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#### TO ALL THEIR DUE.

Let every individual be obedient to those who rule over him; for no one is a ruler except by God's permission, and our present rulers have had their rank and power assigned to them by Him. Therefore the man who rebels against his ruler is resisting God's will; and those who thus resist will bring punishment upon themselves. For judges and magistrates are to be feared not by right-doers but by wrong-doers. You desire-do you not?-to have no reason to fear your ruler. Well, do the thing that is right, and then he will commend you. For he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do that which is wrong, be afraid. He does not wear the sword to no purpose: he is God's servant-an administrator to inflict punishment upon evil-doers. We must obey therefore, not only in order to escape punishment, but also for conscience sake.

Why, this is really the reason you pay taxes; for tax-gatherers are ministers of God, devoting their energies to this very work. Pay promptly to all men what is due to them: taxes to those whom taxes are due, toll to those whom toll is due, respect to those whom respect is due, honor to those whom honor is due. (Rom. 13:1-7. Wey.)

And while you render unto 'Caesar the things that are Caesar's, forget not to render unto God the things that are God's. How? 'Inasmuch....to these.... to Me." Rendering to those who need, you render unto Him. Render to them of the 'beautiful feet" who carry "the Gospel of peace" round this war-girt world, their due. Render to those who minister His Word their due. Render to the mighty cause of "Printed Evangelism" its due. For a single dollar a thousand "silent preachers' can be sent on their winged way round this sin-cursed globe. For fifty cents, you can have every copy of the Evangel from now to the end of the year sent to some friend to whom its message will be a blessing. Keep God's printing presses busy. Remember that God counts on you to do your part.

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#### PICTURES OF PENTECOST IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

## Picture V. Fire from Heaven and Abundance of Rain. 1 Kin. 18:38, 41.

One of the earliest symbols of the Holy Spirit, as well as one of the most frequent, is that of fire. God's sign of the acceptance of Abel's offering was probably the descent of fire from heaven (Gen. 4:4), and it is mentioned again in Gen. 15:17, when the "lamp of fire" came down upon Abraham's sacrifice, when God made the covenant with him. At the dedication of both the Tabernacle and Temple, the heavenly fire came down to consume the sacrifice (Lev. 9:24; 2 Chr. 7:1); and when the Holy Spirit descended on the Day of Pentecost, "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:4.

The passage before us (1 Kin. 18) gives us in type some blessed teaching as to the reception of this holy fire from heaven. Mount Carmel is not an isolated peak, but a long ridge running inland from the sea. It rises steep and rocky between the Plain of Sharon and the Bay of Acca, where the port of Haifa nestles at its foot; and from the summit there (i. e., overlooking the sea) a path runs along the ridge for twelve miles inland, where is the probable site of Elijah's sacrifice-a spring of water, high on the mountain side, overlooking the Plain of Esdraelon, through which flows the ancient River Kishon (v. 40). In view of this commanding situation Ahab gathered all Israel; and the 850 idolatrous prophets called on Baal from morning until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice; but there was neither voice nor any to answer, nor any that regarded."

Notice now the preparation that Elijah made for the fire. The altar had to be repaired, the sacrifice laid upon the wood in order, the whole saturated with water, probably to make doubly sure to the assembled crowds that the fire had no earthly origin, but miraculously fell from heaven; the simple prayer of faith and expectation was offered, and

#### Then the Fire of the Lord Fell."

Is there one who reads these lines who is seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost? See to it, beloved, that the altar is built, and your all laid upon it. Paul says, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1), and surely that includes all that they contain: spirit, mind, thoughts, words, actions, talents, possessions, etc. Often the Holy Spirit, in preparing us for His fulness gives us a time of breaking down humbling and searching such as we have never had in our lives before, and we become so conscious of our own unfitness and unworthiness that it seems about as likely for the Holy Spirit to fill us as for fire to burn that wood saturated with water. But, Hallelujah! that is just the time when the Spirit comes. When we are brought utterly to an end of ourselves, and cease to have any dependence on our own wisdom, or any expectation from our own resources, then there is room for the Holy Spirit to prove what HE can do. "Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench." It is the miraculous power of the fire from heaven that convinces the world in this day as in Elijah's, making them fall on their faces and "The Lord, He is the God."

cry, "The Lord, He is the God. Notice also the calm confidence of Elijah's prayer. This is a great secret in tarrying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Do not keep on begging and beseeching God to baptise vou as if He were unwilling; but look to Calvary and see how Jesus purchased this baptism for you What is the work of the Spirit as fire? Volumes might be written about the illuminating, cleansing, consuming, enthusing, and empowering of that blessed fire from heaven; but let us now only look at three points, viz. (1) Acceptance of the sacrifice, (2) Cleansing from dross, and (3) Impelling to service.

(1) Fire means acceptance of the Sacrifice.

In the margin of Ps. 20:3 we find that the Hebrew way of expressing the word accept is "turn to ashes thy burnt sacrifice." Have you ever been surprised, after definitely laying your all upon the altar, to feel more empty and dried up than ever? Has the sacrifice resulted in your plans being frustrated, your expectations disappointed, your possessions scattered, your friends lost? It may be that this is just the reduction to ashes of the sacrifice, the very fire from heaven which signifies its ac-When the believing Israelite brought his little ceptance. lamb to the altar and laid him there as a whole burnt offering, did he shrink or murmur when he saw the fire consuming the sacrifice until only a heap of ashes remained? Oh beloved, the Lord could do far more with our lives if only we would allow Him to complete His work of reducing us to ashes. He is able to give "beauty for ashes," (Isa. 61:3), glory to His name!

When the Israelites saw their burnt sacrifices reduced to ashes, they just *offered more*. See 2 Chron. 7:1-4, when the fire fell from heaven. When God commands us to offer, He always intends to accept the sacrifice. With His receiving of the offering He always gives the glory; (verses I and 2) and after the glory has come in, there follows worship, praise and renewed sacrifices. Let our emptied altars be the place for offering something more to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

(2) Fire means cleansing from dross.

There are some kinds of filth which can be removed by the action of water, but others which can only be purified by fire. The most precious metals are freed from dross in the crucible, and it is in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire that the Lord purges out the dross from His spiritual gold. See Num. 31:22, 23; Psa. 66: 10-17; Isa. 1:25 and 4:4; Mal. 3:3, 4; I Pet. 1:7 and 4:12-19 for the purifying fire; also I Cor. 3:12-15 for the testing by fire of believers' works in the day of the Lord's coming. Oh that we may so dwell in the Spirit's fire now, and all our works be wrought in and through Him, that they may be able to stand the test of the fire in that day, and prove to be as gold, silver or precious stones.

(3) Fire has an impelling force.

"Then I said, I will not make mention of Him nor speak any more in His name. But His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." (Jer. 20:9.) And of Jesus it was said, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up" (i. e., consumed me as a burning fire within. (John 2:17.) See what this all-constraining force led Paul to: 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; and 6:1-10; and 11:23-29.

How much do we feel of this impelling, constraining force of the Holy Spirit within us? In the Pilgrim's Progress there is a picture of a fire upon which the wicked one was continually throwing water to extinguish it; but in spite of all his efforts, the fire burned brighter and brighter. Then Christian was taken behind the wall and (Continued on page eight.)

#### EXPERIENCES OF THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS.

#### By Maria A. Gerber.

We had invited friends for special meetings. The first day of these meetings arrived and quite a large number of people had announced their coming. My dwelling place was in the same building as our meeting hall and the people were entertained free. The responsibility was left upon me. When the first meeting day came I had two francs in one silver piece. I prayed over the critical matter very earnestly. The answer of the Lord was "Keep quiet and go ahead." That first evening I planned what we should have for supper, our first meal, with Sister Anna, who took charge of the meals. I gave her my purse with the two francs in it, telling her to buy the food, but did not tell her the money was all I had. The next morning she again took the purse and bought more food for that day. By this time our guests had increased in number. The same thing was done on the third day, and every day that week, Anna taking the purse and returning it, without any questions, as I had no liberty the whole week to ask any questions or to look into my purse. It was to me a sacred matter, and I almost felt afraid to touch that purse. However, when the week was over I opened it, and lo! it contained a little more than two francs.

I asked Sister Anna who had given her money that week, besides me. "Nobody," she replied. I then asked her to whom had she given that purse, except to me, and if she had paid for everything that was bought. By this time dear Anna was quite provoked over such questions, and answered: "Don't I know any better than to give your purse to anybody?" She assured me that there was enough money in, it every day and that everything was paid. Oh, how we praised our dear Lord when we clearly found out the supernatural workings of God in regard to that purse. In short, the story is this: The meetings lasted one week, a large number of guests had to be fed, I had only two francs, but everything needed for simple but nourishing meals was provided and paid for daily. The money left at the end of the week amounted to over two francs. Oh, beloved, is He not the same God as of old? Oh, for more faith from God's people!

#### Receiving the English Language as a Gift.

At the same time the Holy Spirit was working so mightily in Switzerland, He was also working in America, preparing for me a field of labor for the following ten years. A wealthy business man in Indiana gave me an invitation to go over and help them. It was July 31st, 1891, that the great steamer, Victoria, brought me into the har-bor of New York, where I received my first impressions of that practical, free land of America. Orphans' work, rescue work, and a training school for foreign missionaries were carried on through the brother mentioned above. I was invited to take the position of matron of one of these institutions, and it became, therefore, necessary for me to know the English language, of which I did not even know the A B C, and to learn this language, I placed myself in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible School, a well-known institution established by Dr. A. B. Simpson, in New York City.

I purposed to stay there one winter, and secured a private teacher, one of the students there, to give me lessons every day. All my energy and time was to be given to learning the English language. If I remember correctly, I had taken three lessons and had tried hard to learn the A B C, when I was requested to go to the home of a sick lady in the city who desired help. I refused to go, making the excuse that if I went once, I should have to go always, and all my time must be given to studying for the position

which was waiting for me. But as soon as the messenger was gone I felt very unhappy and restless, because I had not asked the Lord if He wanted me to go, and the Spirit told me I should go to that rich sufferer, but how to get there I did not know, as nobody spoke French or German of whom I could enquire.

Having faith, I went out in the street, carrying the address in my hand. I showed it a few times to policemen, and as they pointed with their hands, I prayerfully followed their directions. Soon I stood before the large house bearing the number on the paper, but as I was about to ring the bell fear took possession of me, and I thought if someone came to the door and asked me what I wanted I could not tell them, and they would think that I was insane. Many other terrible things Satan told me, but I pleaded to God for help, in Christ's name. I pressed the bell and the man who had come after me appeared at the door. I saw by his motions that he wanted me to enter, but his words I did not understand.

Upon entering the room where a very sick lady lay in bed, the power of the Holy Ghost fell upon me. The sick one began to tell me her troubles and condition. The presence of the Lord was so strong that I did not even think of not knowing the English language. I understood every word she said, took her English Bible and read a portion to her and prayed with her in English. The hungry soul accepted the message and I felt that God was working in her. It was when I was through with the work God had given me to do there, that I remembered that I did not know the English language, but that I was speaking, reading and praying in English and my heart overflowed in gratitude to my Lord. I will say here that I did not understand the English language as I do now, and could have lost my knowledge of it had I not had the faith to dismiss my teacher and stop studying, but from that time I took part in meetings, singing and testifying, etc.

The above extracts are from "Past Experiences, Present Conditions, Hope for the Future," a very fascinating missionary book, by Miss M. A. Gerber. This book can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, price \$1.25. The whole proceeds of this book are to be devoted to Miss Gerber's missionary work.

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

#### By H. Suso.

Were you condemned to death, and the sword already lifted to execute the sentence, and one were to come between, and receive the death-stroke in your place, what greater love could there be than such love as this? The first lesson in the school of wisdom is the lesson taught in the open book of the crucified Jesus. Read that page and ask yourselves, were a man to give all he had, even if he had the whole world to give, could he ever be to Jesus, that which Jesus has been to him?

And not only is the gift of God so great, the precious gift of His Son; there is far more than the greatness of the gift, to melt and touch our hearts. We know ourselves, that a little gift given in the fulness of tender love, is far more precious to us than many a greater gift would be. But when we think of the gift of God, not only is it so marvellously great, but how marvellous is the tenderness and love with which He has given it to men! Not only did Jesus die for sinners, but it is as if He said: "Behold Me, all hearts of men! was there ever a heart that loved as Mine has loved? For you My heart was pierced, and thence My love flows forth to you.

"It is I, the Eternal Wisdom. I, the depth unfathomable of mercy? who have brought forth from My hidden treasure-house the endless riches of My grace. It is I, the (Continued on page eight.)

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND WAR. By S. H. Booth-Clibborn.

#### Article 2. CHRIST CLEANSING THE TEMPLE.

Question. But didn't Jesus use force in a righteous cause when He drove the money-changers out of the Temple?

Answer. Yes, our Lord did use force. But what kind of force did He use? That is the crucial point of the whole argument!

We shall therefore turn in calm confidence to God's own holy Word, in which alone we can find the eternal solution to this and other soul-piercing problems. It is also essential that we bring unprejudiced, humble, and earnest minds and hearts to bear on this matter, as I've found ninety per cent of militaristic Christians to be lacking in the above kind of "Preparedness,"—as is evidenced by a **biased**, feverish state of mind, fatal to clear spiritual thinking.

Twice did our Lord cleanse the Temple. Scholars usually divide His ministry into three "Passover" years. (See Dr. Robertson's "Harmony of the Gospels.") The cleansing recorded in John 2:19 signalized the first Passover of His ministry. The second occasion, of which we have the account in Mt. 21:12, Mk. 11:15, and Lk. 19:45, took place three years later, during that last and fateful Passover of His Passion. The fact that there were two cleansings, far from weakening the argument, serves rather to confirm our position, by showing that His policy and principles were the same throughout.

Shall we then turn to John 2:13 (Revised Version)— "And the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem and He found in the Temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting —now let us carefully note every word—"And He made a scourge of small cords (Grk., whip of little strings) and cast all out of the Temple"—Who did He cast out?—"both the sheep and the oxen"—But didn't He whip the money changers as well?—let us read on. "And He poured out the changers' money and overthrew their tables; and to them that sold doves He said: Take these things hence."

So we see that—contrary to popular opinion—the Word does not state that Christ whipped the men out of the temple; but only that He used the little whip on the cattle, for which it was naturally intended. The popularity of an opinion is no proof of its correctness. That it is now the fashion for Christians to go to war, by no means proves that God wants them to go.

Now, what arrests and compels attention in this episode, is the extraordinary and overmastering exhibition of **divine authority and purely spiritual force**, in comparison with which the mere chasing of cattle and overturning of a few tables sinks into insignificance.

Spiritual power—not carnal brute force—is the weighty fact we must grasp here. In order to a better understanding we must picture to ourselves the whole scene. A poor, humble, practically unknown man of the laboring class suddenly enters the outer Temple court, just as business is humming nicely; and promptly creates havoc! The frightened cattle rush out. The still more frightened owners gasp in bewilderment. "Grab the fanatic," cries one. "How dare he interfere with honest Passover business?" whispers another old hypocrite. And that's all. They all stand transfixed and helpless! Why? Ah, beloved, here's the secret, and may God help us to learn it!

There was something in Him that just there and then made them limp and helpless as infants. It was simply God's Holy Ghost power!

If we now turn to Mark 11:15-18, we shall see the same scene being re-enacted three years later; with only the difference that here the details are less prominent. Still the effect is just as sudden and as strange. The idea that He actually pushed that great crowd of men out of the Temple by physical force, is absurd, seeing that they could easily have overpowered Him. No, He just "began to cast out," and they went out. ("Being convicted by their own conscience," John 8:9.) His Word was enough. In v. 18, the chief priests tried to "destroy Him," but were likewise helpless.

Question. Well, but why did He use that Spiritual force in judgment rather than in mercy as on other occasions?

Answer. This pertinent query cannot be satisfactorily answered unless we bear in mind **Dispensational Truth**, that true key to the Scriptures. The whole of Christ's life constituted an overlapping period,—namely a period when the parallel dying off of the Old and germination of the New Dispensation were simultaneously going on. Thus Christ, while bringing in and formulating the new regime, not only had to fulfil most of the O. T. prophecies concerning Himself, but also had to complete, and wind up—"pack-and-put-away" the entire Mosaic order of things.





The "Law" age ends at the cross on the sketch (O), with the rending of the veil, and the cry "It is finished." At A. begins the age of "Grace and Glory," with the Bethlehem Star. So the whole figure (A) (B) (C) (D) represents the Overlapping Period. During this period, Jesus performed a yet more difficult task, that of transferring many old types and shadows into the new realities. Our present case strikingly illustrates all these functions of our Lord.

Only by "cleansing" the temple on the lower plane of the Law (B. C., in figure) could He complete the chain of proofs of His Messiahship and Kingship-according to the Law and the Prophets. This He did by fulfilling the "Messiah" prophecy of Psalm 69:9 (John 2:17) and maintaining the tradition of righteous kings of Israel, whose first duty on mounting the throne was so often to "cleanse," repair, and re-establish Temple worship. (See Hezekiah in 2 Chron. 29:15.) So, in the two-fold capacity of Israel's rightful King and Messiah, He'first purified the Temple on the lower plane, after which He lifted the whole Temple Idea into the realm of Grace and Salvation, where He Himself, together with us, became the New and Living Temple of God." To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also, it is contained in the Scripture. Behold I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (1 Peter 2:4-6.)

This beautiful truth is graphically set forth in our first narrative "What sign showest thou unto us seeing thou doest these things?"—drawing the remarkable answer "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" "But He spake of the temple of His body." "When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered." And may we too remember that the Temple is now spiritual, and doesn't need to be defended by force

Could anything be more pitiable than the slaughter of thousands of gallant young Frenchmen in the vain attempt to save the old Roman Catholic cathedral of Rheims;—as

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though God dwelt there! No! beloved "The Lord of heaven and earth dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Nor is the young Christian called to spill blood in defence of Godforsaken churches and nations, with all their pomp and pride. To them Christ is saying, as to the Pharisees of old, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate!" (Matt. 23: 38.)

But there is another way in which the Temple can be destroyed, viz., by dragging into it the present horrible hatred, pride, and bloody butchery! "Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in yon? If any man destroy (R. V.) the Temple of God, Him shall God destroy!" (And "all they that take the sword shall perish by the sword.") "For the Temple of God is holy, which Temple Ye are!" Yes "Ye"—all Christians, whether German, French, or English. (1 Cor. 3:16-17.) Yes, brother! I can hear you protesting; but Paul knew you would "make excuse," for he goes on—"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world let him become a fool, that he may be wise, For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." (1 Cor. 3:18-19.)

## THE PERSONAL RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ALL-ABSORBING THEME.

On the night of His betrayal, the enemies of the Lord advanced to take Him, but they fell back. But as He returns, it is His loved ones who advance, and the enemies are driven back. He said, "Arise, let us go hence." He went out, but it was to meet His enemies. This time when He says, "Arise, let us go hence," it will be to welcome the waiting ones. He was willing to go to the first, but He is waiting and anxious to go to the second. The second coming was impossible without the first going. Gethsemane and Calvary speak of the cost of the rapture.

He said, "My hour is not yet." "This is your hour." He knew the hours that were left Him before Calvary came, and do you think that He is not reckoning the hours of His glory? Do you think He does not know the hour when His joy will be fulfilled in coming for His own. The glories of heaven and sitting at His Father's right hand can no more keep Him back than when He came to the earth as a babe. The love of the redeemed made Him leave the glory in the first place, and love will make Him leave again.

When did He come the first time? In the fulness of time. It was when men mused: "Art thou He that shall come, or look we for another?" All the people were in expectation. The expectation is the sign, or one of the signs. "Art thou He that shall come?" No, it was not Him, it was the forerunner. He said, "I am not He, I am the voice!" Have you heard the voice in the Latter Rain? He hath sent the forerunner, and He speaks. Blessed are they who have recognized and received the same voice.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, a wail, a discordant, rasping voice, a wilderness voice! Blessed were they who heard it. And the same voice men are mocking today, "a stammering lip, and another tongue," but it gives the message: "behold I come quickly!"

It meets the same treatment today. Herod shut the forerunner up in prison, and cut off his head to silence the voice. It was the most terrible voice of that day. From the king down to the soldier, from the head of the state down to the lowest servant, they were affected by that voice. And to-day, the sound of the supernatural voice is gone forth throughout the earth, and it is agitatingyou. I could not come any other way,

and annoying many that are hearing the voice. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not, the Pharisees, the religious ones, the unbelieving "believers." Keep not back the Spirit when He speaks forth in His own language in the public square or in the private room. Have you cried in the streets, or only in the public assembly? Has the publican heard it, has the soldier heard it, or the religious leader? "Lift up your voice, and spare not!" If you want the coming of the Lord, then be prepared to do the work of John the Baptist. What was he? A seeming failure! Even his own disciples left him and went and joined the Messiah. Be content to be a voice, and let Him use the voice. The fire-bell on the tower may not save many lives of itself, but it warns, and those who hear and heed can be saved. Be content to be a voice and warn. He is giving a supernatural voice for the times.

It has not entered into the mind of man to conceive the beauties of the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us, and soon the welcome will be sounded "Come ye blessed of my Father to a place prepared for you." Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." What will that place be like? It will be fit for Jesus to dwell in! And we shall dwell with Him. No more going out! Hallelujah!

He said to His disciples: "A little while and ye see me no more, and again a little while, and ye shall see me. Now are your hearts heavy because I said unto you, ye shall see me no more." Whose heart was heaviest? He could not bear to leave them, so as it were He said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless, I cannot bear to leave you comfortless, I cannot bear to leave you altogether, so I am sending the Comforter until I can come Myself. And He will be so true and faithful unto Me; He will glorify Me, He will take of the things of Mine and show them unto you, and He shall show you things to come. It is the best you can have during the time of probation here below. You could not bear a fuller revelation of the glory. I have to come through My Spirit unto because of the glory. I am glorified outside of you, even in heaven, but when He shall come, He shall glorify Me within.")

So when the Lord Jesus Christ comes, it will be glory meeting glory, the glorified Christ within meeting the glorified Christ in the heavens. You may not realize the glorified Christ within, but if the Holy Ghost is within you, He will and does glorify Jesus, and the imprisoned glorified Christ within is waiting for the first opportunity to meet the glorified Christ on the Throne.

Have you ever seen corn popped? The corn is specially selected. The heat bursts the corn and from the heart within which bursts, the whole is transformed, unrecognizable, but glorious in its whiteness. And the Lord takes a chosen people out from the world, a peculiar people. And the heat of His love within the heart will burst the heart, will transform and glorify, and it will be transformed into a glorious whiteness. The corn as it pops ascends, but comes down again, but we shall be caught up, and shall stay up, in spite of the laws of gravitation, and in spite of the watching and waiting enemy who seeks to devour the seed. Those who have watched corn pop will note that the inside as it bursts open unfolds and enfolds the husk so that it is almost lost sight of; so the inner life, when fully manifested will so clothe upon the outward, that mortality is swallowed up of life. We will be caught up before the devil has a chance. He watched the woman who gave birth to the manchild. but it was caught up before he had a chance. Do you want to know when? When there is sufficient heat applied. the corn bursts. Some in advance of others, the great mass at the one time, but some not at all, and it is thrown aside. As it is in the parable of the sower, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred-fold, and some never germinates at all. Seek to be a hundred-fold.

Of the times and seasons knoweth no man. No man, but the Spirit knows. He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto you. A servant knoweth not what his lord doeth. But Jesus calls us no longer servants but friends. A friend is entitled to know. And Jesus has promised His Spirit should show. The Spirit revealeth the deep things, yea the secret things of God.

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#### WILL CHRIST COME IN 1917?

This is a question in many hearts and on many lips. Special interest was aroused in this question by an article, "When shall we rise to meet the Lord?" in the special "Second Coming" edition of the Evangel. In this article a sister told how the Lord had shown her in a special way how many her days would be, and that she was given to believe that the Lord is going to take her to Himself this year. Her strong belief is that her homegoing is to be by translation, and that the rapture of the saints will take place this year. Her conviction was deepened as she read "When will our Lord return," written by Harold Norris in 1914, whose studies of the Word of God and Biblical chronology causes him to give the most probable date of the rapture as 1917 or 1918, and the most probable season as September or October.

We are reminded of the words of Jesus, "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only," but we cannot interpret this Scripture as many do that God will never show to His servants the prophets even at the end of time the times and seasons of the coming again of His Son. God has given the promise very distinctly "It shall come to pass in the last days, I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." We are not told to accept everything that comes in an apparently su-pernatural way, but we are exhorted, "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge." Again we are charged by the apostle, "Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." The apostle John has something further to say about trying the spirits. So the Scriptural attitude is not to accept everything that comes, nor to reject everything that comes, but to "prove all things," and then "hold fast that which is good." Whether our sister is correct or not in her interpretation remains to be seen, but we find the conviction on the hearts of many precious saints of God that the coming of the Lord is at our very doors, and the Lord is giving His own many marked incentives to watchfulness.

#### The Study of Prophecy.

Relative to this absorbing subject we have just received two articles on "The Study of Prophecy," written by Wm. Sharp for the London "Christian." Reference is made in these articles to that wonderful book "Light for the Last Days" written thirty years ago by Dr. Grattan Guinness, which foreshadows the completion of certain chronological periods which would probably witness a notable stage in the rapid decay of the Gentile power which has so long trodden down Jerusalem. Dr. Guinness drew special attention in this connection to (among others) the two years 1915 and 1917. The former of these two years saw Turkey enter into the war which appears likely to prove her downfall; and the latter, 1917, appears likely to see the end of her dominion over the land of the Jews.

Mr. Sharp writes: "Some really earnest Christians seem to deprecate inquiry into these things. Should we not remind ourselves that Christ said to the Pharisees and Sadducees: 'Oh, ye hypocrites ye can discern the face of the sky, but can ye not discern the signs of the times?' And is not the Bible full of signs? And were not the sun and moon given us for 'signs,' even in priority to their use for seasons, days, and years (Gen. 1:14)? And is not the Bible a book very largely concerned with chronology?

"The question before us is one mainly for the Jews, numbers of whom are aware that the time of their Dispersion is drawing to a close, and that the deliverance of their land from the hands of the Desolator is near. But what is interesting to *them*, is surely interesting to us Christians; for has not our Lord (Luke 21:24, 27) indicated the time of His coming again by associating it with the close of the period during which Jerusalem was to remain under Gentile dominion? If that be so, should not we, who are earnestly looking forward to His return, seek to know something of "the time of the End," as Daniel did? But whilst Daniel was discouraged in his inquiry by Michael, we are not; for Michael said: 'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end'; and then he adds: 'It shall be for a time. times and an half; and when He shall have accomplished the scattering of the holy people (i. e., when the Dispersion should come to an end) all these things shall be finished.' And when Daniel asks a second time, 'What shall be the end of these things?' he is answered, 'Go thy way, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the End." Does this not imply that, as the end draws near, we are again put upon inquiry? 'The wise shall understand."

#### The Importance of this Year in the Mohammedan Calendar.

"There is evidence that some sincere inquirers into the chronological and historical system of Prophecy have been checked and discouraged by their inability to follow the various cycles and periods of years so continuously referred to in Dr. Guinness's works. They have been puzzled by references to solar years, calendar years, and lunar years of varying lengths, and which, for want of some general knowledge, they have been unable to check. It would be helpful at the outset to make oneself well acquainted with the respective lengths of these three "years." The solar year is 365 days; the calendar year 360 days; the lunar year (of the Mohammedan calendar) 354 days (twelve moons); and the latter is the year adopted and commonly used by Jews and Mohammedans alike. That a number of chronological periods in Scripture are by lunar measurement is not surprising, seeing that the Book deals so largely with Eastern Empires and peoples.

'Attention has been drawn to the fact that this is the year 1335 in the Mohammedan calendar, which year commenced on October 28, 1916 (see Whitaker's Almanack), and will end on October 16, 1917; and it has been compared with the statement in Dan. 12:12, 'Blessed is he that cometh to the one thousand three hundred and thirty and five days.' The conjunction of this remarkable figure with the present Mohammedan year is interesting, but perhaps a word may be said to guard against too readily jumping to the conclusion that the 1335th year of the Mohammedan calendar is the 1335th year of Dan. 12:12. The Mohammedan calendar starts from A. D. 622, the year of Mohammed's flight from Mecca. But it would appear from Dan. 12:11 and 12, that the 1335 years was to run from 'the taking away of the daily sacrifice' and 'the setting up of the abomination that maketh desolate.' This was not till sixteen years later, viz., in A. D. 637, when the Caliph Omar captured Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple. Now 1335 lunar years from that date will bring us to the Mohammedan year 1351-equivalent to our year 1933-34. So much for Dan. 12:12.

#### The Times of the Gentiles.

"But that this year 1917 may see the deliverance of Jerusalem from the hand of the Desolator (the Turkish power) seems consonant with Scripture prophecy, even though some years may elapse before the Jews are officially encouraged to return to their land and set up a government of their own, possibly at first under a European guarantee. This brings us to that period of '7 times' or weeks of calendar years (360 multiplied by 7 equal 2520). or 2520 years, or 'times of the Gentiles.' which have their rise with the fall of Judah as a kingdom, when the land passed under foreign or Gentile control. The question is, *When* was this, and is the measurement lunar or solar?

"Let us look at the historical facts. The last three kings of the Kingdom of Judah were Jehoiakim and his two sons Jehoiachin and Zedekiah. It was in the reign of Jehoiakim (he reigned eleven years) that the Babylonian servitude began (see 2 Kings 24:1). Is our starting-date then? If so, then this is the terminal-year of the desolation period of 2520 years. On his being carried away to Babylon, his son Jehoiachin was set up to reign by Nebuchadnezzar, but after reigning some 3 months as a vassal, Nebuchadnezzar again besieged Jerusalem (B. C. 598) and carried him away captive and 'all Jerusalem,' 'to be 10,000 captives.' This would seem the principal date from which to start the dominion of the Gentiles, and the terminal-date therefrom would be 1923. But there was still another king who, nominally, sat on the throne of David, and that was Zedekiah, who we are told reigned eleven years. Then on account of his bad behavior. Nebuchadnezzar, in B. C. 587, took him away to Babylon and burnt the Temple; thus finally extinguishing the national and independent existence of the Jewish people. The termi-nal year in this case is 1934. We thus have a period of some sixteen years of Nebuchadnezzar's various invasions from which to select our starting-point, and to the same extent that the starting-point varies, so must there remain a doubt as to the terminal-date.

"Let us close by looking at our Lord's words in Luke 21:24-27: 'Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled... Then shall they see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory."

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Sunday. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9.

Jesus said to his disciples,—and we are included,—"I go to prepare a place for you." Nineteen hundred years has He been gone preparing it; and we may be very sure that place of "many mansions" will be all that heart could desire. All the most glowing word-pictures of heaven's glory will be weak and insignificant when we stand before our blessed Lord—and He welcomes us to the home he hath prepared.

Monday. "And the blood shall be to you for a token in the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood I will pass over you." Ex. 12:13.

A thousand living lambs could not take the place of the one slain lamb required! It was the blood—not only shed, but sprinkled upon the doorposts and lintels—that brought deliverance and salvation. Away then with all that subtle delusion of these last days that would lay emphasis upon the life and not the blood of Jesus Christ. Apart from His shed blood there is no life. It is the Lamb "slain from the foundation of the world" that beareth away the sin of the world.

Tuesday. "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted." Isa. 2:11.

It is a temptation sometimes, when you see people around you soaring too high in pride and fleshly exaltation, to bring them down. But that is God's work. not yours. He can prick pride's bubble all too quickly; He can bring down the proud heart better than any of us. And perhaps—has it occurred to you—there may be a lesson for you in it all; a chance to sweetly die to the overbearing manner of the person so obnoxious to you?

Wednesday. "Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings." Isa. 51:7.

Have you not given your life, your reputation, your future into God's hands? What difference then if your good name is besmirched by others, if your character is attacked, your prospects for work, either temporal or spiritual apparently blighted! God says, "Fear not!" Trust Him to vindicate you in His own way and time. He will hide you away safely in His own pavilion secure from "the strife of tongues."

Thursday. "Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." Job 37:14.

We can scarcely grasp the wonderful divine precision that governs the rotation of our solar system. Huge suns and planets have been moving around age after age in their determined orbit which God Himself has established. A slight deviation on the part of one would mean most dreadful disaster. And God has given us each our determined orbit with relation to one another, and we must carefully follow it would we preserve the divine harmony which God so delights in. I wonder if a few shattered spiritual planets along the way are not a warning to us along this line.

Friday. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." I Jno. 3:3.

He may come just any moment now. The very thought constantly on our hearts will help us to live a life pleasing to Him. Our words will be governed thereby; our lives will be directed accordingly; the inmost thought and motive of our hearts will be cleansed as we realize the certain hope of meeting Jesus most any time.

/'Pray, always pray; amid the world's turmoil,

Saturday. "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting." I Tim. 2:8.

Prayer keeps the heart at rest, and nerves for toil. All earthly things with earth shall fade away; Prayer grasps eternity; pray, always pray."

# General Council of The Assemblies of God

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EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERY.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE PRESEYTERY.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

There has been recently issued from the office of the General Council, a letter accompanied by a Resolution passed by the Executive Presbytery. The letter has been sent to all of our Ministers. It deals with the matter of our attitude toward military service or the taking up of arms. The purpose of the Resolution is to interpret as clearly as possible what the Scriptures teach upon the subject, as we have from the beginning declared the Bible to be our only rule of faith and practice. The purpose of the letter is not to induce action on the part of any who do not wish to establish a legal standing with the General Council, Incorporate, but to assist all who may wish to do so.

It is not intended to hinder anyone from taking up arms who may feel free to do so, but we hope to secure the privilege of exemption from such military service as will necessitate the taking of life for all who are real conscientious objectors and who are associated with the General Council.

The subject matter does not include any new thing. It simply puts in words what we have before found it unnecessary to say. It only interprets the position always held by this company of believers. We always have and shall stand upon the simple teachings of the Word of God, endeavoring to obey His commandments and embody His precepts in our life.

We are not opposed to the Government and not unwilling to serve in any capacity that will not require the destruction of life. Personally I should deplore the necessity for our young men to bear arms against others, but would be pleased to see many of them serve in a capacity that would afford them an opportunity to save life and to point men to Christ who may be facing death in the trenches.

Any of our assemblies which may desire to establish organic union with the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Incorporate, and thus secure recognition as belonging to the fellowship, may do so by following the directions in the letter, but it is hoped that no company of saints will take such advantage with the thought alone of the benefits to be derived from such a step. There are moral and financial responsibilities to be considered as well as benefits, and I feel like warning all concerned against an action prompted simply by a desire to escape military service or to secure some benefit and which does

not represent a willingness to assume a full share of responsibility in maintaining the unity and co-operation which is fundamental with the Council. If further information is desired it may be had by applying to the office of the General Council. All inquiries, however, should be accompanied by sufficient money to cover postage, etc.

The following is a quotation from an official letter received from the War Department at Washington recently:

ly: "The President desires to acknowledge receipt of your Resolution by which certain members of your church claim exemption from military service. You are informed that the matter of exemption is now being carefully considered by Congress. It is expected that the bill will become a law in a very short time, and immediately thereafter full and complete information and instructions will be given to the public through the press."

In the light of the foregoing information it is evident that we can expect to be enlightened through the press in regard to the Government's position concerning exemptions. Rather than to make inquiry through the office of the General Council we advise that all watch the press for information. If this office receives anything direct, the substance of it will appear in the Evangel.

J. W. WELCH, Chairman of the General Council.

#### WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS? (Continued from page 3.)

Eternal Wisdom, who became poor and needy. that I might make you rich. It is I who died a bitter death, that you might pass from death to life. Behold Me on the high gallows of the cross, standing between the dread sentence of God, and the sinners, who were righteously condemned.

"Look at Me and see, behold the Brother and the Bridegroom of Mine own.

"Sinner! I have as much forgotten all thou hast done against Me, as if it never had been done. Come to Me to be washed in My precious Blood, and then lift up thine head, and rejoice in Me. O sinner, come, and take from My hand the token of perfect peace, of complete and full forgiveness. Take from My hand the ring of Mine espousals, and the best robe, and the shoes for thy feet, and the new and blessed name of Hephzibah, the bride betrothed eternally to Me.

"Behold how dearly I have bought thee, forsaken of God for thee. I hung athirst and bleeding on the cross, but My thirst for thee was greater than the thirst of My lips. And when I wrought out for thee a full salvation, then did I cry: *'It is finished!* 

"I was obedient unto death, the death of the cross. To my Father's hands I commended My Spirit, and My soul departed. But I, who did all these things, was all the while thy God.

"And then was the sharp spear driven into My side, and thence flowed the stream of precious blood, and the river of living water. Sinner, wilt thou come to Me?"

#### PICTURES OF PENTECOST. (Continued from page 2.)

shown the secret of it all—viz., Christ invisibly pouring in the oil of His Holy Spirit, which caused the fire to burn, even in spite of the water thrown upon it by the devil. This is the secret of a *life on fire* for God and for souls: to be continually receiving more and more of the Spirit, and to allow nothing to come between and cut off the constant supply.—A. E. L.

(To be continued.)

May 26, 1917.



191. Is it necessary for a Spirit-filled one. Christian Science sometimes heals preacher to jump and shout? Are noise and manifestations necessary?

Ans. I hardly see how one could have much power and glory and not have any manifestation or any shouting: nor can I see why these things in reason or in the Spirit should be objectionable to those who are themselves filled with the Spirit. But jumping and great noise may not be of God, may have little or none of God in it. We are not to confound noise and fleshly manifestations with the power of the Holy Ghost. They may go together and they may be sepa-Each case must stand on its own rate. merits or fall for the lack of it.

192. What did Jesus mean by saying "My Father is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hands?" Jno. 10:29.

Ans. Jesus meant that God was greater than the devil and all opposing powers, and so they could not pluck a trusting soul out of His hand.

193. How are we to know what is the will of God?

Ans. The first condition of our knowing it is the submission of our own will to God. Jesus said, "He that willeth to do His will shall know of the doctrine." John 7:17. No soul can ever hope to be settled on what the will of the Lord is unless he is willing to do the will of the Lord when known.

The second step is the study of His Word. His will is revealed in His Word.

The third step is the corroborating providences of God. What He wants us to do, He will make possible, if we believe and obey step by step as He leads on.

The fourth step is to heed the voice of the Spirit. God can whisper His will to the obedient soul. All voices should be tested by the other rules above.

194. Can one who never knew the Lord cast out devils as in Matt. 7:22-23?

Ans. Note that the Lord did not say they cast out devils, only quotes what they professed to do. No doubt, as a rule, all these claims were false. I believe it is rare, if at all, that false or deceived professors really cast out devils. But people get healed oftentimes in their own faith when ministered to by false ministers. The name of Jesus itself when thrown positively against demons may drive some of them out, even when the user of it knows little of the Lord. Much depends on positive confidence. Some demons are fearful and more easily frightened away than others. Then Satan may co-operate with false professors and false deceivers by removing one demon to make room for a worse

the body to damn the soul.

195. What is the soul of man?

Ans. Webster gives fifteen uses in meaning to the word soul, and indeed the word is used in different senses. Strictly speaking, God portrays man as a three-fold being of body, soul and spirit, (1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 4:12.) "The spirit is that part of man which knows, (1 Cor. 2:11) his mind: the soul is the seat of the affections, desires, and so of the emotions, and of the active will, the self. Matt. 11:29; 26:38; John 12:27.... Because man is 'spirit' he is capable of God-consciousness, and of communion with God; because he is 'soul' he has he has, through his senses, world-conselfconsciousness: be cause he is 'body' sciousness." See note on 1 Thess. 5:23 in Scofield Bible. Most people use the word soul where it would be more correct to sav spirit.

196. What is the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Ghost?

Ans. One blasphemes the Holy Spirit when he sees a miracle wrought by the presence and power of the Holy Ghost and knows it is God working, and then wickedly and willfully, rather than own it is God, maliciously attributes the acknowledged miracle to the power of the devil. This is knowingly and willfully, for wicked ends, to exalt Satan into the place of God. It knowingly calls God the devil and the devil God. Many ignorantly do such things, and still the mercy of God saves them when they repent.

197. Have we any Scripture for nominating and voting for a leader in the church?

Yes, provided we vote in the Ans. one God has selected. To insure this, the voting must be yielded to and guided by the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:23 the apostles and saints "appointed two," that is, they "put forward two," or "made two stand up" which is the same as to nominate two. All a nomination does is to "put forward," or put up some one to be voted on. The apostles did this.

Then they prayed God to show which of the two was His choice, show it, of course, by the lot or vote. So we ought to pray on all such occasions when about to vote, unless God has already shown us His choice.

Then verse 26 says, "They gave forth their lots." The fact that they gave "their lots," plural, shows that each had a lot to cast. Each to cast a lot is the same as each to cast a vote. However "lot" is the scriptural term for the act, while "vote" is the political term. The

thing that makes the vote the lot or allotting of the Lord is that each voter will be so guided by the Lord to vote the will of God. It follows that only those yielded to God should presume to vote on what is the choice of the Lord. All should seek alone God's choice and yield to it. Otherwise the leader chosen may be the choice of man and not of God.

#### CONVENTION AND OPENING NEW CHURCH AT WILKES BARRE, PA.

A new Pentecostal church has been opened in Wilkes Barre, Pa., at a cost of eleven thousand dollars, most of which was raised before the building was completed. The new building is beautifully furnished and carpeted and has every modern convenience.

Bros. Garr and Black from Los Angeles, Cal., assisted by Mrs. Mary Rahter, have been in charge of the meetings. Bro. Cox paid us a few visits and expects to return and hold meetings later. Bro. McDowell of Scranton delivered a wonderful message the last evening he was with us.

The outsiders and church people have been greatly interested. A number have been saved and baptized in the Spirit, and quite a few young people have been added to the assembly. A greater break is expected soon, as there is much evidence of conviction on the people. Bro. Garr gave some wonderful messages, especially on eternal punishment. After one powerful sermon on hell there were five real, bright conversions.

Bro. Black's singing attracted everybody, and his preaching also has been very convincing. God has made these two men a blessing to the people of Wilkes Barre. They hold their next meeting in Winnipeg, Canada.

Sister Rahter has been much used here in praying for the sick and her exhortations have been inspiring, and she has been untiring in her work at the altar. The congregational singing has been a great feature of the meeting, in which the young people have taken a prominent part. The singing with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and out of a heartfelt experience has caused much talk among the outsiders, as being so much different from what they have in the churches.

Let all the saints pray that God will raise up a "glorious church" and give us a big revival in Wilkes Barre .--- Wm. Matthews.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

#### May 27, 1917.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS WORK. Lesson Text.—John 15:26-16:14.

Golden Text.—"He shall teach you all things." John 14:26.

Leading . Thought.—The promised Comforter.

1. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the World, Vs. 26-16:11. We have indicated the change in dispensations, as Jesus announces His soon departure, and at the same time the coming of the Holy Spirit for a definite work in the hearts of all mankind. "Another Comforter"-earlier in the evening Jesus has promised them this. Ch. 14:16, 18. "I will not leave you comfortless." How the thought of His departure would sadden their hearts; so continually Christ couples with it the promise of the Holy Spirit who would continue the work He had begun in their hearts and lives. And not only this, but He would go beyond in that the Spirit touches lives all over the world, convicting, converting and reproving. We may divide the work of the Comforter into two parts: His work in the world, and His work in the believer. The Holy Spirit was to represent Christ in the earth,-"'His person, His principles, and His power.' Notice the relation of the triune God set forth in V. 26. "Whom I will send unto you from the Father." The Spirit proceeds from the Father, and is sent by the Son. This explains Acts 2:33. The descent of the Holy Spirit marked the time of God's gracious dealings with all flesh. Before, the same Holy Spirit had come occasionally upon certain individuals through the O. T. times, and thereby were wrought special victories for God. But apart from the Jewish nation there were no evidences whatever of the Holy Spirit working among any other people at all. Now the doors are swung open and the Christ having been glorified, there is poured forth the fulness of the Spirit which shall operate in and upon all flesh. Well may we term it the "dispensation of grace." It is the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy, "I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh." Praise God for its abundant fulfillment. This explains so many acts

of God's sovereign grace and mercy which some have misunderstood and used to bring reproach upon God's work. How faithfully the Spirit has gone throughout the earth, performing His mission. John gives three distinct things: 1. He will reprove the world of sin. Why? Because of their unbelief in Jesus. The very presence of the Spirit witnesses that Jesus has been glorified, that He has accomplished the work absolutely for which God sent Him into the world. He hath eternally wrought our redemption; the work is finished. "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." If then Christ has done His work, the condemnation rests upon every man and woman, who disregards the light which has shined, and rather chooses to walk in their own dark way of sin. The gross sins are hideous and death-dealing in their effect, but far worse than all these in the sight of God, is unbelief. Indeed unbelief is the root out of which the other sins grow. Is not that morally righteous man or woman who poses as a standard of virtue, and yet whose heart is enmity against God and His Christ as black in God's sight as the vilest wretch of the gutter? This is what the Holy Spirit does; reveals to us our hearts as they are in God's sight. Let Him once shake the self-righteous foundation beneath a soul, and how quickly that soul will cry for mercy. There has never been a soul saved since the day of Pentecost, but what the Holy Spirit was moving deeply, faithfully down in the depths of that life. He is the best helper-the only helper-who can insure successful soul-winning. No wonder then no souls are saved in those churches who have crowded out the Holy Spirit. Where He ceases to woo, no souls will be won for God. "My spirit will not always strive with man." 2. "Of righteousness because I go unto My Father." The Old Covenant of righteous living was in the keeping of the law. Jesus came, not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it. So long as He con-tinued in the world, His life, His precepts were the constant guide of His followers in maintaining a righteous walk. Where they had failed He corrected tenderly and faithfully. Now He

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was going to His Father. What then was to be the standard of righteousness, since the law ended in Christ? The Holy Spirit moving, reproving, working in the lives and hearts of men. Perhaps there is a hint of the new birth Born again, not of corruptible here. flesh, but of the living Spirit-the Holy Spirit. And to the extent that we heed His admonition, to that extent is the righteousness of the Lord Jesus fulfilled in our lives. "That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." Read Rom. 8:1-10. "If the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory." Notice also 2 Cor. 3:6-18. Through this portion of His office work, the Spirit witnesses to the worth and value of Christ's finished work. Our part is obedience to the Spirit. 3. "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." Jesus saw Satan fall as lightning from heaven. Luke 10:18, 19. When Jesus led captivity captive, burst the bonds of death and the grave and ascended to the right hand of God the Father, a judgment sentence was passed upon Satan. But he still continues for a season as the prince of this world,"the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." Eph. 2:2. The presence of the Holy Spirit working throughout the world is a constant reminder to the devil of his rapidly nearing judgment. He knows his time is short. So much the more does he work by every possible means to hinder the accomplishing of God's purpose. And he is particularly against everything that exalts the Holy Spirit. Wherever the life of the Spirit works, there you will find Satan, perhaps arrayed as an angel of light seeking to hinder, by biting at the horses' heels. Gen. 3:15. Thank God for the blessed day when Satan shall be forever cast into the bottomless pit. Till then we have the precious blood, by which we can overcome him day by day. Hallelujah!

2. The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Believer, Vs. 12-14. Of course we all know His primary work is to reveal Jesus. We have had it so blessedly proven to us that no words could add much light. Those disciples could not bear all the truth Jesus had for them. He must leave it to the Holy Spirit to go on guiding them. This is true with us. How much more we know now of God and His dealings than when we first came to Jesus. And all this divine knowledge has come through the illumination of the Holy Spirit. "He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak." How carefully Jesus assures their hearts that they shall hear direct from headquar-"He shall receive of mine, and ters! shall show it unto you." How wonderfully is the relation maintained! Jesus, the great battery, from whom the electric power of the Spirit comes vibrating all through our beings, tongues, hands, hearts, feet, minds, and we are

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set amoving for God. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Next Week's Lesson.

June 3, 1917. JESUS BETRAYED AND DENIED.

Lesson Text.-John 18:1-18.

Golden Text.-Isa. 53:3.

Mrs. A. R. Flower.

#### ENCOURAGING REPORT OF THE MEXICAN WORK.

When I returned here I was met by . the joyful news that two more of the converts had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost after Bro. Ball left-that made three altogether in the few days I had been away. Two of them came from Los Indios, a town on the very border of Mexico, where God is now doing a blessed work. Early last winter a young man from there named Miguel spent a Sunday in Kingsville, heard Bro. Ball preach, and was brightly saved. He did not receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but went back at once to his work in Los Indios. The Lord used his earnest preaching and his consistent life to the salvation of six more; and when Bro. Ball visited them last month he found quite a little company meeting together for prayer under the leadership of Miguel. The Sunday I was at Fort Worth, he and two other young men came up to Kingsville to receive water baptism, and the two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit before returning, while again Miguel did not receive. Much prayer, however, was made for him by the church here; and yesterday we received the joyful news that the day after returning to Los Indios the Lord baptized him with the Holy Spirit, and such a mighty revival has broken out there that the young men are begging some of us to go down there and help them gather in the ripened sheaves. They write that thirteen more have received the baptism of the Spirit in the last few days, and God is doing a mighty work. Glory to His name!

Here in Kingsville He is saving souls too, and is deepening the hunger of the converts for the Word of God. Oh that the Lord would send us more workers —or to put it more accurately, oh that those whom He is calling would obey the call and come!—Alice E. Luce.

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#### THE NEEDS OF THE MEXICAN WORK.

We are pressing the battle for God among the Mexicans now in San Antonio, Texas. We left old Mexico because of the new law they passed, but we have not quit the Mexican missionary work, but moved to this city where it is said there are 40,000 or 50,000 Mexicans. If some of the readers could see the poor hungry Mexicans as they stand on the street, or at the City Market, they would perhaps pray more for this work. I thank God I ever heard God saying, "Who will go for us," and that I replied, "Here am I, send me!" He said go, and I went.

Well, it has been very rugged, at least most of the way, but I have never doubted my call. and I have pressed through the hardships and studied the language and can preach to the Mexicans in their own language now. God knows they are as needy as any of the lost of this poor devil-befooled world. They are somewhat shy of a hall, but we go after them and give them a Gospel and a tract and they read that, and perhaps see that we want them saved. wish to say here that it cost something to get Gospels and tracts to give out. I have payed out over \$30.00 in the last few weeks for tracts and portions of the Gospels to be given out, and yet I have \$20.00 more to pay out in a few days. Fifteen dollars of that was given for that purpose at the Texas Council. Thank God, and the good saints who helped. There has been some few others in a private way who sent an offering and made it possible for us to go on with the work, and we used the money we got out of our home at Broken Arrow, Okla., in this work. I have a lot (clear and a good deed to the same) in Wessington Springs, South Dakota, I would like to sell and use the money in this Mexican work. The real estate man wrote me the lot was worth \$80.00 or \$100.00. He said it was a good lot. have the deed on file there. I would take \$65.00 cash for it. The money would be used in this work, every dollar of it. You see this work is not very well known nor very well supported. Saints pray God to supply all the needs so we will not be hampered on any line. God called a schoolteacher to this work while we were in the Texas Council, and he is talking to others about the work. It takes more money to open a new work than to run it after it is opened. Now I am talking to you readers in a confidential way and I want you to stand with us in prayer to this end. The devil has made it as hard on us as he could.

God has blessed in the work. My Mexican missionary in Mexico writes me that the Lord is blessing there. One Mexican saved here a week ago and he and wife were at the altar the next Sunday night seeking the baptism of the Spirit. Pray for us and this needy work. —Yours in Christ seeking the poor lost Mexicans, M. M. Pinson, 200 Devine St., San Antonio, Texas.

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#### A WORD OF CHEER FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

We are praising God for His wonderful works to the children of men. Surely the Lord is in our midst in a wonderful way. Four received the baptism of the Holy Spirit last week, for which we give Jesus all the glory. Dear Bro. and Sister Lankin are with us for a few days and already three this week have received the baptism.

I had the privilege of preaching in the penitentiary. There were over 200 men present and several cried, and a number raised their hands for the prayer at the close of the meeting. Please pray for the prison work at Salt Lake City. The warden of the prison has promised me that he will give me the privilege of coming one Sunday in every month to talk to the men. We go to the county jail every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., at the request of the sheriff, and to the city jail every Thursday at 3:30 p. m. We are expecting wonderful things from the Lord.

We are having a real revival spirit in our midst for which we praise Jesus. Bro. Lowe is the pastor, a blessed man of God, and he and I are working hand in hand together for the salvation of the lost and the building up of believers, glory to Jesus! Please pray for us; we believe that Jesus is coming soon, and we want to reach every class of sinners. We are having wonderful street meetings. God bless you and keep you all on the firing line for Jesus.—Yours for souls till Jesus comes, Thomas Griffin.

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#### DO NOT FORGET THE MISSION-ARIES.

With prices rising rapidly, missionary work will now cost more than at any other time in the history of the world. We regret to report that this past month not much more than half has come into the Missionary Treasurer's hands for distribution that came in the month previous. Other distributing centers have similar reports. Let us make this a matter of earnest prayer and instant action this month, and see to it that whilst earthly governments have no lack in the wherewithal to deal out death to opposing nations, the cause of our King shall lack nothing, and those who minister life to those dead in trespasses in sin amongst the heathen nations shall have all their needs supplied. Your King is counting on you. The following sums have been forwarded during, the past month.

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#### MISSIONARY NOTES.

Mafatang, Basutoland, South Africa. There are a party of four here. Two dear old ladies and ourselves, and the Lord is blessing all the time. The last to come in was the chief of this part who stood up in the church the other day and said he had decided to come over to the Lord. He will be baptized (D. V.) next Lord's day. Basutoland has had the light for years, but sixsevenths of the people are heathen. Pray much for us as we hold up the light.—David Fisher.

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Dodballapur, Mysore State, South India. Today an order from the government was brought round to the effect that all passports were to be renewed, and that no women or children would be allowed to leave India, unless their case became urgent for health's sake, and then only under a doctor's orders. The separation may yet be more and more realized between those at home and those on the field. I beg you all to pray for us on the field. No one knows what heathen darkness is until brought in contact with it. There are only about seven Pertecostal misionaries here in South India, and the field is large .--- Your sister in Jesus, (Mrs.) J. E. Clark.

Tokyo, Japan. We are busy for our Master every day sowing the seeds, giving out the living words, and the continual cry of our hearts is for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit here in Japan. We have our mission hall full, and have blessed meetings every night. Some come forward, willing to turn from

their sins and anchor in Jesus, the blessed place of rest. We rejoice over each one God is giving us for Himself. I often think, when we start out with our lantern and drum for street meeting how truly we are soldiers for our Master, marching on to war, holding up the blood-sained banner of Jesus. We are distributing many tracts and Bibles. We have just had 10,000 tracts printed for distribution. Many hundreds of people hear the Gospel at our street meetings who never heard the Gospel before. Some listen from upstair windows too, and it makes us think of Paul's time. Some who hear the truth come to our mission to hear more of our Saviour. of Him who is able to save to the uttermost .--- Marie Juergensen.

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Cape Palmas, Liberia. It seems that the time is drawing near when Satan will come down to the earth out of the heavenlies, for the oppression of evil is so intense here. One of our number at this present time is very ill with fever. O that God would manifest His healing power in this terrible fever district. known generally as the white man's grave. Please remember all of us. for many of us are not well. Our God is able, and He will come to our aid against the foe, in response to prevailing prayer. I was united in marriage to Miss Rhodema Mendenhall on February 8th last. We are happy together in Him, and only pray and desire that our united lives will be a great blessing to many precious souls. We are expecting to go back soon into the interior. It is the plan that we should take up a new station. Our agents have informed us that all food stuffs and rice are forbidden to be exported from England. How long this will last we do not know. But it surely brings us face to face with real things in trusting God. The natives sell rice and country vegetables, also eggs, fowl and suchlike, and so by economy, with such provision we now have at present, we will get along all right. We are told to take no thought for the morrow. The Lord help us to keep so yielded to God that whatever comes or goes, we may have that rest that remains for the children of God. However we need your prayers that God will see us through every step of the way. Prayer changes things. Amen .--- Harry E. Bowlev.

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Pirtleville, Arizona.-A few weeks ago baptized three and tomorrow night five more are to be baptized. Praise the Lord for the way he is saving souls here. As the weather is getting warm we have commenced street meetings. The mothers come with their babies in their arms. Old men and young, and many children come and stay through the meeting. Some follow us as we go into the mission. We are believing for the salvation of many. The number of saints has grown until we are commencing this week to build a humble place of prayer where the lost can come and find the Saviour .--- G. M. Thomas.

#### OFF TO THE CONGO.

Peace and love be multiplied unto you! The enclosed receipts are for the moneys you so kindly sent. It will encourage you to know that the money sent was just the exact cost of the nursing of my wife in her late confinement. (when God gave us a darling baby boy). We were at a loss to know just how we were to meet that extra expense, when God sent this money through you, and did not let it reach us until the very time it was needed. Truly we have a wonderful God!

We have been here in this city for the past eight months, and God has set His own seal on the work. I have not kept an accurate account, but I should say some thirty have professed Christ since we came, besides blessings in other ways.

We have one white and colored branch, besides a good work among the natives (Zulus). Last Sunday was a blessed day—we had some fifty of these needy souls out, (and that is a good attendance for a new work). Already several of these have professed Christ, while others testify to definite healings and baptisms. Praise God He is just the same among all men, whether white or black, when His word is taken and definitely accepted.

You no doubt have heard I have been to Central Africa and back again. I had a real severe test with the fever but I am quite all right again now, and once more God has spoken both to my wife and myself that we are to go forth again to take His Gospel to the Congo people who have never heard. Before my wife was married she told me that God told her she was to go to South Africa, and after a time up into Central Africa, via steamer to Mombasa, and by train to the Lake Victoria Nyanza, and thence by porters. And just recently God has confirmed that call by giving a stronger call that we are to go forth soon. Pray that in this whole step He may get the glory. The cost of this step will be much more than before the war, but He is enough and can meet every need even the rising. of prices, etc. Glory to His holy name!

Will you take it upon you to act in our behalf and spread it abroad that we are going forth; we have not taken the rest many take, i. e., to go home on furlough, but we set our faces Congoward, to stay for five years at least (unless Jesus comes). Kindly tell the different assemblies that we are going forth and covet their support and prayers.—Yours, laboring in Africa till He comes, Joseph K. Blakeney.

#### THE CALL OF EGYPT.

Pastor C. W. Doney and wife would be glad if all the readers of the Evangel would unite in prayer that the way may be opened for them to return to Egypt speedily, and that the necessary permit may be granted. Also that the necessary funds, \$50.00 per month, for the carryon of the native work may be forthcoming. They send us the following letter from a native worker. "Grace, peace and love be multiplied unto you in Jesus' name. So long time I did not hear from you, and I did not tw write you. I was thinking that you had to left America for the very needy land of to Egypt. Oh Egypt needs you missionaries to preach the Gospel; will you ar come, will you come? You American the people are going to do harm to our the churches here opened in Egypt by delaying to come to us.

"Missionaries have given their lives for this work, such as dear Brothers Brelsford and Hicks; others suffered in this work by sickness, such as Bro. Doney in Cairo, Bro. Roy Scott, Sister Mary and others.

"God is able to keep you on sea and on land. The work is going on well, the Lord is saving and baptizing in different places where there is work, praise God; but we want order, because the devil is working in many ways to destroy the work, and we cannot go on without an American man to keep the work in order. The work in Cairo is good.

"Please write me and send some papers and tracts for distribution. I started a meeting for the women at New Cairo once a week; a great number attend of the better class. Pray for us. —Your Egyptian Boy, Habid Yousif."

#### POVERTY PINCHING.

Ponce, Porto Rico .--- The Lord is blessing the work. Many have been saved lately and eleven were baptized in water on Sunday the 15th. The devil is stirred, but Jesus works just the same. The people are very hungry for the living Word. We have from 300 to 400 people every night and all that the mission can hold is 100 people. There are over 100 souls saved and each one comes out almost every night. So the mission is full with just the converts. We are praying for a much larger place and I believe the Lord is going to give us one very soon. The saints here are praying the Lord for a church and it will take at least \$500 to build one as lumber is three times higher than in the United States. I wish the Evangel family would pray concerning this matter.

Conditions here are terrible. People are suffering very much from hunger and children go about the streets naked for lack of clothes. All that the laboring class earn is forty to fifty cents a day and some of them have to work for six and ten dollars a month. Provisions have gone up very high. An article worth five cents three months ago is now worth eight and ten cents. I believe with all my heart we are in the last hour of the coming of Jesus. Pray, pray, pray for Porto Rico.—Solomon Feliciano.

In Cairo is the largest university in the world, turning out 5000 missionaries yearly who are going into the heart of Africa to preach Mohammedanism.

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WHITENED FIELDS IN CHINA.

We have three stations at present. two in the interior, filled by native pastors, and we have two very urgent calls to open stations, one at a city of 10,000 inhabitants without a lighthouse, and another of 1,000 inhabitants. One native writes, "I beg to remind that my family was properly roomed and my thought is always of your coming soon. Please write and tell me of when you are coming here, so that my expectation may be solaced." This dear young man has the call of God to do His work. He is now postmaster in this city of 10,-000 people, and there is no mission of any kind there.

Pray much that God may give real wisdom in regard to these places, and may send just the right ones to fill these open doors, and cause His stewards to be faithful, so that we may do all He has called us to this land to do.

Our son and daughter have a Sundayschool here in Shanghai of nearly two hundred, and our mission hall is too small. Much in these days is being spent to take life, but little to save it. Tomorrow (D. V.) we are going to a village some distance from Shanghai to see about opening a station there. Our son goes out to this place on his wheel on Sunday mornings and then back in the afternoon for service here.—Mrs. H. L. Lawler.



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## FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

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#### BLESSED ROCK OF AGES.

"A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the storm,.... as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."—Isa. 32:2.

(From Toplady and Wesley.) Rock of Ages cleft for me,

Blessed Rock of Ages, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Blessed Rock of Ages. While the tempest still is high, While the waves are rolling nigh

To Thy shelter let me fly,

Blessed Rock of Ages.

Not the labor of my hands, Blessed Rock of Ages, Can fulfill the law's demands,

Blessed Rock of Ages.

Thou alone, O Christ, must save From the power of the grave,

And from sin's destructive wave, Blessed Rock of Ages.

Nothing in my hands I bring, Blessed Rock of Ages,

Simply to Thy cross I cling, Blessed Rock of Ages.

Naught of good that I have done Can for sin and crime atone,

Other refuge have I none, Blessed Rock of Ages.

Sinful to the Fount I fly, Blessed Rock of Ages,

Wash me, wash me e'er I die! Blessed Rock of Ages.

Tossed upon life's troubled sea, Doomed to death by sin's decree

Let me, let me hide in Thee, Blessed Rock of Ages.

---William Burton McCafferty.

#### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Tulsa, Okla. Five got their baptism last Sunday, and three saved. On Monday night, five got their baptism, and one got saved.—S. A. Jamieson.

Joplin, Mo. The Lord is blessing. Three saved, and two received the baptism, and two came for salvation last night. Pray for us.—A. E. Ayers.

Kellerton, Jowa. Closed the meeting at Decatur City on Sunday night. Good interest. About thirteen saved and reclaimed. Seven were baptized in water and about that number in the Spirit. Pray for Kellerton that God may revive the work here. Jackson Vanover and wife.

Couch, Mo. Just closed a ten days meeting here. The Lord met with us at every service, and the saints were built up. They seemed to receive a new revelation of Jesus, and what it is to be a child of God. They want a pastor and would be glad to accept any man that is filled with God.—Eli DePriest.

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Malvern, Ark. Revival is now going on in Malvern, God wonderfully blessing, souls getting saved and baptized in the Spirit. We are expecting mighty things from God for Malvern. Many that have been led astray are returning to the good old way that keeps victory in the soul. Pray, pray, pray for Malvern.—H. E. Alford.

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Paducah, Ky. The Lord is being exalted and is greatly blessing in this place, a number have been saved, there have been some miraculous healings, and a sister received the baptism last night as in Acts 2:4. There are a goodly number at the altar seeking God's face. We covet your prayers that God may have His way, and many more may be added to this band.—Lena Kyłe.

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Winnipeg, Man., Canada. We have a mighty giant in Bro. Lohman from Arkansas. His messages are inspiring, and signs are following in every meeting, and the unity is good. Many souls that Jesus died for are weeping their way to Calvary. Thirteen were buried with Christ in baptism last Monday night. God is working in this place.—G. D. Lockhart.

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Floydada, Texas. This field is surely ripe for harvest. People are getting saved and getting the baptism in our prayer meeting. It does not take a protracted meeting for anyone to get saved. It only takes looking to he Lamb of Calvary. Any one traveling through preaching the straight Gospel is welcome. We are fourteen miles northeast of Floydada.—W. M. Gallaway, R. 3, Floydada, Tex.

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Dike, Texas. Wife and I came here a short time ago, found the people in sin and darkness, but thank God we found some honest hearts. Three have been saved, and two received the Holy Ghost. One wonderful case of healing. We were called to pray for a woman who had been down with fever for three weeks. When the prayer of faith was made for her, the fever left her, and she was saved. Thank God for the double cure. She was able to walk to the baptismal service on Sunday, and was buried with Christ by baptism. We shall be glad to hear from any one who is standing for the whole truth as the Evangel teaches it who wants to come to a new field to help in the harvest .--- J. W. Gary.

Trenton, Mo. Bro. Ola Miller writes that they have rented a large convention hall in Trenton for the months of June and July and they want some good worker to go in there and hold a revival meeting. There is good interest in the town. The hall will seat about 2000. They covet the earnest prayers of the saints that God will send a wave of conviction over the place. An organist is also required. Write Ola Miller, east 9th St., Trenton, Mo.

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Allenville, Mo. The Dedication of the Rum-Branch Church the 15th inst. was wonderfully blessed of God; many saints from other assemblies were in attendance. All seemed to feast at Father's table. After the Dedication service, all gathered round the altar to partake of the emblems of the broken body of our blessed Lord to show forth His death till He comes. There was a real breaking up before the Lord. some weeping. and some praising Him in other tongues. Supper being ended we followed the example of Jesus in washing one another's feet. Services were dismissed with much victory .--- Wm. Clary.

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Litchfield, Ill. We are still going on with the Lord, and some are being united with us. I was preaching biweekly at a colored Methodist Church, and they received the Word gladly, except one of the elders, and he worked against the others so that they lost their meeting place. So we opened our hall doors to them for services, and God is blessing them. They want all God has for them. I praise God for the many faithful ones there are here. Six are to be baptized soon. We hope to have a tent meeting this summer, a tent has already been promised me. Pray for the work in Illinois .- Pastor Wm. A. Summers.

:0: Kitchener, Ont .- The month of April was one of great blessing in our assembly. We had with us Brothers Argue, Urshan and Scott for a time and God blessed their ministry. About forty-five received the baptism. Many were saved. The healing power was very wonderful, deaf ears were opened. One man healed of rupture, one of cancer and one woman who had lost her voice with tuberculosis of the throat, and was having hemorrhages daily, was healed. She had not spoken above a whisper in a year and five months. She now speaks clearly and has not had a hemorrhage in three weeks and gained nine pounds in two weeks. She also received the baptism. The city is stirred and some days over thirty come out to be prayed for. Revival goes on still; six received the baptism last night .--- R. E. McAlister.

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#### THE TEXAS COUNCIL.

Our Texas Council has come and gone, but its echo shall never die. It was blessed in spirit and unity and devotion throughout, and in a sweet spirit of submission each to the other.

The cords were lengthened in that the District Council of Texas was enlarged to take in New Mexico and Arizona, and the Mexican situation along the border states was laid upon the District Council.

This responsibility was not assumed, but God laid this field on our hearts, and while we have a consciousness of our weakness, our trust is in the living Christ who said, "Go and make disciples of all nations," and "Lo, I am with you alway."

Our dear Bro. Welch was with us to the joy and profit of us all, and by wise counsel and loving admonition was a real benediction to all present. We had also Bro. M. M. Pinson, Bro. H. C. Ball, Miss Luce, missionaries to the Mexicans, and Bro. Lopez, a Mexican preacher.

Greater things are in store for God's faithful servants. Let us pray one for another.

Preceding the council, we had the faithful services of W. H. Pope for three weeks in a Revival effort, and our people were much edified by his ministry, and a number of souls were saved.

May the Lord bless all the precious saints in all your labors with the Lord.— A. P. Collins.

#### NOTICE TO THE MINISTERS AND CHRISTIAN WORKERS IN TEXAS, NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

F. A. Hale, secretary of the District Council of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, requests that all ministers and evangelists, holding fellowship certificates with the General Council, also all workers having oversight of assemblies and meetings, who do not hold certificates but who are in fellowship and cooperation with the Assemblies of God, should send him their present address as soon as possible.

Some very helpful and instructive recommendations and suggestions were made in the District Council just closed, and it is desired that a copy of the minutes of the council be placed in the hands of every Christian worker in the district. Also that the officers of the council may get in touch with all the workers and their work.—Address Pastor F. A. Hale, Kingsville, Tex.

Sister Mattie Ledbetter writes from 120 Devine St., San Antonio, Texas, that she is planning a tour through Texas during the next two months, and would be glad to hear from any saints who would like to receive a visit from her. She purposes returning to China in October or November. She says that Sister Hofer who is looking after her work in her absence writes that everything is moving on well. PENTECOSTAL RESCUE HOME. sends us the above Jesus trod. These women are asking for

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-Bunyan.

Bro. R. L. Cotnam sends us the above picture of the Rescue Home situated at 15 N. Elm Street, Sapulpa, Okla. He reports that at the present moment there are five inmates of the Home. One inmate, a woman, died a short while ago with tuberculosis. She was saved from her sins shortly after going to the Home, and went to glory rejoicing. Another girl has been given a home in the city, after giving birth to twins while in the home. At the present time there are five applications from women who say that they are tired of the old life of sin, and ask to be assisted in leading a better life, and to be helped into the way that

#### LIGHT AND TRUTH CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILL.

Pastor Andrew L. Fraser announces a special convention at the Bethel Church, Ashland Boulevard and West Monroe Street, Chicago. It is now proceeding and will continue until May 20th. Meetings daily at 10:30, 3 and 7:30. A number of well-known workers and missionaries are assisting.

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Tray that the Lord will heal me of a nose and throat trouble.—T. D. M., Mon-roe, La.
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"Tray for our sick baby, for my healing, and that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit".—M. E. P. Josen of may not my healing. Also pray busband's heart."—Mrs. C. P.
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R. V. W., Hollis, Okla.
A sister in Indiana asks prayer for the conversion of a sister and brother and nephew. Also for a niece that she may receive the baptism, and if it is the will of the Lord, they may go into His work together. the gethe

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#### CAMP MEETINGS.

Moose Jaw, beginning June 8th (D. V.), continuing one or two months. A large gath-ering is expected. Announcement of preach-ers will be given later on. Many prominent speakers and workers are expected from Canada and the United States. For informa-tion write S. T. Odegard, 1133 Grafton Ave., Moose Jaw, Sask, Canada.

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