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Dropping Jesus Christ



We clip the following from LESLIE'S WEEKLY, a secular magazine. You will note that the editor of this secular magazine loves Christ better than the church in question. God bless that editor:

"Drop Jesus!"

One of the so-called "advanced" churches in New York City has resolved to abolish all reference to "sect, class, nation, or race," and have a new bond of union to be signed by all of its members. To do this, it deems it necessary to adopt a new "statement of purpose" from which mention of Christ and Christianity is omitted. Public announcement is accordingly made that this church has "dropped Jesus!"

So the world moves on from the time that the Master preached on the shores of Galilee, miraculously fed the multitudes when they were weary and far from home and sent them on their way rejoicing. They did not "drop Jesus."

Are we forgetting the Great Teacher, the inspired Man, not of mystery, but of Wisdom—the Saviour Who touched the eyes of the blind and made them see; Who spoke at the tomb and bade Lazarus "come forth"; Who gave to Humanity through His sacrifice on the cross its only hope of salvation?

In those days of the living Christ, the common people heard Him gladly. They did not "drop Jesus." At Calvary, after a night of anguish, when He was nailed to the cross, the weeping women who had come to love Him as Lord and Master did not "drop Jesus," but the disciple who betrayed Him did and went out and hanged himself.

The "advanced" church in New York might tell us whether it had rather follow the weeping women and the beloved disciples or stand with the betrayer and the clamorous mob that "dropped Jesus" to acclaim Barabbas, the murderer.

We are in the midst of the world's upheaval, but we are not ready to pull down the golden cross of the Crusaders and hoist the red rag of the anarchists. Not yet!

"O cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee."

Not Alone in the Shame.

You remember the story in Luke's gospel of how Mary lost Jesus, and went a day's journey, "supposing" He was in the crowd, before she found out for sure He was gone. So it is today. Thousands of individuals "suppose" they have Jesus, but have not.

A good many preachers even, who still use His name, still call their churches CHRISTIAN, have nevertheless already denied His Deity, calling Him only a good man who set us a good example; already denied the power of the atoning blood, denied the vicarious, substitutionary death of Christ for a lost world. They hold His death was a great pity, a great tragedy, something entirely unnecessary. Now all such have not Jesus, have in fact and reality already "dropped Jesus." What a shame to all Christendom. Jesus Christ is stabbed in the house of His friends!

Traitors in Disguise.

Such professed teachers, who in their hearts have rejected His atoning blood and His Divine power to save, and yet profess His name, still call themselves Christians, profess to be guides to the lost, to preach the way of eternal life, are really traitors in disguise—the very worst kind of traitors. They are wolves, but in sheep's clothing. God pity the lambs!

This article is not an indiscriminate charge against all denominations or against the denominations in general. There are true men of God, faithful in their hearts as they see the light in all of these. Lots of them still hold firmly to the Deity of Christ's person and to His vicarious death. God bless every one of such. Nothing in this refers to these. But there are far too many infidels in the church. In these days of apostasy there are many in high places in many of the churches who deny the inspiration of God's word, and yet are popular and still hold their places of honor in the church.

Cleanse Yourselves.

Let the churches of whatever name cleanse themselves of these internal enemies, or they are certain of condemnation at the hands of the Son of God. Every so-called preacher who denies that the Bible is inspired of God, denies it is God's word, should be instantly turned out of the ministry and put out in the camp of the infidels where he belongs. Every professor in any church college or seminary supported by money from God's people, who denies the inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, or the vicarious atonement, ought to be turned out of his church and out of his job and classed with the rest of the sinners, and not allowed to poison the

minds of the young they teach, and lead to hell, while professing to lead them to heaven.

Evil Days Ahead.

Already evil days are upon us, and the very fact that these infidels and hypocrites can hold their high positions in the professed churches of Jesus Christ prophesies still worse days ahead for these churches. If there was sentiment enough in them for evangelical truth to oust these infidels and put true men of God in their places, we could hope for better things. But with infidels in the lead, the churches that follow them are sure to get farther away from the truth, more dead and formal spiritually, more full of deadly errors until they completely apostatize from God and all saving truth. Some have already done this, such as this church in New York that has "dropped Jesus." Still this church that has openly and honestly declared it has dropped Christ is honorable beside those who have really dropped Him but still wear His name, and fly under false colors. They are

Mere Social Clubs

and ought to be honest enough to come out from under cover, sail under their own banner, and not add deceit and hypocrisy to their sin of rejecting the Son of God. They would be more respectable as a social club than as a Church of Christ, after having denied Jesus. The word Jesus means Saviour, and all who deny His real atonement for sin, His Deity, His power to save, have denied Jesus.

Let us hold true to the great fundamentals of an Evangelical Faith, and remember that we must keep yielded in to Jesus as Lord, and keep filled with the Holy Ghost, or even things theoretically true will become dead forms and a stench in the nostrils of Jehovah. Nothing religious can be really true before God without the life and Spirit of God in it. A form of Godliness without the power of God in it the Lord hates, and has commanded to turn away from such. We are not to turn from a Godly form, one God has given, but from those persons who deny the power of God. So we must keep Christ and His power in His own form or mould or we are no good. If we do not truly know the Lord Himself, not just His intellectual truth, the Lord will declare He does not know us in that great day!



Soul Food For Hungry Saints



Some Further Meditations on the Song of Solomon by Pastor A. G. Ward, Toronto.

Behold, He cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. "Ah!" you say, "Things are ripening slowly." Indeed they are not. You say, "It has been a long night." Yes, apparently so, but not so long. How many days? Well, just two days. Ah, He will be back very soon. The shadows are dark but they are going to flee away shortly and the morning will break. He is coming leaping upon the mountains. Oh, He is making history these days, and that is why some of us are so tremendously concerned about the people of God launching out into the deep and getting all the fulness it is possible for them to receive before His return, for there will be no time after He comes.

Behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice. What is meant by the lattice? I offer this suggestion—the word of God is the lattice, and whether you read in the Pentateuch or in the Prophecies, in the Psalms or in the Gospels, or whether you read in the Acts of the Apostles, wherever you read, if you have the anointed eye, you will see Jesus. This is the lattice, and through this book we look and see Jesus on every page. It is Jesus from beginning to end. We have all perhaps in our day made far too much of experience and blessings and gifts. The Holy Ghost is seeking now to draw us away from these things in a sense in order that He may fill our vision with the Christ, that we may see Jesus, the Giver of them all, who is more to be desired than anything else.

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. Rise up—that is God's message to you. If you are unsaved that is His message—rise up, leave your sins, come away. If you are a believer, it is still, "Rise up, my love." The fountain has been opened for uncleanness, plunge in and be made clean. If you are clean, the same applies—hurry into the Upper Room to receive the fiery Pentecostal flame that will put an eternal go in your soul and make you a terror to evil doers. Is there anything further? To be sure. If you have received the outpouring and lived under the anointing until the Pentecost you have is like a giant compared to what you received—it is still the same message to you—rise up, my love. There are heights and depths beyond. Let us launch out into the deep of God. Let us rise up and come away. Shake off any sleepiness, shake off any drowsiness that may be coming upon us. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Just a few more hours for the Holy Ghost to deck us with the jewels of heaven. Oh, so much remains to be done. Beloved, I am praying God to crowd into my life as rapidly as He can in these days, the things He wants me to receive and which perhaps I ought to have received before this.

Rise up and come away out into a life of prayer beyond anything you have ever known. There is need of it. Men on every side are perishing. Let us pray. Let us storm the gates of heaven, let us appeal to God to stretch forth His hand in converting power. Launch out into a life of faith. Let us begin trusting God and cease to "pull at His apron strings" like an impatient child. Let us begin to believe what He says. Faith is what we are in need of these days.

"Faith is the grasping of Almighty power,

The hand of man linked on the arm of God;

That grand and blessed hour

In which the things impossible to me Become the possible, O Lord, to Thee."

Let us launch out into a life of faith, into a life of love, into a life of abandonment to God. Rise up my love, my fair one and come away.

For, lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. I never expect to live under the clouds as I once did. I never expect to live in as cold an atmosphere as I once lived. Things have changed. The rain is over and the winter is passed. The flowers appear on the earth. That is a promise of fruit. The time of the singing of birds has come. What birds are referred to here? Why, God's birds. And who are they? We are His birds. It is time for us to sing. And one has said there are three notes for us to sing with—faith, hope and love. Sing out your faith, sing out your hope, sing out your love. "Oh," but you say, "there are a lot of loveless folk around that I don't feel like loving." Well love does not necessarily originate in our affections. It may originate in the will. I can and I will love everybody whether they love me or not. The voice of the turtle (the Holy Ghost) is heard in the land. Not in the old land of self-love and self-pity, but in our land, that is, the land of self-abandonment.

O my dove, that art in the cleft of the rock, in the secret place of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. I don't ask you to accept this interpretation of this scripture. I simply pass this thought on because it has been helpful to me. In this verse the Bridegroom is inviting the Bride to a life of prayer and praise He says, "Let me hear thy voice"—prayer; "and see thy countenance"—praise. Prayer and praise are a splendid team. They will pull one over the roughest ground and deepest sluice. Let us hitch up the old team that has pulled a multitude of saints to glory, and drive on. They are the two things we are likely to neglect and so the Lord invites us to indulge ourselves in the luxury of praying and the luxury of praise.

Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes. The Bridegroom has been

calling her into a deeper life. He is answering that prayer of hers which we found in the second verse of the first chapter. Now He is seeking to answer it in a deeper sense. He is calling her to come away, and this is the excuse she gives for not going immediately—"Take us the foxes that spoil the vines." She says, "My Lord I cannot come just now, I have so many things to do. Really I feel that I must attend to my vineyard." She is swept clear from one extreme to another. In the beginning she was not looking after her own vineyard at all. Now she is swept to the other extreme and has no time for anything but her own vineyard. The Lord says, "Come away. After all it is my vineyard." "No, Lord, you help me to catch all these little foxes and after we get them all caught and I feel it is safe to leave, then I will come with you." Did you ever do anything like that? You were absorbed in some legitimate task and right in the midst of it the Spirit touched you and said, "To your knees." "Yes, Lord, I will do it just as soon as I finish this work and have everything in the house looking ever so nice." And after you had everything in perfect order, you thought you would have a delightful time with the Lord. You went to your quiet room, looked up, and my! the heavens seemed brass and your heart felt like lead. When you tried to pray there was no prayer there. What was wrong? You were just sixty minutes too late. If you had gone there sixty minutes before, your Beloved would have been there then, but He can't wait sixty minutes for you. Beloved, the time to respond is when you feel the touch. Let us learn the lesson.

THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD

Have you considered the nature of the enemy that pursued the children of Israel out of Egypt? Pharaoh's hosts were following hard after the Israelites to swallow them up and take them back into captivity. They were thirsting for revenge, because they had lost their first-born. They were taskmasters deprived of their slaves. Then they had suffered under the ten plagues, and they were anxious to vent their rage, to satisfy their lust on the children of God.

God's people were in a hole and in a very tight place. Egypt behind and the sea in front! To advance by their own power was impossible, and to retreat was equally impossible. But God cared for His own. Every one was blood bought. They were not bought by Pharaoh's taskmasters. They belonged to God, and not to Pharaoh. Jehovah could be trusted to preserve His own from all evil.

Moses said to the people, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." The hardest part of the whole thing was to stand still when the enemy was rushing up behind. They could hear the noise of the enemy's

chariots, but Jehovah's leader instructed them, "Stand still." And the more the enemy's chariot wheels rumbled, the stiller they stood. Learn to enter into the stillness of faith.

Then the Lord said unto Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward. Lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go on dry land through the midst of the sea." There was a miracle, and the dry ground in the midst of the sea gave to Jehovah's people a sure footing. All went over. Not a baby dropped for the enemy! Not a hoof left behind for the enemy.

That which was life and safety for the Israelites was made death and destruction to the Egyptians. God was biding His time, harkening and listening, and in due time brought His judgment on Israel's persecutors. God had His Moses on hand to say the right word at the right moment, and to do the right thing at the right time. And at the time of a greater exodus, when God's spiritual Israel shall be caught away from the clutch of a greater than Pharaoh, He has a greater leader than Moses to guide His people. Pharaoh is dead, but the spirit that animated Pharaoh is not dead. Moses is dead, but the Spirit that animated Moses is not dead. The victory that is ahead for the children of God in the next and greater exodus (the rapture) will be just as perfect and complete.

Don't be afraid of the Red Sea, thereby you will see God's power manifested the more. Our God is the God of miracles still. God will vindicate Himself, and if He cannot do so through the people He has chosen, He will choose others. Those who went through the Red Sea failed Him, and He had to raise up another generation. Those who failed to enter in, failed because of unbelief. They passed the Red Sea, but they turned back in their hearts to Egypt. They were not weaned from the things of Egypt. They preferred the garlic of Egypt to the grapes of Eschol. The spies feared because they saw the giants. They should have remembered the dead bodies on the shores of the Red Sea. The giants of Canaan were no greater foes than the armed soldiers and iron chariots of Pharaoh.

David had no fear of giants, and declared, "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." David had faith that the Lord who had delivered him from two beasts would deliver him from the Philistine giant. And the Lord will likewise give you power over all the power of the enemy if you will have a living faith in Him. We should not trust in ourselves, but in God "which raiseth the dead; who hath delivered us, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that He will yet deliver."

Just as those who were led and encouraged by Joshua were able to put their feet on the necks of the kings of Canaan, so will the saints tread on the necks of the kings of Satan. The God of the children of Israel is still alive.

The God who heard David's expression of faith is still alive. The God who heard the prayers of Daniel in the lion's den is still alive. The God of the three Hebrew children is still alive. And He is more than a match for Pharaoh, and the Philistine and Nebuchadnezzar.

Those who believe in God and His power, in Christ the Son, and in the Holy Ghost, are more than a match for the trinity of hell. Happy are those people whose God is the Lord. We may not experimentally have entered into all this; but this is the ideal, and by faith we should move on up to the actual inheritance of these promises of the living God.

DELIVERED FROM DEMON POWERS.

In my youth I experienced real salvation in the Salvation Army, but backslid and fell away. For years I scarcely knew just where I stood in relation to God and His Word. My soul, at times, was drawn out after God and again overcome by my surroundings, as I sought to encourage myself by a mere profession.

In this backslidden condition I began attending meetings in a Pentecostal mission, opened a year ago in my home town of Palmerston, Ontario, by Evangelist A. B. Freeborn. Here I listened eagerly to the full gospel, sometimes thinking that, through discernment, my heart was being exposed to view—with such conviction did the truth take hold upon me, until one evening I rushed to the altar without an invitation. From the first the work deepened in my soul as I yielded to the Spirit of God. But as I was naturally fond of merriment and had in the past given way to this, seeing I was bent on a full surrender and on obtaining God's best, the enemy of my soul which possessed me sought to deceive me by false manifestations every time I presented myself as a seeker, until it became very evident that I was possessed of an evil spirit. I did not know my real condition until I began to seek deliverance. Then began a fearful conflict, for the grip of Satan was so strong that for weeks it seemed the enemy would triumph in spite of the fact that, during this time of seeking, I was instantly healed of most alarming heart trouble which I had had for years, often falling unconscious and lying thus for hours, bloating till the clothing had to be cut from my body, and from time to time having to use strychnine. I was poisoned by gasoline fumes years before, and would be instantly thrown into these spasms at the faintest odor of raw gasoline. At such times my whole side would become paralyzed; and when the power of God came in contact with my body, demon power in my flesh would immediately exert itself, seizing my vocal organs, locking my jaws to prevent me from praising God. This was my experience many times, both in the meetings and in private.

Satan got a fresh hold upon me, as I occasionally yielded to the frivolity of young people and others into whose company I was thrown unavoidably. But,

glory to Jesus, He taught me to resist the enemy and he would flee from me, and when I learned how to yield my will fully to God, I had the assurance of deliverance. Though the demons fought fearfully when in contact with anyone who had authority over them, completely controlling both my mind and body at times, yet God continually increased my faith for full deliverance so that when at last the victory came and the demons were cast out, my whole being burst forth in unutterable joy for the cleansing of the precious blood of Calvary's Lamb. A well of living water sprang up within my soul and crystal streams of glory fell from the throne on my unworthy being, immersing me in the Holy Ghost, who abides now in the cleansed temple, witnessing that Jesus saves His people from their sins. Truly "something within me sings—it sings." What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord. How I long for a chance to sound forth His praises!

This right arm, which, for years could never be outstretched horizontally, now helps to proclaim the mighty Deliverer; eyes which wore glasses for sixteen years now read, unaided, the finest type; and this voice, once used in foolish talking and jesting, is now consecrated until He comes, to sound forth the praise of so wonderful a Redeemer and Lord. The Comforter Divine leads me gently into the truth, teaching me that even life's clouds are but the dust of His feet who is so soon to appear "in like manner" as He went away! Glory.

To the Lamb who was slain, but who ever liveth to make intercession for His own, be all the glory for ever and ever. Truly all power is given unto Him.

Hindered by circumstances from circulating my testimony personally, I am led to put it in the paper that no one may despair; for scarcely could a case be more complicated or difficult than mine. Let every oppressed and suffering one say "yes" to all God's good promise, and He will say "Amen" in Christ to you.

If any one desires further particulars I shall be glad to give it free to those who send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

MRS. ALFRED ELSEY,
Palmerston, Ont., Canada.

March 3rd, 1919.

The above testimony is quite authentic and is modestly told in comparison with the facts. Such a case of demon possession we have never met before. It seemed like another case of "Legion." I was a witness throughout.—C. V. Freeborn.

Editor's Note:—We have waited from March till September to see if this healing was lasting. We are just now (Sept., 1919) in receipt of a letter from C. V. Freeborn confirming what is said above, and saying Mrs. Elsey is still healed and standing true to God the best she knows how.—Editor.

NOTICE!

Wanted to know the address of Sister Bertha Riggins, Address Evang. J. B. Moody, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

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MY SOUL DESIRETH THEE

My soul desireth Thee, dear Lord,
My soul desireth Thee;
And that desire is given by Thee,
For thou desirest me.

My heart longs after Thee, dear Lord,
My heart longs after Thee;
And Thou hast put that longing there,
For Thy Heart longs for me.

But fears will often come, dear Lord,
Lest Satan should deceive;
"Fear not, my child, for thou art safe,
My Blood doth shelter thee."

Then I will praise, yea, always praise
That hidden deep in Thee;
What I've committed to Thy care
Is safe, O Lord, with Thee. M. B.

GOD'S WORD.

Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee. Memorize the Word of God, it will be a solace in sorrow, strength in weakness and temptation, and food for the soul at all times. Burrow the precious verses down in your heart in youth's glad time and they will grow with you and strengthen and deepen your character, so that when old age comes on with its feebleness and loss of eye sight those truths learned long ago will shed fragrance and beauty all along life's pathway.

A DOCTRINE OF SPIRITUALISM.

I pass on a bit of information which I came across recently while reading "Earth's Earliest Ages" by Pember. On page 360 in speaking of the doctrines of Spiritualism he says:—"Another heresy in regard to Christ is that which speaks of Him as the Father, ignoring the other Persons of the Trinity as revealed in Scripture.

"Jesus, God-Messiah, who
Is Mediator, Father too,"
says the inspirational poem *A Lyric of the Martyr Age*.—Adelaide L. Stone.

TESTIMONY.

Dear Evangel Readers:—I praise God for His wonderful love that He shed abroad in my heart. Over five years ago I was healed by faith in Christ for my body, and the joy of the Lord has been in my soul since. Oh praise His name!—Mrs. A. H. Bowles, Atlanta, Ga.

A GREAT PULL FOR GOD

Nothing counts like work for God. No work for God counts more than work for the Christian Evangel, because if you help it a little it will help God's cause a big lot. Our subscribers average over \$5 a piece a year for missions. Hence for every 100 subscribers you send us for the Evangel, we in turn send \$500 to the missionaries. Lots of people, if they will get on the job in our campaign for new subscribers, will be able to do that which is the equivalent of giving \$500 for missions.

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THE NEED OF A FIRE BAPTIZED CHURCH.

An impoverished church reflects upon God. A poor church infers a poor God, as the world looks at things.

Jesus told of a certain son who said to his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." "And he divided unto them his substance." If an earthly father gave his son his earthly rights, the portion of goods that was his, don't you suppose that the heavenly Father will give to His children their portion? Trust Him to give you what is due, and to keep you from squandering it. This son wasted his substance, but a heavenly people will not waste theirs.

An impoverished world believes that an impoverished church indicates an impoverished God. Where is the God of Elijah? God wants Elishas to prove that Elijah and the God of Elijah are alive, the God that answers by fire—the fire of the Holy Ghost.

God straitens Himself, for He can only work through His own people to manifest the works of God. He could raise up stones to praise Him, but He never has. He wants men to praise Him.

Nothing but the power of the Holy Ghost can convince a gainsaying world. They want power, evidence, sight. The disciples preached in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, and signs and wonders followed. The devices of heaven are not worn out. The resources of God are equal to the requirements of these evil days.

The reconstruction plans of man cannot compare with God's plan of reconstruction. Look at man's plan, and then look at God's. God has declared that He will do a new thing. Christ promised His disciples that they should do greater works than His. We need greater works because of greater sin. The need was great then, but it is greater now. Men professed to believe in God then, though they did not believe in His Messiah, Jesus Christ. Today they reject God and His Son.

God has His last resource ready, His last appeal. And those who are hardened, and will not listen to this last appeal, will remain behind. God is going to work for those who are inclined towards Him, even though at the present time they are led captive by Satan. God is after the deceived ones, deceived by Satan, rather than those who are wilfully hard. He is after the lost sheep, and He is using means adequate to the occasion. Desperate means for desperate times. God is equal to the desperate means needed for these desperate times. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, for victory is certain.

NEW BOOK ON PROPHECY.

Prophecy and the Lord's Return, by James M. Gray, 85 cts., postpaid.

Pastor J. T. Boddy writes: "I consider Joseph B. Rotherham's translation of the Bible a very valuable reference help to the student of the Word, superior in many respects to any other."

Questions and Answers

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

748. What is meant by "mansion" in John 14:2?

A happy and blessed dwelling place to be prepared by Jesus for the saints.

749. Do you suppose the mark of the beast will be a literal brand in the flesh?

Not necessarily so, yet in some cases it may be carried to that extent.

750. Does the General Council dictate to the assemblies whom they must have for pastors? Do they ever send an assembly a pastor contrary to its wishes?

The Council in no way dictates to local Assemblies. Selecting or appointing pastors has never been a part of its work. It does not appoint or send pastors at all, whether wanted or not wanted. It will help any assembly which desires it, to get in touch with a prospective pastor. But any act by which he is made pastor must be by and through the local Assembly itself and its local officers in the will of God, and is never by the General Council.

751. Will you explain the real need and benefits of fasting. I know the saints of all ages have fasted, but I have never been able to grasp the real benefits of it.

Then you have never tried it in a **Bible way**. Every one who has can tell of its benefits. The need of fasting is twofold. First to get rid of a full stomach which is a physical hindrance in the way of drawing nigh to God and of deep spirituality. A full stomach makes one fleshly, drowsy and sluggish before the Lord. Some folk's beastly stomachs are mightily in their way in drawing near the Lord. Then fasting is not supposed to go alone. It should be accompanied by praying and seeking the Lord. Every soul, even those baptized with the Holy Ghost, needs special seasons of protracted waiting on God and seeking a closer touch with Him. A half-day or a whole day, or more of fasting and waiting on God gives a chance to get the fleshly burdens of the body out of the way, to get the mind and soul clarified before the Lord, to hear His voice, to touch Him in prayer, to get new light and new life from God, a fresh infilling of the Holy Ghost. Just obey God by trying it in earnest before Him, and you will always thereafter know the benefits. If you are not used to fasting, don't try it too long at first. Best miss only one meal the first time. Then you can gradually increase the length according to the physical strength of your body and the need you seek supplied and the benefits received. Small eaters and thin people do not need long fasts, and should not attempt such.

752. Is it permissible to use tithes for Gospel literature to spread the Gospel?

God's primary way of spreading the truth and saving men is by living men called of God personally preaching the gospel to them; and the primary use of

the tithes should be to back up and support men of God in doing this. But if you have no pastor, and are led to do the other as the nearest thing to the personal touch, I think it will be all right. The main thing is to get the truth to souls and get them saved through faith in Jesus. We can always properly place tithes sent to headquarters.

753. Is an educated ministry contrary to the teachings of the Bible?

While the twelve apostles were not educated in a worldly sense, had never been to college, yet they had about three and one-half years of special training under the personal teaching of Christ and in practical gospel work under His directions. All candidates should first be proved, should not be novices, and should meet the qualifications in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 before being ordained to the full ministry. But this does not require a college education.

But Paul was a highly educated man, and was the more useful because of it. Education is always a welcome thing, provided it is accompanied by grace, humility, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Ignorance is no special recommendation. But the ministry should not be confined to college men as some denominations hold.

754. What does Jer. 31:22 mean which says, "How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? For the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall compass a man." Who is the backsliding daughter, and what is the new thing?

Israel or Judah is the backsliding daughter. The new thing is that a woman shall compass a man. The old interpretation of this holds that it refers to Mary enclosing Christ in her womb. Adam Clark does not agree with this and thinks it a proverbial expression for a new thing, as the opposite was the customary thing. The great Hebrew scholar Gesenius says it should be translated, "A woman shall protect a man," and if this is what the Hebrew means, then the idea is that the enemies of Israel will become so few and weak that a woman can overcome them, and protect the men of Israel.

755. Is it necessary to be immersed? That is, is baptism essential?

It is a command of the gospel that all believers be baptized. Paul says that the Lord is going to be revealed from heaven in flaming fire, "taking vengeance on them that obey not the gospel," 2 Thes. 1:8. While water does not save, surrender to Christ is necessary to salvation; and if you have surrendered, you will have a spirit of obedience. A refusal to be baptized shows either that such person does not know it is the command of Christ to be baptized or that he is not saved, is still in rebellion to Christ. In New Testament days Christian baptism meant to be buried with Him by baptism," Rom. 6:4.

756. What is meant in Heb. 13:12 that Jesus suffered "without the gate?" What is meant by our going forth to Him "without the camp?"

The previous verse explains that just as the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the sanctuary (holy place in the temple to atone for sin) are burned without the gate, just so Jesus was crucified outside the gate of the city of Jerusalem that He might sanctify the people with His own blood.

These bodies were burned without the gate with the offal and refuse. It is therefore a symbol of shame and reproach; but as Jesus bore it, and as Christians were rejected by the religious authorities in the city, so we are exhorted not to mind our rejection, but to share joyfully the reproach of Jesus by going forth with Him and unto Him.

757. In what sense did the disciples of Christ have the Holy Ghost before Pentecost?

Jesus said of the disciples and the Spirit before Pentecost, "Ye know Him." He dwelleth "with you," John 14:17. To know the Spirit meant an experimental acquaintance with His presence. For the Spirit to be "with" them meant personal fellowship with and of the Spirit. Through the Spirit the Father had revealed Jesus to them as "the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16-17). Paul says no man can know this except by the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). They therefore had the Spirit "with" them as in fellowship with them as the Revealer of Christ to their hearts, were owned of the Spirit. Jesus could say to the Father, "They are Thine," and He prayed for these as "them which Thou hast given Me" (17:9); says, "I kept them in Thy name,—and none of them is lost" (17:12); "they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (14); "now (already) ye are clean"; "I am the vine, ye are the branches" (15:3, 5). Can a man belong to God, to Christ, know the Spirit, be "not lost," be "clean," etc. and not be saved? Of course not; yet they were on the other side of the cross, were saved in the same sense that true saints and prophets of the Old Testament were saved, not in the New Testament fulness. Had they died in that condition before Pentecost they would have slept among that worthy list of the heroes of faith of whom it is said that they were "not made perfect," Heb. 11:30.

They yet "should receive" or were "about to receive" the Spirit, "the Holy Ghost was not yet given" (John 7:39). "Not given," that is they did not have Him as a "gift," had not in the New Testament sense "received" the Spirit as in the baptism. He was still to take up His abode "in" them, that is, in their "bodies" to make the body His temple. He was already with their souls. This "gift," this "baptism," this "receiving," this "in" the temple all came in the baptism of the Spirit at Pentecost; and all this comes to us now in the baptism. Their present condition "with" is contrasted with that of "in" which was still to come.

"ON GIVING"

By J. E. Spence

"Will a man rob God; yet ye have robbed me; but ye say, wherein have we robbed thee?" God answers: "In tithes and offerings," Mal. 3:8.

There are some among the Pentecostal people who don't pay their tithes. The main excuse that most of them put up is that tithing is of the Old Law and is not intended for us today—it was for the Jews and not for the Church. Will you take Bible proof against this? Don't let Satan deceive you through covetousness and cause you to rob God and justify yourself in it. So many people are failing God in not paying Him that which is His, and the curse of God is on them.

Levi, the priest of the Jews, paid tithes to Melchisedec four hundred and thirty years before God gave the law. Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec at the same time. Read: "And as I may so say, Levi also who received tithes paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him," Heb. 7:9-10.

"And this I say that the Covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise," Gal. 3:17-18. All right then. Abraham paid tithes to his pastor or priest 430 years before God gave the law. You that say tithes are of the law and are not for us today in order to excuse yourself from paying God His part, what would you have said if you had been living in Abraham's day when there had been no law given? Now the priesthood of Melchisedec typifies the priesthood of Jesus. God swore that Jesus should be a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec, Ps. 110:4.

Now what shall we say about tithes, for here is the priest of the promise before the law was given receiving tithes? Which priesthood are we under now? If you say the priesthood of Levi—they paid tithes to that priesthood. If you say we are under the priesthood of promise, they paid tithes 430 years in the promise before God gave the law, and this priesthood is the priesthood that pointed to the priesthood that we are under now.

Here comes Melchisedec with bread and wine to meet Abraham who had the promise. Abraham comes meeting him and pays him tithes of all. This wine and bread Melchisedec had pointed direct to Jesus. His spilled blood and broken body. Abraham meeting him with the tithes points to the Church which has received the promise of God and says: "I want you to take a look at Jesus with both hands wounded, with both feet wounded and His side pierced. This is His sacrifice for you—will you pay Him what you owe Him, or will you meet Him as a thief?"

It is inconsistent in any professing Christian to take the sacrament with-

out paying God His tithes, for just as sure as Melchisedec meeting Abraham with bread and wine points to Jesus' broken body and spilled blood, that sure does Abraham meeting Him with tithes point to the Church that has accepted His spilled blood and broken body for salvation and healing. Glory!

Abraham had the promise of God and he paid God his tithes, Genesis 14:20. And we see Jacob following right on in his grandfather's steps. He vowed and made a covenant with God. He wanted God to give him food and raiment, and to let him come back home safe, and that Bethel should be the House of God. These three things Jacob desired of God and to confirm the covenant between him and his Maker, he says: "And of all thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee," Gen. 28:20-22. The morning that Jacob was facing his enraged brother, Esau, if he had been failing God and not paying his tithes, no doubt Esau would have prevailed over him. If he had been robbing God, while confessing everything else, he would have confessed this to God, but he does not hint he had robbed God.

I know some people have never seen the light on tithes, while some have and are paying them. Others have gotten the light on it and are today openly robbing God. Hear what God says: "Ye are cursed with a curse." Why? Because ye have robbed me," saith the Lord, Mal. 3:9. If you rob a bank, will God let you into heaven? We Pentecostal people put a big stress on paying back what you have robbed and beat men out of. How about paying God back what you have robbed Him of since you were saved? Peter said: "I write this Second Epistle, in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the Holy Prophets and the Commandments of us, the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour," 2 Pet. 3:1-2. Peter not only wanted the Church to remember the writings of the Apostles, but he put the same stress and importance on the writings of the Prophets, Mal. 3:8 is surely in the prophecy of Malachi.

Again Paul says: "We are built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." If you disbelieve the foundation of Christ's Church, you may as well condemn the chief corner stone. Eph. 2:19-22. The writing of the Prophets is a part of the Church's foundation. The prophecy of Malachi is in the foundation of the Church. Will you try to dig it out? You had better keep your pick out of God's foundation. It is the truth everywhere.

God blesses those who pay their tithes and those who will not are cursed. It is an awful thing to see how man's heart is set on money. Men will lie for money, and will rob both man and God for it and fail God for it. So many times preachers are accused of preaching for money when they preach the word on

tithes, and it is very offensive to some to see a preacher take up a collection and they will remark he is after the money. Say, what about you lay members who rise before day and work until night, and you must know how much you are getting per hour and when payday is coming? Give the preacher the same privilege you take before you condemn him.

I have never seen a man fight paying tithes, but what he was trying to dodge paying that much. They may throw up dust and make out they are fighting for freedom from the law, but the real fight is to ease their conscience for their stinginess. We talk about and praise God for a Pentecostal experience; but so few have really let God get them to the place He got the Apostolic Church. If you can fight paying God your tithes, come over with me to the Pentecostal Church at Jerusalem. They did more than pay tithes. Those who had houses and lands sold them and laid the money all down at the Apostles' feet. Please turn and read Acts 4:31-37, and you will see the storm of power God let down against the powers of hell through a Church that was wholly in God's hands, out of self and in Christ.

You say you don't believe in paying tithes. How about accepting it like they did at Pentecost? Zaccheus said he would give half, Luke 19:8. Jesus told the young rich ruler to sell all he had and give it to the poor, Matt. 19:21.

I see selfishness and covetousness are the main blocks in the way of the progress of the Church. Here is where some of our professors are living. You say you believe the Bible is the Word of God, and yet you are dodging all of it that doesn't suit you. God says: "Is it time for you to dwell in your sealed houses, and this house to lie waste?" So many places the Pentecostal people are able to have a good house. Look at the house you live in, and then look at God's house you worship in. Most professors have more interest in their own houses than they have in God's house. They have more interest in their own table than they have in God's table. Read, will you, Haggai 1:4.

Say, Brother, you can honor God only by practicing what you preach. God says in Proverbs 3:9, "To honor Him with the first fruits of all thine increase." So many give the last fruits, and some none at all. Again, some preachers preach tithes and receive tithes and don't pay tithes. The husbandmen must be first partakers of the fruit, and the preacher should practice what he preaches.

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IS SIN A PRINCIPLE OF THE HEART OR AN ACT OF THE FLESH?

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Luke 6:45.

In God's dealings with mankind He has dealt with the heart, and has treated sin as a principle of the heart and nowhere says that sin is only an act of the flesh. In His plan of redemption the provision is that the old evil stony heart shall be removed, and that a good heart of flesh shall be given instead. It is said in Prov. 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." So then the heart is the source from which springs our words, actions, deeds; yes, our very life issues from the heart; and when the issues are evil, they only tell of the condition of the heart from which they come; and if the issues are good, they also tell of the condition of the heart.

In Matt. 7:16 the scripture tells us another way of telling the condition of the heart. Jesus asks the question, "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" Also he says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." There are many hypocrites everywhere who are trying to make a big show of works, and we wonder how they can do them; but in following their works we find that they do them to get honor from men. Even if they say some good things, yet their motives are evil. So if we do a deed merely to be seen of men and have no thought of doing it for God's glory, it shows a bad issue, even though the deed may be a charitable one.

Let us look at what some of the bad issues are that come from the heart. Jesus says in Mark 7:21-23, "For from within, out of the HEART of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; all these things come from within and defile the man."

"What!" Some one may say, "Do evil thoughts come from the heart?" Yes, when our minds are continually filled with evil thoughts, there surely is an underlying principle of wrong, for Love thinketh no evil.

Some one has said that our thoughts of today are our actions of tomorrow, and the scripture in Prov. 23:7 bears the statement out. It reads, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." I believe there is a place in Christ where every thought can be under His control (2 Cor. 10:5), and I'm sure that He will help us to make the issue completely clean. Phil. 4:8 is a lovely channel for our thoughts to run in. Read it. Surely we ought to watch our thoughts, for if we are as our thoughts, surely we ought to be thinking good thoughts about Jesus

and trust as we think about Him that we may be changed into the same image. Oh let us spend our todays and tomorrows with thoughts proceeding from our hearts which will show Christ is ruling within. Men and women by the thousand are living in adultery, and failing to recognize that it too proceeds from the heart as Jesus said.

Covetousness also is another issue from the heart. I often wonder after Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth," why men still covet so much of this world when it is classed as a thing that proceeds from the heart and defiles men.

The evil eye also is found everywhere today, and is equally defiling. Some folks have such an evil eye that they can't see any good in anybody. When they meet a brother or sister the first thing they begin to do is to look for some little defect in their lives. A man was one time asked who was the meanest man on earth, and he replied, "You can lock a thief out of your house, you can stay away from the murderer, but these people, who come to your home and act nicely around you, and really in their hearts are looking for some fault in your life to spread over the neighborhood as gossip, can't be locked out. They are the worst of all."

In Matt. 5:28 Jesus tells us that as the eye looks and lusts that the heart becomes guilty. A spider can get poison out of the most lovely rose, but a honeybee can get honey out of the thistle. So let us get the lesson to get at least some good out of the most unlovely, rather than see bad in the most lovely.

When a physician is called into the home he examines the patient, takes the symptoms of the disease, and through these symptoms locates the trouble. Let us call on the Great Physician and let Him examine our hearts, then let us open our Bibles to Mark 7:21-23 and if we have got any disease that defiles the heart it will be located immediately. There is no excuse for not knowing what is the matter with us.

And to those who say that sin is merely an act of the flesh, and that after we are saved we can sin in the flesh and the heart does not become guilty, you can read the list of the works of the flesh as in Gal. 5:19-21 in connection with this, and you will see that the heart becomes guilty when we do any of them. Paul says these works of the flesh will keep us out of God's kingdom. And remember again that it was sin in the flesh that was condemned, Rom. 8:3. Seeing then that these things proceed from the heart, let us make sure that the principle or treasure of our heart is good. Since a good fountain does not send forth bitter water, let us not deceive ourselves by thinking that although our lives are bad, yet our hearts are still white as snow, for bad fruit always denotes a bad tree, and bitter water tells of a bitter fountain. Do you see?

Some folks use tobacco, and when they see a preacher coming they hide their pipe away. But a good treasure brings forth the same thing in the absence of the preacher as in his presence, because it is living before God. Others will be

all right to your face, but tell all manner of corrupt things about you behind your back. From the abundance of the heart the mouth is speaking. Hence it is very easy to locate what is in our hearts by what we are telling out of it.

We are all human and err sometimes; but Jesus has made a provision for that in 1 John 2:1. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." This does not say for us to sin, God does not give a license to sin; but He makes a provision for our need in case we fall unintentionally. A steamboat carries life preservers for its passengers, but this is no license to jump overboard or for thinking the boat is surely going to sink. **It is only a provision in case of an emergency.**

Notice again that we cannot make our hearts good within by doing good works outwardly. It takes a work of God to take the old heart away and give a new heart to us (Ezek. 36:26). In Heb. 8:10 we are told that the new heart will have the commands of God written in it. So it ought to be only natural to do the things written in our hearts. Thank God for the divine nature that we can become partakers of. Let us so live before Him as to make sure our hearts are right. If we cannot live right, if our deeds and works are constantly wrong, then let us take our hearts to the Lord, and get them made over, that when He comes we shall be living right before men and before God.—Roy E. Scott, 1964 N. 27th St., Kansas City, Kans.

ONLY A SPARROW.

1. Only a sparrow am I!
Fainting and ready to fall,
Yet, under the eye of the Master,
His ear will hear when I call.

Chorus—

Only a sparrow am I!
Yet under the Master's care,
His hand will catch me when falling
And tenderly shelter me there.

2. Only a sparrow am I!
Yet Jesus my Saviour I see,
His ear is never too busy
To lovingly listen to me.
3. Only a sparrow am I!
Yet sparrows may live in His will,
And all He designs for a sparrow,
A sparrow's life may fulfill.
4. Only a sparrow am I!
Yet I am a part of His plan,
To live out the life that He giveth,
As only His chosen ones can.
5. Only a sparrow am I!
Oh help me a sparrow to be
In every command that Thou givest,
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THE LORD DID IT.

I am praising the Lord for what He has done for me and for my family. I am so thankful for the Pentecostal awakening of my soul. I was led to receive Jesus in my heart, and to surrender all to Him, by the persistent prayers of the little band of God's saints at Lansford, Minn. I am so thankful that He always answers the many prayers that are brought before the Throne by His faithful followers. By prayer I was led to come home to Lansford where I was told of the many blessings that God was outpouring on the saints. My 17 years old son was shouting "Glory! Glory!" all the way, having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. This manifestation was all new to me, as I had never heard of such before. Still, I did not condemn it. How could I when I had seen the wonderful change and the mighty blessings our household was receiving.

I was told that sinners were not only being saved, but they were being cleaned up of all their former bad habits, liquor, tobacco and the like. I was a tobacco slave. I had thrown my tobacco away time and time again only to start over again with renewed vigor. I used every cure for the tobacco habit that was of any merit, but all to no avail. That night I went to bed but not to sleep. The message I had received during the day was continually ringing in my ears, and I started to pray mightily to God for deliverance from tobacco slavery, so much so that I had to stop; the shocks and thrills I received when God turned on the battery was more than I could stand—I simply had to stop. God answered prayer, yes He did. In a marvelous way.

The next morning the enemy was on hand with his subtle temptations. He said, "You certainly need a chew this morning to steady your nerves". I listened, and yielded to the temptation. I opened up my tobacco and took out one package to have a chew. I rolled it around in my mouth a few times and then spat it out. It tasted awfully bitter, so I concluded to try a fresh chew, that perhaps some weed or foreign substance had gotten into it. Like a flash came the message, "How can you expect God to do anything for you when you are not willing to prove or trust Him?" I was soon given to understand that if I wanted God to do anything for me that I would have to surrender all to Him. It had to be all or nothing. Praise the Lord! I had no sooner received this message than into the stove went the tobacco, and when I closed the stove door I closed it on the tobacco habit forever.

It was only a short time after I got rid of my tobacco, that the Lord in His infinite goodness baptized me with the Holy Spirit. All praise belongeth unto Him!—W. H. Greer, Lansford, Minn.

"REKINDLED WITH FIRE FROM ABOVE."

A. W. Orwig, Los Angeles.

Oh, in how many hearts the "fire from above" needs to be "rekindled"! Once it burned brightly and warmly, but now it is the faintest flicker, or perhaps it has been extinguished altogether. How sad and perilous a condition! Brother, sister, how is it with you? And do you put the same question to me? I am glad you do. The query may be a mutual benefit. Who of us does not need probing occasionally? I mean **Divine** probing or investigation. "Search me, O God." As for myself, I would humbly and thankfully declare that the "fire from above" glows upon the altar of my heart. But I crave an intensity to the highest possible degree. "Have you felt the Spirit's power? Still there's more to follow."

The baptism with the Holy Ghost of the disciples on the day of Pentecost was indeed a baptism "with fire from above." How it consumed any possible remaining dross! And how wonderfully they were set on fire for God and souls! Surely the same is for all His children. But ever and anon, those disciples received new anointings and girdings of spiritual power. Although "filled with the Holy Ghost" on Pentecost day, it is declared in Acts 4:31 that "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Mighty prayer had brought increased efficiency for their work. And thus it must be with us. We cannot live on old "manna," nor should we pass it on to others.

If we are content with former experiences, including even any outward manifestations, we are in danger. Indeed the "fire" has already greatly subsided, and we certainly need the **rekindling**. If it be true of any of us that only **smouldering embers** remain, where once the glowing, white heat fire flamed; or if we are in any degree tainted with self, we need a new application of the atoning blood and the refining and empowering baptism from on high. God help us to realize this!

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We rejoice to report victory in the name of Jesus our Lord and coming Bridegroom. The blessing of the Lord is on the jail services. Three boys, ages fourteen to eighteen, who were in for burglary, gave their hearts to the Lord a week ago Sunday. They need much prayer, as there is very little here to lift them up compared to the influences to evil and downward.—Chas. and Florence Personcus.

BROOKLET, GA.

We are still on the sunny side of life. The Lord is very precious to us. We have been in S. Carolina for several months. The Lord blessed us while there. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit, as in Acts 2:4. Many backsliders reclaimed. We are now at Brooklet, Ga. This is a new field, but we are expecting a great harvest here for the Master. We expect to work here awhile, then go back to S. Carolina again, where we have some urgent calls for meetings. We covet the prayers of the saints.—A. B. Robinson and Wife.

SASKATOON, SASK., CANADA.

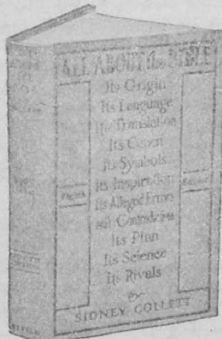
The work is going to open up here the Lord willing. J. E. Purdie, the spiritual pastor of the St. James church, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and is now telling his people about it. He has been preaching full salvation, the Lord's return, holding cottage and street meetings. Evangelist Agnes Crouch was up a few days ago and spent two weeks, and Bro. Purdie received his baptism then and two others. This is a town of 25,000 to 30,000. The Lord has wonderfully helped us and answered prayer.—O. R. Hetherington.

MALDEN, MO.

We came here from the District Council at Essex, and our three weeks' meeting closed September 7th. The Lord wonderfully blessed and gave us a great time together in the Lord. Thirteen received the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Twelve saved and eight baptized in water, to be followed by another baptizing the next Sunday. We had Bro. Harvey Dunn and Bro. Waddle, pastor, as helpers through the meeting. Bro. Higgins was here last week of the meeting. Bro. Higgins becomes pastor here, and Brother Waddle goes to Yellville, Ark., to take charge of flock there. Brother Dunn and myself are helping Bro. Drew in a meeting at Parma. Pray God for this meeting. The power is falling, and souls getting to the Lord.—M. V. Kneisley.

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HUMPHREY, ARK.

We just closed a ten-days meeting here. A good many were saved. Seven received the baptism, as in Acts 2:4. The old time power fell. Devils were cast out, sick healed in Jesus' name. Ten baptized in water as in Matt. 28:19. The power fell on the banks also in the water, and they shouted and praised God in other tongues. My next meeting will be eighteen miles from Florence, Ala. I ask the saints to pray much for this meeting. The gospel has never been preached in that country, and we ask the prayers that the dear Lord will give us souls. I ask the saints to pray for the work at Monette, of which I have charge, and address me Box 336, Monette, Ark. I also ask the saints to pray for my baby. She is having chills.—Chas. Williamson.

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TONTONICAPAN, GUATEMALA, C. A.

God has been gracious to the work here. It has gone through the fire and the enemy has tried to break it up entirely, but it has only drawn the believers closer to Himself. The room we had rented in San Cristobal for a chapel was taken from us by an opposing element (not Pentecostal), and we are unable to find a place large enough in which to hold the people who come to the services. Every night our present quarters are filled to overflowing and many are unable to enter. We believe God wants us to have a place of our own, and we are planning to build a chapel. The believers all feel it is the Lord's thought and are pledging their help in every way possible. They are all poor in this world's goods however, and we will need considerable help from other sources. We will greatly appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people for this need, and if He should lay it on any of your hearts to help financially, we will be very glad indeed and you will find it a profitable investment for the Lord's money.

The Spirit is working among the people and new ones are coming to the Lord. Last night five definitely took their stand for Jesus. It means something to confess Christ in this country where persecution is sure to follow. Please pray that we may soon witness a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the work.—C. A. Hines and Wife.

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DHOND, POONA DISTRICT, INDIA.

There are about 250 of our Indian Christian people living in Dhond, and some of them are exceedingly poor and on the verge of starvation. We have received a number of boys out of such families, whom we are now feeding, clothing and caring for in every way. As it now costs three or four times as much to care for an orphan child as it did five years ago, we have felt the burden of assuming the responsibility. But we rest on the promises of the 58th chapter of Isaiah and other similar promises of the Word of God. Also we are helping the famine sufferers of the Hindu villages round about us, by buying firewood of them, which in many cases consists of roots of trees and bushes, which they have dug out of the ground. And this firewood will be used to cook the food of the orphans. And as these famine people (consisting mostly of women and children) gather in, sometimes by the hundred, two of our Christian women sing hymns, read the Word of God, preach the Gospel to them and pray with them. Their hard, horny hands, emaciated bodies and ragged clothes indicate the sufferings, through which they are passing. They are all from villages, which were terribly smitten by the influenza last year. And at the present cholera is doing its deadly work in Dhond village and in some of the other villages about here. So there is much to terrify and alarm. How precious at such a time is the precious message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are now living on our Mission Compound at Dhond one hundred and five Christian people, including orphan and deserted boys, more than one half of whom we are entirely supporting. And the rest are receiving some help from us. Our faithful, prayer-answering God has provided, so that we could care for these poor people, notwithstanding the high famine prices which still continue.—Albert Norton.

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In The Regions Beyond

BENARES, U. P. INDIA.

We are now in the midst of the rainy season, and everything is damp. About ten weeks more "the rains" and then the blessed cold season is due to begin. About Oct. 15th you can imagine us drawing a deep sigh of relief and saying, "Thank God, it is dry and cool again at last." But until then our house is damp and sticky, our shoes are moulding, our house has frogs in it (I can understand how it was that the Egyptians called frogs in the house a plague) and the air, especially at night, is full of insects, most of them with a sting. One kind of insect has a horrible smell, and if swarms of that kind come in when we are eating, then we feel like moving out. Even at the best the appetite of white people during the rains is not any too good. The damp heat gives us colds and fevers.

But we count it all joy, for it is for the sake of our Jesus. Praise His Name! I think if He were on earth He would like to be in India, especially on the plains of North India, during the rainy season, because there is so much suffering here at that time, and He is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." The plan He has made is to be here in His people, and to work through them. So we "endure as seeing Him who is invisible."

All around us the people are sick with colds, fevers, sore eyes, starvation. But I thank God that the rains have come at last, and even the unpleasant dampness has in it a promise of a harvest of grain later on, and then I hope food will be a little cheaper and more plentiful. But the world is in an awful condition, and only God knows what will come next. But He does know, and that is enough. Our part is to do our duty.

We have got twenty orphan children. There are so many of them that I have to count them every few days in order to keep up with them. They are a happy lot of boys and girls, with many simple joys, and few sorrows. Having escaped from starvation and heathenism, it takes very little to make them happy, for the contrast is great to them. And we have got in a lot of new preachers and colporteurs also, so our family is steadily increasing.

We have rented three halls in different parts of the city, and put men at all three places to distribute Christian literature and preach the Gospel. Our people now number something over seventy-five, and we are expecting two more preachers and their families to arrive soon. All of this makes a lot of work for us, but we are happy in it.

While this enlargement of the work makes us have to plan rather closely on all lines, yet we rejoice in it, for it is not human effort which has brought it about, but distinctly God's own hand. I will give you one or two illustrations of how He is working.

Some friends in America wrote that they would undertake to support three Indian preachers, and almost immediately three men applied to us for just such work. Many men apply to us for work at different times, but generally there is something in the way. But these three men were just fitted for the places we had for them. One of the men has already come to Benares and is living with his family in one of the halls down in the city. I hope you will

pray for his wife, for she has got so many heathen neighbors that it is very trying for her. The other two men, with their families, will be coming soon.

Another illustration, showing that it is God and not ourselves, is that we got a letter saying that two ladies would undertake the support of two orphan children, and that same day a woman came to give us two nice little boys. So the money and the children came together, and neither knew of the other, nor we of either of them. It is all the more remarkable because it is so difficult to get children these days. The Hindus would rather see children starve than to see them well cared for in a Christian home.—Mary Norton.

ST. THOMAS, VIRGIN ISLANDS.

Greetings in Jesus' blessed name! I am thankful to my Lord and Master that I am a good way on my recovery. I am doing all I can to win souls for Jesus in this place. But it is a very hard place.

I was delighted to work at Barbados. They were not so hard over there; many of them came and were saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. But I believe when I get real strong again, God will send me into some field and give me a great harvest of souls. I am hungering and thirsting to see souls born into the kingdom of God. The people are healed, some are saved and baptized. The Lord is still doing business in the place. Thanks be unto Jesus.—C. J. Hansen.

SAINAM, S. CHINA.

Working up an interest among the women of Sainam has required much perseverance and tedious toil, but we weep with joy as we begin to see a better day dawning for the women of this great, wicked city. We are beginning to understand now, as we keep up the house-to-house visitation and come in more personal touch with them, why it has been so difficult for Christian workers to approach them in the past, for day after day, they are telling us of reports that are afloat about Christians. Many of them stay away from us because they have heard that we take out the eyes of the dead, wherever we have an opportunity, and use the same for medicine. Others claim they wanted to go and hear the gospel, but were afraid, because they had been told that we get people in our house and lock them up, and they never get out again. But blessed be God, by patience and perseverance we are winning the confidence of the poor, deluded souls, and many are learning that the things they've believed so long were not true.

Some days ago as we were witnessing to a crowd in one of the homes, an aged grandmother heard for the first time the story of Life. The expression of astonishment on her dark, wrinkled face was too amusing and too pathetic to ever be forgotten. Her days of usefulness were in the past, and she was left to exist on half rations. She was contemplating suicide, (a resort to which many of the destitute in China flee) but she was concerned as to where her soul might go, and asked us if we could explain to her the mystery of where our souls are kept after death. Many such interesting cases cross our paths daily and we sow in their hearts the seed of God's word in faith that sometime, somewhere, somehow, it will spring up unto

eternal life and choke out superstition and devil power. Prayer can bring about a richer, earlier harvest.

We had the privilege a few days ago of praying for a sick man from Shin Tong who had been sick for over a month. One limb was swollen terribly and covered with big, ugly sores. Two days later we saw him and the swelling had gone down ever so much and the sores were beginning to heal. He and his wife both declared it was remarkable, because he had been in that condition with no signs of improvement for many weeks.—Willa B. Lowther.

A VISION OF ALASKA'S GREAT NEED.

Recently the Lord gave me a vision which made me see and feel the great need here in Alaska as never before. He showed me a great, steep mountain, the base of which was lost in darkness and gloom; and I saw a steady stream of people running down the Mountain-side. But on the steep slope I saw a sort of platform built out, with Mrs. Krogh, Mr. Personeus and myself underneath holding it up so that it made a level place, where the people who were rushing down the slope could stop, see where they were going, turn about and climb upward. And I felt such a need for more workers in this corner of the Master's vineyard. Our little mission seemed to be reaching so few. How I wish I could describe the faces that rushed by. Some were such hardened, sinful faces; others had a careless, indifferent look, showing they were going downward because it was easier than going up; others seemed to be running down-hill because they thought it fun and that they could stop whenever they wanted. But there were some who realized they were going down to destruction, and were trying to catch hold of everything they came to and when they did check themselves for a little, some one else would come along and give them a shove, or else drag them down with them, and the despairing look on their faces made my heart ache for them. Oh, it was such a true and vivid picture of what we have seen since coming to Alaska, and there has been a cry in my heart since then, that God would send others here to help rescue these perishing souls; that our little "platform" or mission might be enlarged and other "soul-saving stations" be erected; that others would come to draw the downward-rushing people from the steep slope where it was almost impossible to stop, on to the level place, so they could start up, instead of down.

This vision made me think of a time, when I was a child, my brother and I thoughtlessly started to run down a very steep hill, through a woods. At first we thought it was a lot of fun, but when we tried to check ourselves we found our bodies had such an impetus downward, we had to keep our feet going as fast as we could to keep from being thrown head-first down the hill. We tried to take hold of the trees along the path, but they seemed as though snatched from our hands, and I remember my brother's frightened cry: "I can't stop," and then—we came to a bend in the path and struck a level place where we were able to stop, but I don't think either of us will ever forget that lesson, nor the weary climb up that long hill.

As the vision came before me, that incident back in the "river hills" of Pennsylvania came back to me so strongly, and I saw that the people of Alaska are just like that, only they are rushing helplessly down the broad way of sin, which leads to eternal destruction. We know that it is only through Jesus Christ and the

power of the Holy Spirit that they will have the strength to resist the downward pull of sin, so pray for us that we may be able to point many to Christ, the One able to save to the uttermost. Glory to His precious Name! May the Lord of the harvest send forth more reapers in our prayer, that many precious sheaves be gathered in.—Florence L. Personeus.

AMONGST THE FAMINE SUFFERERS OF INDIA.

Two weeks ago I just finished sewing for fourteen children and sent them off to school again; the last three days ten more have come in and more wanting to come. I wish you could see some of them as they are when they come in. One little boy, about eight years old, has had two or three scrubbing and we are not fully down to the skin yet,—that is, all the dirt is by no means off yet. What soap and hot water won't take off we soak in oil for an hour or two then get off a layer that is soaked loose. Sunday morning at 3 a. m., I was awakened and one of our preachers arrived with seven children, some of them nearly as dirty as this boy I've just described. One dear, pretty little girl about five or six years looked like she had been sleeping in a coal bin. She was begging at the railway station and was almost starved. She is weak yet, and, poor little dear, so frightened of us all. We have not been able to get her even to tell us her name. Last night some of them cried a good deal and if we did not know they will soon be very happy and so much better off than ever before, we would not dare keep them. Because of high prices and so much death by disease the country is just full of helpless ones. I need not say when we get these children they are just in rags, so this morning we have again begun sewing for them. It will take probably 50 yards of cloth to clothe these for school in the very simplest way possible. We buy strong shirting and jeans for their clothes as the schools are very hard on clothing.

I have been alone this summer most of the time, except for the Indian helpers of course. We do so need some more workers. About three weeks ago a wicked man, who had professed to be saved in Basti six years ago, brought a case against Miss Doll and our mission for wages he says he did not receive and some other trifles, all untrue, but because there is a sect called Arya Samaj in India these days that has taken a strong hand against Christianity, these men have taken up the case and are making us much trouble and some expense. I have had to go to Basti twice to help Miss Doll, as she is also alone. Do pray for us, the enemies of Christ are growing more and more bold in India. This last year in a near-by town the missionaries have fought three lawsuits and have gained the victories, but it may not always be so and we need much prayer these days.—Edith E. Baugh.

ADENTSI, YUNNAN, CHINA.

I think I told you in my last letter that the Lord has given us a fine house for a chapel, also that the officials here wanted us to go, and that they were writing to their head official about it, well they have received their answer that we are to stop here and that they are to help us, it reminds one of Haman in the Book of Esther. "If God be for us WHO can be against us?" So now we have the confirmation that the Lord sent us here.

Well beloved, the devil has many ways to hinder the work of the Lord,—and when he found that he could not drive us out because the Lord had given us the land,

then he tried to afflict our bodies, as the following will show. No doubt you have heard of the sickness that is running over the earth at this time. I mean the influenza, well it has come out here to this land, and thousands have died (of course the people as usual say that it is a foreign sickness come from the foreigner). But to me it seems as if it is Rev. 6;7-8. Well it came to our city, and then some of those interested in Jesus were taken ill, so as the pastor and according to the Word I went and prayed for them and in a most wonderful way God healed them at ONCE, this was wonderful to them and has done a lot to strengthen their faith. Then I had to go into homes where people were sick and tell them of Jesus. Somehow this did not agree with the devil's plans so in a few days I found that I had it. I felt so bad that I could not get up (I should have said that our lady helper was taken sick for a few days, but in answer to prayer God healed her. Well there was only one thing to do according to the Word. That was to call the sisters to anoint me and pray for me. This I did, and oh the glory of the Lord was in our midst. But after all was over I seemed to feel the same. I had a battle royal all that day, and all that night, when in the stillness of the morning I heard a voice say, "In the morning arise in my Name." The morning was a long time coming but when it did I got up the Name of the Lord healed. Oh glory to His blessed Name.

But, beloved, this was not all, for later in the day my wife was taken ill. We prayed with her, but for some reason which we are unable to explain she has been laid low for three long weeks. Three times in the middle of the night we thought she could not live to see the morning light, but thought that she was taking an upward flight to meet her Lord and leave me in this poor dark world alone, but in a wonderful way God undertook, on the tenth night I was just at the point of giving up, for I had not had any proper sleep all that time, and I felt so weak. In the midst of the night I heard a voice so plainly say, "The worst is past, fear not." It was the Voice of JESUS and it was here that the change took place. Yet there were many more battles to be fought, during the next ten days, but we had had His Word, so all was well. How hard it is to get the devil to understand that he has come to the wrong place, or is it we do not know how to lay hold on God. We certainly are not at the place that God has for us where we should lay hands on the sick and they are healed, yet I must say that with the natives more often than not, when they come to us they are healed AT ONCE.

At the Chinese new year all the people pull down their old idols and put up new ones. Well, we have half a house and on the other side of the courtyard is another family. They wanted to cover the whole place with idols, so they stuck up a few on our side so we went and pulled them down, and stuck up scriptures in the place of them. Our front door is made in two pieces, and half is ours and half is theirs. Well they wanted to put up an idol on each half. We told them they could do what they liked with theirs but we wanted to put up scriptures (Acts 4:12) on ours, this we did. It does look funny to see one half with an idol and the other half with a scripture on it. The devil over did himself again for everybody who passes sees the strange sight, and we are able to tell them the story of Jesus and His love. Many notice who would not otherwise. There is a man that has two sons one of whom is very interested in the gospel, and

it was this man who was taken sick and when I prayed for him he was healed. Knowing of wife's sickness he continually asked me as to her health. One day when she was bad I told them that the Word says, "If two or three agree asking anything the Lord hears and answers us." So I asked them if we could have a little prayer. I was expecting to pray and the others join in, but to my surprise the old man, the father of the interested one, began to pray, and I will tell you it was grand to hear him. He had heard the Word from the son who up to present has not made a public confession of Christ, so you see we do not know the way the Lord is working. It is not for us to reckon but to leave it to Him.

I have found out that the house that we are now living in ten years ago was a living Buddha's house, but at that time the place was burnt down by the Chinese, so now it is converted into a Chapel or a House of the Lord. We pray that it may be the birthplace of many souls.—Alfred G. Lewer.

A NOTICE FROM WEST AFRICA.

Because of certain reports and inquiries from the Home Land, we the undersigned desire to make it known that we are not associated or connected with Mr. J. M. L. Harrow, in our mission work here. And furthermore that we have decided to drop the old name "Interior Mission" and have adopted as a new name—"Pentecostal Mission" Cape Palmas, Liberia, W. Africa.

Among our greatest needs is more of the GRACE OF GOD, and more SPIRIT filled workers to take the places of those who are going home on furlough. Many tribes, two in particular, that God has put on our hearts have begged long and hard for missionaries.

Pray for us and for the WORK along these lines and according to Romans 15:20, Eph. 6:18-19, and Heb. 13:3. Sincerely Yours, In His Glad Service.

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Reports From the Field

EARLE, ARK.

Just closed a meeting. Twenty saved and six baptized. Brother Jacob Miller and wife and others with us.—W. H. Copeland.

SPRINGHILL, LA.

The Lord is blessing here in the meeting. Lots of hungry souls and people are getting through to God.—E. L. Tanner.

NEW PASTOR AT ZION CITY, ILL.

I have accepted the pastorate at Zion City, of the Christian Assembly, and have moved from Hornell, N. Y. Asking the prayers for me in this difficult field.—Harry Long.

COLLINSVILLE, OKLA.

Saturday night the dear Lord poured out His Spirit upon us and many of the saints were renewed in the Holy Ghost. We are looking for a revival here and ask the saints to pray for us.—Willie Jones.

JENNY LIND, ARK.

We have just closed a meeting here. The Lord met with us in a blessed way. About nine received the experience as in Acts 2:4. Some of them were backsliders and God gave them a wonderful renewal. Two baptized in water as Matt. 28:19. Unto God who giveth us the victory be all the glory forevermore.—Charley Peppers and Wife.

SOUR LAKE, TEX.

We closed our meeting Sunday night. The dear Lord blessed from the first. The saints from Beaumont assisted us in the meeting. We had liberty in giving out the Word. We had a glorious time Sunday. Four were buried with Christ in baptism, according to Matt. 28:19. Good interest, and we expect great times with the Lord. Pray for us.—Pastor J. W. May.

REVIVAL AT NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.

The Apostolic Faith church of New Rochelle, N. Y., on Anderson St., D. V., will begin revival services Sunday, Oct. 12, to continue indefinitely as Lord directs. Services evenings, commencing at 7:30. Regular Sunday services as usual. Jesus Christ and His finished work on Calvary will be preached and exalted, together with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire. We expect the power of God to be manifest. We ask all the saints to pray for us. This is primarily a local revival; and while we covet the presence of all the people of God who can conveniently attend, their entertainment and accommodations will have, of necessity to be largely in their own hands.—Pastor Thomas Thompson, 104 Webster Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

On our way from the Kentucky meadows to North Little Rock we came by Dayton, and found Brother A. B. Cox at his post of duty. We stopped a few days and had the pleasure of seeing six or seven baptized with the Spirit and the city stirred in a wonderful way. Bro. Cox is doing a good work. Pray for that section of the country.

At North Little Rock God met us in a wonderful way. Nine received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Several saved and reclaimed and the saints encouraged to go on. God is working in a blessed way at Earle. Will send a report later.—Jacob Miller and Wife.

VAN WERT, IOWA.

Just closed a two-weeks meeting here. Five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Sweet unity of the Spirit prevails among the saints. People greatly interested, and multitudes came to hear the Word of God. We expect to have baptizing at Grand River Sunday, Sept. 21st. Pray for Van Wert Assembly, as the Lord has burdened us for this place.—Evang. Lottie Peters, Eva Hood.

APPALACHIA, VA.

Three weeks' meeting in Missionary Baptist's house just closed. Ten received the Comforter, some saved and thirteen baptized in water. One of the Baptist deacons received the Spirit and his wife is near. The other deacon is getting close and his wife and son have received the Spirit. Brother W. H. Wright and wife are working with me.—J. G. Kilbourne.

NEAR TALCO, TEXAS.

Just closed a three weeks' meeting near Talco. The Lord met us with great power. Some healings, demons cast out, several saved and three received the baptism with the signs following. One was a Nazarene preacher. The Lord blessed the Word, and souls were stirred. We baptized ten in water, with a large crowd witnessing. Last night of the meeting was the best of all. Many shouting the victory and many were brought under conviction. We expect to start meetings in Mt. Pleasant soon. Pray much for this needy field.—J. W. Gary and J. B. Moody, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

REPORT OF MILFORD CAMP MEETING.

"Oh! that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men."

It is with great pleasure that we, the Assemblies of God of Eastern, Neb., report that God is still working amongst us. Yea! seemingly in a greater way than ever before. Our camp meeting closed Sunday evening. God, in a wonderful way, met us in healing the sick, baptizing believers that came in from a distance, reclaiming others and encouraging and building up the saints in the faith.

The camp grounds were in the beautiful Pleasant View Grove. About thirty tents were erected. Saints were present from Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa and different sections of Nebraska. Bro. McKinney, of Akron, Ohio, was minister in charge, but was assisted by Bro. Goben, of Lucas, Ia., the latter part of the meeting. We enjoyed the all-day meeting Sunday immensely. Bro. McKinney preached in the morning session on the "Second Coming." The afternoon session was a missionary service and opportunity was given to four of the members of the assembly to speak a word concerning foreign fields to which they had been called, namely Africa, India and China. The meeting was very sacred and aroused a missionary spirit in the hearers, for this was evident by the large collection that was taken, adding up \$1,300.00.

The message in the evening was given by Bro. John Goben. The theme was "The Abomination of Desolation" spoken of by Daniel the prophet, and that this people and generation shall soon see their day of visitation.—Pastor J. C. Rediger.

CREAL SPRINGS, ILL.

Meetings good and the Lord is blessing. Souls being saved and baptized in the Spirit. Three baptized in water last Sabbath.—W. B. Lane.

COLUMBUS, KY.

Just closed a meeting in Carcio where God wonderfully visited us. Four saved, two received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. We have been in Blandville, Ky., the last five days helping Sister Williams in meetings. God has come in great power. Four saved and others seeking the Lord. We have the largest crowds I have seen in the country meeting. Last night the crowd was estimated at 1,000.—C. B. Huston.

BLACK ROCK, ARK.

We had a blessed meeting here. Sister Lillie Underwood and Brother and Sister DePriest were with us, and we had a wonderful outpouring of the Spirit. Ten were saved, thirty-one received the Holy Ghost and fourteen were baptized in water. We took the Lord's supper and had foot-washing. The power fell in a wonderful way and the saints were blessed.—Pastor Bert Talcott and Wife.

LUCKY, ARK.

We have just closed a ten days camp-meeting. It was wonderful to see how sinners broke down and wept their way to Calvary, and to hear the shouts of His people. Nine received the baptism in one night. Many others received but we did not count how many. Many cases of healing. We thank God for Bro. Eli DePriest, who came to help. We ask the prayers of the saints everywhere.—Louis Shat.

BOGATA, TEXAS.

I want to sound a note of praise to God for His goodness to me. Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men, for He satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Psalms 107:8-9. Just returned from a meeting near Talco, where God blessed in a wonderful way. We were called on one evening to come and pray for the sick, and God healed them and they arose from bed and the Lord saved one and baptized two with the Holy Ghost right there that evening. Praise God!—C. R. Gary.

CHICAGO, ILL.

In July we had a city-wide revival campaign and God wonderfully blessed us with many souls saved and many received the baptism of the Holy Ghost also. Twenty were baptized in water, according to Matt. 28:19. Evangelist Frank Lindblad, of Portland, Oreg., was with us preaching the Word of God, not in word only, but in power and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance. We recommend our brother heartily to all the Assemblies of God.—B. M. Johnson and Assembly, 944-46th Barry Ave., Chicago, Ill.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

We intend to have Brother George Jeffreys for a month soon. Pray that the Holy Spirit be poured down and that the city of London may feel the power of God. We bless the Lord that He is with us as we get blessed drops of the Latter Rain, some are saved continually, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. One young woman, saved two months ago, received the Spirit in the meeting for prayer, speaking in tongues as naturally as she spoke English. We baptized three in water on Sunday, and there are more next time.—Ben. Griffiths.

THE WOODWORTH-ETTER REVIVAL.

The power of God is being manifested as in days of old. God is pouring out of His Spirit; sick are being healed; people speak in new tongues; visions are given; some lie prostrate under the power of God, and souls are being saved. Regular meetings are now going on in the new tabernacle in Indianapolis.

A sister came to the meeting very badly afflicted with eye trouble and running sores on her legs. She could not see very good, and had had trouble with her eyes all her life. They were red, and water and corruption ran from them. Sister Etter prayed for her and before she left she could see to thread a needle. The excretions were almost entirely stopped, and the sores on her limbs were healed.

Since the campaign closed Sister Etter and part of the workers have gone to Muncie, Ind., and are holding a meeting there. The country is stirred by the miracles that have been performed. Thousands of people are on the grounds and more are going.

We truly are living in a wonderful age. Miracles are being performed through the prayer of faith, which is generally accompanied by the laying on of hands, or the anointed cloth, as in days of Paul. Acts 19:12. Reports are coming in of wonderful healings after receiving the anointed cloth. One woman writes: "Dear Sister Etter: Well glory, hallelujah! You prayed for my ulcerated nerves. I was so bad sometimes I could feel the cords in my eyes draw and jerk. But glory to God, I went out on the front porch, began reading, and pleading the blood; and believing, and applied the handkerchief. Oh glory! The power of God fell on top of my head and ran to the end of my toes like electricity. I praise God. Oh glory! I don't feel like the same woman.... I visited a child yesterday thought to be almost dead. I laid handkerchief, on in Jesus' name. This morning her mamma phoned child was all right, playing around. . . . The next day after I was healed the woman next door had a pain all through her lungs, in her side, through her back. She was walking in her yard holding her side. I got the handkerchief to her, took her a testament, and prayed. Then at home I heard someone shouting, praising God. I ran to door and said, 'how do you feel?' 'Oh glory,' she said, 'I am healed.' Her face shone. She ran up stairs, laughing and said, 'I don't feel like I ever had a pain.' That was wonderful."

The last days are here, the latter rain is falling. Signs are following God's people. Christ is preparing His Bride for His soon coming.

All are welcome to the meetings. Those who wish any further information or any of Sister Etter's literature, address 2114 Miller St., Indianapolis, Ind.—Lillian Hardister.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.

We rejoice to report that the Lord is graciously pouring out His Spirit in this city. Bro. W. T. Gaston, who has accepted the call to be pastor of the assembly here, is preaching the full Pentecostal message with great power, and heavy conviction is on many souls as he is faithfully declaring the whole revealed counsel of God. No strict account of results has been kept, but we understand that twenty-five or so have been saved, and ten or twelve have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the only evidence that corresponds to the Word. We know they received, for we "heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." And the end is not yet, praise the Lord.—S. E. P.

DES ARC, ARK

We praise God for the three weeks revival Brother W. H. Shands has just closed here. Twelve were converted, thirteen baptized in water and one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Two had visions of Jesus. Many are seeking their baptisms. I was among the number baptized in water. I received my baptism four years ago. We thank God for Brother Shands' faithful labor here. This is a hard place, and before he came it was said there was no use to try to preach Pentecost here, but I have prayed ever since I came here, over a year ago for a real man of God to come and preach Pentecost to this people, and I thank God for answering prayer. We have meetings every Wednesday and Sunday nights. We expect to organize Sunday School next Sunday, D. V. Pray for this little band.—Mrs. Daisy Tisdale.

EMMAVILLE, SASK.

The Lord has been blessing our assembly in a very special way of late. We held a campmeeting from Aug. 10th to 24th, and although it was greatly hindered the first week on account of heavy rains, the Lord wonderfully broke through during the second week.

We had Evangelist H. M. Cadwalder, of Swift Current, Sask., with us, who had charge of the campaign, also Bro. and Sister Alex. Munroe, of Vancouver, B. C., who are planning to sail for Japan this fall, assisted throughout the meeting. Pastor John McAlister, of Edmonton, Alta., was with us the first week. Eleven souls were saved, some of whom were backsliders whom the Lord graciously brought back into His fold, and thirteen precious ones were filled with the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, during the campmeeting, two others having received the precious baptism of the Spirit since the special meetings closed. The Lord is confirming the word with signs following, in this place. At present there is quite a fine assembly here.

Bro. Cadwalder has the work in these western provinces on his heart, and is open for calls to hold evangelistic services. Anyone desiring an evangelist to hold a campaign would do well to correspond with Bro. Cadwalder at Swift Current, Sask. This assembly heartily recommends him to Pentecostal saints in the west. We give God all the glory for what has been done.—Walter E. McAlister.

DULUTH, MINN.

We are just now having a convention here and God is blessing. One young man received a call and the Lord has made it clear that he is to go to Brazil, others are consecrating themselves unto the service of Christ.—Elmer C. Erickson.

PALACIOS, TEXAS.

We began revival meetings here July the 29th. Sister Julia A. Ross came here three weeks previously and prayed through to victory for a revival. After a few cottage meetings, a hall was secured and the services began. The people would scoff and sneer at the preaching, but that called for more earnest prayer that the Lord would convict and convince the unbelievers that this work is really of God. In answer to prayer God began to work in a supernatural manner. There have been some good cases of healing. The work is increasing in interest and the altar is full. There have been quite a number saved, some baptized in the Spirit and a number seeking. Any one straight in doctrine and in fellowship with the General Council will be welcome here. Any one desirous to correspond in regard to serving as pastor here may address Brother A. H. Law, of Palacios, Texas.—Homer G. Wilson.

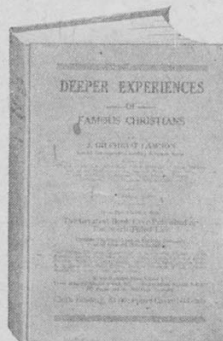
SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.

We are praising God for continued blessings here among the Mexicans. We just closed a two-weeks' tent meeting in Riverside, where God wonderfully met us. The Mexicans came from surrounding towns, Redlands, San Bernardino, Colton, Cara, Blanco and Santa Anna. The tent would not hold the people. Many crowded around the outside. The altar was always full of earnest seekers, some were saved and healed and some received the baptism of the Spirit. The saints were edified and encouraged.

The meetings closed at Riverside, and we have moved the tent here, and God opened the way so we could put it up in a park near the Mexican quarters, where many Mexicans and Americans resort at this time of the year. The tent is filled each night. Pray with us that a strong work may be established among Mexicans and Americans in this place, also pray that the Lord will help us to get a street organ, as we need one very badly.—John A. Preston.

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ANNUAL MEXICAN PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

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The annual Mexican Pentecostal Convention for the States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico will be held in the tabernacle on El Paso and Cibola streets. Take Prospect Hill car, get off at Cibola St., walk south Cibola St. to El Paso St.

The Convention will be a special time for Bible Study, Revival, Conference, etc., and will be followed by a special protracted meeting. All missionaries from Spanish speaking lands are cordially invited, also the prospective missionaries. Offerings for this Missionary Convention can be sent to Bro. Frodsham of Springfield, Mo.—H. C. Ball, Pastor Mission Assembly of San Antonio, Texas.

CLEVELAND CONVENTION.

The Sixth Annual Convention of The Pentecostal Church at Cleveland, Ohio, will be held at East 57th and White Ave., beginning Oct. 2nd, to continue to Oct. 12th.

Pastors G. Narver Gortner, from Cucamonga, Calif.; A. G. Ward, from Toronto, Ont., and C. W. Loenser, from Elizabeth, N. J., will minister in the scriptures.

Missionaries from the various mission fields will represent the unevangelized peoples of the earth. These ministers of the glad tidings to all people, will have daily opportunities to bring their burning messages, and plead for the perishing millions who have never heard of God's love and way of salvation.

The Convention Committee hereby extends a cordial invitation to this feast which the Lord will spread for His hungry people. It also requests their hearty cooperation in making this convention fruitful in every good work by uniting in earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit at this special season.—The Convention Committee, 5913 White Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

RESCUE MISSION AT SIOUX CITY, IA.

Brother H. W. Thomas and wife ask us to announce that they are now in charge of the Rescue Mission of the Full Gospel Assembly at Sioux City, Iowa. They will welcome brethren passing through that city. Meetings held Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL.

The District Council of the State of Oklahoma will meet at 9 A. M., Tuesday, October the 28th, 1919, at Panama, Okla. Every minister in the State is urged to be present. For further information write to Pastor S. A. Jamieson, Chairman, 1520 East 3rd St., Tulsa, Okla., or R. E. Shrader, Pastor, Panama, Okla.

REVIVAL MEETING AT TURLOCK, CAL.

A revival meeting will be held (D. V.) in Pentecostal Mission on 3rd street beginning October 3rd, lasting as long as the Lord leads. Evangelist Frank Lindblad, of Portland, Oreg., and Jack Saunders, of Los Angeles, will be in charge. For further information address Pastor Adolph Peterson, Turlock, Calif.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held (D. V.) in the Pentecostal Church, 23rd and Pine sts., Wilmington, Delaware, October 3rd to the 12 inclusive. Pentecostal workers expected from various states. Missionary offering will be taken. For further information write Pastor John Cox, 802 W. 29th St., Wilmington, Del., or Mrs. E. C. Sikes, 810 Washington St., Wilmington, Del., Secy.

DURANT, FLA.

Campmeeting of the Holiness Pentecostal association, located near Durant, Fla., will begin October 9th, D. V., and continue ten days or longer, as the Lord leads. A restaurant and ladies' home on the grounds and other conveniences for caring for those who attend. For further information address Mrs. C. C. Giles, Durant, Fla.

VISITING PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES, LOS ANGELES TO CHICAGO.

On Sunday, May 25th, at the request of Pastor G. N. Eldridge, we gave farewell messages at Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, California.

We arrived at the "Home of Peace," Oakland, Cal., on the evening of the 4th in time for the Prayer Conference, conducted by Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery. The Prayer Convention sessions were held during the day at Beulah Chapel, and at night at Pastor Kelso R. Glover's assembly in Oakland, where we spoke a number of times, as well as at Pastor Robert Craig's assembly at San Francisco. These assemblies are strong and deeply spiritual, and we found a lively missionary spirit, and a strong desire for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all the world.

The final results of the World-wide Prayer Convention will never be known till the Lord comes to reward His servants: First, genuine missionary spirit was created. Second, a large number of spirit-filled laborers are already responding to the call and are preparing to go forth in His name. And finally, we believe, it will mean the salvation of thousands of souls in dark, heathen lands.

Beulah Heights is a missionary center, and Brother and Sister Montgomery are strongly devoted to foreign missions. Beulah is a quiet resting place for missionaries returning from, and going forth again to the fields of ripened grain. Here one receives the love and fellowship, and spiritual uplift they so much need.

From Sunday, 15th-24th, we spent at Portland, Oregon, and preached in two large assemblies, the Glad Tidings assembly, and Pastor Trotter's mission, and God's blessing rested upon us in an unusual way as we gave out His Word. It did not return void, for a number were saved and baptized with the Spirit.

We then took train to Bellingham, where we were formerly in charge of the assembly, and were entertained in the Brosseau Home. One of the results of our ministry there was the marvelous conversion of Mr. Brosseau, and later his baptism with the Holy Spirit. Mr. Brosseau had

resisted the tender strivings of the Spirit of God for fifteen long years, but his final home-coming was grand and glorious to those who knew him best.

Also Miss Edith Priest, his wife's sister, who for a number of years felt called as a missionary to a foreign land, now feels clearly and definitely led to go with us to Egypt.

From July 1st to 10th we attended the camp-meeting at Seattle, Wash. Pastor W. H. Offiler asked us to speak on our work in Egypt, and we did so. Elder J. W. Welch, chairman of the General Council, held a convention here, and with the assistance of Council ministers, formed a District Council for the Northwest. A revival spirit attended the services, and many were saved and filled with the Spirit.

Reaching Winnipeg, we spent nearly three weeks with the assembly of which Bro. Orville Benham is the pastor. Bro. Benham is a most devoted, self-sacrificing man of God.

A number gather in the mission rooms each morning at 7:30 for prayer and Bible study, and the effect of this is felt in every service. Our services there were owned and blessed of God in a practical way. Several were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and some were healed. To God be all the praise and glory.

Arriving in Chicago for Sunday, August 24th, we had a missionary meeting in the afternoon, and spoke of the whitened harvest fields of earth. In the evening Sister Lillian Trasher spoke of her work in the orphanage at Assiout, Egypt. The Lord has blessed our sister in this great work, and used her in caring for 110 orphan children, and bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She has been forced to return to the home-land on account of most serious disturbances in Egypt. She is worthy of the prayers and financial help of the people, especially in this time of sore trial, and in separation from her children.

We ask your prayers to the end that a number of missionaries, including Miss Trasher and ourselves, may be able to return to Egypt this fall.—C. W. Doney and Wife.

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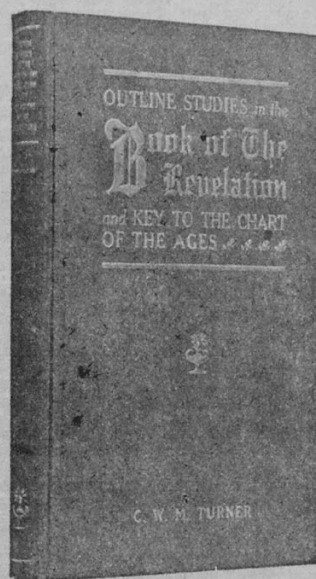
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I have a boy with an infection on his arm. I want the prayer of all the saints that God may heal it, and also that God will give me grace to do His will.—A. A. P., Lufkin, Tex.

We have meeting here once a month, but the saints are scattered and cannot have Sunday School. We have our baptism over two years. I ask the saints to pray that I may go where I can be in Sunday School, and be of most good in His service.—T. W. R., Rienzi, Miss.

We ask the prayers that we may soon have a mission here. We get hungry for spiritual food. Also pray for my healing.—Mrs. E. B., Union City, Ind.

The Pentecostal people are going to open a tent meeting here, and we ask earnest prayers that God will send the right ones.—Mrs. J. W. W., Dunkirk, Ohio.

Pray for me that I may give my life to God.—E. O. W., Columbia, S. Car.

I ask an interest in your prayers for my healing. I can't talk and can hardly walk.—J. A. S., Purley, Kans.

Please pray for me that I may soon be well and strong in body, soul and spirit.—Mrs. O. W., Seattle, Wash.

Join me in prayer for my son who is in the navy, some place on the waters, and I can't hear from him. Pray that I will hear from him and that God will restore the joy and peace in my heart that I once had.—Mrs. C. L. G., McHenry, Miss.

Pray for me that God may heal me of Asthma, and that I may know His will more completely.—J. P. C., Walterboro, S. Car.

I am alone in this place and trying to live a Christian life. I ask the prayers of the saints.—S. B., Melbourne, Ark.

Pray for our little mission that God will give us the Latter Rain blessing and increase faith for healing.—Mrs. S. P., Richmond, Ind.

I am here alone, and ask the prayers that God's will may be worked out in my life.—L. K., Strong, Ark.

I ask the prayers that God will completely heal me of catarrh of throat and lungs; very bad.—L. P., Canada.

Pray for my complete healing of gravel trouble; long standing.—L. S., Vancouver Island, Canada.

Please pray for my sister who has impediment.—Mrs. L. P., New York.

Pray that myself and husband will get closer to God so that we may receive the precious Holy Spirit, and that some Spirit-filled minister will come to this town, as it is the most needy place and there is no Pentecost work.—Mrs. Gustave Stucki, Emmett, Ida.

We desire your united prayers for our baptism and my son's healing.—Mrs. A. J. T., Sargent, Nebr.

Pray that God will strengthen weak lungs, and body and that I may be in the will of God.—Mrs. C. C., Jasonville, Ind.

I ask the prayers that I may receive the baptism.—W. T. W., Jasonville, Ind.

Pray for the conversion of two friends.—C. W., Jasonville, Ind.

Join me in prayer that I may be completely healed of very sore legs, and receive the baptism, and be completely yielded to Him.—Mrs. A. H., Dexter, Mo.

Pray for my husband and my children; that I may be healed of sore eyes and sight failure, and that God will send some Spirit-filled preacher here to hold a meeting.—V. L. H.

Pray that I may be a power in God's hands and to His glory toward the advancement of the Pentecostal movement. Pray for the Baptist pastor and missionary here.—E. M., Texas.

Please pray for my mother, who is very weak in body and eyes are weak.—Mrs. E. D. C., Alton, Mo.

Please pray for my wife that she may believe the Lord fully and be healed, and also for me that I may yield myself fully to Him and receive the Promise of the Father.—C. G. P., Rocky Ford, Colo.

Prayer for rupture, kidneys, for delivery at child-birth and strengthening spiritually.—A. M. M.

Pray that God will give me faith for a perfect healing. Suffer with rheumatism and some days can hardly walk.—Mrs. S. E. O., Indianapolis, Ind.

Please pray that God will pour out His Spirit at Gowen, Okla.—C. O. Riggs.

Pray that God will use me in this place for His glory and the salvation of souls.—T. T. W., Rosiclare, Ill.

Pray that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—J. J.

I wish some one would come here and hold a meeting, as it is a needy place. Pray for me that my faith fall not.—Ellen Gilbert, Constantine, Mich.

Pray God will put a hungering for Him in the hearts of the people at this place and many souls be saved.—Mrs. M. M., Beaconsfield, Iowa.

I desire the prayers of the saints, also pray earnestly for the mission here.—Mrs. R. A. M., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost, also remember my family.—Mrs. E. V., Belton, Tex.

We ask the prayers that God will send some Spirit-filled man here and that we shall have a Pentecostal revival. Only two Pentecostal families here.—Mrs. S. S. Emerson, Keweenaw, Ill.

Pray for Aurora, Mo., and the tent meeting here, and for tracts and literature which is being scattered abroad.—A. E. B.

Please pray for me that I may grow stronger in faith and that my family may be saved.—Mrs. E. N., Olmstead, Ill.

Pray earnestly for pain in side, symptoms indicate appendix trouble, also unsaved, aged father-in-law, very low.—Mrs. E. J., O'Connor, Tex.

I ask the prayers that I may be filled with the fullness of God's love.—M. E. W., Brunswick, Mo.

Pray for me, the Lord knows my needs.—P. K. P., Eldora, Iowa.

I ask the saints to pray for my unsaved husband, and for my two sons and their wives who are backslidden, also that I may hold out faithful and be drawn closer to God. Also pray for the parents of my little grand-son, who died with lockjaw.—S. F. H., Wallis, Tex.

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