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I request, in the mighty Name of Jesus, that the saints of God everywhere pray for **RUSSIA**, now that in its new form of government it will be given religious liberty for that great needy country of 170,000,000 people. Let us plead with God for this, that the great door may be opened for the harvest of thousands of precious souls in that old European Nation.

I am so happy over the victory of the New Cabinet, for it means more than the people can think here. It will benefit not only Russia, but Persia and the whole of Asia.

May His Kingdom come. If we ever pray for Russia, let it be **NOW**.

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THE FIRST PREACHER OF THE SECOND COMING AND THE FIRST TYPICAL RAPTURED SAINT

By Andrew D. Urshan.

It is very wonderful for a man to know some great and mysterious thing without ever having heard about it or studied it. How can a man know that which is far, far away, beyond human comprehension, and hidden away in the bosom of the God of the ages; something that never was in print, nor preached, and yet he obtains a knowledge of it, and with great assurance can raise his voice and publicly and boldly proclaim it.

This was the glorious experience of the seventh man of the human race, Enoch, the man who pleased God, and who walked with God, and therefore was translated by God, whom he well pleased. The first revelation of the blessed appearing of our Lord with His saints, coming back to this earth, was given to Enoch, "the seventh from Adam." The message was so great he could not keep quiet, and he preached it to the ungodly men of his time. Not only were there hundreds of centuries between Enoch's time and Christ's return to earth, and even before Christ's first appearance; yet away beyond those long, long ages he saw that great thing that was going to take place at the end of the last ages. This was revealed to Enoch, and it was burning in his soul to such an extent that he burst forth, saying: "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints, etc." (Jude 14-15).

The Wonder.

The wonder of the whole thing is how Enoch could find out that mystery of the church and her translation, (1 Cor. 15:51), and the return of the Lord with His redeemed and blood-washed saints. Hebrews 11:5 answers this important question.

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Enoch not only had the revelation and the experience of being caught away by God, but he lived the life of the raptured saint while he preached the message. Enoch pleased God, and God showed him the greatest thing that he was going to perform in the centuries to come, yea, even the descending of the great God our Saviour, with all His saints to earth. (Zech. 14:5; Titus 2:13; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; Matt. 24:40-42).

How did Enoch please God and obtain that blessed revelation and its fulfilment in his actual, personal experience? Gen. 5:14 will answer:

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Walking with God.

To please God then is to walk with Him. It does not say God walked with Enoch, but that Enoch walked with God. There is a great lesson for us right here. Enoch did not say to God, "I will go here and there, and do this and that, and you walk with me." Not so. But his heart and conduct said, Lord I will go with you, I will keep in step with you every inch of my journey of life, and he did so. That is why it is said:

"For before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Dear friends, if to be ready for translation is to please God, and to please God is to walk with Him, then can there

be any other way to obtain this blessed revelation of His coming, and to share its full glory? No! And that God who translated Enoch, He is the same one who shall translate us, and except we please Him by walking with Him, like Enoch, the first translated saint, we can have neither the full revelation of Christ's coming, nor can be taken away alive, victorious over death, and meet Christ in the air.

The Great Secret.

What enabled Enoch to walk with God, and therefore to please Him? The secret of all is faith.

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Someone may say: "Well, all Christians BELIEVE God, then why can we not please Him by walking with Him, and be translated?" Because many of us have dead faith (Jas. 2:14-26); and not the faith of the 11th chapter of Hebrews. What kind of faith is that? It is the faith in God that brings the things for which you believe to pass, like the following verses. Read what that faith did through the old time believers.

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land. . . . By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. . . ."

and by and through this living faith they

"subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, women received their dead raised to life. . . ."

All these saints "obtained good report by faith," that which made them victorious, by that *very faith* by which Enoch obtained, not only the will of God in his daily life, but the power to do it always, from the time he was 65 years of age, until he was 365, the end of his journey. Can we say we please God in one year, which is 365 *days*, to say nothing of 365 long years, as Enoch?

Oh, for preachers in these days who have this blessed truth stamped in their life, that they can live it and preach it like Enoch!

How to Walk with God.

Many may inquire: "What is it to walk with God and to please Him in these days. The apostle answers this very up-to-date question:

"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more."

What is that walk that will please God? Verses 3 to 7 explains it; which is holiness of our life; or sanctification of our whole being; set apart for God; with this, to have charity to one another by doing honest living, and giving the hand of help to each other at the time of need. Read from verses 8 to 12; also Hebrews 13:16. In this 4th chapter of 1 Thess., after speaking about holiness and brotherly love, the next breath of the Apostle is the glad news of the Rapture and the first resurrection of the saints. Please read from the 13th to the end of the chapter.

True holiness of life and brotherly love are the things that please God, therefore he that is walking holy and in the love of God is the man who walks with God. In Eph. 2:1-7 you will see the exhortation of walking in love and complete separation from an unholy life, or the conditions for entering into the coming Kingdom.

Much more can be said on the conditions of the translation of the saints, or the day of the Rapture, which will take place before the Lord's second coming to the earth; but the plainest and the most important conditions are set before us, which are sufficient at this time; that, without the *faith* that purifies the heart (Acts 15:8) and the *faith* that gives us life to hate the world and fight against all its allurements and overcome it, as in 1 John 5:4, it is impossible to please God.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Enoch must have had such a faith by which he was made holy and an overcomer over the flesh and the world, and to walk in *love* with God, who is *LOVE*, until He was taken away.

Dear reader, please be not deceived. If you continue in an unholy life, and in strife, backbiting, judging, criticizing, and accusing one another, you cannot walk with the holy and loving God. We must walk with God by pleasing Him, and then He will give us the revelation of His blessed second coming; and also will enable us to be ready to be translated at His Coming for His Bride, which is now at hand.

Reader, do you want to accept the invitation to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and to share its unspeakable glory. Then remember these words:

"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him." (1 John 3:3-6).

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked." (1 John 2:6.)

Montreal, Quebec.

DWELLING WITH THE KING.

"These were the potters and the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the King for his work."

This is the record of 1 Chron. 4:23 as the Revised Version gives it. Who were these that dwelt with the King for his work? Were they the silversmiths, or goldsmiths, or workers in brass, or those that wrought the beautiful hangings for the sanctuary? No, they were just potters. The most humble work, probably the lowliest workmen of all who wrought for the King, and yet, of no others do we read that "they dwelt with the King for his work." So often it is the lowly ones whom God chooses to do His mightiest works. So often it is the lowly ones of earth that live nearest to Him, and because "God uses the instrument that is nearest Him," these are the ones chosen of God to do a great work for Him.

We see J. Hudson Taylor, a man of very ordinary education, certainly not a genius, but a man who lived very near to the Lord, and God used him to establish the China Inland Mission. Today the China Inland Mission has more missionaries, more mission stations, supplies more provinces, and has made more progress in the past decade than any other mission in China. God chooses the weak things of earth, that His power might be manifested.

Who were these potters that dwelt with the King? We do not even know their names. We know absolutely nothing about them save that they dwelt with the King for his work. They are the "hidden ones," whose names are known only to the King. Today many of those who serve God best are the "hidden ones," whom the world knows nothing about. There were many who wrought for the King who did not dwell with the King. So today there are many working for the King who do not dwell with Him. It is blessed to labor for the King, *but so much more blessed to dwell with Him*. There are great advantages that come from dwelling with the King. Let us consider some of them.

1. Access. They would be in close touch with the King and have access to Him at all times. In any trouble or difficulty they would go at once to the King. They could consult with Him about every detail of the work.

2. Knowledge of His will. Dwelling with the King they would know His will—just exactly what He wanted them to do and to make. If they dwelt far away they would be apt to do things contrary to the King's desire, and if they never subjected their work to His scrutiny or sought His approval, they might find at last that they had labored in vain. We too may be "filled with the knowledge of His will." This is the King's desire, that we shall know and do His will.

3. Fellowship. Dwelling with the King would afford sweetest fellowship with Him. The King would probably often come in to his workmen and talk with them about the work. He would probably show them his plans and his patterns which they were to follow. He would often give them evidences of his approval, and might often invite them to feast with him. All this would afford them sweetest joy and pleasure. Is there any joy on earth like the joy of communion and fellowship with our exalted Lord and King? Is there anything that can afford greater satisfaction than to know that we are carrying out the plans and wishes of our King, and to be conscious of His approval?

4. No self-seeking. As they dwelt with the King for his work there would be no self-seeking. Enough that they should be working for the King. This is itself the highest honor they could possibly have. Notice the English firms who are "Purveyors to His Majesty, the King." How much they make of it, and advertise it. They consider it the very highest honor that could be put upon them. But we are serving the King of kings. Could there be any higher honor than this?

5. No self-exaltation. There would be no making a display of their work. It was done for the King. If the King saw fit to approve their work and make a display of it, it would be well, but it would be improper for them to make a display of it before the King had passed his judgment on it.

"Enough while here, if He shall praise thee,
If He shall deign thy willing heart to mark and cheer,
No toil for Him shall be in vain."

6. Purpose. Dwelling with the King for his work, every effort would be expended to make the work pleasing to him. It would not matter if the work was pleasing to others or not, so long as it was pleasing to Him. This was the dominant purpose of Paul's life, for he wrote, "Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto Him."

7. Full supply. As they dwelt with the King for his work, the King would, naturally, supply all the material necessary for their work. Of course, if they went away
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THE ONE TRUE GOD.

By D. W. Kerr.

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GOD IS. The whole creation in speechless eloquence says, GOD IS. The Bible, like a voice in the wilderness says, GOD IS. Faith, the conviction of things not seen says, GOD IS.

Books written by men are usually opened with a preface or foreword in which their authors set forth the design of their productions. So the Book of Genesis may be called the preface or foreword of the Bible, in which the author sets forth the scheme and scope, in outline form, of revelation. But, neither in books of men nor in the Book of God do we find the least hint of a design or an attempt on the part of the authors to prove their existence. The fact is self-evident. For the Psalmist does not say, "The heavens declare the existence of God," but "the heavens declare the glory of God." Neither does Paul say that, "The invisible God is seen in the things which are made," but, "The invisible things of Him are clearly seen." We are therefore relieved from the burdensome task of proving, by a tedious process of scientific reasonings, arguments and long drawn out discussions that there is and must be somewhere "An infinite, eternal, incomprehensible, inscrutable, First Cause." We simply believe that "God is," while the fool says "He is not."

Men and Devils Believe God Is.

But, if we look a little more closely at our text as it appears in the original Greek, we shall find a deeper meaning tucked away within its exquisite folds. For, the little conjunctive particle *oti* has another office besides that of stating the fact of the existence of God, for it has the power of expressing the fact as a *cause* back of an effect. That is, the Greek word which is expressed by the word "that," can also, in harmony with the whole Bible, be translated "because," so that we may truthfully say, "He that cometh to God must believe because he is." The meaning then would be, that the *fact*, God is, is the *cause* of our believing that he is. A little further reflection may help to make the point clear. For, it is a fact that both men and devils believe there is one God. There are evidences all around us that in the depth of the creature there is a hidden sense, feeling, conviction, or consciousness, that *God is*. This capacity or faculty to sense God is present in all forms of creature life from the lowest to the highest. Paul tells us that "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain until now, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." There is undoubtedly a reference in these words to the relation which the first Adam sustained, before the fall, to the whole creation as its head and ruler; and the connecting link between it and God, and the relation in which the fallen creation stands to him in his state of ruin, and the prospective restoration to his headship in Christ over the works of God's hands. "Because the creature itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God."

The Natural Man Knows Not God.

Although there is in every creature the power to sense God, yet in its natural state the creature can not know God. For, the devil through his lie, has so blinded the mind of man, and so utterly darkened his understanding, that, apart from the Bible and the teachings of the Spirit of God, he can never come to any correct and proper un-

derstanding of the Being and character of the One true God. Hence, both devils and men have imagined God to be everything else but what he really is, and, as a consequence, men have sunken into every conceivable form of idolatry and demon worship. So that, while sin has not utterly extinguished the power to sense God, yet that faculty has been so utterly corrupted and perverted that men are naturally disposed to listen to the devil rather than to God.

The Plan of Satan to Blind Men to the Knowledge of God.

Hence, the Bible, instead of appearing to its readers as an effort to prove the *existence* of the One true God, is to be regarded rather as a revelation *from* God, by which the devil is shown to be a liar. For, let it be remembered, the devil abode not in the truth of the *being* and *character* of God, but began to aspire to the titles of the Most High. From that moment to the present hour the career of Satan has been one continuous effort to produce distorted views of the Being of God, and to so defame and slander His names and titles, that, instead of appearing to his creatures as a being worthy of their confidence and respect, he would seem as a cruel tyrant to be feared and a horrible monster to be dreaded; or a Father who is too good, and kind, and loving to punish his disobedient children. The very first word in Satan's conversation with the woman puts God in a false position; for, the conversation opens with a *question*, passes on to a *contradiction*, and ends in a positive *denial* of the Word of God. Thus Satan, disguised as a friend and benefactor of man, made it appear that he was telling the woman the truth rather than God, and thus by his lie and deception he called the character of God in question, and cast a deep and horrible shadow over his name, so that from thence until now men have distrusted and dreaded God, or presumptuously misrepresented Him, and have sought to hide from him. The horrible pictures and images which are seen in the idol temples of the heathen, are a sad commentary on the fruits of the devil's lie. It was necessary, therefore, for God to come forth in a manner suited to the need of man, with a revelation of Himself as to His being and character, in order that man might be saved from the power of the devil's lie, and know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

Distinction in the Being of God Clearly Shown from the Beginning.

It is impossible to read the preface (Genesis) of the Bible by the light of the Holy Spirit, without seeing the design and scope of the entire Scriptures. For, the distinction in the being of God, as taught by our Lord and expressed in terms of relationship as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is clearly seen in the name God, with which the Bible begins. For, the name God, being a uni-plural noun, at once sets before the reader the truth over against the devil's lie. For, since in the being of God, there are three persons eternally related as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, then we are face to face with the great fact of revelation that "God is love." This fact the devil questioned, then contradicted, and finally denied. But God affirms the fact in His name and titles, and finally demonstrated it in the gift of His Son, "For God so loved the world that He gave His *only begotten Son, etc.*" John says, "We have *known* and *believed* the love which God has to us." Until the devil came with his lie, man did not know or believe anything else but, the fact that God is love. For how could he know and believe aught else when his creator stood before him as a Tripersonal Being in whom each person was naturally and eternally related to the others in a covenant bond of love. And how can we

know and believe aught else, who have been delivered from the spirit and power of the devil's lie, but the glorious and comforting fact that "God is love." Such a revelation of God, is to the saved ones, a complete and eternally satisfactory vindication of the being and character of the One true God.

The Battle Between God and Satan.

One cannot read very far into the preface of the Bible without becoming sensible of some strange and awful tragedy being enacted behind the veil of flesh; of some stupendous struggle going on between opposing forces. Neither are we left in the dark as to the nature of the struggle, or the forces engaged in it, for in chapter 3 of Genesis, the curtain is lifted and we are permitted to see the "ancient serpent, called the Devil and Satan," engaged in mortal combat with God, man being the battle ground. The combatants from that moment shifted the scene of the mighty struggle to earth. The history of the human race is the history of the conflict between God and the devil. Six thousand years have rolled by since sin entered into the world and death by sin. Death reigns; generations have been born, played their part in the strange drama and died: nations have come and gone: empires have arisen and fallen: wars, famines, and pestilences have blanched and disfigured the face of the earth: times, seasons and dispensations have run their course, leaving to succeeding ages their legacy of sorrows and woe: and today we are gripped in the birth pangs of world wide horrors; nations against nations, kingdoms against kingdoms: kindreds, and tribes, and tongues, and peoples, like the mighty sea, tossed and driven by the besom of satanic intrigue and hate: the devil marshalling his forces to deliver one last drive against the One true God by deceiving the whole world into the worship of the anti-god, and anti-christ. Thus, under the power of the devil's lie, has the understanding of men been darkened, so that the Being who is Light and Love, appears to them as a being of darkness and hate: sweet is bitter and bitter is sweet, white is black and black is white: while Satan appears to them as the one true god, to be worshipped and served.

The Deceiver to be Exposed.

Let no one, then, for a moment suppose that the contents of the Bible are gathered and preserved merely as history of divine-human affairs. Such a view does not exhaust its design and scope; it is too superficial, and leaves the reader in a state of uncertainty and to some extent still under the power of that horrible darkness of suspicion and distrust which the devil had cast over the Being and character of the One true God. The devil, who is a murderer and a liar from the beginning, must be brought down from the sides of the north, and from the mountain of God, out of the midst of the stones of fire, and the throne of the Almighty, whither he had aspired, and set forth in his true character before the eyes of the saints of the Most High. His pretensions to piety and religion: his posing as a benefactor of mankind: his claims to the honors and worship of the Most High, like a mask, must be torn from his form until the universe shall see him as God sees him, and turn from him as a hissing serpent, or from a blood-gorged dragon.

The One true God is enduring with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. Men and devils, under the inspiration of their arch-leader, Satan, have committed innumerable and inconceivable ungodly deeds against God: laid to his charge all manner of evil things. They have maligned and slandered Him; they have perpetrated all sorts of crimes and vices in His name: filled the earth with all sorts of perverted notions about the person of His Son: invoked his co-operation and

blessing upon their demoniacal schemes of selfishness and greed: scrupled not to make Him a party to their intrigues and lies in taking the advantage of their fellows in business, politics, and government: they have smitten His Son in the face, spat upon Him, tore the hair from His beard, scourged and mocked Him: led Him as a sheep to the slaughter. Their hate of the One true God has hitherto known no bounds. Early and late: in season and out of season: in the assembly of the saints and in the assembly of the wicked, Satan has been urging on his propaganda, (himself transformed into an angel of light and his ministers into ministers of righteousness) with tireless energy, and ceaseless activity, so that if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived.

At this moment, men are planning and devising, under the leadership of Satan, a world empire of nations: a united world religion: a great universal brotherhood bound together by a universal peace and safety covenant made by and with "The coming man of the hour." What a colossal contradiction and lie of the devil! what a stupendous deception! what unthinkable stupidity! yea, what raving madness of men who, having been made the custodians of the oracles of the One true God, turn aside to believe the devil rather than God. But, their counsels shall not stand. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: He shall have them in derision: He will mock when their fear cometh. Having turned from the truth and believed the lie, they quickly formulate it into a creed: adopt it as their faith: and proclaim it as their doctrine. But they shall proceed no further. For God will vindicate Himself.

Calvary stands out against the sky line of revelation as God's final answer to the devil's charge of *insincerity and double dealing*. For, "After that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared," and the reproaches of them that reproached God fell on the head of His only begotten Son, while He endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, the case rests on the testimony of the Star Witness. God's answer to the rebuttal testimony which the devil may have filed against the Being and character of the One true God, since the death of the Son of God will be the wrath of the Lamb and the cup of His indignation poured out without mixture, and the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone unto the ages of the ages. Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience any one may have by obeying God, (Luke 3:22; Luke 24:48, 49) and is an operation distinct from regeneration, Acts 1:15.

In the baptism of the Holy Spirit there is power that fits one for God's service, Acts 1:8; 2:4. The manifestations are not all alike in all persons, but when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me, John 15:16 and Acts 2:4.

The baptism always imparts power for service. Christ commanded His disciples not to enter upon the work to which He had called them until they were endued with power from on high, and Christ Himself did not enter upon His ministry until the Spirit of God had come upon Him.

This baptism was not merely for the apostles, nor for the Apostolic age, but for all that are afar off even to as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Is He calling you? Acts 3:19 says, "Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."—J. V. Perdue, Cleburne, Tex.

A LOVE-SONG TO THE ESPOUSAL OF MY SOUL!

(Tune: Wanita.)

Soft over the fountain lingers long the angels' song,
Far o'er the mountain breaks the chorus of happy throng,
In Thy face, Oh loving Splendor, where God's glory loves to dwell,
Kingly looks, yet tender, exert their fondest spell.

Refrain:

Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Loving Saviour, can we part?
Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Let me lean on Thy heart!

When in my dreaming, hours like these shall come again,
And day-light beaming, prove Thy keeping not in vain;
Wilt Thou then in loving guidance keep me, Jesus, always
nigh!
In Thy love confiding, till I see Thee on high!

Refrain:

Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Let me linger at Thy side.
Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Ever with me abide!

—A. P. Collins.

AN AMBASSADOR IN THE TRENCHES.

The story comes to us of a British soldier boy whose life is a wonderful tribute to the goodness, the longsuffering, and the boundless grace of our ever-merciful God. Bernard Ellis, for such was his name, was born in Lancashire, England, in September, 1889. His mother worked in a factory all day, and the boy was left to wander at will, and he soon became notorious for his pilfering habits. He would steal everything he could lay his hands on. His parents spent most of their spare time in drinking palaces and saloons, and the boy was quick to learn everything that was evil, as he accompanied them to these haunts of vice.

His mother, who was Irish, was a Roman Catholic, but she had a serious disagreement with the priest, and so to spite him, sent the boy to a Protestant school; but his hatred of discipline and love of wandering soon got the upper hand of the lad, and at the age of twelve, when his mother died, he left home to wander up and down the country, first working at one and then at another side show, and at the same time pilfering all he could. At the age of sixteen, he found himself in Liverpool hungry and penniless, and for want of anything better to do, he joined the British army, and was sent to Winchester for training.

Bernard Ellis's military career from the time of enlistment to the day he was discharged with ignominy is described as "one long catalogue of crimes." One court martial followed another, and various terms of imprisonment were meted out to him. Once, when on a thieving expedition, he narrowly escaped committing murder. His last sentence was for six months' imprisonment in the military prison in Lucknow, India, where his regiment was then quartered, after which he was to receive an ignominious discharge from the army. While in this prison, Ellis, in a fit of temper, cut into shreds every scrap of his clothes, kit and bedding and for this misdemeanor he was sentenced by the court martial to ten days' solitary confinement, with bread and water, in a darkened cell.

On the fourth day of this solitary confinement, his past life came up before him, and God began to show him the exceeding sinfulness of his sins. Little snatches of Gospel hymns he had heard on different occasions came back to him, and then suddenly he heard a voice saying to him in clear distinct tones, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matt. 11:28. As he listened, he was overcome with a strange feeling. Again he heard that clear, distinct voice: "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again," John 3:7. For a while there was a fierce struggle in the breast of that poor lost soul, as the devil tried to retain the hold that he had gotten, but at last the love of God conquered, that hard heart and stubborn will were broken, and Ellis found himself with faltering lips repeating the words of a hymn he had sometimes heard at a Gospel service:—

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!"

He prayed, "O God, for Christ's sake, please forgive me all my sins, and make me one of your children." His prayer was answered, and he found himself flooded with peace and joy, a new creature in Christ Jesus. The burden of his sins had rolled away forever, and in its place had come a hunger for the Word, and a desire to become a true witness for God.

Four months after this, Ellis was sent back to England, discharged from the army, without a character and without a friend in the world. At first he found it difficult to secure employment, but after a while he secured a position in his native town. He was never ashamed to tell out what great things God had done for him either in mission hall, in workshop, in open-air meetings at the gate of the foundry where he was employed, or even from the steps of the town hall of that busy manufacturing town.

Then the war broke out. Everybody in England was at the highest pitch of excitement. Crowds flocked to the recruiting offices. Very few seemed to remember what Jesus said to us when He preached the sermon on the mount. All Ellis could think of was that here was a wonderful opportunity to redeem his past bad character in the army. At the recruiting office, he told them plainly that he had been discharged from the army without a character previously, and they refused to let him rejoin. He tried again and again, but in vain. Nothing daunted, Ellis appealed to the King. He wrote to His Majesty, King George, and told him of his past evil career in the army, but that since then he had been converted, and asking him to be kind enough to let him back in his army, and he would do his best to retrieve his past evil character.

Three days later a letter was received from the King's secretary, saying that if he were medically fit, the military authorities would accept his services, and the secretary added: "*His Majesty directs me to tell you so.*"

Ellis re-enlisted in his old regiment which was sent to France and he was soon in the trenches, and he did not fail to prove a bold witness for Jesus Christ. He was soon scattering Testaments and Gospel literature amongst the men of his regiment, and he had a meeting with them every night. When the bullets and shells were humming the loudest above them, he would start singing a hymn, and above the din of the battle would be heard the Gospel song of the men in Ellis's trench,

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
More than all in Thee I find."

And again,

"Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of Thy wing."

Some extracts from his letters are interesting. "Before leaving England I used to kneel down in the barrack room

to pray for my comrades. My next bed-fellow, to whom I often spoke, has accepted Christ, and is with me now witnessing for Christ. May he, and each of us, grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! He have all sorts come to our Gospel meetings, atheists, R. C.'s, Unitarians, and those who think (because oftentimes they hear it preached, alas!) that death in battle will save them; others think they can, like the dying thief, be saved at the last hour, forgetting that whilst one thief was thus saved, one was lost; but thank God every question asked can be solved by the Word of God. I thank God that He saved me and has kept me ever since. When I was converted I did not know Genesis from Revelation. When in the trenches, every spare moment I get I use in reading the Word of God. Some chapters I have read twenty times in one day. Oh! what comfort I find in God's precious Book."

After serving six months, Ellis was promoted to Lance-Corporal, and three months later was promoted to Lance-Sergeant for gallantry on the field for "bringing into a place of safety, under heavy machine gun fire, a wounded comrade who had been left behind." The same night, whilst a party of his regiment occupied a dangerous position, he was mortally wounded, and shortly afterwards his ransomed spirit departed to be with Christ.

The subjoined is a copy of a letter sent to and graciously acknowledged by His Majesty, King George:—"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

"Sir,—A desire has been expressed that your Majesty should be informed of the brave and gallant conduct, and death, of Lance-Sergeant Bernard Ellis, King's Royal Rifles, in France. Your Majesty will probably remember that this was the soldier, who was discharged from the army with ignominy, and who, at the commencement of the war, vainly tried to re-enlist, and who eventually wrote to your Majesty for permission (which was most graciously given) to do so. On the 24th of February Lance-Corporal Ellis was promoted Lance-Sergeant for a gallant action on the battlefield the previous day. The same evening he was mortally wounded, dying the next morning.

"Here before me lies a communication from one of his comrades telling the sorrowful news; he also adds that Sergeant Ellis was a good worker for God, and a brave soldier of his King and country, and he it was that led me to the Saviour.

"I am enclosing a copy of 'Two Pardons' (for which see Ellis), 'Willie the Bugler,' 'The Royal invitation,' and 'Private J. Wallace's Letters from the Front,' with desire that your Majesty may be pleased to accept the same. I remain your Majesty's faithful and dutiful servant,

Let us pray that God will raise up many such ambassadors in the trenches.

DWELLING WITH THE KING.

(Continued from page 3.)

and set up an establishment of their own, independent of the King, they could not expect Him to supply. We do not have to be troubled about necessary supplies so long as we are dwelling with the King, for He hath said, "My God shall supply all your need." Whatever our station in life, we too may dwell with the King for his work, and His service is not irksome, but gladsome joy.—Lydia Hofer, Sam Shui, South China.

If man could only live as God intended him to live, every moment of his existence would be a sublime and mighty joy.

DAILY PORTION FROM THE
KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday. "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren." Gen. 13:8.

When two goats meet on a narrow mountain-path, where they find it impossible to pass one another, one of them quietly lies down, while the other crosses on top of it. Thus both may continue their way safely. To have opposed one another would have resulted in death for both on the rocks far below. Is there not here a timely hint as to how God's children may meet and pass one another on similarly trying mountain passes today?

Monday. "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." 1 Tim. 5:8.

God never sanctioned a life of lazy irresponsibility, particularly when a man has others dependent upon him. It makes no difference what excuses the religious enthusiast may give in pursuing such a course, God is not pleased with it, and His children should not countenance it. God has ever intended that His children should be a pattern of holy industry and diligent activity in whatever work comes to their hands. And if you are in His will, He will take care that you always have something upright and clean to do.

Tuesday. "Jesus wept." Jno. 11:35.

"Jesus wept! those tears are over
But his heart is still the same,
Kinsman, Friend, and Elder Brother,
Is His everlasting name.
Saviour, who can love like Thee,
Gracious one of Bethany."

Wednesday. "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith." Col. 2:7.

Deep spiritual life results from the closest contact with God. Deplorable the condition of that soul which has ceased to feel the fresh watering of God's dew,—that has ceased to depend on the constant upholding of His hand. However much of power and strength may yet appear in that life, the steps will not be many before failure comes.

Thursday. "Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Matt. 6:32.

He is so very interested in every one of us—this God whom we trust. He anticipates our needs, sometimes before we really know we have them; He plans for us blessings, rich and unnumbered, out of His great heart of love. He never forgets; He never overlooks; He never comes behind time. What a burst of praise and thanksgiving all this assurance should bring from our lips!

Friday. "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:13.

Someone once said, and I like to remember it often, "If we could know the inner life of many of the people whom we meet daily, socially or in business, we would be very gentle with them. We would excuse the things that seem strange in them for they are carrying burdens of secret grief that cannot be told." "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

Saturday. "He hath made us accepted in the beloved." Eph. 1:6.

"In the robes of spotless whiteness,
With the Blood of priceless worth,
Christ has passed into that brightness,
Christ rejected from the earth—
Christ accepted there on high,
And in Him do I draw nigh."

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PERFECTING THAT WHICH CONCERNS US.

Do you lay hold of the unseen, the spiritual, with as much earnestness as you do the seen, the tangible? The things unhandled and unseen are more real than the things handled and seen. Jesus said, "Handle Me." The most unreal to the world was the most real to the Father, and even to Thomas the doubter. He was seen of the twelve and of upwards of five hundred at one time. He was in the world, and the world saw Him not. Was He any the less real? Can you handle the Word of God? It is more real than the heavens. They shall pass away, but the Word of God abideth forever.

First comes that which is natural and afterwards that which is spiritual. Do not stop at the first, the first is not the final. Man reverses the order: the last he sets at nought, and that which is natural he tries to make first and final. Man's thought is "Let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto Heaven." That is man's way, linking earth to heaven with bricks. His earth is himself, and he thinks that he can make earth reach heaven. But Jesus declared "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

In mercy, God stopped man in the building of the tower, but he has not learned the lesson. Later on, one boasted, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built?" And man has been trying to build permanent habitations ever since. But we who believe have learned a secret. We know that if our earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have an eternal building, not made with hands. The dissolving of the earthly can start now with us. If our outward man perish, we have a building of God.

Paul knew what it was to keep his body under, so that the superstructure might be built over. He testified, "The inward man is renewed day by day." Take time that the inward man may be built up and renewed, that it may be fitted for the eternal habitation prepared for it.

There was more work in the Temple of Solomon than appeared on the outside. The stone, wood, the gold over-

laying, the curtains and all the appliances were all hidden within the temple. So in the spiritual habitation built up for God, hidden within, are the gifts, the graces and the fruits of the Spirit. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, the first profit being to ourselves, so that our profiting may appear to all. The new man within is Christ Jesus!

The tabernacle was useful in its time, but it had to give way to the temple. Although it was very precious in its time, there were no regrets expressed at the dedication of the temple at the loss of the old. And though this outward tabernacle may perish, we have a building of God. The former things shall not come into remembrance. Take care that the building of God may be thoroughly furnished and complete within. The tabernacle had its use in its day, but it had to give way to the glorious, beautiful, *perfected* temple. Badgers' skins had to give way to cedar, and your badgers' skins have to give way to the wrought gold within. "The king's daughter is all glorious within." Look well to the in-furnishings; see that the flame at the altar goes not out neither day nor night, and that the morning and evening sacrifice is offered continually. You need the Blood in the morning, and you need the Blood in the evening, not only for yourself, but for the sins of the people. You must bring the sacrifice, the Lamb, before God morning and evening, not only on behalf of yourselves, the Israel of God, but on behalf of those who are without. Supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks should be made for all men.

How blessed it is to look up to God in faith and declare, "He will perfect that which concerneth me. He will furnish and complete the temple within. He will do it all. Having commenced the good work, He will complete it!" If we only knew His infinite tender care, we would never doubt again. Let us *let go* to Him, and trust Him. Job said, "He performeth the thing that is appointed for me," and cannot we say the same? Jesus said, "The work that Thou gavest me to do have I finished," and all His works are perfect.

If every Scripture was fulfilled concerning Him, and not till every jot and tittle of it was fulfilled could the Son lay down His life, can we not trust Him to fulfill every jot and tittle, and every detail to the completed, full and perfect work within us? "I have finished the work Thou gavest Me to do," preceded, "It is finished." Can we not trust a perfect Saviour to do a perfect, finished work within us? Let us trust Him to perfect that which concerneth us. He can say no more. He has said, "It is finished." Let us trust and thank Him. By so doing we acknowledge that He has perfected our salvation.

McCheyne used to pray, "Make forgiveness so sweet to me that I can talk about it to others."

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Questions and Answers

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This department is only open for the edification of those in need of such light on the Scriptures as we can give, not for argument or disputing. The editor reserves the right to answer only such questions as will be for the glory of God and to the help of our readers. No questions, under any circumstances, will be answered by letter, so please do not expect this.

157. In what sense is Jesus the Mighty God as in Isa. 9:6?

Ans. That Jesus is God is declared in many Scriptures. He is God the same as the Father is God, the same as the Spirit is God. To deny Jesus is God is to deny His Deity, and is to become in reality a Unitarian. The late General Council in St. Louis declares it to be "our express duty . . . to ascribe unto the Son all the attributes of Deity and to give Him all the honor and the glory contained in **all the names and titles of the Godhead**, except those which express relationship. But this does not belittle or exclude the Father, for the next clause adds, "And thus honor the Son even as we honor the Father." It merely means that as to Deity we honor Him as equal to the Father. That is, He has the same divine nature, the same essence, substance or being that the Father has, that in this respect they are one. Is the Father everywhere? So is the Son. Is the Father omnipotent? So is the Son. Hence Isa. 9:6 is only in keeping with many other Scriptures that Jesus is God; and that He is the "mighty" one is only in keeping with what Jesus Himself says when He claims all power in heaven and in earth. Truly Jesus is the Mighty God, so also the Father is the Mighty God; yet there are not two Gods but one. Do you see it? Each identity in the Godhead is God, but not without or to the exclusion of the other. Nay, only in vital union with them. Oh hallelujah to Jesus our Saviour, the Mighty God.

Because the atmosphere was filled with contention to this effect, some have understood my article entitled "Who is Jesus Christ," in which I set Him forth as the Mighty God, to mean that I meant Jesus was the Trinity, or that the name of the Trinity is Jesus Christ or that Jesus only is God. I certainly meant none of these things, nor does the article say any of these things. It is not a discussion of the Trinity at all, and is meant only to exalt Jesus with the titles and names of Deity such as the General Council says it is both our duty and our joy to ascribe unto Him.

Let us not fear to exalt Him in a true Bible way, because some one else unscripturally slips in the little word "only" in such a way as to imply wrongly that there is no distinction between Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Spirit is given to help us exalt Jesus.

158. Rom. 8:9 says if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Can any one have the Spirit without the baptism with the Holy Ghost?

Ans. There are different senses in which one may have the Spirit. Before Pentecost Jesus said to the disciples "He dwelleth with you," John 14:17. They did not have the baptism or the Spirit as a New Testament gift in them to abide forever; but they had Him "with them." So today believers may have the presence of the Spirit, giving them joy and witness to their sonship, and yet not possess the Spirit as a perpetual gift as He is bestowed in the baptism.

159. Is one in the body of Christ who is not baptized in the Spirit?

Ans. Christ is the head of the church or body. If we are in Him, we must be in the church, His body. We can be in Him or in His body in three senses. In the new birth we are "created in Christ Jesus." In water baptism we are symbolically "baptized into Christ." In the baptism we are "baptized in one Spirit into one body." Why not be in Him in all three of these ways as God intends for us all?

160. Is one saved who is not in the body of Christ?

Ans. If one is not in Christ or in his body in some sense he cannot be counted saved in a New Testament sense. The church, however, is a New Testament institution, and yet true believers in the Old Testament days will be saved. Can anybody now be saved on Old Testament grounds? God only knows.

161. Is it right for a true saint of God to join secret lodges? 4

Ans. The editor gave up three secret orders before he received the baptism, under the conviction that they were of the world, and since the "world lieth in th wicked one" he did not want to be bound by oath to it. I am still of the same conviction. I had to lose \$7,000 worth of insurance in these orders, and that is what holds most people. I would be patient with a brother, however, till God gives him the light against secret orders, as I believe He will if he is honest.

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The early Christians were not cooking in the supper room the day the Holy Ghost came, but they were praying in the upper room! They were not waiting on tables, they were waiting on God! They were not waiting for the fire from the stove, but for the fire from above.

They were detained by the command of God, and not entertained by the cunning of men. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, not stuffed with a stew or roast.

Oh, I would like the cooking squad put out, and the praying band put in. *Less ham* and *sham* and more heaven. *Less pie* and more *piety*. *Less use* for the cook and more use for the Old Book. Put out the fire in the church kitchen and build it on the altar.

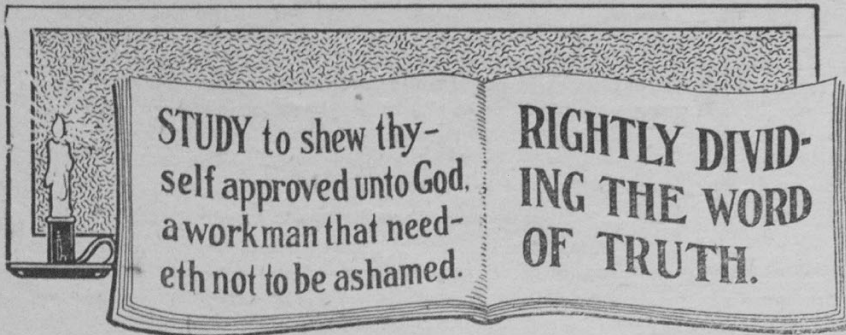
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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 1, 1917.

JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND.

Lesson Text.—John 9:1-38.

Golden Text.—“I am the light of the world.” John 9:5.

Leading Thought.—A faithful witness.

The feeding of the five thousand opened the way for the wonderful discourse on the Bread of Life. Now again in the opening of the man's eyes, who was born blind, do we have the basis for Christ's wonderful declaration, “I am the light of the world.” John the evangelist has a definite purpose in the recording of each miracle. Perhaps he drew closer to the heart of Jesus, and caught more deeply the spiritual significance of each than did the other evangelists. Someone has said, “While every miracle wrought by Christ is an acted parable, each of the eight that John recorded is always the text of some great truth of salvation, the trunk of a tree which bears healing leaves and the fruit of some essential teaching.”

1. **The Blind Man Healed, Vs. 1-7.** “He saw a man,” probably as He was going into the temple on the Sabbath of worship after the feast. Those searching compassionate eyes of Jesus! They saw the helpless man at the pool of Bethesda. They saw Mary weeping over her brother Lazarus. ch. 11:33. They saw the troubled boatload of disciples on Lake Galilee. And even looking from the cross in the last agony of death they saw His mother and His beloved disciple. How often has He seen us when none other knew or cared.

“He saw me in my lost estate,
His lovingkindness—O how great!”

The disciples noted that glance enough to put the question as to whose sin had caused the man's deplorable condition. It was the well accepted Jewish opinion that someone, if not the man himself, then his parents, was responsible for the sufferer, whatever his difficulty might be. Job's friends took that view of the case until God exploded their theory. Job 42:7-10. Sin does bring affliction, for its wages are death, but we not always trace particular cases

of affliction to particular sins. Nor is God pleased to have us wholesaley condemn those whose bodies are afflicted. Jesus never did. Point them rather to the One who has borne all the sin and suffering for the world. Christ gives the reason for the man's affliction—“that the works of God should be made manifest in him.” And there are others like him today. Let us not overlook the admonition in verse 4. How faithfully, how untiringly Jesus worked the works of God, those three short years of public ministry. How poorly many of His professed followers emulate His example! That the night is almost upon us is of little concern to some. The day of opportunity and ability is fast ending. God help us who are of the day “to watch and be sober,” “redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” Christ's use of the spittle has been very foolishly construed by some as an excuse to use natural means in preference to trusting divine power. There was no thought of the spittle being a curative agency. Perhaps there was the thought of encouraging the blind man's faith by this simple means. But it is ridiculous to place any ability in the mere clay to open the man's blinded eyes. But might we not continue the symbolism of the miracle in the application of the clay made from the ground with the spittle of Him who first breathed life into clay. “All things were made by Him”—we should always remember this. And it is Him—Creator of all, who speaks and performs those things in every life which bring deliverance and healing. It was the very life of Jesus applied to those sightless members. It is His very life breathed into us that makes us strong. And then came the word of command as to Namaan of old, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam.” V. 7. It was a test of the man's faith and obedience. “Siloam,” which means “sent.” How directly symbolic of Jesus, the “Sent of God,” the pool of healing, from whose waters every one who washes therein, comes forth seeing, made every whit whole.

2. **The Blind Man's Testimony, Vs. 8-38.** The man himself knew his healing was divine. To the neighbors who questioned his identity, he boldly said, “I am he.” Then to their question as to how it happened he gave a clear testimony, “I went, I washed, and I received sight.” V. 11. Thus he bore witness to the common people. And now come

the Pharisees, to whom He again gives the same clear convincing testimony. Unable to dispute the man's word they seek to throw a shadow on the miracle by showing Christ's disregard of the Sabbath day, again straining most unmercifully at the keeping of the Law's letter. But this brought a division; was their traditional law of Sabbath observance divine; or was He who wrought these miracles so? How faithfully the young man walked in all the light he had, as he answered their question as to whom he considered Christ to be! “He is a prophet.” More is back of these words than a hasty reading would imply. It speaks the open true acceptance of Jesus, just as far as the simple-hearted man knew. When his parents were questioned in the hope of further discounting the miracle, even their cautious answers for fear of the Pharisee's disfavor, added more weight to the man's testimony. “He was born blind,” they affirmed; and again speaks the man, “One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see.” He was a true witness—he told just what he knew. This is what God expects of us all—faithful witnessing. Unable to discount the reality of the miracle, the Pharisees further sought to discredit Jesus, willing that the man should glorify God. And so the world does today. They accept the testimony in part, so long as you do not magnify the cross, and do not embrace the unpopular side. Christian Science has healing; other false systems show their miracles. Why then do they so oppose those who stand for the supernatural in religion? Because of the cross. It is still foolishness to those who perish, but unto us who believe it is the power of God unto salvation. Hallelujah! The cross and the blood held high in its relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ is the trade-mark of the true. Accept no substitute; countenance no substitute, but rather expose them. Whatever the pleasing appearance of their wares, death is at the heart, for only “He that hath the Son, hath life.” Never tone down your testimony to suit some modern Pharisee. It was the clear true witnessing of the early Christians that gave us our liberty today. And Satan is seeking to rob us of it, and perhaps the most used means is compromise on the part of those whom God has brought into victory and liberty. “Stand fast in the liberty!” It may mean for you what it meant for that man—ostracism, casting out from the synagogue, ridicule and scorn. But no sooner have they laid hands upon you to this end, than Jesus will come along your way, in a truer, more precious way than ever before; and will speak to you words of assurance and power as He did to the man of old. Vs. 35-38.

Next Week's Lesson.

April 8, 1917.

JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD.—Easter Lesson.

Lesson Text.—John 11:17-44.

Golden Text.—John 11:25.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

REFRESHING NEWS FROM THE BELGIAN CONGO.

Last week we gave a short account of the work in the Belgian Congo, and how blessedly the Lord is providing for His servants there. We are pleased to print this week a letter giving fuller details:

Just a little note of praise to God for His goodness and mercy.

I would like to speak of several matters in which God has wonderfully provided. The natives have very little idea of work, and after a few weeks they get tired and stop. Thus on the saw pit I've trained about a dozen fellows to cut up plank; but after a week or so, they said, "Swana, it's hard work; I'm going to sit in the village." So they stop work. But, bit by bit, I got enough planks to make a little furniture. And at the time of building I had four short and two long planks unused. I had very little rope for scaffolding, but we prayed to God to supply every need, and the planks in hand were just enough to permit me to work on a platform without a scaffold. God saw to it that we had enough, and now that I have moved into the house, we shall need wood to season, so that in a few months time we can make doors and windows (for at present, we've had no doors or windows since arriving in the Congo. We've shut up nothing, and never had privacy.)

Hence God has sent me two trained saw-pit natives who were taught by a Portuguese man 700 miles southwest. They've got converted and are turning out my timber in splendid style. Now in the matter of food, it is still hard to get chickens, but we've had enough.

Our little colony of native Christians, however, have suffered much from hunger as the gardens have not started to yield yet. On finding out what great straits they were in last week, I took my rifle, and went out hunting. I walked between eighty and ninety miles in two days, doing my best to get them meat. I wounded a buffalo, but it got away, so the only thing I obtained was a little "Kashia," a wee Gazelle no bigger than a collie dog. Not much for thirty starving natives, but as I divided up the little animal, I showed them my blistered feet, and told them I'd done my best, and we must praise God, even for sending us a little.

So we had a praise meeting around the wee Kashia (might explain that though there's lots of game, the rain has now been falling off and on for two months, and the undergrowth is so rank and thick, that one can often get five or six yards from the biggest game without obtaining a shot.)

This week the neighborhood has been troubled by a lion: it has been stalking the women as they go to their gardens from a village about four miles from here, and I've often heard it roaring around us as I lay in bed at night. Now as a rule (with the exception of elephants) big game do not come within a few miles of the mission, because of

the great number of villages dotted here and there in the forest. Naturally, our opposers, ready for an opening, began to darkly hint that our God was not up to much, for His people were without food, and now threatened by a lion! But Jehovah Jirah had sent the lion with a special purpose; for he frightened and scattered the big herds of buffalo in the marshes and forests some miles north of here. Consequently a woman accosted me almost inarticulate with fright this morning. She'd gone early to work in her manioc field, and almost fallen over three great buffalo. They had evidently gone there for safety from the lion.

I got my rifle, and soon was off along the spoor. After about two miles, I came upon them feeding, on the opposite of a rocky valley, in full view. Took a long shot, and dropped one fine big one. So after walking over eighty miles, without success, God sent us 800 pounds of good beef and had a lion to chase it to within two miles of our own door for us. Oh, Hallelujah! as much as sixteen men could stagger home under (and two extra to carry the skin).

So we had another praise meeting around the dead buffalo, and took the opportunity of explaining to the scores of villagers who quickly came on the scene, that God always works for those who trust and wait for Him.

Then again, tinned milk is very hard to get. This week we have come to our last tin. Yesterday, Bro. Salter remarked that there was only enough milk for another day; but El Shaddai knew, and today a fine milk goat arrived, and with the promise of another to follow tomorrow—a present from a Belgian administrator who has been very kind to us, and wishes to dispose of his goats as he is leaving the district. You can imagine our hearts were full as we sat down to our meal, and saw the fine bottle of fresh milk which our Father had sent along.

Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto Him, and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. This, beloved, is our Lord, and He is to be our portion throughout eternity.

With loving greetings,

Willie F. P. Burton.

What Manner of Love.

A great plague came to Marseilles. The doctors held a consultation and decided that a corpse must be dissected, or they would never know how to stop the plague. A Dr. Guyon said: "To-morrow morning I will proceed to a dissection." He made his will, prepared for death, went into the hospital, dissected a body, wrote out the result of the dissection, and in twelve hours died.

Beautiful self-sacrifice, you say. Our Lord Jesus looked out from heaven and saw a plague-stricken race. Sin must be

dissected. He made His will, gave everything to His people. He came down into the reeking hospital of earth. He lays His hand to the work. Under our plague He dies—the healthy for the sick, the pure for the polluted, the innocent for the guilty. BEHOLD the sacrifice! BEHOLD the rescue! (John 3: 16.)—Sent by E. G. Block.

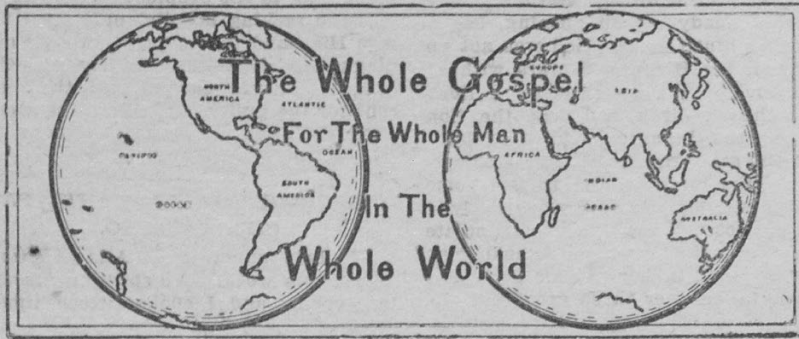
FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC BY AUTO.

We held meetings in Atlanta; were there for a week. We spent two weeks in Houston and I spoke fifteen times. We, Dr. Murcutt and I, were in the two assemblies there, and Miss Luce came up to be with us; and we had beautiful meetings, a number saved and several baptized. We then spent two weeks in San Antonio. Bro. Richey and Bro. Collins came, and Bro. Richey with the people then opened up a new assembly, and we had seventeen conversions and several baptisms. Praise the Lord!

We spent one evening at Smithville, where we had a parlor meeting. Bro. and Sister Mooney were there and arranged for it. So we feel we have been scattering all along the way. We feel there is a great door open in San Antonio. A wonderful opportunity, and I may go back. There were over 50,000 soldiers encamped there, and there were said to be from 50,000 to 100,000 Mexican refugees there. One soldier boy came in one night and he was saved, and the next night was baptized.

Bro. Collins has invited me back for the District Camp Meeting. I do not know yet what I will do, but I feel to say that I believe in the summer camp meetings; it is a wonderful opportunity to get the young preachers established and settled upon the Word of God.

Last summer, at a camp meeting, I was asked to take the afternoon meeting. I took the 1st book of Corinthians, and went through it. God used it. I know He did, and the people received a lot of Bible, and began to see just what they believed in the Word. And it was always followed by an altar service, waiting upon God for the baptism. I do not believe in planning out cut and dried meetings, but I do believe our people need to know what the Bible teaches and to know the Word. And two or three hours of Bible study each morning, spent in the Word with pencil and note book would help our young men to store away material to use in their meetings. The Spirit must have the Word to draw from, and we are to know the Word and He will illuminate, and reveal, and use, and bring it forth. I believe every message ought to have enough salvation in it to put conviction on sinners and get them saved, enough of the all cleansing blood to show the necessity for cleansing from sin; enough of the baptism to get people hungry to receive the Holy Ghost; and enough of the Word to build up believers, saved, cleansed, baptized believers in the most holy faith. It is so wonderful to become better and better acquainted with Him.—Vida Baer.



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.

Sister Alice Luce writes from Kingsville, Texas, "Bro. Ball is away distributing Gospels and preaching across the border in Mexico, and also on this side of the Rio Grande. I am sending down parcels of Gospels to him by the thousand. God is indeed setting before us an open door in these parts, and the people seem really hungry for the Word. Last Sunday our little church sent out its first missionaries, and oh what a blessed time we had."

Sister Lillian Denney writes from Rupaiddha, India, "We are having lovely weather now, a blessed time for touring and preaching the Gospel, and most of the missionaries are improving the opportunity. All our workers, with Miss Hacker, are at a big mela in Allahabad, one that comes only once every twelve years. It is attended by thousands of pilgrims from all over India. The workers are faithfully giving out the Word of God, and report great opposition, which proves that God is working. O, that a mighty work may be done that will bring forth an abundant harvest."

Bro. N. P. Rasmussen writes of some special meetings they have been holding for fifteen days at Shih Chia Chung, China, which have been attended with blessing. "A number were seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, some were mightily under the power, and we hope that they will soon come through. So far in this meeting only two received. A few sinners bowed the knee to Jesus for the first time. The work in our outstations is very promising. The people are coming in, and a number are giving their hearts to the Lord. Sick ones have been brought in, and Jesus has healed them. We are waiting and praying for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon them."

Sister Estelle A. Bernauer writes from Tokyo-Fu, Japan, "We are having a hard fight with the enemy these days,

but our trust is in the living God. Just recently a Buddhist priest prophesied that this block was to be destroyed by fire before February 21st. (Her letter was written on February 20th.) A holiness mission was burned down here, and the Salvation Army have been driven from the town. Please pray that our God will make us victorious. Many of the younger ones, who attended our meetings, were threatened and driven away, but six young men are interested and are studying the Bible. Ask God to move upon them by His Spirit, convicting of sin and drawing them to the foot of the Cross."

Bro. A. H. Badger writes from London, England, "I was listening to a dear sister a short time back who told us that she had returned with her husband from a leper colony, after many years of arduous toil among the lepers, and they did not anticipate returning. But this sister came across some Pentecostal people in Dublin, sought for and obtained the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and she has now returned with joy to her sphere of labor under the C. M. S., who offered to provide her with a skin outfit, but she refused, as she has taken the Lord as her Divine Healer. She returned on the same ship in company with two Pentecostal missionaries from the P. M. U. training home."

Brother E. A. Barnes sends a good report from Nicaragua, "God is blessing the work, and the congregation is going on with God. Last week we had a baptizing service, and on our return from the river, a crowd of women and boys followed us, mocking, cursing and stoning us. In the meeting that followed, a crowd gathered in front of the mission hall, still mocking and keeping sinners from entering—for a sinner will not enter when his friends (?) are outside mocking. There are, however, those who are seeking God, and a few accepting Jesus and following Him. We do not seek persecution, yet when God allows it, we praise Him also for it, knowing that He uses it as a means of purifying the saints, and those who under such circumstances are saved generally stand true to God. Continue to pray for us—the field is a hard one, the devil's forces are well entrenched, and the fight is fierce, but, blessed be God, Jesus

is victor and it is He who is our Captain. Hallelujah!"

"THEIR LAND ALSO IS FULL OF IDOLS." Isa. 2:8.

Sai Nam has been building and preparing for several months for the greatest idol worship festival this city has ever had. Several thousands of visitors are expected in the city to feast and worship. East of us only a few rods, there has been built an immense "paang" of bamboo, about 220 feet square and 180 feet high. In this, several hundred idols are to be displayed and also hundreds of paper images, which represent certain spirits which have been rescued out of hell. Flowers, new clothes, music, and a feast will be furnished the idols as a thanksgiving for their protection of Sai Nam during the recent revolution. Just to the west of us, only a stone's throw, is a big circus, to furnish amusement to the throngs of people. We are in the very heart of the devil's playground, and it is here that we are planning to open up the "Fountain of Living Water" to the thirsty throngs. We trust that the other missionaries and native workers will be able to co-operate with us in preaching and selling Gospels.

We have just closed a series of meetings, two of three services a day, all of which were attended by big, attentive crowds. One service ran exactly three hours, and to the close, a crowded house gave the best attention I have ever seen in China. There are some four or five men now waiting for baptism. I have never seen better opportunities than now. People are coming almost all hours of the day to inquire, or to bring some question to us about the Bible. My soul is surely stirred to push this Gospel before Jesus comes.

Yesterday we left early in the morning and got back last night. We walked into some of the interior villages not yet reached with the Gospel, and between the five of us, we sold between eighty and 100 Gospels, and preached to several hundreds. Pray with us that God will water these seeds.—Willa B. Lowther.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

Outline studies in the Book of Revelation by C. W. M. Turner won much favor among the Pentecostal people. The Gospel Publishing House sold about a hundred of the books until the issue was exhausted, and then had to return the money of a number of persons because the book could no longer be supplied. Brother Turner has hundreds of orders for his second edition, but does not know when this can be published, as he has not the money for this purpose. The first edition cost more than he received for it and when it was exhausted he had no funds with which to publish his second edition. He desires that we pray with him that God will touch the heart of someone who can give him sufficient money to help him get out his next edition for God's glory.

THE TRUE CONDITION OF INDIA.**Much Prayer Needed for this Most Difficult Field.**

In your issue of "The Weekly Evangel," dated December 9, 1916, I noticed an article from Brother A. A. Blakey of Orai, the heading of which was "A Plea for More Prayer for India." I would like to endorse what our brother has said. He writes "my conviction is this, that unless we pray down conviction of sin and of the truth of the Gospel upon the hearts of these poor people, they will never turn."

I know it is very difficult for the Lord's people in other lands to understand things as they are in India, that is why I feel that God will hold us missionaries very responsible, and He is calling us to be faithful in witnessing to the heathen, and in praying for them. Yet at the same time God is doing wonderful things in these days, praise His Holy name, and is leading many of His people out into a life of intercession which they knew nothing of before; and maybe these lines would be read by some who are feeling already a deep burden for India and her needs.

We know that when Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem, Daniel set his face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth and ashes, to pray for the accomplishment of that which God had beforehand promised should be done. Yes, the Lord had said "after seventy be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place." What a sure word of promise, yet Daniel was called upon to pray.

And hath not our heavenly Father said to His only begotten Son, "Ask of Me, and I will give Thee the nations for thine inheritance?" The day is soon coming when this wonderful second Psalm will be wholly fulfilled and Jesus shall have all the nations for His inheritance, praise God. So we pray, "Thy Kingdom come;" but His people, united to Him, can ask in Jesus' name, that even here and now He may have many from this nation for His inheritance. It is not enough that the Word be faithfully preached unto them, and that they hear and understand it. God has verily to lay bare His arm to pull them out of this kingdom of darkness.

I have been privileged to witness to the truth in many, many villages, both in this district and also in other parts of this province. Hungry souls, seeking for the truth, have not been what I have met with, but for the most part it has been careless indifference, or a passive accepting of what one has said, "Yes, yes, it is all true what you have said," but there the matter ends, and no definite decision for the Lord is made, or it has amounted to active opposition. Oh how my soul has been stirred within me

as I have stood in a heathen village with a mob around me shouting victory to one of their gods, making their choice poor souls; not only refusing to hear themselves, but also trying to prevent others from listening. We have realized the mighty, mighty power of the precious Blood of Jesus as we have passed through some such experiences.

My fellow worker and I were able, on one occasion, to visit a district where the Mass-Movement was in progress. Perhaps someone might ask "What is meant by the Mass-movement?" In some parts of the country numbers, from among the low caste, are asking for baptism, and are coming out as Christians. This is called the Mass-movement. It seems very encouraging to think of many coming out of heathenism, but much prayer is needed for these people that they might not become only nominal members of the church. Among those whom we visited we found women who had been baptized (sprinkled), but who were quite ignorant of the Gospel. I asked one whom she called upon, and she said Ram, a Hindu incarnation, much worshipped in India. Another woman was asked in my presence who Jesus is, and she did not know. After being told three times and made to answer, she was asked again, and her reply was "some other god," but who or what, she had not the vaguest idea of.

One of the missionaries told me that she had at first been against baptizing until the people were more ready, but she had come to see afterwards that by being baptized they took a definite place, and the missionaries then could claim them as belonging to their church, and could teach them. These were not Pentecostal missionaries. I have not heard of a Mass-movement in any of the stations where Pentecostal Missionaries are working. One is very glad to hear of people laying themselves open to be taught, but we realize too that not until they are truly born again can Jesus be able to see anything of the travail of His soul in them.

Sometimes it seems strange what happens. A missionary connected with one of these big societies, but who is baptized in the Holy Spirit, told me of one district where he had worked for a while. A predecessor had reported about five hundred converts, but when he went there he said it would have been difficult to count ten. What had become of them? One cannot tell; gone back into heathenism perhaps. Does India need prayer? Yea verily. Praise God for the few who have come out on His side: "Who hath despised the day of small things?" but our hearts long for the day when Jesus shall come unto His own.

A report of the census of the British empire shows that more than a half of the entire number of men and women under British rule follow the Hindu religion; that Islam claims another quarter of the inhabitants of the empire; and that the remainder is made up of Chris-

tians (including those of the United Kingdom, Ireland, the colonies, and India), and of Buddhists, Jains, Jews, etc. If we confine our attention to India (with Burmah) there are less than 3 millions of Christians (Europeans and Indians all told) against 207 millions of Hindus, 62 millions of Mohammedans, and about 22 millions of Buddhists and other small sects. It makes one feel serious as one reads these things, and long for the day when Jesus shall reign. He is coming soon, praise His Holy Name.—G. Elkington, Goshinganj, India.

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A CALL FOR MORE LABORERS FOR THE MEXICAN WORK.

I came here on the 5th to see Brother Loreto Garza off into Mexico. He is a most precious brother, one of my first converts after having received my Pentecost. He was called to the ministry at the time of his conversion, and to this end he has been studying and preparing himself for two years. As we parted at the Rio Grande River I was sad to see him go, as I have learned to love him as a brother, but I thank God for so noble a witness for Jesus there in Mexico. Do pray for him.

I have been giving out Gospels, tracts and papers in Matamoros, Mexico, and here in Brownsville. To-day I was in Matamoros and gave out 200 Gospels in no time. The people crowd around me, begging until they receive. The war in Mexico has wrought great havoc. Everything is so costly.

I am praying over the prospects, and if it be the Lord's will, I expect in May or sooner to bring several Mexican workers from Kingsville here and start a mission. I believe we can get a good location for the tent, and later secure a hall somewhere. Unite in prayer with us for this.

We need more American missionaries. I have, in the past two years trained several Mexican workers, but while they are excellent workers, they need American oversight. Let us unite in prayer and faith that we shall see several more missionaries here on the field.—H. C. Ball.

The Blood and the Bloom.

"Only this morning I have been in a great packing house at the Union Stock Yards," writes W. H. Ridgway in the Sunday School Times. "Amongst other things they showed me were great tanks of blood. 'What do you make of that?' I asked. 'Dried blood,' was the reply 'And pray what do they do with dried blood?' 'They grow the rare roses.' So those glorious American Beauties, a dollar a bloom, on their long stems, filling the room with beauty and fragrance. The wonder of the blood. From the life stream of the cattle in the meadows comes the perfection of all loveliness in the flower." In the Song of Solomon we read of the Beloved One feeding amongst His lilies. To Him they have unspeakable beauty. Whence the secret? Is it not the blood of Calvary's hill?

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

LITTLE THINGS.

Florence L. Burpee.

I had a friend in the olden time,
Faithful and tried;
Many hours we've passed together
Side by side.
She shared my hopes, my joys and fears,
And sorrows, too;
My faults o'erlooked and virtues
praised—
A friend most true.

I lost my friend of the olden time
By a single word,
Spoke in an hour of angry passion,
For, seemingly absurd,
One word may destroy the friendship
Of months and years,
And, spoken, lies beyond recall
By words or tears.

I had a foe in the olden time—
A bitter foe;
It is hard to live in peace with all,
This I know.
My faults he knew, alas, too well
Better than I;
My virtues scanned as through a glass
With half-closed eye.

I lost my foe of the olden time
By a single deed,
Wrought in his hour of stern affliction
And sorest need.
For life is brief and vengeance still
Is His to send.
I lost my foe, for He became
A faithful friend.

Oh, toiler in the Master's field,
For wisdom pray;
Small foxes still destroy the vines
From day to day;
While others wait to do great deeds
Do we not know
That from the many littles here
Great things shall grow.

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. S. B. Drew writes from Paragould, Ark., "In our meeting near Vann-dale twelve were saved, and three were baptized in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4."

Elder A. T. Rape writes from the Stone Church convention in Chicago: "There is a fine spirit in the meetings, and some are being saved and others are receiving the baptism. The messages have all been good and helpful."

Bro. J. F. Jeffreys, who is with Sister Etter in Los Angeles, writes that God is greatly blessing the meeting there, and that souls are being saved, healed, and baptized with the Holy Ghost in

every service, and says there is a blessed unity in the meetings.

Bro. C. J. Stroh writes from Stormville, New York, "The work here is going on nicely, new souls being added almost every week. We are looking forward to refreshings from above. Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead."

Bro. Hardy M. Sandlin writes, "Through the leading of the Spirit we are building a large tabernacle five miles north of Sulligent, Ala., in the country. This is a great needy field, and if any Spirit-filled workers pass this way, we heartily welcome you to stop over with us.

E. M. C. sends a note of praise from Carthage, Mo., "The work here is only a few months old, but God in His love is leading on from victory to victory. Hallelujah! He has given us a dear little place of worship here, and is adding to our number almost daily. Is saving and filling with the Spirit so many precious boys and girls. We enjoyed having Brothers Casey and Green with us the other week. God used both for His glory. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit, and the saints were built up and made stronger in God."

Sister R. M. Walker of White Deer, Texas, writes quoting Exodus 30:15, "The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls." She says, the rich and the poor are brought to the level. What it takes to save one it takes the same to save others. Jesus said, "I am the way," so we are to come by the way of Jesus. Under the old law they had to offer the same amount of money, the offering was the same. So Jesus is the same offering for the poor as He is for the rich. He is no respecter of persons.

Bro. Arthur F. Johnson writes from Lar-smont, Minn., "God is blessing up this way. The past month, two young women were saved in Two Harbors, and one woman, saved on a Saturday night, received her baptism in the Holy Spirit the following day. This last one received her experience in the Duluth Mission. Last Sunday, the Lord gave us a precious meeting in Duluth. A young man and wife who were saved in a revival meeting some "big" evangelist held some time ago, had later joined a Presbyterian church, but did not feel at home, so after being invited to attend a meeting in our mission, came and tes-

tified, partook of the Lord's supper, and expressed their desire to be baptized in water. The brother's father was saved last Friday in a cottage meeting. He also, and his wife, want to be baptized in water."

Bro. C. M. Packer sends a good report from Tampa, Fla., where he has been attending Bro. and Sister McPherson's meetings. "Much good has been accomplished. The meetings have been well attended, and the results are glorious. God has been present in saving, healing and baptizing power. In a children's meeting one afternoon, twenty gave their hearts to the Lord. Last night, a backslider came and wept his way back to God, a drunkard came and was touched; a man, deaf in his right ear for 26 years, heard a watch tick that was held close to his ear. A sister was touched as she was prayer for for lung trouble, also another sister who had throat trouble. A seeker for the baptism of the Holy Ghost was slain of the Lord, and came through with a wonderful experience. A minister of one of the local churches who has been fighting the movement, and who has been attending these meetings, came in this morning, and said, "I am convinced that God is in this movement."

Evangelists Eli De Priest and W. V. Kneisley send a good report from Birch Tree, Mo., where they have been holding a meeting for nearly six weeks. "The Lord baptized fourteen as in Acts 2:4, and also saved twenty-two as in Acts 3:19. He also gave us some miraculous cases of healing. One woman, who lives at Montier, Mo., who suffered with stomach trouble, has been attended by a physician for the past four years, but without relief. But as we gave an invitation in a healing service, she came, and as we prayed, the power of God fell upon her. The Lord healed her, and as she was going home that night, He wonderfully baptized her in the Holy Ghost. Another woman was afflicted with a crippled hand. It was all drawn up, and she had not been able to open it for nine months. We anointed her as in James 5:14, and as we began to pray, the mighty power of God fell, and the hand was made to fly open. How the saints rejoiced! One old man said, "No one could do that, but God." The altar was filled up with souls that wanted to find the way to Christ. There was also a young lady afflicted with heart trouble, who was taking heart tablets. She was seeking her baptism when she felt one of those smothering spells, and she said she would have to go out. But a sister said, "God will take care of you," and she began to pray, and the Lord healed her and baptized her in the Spirit. She threw away her heart tablets. If any one feels like going to Birch Tree, they will be welcomed if they preach the good old-fashioned Pentecostal way."

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, foreign missions, the speedy return of Christ, etc.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A sister in Carthage, Mo., requests prayer that God may heal her of rheumatism.

A request comes from a sister in Bloomington, Ind., for healing of partial deafness.

A sister in Niagara Falls, N. Y., requests prayer for asthma and catarrh of the head.

"Pray for our six boys that they may be saved soon and filled with the Holy Spirit." J. P. R., Eau Claire, Wis.

"Pray for a friend of mine that she may be healed. Pray for me."—J. S., Black Springs, Ark.

A sister in Granite City, Ill., requests prayer for healing, and that her husband may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A sister in Eustice, Texas, requests prayer that her husband shall be healed of appendicitis and baptized in the Holy Ghost.

Pray for a man who is seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost, also pray he may be healed of catarrh.

Please pray for a sister's hearing to be restored and for healing of throat and bronchial trouble.

Pray for two girls and two men to be saved, and for four persons to be baptized in the Spirit.

"Pray that the Lord will baptize me with the Holy Spirit, (I am under such a pressure that I can hardly write this)."—G. M., Kingfisher, Okla.

"Pray for me that I may get to the place where I can rejoice in the fullness of the Holy Spirit."—S. S. M., Kitchener, Ont., Can.

"Please pray for my wife, also myself and children; we have been afflicted with the itch for nearly a year."—W. C. F., Waldron, Ark.

Bro. and Sister Manning who are holding meetings in a big Gospel tent in Morgan City, La., request prayer that God will pour out His Spirit on that sinful town.

A sister in Ft. Griffin, Texas, requests prayer that she may be baptized in the Holy Ghost and that her husband and children shall be saved and baptized.

REVIVAL IN PARMA, MO.

The dear Lord has been wonderfully blessing in the last few days with a good Revival, in which quite a number of souls were blessed. Hallelujah! We had Evang. Wm E. Giles whom the Lord wonderfully used in preaching the Word. It seemed that from the very beginning God sent a mighty convicting power on the people, and night after night people would leave the church crying as though their hearts would break. Praise the Lord, He didn't loose the conviction until fifteen were wonderfully converted, and seven baptized in the Holy Ghost.

We also had Bro. Walter Higgins of Puxico, and Bro. Homer Waddle of Copeland, Ark., whom the Lord wonderfully used in the meeting.

We set the church in order, ordained five deacons, and got the church in good working condition. Let all the saints unite with us in prayer that God will help us keep out all divisions, and that we will stay in fellowship with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, and that God will give us a real Pentecostal Revival here in Parma. Brother Waddle and myself are holding a meeting in Canalou now, and the Lord is blessing. Pray for us that God will have his way and give us souls for our labor.—Pastor W. C. Anderson.

"I ask prayers that I may be healed of rheumatism, liver and kidney trouble, and that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost."—P. J. F., Penn Grove, N. Y.

"I desire prayers that I may receive the Comforter, and that I may be healed of rheumatism and throat trouble."—S. A. F., Liallaco, Ark.

Pray for a girl in Jackson County, Texas, who has been an invalid for several years that she may be healed, and that she may learn to love Jesus.

"I request prayer that the Lord will heal me of my bodily afflictions, for I suffer agonies, my right lung is affected, and I suffer with stomach and kidneys."—J. D. T., Terrell, Texas.

"Pray that God will be near us and answer, as our family are all stricken with sickness and we are undergoing real trial, and cannot seem to get victory."—J. S., Melville, Sask.

"Pray very earnestly for my mother who is suffering very badly with her head and neck. Fear she has taken typhoid fever. Also for my sister who has typhoid fever."—W. J., Silverton, Texas.

The following requests have been sent direct to Bro. Collins:

"Pray that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit."—R. L. P., Dolphos, N. M.

"Pray that I may be healed of rheumatism."—Mrs. L. G., Centralia, Ill.

"Pray for the peace of a certain home."—E. S., Kalsoka, Mo.

"Pray for God to send help to this field."—Miss S. S., Fallis, Okla.

"Pray for my healing."—H. C. H., Ratan, New Mexico.

"Pray for a revival here."—G. P. N., Howell, N. Y.

"Pray the Lord to send a Spirit-filled man to this place."—C. L. G., McHenry, Miss.

"Pray for a revival here."—M. L. O., Youngstown, Ohio.

THE ETTER MEETINGS IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.

Bro. Wm. H. Giles sends us a good report of the meeting that has been proceeding during the past month in Los Angeles. There are many manifestations of the Spirit's presence. He writes, "A lady, coming with four others from Maryland, had a cancer on the tongue. She had lost the use of that member completely, so that she could not speak. Her doctors had told her that the only hope for her life was to have her tongue cut out. After listening to the messages at a few meetings, she was convinced her time for action had arrived. She was assisted on to the long platform and was prayed for, the cancer was rebuked in the name of Jesus, and by the power vested in that name it underwent a surgical operation. Last evening she arose and told the vast audience that Jesus had not only completely healed the cancer, but had given her a new tongue and a new voice with which to praise Him. Another old lady was cured of what seemed to be diseases without number, and while under the mighty slaying power of God received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"On Sunday evening, March 4th, a lady brought a handkerchief to be prayed over, stating that it was for her child who was badly afflicted with

eczema, his face being badly broken out and swollen. The following Wednesday the same lady rose in the meeting and said, "Praise God, my child is completely delivered, and all traces of the swelling have disappeared." Many testified during the same meeting that while the power was falling, and the "Heavenly Chorus" was being sung, the Lord reached down and completely healed their bodies."

PREACHER WANTED.

Bro. Geo. M. Rains of Comanche, Texas, writes, "I would like an evangelist or preacher, or a man and his wife, to come our way to hold meetings. I have a hall for the meetings, and also a place for the preacher to stay. Write me before coming, and for further information."

TENT WANTED. Elder J. W. Smith of 784 Harbor St., Conneaut, Ohio, wants a tent to hold four or five hundred people, if same can be had at a reasonable price. Anyone having one for sale, write him, stating price, condition, and how long used.

CONVENTION NOTICE.

Evang. A. D. Urshan and A. H. Argue have arranged with R. E. McAlister to hold a convention at Kitchener, Ont., Can., beginning March 29th, till April 8th, followed by an evangelistic campaign for an indefinite time. For further information address R. E. McAlister at 15 Scott Street, Kitchener, Ont., Canada.

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Findlay, Ohio, March 30th to April 9th. Will be held with the Assembly of God at the Gospel School. Elder Geo. E. Smith of Youngstown, Ohio, special evangelist. Bro. and Sister Harvey of India special speakers on Wednesday, missionary day. Elder D. W. Kerr and others expected part of time. For information write T. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

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We have had a convention meeting, and there have been a number saved, and ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Several were healed. One brother was healed of cancer and he is greatly rejoicing in the Lord. Bro. C. E. Foster of Topeka and F. H. Leonard of Pomona, Kansas, were wonderfully used in preaching and teaching the Word, and the assembly was more strengthened and built up in the Word than ever before.

The dear Lord gave us a big church, 40 x 60 and a 12 x 60 balcony, and in a year we had it all paid for. It cost \$1200. We have a mission in Gas, Kansas, three miles east, and the Lord is saving and baptizing souls there, and also at La Harpe we have a nice mission.

My wife was healed of consumption, asthma, bronchial trouble, deafness and female trouble, and I was healed of stomach trouble and rupture over eight years ago. We have four children and the Lord has healed them many times, even when they have been at death's door and all hopes were gone. All were born without medical aid. The last child was one pound larger than the others, and the birth was painless. Glory to God! I cannot help praising God for His goodness to us.

There have been many cases of wonderful healing in our midst, rupture, cancer, granulated eyelids, smallpox, spinal meningitis, consumption, etc. One boy, eleven years old, was suffering with his tonsils, and the school doctor said that they would have to be cut out. Prayer was requested for him, and the Lord healed the child, and he went to school the next morning well and sound. His mother was healed of a large lump in her side and other sickness.

One blessed feature of the meeting just passed has been that Presbyterians, Campbellites and Nazarenes came in and received the Holy Ghost. A Dunkard sent in for prayer for the healing of a goitre, and the Lord touched her body by His mighty power, and she began to come to meeting and to tarry for the baptism.

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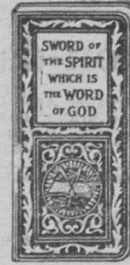
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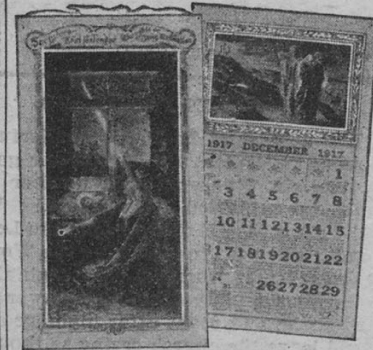
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