly He is, although we look out now upon a world of confusion and tumult, spiritual and temporal. They know not that peace can only come through the blood of His cross. God grant that we may sound the message in tender faithfulness across the troubled waters, e'en to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Saturday. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Luke 18:16.

It was Jesus, our precious Saviour, who uttered these words, thus placing Himself on record eternally as a Friend of the little ones. And as we take them into our arms to shield them from sin and sorrow, we may rest assured His own everlasting arms surround both them and us, and once again will He breathe His blessing upon us all.

**A STATEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS
APPROVED BY THE GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD,
October 2-7, 1916.**

This Statement of Fundamental Truths is not intended as a creed for the Church, nor as a basis of fellowship among Christians, but only as a basis of unity for the ministry alone (i. e., that we all speak the same thing, 1 Cor. 1:10; Acts 2:42). The human phraseology employed in such statement is not inspired nor contended for, but the truth set forth in such phraseology is held to be essential to a full Gospel ministry. No claim is made that it contains all truth in the Bible, only that it covers our present needs as to these fundamental matters.

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6. The Full Consummation of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The full consummation of the baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost and fire, is indicated by the initial sign of speaking in tongues, as the Spirit of God gives utterance. Acts 2:4. This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth. Acts 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:8, 9.

7. Entire Sanctification, the Goal for all Believers.

The Scriptures teach a life of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. By the power of the Holy Ghost we are able to obey the command, "be ye holy for I am holy." Entire sanctification is the will of God for all believers, and should be earnestly pursued by walking in obedience to God's Word. Heb. 12:14; 1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 1 Thess. 5:23, 24; 1 Jno. 2:6.

8. The Church a Living Organism.

The church is a living organism; a living body; yea the body of Christ; a habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Every local assembly is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the First-born, written in heaven. Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:22; Heb. 12:23.

9. The Ministry and Evangelism.

A divinely called and a Scripturally ordained ministry for the evangelization of the world, is the command of the Lord, and the chief concern of the Church. Mk. 16:15-20; Eph. 4:11-13.

10. The Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements, bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Pet. 1:4; a memorial of his suffering and death, 1 Cor. 11:26; and a prophecy of His second coming, 1 Cor. 11:26; and is enjoined on all believers "until He comes."

11. Baptism in Water.

The Ordinance by a burial with Christ should be observed as commanded in the Scriptures, by all who have really repented and in their hearts have truly believed on Christ as Saviour and Lord. In so doing, they have the body washed in pure water as an outward symbol of cleansing, while their heart has already been sprinkled with the blood of Christ as an inner cleansing. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Jesus and that they have also been raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Matth. 28:19; Acts 10:47-48; Rom. 6:4; Acts 20:21; Heb. 10:22.

12. Divine Healing.

Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. Isa. 53:4, 5; Matth. 8:16, 17.

(The above is a partial statement only, and will be continued from week to week until the entire Statement has been published. Send 10 cents for a copy of the 1916 minutes containing complete Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the General Council.)

BROTHER J. W. WELCH IN CALIFORNIA.

We feel that it has been providential that Brother Welch was called to California at this time. Unknown to him, at the time of his leaving St. Louis, circular letters had been mailed all over the world from Los Angeles announcing the formation of the World-Wide Pentecostal Pre-Millennial Union, with Warren W. Fisher as President, and a large list of representative brethren in all parts of the world as appointed to the Presbytery. Among these names appeared the names of J. W. Welch, D. W. Kerr, Arch P. Collins and others of the Presbyters of the General Council. These names were placed on this list without the knowledge or consent of any of these brethren. Brother Welch has met with a representative body of the Pentecostal ministers of Los Angeles who have gone prayerfully into the matter, and do not feel satisfied with this new effort, and purpose having a District Council on the Pacific Coast in full co-operation with the General Council. Brother McCullough, one of the officials of this new organization, met with the brethren and desired to come into full fellowship with the General Council, but Brother W. W. Fisher was not present.

LOST CHRISTMAS OUT OF HER YEAR.

Some years ago in a Southern village, there lived a woman who once lost a Christmas out of her year. During a season of illness a Christmas day had passed while she was delirious and unconscious of its meaning. Through sorrow and misfortunes her soul was embittered, and the secret gnawing of her own trouble tortured her heart and made her harsh and cross. It was her duty to serve the people of her community all day at the delivery window of the village postoffice. On the very first day after she was able to be at her work again, it suddenly occurred to her: "Why not pretend that this is Christmas day, and keep it, though nobody but God and I will know."

She opened the window, and as she gave out the letters had a cordial word for every one of the neighbors outside—children and hard-worked women and feeble old men. They went away laughing and surprised, but strangely heartened. When the office was closed, she be-thought herself of gifts, and baked some of her famous crullers and carried them to folk so poor that they never had any crullers, and to the old paupers in the almshouse. She astonished each of them, too, with the gift of a dollar.

"I can do with my old cloak another year," she thought, "and they will feel rich for days!" "In His name," she said to herself as she gave each of her poor presents.

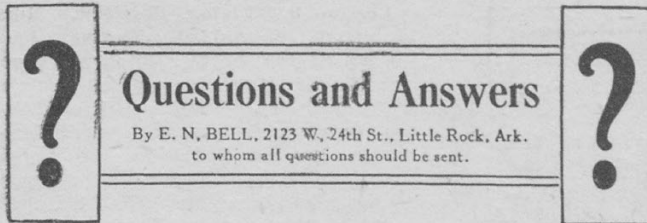
The little gifts held out for a long time, as she carried them from house to house, her face growing kinder as she went and her voice softer. It seemed to her that never before had there been so many sick and unhappy folk in the town. Surely it was right to make them glad that he had come among us—even if it were not Christmas day.

She was very tired when she finished her day's work. She thanked Him when she knelt down at night that He had put it in her mind to keep his day in this secret fashion.

But she could not sleep for thinking of other poor neighbors to whom she might have given some little comfort or pleasure.

"Why not make them happier that he has come tomorrow, as well as today?" she thought, with a shock of delight in her discovery.

And thus it was that she taught them of her Master, and led them to be glad every day of the year that he had been born into the world to be its helper.—Selected.



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112. What is the correct baptism formula? L. H. T.

Ans. Authorities differ on this subject, and church history also differs on it. Outside the Bible, the prevailing custom during the nineteen hundred years since Jesus came to earth has been to use the words of Matt. 28:19, or some enlargement of Matt. 28:19. Inside the New Testament, indications point to a simpler and shorter form "in the name of the Lord Jesus." See Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5; Rom. 6:3. However, this editor does not believe, in view of all these varying forms, that the New Testament gives any fixed, invariable formula which must be used each time exactly alike. I am agreed with the recent General Council in its statement that the words in Matt. 28:19 and the words in Acts 2:38 are both alike inspired of God and that contention for the one as against the other is wrong, and that such engenders a spirit of strife and contention. One in nowise is against or contradicts the other. In view of this, the General Council advises all our preachers, whatever else they may use, to include in their formula the words found in Matt. 28:19. (For Resolution on Baptismal Formula and Complete Statement of Fundamental Truths, see Minutes of 1916 Council, 10 cents per copy from the Evangel office.)

113. Would it be right to marry under an adopted name or should I be legally adopted?

Ans. If one has been brought up from childhood under another name, and friends all knew the facts and no fraud was meant and one would always stand by the marriage, it might not be morally wrong to marry under this adopted name. But it is doubtful if it would be legally right, unless the person has been legally adopted. This phase of marriage is a legal matter and you should go to your county judge, fully state the facts, and obey his advice in the matter. See Rom. 13:1-7.

In the business side of things, we should always comply with the law on these matters, if we expect the protection of the law. Preachers in performing marriages, in making deeds to church property, etc., should always strictly conform to the law of the state in these matters. If you don't know the law, go to the county judge or to a lawyer and find out.

114. Would the "filthiness of the flesh" in 2 Cor. 7:1 include such things as tobacco and snuff? Do you think it pleases God for one to go back to such things after giving them up in order to receive the Holy Ghost.

Ans. The use of tobacco is a heathen custom adopted from the American Indians on the discovery of America. Paul never heard of the weed. At first, the habit of following this heathen custom so shocked all Christians that the pope condemned all users of the weed to hell, and the king of England issued laws against its use. But now, pope and king tolerate it without a word of protest. Still I believe whiskey and tobacco alike defile the bodies of men, and may also defile the conscience and damn the soul, if persisted in against light and conscience. I certainly do not believe it pleases God for any Christian to go back to the beggarly elements of the world after giving them up. I am very sorry

to hear of any professor of salvation going back to this heathen Indian custom. Pray for them.

THE BIRTHDAY OF JESUS.

A gentleman visiting a friend for the first time had not long been seated when the little daughter brought out her birthday text-book. Turning over the leaves from January 1, he read the names of many of her friends. When he came to December 25 he found one line carefully written, "Dear Jesus Christ." "But, Mary," said the gentleman, "this is only for names of your friends." Looking up into his face, her face flushing with joy, "Why, Jesus," she quietly replied, "is my very best and dearest Friend, and that is the nicest birthday of all the year."—From the Sunday School Chronicle.

FISHING FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN JAPAN.

(Continued from page 5.)

given. A few faces were light and vain; a few bore evidence of pain in spite of all efforts at concealment; a few were really noble-looking: Shut in! these girls—prisoners!

"Could we get a word to them? A few tracts were thrust into one room. Not a girl stirred. We wondered why! At another place a keeper stepped up quickly and took them. At another, when all seemed safe a girl started forward. But a keeper promptly came up and grabbed the Gospel messages. The women servants promised to give them to the girls in one house. And in one (the finest, perhaps, of all) two girls came to the grating. There was a short conversation. But little more than a testimony could be given, however, before we were asked to go.

"Did any girl get a chance to read a tract or Testament? I do not know, but I do know that God will not let them forget the visitors and the sentence or two spoken in each place.

"Would that God would give the vision of the bright young prisoners! Would that you could see the brutalized, vicious faces staring at them through the bars!

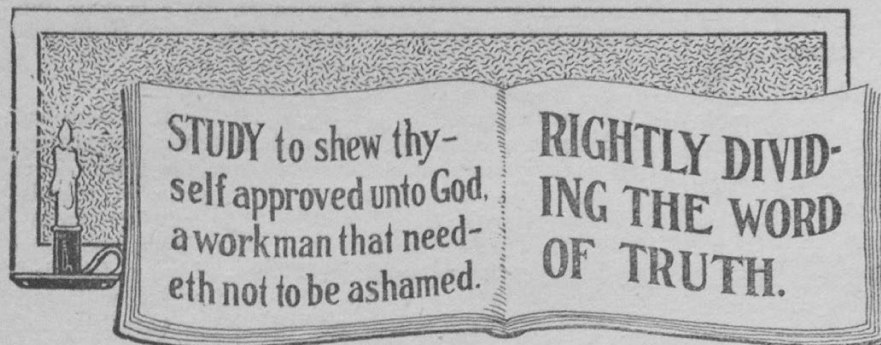
"Sold like cattle at the shambles—these for whom Christ died—these from whose fate He saved you women who read—these for whom He asks your prayers! Will you refuse His request? Of them, too, the "Inasmuch" is spoken. He has seen their tears; He knows their sorrows; He has heard their cries. Will you help deliver?

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

No committee of the Jews from Jerusalem was there to welcome him. But a committee of angels from heaven was there. Such a committee of angels never came from heaven to earth, before or since. And such a song of gladness as they sang was never heard from lips of men, or angels. They said that the birth of that child, who was born in such humility, should yet be the cause of "great joy to all people." They said that though a manger was his cradle, and his head was lying "low with the beasts of the stall"—yet he was "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord;" that his coming into the world would bring "peace on earth, and good will toward men;" and at the same time would bring "Glory to God in the highest;" glory to God in the highest places; glory to God among the highest creatures, and glory to God in the highest measure.—Richard Newton.

A whole church for my fellowship,
A whole world for my parish.
A whole Christ for my Saviour,
A whole Bible for my staff,

—St. Augustine.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

December 31, 1916.

Review: CHRIST'S COMING AND
COMING TO CHRIST.

Reading Lesson.—Rev. 22:6-14, 16-21.

Golden Text.—"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come; he that will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. R. V.

Lesson 1. Plot that Failed. Acts 23. G. T. Jer. 1:19. Had those plotting Jews seen that vision which appeared to Paul on the very night that their plot failed they would have realized how utterly fruitless any attempt would be, made against one so protected by God. Recall that scene that appeared to Pilgrim while in the Interpreter's House. The enemy sought to extinguish the fire with buckets of water; yet the fire burned steadily on, for behind that fire was an angel of God pouring on oil to make it burn all the clearer and brighter.

Lesson 2. Paul before Felix. Acts 24. G. T. Acts 24:16. "A conscience void of offense toward God and man." Think what it means. Paul exercised himself to have it so. And for him, as for all of us who likewise seek to have a clean conscience, it took carefulness in the little things. We need the love and humility to confess to God and to one another whenever necessary. Back of a life of power and holy unction in God's service you will always find "clean hands and a pure heart."

Lesson 3. Appeal to Caesar. Acts 25. G. T. Matt. 10:25. Paul was entering into the reality of suffering with his Lord. As the outlook grew darker, God's presence within his soul grew more precious; and he felt no doubt the truth of the very words written before to the Corinthians, "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Lesson 4. Paul before Agrippa. Acts 26. G. T. Acts 26:19. Forget not the two-fold message in this Golden Text. First, the necessity of a heavenly vision; second, the responsibility resting

on us thereafter of obedience thereto. How the world needs men and women today, with a clear spiritual vision, and steadfast hearts intent on executing their divine commission.

Lesson 5. The Voyage. Acts 27:1-36. G. T. Psa. 37:5. Who of us but have not felt ourselves cast upon a sea of uncertainty sometime in our lives? And having committed ourselves to God, we have felt the anchor hold. Hallelujah! Surely indeed

"It is safely moor'd, 'twill the storm withstand,
For 'tis well secured by the Saviour's hand;
And the cables, passed from his heart to mine,
Can defy that blast, through strength divine."

Lesson 6. Shipwrecked. Acts 27:38-28:10. G. T. Psa. 34:22. Paul was purposed to go to Rome; and God was purposed to have him go; but how very different the journey was from what Paul might have planned. And yet through the vicissitudes of that troublous voyage see what blessing came to others. First, the witness to all the ship's company; then, the revival that came to those barbarians on the Isle of Melita. Look how patient and courageous the Apostle is under every condition.

Lesson 7. Temperance. Rom. 14:13-15:3. G. T. Rom. 14:21. "Temperate in all things." 1 Cor. 9:25. This may be most fully applied to every phase of our living. The enemy hates a well-balanced child of God; and if he cannot hinder them from going on with God, he often tries to drive earnest hearts to the opposite extreme. If we follow God closely He will round out our lives in divine symmetry, for temperance is one of the fruits of the Spirit. Gal. 5:23.

Lesson 8. From Melita to Rome. Acts 28:11-31. G. T. Rom. 1:16. We will not soon forget those words concerning Paul, "he thanked God and took courage." And God grant that we may be as considerate and self-sacrificing as were those Roman brethren in coming to meet Paul. If we ask God He will show us many ways whereby we can "lift up the hands that hang down and strengthen the feeble knees." "Let brotherly love continue."

Lesson 9. Living Sacrifice. Rom. 12. G. T. Rom 12:1. The very least we can do for the One who has poured out His life-blood for us, is—to "present our bodies a living sacrifice." God can only work through surrendered lives.

"Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways—
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.
All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
Let my lips speak forth His praise."

Lesson 10. Jesus Christ, First and Last. Rev. 1. G. T. Rev. 1:17, 18. God grant to us a clearer vision of the glorified Christ. It will humble us in the dust, as it did Isaiah and Daniel and John; but it will also fire our souls with the message of the Living One so that we can declare it with power to the souls of dying men around us. Compare John and his writings with the prophet Daniel. The latter is to the Old Testament what the former is to the New. And both men were especially beloved of God. They who would know God's secrets must walk close beside Him.

Lesson 11. Faithful Unto Death. Rev. 2:1-17. G. T. Rev. 2:10. As we look beyond and see the reward promised to the overcomer, how very easy it is to endure the present light afflictions. These are the days of peculiar trial for God's children. How we need the very patience of God that we may hold steadfast unto the end. "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Lesson 12. The Holy City. Rev. 21. G. T. Rev. 21:3. Never in all the world's history have men been more conscious of the transitory state of affairs, political and social. Well for that soul whose hope is centered in eternal sureties, who looks steadfastly for that city which hath foundations, eternal in the heavens. But a brief while and our heavenly Bridegroom will come for His waiting ones, and then they shall enter with Him into that place which He has gone to prepare for them.

Lesson 13. Christmas Lesson. Isa. 9:2-7. G. T. Isa. 9:6. "Great is the mystery of godliness!" Great is the measure of His redeeming love!

Glad praises to thee we are singing,
Thou wondrous Redeemer of men;
The gifts of our love we are bringing,
To Thee, O Thou loveliest One.

January 7, 1917.

JESUS THE LIFE AND LIGHT OF MEN.

Lesson Text.—John 1:1-18.

Golden Text.—"In him was life; and the life was the light of men." John 1:4.

Leading Thought.—God revealed through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We open upon our lessons for the New Year with the Gospel of St. John. For six months practically all of our lessons will be taken from this book, so that the earnest student will do well to speedily acquaint himself thoroughly with the whole of it. Written by the beloved apostle, this Gospel strongly emphasizes the divine and eternal nature of Jesus Christ, whom John clearly declares to be the Son of God. He expresses himself thus, "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name." Ch. 20:31. The prominent words all through the book are "believed" and "life."

1. **God revealed through the Word.** Vs. 1-5. "In the beginning was the Word." And when was the beginning? Can you reckon this; then indeed may you comprehend the existence of Jesus Christ. The finite mind fails in comprehension thereof. Gen. 1:1. And He is to continue the same forever. Heb. 13:8. There could be no stronger expression of the deity and eternity of God than this. And the next verse declares further His absolute unity with God. Jesus Christ was God's expression of Himself to us—His love, His knowledge, His mercy, His salvation; and finally He is our source of knowledge for the hereafter, the life beyond. God's word changeth never; and neither does our Christ. Read carefully Col. 1:15-19; Heb. 1 (the entire chapter). In essence He is God; in personality He is the Son of God, given as a sacrifice for our sins, that we might thereby be once more reconciled to God.

2. **God revealed through the Light.** Vs. 6-18. This is the Light whose coming Balaam foretold. Num. 24:17. Isaiah also (Isa. 9:2). He is like one glorious ray of God Almighty, "who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto." 1 Tim. 6:16; 2 Pet. 1:19. Read carefully 2 Cor. 4:4-6, noticing the word "light" used in its relation to God and ourselves. Praise Him for the light that has shone in! We who know Christ Jesus are called "children of light." Eph. 5:18; 1 Thess. 5:5; 1 Pet. 2:9. And we are to walk in the light as He is in the light, if we would know the fulness of cleansing and communion. The life that was in Him brought the light, for "the life was the light of men." Run the word "light" through the N. T. with the help of some good concordance. John particularly emphasizes through his Gospel the fact of Jesus being the light. Blessed Light of God! How the brightness of Thy shining has penetrated the darkness and gloom of scepticism, sin, fear, and death till there is nothing that may be hid from its searching power! "The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it." V. 5 Weymouth. To embrace the Light as it comes to you, is to become pure and radiant. "They looked unto Him, and were radiant; and their faces shall never be confounded." Psa. 34:5. (R.

V.) To reject the Light brings greater darkness and condemnation. John 3:19, 20. That glorious city, the New Jerusalem, toward which our hearts turn longingly, will be to us the perfect culmination of this Light. "And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof." On the other hand what could be more perfectly understood as the place of "outer darkness," than to be absolutely and eternally removed from any shining of God's light.

Next Week's Lesson.

January 14, 1917.

JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS.

Lesson Text.—Jno. 1:19-34.

Golden Text.—Jno. 1:29.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

TOURING WITH THE GOSPEL IN INDIA.

I am out on tour preaching in villages, having been out but three days. It is a bit warm in the day but we have the tent in dense shade (of mango tree) and the nights are very cool—use woolen blanket. On the 6th of November I hope to begin work in the Ajodhya mela and continue preaching and distributing literature until the 11th, then back to touring work again, D. V. We are surprised at how much literature and how great a number of Gospels are bought at the mela, especially when we remember that whereas in Japan over ninety-five per cent can read, but less than five per cent can read in India! But God is blessing His Word.

Do you know Miss Whitaker? She has very kindly consented to stay with us at Nawabganj, thus making it possible for the Misses Aston to stay at Nawabganj this winter and work there while I go out on tour and have a base of supplies etc.

Writing on a lamp table by lantern light is hard for the eyes, so close with this quotation:

Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We have hard work to do and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle; face it! 'Tis God's gift.

—Paul D. Van Valen.

60,000 JEWS KILLED IN BATTLE.

Dr. Max Nordau, the Jewish writer, states that at present about 700,000 Jews are fighting in the ranks of the various belligerent nations, and that already many thousands of them have been decorated for bravery. They have earned more than 2,000 crosses of the Legion of Honour, war crosses, and military medals in France; three Victoria Crosses, besides numerous Distinguished Service Orders and Distinguished Conduct medals in England, and more than 8,000 Iron Crosses in Germany. Dr. Max Nordau says 60,000 Jews have died in battle.

Nothing can live in God but as it lives in love.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF GOSPEL THEMES.

We invite the co-operation of all the Evangel family in sending in illustrations that will be helpful in setting forth the truths expressed in the Gospel.

The Overflow.

A young factory girl after she was converted prayed, "O Lord, I can't hold much, but I can overflow a great deal: Lord, fill me to overflowing, that others may be blessed."

"Thou Shalt be Saved and Thy House."

A young factory girl in the north of England was gloriously saved. She heard of the needs of poor, dark, hungry China, and promised God she would give the whole of every Friday night to prayer for that heathen land. The first night when she began to pray, the Lord showed her that she must have faith for Him to do in her own home what she was asking Him to do for China. She had a drunken, gambling father, and five brothers who were drunkards: so while she prayed for China, she kept on pleading for the conversion of her own family as well. One by one her prayers were answered, and the father and four brothers were saved. Then she herself was called to go out to work for the Lord in that dark China, which He had so long laid on her heart. All her preparations were completed, and she was about to leave: but still the burden of her cry was, "Lord, I cannot leave until brother Willie is saved." The Lord heard her prayers, and on the very eve of her sailing for China, that hardened Willie was broken down at the feet of Jesus and became a new creature in Him. The promise stands sure to-day, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house." Hallelujah!

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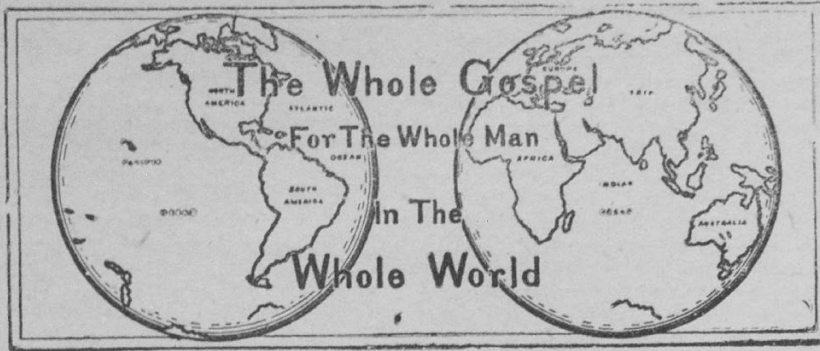
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Sister Mattie Ledbetter writes, "I am to sail for China, January 2nd, God willing. I earnestly desire the prayers of all that God may give me a safe journey, in His will, on the "Korea Maru." Please don't forget to pray for our work in Sam Shui, and for poor benighted China at large." Our sister's address, while she remains, will be care of Mrs. C. J. Montgomery, Beulah Heights, Oakland, Cal.

Bro. Frank M. Moll writes from British East Africa, "The good work is going on here, though hindered by sickness. The smallpox broke out among our native Christians, twenty-eight had the smallpox; some were healed by prayer, and seven died, five of that number being children. We are holding services now, and will soon start our school again, as soon as the new school building is completed. Pray for Africa. Pray for me, and my co-worker, Bro. Clyde T. Miller."

A YOUNG MISSIONARY WRITES FROM JAPAN.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion: Thy God reigneth! Isa. 52:7.

How glad we are dear ones that the Lord has found us worthy to be ambassadors for Him to dark Japan, for they need His salvation so much.

We are glad to tell you that the Lord is working with us in our two missions here. We hold meeting every night; they are very well attended; we know God is blessing the dear ones. We know He will do it in a greater measure, and pour out His Holy Spirit when the hearts are ready. Just lately we baptized nine believers who have given their hearts to God and are willing to follow Jesus all the way.

We have here some real hungry ones for the bant'sm of the Holy Spirit. Help us in holding them up in prayer. We are busy for the Lord every day, many

hungry souls come in to know more about this wonderful salvation, and we so gladly tell them.

We long to do much more for Him, as we see all the lost souls, dead in sin around us, and we see that we could, if we had the supply. And now in these awful last days, we truly do suffer for lack of means, in every way. In the last three or four months we have only received the half of our needs, and we are six in the family with our two Japanese, and we need rent for the two missions, and light, etc., and now winter is here and we cannot put our stoves up yet, no coal to burn, and hardly any clothes to put on. We are writing this and ask you please to help us in prayer as you see our need. We are not worthy, but plead for Jesus' sake and for the lost souls.

I wish to tell you what I am doing for my Saviour here. I am only fourteen years old, received my baptism before we left America, and we have all given our lives for Jesus and just want to work for Him to see the lost of Japan saved. God has done much for us while we have been in Japan, and He will do more.

The Japanese language is very hard, but I know in a wonderful way God has given the language to me; I have only studied two years. And now in His strength, though I am small, I interpret for father and mother as we have meetings every night, and I have two little Sunday-school classes that I teach in Japanese myself every Sunday. And I can say with my whole heart, I know God is blessing the little children as well as the grown up people here. We teach them to pray too, and it means much to see these little heathen children praying to Jesus instead of their idols of wood and stone.

On Wednesday afternoon I have Ladies' Meeting and God is bringing the women in as well. Last time we had fifteen ladies here, telling them the blessed truth as we can. Hallelujah for Jesus. So you dear ones can see we are all busy, teaching every one the way of salvation that wants to know it. My little sister Agnes can speak Japanese too, though she is only twelve years old now. God will answer the desire of our hearts and we shall reap the golden grain.

I have told you a little how the Lord works with us and of our needs here, I

have not had new clothes since we left America, and we are here now three and a half years. Father is not able to give me any, but my heavenly Father knows. Won't you all please help me in prayer. And if I pray here and you pray too, God surely will answer, for Jesus' sake. Amen. With Christian love and kindest greetings to you and all from Japan, your little sister in Jesus, working in the Master's vineyard.
—Marie Juergensen.

VICTORY IN SWAZIELAND.

Greetings from Swazieland! I am sure you will rejoice to hear of His redeeming power among the Swazies, delivering certain from the hand of the enemy. The extent of the Spirit's work among them is better understood as one is made to realize the extent of Satan's power over them. I think I have told you before how they worship and sacrifice to the devil, chiefly through fear. To appease his anger, cows, sheep and goats are often offered up. Through fear, certain of the women wear red mud on their hair, certain children, too, have their heads mudded.

At present we have two young women desiring to become believers, both are sold to married men. Conviction rests so heavily upon one that her face looks miserable. The fight is on for these two souls. Their mother is determined they shall marry these two men, and they are threatened to be whipped. This may mean our going to the government headquarters, forty-five miles away. One of these girls came here yesterday for prayer, her young face so sad. Stand with us for them. We are claiming the victory.

Of late, some have come into the Assembly that were demon worshippers, but having been delivered, have been baptized in water, others waiting a fuller understanding. When Bro. Ingham was here, eight were immersed.

Real conviction for sin, followed by restitution, is one of the great works the Spirit is doing these days among the Swazies. Long have we prayed and waited for this. God can give grace to labor on and wait and pray, assuring our hearts we would reap in due season if we fainted not. Earnest prayers are ascending for the baptism of the Spirit, and as they wait on God for this, the Spirit has been searching hearts. A few evenings ago, one of our young men laid three shillings on the table for things he had stolen from us before his conversion. The debt of course was forgiven and the money refunded.

Continue to pray for us. Tomorrow I have a service over in the Transvaal. The woman at whose krall I am to have the service is demon possessed. She says they are two, and wants deliverance. They continue to tempt her to worship the devil.—Bertha Sutley.

If you keep unbelief out of your head, you will not have much difficulty keeping it out of your heart.

AN APPEAL FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

After having walked in the path in which Jesus has brought us for eight years, it has pleased God to take unto Him my beloved wife on the 18th of July, 1916. We are all much comforted, because we have the blessed assurance of her safety in the arms of Jesus. Shortly before she departed she told me that I would now be free, and could give my entire time to the service of Jesus.

Ever since I was brought into this simple way of following Jesus, i. e., for the past eight years, I have labored in His vineyard and God has blessed; some hundreds of souls have been saved, and now lead the pure lives of Christians. Hitherto I have had to do all the work on foot, and sometimes to walk far distances over mountainous regions in order to come into touch with the heathen races. But, praise God, He has given me strength to do so, and many a soul has been cleansed through the precious blood of Jesus. I would like to do more, but my bodily strength does not allow me to do so. I am now at the age of sixty-one, and can no longer walk far distances.

The work increases daily, and the Word of God spreads forth. I have calls from North, East, South, and West, some 300 miles distant. Some natives have already come to me from Rhodesia fourteen days on foot, to be baptized in water. Invitation after invitation reaches me. The cry is "COME AND HELP US." The first letter of invitation said that some 600 were waiting to be baptized. A later letter said that there are so many now that they cannot be counted.

Now, dear ones, how am I to reach these hungry souls? Cannot you help me? For this purpose I need about eight donkeys or four mules. A Gospel van has been given me by the dear ones at Johannesburg. The distance I have to travel is between 350 and 400 miles, through a desert region. Will you not join me in prayer that God may supply the needs? The promise is "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in My name He will give it you." John 16:23. Let us always remember that it is much better to give than to receive. Pray for the work of God, that souls may be saved.—(Signed) G. J. Booyens.

During the 19th century three or four million souls were won for Christ among the heathen; but in the same period, the population increased by 200 millions—a seventy-fold increase of darkness over light. The world was never so full of the lost as it is today.

Our ignorance may baffle the plans of the Almighty.

Who should give nothing for missions? Those who are willing to have Jesus say to them: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me!"

PENTECOSTAL BIBLE COURSE

Lesson 3. Exodus or Going Out.

Author, Moses. Time, 1706 B. C. Theme, **Redemption, Holiness, Fellowship.**

Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is the center of all revealed truth.

The doctrinal teaching of Exodus is Redemption, (1) by blood, (2) by power, as seen in (a) the Passover, (b) the Passage through the Red Sea. See Heb. 9:22 and 1 John 1:7. Sins must be atoned for and separated from us, else we cannot walk with God. Holiness is a doctrine of the O. T. There can be no fellowship with God without holiness—hence the constant ceremonial cleansing, to go on with God.

Study the book, become familiar with places and persons, and look to see the truths of Christianity in type, simile, suggestion, and in spiritual substance.

Messianic Lights in Exodus.

Messiah means light. Jesus is the Light of the world. All rays of truth go out from Him.

Moses, a type of Christ (Acts 7:37), as (1) Prophet, (2) Leader, (3) Advocate, (4) Intercessor, (Heb. 7:25). Note the 40 years in Egypt, 40 years in the desert with God, 40 years in the wilderness leading the Israelites. Note the redemption of Israel from Egypt—type of the world, and bondage to sin—after 400 years of bondage, in fulfillment of prophecy to Abram. Gen. 15:12.

The Burning Bush—God. The place of God's presence is holy. God's name, I AM THAT I AM, the eternally existent One.

Aaron, high priest, a type of Christ. His apparel, (Ex. 28) gold, divine; blue, heavenly; purple, royal; scarlet, atonement. His breastplate bore the names of the tribes of Israel; he wore them over his heart continually before the Lord. So Jesus ever lives to make intercession for His saints. He wore the mitre on which was inscribed HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD, which was to purge the iniquity of the holy things. Jesus wore the crown of thorns, and this atoned for the imperfections of our best offerings. Aaron also had on his breastplate the Urim and Thummim—light and perfection, and to us Jesus is both. Aaron could not enter the holy of holies without blood, so Jesus, by His own blood, entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9:12.

The Passover, the lamb, the blood sprinkled, all a type of Christ—Christ our passover sacrificed for us. 1 Cor. 5:7. Give the passages in the N. T. in which Jesus is called the Lamb. Give the N. T. passages about the blood of Jesus, and tell what it does.

The Pillar of Cloud and Fire—His presence. (Ex. 33:14.) The baptism in the cloud and in the sea—a baptism of light and life. 1 Cor. 10:2.

The Manna—a type of Christ, the bread from heaven, Ex. 16:14. John 6:35.

The Rock which followed them from which the water flowed, a type of Christ, 1 Cor. 10:4; John 7:37.

The Tabernacle, the ark, mercy seat, table, shewbread, golden candlestick, incense altar, altar of burnt offering, laver of brass, all types of Christ.

Note, the children of Israel became pilgrims as their father Abraham (Heb. 11:13-14), sheltering under the friendly Cloud, so we walk in the Spirit, Rom. 8:14, protected and guided, and supplied with food, water and clothes, all our needs supplied out of the riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Give a sketch of the life of Moses—birth, training, call, manner of life, work, death, etc. Tell of the plagues. What psalm recounts them? Tell of the passage through the Red Sea. What kind of baptism was it? Describe the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai, Chs. 19-20. Commit the ten commandments. Who broke the first commandment? When and where? Note the ten commandments, purely moral—first four relate to God, last six to man. Chs. 21 to 24:8 give laws for the conduct of the Hebrews to one another. Draw a floor plan of the tabernacle, indicating apartments and the position of the appointments. Describe the incense. What does it signify?

Our next lesson will be Leviticus, and has for its theme, Holiness—without which no man can see God.

Remember Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matt. 4:4. Don't neglect prayer.—Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

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FIELD NOTES.

We ask the forgiveness of our correspondents for reducing some of their reports, but when we have a superabundance of good material, this is necessary.

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W. B. Story and wife report from Norris City, Ill., fourteen have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and three baptized in water as commanded in Matt. 28:19.

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Bro. Kelley Campbell writes of a good meeting which is being held at a point eight miles west of Lamoni, Iowa. About twenty have been saved, and a number have received the baptism according to Acts 2:4.

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Bro. J. F. Ireby writes from Osborne, Kansas, that Pastor J. R. Evans and wife from Cleveland, Ohio, have been working in Osborne for two months, and the work is being revived generally, and there is much interest in a revival effort now in progress.

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Bro. T. A. Snodgrass writes of blessed meetings in Terrell, Texas. They are undertaking to repair the tabernacle there. It will take nearly \$100, and as the assembly is a poor one, they will be glad of help from any Evangel reader who may be able to assist them.

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Bro. Chas. Williamson reports some old time Pentecostal meetings in Cleburne, Texas. "There have been four saved, and two received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. Fine meetings, saints getting back into the old paths. Our tabernacle is going up, the Lord is sending in the means to build. I request special prayer for this place and myself. Any assistance in helping furnishing the new tabernacle would be appreciated."

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Evangelist J. H. Sparks writes very enthusiastically about the Etter meeting now in progress at San Francisco. "Many getting saved, healed and baptized in the Spirit. One young man received his baptism yesterday afternoon (Dec. 3rd) and spoke in tongues for four hours. Strong messages are going forth in tongues and interpretation to call the saints together, for the time is short, and Jesus is coming soon. Every meeting, the heavenly choir is heard like the noise of many waters, and sometimes as many as fifteen dancing in the Spirit. Wonderful manifestations of the Spirit! Truly as the Word says, "The lame shall leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."

¶ 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 with His Son Jesus Christ.—1 Jno. 1:3

Bro. J. H. Law writes from West Plains, Mo., to the pastorate of which charge he was appointed two months ago, and tells of a blessed meeting there conducted by Bro. A. B. Ellesworth, of Joplin, Mo., and himself, assisted by Sister Huddleston of Thayer, Mo. "God saved twelve or thirteen souls, and continues to meet us in our regular services and save souls." They will gladly welcome any brethren passing through who have a clean ministry and a good recommendation to their mission at 303 E. Cleveland Ave.

Evangel. R. D. Walker writes of the work in New Castle, Pa., where he has been laboring these past two months. The building where the brethren now worship occupies the site of a former Alliance structure, where "Pentecost" fell nine years ago. Since that time, however, "the fire was quenched. Compromises were made. The insistent demands of flesh and blood prevailed finally. Many lost out, and some still backslidden. Why? One reason—the 'Iron hand' of ecclesiasticism. But some one 'prayed through.' The work is wonderfully, marvellously revived, and now New Castle's 50,000 people are beginning to hearken to the call of God. Pray fervently." Our brother further writes, "After many years in the ministry and evangelistic field, I can behold the glory of the Supernatural God in the Pentecostal movement as in nothing else religious."

NOTICE OF TRACT.

The Second Coming of Christ, or the Eleventh Hour and Last Call Gospel is the name of an excellent 8-page tract that is good for distribution at this momentous time. It can be obtained from the author, I. N. Watson, 423 E. 7th St., Los Angeles, Cal. 10 cents per dozen, or 50 cents per 100 postpaid.

Have you ever had the Lord say to you as He did to Phillip, "Have I been so long with you and thou hast not known?" Have you confessed to this gentle reproof? You could have known. It was not his fault. He has been with you. He is so near that you can reach Him at any time. Do not think that He wants to withhold anything—He delights to reveal and to give.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for a revival in Greeley, Colo.

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A brother in McGhee, Ark., requests prayer that he may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

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A mother in Round Rock, Texas, requests prayers for her two sons, business men, who have not much thought of God in their hearts.

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A sister in McLean, Texas, requests prayer for her husband that he may be healed of pneumonia and stomach trouble and that he may be saved and delivered from the tobacco habit, also that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT MORRIS, OKLAHOMA.

A twelve days tarrying meeting will be held at Morris, Okla., from December 23rd until Jan. 4th. Anyone seeking the Lord is invited to come. All preachers and workers also invited. All hobbies to be left at home. The meeting is being held for all to get closer to God, and will be run as the Lord provides.—S. A. Murrell.

Striking posters have been seen recently in the streets of London, appealing to the people of England to pray. At the top there is a quotation from Admiral Beatty:

'England still remains to be taken out of the stupor of self-satisfaction and complacency into which her great and flourishing condition has steeped her, and until she can be stirred out of this condition, and until religious revival takes place at home, just so long will the war continue. When she can look out on the future with humbler eyes and a prayer on her lips then we can begin to count the days towards the end.'

At the bottom there is an appeal, "Will you join those, who in silence, wherever they are, every day at noon, and at Family Prayers in the home, pray for our country, our sailors and soldiers?"

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THE TESTIMONY OF A BAPTIST PREACHER.

Brother Dawson MacCullough, who was pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Seattle, Wash., but who is now helping in the work at Victoria Hall, Los Angeles, writes, "I thank God that the stone was rolled away from my tomb, where I lay dead in sin and misery. My sepulchre has become an empty tomb because Jesus of Nazareth walked my way. I am a free man, because away back upon the Judean hills the Son of God proclaimed my independence, and I believe what He said.

"After I became acquainted with Jesus, for He saved my soul, I tarried at the open cavern of the grave I had left. Should I follow close to the Man of Galilee, or plunge deep into the abyss of law and worldly things? No, thank God, no! I had met Jesus, whom to know is life eternal. He had lifted the load of my sin as Sampson bore the gates of Gaza to yonder far away hill. My Lord's victory was, and yet is, the guarantee of mine.

"I followed Jesus afar off. I went fishing, but as a Baptist pastor, preaching from Baptist pulpits east and west, I put the net on the wrong side of the ship. By and by I learned that Jesus stooped to conquer, and so must I. I begged God and He heard me. One afternoon in my study at the Second Baptist Church, Seattle, Wash., the promise of the Father came to me; the Comforter came to abide. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit with the full Bible evidence, according to Acts 2:4. What a blessed day, what a holy time, what a call to service!

"The Baptist churches did not want my experience, but thank God, I was spoiled for them. No more dry bones! There was some flesh on me, and I always despised skeletons. The Pentecostal ranks just suit me, and for some time past I have been pleased to labor in them.

"Dear ones, remember that your slowness of speech need not disqualify you for service, for the Holy Ghost will be your mouth as with Moses. Your lack of culture need not hinder you. Shamgar with his ox-goad smote the Philistines. Amos, the prophet was a herdsman. Like Paul, your bodily presence may be despicable and weak, and your speech contemptible, but you may learn, like him, to glory in your infirmity, that the power of God may rest upon you. You may be as dry as Aaron's rod, but Jesus can make you bud and blossom, and bring forth fruit. You may be as nearly empty as the widow's cruse, yet our Father will cause you to overflow towards His saints. You may feel yourself to be as near sinking as Peter amidst the waves, yet the Holy Ghost will deliver you from all your fears. You may be as unsuccessful as the disciples, who toiled all night and caught nothing, yet Jesus can fill your boat till it can hold no more.

"Let us believe and we shall see the glory of God. Let us believe, I say, and

once again our conquering days shall come, when one shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge!" "

WINNIPEG CONVENTION.

We have just closed one of the best Pentecostal conventions ever held in this city. The attendance was large. It is estimated that more than thirty received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and numbers were saved, and many testified that they received healing for their bodies.

Before the convention started we felt led to write a letter to the different missions asking for forgiveness for any grievance or misunderstanding that might exist between the different Assemblies, caused by the various discussions on doctrine, etc., and the Lord brought it about that most all of the Pentecostal saints attended the convention and a blessed spirit of unity prevailed.

Evangelist Andrew D. Urshan, who recently returned from Persia, gave many blessed messages. Brother A. J. Lankin and wife of Portland, Ore., were much used of the Lord in the meetings, especially in praying for the sick. C. O. Benham of Chicago, cornetist, had charge of the music and he was made a great blessing to many. Brother Fenton, Archdeacon Phair, Brother F. Small, Brother Ed Butler, Brother Neves, Brother Frank Denney and Sister Huffman were among the workers who took part in the services.

The large hall was usually crowded, and, on the last Sunday night, possibly 200 to 400 were unable to get in. The missionary offering amounted to nearly \$1200.00, which was the largest ever taken in a Pentecostal convention in this city.

We did not have any controversy over doctrine. The question of the Baptist formula was not forced on the candidate and they were left free to act according to the dictate of their conscience.

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December 27th to January 1st.

Let all who can attend the Houston convention at the Brunner Tabernacle. Bro. A. P. Collins and other workers expected. Bro. J. W. Welch will very likely be present. All particulars from Pastor Richey, 4402 Eli Ave., Houston, Texas.

INTER-STATE PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 29th to Jan. 7th, 1917.

Will be held with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School, 404 E. Sandusky St., Evangelists C. A. Whitney, Ithaca, N. Y., and others. All Pentecostal Evangelists, pastors, workers and seekers in Ohio and adjoining States are invited to attend. Address Thos. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Arkansas District Council of the Assemblies of God is hereby called to meet in Malvern, Arkansas, Jan. 23-27th, 1917, for the purpose of electing a State Presbytery for the Arkansas District, and to transact any business that may be brought before the District Council at that time.

(Signed) E. N. Bell, Chairman.
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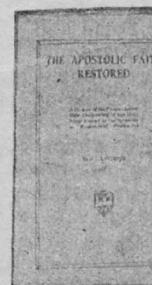
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CHILD BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

Sister Jessie E. Palmer writes from Nebraska, "I am truly grateful to our blessed Lord for what He is doing in our little family. I sometimes think it is almost too good to be true that He has baptized my little six years old girl with the Holy Ghost. One night last week as she sat with her eyes closed during the song service, she saw a hand held out before her. On the night of November 15th, she was prostrated under the power of God, speaking in other tongues, and seeing visions. She saw Jesus come in the clouds with angels, and they came into the church and laid hands on her, and she felt the power of God come into her heart. He came so near her that she could raise up her arms and love Him. We all saw her go through this manifestation. During the time that she lay under the power she was making gestures and signs which corresponded with the visions that she told us of later. Jesus is surely calling the little ones, and He desires us too to become as children, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

BLESSING AT THREE CREEKS, ARK.

Bro. W. B. Carelock writes, "I praise the Lord for ever sending Sister Zola Taylor this way. She was with us the last five nights of September, and the first Sunday in October, and the Lord set His seal on her labor and the good seed was sown for the ingathering of souls. The Lord led her to come back the Saturday night before the fifth Sunday, and the revival ran over three Sundays. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way from the first service unto the last. Words fail me to tell it. But it was "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

"There were several saved and reclaimed, and fifteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. The saints were built up in a wonderful way, the Lord giving them more freedom and liberty than ever before. The power of God was so great it got hold of a backslider one night who was standing upon a seat, he was carried to the altar and prayed through to victory; others broke down and wept, came to the altar and got saved.

"One brother and his wife came 20 miles from Louisiana; he was in service one night and went home with another brother, and he went out in the woods before breakfast and received the baptism alone. He went home and his wife went down before the Lord and the Lord baptized her in her home. They came back and were with us at the close, praising the Lord.

"They received the baptism at almost all ages, the youngest 8 years old, the oldest I suppose about 65. A father and his two little boys received the fullness of the Spirit, making eight in one family. Two of our little boys received, 9 and 12 years, and one was saved, for which I praise Jesus."

FIFTH ANNUAL PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

Troy, N. Y., Jan. 14th to 21st.

Will be held with the Apostolic Pentecostal Assembly, 54 Harrison Place, Troy, N. Y. All saints invited, especially those in this vicinity who have no regular place of worship. Special Pentecostal workers will be with us and a time of refreshing is expected. For information write Elder Chas. A. Simons, Jr., 2222 Fifth Ave., Troy, N. Y.

Rev. Clinton Edwin Finch, who has been connected with our Assembly here in Troy from the time of its beginning (over six years ago), and has served as pastor for the last four years, will be leaving us at the close of the convention.

He leaves as a missionary to South China, expecting to arrive in Hong Kong sometime in March. Expects to take up missionary work there and as soon as possible in the interior of South China.

Because of his leaving at this time, we will hold special missionary services during the convention, between Sundays. Rev. D. W. Kerr of Cleveland, Ohio, will have charge of these services. Missionaries who have labored in South China, the Indies and other foreign fields are expected to be with us. Join in prayer that God shall supply all things needful for our pastor's going forth.

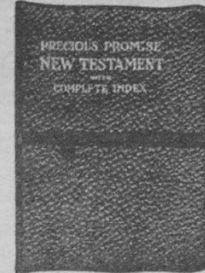
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We have exhausted our stock of "Acts of the Holy Ghost," by Mrs. Etter, but in a few days we shall have in a quantity of her new book, "Signs and Wonders," which is a far better book than the last. The price will be \$1.15 postpaid.

Pastor George H. Hicks of Foley, Ala., writes: "Our first meeting after the convention at Biloxi, Miss., was at or near Robertsedale, Ala. The Lord gave us a good meeting. We held it in the Free-Will Baptist Church. The saints were drawn closer together and built up. A Baptist preacher and several children were healed. God gave a message in other tongues and it was understood by sinners. They said it was German and that the interpretation was correct. Praise God! People were convinced that had not been believing in the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"We came on here and found the saints in bad shape on account of having no shepherd. As we prayed and preached the Lord brought them together and victory came. One, last night, was saved and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We were understood in Bohemian and German as the Spirit gave out a message in tongues. Praise our God! The meeting continues. We believe it is the Lord's will for us to stay here this winter. Saints pray for us in this work for Jesus."

The Pentecostal meetings in St. Louis are held at the Bethel Chapel - 2929 Montgomery St., Elder Rape in charge.

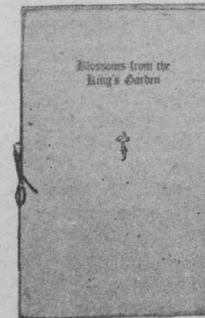
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