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OUR LORD DRAWETH NIGH

The whole world is being hurled with increasing velocity into an awful whirlpool of trouble and bloodshed, foretold in the Holy Scriptures as the Great Tribulation and the time of the outpouring of the wrath of God. Nations are locked in mortal combat—fighting unto the death. Prices of foodstuffs are soaring higher and higher. The masses are rising up in desperate despair and thundering at the doors of our government for relief—and no relief is in sight. What does it all mean? Where will it all end? It can end only in the overthrow of the nations when the God of Heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be moved. Already we hear the shout of triumph,

Behold, I come quickly!

Are you ready for that coming? If not, now is the time to get ready. Repent of your sins and turn unto the Lord and He will abundantly pardon. Then will come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. He offers mercy and pardon to all who will receive it. Now is the time. Tomorrow may be too late. The day of grace will soon be passed. Why will ye die? Turn ye, turn ye now while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you, and how great will be that darkness. Then shall there be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. The Lord Jesus is now tenderly calling, "Come unto me." Soon He shall say, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

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THE GREAT WAR AND ITS RESULTS

The Man of Sin Soon to be Revealed.

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The present conflict in Europe is well called The Great War. Beginning August 1, 1914, it has lasted already two and a half years, involved directly some fifteen nations, and indirectly affected the whole world. Whole nations have been blotted from the map and half Europe drenched in blood, yet the end is not in sight. In fact the nations engaged seem to be more determined than ever to fight to the bitter end, cost what it may in blood and treasure, and those not actively engaged appear more likely than ever to be dragged into the swirling maelstrom. How it will end, what other nations will be involved, and what results will follow—these are the questions in every mind, the anxious inquiries on every lip. And now America has broken off peaceful relations with Germany and war appears to be inevitable. The "Overt act" which will end our isolated indifference to the sufferings of our cousins in Europe may occur any day.

Under these awful circumstances I am emboldened to relate what I have hitherto largely kept to myself and a few personal friends, knowing that the telling of them would bring only ridicule to myself and the cause of Christ which I represent. My hope now is that the awful solemnity of the present crisis will cause many to heed the warning who would under brighter skies have shown utter indifference.

I went to China in 1892 as a missionary. In 1895 I settled down to work on the Tibetan border of northwest China, where I labored till February, 1914. In the autumn of 1911 a remarkable revival began on that mission field in which many of the Chinese received the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the same manner that is described in the Acts of the apostles, being filled with the Spirit and speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Some had remarkable visions and others prophesied of coming events, especially of the coming again of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On May 5th, 1912, I also received the Holy Spirit in this way. A month later I was taken sick with typhus fever. I was delirious for about ten days, remembering nothing of what occurred in that time; but one morning, I think about June 18, my mind was clear. After breakfast I asked for my clothes saying the Lord was coming and I must dress and go to the little cemetery (five miles away) to be present at the raising of our daughter Mary who had died seven months before. My wife, thinking I was still delirious, tried to dissuade me from dressing, but I continued to insist until she brought my clothes. I dressed with little difficulty and walked through the house. Then feeling a little tired I reclined on a sofa. I was full of joy and had my family sing many songs about the Lord's coming while I alternately wept and shouted for joy.

I was so confident the Lord would come that very day that I continued to insist on going to the cemetery to see the resurrection, but my wife finally persuaded me to give up that plan and I settled down on that sofa to wait for Him while the other members of the household went about their duties.

Suddenly the room was filled with a peculiarly soft radiance unlike anything I have ever seen, and which is impossible to describe. My eyes were wide open and I saw it most clearly, having time to notice how various ob-

jects in the room appeared in this wonderful light. I cried out in my delight so that others came to see what it was, but it vanished before they arrived. After I described it they again left me alone. Again that radiant glory filled the room with indescribable light, and my heart with unutterable joy, for I knew that it was the signal of the presence of the Lord. Four or five times that radiant light filled the room with the sense of the presence of our glorious Lord. Not by a process of reasoning, but simply, like a child, I knew it was the notice of the Lord to His people that He had arrived. And when, towards sunset, I consented to retire it was still with the firm joyful expectation that the Lord would come before morning.

Whether what followed was a vision or a dream I do not yet know, so I speak of it like Daniel as "*A Dream and Visions of my Head upon my Bed.*" First I seemed to be standing on the flat roof of a Tibetan house near the cemetery so that I could see clearly what took place. Then I heard a sound like a trumpet overhead. At once the graves burst open and I saw the coffins of the dead standing on end. Then they opened of themselves and the five or six dead, all Christians or infants, came forth radiantly beautiful. My little Mary, nearly five years old at the time of her death, took the little baby lying beside her by the hand and came to where I was standing and took hold of my hand, while the others also joined us. Then the trumpet sounded again and we were caught up together into the air.

The scene changed, I saw great commotion on the earth, great armies marching and contending in terrific battles. Gradually the details came into view. I saw it was the nations of Europe under the leadership of Great Britain, France, and Italy banded together against Germany and Austria. I could not see Russia clearly as my point of view was on the west. I seemed to understand the reason for the war and it was that there was too much of the iron of the Roman Empire in the Central Powers, so it had to be crushed and mingled with clay (Dan. 2:34, 41-43) before Antichrist could make any headway in the world. I saw the cruel bloody struggle sweeping Europe with a hurricane of destruction.

After a considerable time, while the armies of Europe were still locked in the deadly conflict, America joined in the war against Germany. The struggle increased in intensity, especially on the sea. Finally the Central Powers were defeated and their resources exhausted. In the settlement that followed, a League of Nations was formed with Great Britain, France and Italy as its chief supporters, with the avowed purpose of perpetuating the peace of the world. At the head of this League was a man of extraordinary ability in whom the nations had great confidence, who promised to bring about universal peace. But after he had deceived the nations into giving him great power and authority, he threw off the mask and I saw he was none other than the Man of Sin of 2 Thess. 2:3-10, the terrible Antichrist. Here the vision ended.

This "Vision of the night" made such a deep impression on me that for many days I thought and spoke of little else, firmly insisting that the little cemetery contained only empty graves, telling my wife and others to go and see for themselves if they could not accept my statements.

I also determined to write the German Emperor, as soon as I was strong enough, warning him of what was coming. But when I went to the cemetery to see the open graves, I was sorely disappointed, for they were just as they had been before I was taken sick. I had so plainly seen them opened in my vision, while here they were absolutely unchanged, consequently I lost confidence in the vision. Instead of writing to the emperor I kept my mouth shut, concluding that my vision of the night was simply the wanderings of a mind still partly delirious with typhus. Still I could not deny what I had seen with my eyes wide open, the radiant glory of the coming of the Lord. Committing what I did not understand to Him to reveal in His own time, I became absorbed in my work which took me to many places in Central and North China during the next two years.

In July, 1914, I was in Nanking. At the end of the month I returned to Shanghai. Picking up a daily paper I learned of the conditions in Europe,—Austria-Hungary had already declared war on Serbia, while Germany, France and Russia were ready to fly at each other! A day or two later the Great War began in real earnest with Great Britain, France and Russia heading the coalition against Germany and Austria-Hungary, while Italy remained neutral. Of course I recalled my vision of June, 1912, more than two years before, and concluded there must have been something in it after all. And when, nearly a year later, Italy took her appointed place with France and Britain, my last doubts were removed. But with the Central Powers still unconquered and even all but victorious on land, with all the powers discussing peace, and America exerting her influence strongly in the same direction and seemingly in support of the Central Powers, I have long hesitated about giving my vision publicity. But now President Wilson, after exhausting all the resources of his high office in a vain attempt to restrict submarine warfare and also to persuade the belligerents to make peace, has been compelled, reluctantly, to break off diplomatic relations with Germany; and America, though still hoping for peace, is momentarily expecting to plunge into the great conflict. The weight of evidence is thus overwhelming that my vision of the night is true, consequently I have decided to make it public.

If it is true, and so much of it has already been fulfilled that I can no longer doubt it, then we are truly living in solemn times. In a very short time the Antichrist will be revealed. Of course he will not openly proclaim himself as such. On the contrary he will with great subtlety conceal his identity. He will at first be known simply as a man of prepossessing appearance, extraordinary abilities, liberal and generous in political principles, and of magnetic personality. He will be a strenuous advocate of universal peace, perhaps the leader of the great Peace Crusade which is even now beginning in various places, and is only awaiting his genius to organize it. As the world tires of war the pendulum of world opinion will swing with ever-increasing momentum toward Peace, thus giving him his opportunity to swing himself into power as the insurer of peace. Not until he has firmly established himself in his place of authority as the head of the Peace Federation of the World, with the great powers backing him up with all their military, naval, aerial and financial strength, with the whole world practically at his feet, will he reveal his true nature as the Grim Despot, the Bloody Tyrant, the Fierce Persecutor, the Satanic Man. Then he will declare himself to be GOD, THE ONLY GOD, and decree that all who worship any other must be killed. When too late the world will finally realize it has rejected the Lamb of God and chosen instead the Wild Beast of the Devil.

But before these horrors burst on the deluded world, the true people of God, those who follow Jesus wholly, who wash their robes white in the Blood of the Lamb, whose lamps are trimmed and burning brightly because their vessels are full of oil, who overcome "By the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony and love not their lives unto the death;" together with all those who have "fallen asleep in Jesus" will be taken out of this world to meet the Lord in the air and be forever with Him.

Well, if this is what lies just before us, what ought we to do so as to escape the horrors of Antichrist's reign and partake of the joys and blessings in the presence of the Lord? I can only quote the Words of our Lord Himself in Luke 21:25-38, "And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things BEGIN TO COME TO PASS then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh. (Note the change from the third person to the second). And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree and all the trees; when they now shoot forth ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye when ye see these things come to pass know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you this generation (i. e., the generation which sees these things begin to come to pass) shall not pass away till all be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. And take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares; For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy (may be able) to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man." (To be published in tract form, 40 cents per 100.)

THE MAGNITUDE OF REDEMPTION.

Right down through the ages God has been gradually unfolding the plan of redemption, drawing back the curtains as it were, until the doors are fully open, and the Son of God is manifested.

Not only was it a great act of humility for the Son of God to lay aside His glory and to tabernacle in human form, but it was also a condescension to leave eternity and to be limited to time. Not only did He leave glory, but He completed His work on earth, and returned again to the glory. He did not leave His people there, but was, and is again manifested in them, and with that manifestation brings also the earnest of glory, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The glory He left, He has now returned to, and links the saint up to the glory He enjoys. Have you a share of this glory? He would have us not only a partaker of His grace, but a sharer in His glory.

Further than that does God go for our salvation. He sends forth His Spirit within us, sealing us unto the day of redemption. Man's seal to keep the Son of God in the grave was broken, but the seal of God the Spirit on the saint can never be broken either by man or by Satan. The Father goes still further in His plan, and lets us partake of the very flesh and blood of the Son, and fills us with His life. (John 6:56.) God could do no more for us. Do not doubt His love, His care, His interest in your salvation and redemption. Let the only question that arises in your heart be, "Cannot I do more for Him?"

ARE THE DAYS OF MIRACLES PASSED?

Part Two of Sermon by Brother Andrew D. Urshan, at Ottawa, Canada.

During the past years many miracles of grace have been wrought by saints baptized with the Holy Ghost all over the world, among all nations. Incurable diseases have been healed; thousands of souls have been saved; many cold, backslidden Christians have been reclaimed; even a few dead have been raised. Many school-untrained men and women have been filled with the Holy Ghost and anointed by God to preach the Gospel, and the signs have been following in the matchless name of our unchangeable Christ, the Lord. But what we have seen, compared with the Apostles and our Lord's ministry, is very little. If the gracious God can give us a little, He surely can give us more, in these last days, to prove, before the unbelieving generation, that true Christians can be filled with the Holy Ghost, and rivers of Divine Compassion flow through them upon needy ones. Oh, for clean channels, humble-hearted, lowly-spirited people; people who will be willing to bear the dying of the Lord upon their flesh, that the life of Christ may be manifested through their bodies, (2 Cor. 4:6-12); that handkerchiefs and aprons from their bodies can be taken and put upon the sick and afflicted, and they receive benefit; that their shadow would fall upon the devil-tormented people, and they would be delivered. This was the privilege of the Apostolic Church in the beginning. Why? Because the "great grace was upon them all."

Is that great grace remaining for us? Yes, thank God! Who is going to get it? "He gives grace to the lowly, and more grace to the humble," (Prov. 3:34; Jas. 4:6). Now this brings us to the cause of miracles of grace, or the secret of the working of miracles.

What is the Cause or Secret?

Jesus said it is true faith. Our Lord, speaking to the father of that lunatic boy, said: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Let us remember that Christ said to the father of that boy, a common Jew, if he could believe ALL THINGS were possible to him. That means he could cast out devils if he believed in Jesus. Our Lord, in reproofing the weakness of faith of His disciples, told them this same thing. "Said unto them: verily I say unto you, if ye have faith and doubt not, you shall not only do this which was done to the fig tree, but also, if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive," (Matt. 21:21, 22).

Here we see plainly the cause and secret of miracles, faith in God, and true prayer. Some of us, instead of humbling ourselves and bowing before the truth, confessing our weakness of faith and seeking the blessed gift of God, the faith that works gracious miracles, we are trying to justify ourselves as being owners of the true faith, and to prove our standing, we teach that the Apostles were specially authorized and endowed to do these miracles. But the Apostles deny this assertion when they confess, before the great excited multitude, in the case of that great healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate, when he was so instantly healed; and all who knew him saw the perfect, Divine miracle of grace, eagerly gazing at Peter and the other Apostle, and at the healed man. And when Peter saw it he answered unto the people, "Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this, or why look ye so earnestly

on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?"

Notice, in this Scripture Peter did not say he was unholy, nor that they did not have power, but he said they did not do these miracles because they were holy, or had power. But what was the cause? "And His name, through faith in His name (Glory) has made this man strong whom ye see and know; yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." Here is the cause and secret of the miracle the Apostles wrought. What was it? Faith in the all-conquering name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Stephen was not an Apostle, but he was filled with the Holy Ghost and with faith. The Bible says many wonders and miracles were wrought by the hands of Stephen. Why? Because he was filled with faith. This is also the case of Phillip at Samaria. Read Acts 8:5-8; Acts 6:8.

This is the unchangeable secret of bringing God into our life, and through our life, for those who will believe our message, the eternal Gospel.

Miracles Given to the Church.

Every common sense person will ask, are the days of believing the grace of God, and the power of the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus for the church, passed away? Was that matchless name of our Lord, in whom all the Godhead bodily is dwelling, given only for the Apostles, and not to other believers? The Bible says it is given to the church. Are we the true church? Then we have the right of all the gracious benefits of God in the name of our glorified Lord. Let us cast away the teaching that murders people's faith, and hold on to the truth, and earnestly pray: "Lord, we believe, help our unbelief"—seeking the unchangeable secret or cause of the working of miracles which is by faith. "If thou believest thou shalt see the glory of God." Wherein lies the glory of God? In seeing old Lazarus coming out of the grave. (John 11:17-45.)

The devil hates to see the people of God believe Him, because he knows that it is then and there they please Him, and then and there they prove that He is the true God, and that "all His promises are yea and amen in Jesus Christ to His glory by us," (2 Cor. 1:19, 20). That makes the devil to be proved a liar, and the father of all liars; and also that benefits the poor humanity to know the compassion of their Creator and Saviour; and they will begin to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Let it not be forgotten: "They that come to God must believe that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him," and that, "Without faith—what kind of faith—the faith of the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. What kind of faith was that? The faith that shut the mouths of lions, that quenched the violence of fire, that raised the dead, that subdued kingdoms, and that made them strong through weakness, etc., etc. That kind of faith. Without THAT faith it is impossible to please God." And it is impossible to please poor, lame, blind, diseased, broken-hearted people who come around us, too, for help, and they go away as they came in. That does not please them.

God help us to have the secret and the cause of the true miracles, which is not passed away; it is on hand for them that pray, pray, until they receive, only to the

glory of God, and to the benefit of poor humanity according to the everlasting Gospel.

The Purpose of Miracles.

We are ready now to study the blessed purpose of the working of the miracles of grace, which is the confirmation of the unchangeable Gospel in all ages. Whatever Almighty God does, He does it because He has a perfect purpose behind it. So with the powerful ministry of the everlasting Gospel. The supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit by His gifts and operations in and through the church of God, which is the visible Body of Christ (who is the glorified head), has been, and should continue to confirm the truth, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth in all ages, and among all nations. (Rom. 1:16.)

Our Lord, concerning His miracles, or His gracious doings, said that they were given Him to do to accomplish the will of His Father, and that these very miracles were the second witness with Himself to prove that He was the Messiah, or the Son of God, and the Father, God, in Him and through Him visiting and blessing humanity. What was the confirmation of Christ's testimony concerning His blessed appearance as the Saviour of sinners and healer of the sick, etc.? *IT WAS THE WITNESS OF GOD* with the son of man. Two witnesses; not only one true witness, but two, to make the word of truth stand and prevail at the judgment bar according to the divine court. The true witness is necessary, the one who will speak, not what he imagineth, but what he has seen and heard. But even a real witness, being proved that he is true, is not sufficient; therefore there must be two or three, for "In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

This is God's rule, and what God commands to the people to do right, He certainly does it Himself. Why do we see in this case Christ, the true God, becoming a man? Why a man? "For it is written: God has not left Himself without witness." For God to prove Himself to man He had to have a man, a perfect man, unblameable, to be His witness. Herein lies the mystery of Emmanuel. That would make two witnesses, God's own testimony, and the Son of Man's testimony. Even so with Christ, although He was a true witness of Himself, He needed another witness, divine witness, supernatural witness, because His claims were supernatural. To make His testimony available He confesses that He is not alone, but He has another one witnessing with Him and for Him that He is Christ, the Son of the Living God. Who is this second witness? John the Baptist, the old prophets, the law, which was a shadow of Him to come? Yea, these were, but there was One even greater than these. Who is that One? Our Lord will tell us Himself. "If I bear witness of Myself my witness is not true (meaning not sufficient). There is another one that beareth witness with Me, and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of Me is true. . . . But I have a greater witness than that of John, for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, *the same works that I do bear witness of Me that the Father has sent Me; and the Father Himself which has sent me hath borne witness of Me.*" (John 5:30-37). Read also John 10:25; 8:18; Matt. 18:16.

Now, dear reader, why did Jesus heal the sick, open the blind eyes, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, teach heavenly doctrine? What was His purpose of doing this? It was to prove that He was He of whom Moses and the Prophets spoke should come, and these works were His witness. So the purpose of the working of miracles was the divine witness for Christ and His Gospel to humanity.

The Benefit of Miracles.

We are in a world of doubt. The same Satan who came to Christ trying to make Him doubt that He was the Son of God, said to Him, at the hour of temptation, "If thou be the Son of God." That means probably you are not. That old accuser came to John the Baptist when he was in prison, and it seemed he got the best of him for a little while, in putting a little doubt in him concerning the very One whom he confessed was greater than himself, who was before him, that He was the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world; that He was the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and Fire, and that He was the Bridegroom of His Bride, etc. At his critical hour of temptation he called two of his disciples, and sent them to Jesus, asking Him if He was the one that they were expecting or should they look for another. To help the wavering faith of John, Christ did not say, "Go and tell him, did not he baptize Me, and see the Holy Ghost falling on Me like a dove, and heard the voice of God from heaven testifying of Me? Go and ask him what is the matter with him, after seeing all these things, yet he is doubting." No; this was not the answer of our Lord to John. When these disciples came they found our Lord busy with His great compassion fulfilling the purpose of His ministry. What was it? Working His miracles. He answered them: "Go your way and tell John what things ye have seen and heard, how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached; and blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." (Luke 7:19-23.)

Dear reader, do you see the benefit of it? If that great man of God, John the Baptist, needed such a benefit to his faith in the critical hour, do we not need it in these terrible days of falling away. Oh, for more true, divine witness of God to help our weak, wavering faith.

REVIVAL IN THE BELGIAN CONGO.

You will, I know, be glad to hear that the blessing of God is resting on our work. For some weeks past, there has been a steady flow of conversions amongst the natives: little groups of two or three have been frequent visitors at the mission, desiring to forsake the old life and to commence anew with the Lord Jesus. Finding salvation, they have invariably, on returning, testified to the people in their villages with the result that others have been turned to God from idols.

Last Sunday was to us a blessed day indeed. After the usual morning meeting, a group of young men earnestly pressed upon us to prolong the meeting. Bro. Burton and myself invited those who really wanted to be saved to join us on the verandah of our house—we stipulated for men only. About fifty assembled to whom very simple words were spoken, during which they continually protested that they *did* want to be saved. Finally we went to prayer, but scarcely were we on our knees, before they commenced to cry to God for forgiveness and for salvation. At the beginning their cries were single, but latterly, as though stricken, their united cries merged into one loud wail. Before such a sight we could but hide our faces. When they arose many of them had a blessed assurance in their hearts, and all, we are convinced, came under the power of God.

As the days go by, they manifest a blessed interest in the things of God. We are looking forward with joy to the time they shall be immersed in water and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Be with us much in prayer, please, that they with us shall fulfill God's highest purpose at this time.

James Salter.

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD.

(Gen. 5:22.)

So may'st thou walk! from hour to hour
 Of every brightening year;
 Keeping so very near
 To Him, whose power is love, whose love is power.

So may'st thou walk! in His clear light,
 Leaning on Him alone,
 Thy life His very own,
 Until He takes thee up to walk with Him in white.
 —Frances Ridley Havergal.

THE STORY OF ENG-SENG.

By Mrs. Nettie Nichols.

Eng-seng was the wife of a cook in a missionary's home in Ningpo, where she was converted. They afterwards moved to Shanghai. While there he became backslidden, and fell into the sin of adultery. His mother was in league with him in his sinful career, but his wife would not follow. The result was he persecuted her greatly, and eventually sought to take her life. Two children were born to them, a boy and later a girl. When the latter was about three years of age it became necessary for Eng-seng to escape for her life. And early one morning she bade the little ones goodbye and fled in search of a refuge.

Remembering the kindness of her former mistress, she boarded a steamer for Ningpo. She had to sit in the boat all day waiting for it to leave. Along in the afternoon she saw her husband board the steamer with a search party to look for her. She prayed for God's protection, and although they came to within a few feet of the place where she was sitting, God so undertook that they could not see her, and after scanning the many that were on board they gave up the search and left the boat.

The young woman went peacefully on her journey to Ningpo, and went to see her missionary friends. They applied for her admission to the rescue department of our home, and after prayerful consideration, she was received. She was given charge of the little ones under six years of age, and was very faithful in her ministry to them. But she was often seen with her eyes swollen through being awake much of the night crying for her little girl. She knew that the child, being a girl, would receive no love or care from her cruel husband or his mother. We would encourage her to have faith in God's power to keep her child and restore her to her again. She was taught to pray definitely for the restoration of the child, and we joined faith in believing that God would give Eng-seng her little girl again, knowing it was possible for God to send the child to the home, if He willed, and thus restore her to her mother.

After a few months, the Lord blessed her with a precious baby boy. After a few days it was discovered, much to the grief of the mother, that his hands were deformed. But, in response to the prayer of faith, God perfectly healed the babe's hands. Eng-seng frequently praises God for her deep sorrow, for through it she had learned to know the Lord.

About a year after Eng-seng had been admitted to our home, an application was received to take a little four years old girl into our orphanage. A Chinese Christian, in passing along the road near his home, saw a person making a bargain with a Buddhist priestess to buy the girl. The Christian, seeing what an attractive child she was, gave the priestess \$5.00 (Mexican) for her, and this sum was readily accepted. He, being a widower, could not take care of her himself, so one day he brought the child along to us. After she was bathed she was handed

over to Eng-seng, who had charge of the children of that age, to care for. The next morning the matron brought us the news that Eng-seng believed that the newcomer was her own child. Later, we talked with Eng-seng, who told us that she had prayed most of the night asking the Lord whether this was really her child. The little one, having been much in the sun, and away from the shelter of a home, had changed quite a lot during the year. And so her mother had not at first recognized her. But as the little one snuggled up to her that night she knew it was her own child. And every evidence confirmed the fact that it was Eng-seng's own little daughter, who had been brought and assigned over to the home and given to her own mother to care for.

It was a significant fact that when the child came into the home the matron was asked to choose a new name for her. Every child that is admitted receives a new name. We also chose one for her, and one different to the suggestion of the matron; but after laying the matter before the Lord He showed His choice to be Eng-ling, the name chosen by the matron, which means the "spirit of grace." The child's original name was Ae-ling, which means "spirit of love." Thus, she who was a spirit of love to her mother before the separation, became a spirit of grace to her after her restoration, and all this was done by the Spirit of God, without our knowing the facts of the case.

Imagine the joy of that mother and her two children with whom God had blessed her, and above all how her faith was strengthened in the true and living God.

"Is anything too hard for Me?" "There is *nothing* too hard for the Lord."

SOWING BESIDE ALL WATERS.

"While the appalling nature of the present deadly conflict might well make our hearts to quail, there is no doubt whatever that out of the thick darkness God is speaking to many souls," writes the compiler of the report of the Scripture Gift Mission, which tells us of the altogether unprecedented distribution of the Word of God during these dark days of war. Testaments and Scripture portions are being given to the men of the British army and navy in such a manner that not one single soldier need be without. Millions of Scripture portions in the various languages of Europe are being given out to the men of every nation in the trenches and in the prison camps. Let us pray that God will bless His own Word to these dear men.

One of the men of the "Invincible" only a few days before she sank, told a chaplain who was distributing copies of John's Gospel, that this was just what they wanted in their little company who met nightly to read the Scriptures—in a gun-casement.

About fifty Belgian soldiers at the front are distributing Gospels and tracts as opportunity arises, and according to the Nortons who are doing evangelistic work amongst them, there is quite a religious movement going on among the Belgian troops.

In France, where a few years ago it was declared in their Parliament, "We have so effectually blotted out the stars of religion in France that none shall ever rekindle them," one devoted French pastor alone is receiving and distributing 3000 French Testaments and 20,000 Gospels each month. The Word of God is being read there with real interest, and there are indications of fruitage.

A Princess of the Royal House of Roumania has personally supervised the work of distributing 100,000 Gospels among the Roumanian troops, and another 100,000 are in preparation.

Workers are distributing large numbers of Scripture portions amongst the Italian troops, and the officers are encouraging them to do so.

Though neutral, Spain is suffering greatly from the war, but there is encouraging news. One writes, "I am glad to say that the Lord has blessed us greatly of late. Last week we baptized four; all seem to be good cases. One is especially interesting, a young Russian Jew, who has lived many years in New York. He was sent by a society of painters to paint in the chief cities. He was convicted of sin and gave his heart to the Lord, and has testified before the people of his new-found joy."

A worker writes from Russia that he had been able to distribute 10,000 Gospels with his own hands in a single week. Large grants of Gospel portions in the Serbian language have been distributed amongst their refugees.

There are now over two million prisoners of war, many of whom are now in their third year of imprisonment. There are 30,000 British prisoners in Germany, and amongst them are some earnest Christian men who are reported to be doing real missionary work amongst their comrades and also amongst the French and Russians interned with them. The German prisoners in France and England, and the Bulgarian prisoners in the East have not been overlooked. Some of our Pentecostal brethren have been holding meetings amongst the German prisoners in England. During these days of world judgment, may we not look to God for His righteousness to be revealed to many, and in these days of blood, and fire and vapour of smoke, may we not pray expectantly for an outpouring of the Spirit on "all flesh?"

THE GOSPEL OF THE FIVE FINGERS

An Incident in the Interior of Africa

While going down to our annual meeting at Nhangue Pepo, midway, we passed a place called Luia. We met a slave woman, who became much interested in the Gospel story. After repeating it again and again, she would still look up and say, "Tell me once more." She seemed to be much puzzled, as there were many words new to her. She looked up beseechingly, and said, "Can't you tell it on my hand?"

The natives have this secret, any important thing they wish to remember, if they can connect it with some vision it will be definitely stamped on the brain, and reproduced to the memory whenever needed. So she held up her hand. I took hold of her thumb. "This is, that you are a criminal and a great sinner." Then bending the thumb down and taking hold of the index finger, "This is, that God has suffered and died for you because He loves you so." Bending that finger down and taking hold of the next finger, "This is, that if you believe and receive that love you will live in God's happy home forever." Bending that finger down and taking hold of the next one, "If you forget God and go on in your wickedness, you will be lost in darkness forever." Taking hold of the little finger, I said, "This will show that the door will be closed against you." She went over her lesson again and again, till she had it perfect on each finger.

On the next year's journey we found that the people had moved away and the village was burned. I had forgotten all about the incident, but years afterwards, I was in our compound, when a native woman came rushing in, crying, "Don't you know me, don't you know me? I know you, and I have not forgotten my lesson," and she went over the finger lesson correctly. "Now I know what you said is true." Taking hold of her little naked boy's hand and lifting him up, she said, "See this, see this! This boy was dying with the small-pox, and I said, Oh God! if you loved us, and died for us, you can save my boy, and God healed him and here he is well. I know it is true."—S. J. Mead, Los Angeles, Cal.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Our citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ." Phil. 3:20.

How this thought steadies our hearts these times of dread uncertainty. Wars on every hand, dismembered commonwealths, with a long train of calamities to follow! Yet all this belongs to the earthly kingdoms; we can hope for nothing better with man in supremacy. All our hope, all our expectancy, all our enduring peace and safety centers about Jesus. He is **our King**: His kingdom is **our Kingdom**.

Monday. "And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." Matt. 7:25.

Built on the Rock Christ Jesus! Be very sure that the Rock is under your feet while days of upheaval sweep over the land. Many souls will be suddenly awakened to find their supposedly strong foundations crumbling, as the storms break more fiercely upon us. "For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges." Deut. 32:31. He is our sure foundation, for "who is a rock save our God?"

Tuesday. "While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being." Psa. 146:2.

"Thou God art the Father of music,
Sweet sounds are a whisper from Thee,
Thou hast made thy creation all anthems
Tho' it singeth them silently.
But I guess by the sound of that music
What raptures in heaven shall be,
Where the sound is Thy marvelous stillness
And the music is light out of Thee." — Faber.

Wednesday. "Of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Luke 6:45.

"You can't speak loaded words by trying to, or for the occasion. It is only by having the very fountains of our being melted and filled and united with the Holy Spirit, that without any premeditation or set purpose, every stray shot and our ordinary conversation will be just as full of holy gravity and fiery truth as our prayers and sermons."—Watson.

Thursday. "In the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me." Psa. 27:5.

With Christ in God—O blest retreat!
How safe tho' wildest tempest beat,
And war's alarm sweep every land,
Distress and fear on every hand!
In God my refuge safe to be,—
What confidence this gives to me!

Friday. "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise." Isa. 43:21.

There are two hyacinth bulbs in a bowl on my desk—one is fragrant with blossoms; the other under like treatment has only produced two tiny green shoots. It should have had more darkness in the beginning. I brought it into the light too soon, and it is likely now to never reach its fullest perfection. All we who cry against the darkness, can we not be quiet under His mighty hand, who is ever seeking to develop our lives into His own full measure of perfection.

Saturday. "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Pet. 5:5.

They who dwell deep in God are of a humble, lowly spirit. And it is in such hearts that God reveals the fullest sweetness of His grace and love. Someone has said, "God's sweet dews and showers of grace slide off the mountains of pride, and fall on the low valleys of humble hearts, and make them pleasant and fertile."

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THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SONS OF GOD.

How do you know Jesus? Do you know Him as the Lamb of God who has taken away the sin of the world, and your sin? Do you know Him as the door through whom you can enter into eternal life? Do you know Him as the Good Shepherd who supplies the needs of all His sheep? Do you know Him as the Vine supplying the life that you need day by day? Do you know Him as the bright and Morning Star? When you have exhausted all the Scriptures for a definition of Him, you have not yet begun to know all that is in the matchless Son of God.

He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, and imagination cannot fill up all that is between. What you know not concerning Him is more than you know. He is the express image of the Father. Do you know what the stars are made of? Do you know how they are clothed? They are just expressions of God. But He is the express image of God. For He is God, upholding all things by the word of His power. "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands; they shall perish, but Thou remainest: and they shall all wax old as doth a garment: and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed, but Thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." The heavens and all they contain shall be set aside, but the Word, and those begotten of the Word shall abide forever. The created things have to go, but those begotten of the Word shall remain.

Amongst things seen, everything is in inverse ratio. The difference is great between the sun and man. As one sees the glory of the sun, the glory of the moon, and the glory of the stars, the majesty of the mountains and the grandeur of the sea, man is out of proportion compared to them. But on the other side, the "shall be" side, the difference is greater. Wait until you see the manifestation of the sons of God. You have seen the manifestation of the works of God, but you have yet to see the manifestation of the sons of God, and the first will be as nothing

compared with the second. God's order is first that which is natural, and afterwards that which is spiritual. The works of creation are but the alphabet; they are just an expression of God, and He saw that they were good. But afterwards God said, "Let us make man in our image." The first Adam was glorious in his perfections, but the last Adam and the many sons He brings to glory will be glorious in God with the glory of God. "We shall be like Him!"

For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. His coming is sure. The sun keeps its appointed course and its appointed time, and He will come in His appointed time. It is just as sure. *If these things are shortly to come to pass, put everything in the earth in its due proportion.*

Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene first, the one capable of bearing the manifestation of His presence, then to the two, to the eleven, and then to the five hundred brethren at once. Blessed are those who see Him first. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain, waiting to be delivered from the bondage of corruption, and the cry is already going up from many hearts, "Lord Jesus, come quickly." Multiply that cry. Let everyone unite in inviting Him back.

Jesus says, "I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come." Pray and wait that the Spirit may give the effective cry of "come." And every saint can strengthen and help in making up the final cry, "Come, come, come!" the endynamited cry of the Spirit through the soul. Pray for the church to give the effective cry through the Spirit, "Come, Lord Jesus!" That cry from the earth to heaven will be responded to with the trump of God, and the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout. A shout for the dead and a trump for the living!

In every large cathedral there is a keynote which responds to one tone in the organ. You cannot define the keynote, but when the organ peals forth its music, the whole edifice responds to the one key that is hidden in the organ, and the foundation below and the superstructure above is moved as the organ sounds forth that one grand note. The foundations of the heavenly temple will be moved at His voice. The dead in Christ shall rise first: the foundations moved by His voice. Then we which are alive and remain who are the superstructure of the temple of God shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, moved by the shout, the trump of God, and the voice of His word. The avalanche of sound will sweep us up to meet Him.

Oh, the glory! And it is all within now. If you have Christ within, you have the kernel, the seed within now, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. The tuning is taking place now. It is like a cannon primed, waiting for the touch of an electric button. Can you stop the projectile coming forth from the cannon's mouth? In the same way, it will be utterly futile for the enemy to attempt to stay the ascent of the saints, the noise and the sight alone will be enough for him.

Lift up your heads, your redemption draweth nigh!

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146. How could Jesus be on earth and in heaven at the same time while in the flesh, as Jesus claims in John 3:13?

Ans. It is made more difficult to answer, because Jesus here gives himself the title of Son of man, his racial title only, as representing mankind. Despite this, the only solution to the question lies in the deity of Christ. As a mere physical man he could not be in heaven and on earth at the same time. But deity is unlimited by time or space. God is omnipresent, can be everywhere at the same moment. The deity in Jesus could be in heaven and on earth even then. This passage is strong for the deity of Christ, and is equally strong on the pre-existence of the Son, for Jesus here says the Son of man came down from heaven. How could the Son come down, if there was no Son till after His birth from Mary? It is silly to ask how there could be a Son without a mother, for deity is not dependent on human birth.

147. Is the Pentecostal practice of all kneeling around a public altar at the beginning of a service, and all at once praying aloud, scriptural or unscriptural?

Ans. There are no explicit directions in the Word as to how exactly to conduct public prayer. God has greatly blessed the custom here spoken of so far as the saints alone are concerned who are accustomed to this practice. But there has always been some question in my mind as to the wisdom of this practice while the world is present, looking on and listening. I wish we saints could have a place and time to pray together and to get prayed up for the services apart from the world and before the public service begins. Then the public services could be made more edifying to the lost.

The 14th chapter of Corinthians implies that, as a rule, a public service should be so conducted that the hearers might understand what is said. But no fixed rule for prayer is essential. Keep out of ruts and let God guide. Apparent confusion to the world is sometimes divine order.

148. Do we record time from the birth or from the crucifixion of Jesus?

Ans. We record it from the supposed time of His birth. This was not done at first, and when they decided to do so, about five hundred years after His birth, the monk who figured back, it is now held by scholars, missed the proper year of His birth by about four years, but it went on too long this way before the error was discovered to correct it in all the documents so dated all over the world, and we go on still in the old way. Correctly, this year should be about 1921.

149. Is Jesus the Father in the sense that Jesus called God His Father?

Ans. Nay, this would make Jesus the Father of Himself. Jesus was in the Father, and the Father in Jesus, yet the identity of each is distinct. They are never confused in their relation to each other as Father and Son. Whether fully expressed or not, the term "Father" as applied to God in the New Testament, always means the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. "There is now one Lord, Jesus the Christ, and one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all,

and in all." Eph. 4:5-6. But the Father is also called God, and right here many get confused, because they are not able when the term Lord is used to tell whether it refers to Jesus or to the Father in any given passage. Many wrongly conclude that every time they see the word "Lord" in the Bible it refers to Jesus. When Paul wrote Eph. 1:5 Jesus had been given all power in heaven and in earth, and hence was then and is still exercising supreme Lordship. The Father had assigned this authority and title to the Son. He shall keep this title of Lord until every knee is made to bow to Jesus. Then the Son will return His authority to the Father from whom He received it. 1 Cor. 15:24-28. Matt. 28:18; Col. 2:9-11.

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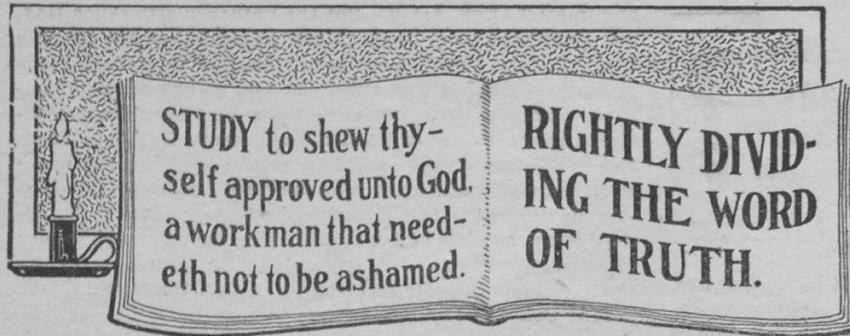
SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS.

God has helped thus far in cementing the fellowship of the ministry as planned by the last General Council. A large number of ministers have renewed their Credentials upon the basis of Fundamental Truths set forth in the statement adopted by the Council, and the time is fast approaching to complete the official list for publication. The committee is anxious to compile a complete list as soon as possible, and hope to have all names to hand by the 10th of March. All preachers and ministers who desire to continue in the Council Fellowship should have the new form of Certificate as those issued previous to the 1917 series will become obsolete in accord with the agreement of the Council.

The official list will be composed of those who have expressed their desire and purpose to continue in the Council and are ready to co-operate in the plan agreed upon. Hereafter there will be no need of renewing the Ordination Certificate. The one now issued is intended to indicate that a person has been regularly ordained to the ministry and is authorized to administer the ordinances of the Assembly, to marry persons, bury the dead and perform all functions that pertain to the work of the ministry. It is to be recognized and considered valid, however, when accompanied by the regular Certificate of Fellowship given under seal of the General Council; which certificate of fellowship is renewable annually. All Certificates of Fellowship issued now are valid until November 1st, 1917. This gives time to renew the certificates and to make up the official list of ministers by the first of the new year.

It is not the purpose of the committee to put a time limit upon these matters and declare all papers void at a certain date, but we deem it advisable, and so recommend, that all co-operate in preparing the list and keeping it up to date by renewing the certificate of fellowship when expired, that there be no confusion in the matter. Let all ministers who have not applied for the new Certificates do so at once, as names cannot well be added to the printed lists after they are once arranged.

Send all communications relating to Credential matters to the General Council office, 1243 North Garrison Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.
J. W. Welch, Chairman.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

March 11, 1917.

Lesson Text.—John 6:24-37.

Golden Text.—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life." John 6:3.

Leading Thought.—Fed with imperishable bread.

There was a basketful of fragments for each of the disciples remaining from that feast by the shore of Galilee. Is there not a hint here of a supply for those afar off, who as yet know not even that a feast has been spread, that Bread has been given which will satisfy every craving of the human heart? And are we gathering up the fragments where-with God has so richly satisfied us, and sending portions to them for whom **nothing has been prepared?** Neh. 8:10. All Israel was expectant with the prospect of the coming Messiah. But their picture was of someone with great power and authority who would free them from Gentile oppression and restore to them the glory of the early kingdom. To them the kingdom was to come with observation; they could not grasp the force of Christ's words when He said, "It is within you." The miraculous display then of power in feeding the multitude appealed to their sensual desires and cravings, and prompted their public commendation, with the attempt to take Him by force and make Him king. It was the crisis of Christ's public ministry. To any but the divine Son of God, who knew only too well what He had come to accomplish, the temptation would have been most strong, to yield. Instead, "He departed again into a mountain himself alone." V. 15. "He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:8, 9. He sent His disciples off alone, but met them again in the midst of their troubled journey, with another miraculous revelation of His power. Vs. 16-21. Next morning the people sought for Him again, crossing over to Capernaum, where they found Him.

1. The Work of God, Vs. 24-29. To be sure it was an unworthy motive that caused the people to search so diligently for Christ. He recognized it as such by answering their question as to how He

came thither with the words, "Ye seek Me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves and were filled." V. 26. How many there are now who seek God with unworthy motives, and wrong purposes! Their prayers are offered with selfish desire; their service is colored with the same thought of self-aggrandizement. And yet God overrules such things for good to someone at least; oftentimes the very one who seeks is transformed and readjusted as God takes hold of the case. That multitude saw nothing beyond their natural hunger satisfied. They had taken the long toilsome journey to Jesus, with the thought of further miraculous meals. Perhaps with this knowledge of their hearts' intent, Jesus adds, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." Jesus was not forbidding labor for bodily good. 1 Thess. 4:2, 11; 2 Thess. 3:10-14. No religious enthusiast can justify himself in a life of laziness by this scripture. God never intended that His children should be anything else but a pattern to the world of holy industry and diligent activity, whatever the work entrusted to their hands. Rom. 12:11, 17. See what Paul writes to Timothy in 1 Tim. 5:8,—"If any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." Christ reproved the excessive attention to the needs of the body to the neglecting of the soul's needs. It is the same thought as Matt. 6:33. He was proclaiming the eternal superiority of that food which endures. It is the old question of putting "first things first." "Seek ye first the kingdom"—do diligently those things God has committed to you—and all these things shall be added unto you." Remember always, "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." How striking the contrast between the things of time and the things of eternity! But how can we labour for "that meat which endureth unto everlasting life?" It was certainly not in the sense of endeavoring to merit or earn something from God, for Jesus later makes this very plain. Frances de Sales says, "It is not by the multiplicity of the things we do that we advance in holiness, but by the fervor and purity of intention with which we do them." We all know that it takes strenuous endeavoring on our part to meet God's conditions; and far from giving us the

self-satisfied complacency of human achievement, all such efforts only reveal to us the helpless, revolting nature of our own human selves. David said, "I was brought low, and he helped me." Psa. 116:6. Can we not all say it? Praise God! His mercy, His grace revealed to us! We can easily then understand their question, "What shall we do?" Thousands have asked it, and are still asking it. And many without knowing the Lord's answer, have gone about their own self-righteous works in the vain hope of pleasing God, who says today, as of old, "Obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams. Read also Rom. 10:3. **God requires rent hearts, not rent garments.** Joel 2:13. Beginning with Cain, who sought to satisfy God with the works of his own hands, clear down to the present day, men and women of every conceivable cult and system are seeking to gain favor and ultimate happiness with their own righteous acts and achievements. And they will meet as sad disappointment as did poor Cain. "Without faith it is impossible to please God," and faith must have its food in believing the unseen, inscrutable things of God. Jesus plainly answers them. V. 29.

2. **The Bread of God, Vs. 30-40.** His hearers understood His claim, immediately asking a sign with a reference to their revered Moses, as if to resent any attempted diminishing of his greatness. In His answer, Christ shows them their two mistakes. First, not Moses, but God sent to them bread; second, that bread merely came to meet their physical needs. "For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world." V. 33. Compare V. 34 with ch. 4:15. The same thought was in all their hearts perhaps, and indicated a low conception of what Jesus was really offering them. Now He speaks to them unmistakably of Himself, saying, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." How precious these words to every child of God! How assuring to every hungry, thirsty, sin-burdened one! The manna met their bodily needs temporarily; Jesus satisfied their spiritual needs eternally. Hallelujah! Christ was the Bread of God—very God, in truth, taking upon Himself the form of sinful flesh. He satisfied the heart of God; He was sent from God as God's provision for a perishing world. Jno. 6:57; 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:18, 19. He became the Bread of Life through the bruising of His flesh, and baptism of fire at the cross. V. 51; Ex. 12:8; 1 Pet. 3:18. "It pleased the Lord to bruise him." Isa. 28:28. Oh the bruising of our Lord, the suffering, the agony of that life poured forth! But what it means for us—**endless life, Vs. 51, 54; abundant satisfaction of every need, Vs. 35, 55; a welcome for every seeking one, V. 37.**

Next Week's Lesson.

Lesson Text.—John 8:12, 28-37, 56-59.

Golden Text.—John 8:36.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

GOOD REPORT FROM MISSISSIPPI.

A few nights ago Bro. D. E. Birsley and I were called to pray for a man who was declared to be insane. We found him in a very serious condition. He had been talking to the fire, struck one of his boys a blow over the head, moved about over the house in a silly way, talked of taking his own life, could not eat anything much, was suffering with stomach trouble and possessed of a lying spirit. We had prayer for him. The Lord anointed for the occasion. The devil was rebuked and driven out of him through the name of Jesus. The Lord restored him to his sober mind, healed him of his stomach trouble, and saved him right there in a few minutes. He and his wife were over to prayer meeting on Wednesday night. He had a bright countenance and gave a joyful and ringing testimony, telling of his salvation and the healing of his body. He said he could eat anything now, whereas before he had to diet himself. To Jesus belongeth all the glory. Praise His dear name!

We were in meeting two nights with the saints at Meridian a short time ago. One man was very preciously saved and healed of heart trouble, and ten or more were healed of different diseases. The last meeting ran on until one-thirty, and no one could leave the place. Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there, and He was truly there.

Sometime ago we held a few days meetings at Bro. Gardner's, ten miles out from Union, Miss. A great deal of interest was manifested. People came eight and ten miles. Two were saved, and Bro. Gardner who had been seeking for two years, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. About two months ago Bro. Gardner's son Kelley, a boy about eighteen years old, ran away from home, going over into Arkansas, roamed over into Tennessee and also into Illinois. The boy's mother was almost heart broken. She prayed and held right on for God to save her boy and send him back home. She wrote and requested us to pray also. A few days ago she wrote me saying, "God has saved and baptized Kelley with the Holy Ghost and sent him back home. I never will get through praising God for all He has done for me. He was saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost while on a train nine miles out from St. Louis, Mo." Behold I am the Lord, the God of all flesh, is there anything too hard for Me? Jer. 32:27. This boy said he did not see a Bible from the time he left home until he returned. But God saved him on the train and caused him to return when he was five hundred miles from home. If we come to God in prayer with a determination, perseverance, and opportunity of the man of Luke 11:5-13, and the woman of Luke 18:1-8, and with humility and faith of the Greek woman of Mark 7:25-30, heaven and earth shall pass away, but our prayers will not go unanswered.—Wm. M. Red, DeSoto, Miss.

UNITY AND CO-OPERATION IN PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES.

We spent a few days of profitable service with Bro. and Sister Moody in the Pentecostal Assembly at San Diego, California. There we found a goodly company of baptized saints, and the grace and blessing of the Lord was upon them.

One unsaved young man was marvelously converted the first Sunday night we were there, after praying till midnight. He came through with the glory of God in his soul. He has been under the power of the Spirit since in a wonderful degree, earnestly seeking to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

A sister received the Holy Spirit as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost for she spake with tongues and magnified God. A number were definitely healed in the services, the Lord being present to heal the sick.

Returning to Los Angeles we attended the Union Pentecostal meeting at Long Beach. This meeting is held on Tuesday of each week, and is for the purpose of bringing about a condition of unity and co-operation among the Pentecostal Assemblies of the Los Angeles district, and the Lord is signally manifesting His presence and power with us.

Thus far the meeting held at Long Beach was said to be the best, in that a sense of deep unity prevailed. Several messages in the Spirit, with the interpretation, confirmed this, and also that the Lord was well pleased with the effort for unity, that will, we believe, culminate in a powerful outpouring of the Spirit.

In the union service we read a letter from Bro. Lawler, one of our true and tried missionaries in China, who is in great need of financial help, as his support has been nearly all cut off since their return to the field. The people gladly responded and brought forward an offering of about \$65.00.

Missionary interest, which has been sadly waning, is now rising again, and we believe missionaries will again go forth, even though it be for a short time, to the very ends of the earth, and gather in the harvest already white, and waiting for the laborers sent forth by the Lord of the harvest in direct answer to prevailing prayer.—C. W. Doney and wife.

SACRED SONGS.**Given through the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.**

"I fell in love with the Nazarene."
 "Behold, I Come Quickly!"
 "The Bridal Song."
 "I'll Never Go Back."
 "The Magdalen," while they last, not to be republished.
 "Go ye out to Meet Him."
 "Father, lead me to the Pearly Gates."
 "Nowhere to lay My Head."
 "Rest a while."
 "The City of Gold."

25 cents each song. Words and music, sheet form, can be obtained from the composer, Sarah Haggard Payne, box 44, Ocean Park, Cal.

THE WORK ON THE MEXICAN BORDER.

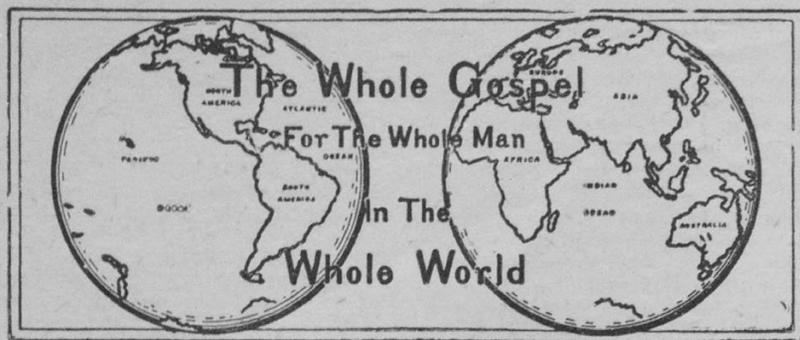
I know you have prayed with us for the work among the Mexicans here along the border, and now I want you to rejoice and give thanks with us for the way God is answering your prayers.

Day by day, in answer to prayer, the money for lumber has been coming in, and Bro. Hale has put up our Tabernacle, with the assistance of Bro. Ball and some of the brethren of the white and Spanish assemblies. Not a penny has been paid for labor, and it is sweet to know that every bit of the work has been **consecrated labor**, voluntarily given for the love of Jesus.

On Sunday last we were enabled to dedicate our Tabernacle, and I counted over 110 at the opening service, of whom more than 60 were Mexicans. We have no doors and windows as yet, but Bro. Ball has made benches enough to seat about 100, and Bro. Richey's assembly in Houston have given us three good oil lamps. Our cry to God was that He would consecrate the Tabernacle by **saving souls** in it from the very beginning; and, glory to His name! He has done so at every service. On Sunday at least two were brightly saved, and one backslider restored. At the meeting last night the Spirit's power was manifest in a wonderful way, and we felt that God spoke very loudly to the large crowd of unbelievers that attended. While we were singing a hymn a woman near me by the organ was stricken down by the power of God. She is a sweet Christian, and was very earnestly seeking the baptism, having just testified to that effect. She began to tremble all over, threw up her arms and began praising Jesus. Soon she was brought down on her knees, there on the platform in full view of everyone, and she began speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance. It was such an object lesson to the sinners, because they all say that Bro. Ball has an electric wire up his sleeve, and that he lays hands on people to make them tremble and talk in tongues, etc., whereas everyone could see that this woman was nowhere near Bro. Ball, (as a matter of fact I have never seen him lay hands on anyone) and that not one of us had touched her, so it could be nothing but the Spirit's power from heaven.

As soon as the altar-call was given, one of the sinners rushed forward and fell at the altar on his knees, trembling all over under the power of God. Later on when one sister received a very glorious baptism, those of us kneeling near her were shaken as if by a mighty earthquake, and then some of us were raised to our feet, while the praises of Jesus went up in a great anthem with the heavenly choir.

In a week or two Bro. Loreto Garza hopes to start for Mexico traveling on foot, with a mule to carry his baggage, to distribute the Gospels and preach from village to village. Please ask that the Spirit's power may accompany every Gospel, and that many souls may be saved.—Alice E. Luce.



Send all Missionary Offerings by Postal or Express Money Order to J. W. Welch, Treas., 1243 N. Garrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Please do not write Publishing House and missionary matters on the same sheet of letter paper. These belong to two different departments, and should be kept separate, although they can be mailed to us in the same envelope.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Mrs. Helen Gentles writes from Cairo, Egypt, "The work at present is slow, and we sadly need the leaders to return to Egypt, but one or two of the lads are very bright and full of zeal. Please remember that these people here need much prayer."

Bro. N. C. Sorensen of Gualeguaychu, Argentine, writes, "We are happy in serving our King and Master. He is blessing wonderfully, and we look up to Him for great things, and souls for Himself. Mrs. Sorensen was very seriously ill last month, and although weak, she is much better. She was very, very low, but God spared her life for further service. Glory to Jesus!"

We are in receipt of the last two copies of "Confidence," and we notice that the income of the British P. M. U. has dropped to \$1,080.00 for the two months, or \$540 per month. Allowing \$100 per month for the expenses of the Training Home, where six missionaries are now training, this allows only \$440 per month for the twenty-three missionaries on the field. This only allows each missionary about \$19.00 for rent, clothing, food, hire of native evangelists and every other expense. We know many of these good missionaries personally, and know that they are doing a good work. Because of the war, and the high cost of living in Great Britain, which is likely to be greatly increased since the submarine warfare prohibits much of the British means of supply, the Pentecostal people have not the means to support their missionaries as they would like to. Any of our readers who would like to help these workers can send donations to Bro. W. Glassby, Ladyfield, Renhold, Bedfordshire, England, the treasurer.

We are in receipt of a letter from Bro. Cecil Polhill, who asks us to make the following statement. "The Pentecostal Missionary Union of Great Britain and Ireland are not represented by, and have no headquarters in the United States, and that any statement affirming that

any assembly or place is the headquarters of the P. M. U. is unauthorized."

OPENINGS FOR THE GOSPEL IN JAPAN.

Our hearts are rejoicing because of open doors into raw-silk factories, for Gospel meetings and the distribution of the Scriptures.

We hear that practically all the hands in one mill are reading the Bible. Those of another factory are singing Gospel songs instead of the low songs formerly used. A precious young woman working there, after being beautifully saved, has constantly brought others to the meetings, and a number are very near the Lord. Inquirers from another large mill have come to the house for further light and prayer. One other place, with 300 hands, have agreed to gather their employees together once a month for a preaching service. The head men and their families come, sit up in front and listen attentively.

We truly praise God for the opportunity of breaking the bread of life to these hundreds of women (mostly). Many of them work from 3:30 to 4:30 A. M. to 8 or 10 P. M., and until recently no holiday for rest. But now the government has enforced a law granting two days a month for recreation—then we hold our meetings.

If you could have seen the bright little company who came to "watch night service," and seen the ten or twelve who rose to their feet, thus signifying their desire to be buried with Christ in baptism, your heart would have been gladdened. From this dark conservative place God is giving to His Son Jesus a band who we trust will meet with you and us at the marriage supper. With longing hearts we gaze on the many dark villages eager to set a light house in their midst. A school teacher came from one for English, but found the Pearl of great price.

Though we see the absolute necessity of the home saints—who we believe are just as responsible for these souls as we are—travailing in persistent and believing prayer with us until the battlements of Satan are broken and the flood tides of Pentecost sweep in, yet, even as we plead "pray for us," because of the countless number of requests you receive from all lands, our hearts almost fail and we whisper, "If they would but pray." If there is but one saint who

will definitely stand with us, that through the all prevailing name of Jesus, the powers of darkness shall be rebuked and every obstacle to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit removed, we would be so encouraged to receive even a post card from such a one.—Brother and Sister F. H. Gray, 1263 Kanonji Cho, Koga Machi Ibaraki Ken, Japan.

A LINE FROM LIBERIA.

I am again on the field and glad to be back. I have seen more souls saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost in six weeks than I did all the year I was home.

I have had six calls for workers already, besides the three new places I am opening. We have just closed a remarkable week here at Newaka. To begin, Miss Marr, late of Winnipeg, only one month on the field, passed away. The day we gathered she was buried. Then we went into meetings refusing to be daunted or discouraged, and God met us, and what a time! The best meeting I ever attended! The freedom and liberty of all were unbounded. There were three hundred and sixty natives to feed and sleep and sixteen missionaries. We had a grand time.

Sunday evening we went for communion service only, but it lasted four hours. The first altar full on being dismissed to make room for others raised their hands with one accord and began to praise God. There were ninety-five, and we had to serve the remainder as best we could. Over two hundred partook, and over half of these are baptized and speak in tongues. They know how to praise God and to adore the Lamb, and without any restraint let the praises go forth.

We have eighteen missionaries on the field and seven native workers and I employ others, who hold services at their own places. The natives themselves are surprised at the hold we have gotten.

We expect to meet again at Easter and we are all very courageous and full of faith for the future.

I might add that the offerings have taken a decided slump. Some of our missionaries have had less than a hundred dollars during the past year and others less than two hundred dollars, but we are not afraid. God lives, and a reckoning time is coming, so we all want to be faithful. Yours in His glad service.—J. M. L. Harrow.

Prayer.

"The greatest thing anyone can do for God or for man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer; nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean the people who take time to pray. They have not time: it must be taken from something else. That something else is important, very important and pressing, but less pressing than prayer. These are the people who are doing the most for God."—S. D. Gordon.

MISSIONARIES BACK FROM JERUSALEM.

Our nine years of life and work in Jerusalem were filled with incidents proving God's leadings and mercies. From the center of five Jewish colonies outside the walls of Jerusalem, where we had been definitely led to labor for the Lord, instances of reading the prophecies to the Jews, and showing forth who their Messiah should be, were daily occurrences. Some came to the place where they really believed in Jesus. One old lady accepted Jesus during the last days of her short illness. She had never heard the truth about Him until I sat by her bedside day after day and told her how He came and died for our sins.

After my husband had daily conversed with a Rabbi, showing him in the Scriptures the types, shadows, and prophecy concerning Jesus, the Rabbi's only straw left was against calling Jesus God's Son. He was finally convinced by the reading of Proverbs 30:4, "Who hath ascended up into heaven or descended? . . . Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if thou canst tell?" Our Bible seemed to fly open to this passage and our eyes lit right on it in his presence. As he saw this, which looked like a miracle, and heard the verse read, his argument was finished, and he was convinced. After buying both Hebrew and English New Testaments at the Bible House, he left his place in the synagogue and Jerusalem for an English dependency, where he could have freedom of thought and speech in his new found faith. Our blessed Lord showed us before we left America that He would give us one soul that would bring five thousand other souls into the Kingdom. That great day may reveal other big fish as the result of daily preaching Christ in like manner at the doors of the synagogues, in the adjoining Jewish colonies, as well as in the Jewish wards of the English hospitals.

Those blessed happy days of sweet service for our Saviour in the Holy City where He laid down His life for us, were mingled with sufferings and privations in the flesh caused by unsanitary conditions, frequent lacks, and insufficient nourishment, also the fever of the land burning out the blood. Once while in the hospital, supposed to be dying of smallpox, Jesus came and stood beside me, and taking my hand in His, gave me the choice to go with Him then or come back to those of His own flesh and show them His salvation. I said, "I will go back to your people, Lord Jesus." From that moment I began to mend. The Jewish women received me back from the hospital, saying, "Never mind, the marks are only in the skin, they are not in your heart. Thank God you didn't die." After watching my husband take care of me for weeks they said, "We wish our men had this kind of a religion." This opened the hearts of many more Jewish women to hear the Gospel about their real Messiah, but they dared not let the Rabbis know they believed.

The Lord has raised us up from

death's door several times, and once when my husband had apparently passed away, when breathing had ceased, and the color and condition of the body was that of a corpse, after several hours of hard fight of faith I went to sleep. The next morning life was restored, with a little color in the face, and he was soon dressed

Many socialist Jews came to us from time to time, some every day, who were more willing to listen to the Gospel than their law-ridden seniors, and they became convinced that the Scriptural Messiah was fulfilled in Jesus.

Six months after the war broke out, when my husband was beginning to convalesce after typhoid fever, from which the Lord also raised him in a very special way, we left our beloved city and went down to Alexandria, Egypt, where after another attack in his body, from which the Lord very specially lifted him up again, we were very definitely led out into the camp of the English soldiers, where the officers admitted us, in spite of the rigid camp rules. God used us almost two years as missionaries to the soldiers going out to the firing line and on into eternity. This was a blessed and privileged service, and we hope to meet some of our boys when the great bugle—trumpet—is blown.

Every evening we watched from the housetop the incoming Red Cross hospital ships, bringing thousands of the wounded soldiers to the hospitals to be operated on, some for bullets, some for the amputation of legs and arms. It was a blessed privilege to visit the hospitals where the boys were so glad to see those who ministered the Word to them.

After we had visited the hospital, where the last of these returned from the Dardenelles had been operated on, their frozen feet being amputated, the remaining camps of the Royal Engineers raised our fares and we came to America, and God showed us we had asked Him several months before, if He wanted us to go to America, to show us by raising our fares on that side of the water. Praise Him for His faithfulness.—Alberta Boothby.

(Bro. and Sister Boothby are home on furlough after nine years of faithful service for the Master in Jerusalem and in Egypt, where they suffered so many privations that their bodies are much weakened. They have been staying with us during the past month at the Evangel Home and they are desirous of moving on to California, as soon as their fares are forthcoming. The missionary treasurer would be most pleased to hand over to them any sums designated for their use.)

THE PENTECOSTAL WORK IN EGYPT.

The work of the Lord is still going on fine, and the Lord is blessing His children. God is saving souls and a few days ago baptized two in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

God also saved an English lady fifty years old, who speaks the Arabic language well, spent twenty years in Egypt,

and by reading the Apostolic papers she was longing to meet some of the Apostolic people. She kept writing to America asking if there were any Apostolic brethren in Cairo, but received no answer. But God in a wonderful way led me to a house where I met her, prayed with her, and spoke to her about salvation. After that she kept coming to the meetings and God in a wonderful way saved her, and now she is waiting for the promise of the Father. Pray for her, she is so persecuted by her husband and children.

A few weeks ago we held a convention at a village by the name of Dair-el-Jar-noos, and the Lord was convicting souls and one got the baptism, and the saints got blessed. Glory to Jesus!

A month ago the Lord opened the way for me to visit the Alexandria work. The work is going on very well there. The place is nearly always crowded. Surely God is blessing Egypt. It is more than a year now since the last missionary left Egypt and all this time the Lord has helped us to carry on the work.

Will the saints join us in prayer that the Lord may send to Egypt true missionaries to help us in the work. Surely the field is wide, the laborers are few.

Thanks for the offering sent through Sisters Gentles. It came in a time of great need. Thank our faithful God in leading His children to remember us. Much love and greetings from Egypt.—Pastor Habeb Yousef.

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FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

"That they all may be one." Jno. 17:21.

AT MY BEST FOR GOD.

In the world are the hungry-hearted,
Though silent and timid they plod;
In their life is a mute pleading for some-
thing;

Let me be at my best for God!

There are those bent and careworn and
lonely,

They need a kind word now and then;
How prone to carelessly waive this,
When I'm not at my best for Him!

Our weak brothers and sisters we call
them,

Trudging on but no match for the
load;
To the strong they're divinely entrusted,
Let me be at my best for God!

For in heaven His great heart is still
longing,

O'er the flock, e'en with some black
and thin;
And to feed them unable I falter,
If I'm not at my best for Him.

Somehow needy souls in starved bodies,
Know so well the path Jesus has trod
That they keenly detect a great lacking
When I'm not at my best for God!

In manner though courteous toward
them,

If sympathy and love's not within,
God grieves and that other one feels it;
Oh, keep at my best for Him!

—Lillian Beard.

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. Carl M. O'Guinn reports a real awakening at Pomona, Ill. "Up-to-date, thirty-one have been saved, five received the baptism, thirty-eight or thirty-nine at the altar last night."

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Bro. W. W. Simpson writes from Newark, N. J.: "Our Bible School is getting on nicely with some twenty-five students. May the Lord quickly send them forth into His harvest field. Pray for us."

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Bro. J. D. Wells and wife write that they are having good meetings at Reedley, Cal. Seven have been saved recently there. They want to announce that their Gospel tent, 40x60, which is wired for electric light, and will seat 500, is ready for the summer campaign, and they are willing to take it anywhere the Lord leads. They will be pleased to hear

from any straight, old line, Pentecostal evangelists who are willing to join in tent work this coming summer. Address them at 140 23rd Street, San Jose, California.

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Dr. Florence J. Murcutt writes that she has been recently distributing thousands of copies of Gospels and New Testaments at the various Jewish centers in New York and Philadelphia, and at the different beaches. With the assistance of Mrs. Ropes, whose auto has been at her disposal, large quantities of Scripture portions have been placed directly in the hands of the Jewish people. She expects to join Sister Luce in Kingsville, Texas, shortly, to help push the battle on the Mexican border, but at the same time she recognizes that she must not neglect her own people, the Jews. Mrs. Ropes is going out to California in her auto, and is taking Dr. Murcutt, who has some business matters to settle, and also Sister Baer, and is going to bring her back. She writes, "Whilst journeying across the continent we have distributed Gospels, tracts, etc., and spoken at many meetings, and have had the joy of seeing souls born into the Kingdom." She says that in San Antonio, Texas, there are 52,000 soldiers, and 50,000 Mexicans, and that it is a most needy field for workers.

GREAT REVIVAL VISITS OTTAWA, CANADA.

For some months we felt God wanted to send a revival to Ottawa, the model city, the capital of Canada. So we began to pray together to that end. We had had convention after convention here with good results, but now God made us to know He wanted a Revival.

We engaged a large hall in the center of the city, and on the 4th of January the Lord sent along Bro. Urshan and Argue, (sons of Thunder). In every service from first to last the power fell, and though the brethren have moved on to Montreal, a city of 714,000 people, the power has not ceased, but the rain continues to fall.

Many were saved and seventy or more in the month were baptized in the Holy Ghost with signs following. Some very wonderful cases of healing accompanied the preaching of the word; demons fled, diseases of years standing were rebuked and driven out in the mighty name of Jesus. The whole city was stirred as when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and they inquired "who is this?" Beloved, we believe this is the harvest (end of age), and God's Spirit-filled servants are the reapers. (Rev. 1:20.) Lift up your eyes, nations are falling, kingdoms crumbling, loved ones dying, Satan trembling. What are you doing? Yours for souls, G. A. Chambers, pastor.

"TO THE JEW FIRST."

God has greatly burdened our hearts for the people of Israel, who have never had the opportunity of knowing the reality and power of our risen Lord. The majority of Jews have never heard the Scriptural claims of Jesus to be their Messiah and Saviour, and we realize that only a small number are being personally reached by the missionaries. A deep impression is made on the Jew when it is explained to him Scripturally, intelligently and earnestly that Jesus is the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world," and usually the result is that he will begin to search the Word with the question in mind, "What must I do to be saved?"

God has laid on our hearts a plan whereby many Jews may be reached with the Gospel, who would never otherwise hear. We would like all who are interested in the salvation of Israel, to send to us the name and address (plainly written with information as to whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss) of Jews, whom you know or have heard of, with an offering to cover expenses, and we will write a letter and enclose a tract to them, each week, explaining to them, the plan of God for their salvation from the Old Testament standpoint. When they show an interest, we will let you know. Pray earnestly for each one whose name you send. In this way, many will be brought in touch with the Gospel, which is the "power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first."

Yours in the blessed hope of His soon coming.—Florence I. Bush and mother, 4608 Scoville Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

THE ETTER MEETINGS IN SAN JOSE, CAL.

I have been here in Sister Etter's meeting five weeks. She left a week ago, but other workers are continuing the meetings.

Some have been saved, some baptized in the Holy Spirit and some wonderfully healed. God has "come forth" in every service in blessed manifestations of the Spirit in different ways.

The meeting has been a great blessing to me. A few of the things God revealed to me I feel He would have me make known to the saints in general. While I lay under the power of God for nearly four hours one evening, God was talking to me all the time. I never felt so lost in Him before.

He showed in a glorious vision that he was just waiting to pour out the "latter rain" afresh on the earth. Waiting for what? for the saints to pray for it. He wants to give us the **faith once delivered to the saints**, and the **gifts of the Spirit**. Just waiting for us to cry to Him for them.

Another thing he revealed to me at another time was that there are many souls that He wants to gather in before Jesus comes. And He is grieved because our faith is being hindered for this, by the enemy who is persuading the saints that the sinners are so Gospel-hardened they need not expect them to get saved, or a very few at best. A brother and I

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The Noon-day Prayer Band

Send your name to Brother Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas, and join the prayer band to pray for a World-Wide Revival, the unity of the saints, these weekly requests for prayer, the needed finances for publishing the Evangel, etc.

HEALED OF RHEUMATISM.

I have suffered with rheumatism for many years. Last October I requested the Evangel family to pray for me. I received the Evangel on the 21st of October and commenced reading the requests for prayer and came to one, "A sister in Chalk Mountain, Texas, requests prayer for rheumatism." I said to myself, "That's me." I stopped reading and opened and shut my hands. No pain! I felt the muscles of my arms and shoulders. I said, "My rheumatism is gone. Praise the Lord! Bless His holy name!" I have not had an ache or pain of rheumatism since. Glory to God!—Mrs. M. E. B.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.

Last spring I wrote a letter to the Evangel requesting the saints to pray, and thank God, He answered, and both my husband and I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost last summer as we requested. I had the toothache a while back, and in answer to prayer, God healed me. Praise His dear name.—Mrs. Felkins, Arkansas.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

"Pray that we may sell our place in Zion City."—C. H.

"Pray for the Assembly at Sikeston, Mo., that God will have His way."

A sister in Middleton, Idaho, requests prayer for healing of cancer.

A sister in Chico, California, desires prayer for her husband that he may receive the baptism of the Spirit.

A brother in Tell City, Ind., requests prayer that he may have a special outpouring of God's power on himself.

"Please pray for a soul once interested, but is still in sin. Pray for me to be true to God."—W. H. K., Perry, Fla.

"I desire the prayers of the Evangel family that I may receive the Comforter, the Holy Ghost."—D. K., Enterprise, Ala.

"Please let every child of God pray earnestly for my healing. I have been afflicted for some time."—E. G. C., Tell City, Ind.

"A member of the Evangel family" writes from Malden, Mo., asking prayers that God will open the way that the Gospel may be preached there.

"Please request prayer that my husband may get employment soon, as he has been out of work for several weeks."—M. G., Dayton, O.

A sister in Cottondale, Ala., requests prayer that the Lord will free her children from sin, and that she herself may prove faithful.

A sister in Meridian, Miss., writes, "Pray for my healing, I have been sick for some time, and it seems as if I cannot get healing."

A sister in Wesson, Ark., requests prayer for her unsaved and crippled relatives, also for her little girl who is partly paralyzed.

A brother in Marshalltown, Iowa, requests prayer that the Lord will send a band of Spirit-filled workers to that place with a tent in the spring.

"Please pray for my salvation and faith as hard as you know how, because I feel myself lost. I am the most miserable person on earth."—T. K., Detroit, Mich.

A request comes from Chalk Mountain, Texas, to pray for an old lady 83 years of age, who has a cancer on her eye and heart trouble, that she may be healed.

"Pray for the salvation of my children, and that two of them may be healed, also that my husband may receive all the Lord has for us, and that he may be healed."—B. J. K.

"Pray that I may be entirely healed and get victory over Satan; that my husband may be restored to full salvation, also that my son and step-son may accept this great salvation."—M. I., Augusta, Ga.

A request comes from a sister in San Antonio, Texas, that she may be healed of cataracts in her eyes, that her husband's hearing may be healed, and that he and another child may receive the baptism, that a boy of 23 may be saved, also another child.

A sister in Davis City, Neb., requests prayer for the salvation of her husband, also for herself that she may do the will of God, and that some Spirit-filled saint may be sent to that place.

A sister in Davy, Texas, requests prayer that she may be delivered from morphine and snuff habits, her body healed, and that she may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A request comes from a sister in Solo, Ark., for prayer for the salvation of her father and brother, that her sister may receive the baptism, and that her husband's brother, who is at death's door with consumption, may be saved and healed.

FROM AN INTERCESSOR'S WATCH-TOWER.

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The Lord's Supper is a memorial of a departed Friend, a prophecy of a returning Friend, and a parable of a present Friend.—Moody.

SECOND ANNUAL SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Essex, Missouri, March 18th to 24th (D. V.).

Write the Pastor, E. L. Banta, Essex, Mo., a few days before the council if you are coming. Remember the date, March 18-24th—Mrs. Zola Taylor, John T. Wilson, Wm. Giles, Committee.

OPENING OF NEW CHURCH AND CONVENTION, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

The new church, located at 278 Parish Street, Wilkes-Barre, will be opened on Easter Sunday, April 8th, followed by Revival services, Evangelists Garr and Black of Los Angeles, Cal., in charge, assisted by Mrs. Mary Rahter and other local workers. For further information, apply to Pastor Wm. Matthews, 32 Manhattan St., Ashley, Pa.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIBLE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Fort Worth, Texas, April 8th to 29th, 1917.

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To aid God-called workers and preachers in getting a practical knowledge of the Bible on full Gospel lines.

The District Council.

Pursuant to order of last session of Council, the District Council of the State of Texas is hereby called for April 26th to 29th. Saints in New Mexico and Arizona are cordially invited to fellowship and co-operate with us. Visitors from other states are expected to be with us in council. Let everybody pray, and pray and pray without ceasing. Yours in prayer, Arch P. Collins, 1509 N. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

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ETTER MEETINGS IN SAN JOSE.

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were talking on this line when suddenly awful intercession fell upon me and in a vision came before me the lost souls Jesus wants gathered in. I prayed through and God gave me such joy I danced for quite a while, then the presence of Jesus was so real I fell at His feet and begged him to teach me how to win souls.—Mattie Ledbetter.

THE WORK AMONGST THE MEXICANS.

Bro. M. M. Pinson writes from Nacozari, State of Sonora, Mexico: "The American papers say that the new law will prohibit all from preaching but the Mexicans, but I went to see the Presidente of Nacozari and he said I could go on with my work. I told him I wanted a lot to build later. He said, 'Go on with your work.' Of course all the priests are gone, that is, all the foreigners. The ranches are going to ruin, and the people have flocked to the towns and cities. We cannot rent a house or room to live in, to say nothing about a hall, in Nacozari. We had to come over the mountain to San Jose, five miles from Nacozari, but I have not given up hopes of Nacozari, because God laid this place on my heart. It is a good town to scatter the Gospel seed. Teamsters come for over a hundred miles below, so I am told. We need a good chapel in Nacozari. It will cost about \$350.00 to put it up, and if some of God's good stewards have that, and could give that to the glory of God, it would help much in getting the truth to the people of Nacozari, and the new town adjoining it. I am told there are about ten thousand people there, and there is another town five miles from there that I am told has about four thousand people. No Protestant work in either town, no minister at all. Priests run out. The presidente of Nacozari said it is all O. K. for me to go ahead with my work. He has full power. Now if this house can be built, and it can, the deeds can be made to the Assemblies of God, so as to be no one man affair. This place where we live is a small mining town, but a good interest is shown. The school teacher left the room where I was preaching the other night, crying, pray for her. I have a young Mexican minister with me."

"It Shall not Come Nigh Thee."

On the fly-leaf of an English soldier boy's pocket Bible his mother had written: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." She had also marked the verse at Psalm 91:7. A shell bursting over the trenches tore off part of the boy's clothing, tore off the leather front of his Bible, which was in his vest pocket, and then proceeded to tear out every leaf in the Bible up to the Ninety-first Psalm, while it decorated this marked verse, the seventh, with an irregular wreath of powder stain. The boy was unharmed.—S. S. Times.

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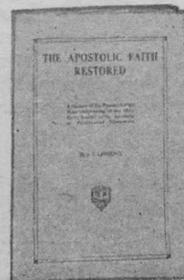
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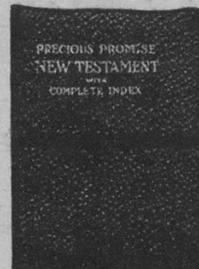
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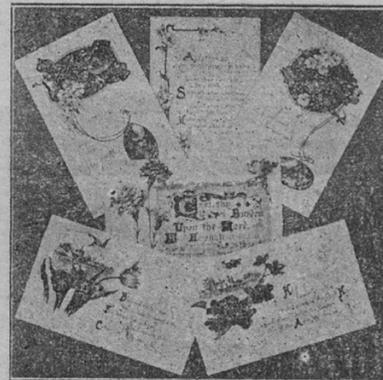
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