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THE COMING GREAT COUNCIL

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Great, not to the glory of men nor made so by man; but great in the things it stands for in behalf of God and His people. Great in the principles it stands for; great in the interests of the kingdom of God; great, we trust, in the presence and blessings of God.

Not a Little Sect, but a Great Brotherhood.

One of the differences between the General Council and some other noble efforts at Bible order is, that some others drew the lines of their fellowship to include only those of their special name and special doctrine. Without realizing it this tended to make them into a sect. From the very beginning at Hot Springs of the General Council on April 12, 1914, this has not been our object. We sought to be broader, more liberal and more comprehensive. That there was a serious need almost everywhere in the movement for better Bible order and more thorough Christian co-operation was seen by all sensible brethren. Our object was and is to secure these and yet not become a hide-bound sect with a man-made discipline and a man-made creed as a basis of Christian fellowship, and yet to stand for all the great fundamental, certain Bible truths and for all the essentials of the Pentecostal freedom in the Spirit of these last days. Since then the surging convulsions have at times carried us near the boundary line of this Pentecostal freedom, and once or twice came near breaking our great and liberal Bible constitution and making us into a narrow sect with a written creed as a basis of love and Christian fellowship. But, thank God, we, by His grace, escaped this. We have adopted a statement of Fundamental Truths to let the world know the great principles for which the Council stands and as a basis of understanding among the ministers; but not and never as a basis of love to other Christians, nor as a test of fellowship between us and any clean, saved child of God, not even as a basis of fellowship in or between our own assemblies. It is for the ministry as a basis of co-operation. Hal-lulujah!

God is to be praised that we still stand for all the great Pentecostal truths, for the New Testament Holy

Ghost order in the Assemblies, for the great work of Missions, and for brotherly and Bible co-operation, and yet maintain Holy Ghost and Pentecostal freedom. Bless God's holy name forever!

The Convention Idea.

For some year or two circumstances have driven us to spend most of our time at the Council meetings in discussing doctrines. We hope to have nearly reached the end of this kind of a program and that there will be very little of this at this meeting in Springfield. The statement of Fundamentals shows where the Council stands, and we purpose now to go on to the next job for God, and not to waste time thrashing over the old straw.

There was an urgent request last year from the young preachers for messages from our ablest brethren on great Bible themes which would both instruct their minds and feed their hearts. A committee was requested to make some provisions for this. It is now under way, and we expect to have much time given to this practical side of matters, in feeding and inspiring the souls of all who come for greater things for God. In other words, while spending some time on necessary business matters, yet on the whole we expect this Council meeting at Springfield, Mo., to be more like a great spiritual convention, with camp meeting fire in it, than like a dry business meeting.

Then it is hoped that this Council will provide for and encourage a series of great spiritual conventions throughout the coming year in all parts of the country wherever there is an opening and the brethren call for the same.

The Mission Problem.

Much progress has been made on Missionary lines. It is with gratitude to God and thanks to all the saints that we can report that from \$2,000 to \$3,500 have gone out each month during the past eleven months to the dear missionaries. The offerings are better, more regular and not so spasmodic as they once were; for which we praise the dear Lord in behalf of the thankful Missionaries. But much yet needs attention on Missionary lines. Let all lovers of Missions (this should be every saved person) come up to this

Council, and let us trust God to give us wisdom to make it great and never-to-be-forgotten on the line of Missionary Work. Let the Missionaries come and plan with us, as one of us, on these lines. Our only desire is to help them to true and stable success to the uttermost parts of the earth. As givers we are their partners in this great business, and neither end of the line can get along without the other. So let us face each other in His love and get fully on a co-operative basis. We don't want our way. They should not want theirs. All should desire the will of God alone to be done.

Much to Rejoice Over.

There will be much to make all our hearts glad in what God has done for us. Come and let us talk it all over together, and mingle our voices in praise to our common and great Saviour.

Much Prayer is Needed.

Much prayer is needed for guidance from God on high. Some new problems will face us, and some old ones will need re-adjusting.

Two items of great importance will be to ask God for the proper men for Chairman and Secretary. Brother Welch preferred last year no longer to be chairman, but the brethren appreciating his past services and feeling a need of him, still pressed him in again for another year. Brother Welch has other work on his heart for next year, if Jesus tarries, and has already said he will insist on some other brother taking the chairmanship.

Now if it were only to find a man to preside during the meeting for a week or ten days, the problem would be easily solved, as there are plenty competent brethren who could serve during the session. But this is not all. The same man is expected to remain at headquarters in Springfield to conduct the General Council office and the business it represents from now until next year or until his successor is found. So this means something to find a man thoroughly acquainted with the Movement, its history, aims, ideals and problems, and with a working knowledge of the brethren and a capable representative of the general headquarters. There are such brethren, but they have other work, and we must ask God to direct us to the right, great-hearted, sensible, Spirit filled man of God, and also that the Lord will lay the General work on his heart, so that he will take it.

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WHAT IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST?

As strange as it may seem, this is one of the most important questions for the religious world to settle today. **If speaking in new tongues evidences the baptism in the Holy Spirit, then only those who have spoken in tongues have any just claim to the experience.** If it is not necessary for a person to speak in tongues at the time he is baptized in the Holy Spirit, it is an awful mistake to teach it as the evidence, as in that case the teaching will reflect upon the experiences of all who have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, but who have not spoken in tongues. Many will be unsettled and started to seeking for an experience which they already have.

If it is the truth we dare not withhold it. **If it is not the truth, we dare not preach it.** This, then, makes the speaking in tongues, which many consider a thing of so small importance, a **pivotal doctrine** in the Pentecostal movement which has spread into all the world. This has resulted in the speaking in tongues being discussed, condemned and criticized more than any other point of doctrine in the New Testament Scriptures.

Every man who has been instrumental in the hands of God in bringing this great movement into existence has firmly believed and fearlessly taught that speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, as at Pentecost, is not only an evidence, but it is the Bible evidence of the baptism. We have believed and taught from the very first that every person who receives the gift of the Holy Ghost breaks forth speaking in new tongues as soon as **He finishes His work and takes up His permanent abode within him.** No person, however, so far as we know, has ever taught that it was necessary for the person to continue to speak in tongues from time to time after receiving the Holy Ghost, though most do.

This teaching, that the tongues is the evidence of the baptism, has drawn a tremendous fire of criticism. People have come forward and related all kinds of experiences, told of great blessings received and works performed, and asked if we did not think they were as good evidence of the baptism as speaking in tongues; but so far we have not found one that would stand the real scriptural test, and are compelled to answer that not one of these things produced by any person has convinced us that the person had the baptism. Great works were done by the Apostles before Pentecost. All of us during our Christian lives have had wonderful experiences and great blessings from God. The Spirit at times has dealt wonderfully with us and wrought mightily upon us, **but there is no experience that could be compared with the glorious baptism, when He comes in person and takes up His abode within us to make our bodies His temples.**

It is evident that Satan hates the teaching that the tongues is the ev-

idence of the baptism, and that he is raging against it as against no other point of doctrine. This is not because he objects to people speaking in tongues, but he is cunning and crafty enough to know that if he can remove this real Bible sign, he will leave the people in the same state of confusion concerning the baptism of the Holy Spirit they have been in all along. Satan knows that tongues is the evidence of the baptism. **He knows if it is held up as such, that it will stir people and cause them to examine their experiences and compare them with the Scriptures to see whether or not they have an experience that will stand a Scriptural test.** He is wise enough to know that most honest souls will be convinced that the tongues do evidence the baptism. This being the case, they will at once become seekers and will receive the glorious gift of the Holy Ghost, which is their rightful inheritance, and which will make them much more powerful as preachers and witnesses for Jesus Christ.

What Saith the Scriptures?

We will now appeal the case to the Scriptures themselves. **We ought to have a Scriptural foundation for all our teachings.** Jesus Christ, before His ascension, commanded His apostles to tarry at Jerusalem for the promise of the Father, telling them they should receive power when the Holy Ghost came upon them. The Apostles obeyed these instructions, retired to the upper room and waited. They did not wait a little time, or kneel in prayer and then decide to simply claim the Holy Ghost by faith and go on with their work. They expected what everyone has the right to expect today—to be really filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4 describes the experience: "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Notice: it says they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit.** It does not say they were blessed or felt happy, or that their emotions were stirred, or that after this experience they felt more love, or had more liberty in testimony, preaching or prayer, but it says, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost." This is the only term that expresses it. This glorious fullness is what causes so many to fall as dead or be violently shaken, or both, and which produces the wonderful manifestations which have caused so much comment in the world today.

Now, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they at once began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. If, then, this was the sign which God chose to give to His Apostles when His Spirit came upon them and into them, **is it a mistake to believe that He would give us the same sign when we receive the same blessed experience they received?** Now, if this sign had only followed in this one instance, we would hardly feel free to declare it to be the evidence of the baptism, or that it must necessarily follow in all cases; but in the four recorded instances where the Spirit was poured out in the days of the Apostles,

it is clearly stated in three cases that this same sign followed and in the fourth it is clearly implied.

In Acts 8:17, where the Samaritan believers received the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the Apostles' hands, the Scriptures are silent as to what really happened. There is no doubt in our mind however, that they spoke in tongues. Of one thing we are sure: **they did not go thru the meaningless forms that we have seen men go thru in the churches of today:** that is simply telling people after they had knelt in prayer for a short time to just believe the Holy Spirit had come, and when they needed Him they would have Him. Simon, the sorcerer, who witnessed this scene, was so moved by **what he saw that he at once tried to bribe the Apostles and buy the power to impart the Holy Ghost in like manner.** This sorcerer was too shrewd a man to have offered to part company with his money without first being convinced that real power came upon the persons who receive the Holy Ghost. What do those who oppose this view believe this man saw, which so thoroughly convinced him of the presence of the power of God, that he offered to give money to obtain like power?

In Acts 10:44 we have an account of the Spirit's falling on Cornelius and his household during a sermon preached by the Apostle Peter. This Scripture, it seems to us, should go a long way toward convincing all honest seekers after truth, not only that people spoke in tongues at the time they received the Holy Ghost in the days of the Apostles, but that it was recognized by the Apostles and brethren in the early Church as the evidence of the baptism.

Let us notice here **What it was that convinced them that the Holy Spirit had fallen on the Gentiles.** Owing to their Jewish prejudices, it would require something very remarkable indeed to convince these men of the circumcision, who came with Peter, that the Gentiles had received the Holy Ghost as the church had not yet been made to see that salvation in Christ and the gift of the Holy Ghost were for the Gentiles as well as the Jews. God had to give Peter a vision to induce him to go with the men Cornelius had sent to him. At the time the Spirit fell upon the people, Peter was preaching Jesus Christ as the Son of God, crucified on the cross of Calvary, and declaring that God raised Him from the dead. Presently the Holy Spirit falls upon his entire audience, and they break forth speaking in new tongues. This greatly astonished the brethren who had come with Peter, for, as stated above, they did not understand that the Gentiles could have the gift of the Holy Ghost. No doubt every one of them was filled with the Holy Spirit, and, of course, all spoke in tongues at the time, and when they heard these Gentiles speaking in tongues, it convinced them at once that they had received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Peter also was fully convinced and stopped preaching and commanded these new converts so gloriously filled

with the Holy Spirit to be baptized, saying "Who can forbid water that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Ghost as well as we."

Now, will some of those who believe that it is one thing to receive the Holy Spirit and another thing to be baptized in the Holy Spirit please be kind enough to tell me where these persons had ever received any measure of the Holy Spirit before. Please also take notice that most of the terms referring to the receiving of the Holy Ghost are used in connection with this outpouring; namely, "The Spirit fell on them," "they received the gift of the Holy Ghost," and later says, he remembered the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, "John truly baptized in water, but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Ghost."

How sad it is to see men today robbing themselves and others of God's real gift of the Holy Ghost by trying to explain away these wonderful Scriptures which so clearly set forth God's one way of bestowing this priceless gift on true believers on the Lord Jesus Christ.

How long will men continue to be satisfied with theories, and refuse to humble their hearts and tarry until the blessed Holy Spirit comes upon them and fills them, taking possession of their entire beings and speaking through them in other tongues—thus proving to all that the Holy Ghost is a real living person and that they have received Him according to the Scriptures, rather than holding to some theory of men?

In Acts 19:6 we are told that Paul laid his hands on a company of about twelve men, and that the Holy Spirit came upon them, and that they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Will someone be good enough to inform us why the Apostles in all these cases did not tell these converts to simply believe they had received the Holy Spirit and they would have him? If the theories of today are right, these folk would have been taught that it was wrong for them to expect to feel anything or to expect any sign to follow; and that the true way of faith was to simply take for granted that because God had promised a thing they had it, and that it was unbelief to expect to receive any tangible experience.

Men's Theories Versus the Bible

In this article we have set forth the Scriptural way of receiving the Holy Ghost—not as the opposers accuse us of doing,—of receiving the gift of tongues—but of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is evidenced in all cases by the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Is it not sad that the one Scriptural way of receiving the Holy Ghost is being criticized and condemned by the leading religious teachers, and that not one word is being said against any man's theory on the subject? As for example, some teach that the Holy Spirit is received when they are christened in infancy or confirmed in youth; others who believe in one work of grace, teach that the Holy Spirit is received in conversion:

still others, who believe in two works of grace, teach that He is received in sanctification. There is still another class who do not believe that we are baptized in the Holy Spirit at conversion, and do not believe sanctification is a second work of grace, but who teach that those who desire the Holy Spirit are to simply ask the Father, and then take for granted that they have received Him, because Jesus said, "The Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children." Some of these theories sound very plausible, but not one of them will stand a Scriptural test. But, as stated above, no one is concerning himself enough about them to preach against them or expose them. They are all turning their guns on the one Scriptural way of receiving the Holy Ghost.

Now there must be a reason for this. To our mind, it is not hard to find the cause. **None of these theories of men put men in a corner.** Any man can kneel a few minutes and arise saying, "I have the Holy Spirit," or any man can stand and ask the Lord to give the Holy Spirit and then say he has Him. In other words, all who desire to do so, according to these theories and teachings of men, can claim the Holy Spirit, and not one of them has any sign that distinguishes his experience from the rest. **The only difference is in their theory.** So when God's true standard is lifted up, it reflects on all these so-called experiences where men are taught that they are to claim, but to really expect to receive nothing. The teaching that the tongues is the evidence of the baptism locates them and says to them that their experience is not up to Bible standard. They know that if the tongues is the evidence of the baptism they have not the baptism. So, rather than admit that they have not received the Holy Ghost, they attempt to drag down the standard of God, and the way they have spoken against the operation of the Spirit and the speaking in tongues is little short of blasphemy.

We are honest in our convictions that the most of the opposition to this work arises from an unwillingness, on the part of those who oppose, to honestly confess that they have not received the Holy Ghost and then take the attitude of seekers. May God give the readers of this article grace to compare their experiences with the teachings of the Word, and then not be satisfied, until their experience is parallel with the Word of God.

By Wm. H. Durham.

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A BURNING QUESTION.

"On one occasion," wrote Mr. Hudson Taylor at one time, "I was preaching in Ningpo the glad tidings of salvation through the finished work of Christ, when a middle-aged man stood up, and testified before his assembled countrymen to his faith in the power of the Gospel

"I have long sought for the Truth," said he earnestly, "as my father did before me; but I have never found it. I travelled far and near, but without obtaining it. I have found no rest in Confucianism, or Buddhism, or Taoism; but I do find rest on what I have heard to-night. Henceforth I am a believer in JESUS."

"A few nights after his conversion he asked how long we had known this Gospel in the old country. He was told that we had known it for some hundreds of years.

"What!" said he, amazed; "is it possible that for hundreds of years you have had the knowledge of these glad tidings in your possession, and yet have only now come to preach it to us? My father sought after the Truth for more than twenty years, and died without finding it. Oh, why did you not come sooner?"

"A whole generation has passed away since that mournful inquiry was made; but how many, alas! might repeat the same question to-day? More than two hundred millions in the meanwhile have been swept into eternity, without an offer of salvation. How long shall this continue, and the Master's words, 'To every creature,' remain unheeded?"

IN THE TRENCHES AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

We are praising the dear Lord for victory in our soldier's revival tent meeting. Every night souls have been saved, and others seeking the baptism of the Spirit. There have been seventy-seven saved. The tent comes down this week, and we expect to have it put up again in two weeks in another locality with Bro. O'Neal and Bert Bosworth.

Night after night the tent was filled, and half the audience were soldier boys who took lively interest, especially in the song service. It was too sweet for words to see our dear soldier boys getting saved and then become soul winners right away. When the meeting was opened for testimony they would give theirs.

One young man who was studying for the ministry became ill during the service and we asked him to come to the altar where we prayed for him and he was healed. This young man attended the assembly and testified that he was healed in answer to prayer. There were sixteen soldier boys seeking the baptism of the Spirit last night at the altar.

I leave for Fort Worth tonight to begin a two weeks meeting there.—Evang. W. F. Kirkpatrick.

(Bro. Kirkpatrick sends us a number of soldier's testimonies, but we are reserving these for the special soldier's number of the Evangel.)

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YOUR GREAT CHANCE.

I love to talk to you about your own work, about God's great work in which we are partners with each other and laborers together with the Lord. God is our capital for business, God is the Senior partner and the manager of it with all-sufficient wisdom.

Such a work is yours and mine, such a partnership is ours in the Gospel Publishing House now settled at Springfield, Missouri.

His Mercy.

His mercy has provided us a nice two story brick home; the first floor for the printing machinery, and the second floor for our offices. We praise Him for this. It is all of grace, all of mercy, all of the bounty of our God. It should be a help and inspiration to every line of the general work. The building belongs wholly to God, and is deeded in trust to the General Council to hold for King Jesus.

So our joy is unselfish, as it is not ours individually. But we are with all the rest of you thankful for His mercy and His blessing upon the work given us.

Your Chance.

As partners in business with God, we have a new chance for blessing every time God moves forward, a new chance to co-operate with God. Such an opportunity now opens up to all partners with God, to all saved people, to every one who loves to labor for God and with God.

How so? In the fact that the next and immediate urgent need is for a steam heating plant to heat this building. Even now the nights are cool enough for a quilt over us. Soon it

will be cold, and what are now pleasant summer quarters will be freezing cold, impossible to work in. It is too big to heat with stoves. Then it takes a long time to get materials and get such a job done now. We ought by all means to let a contract for this job in a few days. We must do so, we expect to do so, and trust God to move on all partners and stockholders in the kingdom to come to our aid soon. Won't you? Sure you will! It is your work, your plant, your house to heat up for God. Come on, then with an offering, with either much or little as soon as you can. I feel sure you will. Thank God for you.

We are today setting aside every dollar on hand we can spare in a special fund for this steam heating plant. It will cost \$1,400 or \$1,500. All of us pulling together can soon do it. Every dollar sent for this will be used only on this urgent and pressing need.

Address your offerings either to E. N. Bell, Manager, or to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

THE LORD HAS HELPED.

In a previous number of the paper we told you as partners in the Gospel Publishing House for God about the serious falling off in June of the business. As a rule July is a far lower ebb than June. But in answer to prayer God has reversed this order and made the July income nearly \$200 better than June. This has been mainly in offerings. We do praise and thank God for His help in this time of great need. We also thank the saints for their hearty co-operation and help.

Still God has helped us just enough for July and not for August. He knows it is good for all of us to be kept on our faces, solely dependent on Him and crying to Him for continued mercy and help. So let our readers join us in praise to God and in calling for further help and mercy.

THINKING JESUS.

It was noticed that a Christian Indian, in his preparation for attending the sabbath service, was very quiet and thoughtful. When rallied upon his silence, refraining from conversation with the rest of the family, he explained his conduct as follows: In reply he said he made his body very clean from head to foot, put on clean clothing, and then, instead of joining in light conversation, and chatting idly with his friends, he sat apart, "thinking Jesus" till it was time to go to the service. If all followed the Indian's example what a different atmosphere there would be in the house of God!—Sel.

J. W. WELCH AT MALVERN, ARK.

The Chairman of the Council has moved to Malvern, Ark. All Council correspondence should be sent there.

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The right man for Secretary is the same big question. If it were only for one to take down the proceedings of the meeting and write up the minutes, plenty of men could be found for this. But this is the smallest part of his work.

It was decided last year that the Secretary should also be the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missions' Committee. As such he will come in most vital touch with our Missionaries and Missionary problems. He is to stay in the General Council office continually. He should be a lover of Missions and the Missionaries, a man acquainted with the history and problems of Missions in general, able to adapt any lessons of modern missions learned in the past to present needs, especially should he be versed in the history and problems of Pentecostal, Spirit filled Missionaries, a man of large heart, with ability and sober, heavenly wisdom in all these matters. He is also the logical man for Missionary Treasurer.

He should give his whole time in correspondence with the Missionaries about their problems on the foreign fields. He should be the greatest helper in America of the Missionaries. He should not only aid them in their problems on their fields, but should be their strongest advocate in the homeland, for instructing and inspiring our home people to intelligent and regular efforts in behalf of the Missionaries. His office should be a regular bureau of intelligence and of inspiration. Our present secretary has done his best, under the circumstances, on these lines; but whoever is secretary another year should not be tied up with another big job on other lines, as the secretary and treasurer has been this year. Oh, may the great God of heaven show us the right man for this great work of God.

What a future lies before us! One glorious with heaven born possibilities inviting us to the noblest things and the greatest endeavors for God. A future, too, full of dangers. But if we humbly trust our Captain, lean not to our own understanding, but depend on His great wisdom and His might, then He is just as sure to lead us right on to great and glorious victory as that He is the exalted Son of God with all power in heaven and earth. Glory! Hallelujah!! Amen.

Come to this Council at Springfield, Missouri, Sept. 4th to 11th, and let us talk it over, find His will in these great matters and unselfishly obey Him with all our hearts, and He will gladly make this the greatest General Council ever held among us. Amen. E. N. B.

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THE WOMAN; THE CHILD; THE DRAGON.

Read Rev. 12.

In the center is the child that was to be born! The woman was in travail. Why? Because she was about to be delivered. Note the activity of the unborn child. Note the pressure on the embryonic life. Not a still-born child this, but active, manlike. Not a babe born, but a man-child! Perfect, matured, active animated, demonstrative!

The woman felt a quickening. She was in pain to be delivered. You can only understand this travail by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. This quickening is a sign of life, of impending deliverance.

The dragon was watching, not so much the woman, as her offspring, which he was waiting to devour. Who is Satan's mark to-day? Not the woman, for he can deal with her afterwards, but her offspring, it is the overcomers. The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. But in this particular case, he stood and watched his choicest game. He is especially watchful at a time when the woman's deliverance is drawing near.

"She brought forth a man-child." The devil knew the character of the unborn child. He knew that it was to be a ruler! "A man-child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron." He, the dragon was repeating his old trick. Herod demanded of the chief priests and scribes where Christ should be born. And he sent the wise men who followed the star in the East to Bethlehem, and said, "Go, search diligently for the young child, and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may worship him also." Behold the dragon disguised in Herod! "That I may worship Him!" What a false pretense! But this time the disguise is removed, the dragon, who is described down to his tail, waits, not to worship, but to devour.

Yes, the man-child is to rule the nations with a rod of iron. The dragon regarded the man-child as a usurper for Satan arrogated to himself dominion over the nations. Did he not say to Jesus, after the forty days' temptation, after he shewed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, "All this power I will give Thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If Thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be Thine!" And the devil has not yet lost his power over the kingdoms of this world. But he knows that the man-child is destined to take from him his power as ruler.

To escape Herod, Christ, when a babe, was taken into Egypt, where He remained until the death of Herod. The mother and the babe went together. This time, this mother goes into the wilderness and her son is caught up unto God and to His Throne. **Caught up unto God and to His Throne**

with Him who wielded the scepter of righteousness and who rules as King of kings, and who is going to delegate His rule to the overcomers. The overcomers are to be co-rulers with Him: for their heritage is to rule the nations with a rod of iron, Rev. 2:26-27.

Then grace will be suspended for a time. A new epoch will be ushered in, which will be characterized by a message of justice, equity and righteousness, preparatory to the millennial reign of righteousness. Rev. 14:6-20.

The dragon failed to devour the man-child because it was caught up. He had to fail. Why? Because a Man, the Man Christ Jesus, had gone through this way before,—the Son of man, one born of woman. By the power of God, He was raised, caught up, raised above all power and dominion. He passed through the realm of the prince of the power of the air, and the dragon was not able to arrest His progress. Jesus said to His disciples, "And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there you may be also." The Magnet of the Throne is more powerful than the power exercised by the dragon; and the man-child will not be diverted into a wrong course. He is destined to be caught up, and rescued in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, for "we shall all be changed."

God outwits the devil every time, for God's movements are instantaneous, like the lightning's flash. The lightning speed of His advance is too swift for the false "Angel of light." And the man-child escapes the devil's hot pursuit, and is caught up. From that moment there is a rapid decline in the fortunes of the dragon whose failure to devour the man-child meant the beginning of the end of his ruin. The reserves of heaven are called out. "And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not: neither was their place found any more in heaven." And so, in the rage of disappointment the dragon was cast down, knowing that his time was short.

The birth of the man-child meant to him and his evil hosts in the air, defeat. And so, in his spleen, he deals with the woman. God is mindful of her and specially protects her from the hosts of darkness around her.

The man-child's danger of being devoured was real and imminent, because the adversary is very powerful, and he knew what it meant to himself to miss his prey. What the bible records of the man-child, it records of a collective, completed body. But no individual member has the right to presume. The Lord Jesus Christ exhorted His disciples in these words. "Pray ye always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man." We must endeavor to get through the hosts as well as to escape the dragon. David said, "Keep back Thy servant from

presumptuous sins." The favor of God is blessed, the grace of God is sweet, but do not let either of these beget presumption in the saint. Seek to belong to the perfected, youthful, active, virile man-child body. There is only one man-child of whom there is record in the Scripture. There is only one opportunity of being a unit in that collective body.

The mother of the man-child, who gave it its being, is to have the wilderness instead of the Throne. One after humility will be exalted with power to rule; the other will have the wilderness and tribulation; for floods will be poured out to overwhelm her, says the Word of God.

Scripture is full of antitypes of the man-child and the woman; for example, Noah and the crowd outside the ark; Lot and Sodom. Right through the Scriptures is found the record of those who went on with God and of those who lagged behind. Even amongst the kings of Israel were those who served God and those who forsook Him. God gave to all free will; all were circumcised, all were members of the household of faithful Abraham. Some fell by the way. Some went on with God. These things are written for our learning and for our warning; and in these days of pressure, it is important that we read these things and lay them to heart.

In the present great war, warnings may be read daily. Some who ought to warn from the pulpit are explaining away God's warnings. God is speaking loud. Many from the pulpit are seeking to drown God's voice. What does God say of them? "They knew not, until the flood came and took them all away." Those who lived in the days of that first judgment had the preaching of Noah and the signs. Today, God has His Noahs and He has signs all round about. The ark pointed to the fact that there was going to be a flood. God now declares that bigger judgments are coming. Some are taking heed. Many are arguing, explaining and contradicting and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." There is the natural explanation of divine phenomena. Special acts of God in these days are explained away. "Where are the signs of His coming?" The expectant saint says, "Where are not the signs of His coming?" He sees them on all sides.

Wisdom will be justified by his servants. The wise man built his house on the rock. Men wiser in their own estimation are building on the sand. But the storm and the floods are coming to destroy these sandy houses.

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Bro. Thoro Harris has gotten up a hymn book for the Scandinavian brethren containing many Swedish and Norwegian hymns, and many translations into the English. It is entitled *Skandinavisk Pingst Sangbok*. The price is 25 cents per copy or \$20.00 per 100, postpaid, and can be ordered from The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

A FEW MORE WISPS OF WHEAT.

By Sarah Haggard Payne

This war is showing what hate can do, but Jesus is going to show what love can do. My cry is, "Hasten Thy coming, O Love King!" He is appointing His workers for His love kingdom now. Keep busy gleaning, and He will add to your one measure His six measures, making it up to the divine seventh, thereby expressing the fullness of God.

Once I saw a great stream or river, and it rolled majestically on its journey to the sea, and bore upon its bosom great boats without any trouble. I saw a tiny rivulet purling its way to this great river, a stream so small that even a tiny leaf could find no room to sail on its bosom. It contentedly rippled on until it melted into the great river, and shared the honor of bearing ships of thousands of tons in weight. So our God lets us be melted into Himself to share the honor of saving and ruling the world. Father, Son and Holy Ghost becoming as it were a River of Life, rolling down through the eternal ages to a thirsty, dying world, catching on its broad breast all who will come under the blood, the blood that ever speaks of Love's redemption.

Blessed thought! Rivers flowing down and then up with precious cargo. "All aboard!" Love calls. "There is plenty of room. No one will have to hang on a strap. Love-songs sung all the way! Time kept by an angel orchestra! All aboard! Quick, time is closing her doors! Love's hands are outstretched. The voice of the turtle is heard in our land. All aboard!"

I once saw in a vision a field. Jesus was moving softly among His lilies. He passes through those beautiful lilies, caressing and kissing them as He onward goes. He stoops at last and gathers up, at the foot of a great, ugly, threatening thistle, a tiny lily, all muddy and filthy. How tenderly He caresses it, smoothing out its mangled petals, weeping tears of compassion over it, and then, O wonder of wonders! He gently tucks this poor, little, broken thing away down in His inside pocket, close to His heart, and goes on His way smiling. I said, "Surely that is I and the like of me, in my misery, weakness, nakedness and wretchedness."

He had to keep me in this hidden safe place to keep me from falling, so weak and frail was I. Jesus is the acme of all lovers. His love it is that spans the universe, running after the sinner.

Indian lovers on horses run after the girl of their choice, but the girl handles her horse skilfully in the direction of the lover of her choice, and love nearly always wins. Jesus wants us to look in His direction, always watchful not to miss His loving arms. Love reaching down from the throne of God to earth! Love looking across the universe with longing to secure so small a thing for a mate! What a marvel! Christ looks down and woos until man looks up and Love wins a mate. The Lily of the Valley betrothed to earth's blood-bought and blood-washed lilies. "Angels, be

still, the Christ hath kissed the sinner!" The wooing is still going on. Like Boaz. He tells His loved one to lie still until the morning and then He will do the kinsman's part by her.

Surely the angels must be getting excited as we near the end. Surely the marriage feast is being prepared, and the angels are tuning up their harps to play the wedding march, and this music will excel all that the masters of harmony ever dreamed of!

I have leaned a little, like the Indian girl, to hear what this persistent Lover might say to me, and He caught me and held me and wooed me until He won me. Love loved me for love's sake, and for this one purpose, that I might bear His love to others.

Love took me to a filthy slum cellar in East side New York at one time, and there I found a fair, young girl of some sixteen summers. She was doped and half drunk. She sat at a table with a man twice her age and both were drinking. She fondled a tiny kitten to her breast, as though the man had found her in her home yard, and as she played with her pet I put to her some young girl's questions, and then I asked her if she wanted to go home. She said, "Yes" and the man looked murder as I led her away and handed her over to the police who took her home. I hope to meet this dear little wisp in heaven, and if prayer will land her there, I will.

Love took me into hundreds of such places to woo the lost ones. Love braved all kinds of dangers in nearly every large city of this land. God watched and Love won as I roamed all hours of the night, in all kinds of weather, gathering wisps of wheat for Him. Lord, watch my wisps. Let not one be lost, I pray. Thank you! God answers prayer.

I went into a house of ill fame with a minister's wife and a prominent lady of a large city. We found a beautiful girl sitting half dressed, with her feet up on a table, smoking a cigarette. The prominent Christian lady scolded poor Bessie, and handing her a tract, she said in a very cold and businesslike way, "Now, young lady, I want you to take this tract and read it clear through again and again until you are ashamed of yourself," and she kept as far away from her as possible. The girl swore at her and said, "Oh, go to perdition with your old tract!" and she went on puffing at her cigarette. Then the minister's wife said, "This is a desperate case, let us pray." We knelt and she prayed, "Lord, open the eyes of this miserable creature, and extend to her Thy grace, for Christ's sake, Amen." I'll never forget the look on that girl's face as she said, "Oh come off with your miserable old church prayers!"

Love showed me the sad aching heart of that poor girl and I threw my arms around her and wept my love out upon that barren field, and lo, a green field and flowers sprung up. She wept with me. Her heart was starving for love. She went home to her mother and I hope gave her heart to God. I had another wisp to pray for anyhow and God

answers prayer, so I'll meet dear Bessie. The last I saw of her she was waving her little hand at me a sweet goodbye.

The ladies said, "Well, how in the world did you melt her up like that?" I answered, "Love did it, not I." I've found out how to find wisps and I win them. Hunt them first, and then love them. Love is your winning card every time. Love loves all alike, yet the love for each is separate and supreme. Love seeks, or we would never find this Lover. Love sought me in the wilderness of doubt and wooed me as if there were no other to woo. Think of that, seeking me, the poorest, most good-for-nothing of all His little ones, seeking to win my love. I'll never get over it. But I'm forgetting my wisps.

Here is one I hold tightly to my heart, a young girl Satan is determined to get. I was singing in a mission in Monrovia, California, my new song, "Go glean again," and while I was singing I saw a picture or a vision of a young girl going swiftly down a lane towards a dark abyss, and Jesus called my attention to her. I saw Satan hiding behind the bushes and fence corners, jumping out now and then to push her along and whisper something in her ear, but, he would jump back again as if he were afraid of Jesus. I turned, and lo, the same girl was in the room. Jesus said, "Be careful how you approach her or you will drive her away from Me." I cried, "Lord, help!" and immediately Love came to my aid. We walked gently to the girl and began to weep, and Love wooed her, and wooed her, until the ice was broken and she gave her heart to God, and Satan was defeated. Hallelujah!

Satan tried to steal her the next day, but Love wooed her again the next night and God sanctified her wholly. What a miracle! No one else could win her, but Love did it easily; and then another sweet young girl gave her heart to God to let Him woo her and betroth her to Himself in righteousness. Oh how her eyes sparkled and she looked like an angel. God bless and keep these two till I meet them at the Throne. "Thank you, Jesus, I can trust you, Amen." Love began to flow then like a great river and estranged neighbors embraced and asked forgiveness, and hate and criticism and other pet sins took their departure.

I'm gathering in my wisps now to tenderly bind them together to lay them at the feet of this beautiful Lover of mine. —Box 44, Ocean Park, Calif.

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Questions and Answers

By E. N. Bell, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

477. Are we justified before or after repentance, before or after sanctification, before or after the baptism?

Ans. Justification comes upon repentance and faith, after these two and before all else. We are regenerated at the same time.

478. What becomes of a baby of unsaved parents which dies in infancy?

Ans. God's Word is almost silent on the subject; all it does say seems to teach clearly that they go into the hands and care of the loving Savior. The safest thing is for the parents to get saved and then give their children to the Lord. They then have the right to believe He will keep that which they have committed to Him.

479. Which one of the Bibles you speak of, the A. V., the R. V., the A. S. V., is the right one?

Ans. There is only one Bible written in Hebrew and Greek; but there are many versions of this one original Bible, that is many translations of it out of the one original into our mother tongue. Any standard translation followed will take you straight through to glory. But the A. V. or King James' translation has many obsolete or dead English words in it not now generally understood, and this causes many people to misunderstand what is meant, although 300 years ago when these words were in every day use they were then well understood. That version was the Revised version of its day. The American Standard Version is much easier understood than any ancient translation. Individual or special translations should not be used for regular reading or to preach from, but only as sidelights, as special aids to the study of the Word. Any modern speech translation will make the Bible fresh and seem like a new book to one who never read a Bible whose meaning is translated into modern speech. Try it.

480. According to the Word is it a sin to drink tea or coffee? Is it in any sense a sin?

Ans. The Word says nothing directly about them. But it teaches proper care of our bodies, the temples of the Holy Ghost, and it is a wrong against our body to harm it wilfully. Now at this point people differ, some say they harm, others deny. In such matters we leave people with God. But personally I am sure some persons ought not to drink these things. Small children should not be allowed to drink them, because they are a mild stimulant hurtful to their tender stomachs, and it makes them nervous. Some grown persons are affected in the same way, given indigestion, heart made to flutter and made nervous. Such persons will get well of indigestion, heart trouble and nervousness if they will stop the cause of it. Others would find their indigestion

would cease if they would leave cream or milk out of their coffee; not that milk hurts anybody, but because the chemicals in the coffee combine with it into a substance hard to digest and so causes indigestion. Each person should study up on this subject and eat and drink as is best in his case. In small quantities, and not too strong, they do not seem to hurt some folks.

481. Who is the man child, the woman and the rest of her seed in the 12th of Rev.?

Ans. The man child is the strong ones, the overcomers who like Enoch will be translated ahead of time. The woman is the real church, and the Jews are the remnant of her seed.

482. How long is a time, times and a half time?

Ans. A time is one year, times two years, and a half time six months, or all together three and a half years.

483. What is meant by "Owe no man anything?" Does this make it a sin to borrow, although we pay as we promise?

Ans. The general habit of going into debt or being careless about our obligations is unwise and may easily become a sin of carelessness. But I think when a man borrows, he is not violating this Scripture until he fails to pay as he promised, or fails to readjust the matter satisfactorily to his creditor. In that sense we do not owe until it is due.

487. How is it the beast overcomes the saints in Rev. 13:7?

Ans. He does it by means of war and by killing them. If you mean why does God permit, I ask why has He allowed the prophets, Jesus and the apostles to be slain? One day we shall understand better, and then wonder at the wisdom, mercy and goodness of God.

485. Will all the living small children be caught away in the rapture?

Ans. I don't know, but I don't think they will, any more than they are now being saved from the sword now laying waste the earth. All those alive or asleep in Jesus, old or young, will go up.

486. Is it against the will of our Lord to carry life insurance?

Ans. He has not told me. Ask Him about it and obey Him. I do not believe Christians should be bound to worldly secret societies by oath in order to carry insurance in them. I dropped \$7,000.00 worth of that kind of insurance and left all secret lodges while seeking the Baptism. Personally I have no scruples against straight business insurance. I think it is a business matter, and not a religious one. We have no law or rule on the subject. It is wrong to trust in life insurance or even in our labor. Whatever we may have our trust must be alone in God.

487. Is it right to pay taxes to the Government to make war with?

Ans. Why not? Jesus paid taxes.

Paul said pay tribute to the government, and the government of Rome that he was under was nearly always in war. Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar (the government) the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" By His grace I will never encourage any one to oppose the teaching of Jesus.

488. A question, but I don't sign my name, because it may uncover some one who loves the cover.

Ans. To refuse to give your name is for yourself to hide under cover. We never publish the name of those who ask questions, so there is no need to fear on that line, but we do require them to sign as an evidence of good faith to us. We do not offer to answer unsigned questions, so unless you sign them, it is no use to send them. In His love.

489. Do the Scriptures forbid a saved woman to testify or to pray in church?

Ans. No, every saved person is commanded to witness to others of what God's grace has done for him or her.

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THIS COUNCIL will consist of delegates and preachers from local Assemblies, Churches or Missions who are in sympathy with our Testimony, standing with us in the faith and co-operating with us in the work which we are undertaking for God. Let every true saint of God come who will thus co-operate in building up the kingdom.

Great Teaching Council

While all necessary matters of business will be attended to, it is expected that there will be also at least two distinctive messages every day; one on some great topic of our faith, a teaching message to the saints and preachers, and the other at night for the salvation of the lost. The committee hopes that all will come praying, bringing along such a heavenly atmosphere that this Council will be celebrated for its Spiritual Power and Spiritual Blessing and uplift to every one who attends. That those who stand up to give us special messages may be able to feed us on Manna from Heaven.

Meals on Free Will Offering Plan

While the local Assembly is not strong, it is glad the Council is coming to visit them. It extends a hearty invitation to delegates and preachers to come as its visitors, and pledges its most hearty aid in doing all it can for the comfort of the Council. Meals will be served on the free will offering plan, trusting in God to meet these expenses. Rooms nearby may be had for most of our visitors at from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week. We expect also to have twenty or more free cots in rooms unfurnished, except with these canvas cots. Let those who do not want to pay room rent bring their toilet articles, also a comforter to put on the cot and a blanket to cover with. It is often quite cool at night here in the Ozark Mountains. Be sure to bring some cover. These undressed cots will be free.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

SPRINGFIELD is, in a small way, a good railroad center, with three branches of the Frisco converging into Springfield from the Great Southwest. There are also two roads coming in from the South-east, another from the Northwest through Kansas City, and still others from the Northeast through St. Louis. All depots are on Main St. Take any street car on Main St. at the Depot, going either direction, north or south. If you go south, transfer at the Public Square to any car on Boonville Street and get off on Center Street at the Court House. If you go north, transfer on Commercial Street to any car on Boonville street and get off on Center at the Court House. The Tabernacle is just south of the Court House, one half block east from Boonville on Center. A committee will meet you at the Tabernacle.

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In The Regions Beyond

FLOODS IN CHINA

The last time I wrote we were having a drouth, but conditions have greatly changed since then. We are having a flood now, almost equal to the one three years ago, when the greater part of South China was devastated. I have just returned from a few days circuit in which I had the privilege of visiting several of the stations suffering from floods. The first station I visited was Waang Kong, where we found the girls (our missionaries) crowded up in their up-stairs quarters with mission benches, etc. The dykes had given way and some of their poorer farmer Christians had sought refuge with the girls at the mission. They had brought their few bundles and litter of little ones, together with water buffalo, and moved in.

The next day I started with Mr. Kelley to the Hakka country. Miss Meyer joined us at Lo Paw. On the way our boat was fired on by people from the dyke, but no harm was done. We entered the first floor of the girl's home there in a boat and got off at the steps. We found Miss Aikenhead so much better and able to be up after a long siege of fever. A storm at Lo Paw made it difficult for us to secure a boat on to Paknai, but finally we succeeded by paying an exorbitant price. We arrived in Paknai quite late that evening and O, such a scene! Water, water everywhere, oceans of it! We walked out of the boat into the second floor, and found that Miss Anderson had left that day for Canton fearing the waters would be in her second floor ere night. We found what we could to eat, made some preparations for still higher water and retired. But such a night! I slept just an hour. The next morning we had to walk around the second floor on benches.

We then took boat as far as we could across what had formerly been green rice fields, then walked the rest of the way to Mr. Kelley's out-station. It was pathetic to see the crowd of very old and feeble women there who had come long distances, sometimes wading through water nearly waist deep to get to hear Mr. Kelley preach, and the Lord blessed them too. We had communion and a precious service, about three and a half hours long. A heavy storm and down-pour made it necessary for us to resume our journey back to Paknai through the mud and water unshod.

I stopped at Miss Milligan's in Canton one night. They had a precious service there also; several of the natives were weeping. One young man, a bugler in the army, told me after meeting that where ever he is transferred to he hunts up the Pentecostal people at once. Although he belonged to a church a long time he never "cleaned up" his life until he met the Pentecostal people.

We have had the privilege of seeing

the Lord baptize several precious souls of late and have seen His power come down on the Christians as I think I have not seen it before in China.

I forgot to say that we are counted among the flood sufferers too, and perhaps more than the majority of people, owing to the awful house we have to live in. For three weeks the water has been deep on our first floor, sometimes as near to the second floor as one foot. The rains continue to pour until our house has hardly a dry spot in it. I had to get up last night and change all my bedding and put bath towels over the wet mattress under us. God is good to keep us well and alive under such conditions.—Willa B. Lowther Sainam, S. China.

(Such conditions as these described above, make it most necessary for us to help our missionaries to build proper houses for themselves. We have already lost a number of our precious missionaries in China because they have not had proper, sanitary, waterproof houses, built on high ground. A further \$4000 is needed to build Bro. Kelley's central home in Sainam. Who will help? Every dollar counts. The Missionary Treasurer, Bro. Stanley H. Frodsham, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. will be pleased to receive your check or money order to help meet this need.)

CAUSING THE WRATH OF MAN TO PRAISE HIM.

In spite of the hot weather here the work is progressing with God's blessing upon it. His power has been manifested amongst us in healing, new doors have been opened to the Gospel in the city, new native Christian workers have joined in the work here, and the work is being enlarged. For all of this we praise God with grateful hearts.

Every month our workers distribute a great number of Gospels and tracts. As a rule these Gospels and tracts are prized by the pilgrims, but sometimes enemies of the Cross seek to destroy God's Word. We know of a dishonest shoemaker who was one of such, who would obtain Gospels and then would stuff the paper inside the soles of the shoes he was making, with the object that no one would ever read them again. One day a man bought a pair of his shoes, and as they were soon worn out he tried to repair them. In so doing he pulled out some torn pages of a Gospel, which he read. They gave him enough of the Gospel to make his heart hungry for more, and which eventually led to his salvation. In spite of the wrath and cunning of man, God's Word shall not return unto Him void. From this work of preaching the Gospel and spreading the printed Word, we are expecting a great harvest. Will you kindly pray with us to this end.

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ANOTHER WEST AFRICAN MISSIONARY GOES HOME TO JESUS.

The Evangel Family, and the Pentecostal people in general will be sorry to learn that our youngest worker, Miss Catharine Snyder, has just been taken from us by sudden death. Her spirit departed to be with Jesus at 1:30 p.m., May 23rd, 1918. It was all so sudden and unexpected that we have scarcely recovered from the shock yet. We have not yet learned the cause, but expect it was African fever. Her death will be a great loss to the work at Blebo, where she was at the time.

To say the least, Sister Snyder was an indefatigable worker. Whatever she had to do she did it with all her might. "She hath done what she could." Wherever she went she made herself useful and always left traces of useful and helpful deeds behind her.

Our sympathies go out to her own parents and family and also to her foster parents, Bro. and Sister Pelton.

Miss Snyder recently took two long evangelistic trips which may have helped to bring on fever. Pray much for us all.—J. M. Perkins.

AMONGST THE SOLDIER BOYS.

We have just arrived here in Los Angeles, and the work so far looks very favorable in the camps. We were in El Paso about two weeks working in the camps in and about there, and just before leaving, the Religious Secretary of the War Y.M.C.A. asked us to send them about 20,000 of our tract, "America's Letter from Home." and as many of our other tracts as we could spare, to be placed in the different Y.M.C.A. buildings, and to be given out personally to the men. The same door was opened up at Waco, Texas, at the camps there, and they are becoming very interested in this work here, and I am sure these camps will want the same thing. We have already placed forty thousand of this one tract in Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Tex. besides taking care of our own camps around Houston. (Editorial note: The substance of this tract will be reprinted in the special soldiers' number of the Evangel which will be published shortly.)

The calls are coming in from numbers of different camps, so let us hold on in prayer together that sufficient means will come in to supply this need. God is working and you can be assured that not a tract leaves our hands without being prayed over, and we know they are doing their work.—Raymond T. Richey.

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We have a few saints here and God is blessing. We want to have a revival about Sept. 1st, the Lord willing, and we will need some help. If any preacher in fellowship with the General Council feels led to come this way, please write to me.—Roy Canaday, Blanch, Douglas Co., Mo.

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE.

Visitors coming to Denver, Colo. will please note that the Assembly of God now meets at 2255-59 Champa St., W. H. Boyles in charge.

THIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The First Missionary Conference held at St. Louis, in September of last year, was called under pressure of a great need in the Pentecostal Movement. It was keenly felt by all the missionaries and many of the brethren of the General Council, that a closer bond of fellowship, and a better understanding of the great problems which confront us along missionary lines, could be had if we could get together for a heart to heart talk concerning these matters. The idea of such gatherings at stated times in different sections of the country, so strongly commended itself to those present at that first meeting, that steps were taken to continue them. Accordingly, the chairman and secretary of the conference were authorized to call the Second Conference which was held at the Stone Church in May last. At that time it was suggested that the next Missionary Conference should be held in the Pentecostal church at Cleveland, Ohio. The chairman and secretary appointed by the last Conference, were instructed to make all arrangements for the third gathering together of the Pentecostal missionaries who are in this country. It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that the committee makes this first announcement, that The Pentecostal Church of Cleveland has extended a most hearty invitation to all the Pentecostal missionaries to become its guests for the period of the Conference from October 7th to October 13th.

An unusual feature of this gathering at this time is, that the Missionary Conference will be held in connection with the Fifth Annual Missionary Convention of The Pentecostal Church, which begins October 3rd. This arrangement will give the missionaries an opportunity to attend the Convention, while at the same time their burdens perplexities, and problems can be brought to the Missionary Conference sessions. The general plan is this. The Missionary Conference which begins at 9:30 A. M., October 7th, will occupy the morning hours of the Convention for its business, while the afternoon and evening hours will be given over to the usual convention work of the Church. This arrangement will afford the regular constituency and friends of the Pentecostal Church who come from a distance, not only the benefit of the Convention, but will also give them an opportunity to attend the sessions of the Missionary Conference, and become acquainted with the great questions and problems which the missionaries and others must meet in their various fields of labor. On the other hand, the missionaries will have the advantage of at least one full opportunity to bring the needs of their respective fields before the Convention, thus forming a larger praying and supporting constituency.

In order that there may not be any misunderstandings, and disappointments, it is necessary for the committee to say that the purpose of the Missionary Convention of the Church is the

salvation of sinners, reclaiming backsliders, healing of the sick, infilling of believers with the Pentecostal fullness of the Spirit, and the gathering of the usual annual missionary offering for the maintenance of its Home and Foreign Missionary work.

All missionaries will be the guests of the Pentecostal Church, which will furnish free entertainment, that is meals and lodging. The Church does not assume responsibility for rail road fares. Other visitors will be assisted in finding suitable places for lodging and meals at near by restaurants at their own expense.

The Missionary Conference Committee would urge upon all the Pentecostal friends the supreme need and importance of definite and continuous prayer for this momentous gathering. Begin NOW. Co-operation in the power of the Spirit between the missionaries on the field, and the Pentecostal people everywhere, is the purpose and aim of this most important gathering. To this end let us all pull TOGETHER.

Remember the dates, plan and place, of the Missionary Conference. Dates: Oct. 7th to 12th. Plan: Daily morning sessions. Place: White Ave. and East 57th St., Cleveland, Ohio. Remember the dates, plan, and place of the Fifth Annual Missionary Convention of the Pentecostal Church. Dates: Oct. 3rd to 13th. Plan: Conjointly with the Missionary Conference. Place: White Ave. and East 57th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

D. W. Kerr, Chairman,
Zella H. Reynolds, Secretary.

Editor's Note on Above.

Readers must note in the above that the Missionary Convention is an entirely different body from the Missionary Conference or they will be confused in their minds. The Convention is the work of the local Cleveland Church, while the Conference is the general missionary body working in the interest of all Pentecostal missionaries everywhere. The dates for the Convention cover a longer time than those of the Conference.

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Sunday School Lesson

FROM A PENTECOSTAL VIEWPOINT

August 18, 1918.

WORKING IN THE CHURCH.

Lesson Text: Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-35; 6:2-4.

Golden Text: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name." Psalm 100:4.

I. The Pentecostal Church With the Bloom on it.

In that early morning watch on that first day of Pentecost of the Christian era, Peter surely put the net on the right side of the ship. Unseen by mortal eyes, He who had promised those rugged fisher folks that they should be fishers of men when they left their boats and nets in yonder Galilee, was superintending operations. Three thousand souls! Peter had gotten the biggest catch of his life!

Can you imagine that first baptismal service when those first three thousand souls were "buried with Christ in baptism unto death?" There are many definitions of baptism but one of the best we have heard comes from a converted Jew. He describes baptism as "going to your own funeral," and the first time you meet him he will generally ask you, "Have you attended your own funeral yet?" He will tell you that at his undertaking parlor he will bury you in the old Jewish style "without a coffin." He is particular not to bury folks alive, but first sees to it that you are dead indeed unto sin.

But baptism, the baptism these 3,000 had, was more than identification with the death and burial of Jesus. It meant to them then, and now means also to us, to be "risen with Christ." Newness of life! Life from above! Resurrection life! Peter called the saints, "Lively stones!" Jesus told the murmuring Pharisees on the day of His triumphant entry into Jerusalem that, if they stilled those humble, Galilean disciples who were shouting their hosannas to Him so loudly, the very stones would cry out. There must have been a big demand for cotton wool for Pharisees' ears on the day of Pentecost, when, in addition to the overflowing praises in other tongues of the 120, three thousand other "lively stones" began to sound the praises of Him whom they had crucified and slain.

"And they continued steadfastly"—stayed right with it. We have heard some preachers say, "We don't want doctrine these days." We do need doctrine—sound doctrine—and if we will do the will of our Master He has promised us that we should know of "the doctrine." But we must preach the Truth out of loyalty to Jesus and with love to souls, and not in order to fight some one else. These early Pentecostal people "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and

fellowship"—in unity with the brethren, "and in breaking of bread" the original name given to the Lord's supper, "and in prayer"—the one great cause of their continued power, and the result of this one-accordness was that there the Lord commanded His blessing, and everlasting life became the portion of many more.

What a glorious picture, this early church! Saints loving each other so much that each wanted the other to have as much as himself, a church of one heart and mind; an extremely joyful people, with eyes and hearts single for the glory of God, a praiseful crowd that always recommended the faith to others. This was God's thought for the beginning, it is His thought for to-day. We may be slow in getting back to this apostolic pattern, but it is the purpose of our hearts to get there. Is that not the purpose of the saints in your assembly?

II. The Pentecostal Church With the Power on it. Acts 4:32-35.

F. B. Meyer writes of this passage, "As Luke looked back over the lapse of thirty years, when persecution and misunderstanding had blurred the prospect of the early Church, the fair picture here presented of its very beginnings must have seemed as the garden of Paradise under the touch of dawn. Outside, indeed, the storm was rising. The Sanhedrin had prohibited even speaking in the name of Jesus. Excommunication, imprisonment, scattering and death were upon their way, but within were prevalent prayer, unwavering faith and fervid zeal. They were one in heart and soul. Great grace was upon them all. Their communal life would be characterized by daily family gatherings around the table of the Risen Lord, by artless songs and hymns, by happy faces. We can imagine the morning greetings, the evening farewells, the repetition of the stories of Jesus, the consciousness of His presence, the anticipation of His return."

Under the law Malachi had to whip the folks for robbing God. Not that anyone had been caught breaking into heaven and stealing Gabriel's horn or Michael's sword, but they were just as guilty as if they had. When they wiped their mouths and put on an air of indignant surprise at Malachi's indictment, and questioned, "Wherein have we robbed God?" the prophet answered, "In tithes and offerings." Recently a Pentecostal preacher took the subject of "Tithing" as a topic of his message, and after he was through he went down and talked personally with some of his congregation on the subject. "No, sir," said one party addressed. "I don't believe in tithing; why if I paid tithes I would frequently

have to give away as much as \$30.00 a month!" Poor fellow, he would only have \$270.00 left for himself, and as this was not enough for his covetous old heart, he had to rob God of what was rightly His, loading himself down with a weight that will likely fasten him to earth when Jesus comes. Paul calls this covetousness "Idolatry," and John counsels us, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols."

Contrast this with this photograph of pristine Christianity in the chapter before us where none called anything he possessed his own. Whereas under the law they withheld their tithes, here under grace they gladly gave all. No need for Peter to shout himself hoarse preaching sermons on tithing so that he could get something to eat. A Pentecostal preacher complained to us, "I preached to an audience of so-called Pentecostal people the other day on tithing and then we took up the collection and it amounted to 85 cents."

Were these people wrong in selling their lands and houses and laying the price of them at the apostles' feet? No, sir. They were laying up treasures in heaven where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt; and when, a few years later, the Romans came and destroyed Jerusalem they had nothing to lose. All their riches were banked up in a City that no Roman legion could encompass. When need came, the Lord put it in the heart of Paul and others to take up offerings for the saints in Jerusalem from the Gentile congregations. He who gives to God never loses. So today we know many Pentecostal saints giving up their all for Jesus. They purpose leaving nothing for anti-Christ.

III. The Pentecostal Church With Some Order in it. Acts 6:2-4.

Six years later this scene is laid, and things were not going as well. Actually murmuring going on! The apostles dealt with the situation and they told the saints to chose out seven deacons, and they prescribed the necessary qualifications, not the modern qualification of being an astute business man with a substantial bank account, but that of being filled with the Holy Ghost and heavenly wisdom. Moreover they were to have an honest report amongst those who were without. These men could look after the business end of things, while the preachers gave themselves up wholly to prayer and the ministry of the Word. It is good policy for preachers to be relieved wholly of the financial end of things, for to some handling money has proved a snare. We cannot improve on apostolic methods.

August 25, 1918.

SPEAKING FOR CHRIST.

Lesson Text: Luke 12:8-12; Acts 1:1-8.

Golden Text: Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. Luke 12:8.

I. The Importance of Witnessing.

The Word teaches us that we are

either witnesses for Jesus or deniers of Him, that we are either gathering with Him or else scattering. There are no neutrals in the heavenly conflict. Solomon tells us that a true witness delivereth souls, and it is the deliverance of souls that the hosts of heaven are most interested in. Paul wrote of Timothy that he had "professed a good profession before many witnesses." Timothy was one of those fellows who looked out for every opportunity of confessing Christ. Are you one of the Timothy class of witnesses?

Dr. Harry Grattan Guinness told one time at Keswick of the time that he entered the London Hospital as a student. He knew it was not likely that there would be many Christians in this institution, and he prayed God to help him to boldly confess Christ, and his prayer was answered very speedily. The first day he was in the hospital another student came to him and invited him to a meeting of their debating society to be held that night. This fellow said to him, "You need not be afraid. One of the rules is that nobody is allowed to talk about any religious thing." Guinness went, and they talked about many subjects that he did not understand at all. Then one man got up and said something about Jesus Christ that absolutely horrified him. For a moment Guinness wondered what should be done and then, almost quicker than thought, he found himself on his feet. Of course he had to say something then, so he said, "Mr. President, and gentlemen, I do not know whether you would allow a first year man to speak." "Glad to hear you," was the response. "Well, I was informed that it was against the laws of your society to allude to religious matters. Is that so?" "Quite right," was the reply. "Then, Mr. President, I beg to protest against the words of the gentleman who has just sat down. He has spoken against One who is my Lord, my Saviour, and my King in a way that has made my blood boil, and I beg to protest against it." He sat down, not knowing if the ground was going to open to let him through, whether there would be a tremendous hissing or what would happen. But there was a thunder of applause. At the close of the meeting the chairman came up to him and asked him his name and then said, "Guinness, I am glad to know you. Come to these meetings, and if ever a man does what that man did to-night, you do exactly what you did." In answer to prayer the flag got run up that night, and it never came down.

Jesus says that if we confess Him before men He will confess us before the angels of God. Angels are the ministering spirits that hover round us, and sometimes methinks they are very much ashamed of us in the opportunities we miss. John Wesley in his travels never missed an opportunity of boldly confessing Christ, and every stranger he overtook on the roadside had to hear about his Jesus.

II. A Seasonable Warning. Luke 12:9-10.

There is a warning here against blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, the sin of deliberately attributing to Satan a miracle which we know belongs to the Holy Ghost. For this there is no forgiveness. The accuser of the brethren frequently endeavors to worry souls of tender conscience into the belief that they have committed this unpardonable sin. He even tried to make John Bunyan fret himself into believing he had committed this sin, and if he had succeeded in getting him to go under to it, we would have lost our Pilgrim's Progress and Holy War, and England would have lost the most eloquent Baptist preacher of the seventeenth century. There is all the difference in the world between the nagging of the accuser of the brethren and the deep, pungent, convicting operation of the Holy Spirit when He convicts of sin. The accuser of the brethren always brings despair with him, but the Spirit always brings the blood of Jesus, and when that blood is applied there is "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

III. Timely Encouragement. Luke 12:11-12.

Here is an appropriate word for the dark days that are fast approaching. It will be darkest before the dawn, and if we are true to the faith, many of us may have to answer to severe indictments before the powers that be. Praise the Lord, we are assured of the same wisdom, the wisdom of the Holy Ghost, that was vouchsafed to Peter and John and Paul and others when they had to answer those who accused them. No need to be reasoning out our own defense in the night seasons, we can sleep as peacefully as did Peter in the jail; the very hour that we need wisdom that hour it will be given. And though dark days are approaching we have everything to praise for and nothing to fear, for God has declared that He will keep us as the apple (the pupil) of His eye. It will take more than an earthly power to harm the apple of His eye.

IV. The Power for Witnessing. Acts 1:1-8.

Here we are back in the Acts again, familiar ground indeed for those of us in Pentecost. We need to go through this book and put our fingers on its miracles, its signs and wonders, and ask the Lord for a repetition of these things and greater than these. God is no respecter of persons or places, and what He did through those unlearned and ignorant fishermen in the first century of the Christian era He is ready and willing to do through a people who are simple enough to believe Him down in this twentieth century, in which such tremendous things are taking place. These days of dark clouds demand a supernatural witness, and we need to cry aloud like they did of old that with all boldness we might speak the Word, that the Divine Hand may be stretched forth to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done by the Name of the Holy Child, Jesus.

The Acts is essentially a missionary book; we need to read it often and catch its spirit. We, as a Pentecostal people quote often the words, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:" but let us not forget the rest of the sentence, "And ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, (that is the place where we now are), and in Judea, (round about where we are), in Samaria, (someone has said that surely Mexico is the Samaria of the United States), and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It is for this that we have received the Acts 2:4 experience. God forgive us for forgetting this commission and being taken up with issues that have more or less paralyzed our missionary work. Let us quit our quibbling over questions that do not profit, and get back to this commission that is as much on the heart of our Saviour to-day as ever it was. Are you doing your part to get this gospel to the uttermost part of the earth? The Missionary Treasurer of the General Council isn't taking a holiday this summer, and you will find him right on hand at 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., to send your two mites to the uttermost ends of the earth to our Pentecostal missionaries who are giving out the gospel there.

How we love that fifth verse of the first chapter of Acts. Well, do we remember underlining it in our Bible, and saying, "This is mine," and true to the promise, not many days hence, He baptized us with the Holy Ghost and fire. Oh, Hallelujah! The very thought thrills us. Have you put your finger on this promise just as if it was written for you especially, accepted it as your blood-bought inheritance, and thanked the Lord for putting such a wonderful promise in His Book for such an one as you. Then stay right with Him until He proves the promise true to you. Then, indeed, you will be able to witness with power. The Holy Ghost is the power for witnessing. Only that which is done in His power will tell for eternity. If you desire that every moment shall tell for eternity see to it that you are not disobedient to the heavenly command, "Be filled with the Spirit."—S. I. F.

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Reports From the Field

WICHITA, KANS.

We find Wichita a very hard place to work in, but we have been on our faces and are seeing the result of His power, seeing souls weeping through. Will all the saints pray for the work here.—L. B. Perry.

VILLAGE MILLS, TEXAS.

We are having a good meeting here. Ten have been saved, and six baptized in the Spirit, and others at the altar every night seeking God; in the old-fashioned way praying through to victory, straightening up their lives and living for God. Praise God! Pray for me and family and worker.—A. W. Mangum.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The dear Lord continues to bless the work at Glad Tidings Hall. Quite a number have been saved and baptized in the Spirit lately. Four saved and two baptized in the Spirit Thursday afternoon. Five immersed last Friday night, and five more last night. Praise God for victory.—R. J. Craig.

McCurtain, Okla.

Have been pastor at Main Hill since January last. Four have received the baptism and some have been converted. Have just closed a meeting at Red Hill. Eleven received the baptism, quite a number were converted, and seven got baptized in water. I am now at McCurtain, Okla., starting a meeting. Pray for me and for the success of the meeting.—J. W. McEntire.

TROUP, TEXAS.

God is truly working in our midst. The meeting at Scrouch Owl Bend has been going on a little over three weeks. There have been about fifteen saved and nearly every one has come through shouting. Four have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One sister, ninety years old, who had been serving God eighty years, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Brother J. B. Smith from Quinlan is here helping to conduct the meetings. Keep praying for us.—J. M. Goodson.

BIDDING SPRINGS, OKLA.

The Lord put it into the hearts of the Spade Mountain saints to build an arbor and get ready for a revival. They obeyed and He told Bro. Bogan to come back from Kansas and showed him a little brush arbor out in the woods. He came and found it just as God had showed him. The first week was rather dull part of the time, but we all held on and Sunday night God wonderfully poured out His Spirit and we all had a blessed time. One soul was gloriously saved and others blessed. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. Bernice Ferguson.

DENT, MO.

I left home March 16th and held a meeting at Dunright, Okla. Fourteen people were saved and one received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. I spent two days at Wellston at the convention and I thank God for the privilege. I held two weeks' meeting at Picket Prairie School near Sapulpa and one soul was saved. I then came on to this place, Dent, Mo. I held nine night meetings and there were twenty-two at the altar, and smallpox broke out and we were quarantined six weeks. Went to Salem, Mo., and stayed eleven nights. Eleven souls were saved and three received the baptism according to Acts 2:4. Bro. Pace is continuing the meeting. I came back to Dent and re-opened the meeting. We closed the meeting yesterday by baptizing seventeen candidates according to Matt. 28:19-20. I am leaving about thirty-five Spirit-filled saints here. A holiness preacher came to the meeting, received light and was baptized.—B. C. Richardson.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Yesterday we had a big day, and there were over 1200 people at my farewell meeting. A number of ministers spoke well of our revival meetings during the last six months and a half. Over eight hundred people stood up, lifted up their hands and sang, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow." These eight hundred folks were those who were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit or had been healed and reclaimed, or received other blessings during the meetings. To God be all the glory! One of the workers who keeps track of the souls who have received the baptism, said that about five hundred had received. Thousands have been touched by God's blessing in this city and from other states. I heard that eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost yesterday. Glory to Jesus! He has been exalted, and that is why the Holy Spirit has done His blessed work. We are glad above all that the Father has been glorified in the Son.

During this revival \$1302.00 has been sent to missionaries all over the world, \$2500.00 has been given for Armenian relief, and \$100.00 has been given to the poor in our midst. This makes over \$600.00 a month for mission work and charity. Hundreds of dollars has been spent for the gospel in newspapers and nearly a million free tracts on Salvation, the Second Coming, Healing and the Baptism of the Spirit have been circulated.—Andrew D. Urshan.

The revival goes on unbroken, and day after day souls are getting through to God, being saved and baptized in the Spirit. In the last four days six in one family have turned from Catholicism to Pentecost with the joy that accompanies that blessed experience.—W. M. Collins.

CAMDEN, ARK.

We attended the "Fifth Sunday Meeting" which convened with the Piney Grove Mission near Boughton, the fifth Sunday in June, and we were asked to remain with them a few days. We stayed two weeks and the Lord wonderfully blessed our efforts. About twenty were saved and reclaimed, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water, and we left five to be baptized later by Pastor Elmore. We left the saints rejoicing in the Lord, and a number seeking the Baptism. One brother from that assembly feels the call to preach, and our prayer is that the Lord will send laborers into the harvest, for the field is white.

We went from there to Hopeville where eight were wonderfully saved and the church built up. We came from there to Carthage, Ark. and began a two weeks meeting. Pray for us that the Lord may use us in helping many lost souls to find their way to the cross.—Z. J. Lanius.

SMEAD, ARK.

We returned to this place July 11th to be here over Sunday, but there was such a yearning in the heart of the people that we continued the meeting three weeks. God set His seal on the meeting from the beginning. There were from twelve to thirtyseven at the altar each service. There were a number saved and seven received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to see the mighty power of God coming down, some shouting, some dancing, some slain under the power of God as if they were dead. God mightily put gain-sayers to silence by stretching forth His hands to heal the sick. One special case of healing was my little boy, four years old, who was struck with congestion, and was apparently dead for fifteen minutes, insomuch that many said he was dead. But, praise the Lord, in answer to prayer, God healed him instantly. Another notable case of healing was an old man, between 60 and 70 years old, who had been struck with paralysis and was scarcely able to use his left side for two years. In answer to prayer God touched him and it was wonderful to see him use his arm and leg. After he had been touched by the Lord he began to praise God and to dance for joy, and shouts went up on every side. Bro. J. W. May was with us the last ten days. God wonderfully blessed him in giving out the Word. The meeting closed last night with twentythree at the altar and the revival spirit still on. There were nine baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19, making a total of thirty-six baptized.

The assembly was set in order on July 22nd 1918, with twentyone members, since then there are twenty-nine added, making a total of fifty members.

We will start our next meeting tonight half a mile south at Bearden, Ark. Any Spirit-filled preacher in fellowship with the General Council will find a welcome. Pray much for this place.—Evangelist A. S. Casey

PORTLAND CAMP MEETING.

We want to praise the Lord for the Camp Meeting in Portland which began July 7th and is to continue all through August. This is the sixth camp meeting on the same grounds, and it seems like holy ground to all those who have received such blessing here. Brother Will C. Trotter has been the faithful pastor in charge here for the past five years and the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work through his clean ministry. God has given him unusual strength, so that without taking a vacation in all this time he could preach two or three times on Sunday and every week day night except Saturday, and have two or more afternoon meetings a week giving out the Word.

In this camp God has blessed from the beginning and precious souls in the very first service found their Saviour and are continuing to come. Among the number was the son of a family who came to the camp meeting for the first time last year, nine members of which were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit during the past year. This son gave his heart to Jesus and at the same altar service received the baptism of the Spirit. Several days later the precious wife of this brother was saved and also baptized with the Spirit at the same altar service, and others also. Precious Free Methodists have come also, saying they were hungry and wanted more of God. How we thank God for meeting them, for now we hear them speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

One brother coming from a distance, who heard the Word at just three afternoon meetings said that if he had only known the truth before he would have been spared so much stumbling and losing out. Many of the saints can testify to the same thing, for we know we are entering into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.

One precious brother was prayed for at different times for healing but he did not receive. God showed him he was full of unbelief and that he would not receive as long as he still had any trust in the arm of flesh. He had a cancer wart on his lip, and once he had the doctor cut it out but it came back. When God spoke to him he decided that even if he died he was going to trust Jesus but the cancer wart got longer and longer with pus running from it so that it made him feel sick all over. Finally he had to tie it up with a handkerchief to keep it out of the way. The evening before he was healed a neighbor told him he was trying to make a slave out of Jesus, and that Jesus would not heal him and that he would die. He said, "Well, if I die, God's will be done. I will see Jesus that much sooner. But Jesus will heal me and take it away." After the neighbor left he began to argue with God, "Now, Jesus, you said you would heal me, and why don't you do it? My neighbors all make fun of me and laugh at me. Now you must heal me." When the man's faith and earnestness reached

this pitch, of course the work was done. The cancer wart began to dry up and by next morning was perfectly healed. The same neighbor that said the evening before that Jesus would not heal him, was the first to see it the next morning. Thank God for His power to heal.—Carrie Pride, Portland, Oregon.

Later. The Camp Meeting is growing both in crowds and in the Spirit. Friday night God just poured out His Spirit and flooded us. The heavenly choir was beyond all words to express. Between thirty and forty were on their feet at once praising God. Sunday was the best meeting we have had yet. The power fell from the first and there was such a spirit of praise and singing in the heavenly choir that there was no chance for preaching all day. It was almost a continual praise and worship. Last night (Monday night) two received the Spirit and several were saved and the power fell like rain. Keep holding on in prayer.—Carrie Pride.

JOPLIN, MO.

We have had six weeks of glorious meetings. The power fell from the beginning. Many have been saved and reclaimed and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Thirteen have been baptized in water and there are more to follow soon. A number of children have been saved and baptized, and many have been healed of different diseases. Sister Ralph Connor, seventy-five old, has been blind for many years with cataracts. She was led to the platform, was prayed for, and left seeing, and her sight is improving every day. She came to the meeting last night dancing down the aisle and shouting. She seems to have had her youth renewed like the eagle. Sister Morgan who has been blind for fourteen years, was also prayed for. She had a growth over the sight. She is also being healed, and great joy is filling her heart. Two men with very hard cases of rupture were healed. One was healed and saved from Christian Science, falsely so-called. He was picked up in his yard screaming with pain, but the great Physician soon delivered him.

A brother had a wonderful vision last night just as he entered the church. He saw a large cross on the platform and under it stood a bride in white apparel, with long white veil and a crown on her head. She was transparent and Jesus came from behind the pulpit towards her, coming for His bride.

Meetings are still going on and souls are being saved, and bodies healed. For any information desired write Francene Dobson, acting pastor of the Assembly, 213 E. 15th St.—Julia A. Ross, Evang.

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LANDING, MISS.

I was invited to Lydalisk, Ark., by Bro. C. L. Branscum for a few days' meeting and from the first night God has met us at each service. The saints have been built up, several have been saved, and one has received the Holy Ghost. Tomorrow I expect to start in a two weeks' meeting at Goodwin Lake, Miss. Then the second Sunday in August we expect to begin our meeting at Landing. Bro. J. W. Welch will be present, D. V., to preach the dedication service the first Sunday of the meeting, at which time we expect to dedicate our little church to the service of God.

Bro. L. Wooten, of Elba, Ala., will be in charge of the evangelistic services after the first week. Anyone wishing to come will please take notice of date and write me what time you expect to arrive and someone will meet you at Anguilla with conveyance to bring you out to the church.—Evang., Jas. O. Savell.

AUSTIN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING.

The Austin District Camp Meeting and quarterly conference opened July 13, 1918, at the tabernacle of the Assemblies of God, at Elgin, Texas, with a good attendance of ministers, delegates, workers and visitors.

The first business meeting of the conference was convened on July 15th with Bro. F. A. Hale, Chairman, in charge. Bro. Hale exhorted the young ministers and workers at length from the first chapter of second Timothy. This was followed by a special prayer service.

At three P. M. Bro. Scheumack talked to the workers on courtesy out on the field, after which an opportunity was given for young ministers to express themselves on some passages of Scripture as the Lord might lead.

The following day Sisters Maggie McCaslin and Evelyn Campbell, missionaries from the Mexican work in San Antonio, Texas, told of the wonderful way God is working among the Mexicans. Since last fall between thirty and forty Mexicans have been saved and baptized in the Spirit. Bro. Hale preached on the Baptism of the Spirit at the evening service, and two received the Baptism at the altar call.

On July 17th the following workers were ordained as evangelists: Paul Radke, Mrs. Laura McCaslin, Mrs. Jewel White.

A wonderful spirit of love and unity prevails among the saints here, and God is working and souls are getting through to God at almost every service.—Mrs. F. Fanning.

A GOOD MISSIONARY BOOK.

A good book to give to a soldier or sailor boy is "The Story of My Life," by Andrew D. Urshan. It tells how God miraculously delivered him from "deaths oft" during the times of the Kurdish massacres in Persia. Price, 55 cents in cloth, or 25 cents in paper, postpaid. Order from The Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

The Evangel Prayer Band

RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS

A few months ago I sent in a request that God would deliver me from distressing circumstances that I was in. I want to give God the glory for answering prayer. How great is His mercy towards His children. I was healed of pneumonia last May and I am here in Indianapolis now enjoying Sister Etter's meeting.—Vivian Dennis.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

Pray for me and my unsaved husband.—S. H. G., Valley Park, Md.

Bro. Sam Hall asked to be remembered in prayer in his work in Schenectady, N. Y.

Pray for my mother's foot. She got it mashed. She is 85 years old. Pray for my hearing.—B. L. B., Sklatook, Okla.

Pray for the success of our little prayer meeting. One soul was saved last night.—Mrs. J. M. Carter, Memphis, Tenn.

Pray for me that I may be healed of all my rheumatism and that God will undertake for me.—M. J. P., Mountain View, Mo.

Pastor P. M. Stokely and wife who are at 323 1/2 S. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah, request prayer that the Lord may lead them to the field of service that He wants them in.

My mother is in poor health. Please pray for her as well as the rest of our family, also that my husband and myself may live more as God wants us to.—H. G. L., Jacksonville, Fla.

I am sorely afflicted in my head, stomach, kidneys and heart (palpitation) and earnestly crave that the saints will pray for my complete healing, that I may be made whole.—Mrs. J. D. T., Terrell, Tex.

I request prayer for my healing, also that my husband may seek a deeper work of grace, and for the salvation of our son, that our whole family may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to walk with the Lord, and be overcomers.—K. E. W., Spades, Indiana.

Please pray for my husband who is afflicted with stomach, liver and bladder and other troubles, and nervous affliction that acts on his mind, that he might be delivered and filled with the Holy Ghost and used of God. Pray that I may be strengthened in the spirit and be an overcomer, and receive faith in God for our support financially. Pray for my brother who has gone to the navy that God will save him and bring him home again. Pray for my father and sister to be saved. Pray for a revival to be held at Gilmour in a tent meeting. Pray for a brother suffering with mental trouble that he may be delivered from the hospital and saved.—F. A. H., Gilmour, Ind.

CAMP MEETINGS

Philadelphia, Pa. July 21 to Sept. 3. Bro. and Sis. McPherson and others. Full particulars from J. R. Greig, 906 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Camp Meeting at Boise, Idaho, beginning Aug. 18th and continuing on as the Lord leads. Empty houses can be secured cheaply. Come prepared to look after yourself. Further information from Miss C. Wright, 1414 N. 12th St., Boise, Idaho.

Third Annual Tri-State Camp Meeting of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God, to be held on Lover's Leap, at **Olmstead, Ill., Sept. 13th to 22nd, D.V.** Further information from Pastor Wm. Sowders, Anna, Ill. or Pastor W. F. Langston, 412 30th st., Cairo, Ill.

Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God of Southeast Missouri will be held at **Parma, Mo. August 23 to Sept. 1, 1918, D.V.** For further information and offerings for expenses send to Pastor L. W. Clark, Parma, Mo.

Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God to be held at the Brick Church, 8 miles south of **Gerald, Mo., beginning Sept. 14, to 22nd, D.V.** Bring bedding, toilet articles and tents if convenient. Further information from G. A. Renick, R.F.D. 2, Rosebud, Mo., or Pastor R. O. Miller, Ector, Texas.

First Pentecostal Camp Meeting of South-east Nebraska, Franklin, Neb., Aug 23rd to Sept 1st. The camp will be located one mile south and one east of town. Elder J. E. Sims of Denver, Colo. will conduct the services. Tents and cots at reasonable prices, but should be ordered at once. Write for further information to Pastor Henry Hoar, Franklin, Neb.

Pray for me that I may receive the baptism as in Acts 2:4.—R.E.R., Gore, Okla.

Pray for the salvation of our boys, one in the army in France, one in the navy, and one in a far-off city.—F. M. B., Union, Miss.

We are in a meeting here in an entirely new field. Some are hungry and some unconcerned. Pray God to stir the people here and save and baptize them.—Evang. J. G. Helms.

Please pray for my wife and our five children (one in France). No assembly at Culppeper and wife and I have not received our baptism, and children unconverted.—W. B. R., Culppeper, Va.

I wish to ask prayer for the salvation of a son in France, and husband at home, that God will break through in these two lives, and for myself that I may be what He wants me to be.—Mrs. B. E. S.

A brother who writes for tracts to distribute in Thibet, Ill., a place where the people know nothing about Pentecost, requests prayer that these silent messengers may be as good seed fallen on good ground.

Please pray for a tent meeting at Jasonville, Quilton and Gilmour, Ind. that will start in a few days. (Jasonville first). Pray God to give great victory, that souls may be saved, healed, baptized and made ready for the coming of the Lord.

Please hold up our son constantly before the throne of grace. He will soon go overseas. Pray God to keep him in the hollow of His hand on land and sea, and for his safe return. Pray for the restoration of his soul to Christ. God knows his name and all about him.—Evang. Reader.

Pray earnestly for a sister that she may be delivered from the snuff habit, and that I may get closer to the Lord. Pray that we may have a much needed revival at this place. Pray also for my family that they may be saved and filled with the mighty power of God.—S. E. B., Wesson, Ark.

The doctor says I have Bright's disease and cancer and a complication of other ailments. He advises going to Missouri for treatment. We cannot afford such an outlay, and besides I have no confidence in doctors helping me much anyway. I know the Great Physician is capable. Will you please pray.—Mrs. C. A. P., Fremont, Neb.

A sister in New York requests prayer for herself and her family. She is feeble, bilious and has bronchitis. Her daughter is in delicate health, and her husband is in the army, and she expects to be confined about the first of October. She requests prayer for her little son who has had head and throat trouble from birth. She is by herself and has no way to go to church.

First Pentecostal Camp Meeting beginning August 15, 1918 to be held at New Mount Taber, 28 miles west of Hot Springs on the M. D. and G. R. R. 1-2 miles from **Lucky Ark.** All trains will be met to bring visitors out to Camp Grounds. Bring bedding and toilet articles. Write Louis Short, Glenwood, Ark. or Richard Short, or Will Vaughn, Lucky, Ark.

Pentecostal Camp Meeting, Cor. 52nd and Powell Sts., **Portland, Oregon,** commencing **July 7th** until the first Sunday in September. Camp will be held on same beautiful grounds used by the assembly for the past five years, on Mt. Scott car line. Tents may be had by writing the pastor. All should bring their own toilet and bedding articles. Address all communications to Pastor Will Trotter, 212 East 30th St., Portland, Ore.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM July 23rd to July 31st, Inclusive.

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Anon	15.00
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Total	\$1017.66
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J. B. C., Pascagoula, Miss.	7.00
Assembly Earle, Ark.	22.00
Mrs. J. L. J., Arbuckle, Calif.	1.00
S. S., Pilot Point, Texas	3.00
Assembly, Eskdale, W. Va.	18.20
Assembly, Parma, Mo.	3.34
M. C., Waverly, Iowa	7.00

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