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THE WEEKLY EVANGEL

THE FAMILY PAPER

THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME.

Luke 1:31.

Name of Jesus! highest Name!
Name the earth and Heaven adore!
From the heart of God it came,
Leads me to God's heart once more.

Name of Jesus! living tide!
Days of drought for me are past;
How much more than satisfied,
Are the thirsty lips at last!

Name of Jesus! dearest Name!
Bread of Heaven, and balm of love,
Oil of gladness, surest claim
To the treasures stored above.

Jesus gives forgiveness free,
Jesus cleanses all my stains,
Jesus gives His life to me,
Jesus always He remains.

Only Jesus! fairest Name!
Life, and rest, and peace and bliss;
Jesus, evermore the same,
He is mine, and I am His.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Bro. Harry E. Bowley of Cape Palmas, Liberia, has been sick, but writes that he is beginning to feel himself again. He tells us that the Lord is blessing at the Doroba Mission, some are getting saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. He asks that we let friends know that money should be sent to West Africa by New York draft, and not by International Money Order any more.

Sister Daisy Comyn-Ching writes from India, "The message is going out on all sides, and the joy of telling it to those who never heard it is great. The Lord is healing the sick, and bringing souls in, but we want more life. I sometimes ask the Lord to lay a great burden of prayer on some of His own for me and for the souls here, even though they may not know for whom they are praying. I go out into the villages with one of the native workers with the rising sun, and in the cold early mornings sit with folks round their open fires outside their mud houses. Sometimes they are so responsive one feels that Jesus must be coming soon, and so is working quickly. He has opened about seventy Zenanas to us."

Bro. John D. James writes from Hong Kong, China, "Last week, Misses Maw

meetings in Sai Nam, and sent an urgent invitation for me to come. On my arrival I found a grand opportunity for preaching God's precious word. Seed was sown in precious hearts that had never once heard the Gospel preached, and we know that His Word will not return unto Him void. It was sad to see thousands of heathen coming to this city and to know that they had only come to worship gods made of wood and paper by the art of man, and then to return to their benighted villages to still grope in darkness without a Saviour. Right in the midst of this throng, the Gospel mission rang out the "whosoever will may come" glad tidings. We preached the Word and sold Gospels, and believe with full assurance that there will be a harvesting."

We also received a line from Sister Flora A. Halland, who we understand was married to Bro. John D. James on the third of March. The Lord bless these two missionaries in our prayer, and make them an Aquilla and Priscilla in the land of Sinim. She writes: "Mrs. E. B. Hammond, who has had charge of the Wanchai work in Hong Kong, since her husband's death, is expecting to return to the United States in the early Spring, and is going to give Mr. James and I full charge of the work and workers. I certainly covet your earnest prayers that God's richest blessings may rest upon us as we take on these new responsibilities. I am glad that we both have the language, and can therefore do effective work. God willing, I want to work among the women, as the need is very great. Mr. James is a very earnest worker for God, and has stood many a hard and trying test alone in this dark land. When other men have left their posts of duty, he has stayed on, and I am sure God will, in a wonderful way, reward his faithfulness."

Sister Alice Wood writes from 25 de Mayo, F. C. S., Argentina, "We do not yet see the results we long to see in South America, but we are going to see them, and the principal reason that we do not see more results is because we cannot launch out into the work as we should for lack of funds. However, we are doing the best we can under the circumstances. The editor of the paper here offered to print notices in the paper gratis for us. So we put a notice in

the paper each week of our services. An English lady in the city, whose husband is in the railroad employ, saw the notice and came to the meeting. She and her family will attend the services in future. One dear man has been converted lately. Others are interested, and we believe are coming to the Saviour, and believers are awakening to things of the deeper spiritual life. Just now is carnival season, when our meetings and visiting work are greatly interrupted on account of people being afraid of having water thrown on them, as is the custom here. However a few always come. Between twenty-five and thirty is the best attendance we have had yet, but when we get a hall it will doubtless increase, for strangers are naturally afraid to come into a private home."

Bro. John E. Norton writes from the Pilgrims' Mission, Benares, India:

"I praise God for His great goodness to me during the past two months that I have been at Benares. All our needs have been supplied, all our workers have been kept in health, and we have had much encouragement in the work. I personally have reason to praise God for a companion (formerly Miss Emma H. Elliot), to be with me here and help in the work. Also the wives and children of the workers here will much appreciate her presence and care. My wife and I anew consecrate our lives to the service of God and want Him to use us for His glory and the salvation of souls. He has placed us in a very dark land, and among a very needy people. And we ask for earnest prayer that our united lives may be a blessing to many here, whose lot is so sad, because they

"Perhaps there are some in the homeland who have a burden of the heathen on your hearts, but are not able to go. Do not think you can do nothing. The great work of intercession is open to you. We have indisputable evidence that 'prayer changes things.' S. D. Gordon in a recent address tells of a lady in London who was encouraged to pray for her unconverted brother in Calcutta. She asked herself, 'If I pray in London will something happen in Calcutta?' Now Calcutta is a long way from London. But she prayed and later had the joy of knowing that while she prayed her brother was seized with conviction and gave himself to God. My own conviction is that I am saved and in Christian work because of my parents' prayers. Surely more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' So let us pray; pray for ourselves, pray for our neighbors, and pray for the dying millions in dark India and other heathen lands."

THE WORK AMONGST THE MASS MOVEMENT IN INDIA.

One day I took some men and went preaching in a village far from the house and was especially anointed for the service. I stood and preached to about forty Brahmans and Chartriyas, (fighting caste and next to Brahmans in rank), and they listened well. Out of the group one followed us "afar off" to the next village where we worked among the leather-working castes. The Brahman listened and at the close he bought a Gospel and asked some questions. Some days later we went to the same village and found him anxious to talk to us about his soul. We also met a Brahman who in a previous meeting, on hearing the Gospel for the first time, "was cut to the heart" and confessed that he was the greatest sinner in the village, and asked if he could get salvation in the Christ. This time he, with the awakened Brahman of thirty years, again listened gladly. As we preached the Christ, and Him crucified, we were led to have prayer and have them bow their heads. (About twenty-five had gathered and were listening with keenest interest—they had heard this story but twice now.) After the prayer I was asked how they should pray. "Why," I said, "in the name of Jesus." On top of this they asked us to place a man in their midst to teach them more of the

"Good News." This was among the highest castes.

We are in the "Mass Movement area" and we believe that we are to benefit by the work that God has opened up to the other missions in North India. By "Mass Movement," we mean where the people come to be baptized in groups, mostly of one caste and that of the lowest caste. Many come with mixed motives, some with low motives only, and some with their hearts stirred by the Gospel message spoken or lived by their immediate acquaintances. The task is to teach these people to see "Jesus Only." This is difficult as some nominal Chris-

tians show, but we see many real Christians gleaned also, and we dare not say the "Mass Movement" is not of God. . . . But this, as much as other work, means a worker and his support. For this particular place the man I have in mind who could do the work would cost about five dollars a month to support.

This work among the Chamars might, under God's blessing, develop into a work among that strata of Indians, that one caste so near the bottom of the social scale. Pray for the work as never before as it depends much on how we build now what will be in years to come. —Paul Van Valen, Muttra, India.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 15, 1917.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Lesson Text.—John 10:1-18.

Golden Text.—"I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep." Jno. 10:11.

Leading Thought.—We are the sheep of His fold.

Perhaps it was as much to comfort the heart of that man born blind, whose testimony to receiving sight had brought upon him such persecution that Jesus gave forth these words—precious for all time—on the Good Shepherd and His sheep. He was like a forsaken, lone sheep when Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and found him. Christ in the story shows the unfitness of the Pharisees who should have been shepherds for Israel; He shows Himself as the door, and as the Good Shepherd as well.

1. Christ the Door of the Sheepfold, Vs. 1-10. Christ was the door. From the very beginning when God's sheep first began to wander on the mountains of sin and iniquity, God had looked forward in Christ to their gathering back into a haven of safety and blessing. Christ was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. All the Old Testament institutions, prophecies, and promises had their fullest meaning and fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Those Pharisees, Sadducees, and other systems of regulation were only thieves and robbers. They were not the door of the sheep fold, and "the sheep did not hear them." Christ was referring probably to the time especially just before His own arrival, when the land was flooded with false teachers, including the Pharisees themselves. "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." V. 9. Wherein is He the door? Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." The door to salvation and eternal life was closed to mankind through the sword of justice. Gen. 3:24. Jesus Christ entered that way, met the righteous wrath of God against sin—"He became sin for us"—thereby opening for us the way to salvation and life eternal.

"Jehovah lifted up His sword,
O Christ, it fell on thee."

He died that we might live, and hence through Him we enter the door of new life in Christ Jesus, "Justified by faith," a righteous standing before the presence of God. Rom. 4:25; Matt. 26:31. He hath opened the door—we have no entrance apart from Him. And remember His opening of the door is eternally united with the cross—by which we have received the reconciliation. Like the doors back in Egypt, from whose lintels dripped the blood of that Pass-over Lamb, thus securing for their occupants safety from the destroyed; so this only Door to safety and life eternal is dripping constantly with the blood of the Lamb of God. "Having therefore brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." Heb. 10:19, 20, 22. Shun yourself, and warn every body else against those doors unmarked by the blood. There are many of them today, offering an entrance to every passerby, but the end of all those ways is death. Prov. 16:25. Entrance, safety, and abundant provision all through our Lord Jesus Christ! V. 10 vividly pictures the work of the thief—"to steal, to kill, and to destroy." This will be the end of his work however pleasing and attractive the beginning may be. Then comes the contrast—"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Life alike for body and soul! Think, dear Christian, how dearly He purchased this life for us, What suffering, what agony,

what bitterness as He drained sin's galling cup, that we might through His grace and love know the fullest joy and blessing of a ransomed life. Look up some time the word abundance in connection with these words, "pardon," "cleansing," "grace," "peace," "joy." It will give you a fresh comprehension of the bounteous fulness of His provision for our every need.

2. Christ the Good Shepherd, Vs. 11-18. The figure changes now, as Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." V. 11. Picture a flock in danger from some awful beast, and the shepherd rushing ahead to meet the fury of that beast, and if possible, save the flock from death and destruction. This is just what Jesus did for us. He met the adversary who is seeking to destroy every sheep—He conquered him—He led captivity captive—He won the victory! Blessed be His name forever! We need fear no evil thing, if we are inside the blood-stained door of the sheepfold; and even if our Shepherd leads us out across the mountains, however desolate, the same victory is effectual, and He goes before us—the victorious Captain of our salvation. That He laid down His life in assuring us protection and safety, is an endless proof of His never-failing interest and love. A dear girl, now with the Lord, wrote this upon the title page of her Bible:

O! to know no yesterday but the cross of Christ. Psa. 22.

No today but the enjoyment of His loving care. Psa. 23.

No tomorrow but the hope of His coming in glory. Psa. 24.

He is the Good Shepherd. His sacrifice for us, He is the Chief Shepherd in His loving care over all His sheep, Heb. 13:20; He is the Chief Shepherd in His coming again to reward His under-shepherds, 1 Pet. 5:4. The many hirelings today "who fleece but fail to feed" the hungry, bleating sheep! God pity them! Our churches are full of hungry souls; this is how Christian Science and like get such a hold on the people. They are so hungry, they will even try to eat straw, and they know not there is poison underneath which will damn their souls. On the other hand, there are those who are beating the sheep—a most unheard-of thing for a shepherd to do. Perhaps there might be a little suggestion here for some of our dear Pentecostal brethren. You will never get sheep to go your way by beating them. They will lie down and die first. But we must love them with that same concern, and individual interest that Jesus showed when He said, "I know my sheep and am known of mine." A Lebanon shepherd once said, "If you were to put a cloth over my eyes, and bring me any sheep and only let me put my hands on its face, I could tell in a moment if it was mine or not." And so does our Heavenly Shepherd know us, and, thank God, we know Him. God raise up more under-shepherds today, with the same loving interest. No place for selfishness, self-ease, or pleasure. It is a very self-denying position—that of a true under-shepherd. But "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." "Those other sheep." V. 16. We must not forget them. For here comes a missionary sermon at the very last of the lesson. I suppose Jesus was primarily referring to the Gentiles who were to come into the same fold. But He was also referring away down the line to those this very day who have not heard the message. They are still wandering, pursued by the destroyer. And these are the ones God is holding us responsible for, that as true under-shepherds we might seek them out and, even though it means our very life, bring them into the fold God has provided for them—"that there may be one fold, and one Shepherd."

Next Week's Lesson.

April 22, 1917.

JESUS ANOINTED AT BETHANY.

Lesson Text.—John 12:1-11.

Golden Text.—Mark 14:8.

Alice Reynolds Flower.

FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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

AN EASTER MESSAGE.

"O death where is thy sting?
O grave where is thy victory."—1 Cor. 15:55.

Voice of the Lost.

How frightful the grave! how deserted and drear!
With the howls of the storm-winds, the creaks of the bier,
And the white bones all clattering together!

Voice of the Redeemed.

How peaceful the grave; its quiet how deep!
Its zephyrs breathe calmly, and soft is its sleep,
And flow'rets perfume it with ether.

Voice of the Lost.

There riots the blood-crested worm on the dead,
And the yellow skull serves the foul toad for a bed,
And snakes in the nettle-weeds hiss.

Voice of the Redeemed.

How lovely, how sweet the repose of the tomb!
No tempests are there; but the night-ingles come
And sing their sweet chorus of bliss.

Voice of the Lost.

The ravens of night flap their wings o'er the grave;
'Tis the vultures abode; 'tis the wolf's dreary cave,
Where they tear up the dead with their fangs.

Voice of the Redeemed.

Where the cony, at evening, disports with his love,
Or rests on the sod, while the turtles above
Repose on the boughs that o'erhangs.

Voice of the Lost.

There darkness and dampness, with poisonous breaths
And loathsome decay, fill the dwelling of death;
The trees are all barren and bare.

Voice of the Redeemed.

O! soft are the breezes that play round the tomb,
And sweet, with the evergreen's wafted perfume,
With lilies and jessamine fair.

Voice of the Lost.

The pilgrim who reaches this valley of tears,
Would fain hurry by, and with trembling and fears
He is launched on the wreck-covered river.

Voice of the Redeemed.

Here the traveler, worn with life's pilgrimage dreary,
Lays down his rude staff, like one that is weary,
And rests, free from sorrow forever.

Voice of the Lost.

And O, at the last I shall stand in my place
Before the great Judge whom I've dreaded to face,
And receive my eternal reward.

Voice of the Redeemed.

There is one who has conquered both death and the tomb
And scattered its midnight of darkness and gloom
Who'll come for me soon—'tis my Lord.

Slightly altered and arranged, and last two verses By Burt McCafferty.

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. Willie Jones writes from Phoenix, Ariz., that the Lord is greatly blessing the meetings there, and fifteen have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Chas S. Cox writes that he and his wife, with Sister Peters, are holding Revival meetings at Unionville, Iowa, and asks for our prayers. One young man has received the baptism as in Acts 2:4.

Bro. P. M. La Berge writes from Spokane, Wash., "The Lord is blessing here. The colored people and the white are getting hungry for the Holy Spirit. Some few colored people have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and are praying for others, and we are invited to their weekly prayer meetings. Pray that God will meet these dear people in mighty power."

Bro. Andrew Urshan writes to us of the blessed results that have followed the visit that he and Bro. Argue have made to Montreal, Que.: "The Lord is mightily blessing here, praise His name;

seven received the baptism yesterday; fifty-five have received the baptism altogether, one of them is the president of the Christian Endeavor of the whole city. Ten of these precious men that received the baptism are suffering persecution, but they are standing firmly."

Bro. R. A. Fredricks writes from Lansford, Minn., "Just arrived from a two weeks' campaign in Campbell, Minn. Surely the Lord was with us in mighty power in the saving of the lost. The power fell many times, many were under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, nine claimed forgiveness through the merits of Jesus Christ, and testified to cleansing and deliverance from sin through the blood of Christ. Some were reclaimed who once loved to praise the Lamb but had drifted away, and there was joy in the Father's house at the return of the prodigals. Sunday evening the church was full, and a wonderful spirit prevailed, many were greatly convicted and wept, one was gloriously saved. Ask the Evangel family to pray for a great revival for that community. One only as yet has received the Pentecostal baptism according to Acts 2:4. This is a new field."

Bro. Will Trotter sends a good report of the work in Portland, Ore. "God got hold of one member of a family by the name of Swanson, saved, healed, and baptized him, and the day before yesterday the seventeenth member of that family was saved and baptized in the Spirit. It is wonderful how God worked in that family. Before the first one was saved they were all divided, not even on speaking terms with each other, now almost every one is saved and all praising the Lord.

"Much the same condition obtains in a Plymouth Brethren assembly. One woman was pronounced incurable of heart trouble by the best physicians and told to go home and die. She came to the mission and was instantaneously healed. She was excommunicated by her church, but the entire neighborhood was stirred, and to date, seven of her family have been definitely and instantly healed. They have brought in others and they have been healed, until over fifteen are coming to the mission, and after a struggle against their old teaching that healing and especially "tongues" are heresy, they are now seeking the baptism. They are all cast out of their church as heretics, but they are extremely happy in the Lord in their new found health and joy. A real revival has been on for some time, hall too small by far for Sunday crowds. There are glorious prospects for our Fifth Annual Campmeeting, notice of which will be sent you for publication. Have never seen such real zeal for lost souls, and so many being joyfully saved. The power so many times falls so heavily that the 'priests cannot stand to minister,' for all of which we are praising the Lord."

DEDICATION NOTICE.

D. V. the saints of the Rum Branch Assembly will dedicate their church house to the Lord on the third Sunday in April (the 15th), also with communion service. Everyone come believing God for great things. Traias will be met at "Green Cox," Mo., with a way of conveyance on Saturday and Sunday.—Wm. Clary, Pastor, R. F. D. 1, Allen-ville, Mo.

FIFTH GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

will be held in St. Louis, Mo., sometime in October. Announcement will appear later. All ministers of the Pentecostal Faith who believe in and practice co-operation in the work of God should plan to attend this great meeting. Make your plans early to be present this year.

HEALED AND BAPTIZED.

There was a man here struck by lightning on Friday, and his wife came after wife and me to go and pray for him. We went in the name of Jesus, and when we got there, we found the man in pain, and with a hot fever. We cried to our God, and He heard and answered our prayers, healed the man, and he came out of bed, praising the Lord. He put his arms round me and said, "I want you to pray that God will baptize me with the Holy Ghost." This Sunday morning, he came to church, and God

THE ETTER MEETINGS IN LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The meetings in "The Peoples' Auditorium, 1121 South Los Angeles St., conducted by Sister Etter are still in progress, and will continue until some time in the early part of April under her supervision. She will then leave for her home in Indianapolis, where she begins another campaign June 1st.

We are arranging for other help so that our meetings here will continue right on without ceasing, probably through the entire summer.

We are utterly at a loss for words to express the depth and sweetness as well as the power in these meetings. It is truly wonderful. Souls are coming through at almost every service. The singing of the heavenly choir is characterized by a harmony surpassing that of the most skillfully trained voices. And then in a low sweet voice, like the dove answering one another from the branches of different trees, the Spirit speaks back and forth from one to another

over the audience, reminding one of the words in the Song of Solomon: "The voice of the turtle is heard in the land."

Another pleasing feature of the meeting is, there has been no doctrinal issues brought forward. Christ has been held up with a joy and gladness surpassingly beautiful. If this were done everywhere a revival would sweep the country and soon from the crest of the wave we would rise to meet our Lord in the air. The Lord hasten the day when it shall be so!

Tonight after Sister Etter had given a very effective message on the "Signs of the times" fourteen Armenian brethren, who had come in from their mission sang a song in their own language. Sister Woods, who goes with Sister Etter as interpreter, gave the interpretation and the Armenian brethren confirmed it as correct. They sang a second time and again the interpretation came forth and they confirmed it. The effect on the audience was marvellous to the last degree. The altar is now full of seekers at this writing.—W. M. Collins.

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.

Pray that we may sell our property and be able to pay our debts.—G. W. M.

A sister in Ramsey, Ill., requests prayer for the salvation of her daughter.

Pray for me as I am going through trouble, and need help in prayer.—M. V. G.

Pray that a sister in Stuttgart, Ark., may be healed of rheumatism and other bodily ailments.

Pray that I may abide in the calling wherein I was called, and every hindering caused be removed.

A sister in Galena, Mo., requests prayer for her little boy who has been apparently struck by lightning.

Please pray that my husband be saved and receive the baptism, and that he will come back home.—M. T.

A sister in Toyah, Texas, requests prayer for herself and family, and that they may be able to dispose of some property.

Pray that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and be healed from all sickness, and may get my coat again that

Pray for a sister in Junction City, O., who is suffering with heart and stomach trouble, also for her son who has indications of appendicitis.

Pray for three sisters in Illinois, one has dropsy, another has been an invalid for six years and is afraid of ventilation, the other has a bad cough.

Pray for a sister in Healdsburg, Cal., who is very sick and has to submit to a very serious operation if the Lord does not undertake.

A sister desires prayer for healing for herself and little boy, also of her sister-in-

law, suffering with consumption, that her brother be converted, also her mother.

Bro. Thomas Griffin and wife, who are ministering to the men and women in the prison in Salt Lake, Utah, by request of the authorities, request prayer for their work.

Pray for my unsaved husband, and that he may be healed of heart trouble, and that I may know God's will better, also for an aunt that she may be saved.—M. L.

Please ask all the Evangel family to pray for my eyes, I am losing my sight. I have been preaching since 1873, and read a good deal at night, and they are failing me, but I know God can heal them.—James King, Clarence, Miss.

Pray earnestly that I may be completely healed of consumption; am in a serious condition, also pray that I may stand true for God.—A. B., Minot, N. Dak.

Pray for a sister who is sick all the time, also for her daughter who has neuritis, for another daughter who seems to be contracting consumption, and for another who has too much acid in her blood, also for three other children.

Pray that a brother may be able to dispose of a town property in Fountain, Colo., if it is the will of the Lord, that the means obtained may be used for the glory of God.

A mother requests prayer for her little girl, who has a disease on her face, and that she may be healed of an impediment in her speech, also of stomach trouble.

Pray that the sister herself may be filled with a love for souls, that some Spirit-filled worker may be led to Levita, Texas, also that her whole family may be saved and baptized with the Spirit.

wonderfully filled him with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name!—R. H. McKenzie and wife, Chaffee, Mo.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

Puxico, Mo., Aug. 24th to Sept. 2nd.

The first camp meeting for this section held at Puxico was wonderfully blessed of God. It is expected that the camp meeting this year shall be equally blessed. Arrange to come. Full announcement later.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The Southern Missouri District Council, which met at Essex, Mo., from March 18th to 24th, was much blessed of God. About thirty-five preachers were enrolled on the roster and there was the utmost unity manifested in their deliberations and counsel together. J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, J. R. Flower and Jacob Miller were also present and assisted in the services and business meetings. E. L. Banta was re-elected as chairman, B. F. Lawrence as secretary, and A. T. Rape, John T. Wilson and Geo. Lawson as Presbyters.

Some very important resolutions were passed pointing out the way for a closer co-operation between the pastor and his congregation, the assembly and the District Council, etc. Business methods of holding property and advancing the work of the local and district work were recommended. The minutes can be secured from the secretary, B. F. Lawrence, 1001 North Main St., Springfield, Mo., when completed.

The night meetings were given over to Evangelistic efforts, and the church house was crowded each night of the Council. Brother A. T. Rape preached largely through the Council and after its close he remained with the pastor for a week's meetings. A number of souls got to God, some were reclaimed, some saved and about five or six were baptized with the Holy Ghost to the praise of the name of Jesus.

The camp meeting for Southeastern Missouri will be held at Puxico, Mo.,

from August 24th to September 2nd. All are invited to come up and enjoy a feast of fat things at this camp meeting which has been so blessed of God in the past and which we believe will be mightily blessed of God this coming summer.—J. R. F.

CLOSING DAYS OF STONE CHURCH CONVENTION.

"Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice for the Lord will do great things."—Joel 2:21.

God has fulfilled this promise to us during the last two weeks of the con-opening day the flood gates were lifted. Many have expressed themselves that it has been the best convention the Stone Church has had since the great revival four years ago. The meetings have been well attended and the prayer room and altar have been filled during the day and far into the night. At the closing service about thirty came to the altar and some were slain under the power of God. It can be safely estimated that forty have been baptized in the Holy Spirit during the two weeks, while some have estimated the number larger. Many have been saved and twenty-nine followed the Lord in water baptism. Nearly six hundred partook of the Lord's Supper in the afternoon service on the closing Sabbath. The cry was to continue the meeting, which will be done if the Lord so orders.

A Missionary cash offering was taken in the afternoon service amounting to \$262.00, including \$25.00 sent through the mail

The following ministers and Missionaries were with us: Bro. John Cox, vention. For some weeks previous the tide was steadily rising, and on the Wilmington, Del., Bro. Kline, Detroit, Mich., Bro. Jewell, Petoskey, Mich., A. T. Rape, St. Louis, Mo., Bro. Gaston, Okla., Miss Mattie Perry, North Carolina, Mrs. Nellie Lincoln, Muskegon, Mich., Elder F. A. Graves, Zion City, Ill., Bro. James Harvey and wife of India, Bro. Norton of India, Miss Eva Groat of India, Bro. Hindle and wife of Mongolia, Bro. Nicholas Yest, China.—Hardy W. Mitchell, Pastor.

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THE MESSAGE OF EASTER.

HE IS RISEN! Gladdest news that ever angel had to bring! "From the empty grave of Christ, the true song of hope has sounded down through the ages." Have you learned the song? Do you *know* Him who is risen? Do you know the power of His resurrection? If not, seek the illumination of the Spirit, that you too may know experimentally what it means to be raised up together with Him.

At Calvary, "Jesus took our sin, and because there was no place for death in His life, by dying He exhausted the penalty due to someone else." At the resurrection, God set His seal to the redemptive work of His Son, by raising Him from the dead, and He refuses and rejects all other methods of salvation. At Calvary, man turned his back on God and rejected His Best. On the resurrection morn, God turned His back on man, and without consulting him, raised again Him whom man had rejected. No man was allowed to be present to witness the event. From the resurrection morning onward, His covenant is with Christ and those who are accepted in Him.

A. B. Simpson tells of a shepherd who had a sheep that had lost its lamb, and a lamb that had lost its dam, who tried to get the mother sheep to take into its care the little orphan, but without success. At last he devised a plan, and taking the fleece of the dead lamb he placed it on the living one, and the mother, smelling the fleece of her own lamb on the little orphan, immediately took it into its care. So we are rejected of God of ourselves, we have no beauty in ourselves that He should desire us, but when we come to Him sheltering under the name and Blood of His Son, we are "accepted in the Beloved." As Campbell Morgan has put it, "From the resurrection morning until now, God has been and is still receiving Christ; and the groundwork of the acceptance of any man with God is that there has been communicated to him the life of Christ." Have you that life? Seek not only to be filled but to have that life overflowing.

HE IS RISEN—YE ARE RAISED IN HIM.

Easter's Message.

The Apostle Paul, in setting forth the Gospel, speaking of Jesus, states that He was declared to be the Son of God, with power by *the Resurrection from the dead* (Romans 1:4). He declares that if Christ be not risen from the dead we are yet in our sins. In Hebrews 1:3 we read that after Jesus had purged our sins, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High. He could not have come out of the tomb unless He had wiped our sins out of existence. The certainty of my receiving eternal life is not in my experience, but in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ at the right hand of God is the proof of my salvation. He has purged my sins and I am free, the Word declares. No power in the universe could have killed Jesus unless our sins were laid on Him, for "by sin came death," and He had no sin and therefore could not die. But He loved you and me and took our sins upon Him, and He died under the weight of our sins.

In view of the fact of Calvary and the resurrection of Jesus, to doubt the love of God is nothing less than blasphemy. Perhaps you are ready to admit: "God did love the world, but I don't know if He loved me." Great big important ME! To have this thought is to make God a respecter of persons, to make Him a liar, and to despise the work on Calvary, where Jesus gave Himself a ransom for ALL. Believe the good news, feeling or no feeling: "He loved me and gave Himself for me." Why? Because God says it in His Word, not because you feel it. Is Jesus seated on the right hand of God? Has He purged your sins? The Word says so, and will you doubt the unbreakable Word of God?

Jesus said, "Be ye perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect." That is the standard of perfection He demands of us. Have you tried to attain this standard with your own effort. This is what drove me to Jesus, for I saw that, try how I could, I could not get my righteousness up to the standard of the Lord God Almighty. But whilst law demands a righteousness from man, grace demands a righteousness from God; the Word tells us that this righteousness is "to him that worketh not." Now a righteousness from God is revealed, and it is a righteousness up to standard. "The Lord our righteousness!" The only question with me to-day is this: "Is Jesus risen and seated at the right hand of God?" The Word declares that He is. That is the guarantee of my salvation.

When the Pharisees wanted a sign, Jesus said that there should be no sign given but the sign of Jonah the prophet. As Jonah spent three days and three nights in the whale, even so should the Son of Man spend three days and three nights in the earth. The greatest sign of all is the *Resurrection of Jesus*. Jesus could not have died except our sin was placed upon Him. God reveals the fact that He was made sin for us. The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Of how many? The iniquity of *us all*. And if God laid it all on Jesus, when He looks on you to-day He cannot see any on you, He sees the Blood. He made Him to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. It was as much as if Jesus had said: "Now, dear one, I take your place and you take mine." Did He take our place? Was it a failure? Then cannot we testify to-day, "we are the righteousness of God in Him."

But you object, "that is imputed righteousness." I do not expect to stand before the Throne in any other. His righteousness is laid on me. Were our sins imputed to Him or imparted? The reality of them was so great that He had to be slain. My sins were imparted to Jesus and His righteousness is now imparted to me. But you

have to close with the imputation, or you will never have the imparted righteousness of Christ. My one hope is "Christ in me, the hope of glory." But you only have this hope as you believe you died with Christ.

How many of us have "tried to live the Christ life" and have backslidden in the endeavor. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ, and I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Christ in you is perfectly capable of living the Christ life. He does the same things through us as He did in the days of His flesh. Perhaps you will find He will want to rise sometimes a long while before day to go out and commune with Father.

The trouble with most professing Christians to-day is that they think the Jewish law is for the Gentiles, and they practically become proselytes to Judaism. They repent for having broken the ten commandments and get baptized into John's baptism. But sin is a deeper thing than breaking the law. There was sin before the law, and the law was given for the purpose of showing up sin. Jesus said that when the Holy Ghost would come, He would convict of sin "because they believe not in Me." The most heinous sin in the catalogue is unbelief. It is to cast a reflection on Jesus and His work on Calvary. Unless we believe on Jesus we are bound for hell. God provided Him as a perfect sacrifice. He was delivered for our offences, and raised again, having received an acquittal for us. If Christ is not risen from the dead we are yet in our sins. If you say your sins are not forgiven, you are practically saying "Jesus Christ is still in the grave." But the Word declares He was raised again "because of the acquittal secured for us" (Rom. 4:25. Weymouth). To believe in the truth of the resurrection is to be saved.

The cry of the human heart is "*What shall I do to be saved?*" It wants to do something. But we are too late to start doing, it is all done. "It is finished" was the mandate of the Cross of Christ. Every bit of the Adam nature hates to have his own righteousness rejected. All were found guilty. God says of us, "There is none righteous, no not one." We were guilty, and at the Cross of Calvary we were executed, for in Holy Ghost arithmetic, "if one died for all, then are all dead." The Cross of Calvary is our only way of escape. And there is only one thing you can do to a finished work, that is to spoil it. Jesus has done all that pertains to your salvation.

Believe the good news.—A. W. Smith.

THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY.

The Lord shall come with ten thousands of His saints. His escort from Heaven will be augmented from the earth. Those who are left will wail when they find the Bridegroom has come and left them behind. Oh, the wailing! "Too late! Too late! Ye cannot enter now." The oil can be had now. Have you got the oil?

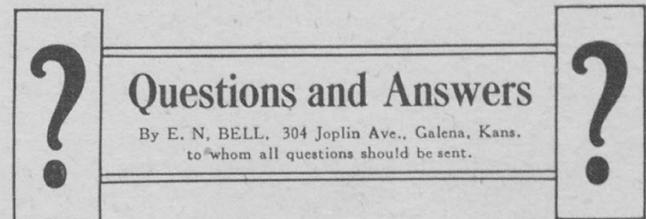
He cometh as a thief in the night. You cannot buy oil in the night. Thus saith the Word: "NOW is the accepted time!" The world says there is plenty of time. What does the world know about God's plan? The Holy Ghost says "NOW!" The world thinks it knows better than God. "Where is the promise of His coming?" The man who listens to the world is lost.

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day." Ye have entered into the dawn of the eternal day, the eternal, unending day of God Himself. Old things have passed away. Calvary inaugurated a new day. Christ rose upon the first day of the week. The new day is from Calvary onward.

All that believe have entered into rest. The eternal rest of Jehovah has been entered by the sons of light. The central act in that eternal day will be the enthronement of Jesus in the Kingdom of His Father. Now we see not yet all things put under Him, but He is preparing His saints for the coming sight. The Father has decreed that every knee shall bow to Him, and every mouth shall confess that He is Lord. Satan tried to break the decree, and he failed. And he is now trying to rob Him of the glory that is coming to His name, and he will fail again.

The Blood was left on the earth. It can never leave the earth. And it spelt the doom of Satan. He tried to trample on the Son of God, but he was trampled on. The Son of God made His way through the principalities and powers, and He is coming back through them.

He overcame, not for Himself only, but for all who believe Him. In God's estimation there is no defeat for any saint. There is victory all the time through the precious blood.



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.

167. Is dancing in meetings of God? Is there a dancing really in the Spirit?

Ans. Miraim danced, David danced before the Lord and God upheld him in it against his wife who criticized him for it. I believe there is to-day a dancing that is in the Spirit and of the Lord. Though I have never danced I have felt much like it sometimes. But sometimes people overdo this matter, some try to work up a dance at every meeting, and feel the meeting was poor if they did not have a dance. This is a mistake. It is easy to get into a dead form or a form in the flesh. One should not try to dance until so constrained to do by the glory and power of the Lord. Even then they should not jump over organs or do unseemly things. A dance really in the Spirit is a beautiful sight.

168. What did Jesus mean when he said to the Apostles, "Whosoever sins ye remit they are remitted unto them and whosoever sins ye retain they are retained?" This looks like the Catholics have some grounds for confessing their sins to the priest.

Ans. Jesus meant what He said, and said what He meant. Namely, that He conferred on the apostles such union with Himself and such authority in the Spirit that they could retain or remit sins. This of course could be done only in and by the Holy Ghost.

But this is quite different from the Catholic claim. First of all they claim this power was given mainly to Peter to represent Christ on earth, but Jesus said "ye" or you, which is plural and includes all the apostles, giving each alike the same authority. In the second place a petty Catholic priest and an apostle of Jesus Christ is quite a different thing. In the third place they are not filled with the Spirit, not clothed with the Spirit, and hence cannot act in the Spirit or by the authority of the Spirit. Most of them are not even converted. How can they give something they themselves have not?

SOWING SEED IN NICARAGUA.

We have just finished working this town again with Gospel literature and find a very marked difference this time from the last. Prayers are being answered and God is slowly but surely softening the hearts of the people toward His precious Word; those who before would absolutely refuse and even abuse us were willing and even eager to receive and many even bought the whole Bible. The priests and bishop here are not leaving a stone unturned to crush the Gospel and destroy His precious Word, but with it all God is bringing in His own, praise His name. We find prayer changes conditions even in dark Central America.

We are busy getting ready for our out-of-town work, and expect to be on the warpath by Monday with our mules and Gospel literature, meaning very hard work for the body, but as we cross mountain after mountain finding the hidden towns, and are enabled to bring them the news of the Gospel, it pays for all hardships and sufferings and we deem it a blessed privilege.—B. A. and Mrs. Shoeneich.

A PENTECOSTAL RESCUE HOME.

Through the leadings and the help of the dear Saviour, a Rescue Home has been opened in Sapulpa, Okla., for fallen girls, indigent persons and homeless children.

Not only so, but we have a great many laborers in His vineyard that need a place to call home, where they can go when they are all worn out and stand in need of rest, or a place to leave their children while they are on the battlefield; this is the very place for that purpose.

The children can be taught on full Bible lines and also be taught in the Literary School.

All of the directors and officers are Spirit-filled men and women.

A separate building will be used for children only.

Money and boxes of various articles have already begun to come in from different churches and assemblies, but we stand in need of a great many things to carry on the work successfully, such as furniture for home and office, seats for chapel and school room, bedding and clothing (new and discarded), groceries, etc., etc.

This is a home for whosoever needs our help. It does not make any difference where they come from or what assembly they hold to; all you have to do is to write or wire the manager of your whereabouts and a careful investigation will immediately take place.

I ask each individual to pray for its welfare, and I humble ask each one to do their part financially. Please let each one who reads this feel their duty to a home of this kind. Read the following. Matt. 5:42, Matt. 10:42, Matt. 25:31-46 and Deut. 14:22-29.

All cash donations should be sent to Miss Blanche Darner, secretary of the Pentecostal Rescue Home, and all mer-

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Sincerely yours in His cause to help the fallen and needy.—R. L. Cotnam, Manager.

NOTICE.

In view of the fact that God has made it possible, through adding His blessing to the general work, the Executive Presbytery, in recent session decided that it would be advisable for the Chairman of the Council to be released from the detail work of the general office to give his time largely to field work during the summer. The object is for him to visit the various General Meetings, Conventions, etc., in the interest of the general work. Notice is therefore given that the Chairman of the Council, Bro. J. W. Welch, will be available as a visitor to as many Camp-meetings and meetings of a general nature as it is possible for him to attend. He will be open for engagements as early as April 15th.

BE ENCOURAGED—PRESS ON.

"Pray without ceasing!" Paul said. God is answering the heart cry of His children. The revival is coming. Let us add another and very needy object to the prayer list, viz: Mexico and the Mexicans in the border states, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, where there are thousands of refugees from Mexico. Pray! Pray! Pray!—A. P. Collins.

HEALED OF CONSUMPTION.

I want to write my testimony of how God has healed me of consumption in the last stage, and raised me up from my bed of affliction. I was taken sick two years ago this month with quick consumption. My husband sent me to the State hospital for tuberculosis, where I could have the best of care, rest and quiet, and outdoor sleeping. On reaching the hospital the doctor in charge examined my lungs and told me that I was a moderately advanced case of tuberculosis, and that my lungs were in a bad condition. For a time I gained in flesh, but was still weak in body. In January I was put to bed with a high fever and from that time on I fell gradually. In March I was shown by the Lord that all the doctor's care and medicine would not do me any good, and I called for the elders of two different churches.

The first refused to pray for me because I was not of his denomination. The second said that healing was not for the people of today, but for the old Jewish church. It made me feel discouraged to be denied by two churches, both claiming to be serving God, but praise God, I still felt that He had a chosen people somewhere who had faith in His healing power. I was all this time in a back sidden condition, but I felt God was

calling me, and I prayed for Him to show me His own people that I could call in to pray for me.

My sister had been saved in a Pentecostal meeting and she wrote me from time to time how God was blessing and healing through the prayer of faith. I felt these were God's people that He wanted me to send for. My sister also sent us The Pentecostal Herald where I read so many testimonies of God's healing and it gave me more faith. By this time I was so weak they had to help me up and down, and I would feel so faint that I could not sit up at all. I could keep nothing on my stomach but milk and raw eggs, and my stomach and bowels pained me so. But I praise God that when His saints prayed for me He heard the prayer of faith and He saved, healed, and raised me up from my bed of affliction where I had been for over a year. Glory to His name!

I threw the doctor's medicine all out and I am eating three meals a day. My stomach and bowels are in good condition and I am feeling stronger and better every day. He also saved and healed my husband and one of our boys. Praise God forevermore!—Mrs. R. F. Harvey, Nebraska.

HEALED OF INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM.

For the glory of God, I wish to say that I have been healed of the most painful affliction, inflammatory rheumatism. I was stricken down in my left leg first and I became practically helpless with the excruciating pain. I am a firm believer in divine healing, and sent for the saints to come and pray for me. (James 5:14-15.) For about eight days I was in this state. As the pain left one limb it would go to another, leaving each limb almost paralyzed, but, praise the Lord, He has healed me, and I realize how much nearer I have been drawn to my Saviour, who has saved and baptized me in the Holy Ghost. I find that the moments when I was lying in that awful pain were gain to me, for the coming of the Lord has been made so much clearer.—Mrs. Mark Shaver, McBean, Que., Canada.

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