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## THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN.

His disciples came to Jesus to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, "See ye not all these things? Verily, I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Is that true? Can you find those stones of the temple which they saw, and which Christ referred to? Secular history tells us how and when they were thrown down and also tells us of the destruction of Jerusalem. There were other events that Christ told were to follow, after the stones were thrown down. They were great stones and weighty stones and they looked like permanent fixtures, but according to the word of Christ they were to be thrown down.

If the prophecy concerning these stones, which were apparently permanent and unlikely to be removed, was fulfilled, and these stones have ceased to be and have been removed, and the certainty of the thing cannot be questioned by anyone, so equally sure must be the fulfillment of the other events spoken of at the same time by Christ.

Portentous appearances of false Christs! False alarms! And every false alarm weakening the faith of those of little faith, and confirming the doubters and scoffers who say, "Where is the promise of His coming?"

The continuity of the wars, earthquakes, pestilences and famines which were to precede the greater tribulation, has hardened men's hearts and they take these things as a matter of course, just as much as the rising and setting of the sun and the changing of the seasons. Instead of taking it to heart and learning the lessons taught by Christ concerning these nations fighting against one another and the portent of it, they are seeking to stop the wars and establish a world peace. The wars, however, have got to continue until Christ Himself comes and does away with the cause of wars, thereby stopping war. From whence come wars? "Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members." "Ye bite and devour one another." The war in nations comes from

the same cause as the war in the individual. When the individual is changed, nations will change and wars will cease.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:27). Every time a thunderstorm occurs it is a reminder of the coming, the outshining of the Son of man. There has been no league of nations established to do away with the lightning shining forth. And every time it shines forth it is a portent of the coming of the Son of man.

The Lord said, "For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together" (Matt. 24:28). There is no society established for making eagles vegetarians, for they still seek the carcass. And so at the coming of Christ, as the eagles, the swift-flying ones, ready at the signal to come from the east and west, from the north and south, will they come to meet together at the outshining, at God's inauguration of His Son as King.

The angels of heaven inaugurated Christ's birth in Bethlehem, and a king on earth inaugurated it with a welter of

### READY?

In the early light of the breaking day,  
Would I ready be,  
And from all care free,  
If Christ came to catch His bride away?

Or at noon, midst the burden and weary-  
ing heat,  
Would my heart be waiting,  
My ears close listening,  
To hear the sound of my Bridegroom's  
feet?

And at eventide, when the sun drops low,  
Would I still be ready,  
And tho' tired, yet steady  
In watching and faith, with my Lord to  
go?

—Alice Reynolds Flower

blood. But at this inauguration, kings, like bats, will take to the holes and hide from the presence of Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Desolate Jerusalem, Jerusalem that is templeless at this present day, points to the fact that there is a King coming. There is a fulfillment of the other parts of His prophecy made on the Mount of Olives, on which mount His feet will once again stand—those feet that were pierced by men but glorified by the Father. The iron from the earth pierced those feet, but His feet on that mount will divide it asunder and cleave it in the center (Zech. 14:4).

If a mountain will crumble, quake, divide, part asunder, under the pressure of His feet, what man will be able to withstand those eyes which are as a flame of fire? Or who will be able to stand before that countenance that shineth like the sun in his strength, or withstand the sharp, two-edged sword that proceedeth out of His mouth?

"Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30). To the majority of the world it will be a sad sight to see Christ coming in power and great glory. They are robbing Him of His glory now, of His deity and Godhead. He was crucified in the flesh. They mocked Him. They disrobed Him. And it has been kept up ever since. They deprive Him of His deity in college and pulpit. They are disrobing Him and mocking Him, and as a consequence they will be surprised, shocked, horrified, when they see Him coming in power and great glory. Their surprise will be turned into mourning, a mourning which has come too late, to be followed by perpetual night.

Wherefore, "Learn a parable of the fig tree; when its branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh." As you see the fig tree budding you may know the event is within reasonable, measurable distance.

## --:-- BEHOLD HE COMETH. --:--

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"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

These words describe a supreme moment, a heavenly consummation, "a great, Divine event toward which the whole Creation moves," for which the very stocks and stones under our feet are inarticulately groaning, for "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" (Romans 8:22), "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" (Rom. 8:19), and for which the church of God has been longing, praying, and sighing ever since the day when, from the summit of that hill near Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus Christ, when He had promised that they should receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon them, and appointed His apostles witnesses of Him, and His resurrection, in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, was taken up, a cloud receiving Him out of their sight.

All the events in the Divine order that precede this supreme moment look towards it, and are, in a sense, but the necessary steps leading to this crowning consummation; for, before the Lord Himself could descend from heaven with that shout of triumph which shall ring from heaven's heights, to hell's deepest depths, and from end to end of the uttermost bounds of the universe, He had to give Himself for our sins—had to tread the path that led to Gethsemane and Calvary. It required the incarnation of the Son of God, His spotless lamb life among the children of men, His sacrificial death, His glorious resurrection, His ascension, the gift of the Holy Spirit to take out a people for His name, to make this moment possible.

But now all has been accomplished, the last one has been taken in and in two great companies; those who sleep in Jesus, and those who are alive and remain, with blood-washed garments, lamps a-flame, and vessels full of oil, the church awaits her Lord, the bride her Bridegroom: when suddenly, as the lightning flashes from east to west, the Lord Himself, **H I M S E L F**—Oh I am so glad of that, for no one else can satisfy the longing of our hearts; "None but Christ can satisfy"—shall descend from heaven with a shout. "Descend from heaven with a shout?" How is that? I can imagine going up with a shout, but descending from heaven with a shout—I do not understand it.

Leave all those glories, the sea of glass mingled with fire, the rainbow-circled throne on the pavement of sapphire, the

ceaseless worship of the adoring cherubim, the Father's throne set in depths of burning light, and SHOUT as He does it? I can understand that, out of His boundless compassion and mercy, He might even be willing to turn His face again towards this wrecked and ruined earth, which had only a cross on which to die to offer Him when He was here last; but to shout as though His great heart of love was actually bursting with rapture as He does it, oh, I cannot tell what it means.

Shortly after the close of the recent war I was working in a Government office beside a very quiet demure young girl, a war bride. Though she was so quiet, like a little statue, I got to know and love her. She was carefully trained, and I liked to watch her as she handled difficult and important business with expedition and assured efficiency. She was diligent and faithful as well as expert, and the more I watched her the more highly I valued her service. But she had a surprise in store for me. One day the statue came to life. She seemed to glow with an inward rosy flame, and her eyes shone as I had never imagined they could shine, as she said to me, "I shall not be here tomorrow. He is coming. And I have everything all ready; the house is shining and spotless; the flowers in the front garden are all in bloom. What he likes best is all cooked and ready in the cupboard. And I am longing for him. Oh I am so happy!"

And the next day when the troop train drew in and that quiet little girl stood in the front rank of people meeting it, with eyes full of love and longing, waiting and watching for him, what do you think that boy, who was standing on the platform of the train, one mass of bandages, did? Why he just gave one great shout of joy that nearly tore his young heart out of his breast, and leaping from the platform clasped his little bride in his strong arms.

He had fought an awful fight in the bloody trenches of France for that moment, but, thank God! It had come at last.

And Jesus, the heavenly Bridegroom, fought an awful fight to win His Bride, gave himself for the church, didn't keep back one drop of His heart's blood. Why? "That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27). And well may He shout as He returns to claim His own! Yes; this poor, sin-stained earth now holds the dearest treasure of the heavenly Bridegroom's heart, His Bride!

And when that soldier boy had met his bride, he took her home, away from the crowd, up the flower-bordered walk to the little cottage, into the house, and the door was shut. No outsider would ever attempt to intrude on their sacred privacy.

And so the heavenly Bridegroom is go-

ing to take His bride to the place which He has prepared for her, and which no outsider can ever hope to enter. "The King hath brought me into His chamber. We will be glad and rejoice" (S. of S. 1:4). And the happy bride will be ever with her Lord.

"Forever with the Lord,  
Amen, so let it be,  
Life from the dead is in that word,  
'Tis immortality!

No wonder we long with a longing that no words can express, for that ineffable moment! But stay! Are you ready if He should come tonight?

If not let me warn you that never since the world began was there such a volume of prayer for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ ascending to the throne as is going up now. And He longs to come. His great heart is bursting with love and longing. It cannot be long delayed. Oh get ready!

Do you ask how? If, so, let me answer the question by the story of the life of a woman to whom the Word of God came about fifty years ago in far India, when she was in as dire a plight as mortal could well be in.

She was a widow, a young Hindoo widow! Oh, the depth of anguish that the words cover! An outcast, supposed, according to their religion, to be in some way responsible, through sins committed in a former life, for the death of her husband, and therefore sentenced to life-long condemnation and ostracism. She was without one gleam of hope when, one blessed day, the Word of God came to her. I do not know the name of the messenger; but the message of life eternal, through repentance towards God, and faith in a crucified, risen Redeemer, Jesus Christ, the Righteous, was faithfully laid at the door of that broken heart.

Oh, what will she do with it? We almost tremble as we ask the question. Now all depends on the woman herself. God has done His part, has not withheld His only Son; God's servants have done their part and delivered the message—

"Tonight, my soul, thy Saviour, through  
the Word,

Is offered full and free;  
And now, O now, I must, I must decide,  
Will I accept of Thee?"

You alone can accept, or reject, this unspeakable gift for yourself, and you must do one or the other. Thank God this woman opened her broken heart to its utmost capacity, and received with meekness the engrafted Word which is able to make us wise unto salvation. Did not carp or doubt, but simply believed, and obeyed God, yielding to Him so completely under the faithful guidance of the Holy Spirit that a few months ago, when Pandita Ramabai (for it is of her that I am speaking) fell asleep at day-break at Mukti, Kedgaon, India, practically the whole body of believers on earth, in India, China, Japan, Australia, America, Africa, and Europe, cried with one accord, "Truly a great servant of the Lord hath fallen this day in our midst;" for she became, from an outcast, a wom-

an of apostolic power, who was used to the salvation of thousands.

Apparently her last thought was of the return of the King, for around her body, as she was laid to rest, was a white cloth, bearing in red letters, in the Marathi language, the words, "The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52). Thus she flung a glorious defiance into the very teeth of the last enemy, death!

"With a mighty shout will the Lord draw nigh.

For the King is on His way!

We'll rise to meet him in the sky,

For the King is on His way!

What bliss divine the saints will share,

As we meet our Saviour in the air,

Get ready now if you would be there,

For the King is on His way."

## Remarkable Visions of Things to Come.

The following visions were given to a young Swedish brother. The account of them appeared in a Swedish paper, "Missions Barnett," and Brother Oscar Fanberg, of Chicago, has translated the same for the Pentecostal Evangel. Pastor John Ongman, a trustworthy Swedish minister, sends forth this account with the following words of endorsement:

"These visions were seen by a young brother at his home in the city of Orebro, Sweden, during the Bible school in the fall of 1922. He told them before the class, and as I listened eagerly and carefully to his message, I found that it is in accord with the Scriptures, both in its contents and also in its spirit. It is a word of warning to the Christian church. For this reason I asked the young brother to write them down, that they may be for a general benefit to the Christian world, as they are evidently meant for all God's people. The rapture reminds me of 1 Thess. 4:13-17. The flight to the wilderness to Rev. 12:13-15, and the lake of fire brought my thoughts to Rev. 20:10. This is in its whole the fulfillment of Joel 2:28.

"If people only would realize that the Bridegroom stands at the door! In the time of Moses, the high priest had bells on the hem of his garments. When he went forth to bless the people who were gathered for worship without the temple, these bells rang, so that the people could hear the sound of the coming of the high priest. In like manner the Holy Ghost brings to the church the sound of the soon coming of Jesus, that the believing may heed, and be ready."

### The Visions

I had been speaking in tongues with interpretation shortly before, when suddenly the Spirit commenced to speak through me again, and a mighty power came upon me. We were admonished not to fear, for the great Lord Jehovah went before us. Then visions began to appear, though obscure, and with a thin veil over them, but some were more clear.

I will speak of what I saw, though I cannot remember the order in which the visions came; but after each one came a strong conviction of the soon coming of Jesus. Great fields of grain, white and ripe appeared, and immediately there came a fine, drizzly rain. Then I heard the Spirit of God saying that this is the great harvest time, and that the heavens in these days are open for the people of God. I believe it signifies that a great re-

vival is coming, and is to sweep through the world. I saw the heavens open, and a great call sounded forth, "Hearken, I am coming, I am coming." Then I saw Jesus coming, and it was with such reality, and made such an impression upon me that I thought it was really so. At this time the Spirit called through me with a loud voice, and with mighty power upon me, this call: "Call out to My sleeping people, call again and again. See, I am coming, I am coming, **I am coming very soon.**" I was made to know that only a very few of God's people realize the nearness of the time of His coming.

The next thing I saw was a multitude of people rushing down to hell. Great hosts of people literally went into an awful pit. The pangs and anguish that came on my soul at this moment, and the great love of God which He revealed to me, are more than tongue can tell. With an unrestrained power a call sounded forth, "Win them, grab them, hold them back, rescue them."

I thought myself, as it were, in the sky, and suddenly I saw how a company of people was snatched away. Not lifted, that is too slow, but literally snatched away to meet Jesus in a great cloud. **But they who were ready and were snatched away were not many.** Then a question full of sorrow was asked, "What shall be the fate of those who are left behind? An answer came, full of horror, dread and solemnity, "Holy wrath."

I seemed then to be in the desert, where I saw the blood flowing; men crying, women and children screaming, swords gleaming, and heads falling. Pangs of real soul suffering came upon me because of the fact that the people of God are sleeping in these days. Oh, what heart-rending sorrow was expressed in the words that were being repeatedly called out under the power of the Spirit, "Oh, My people are sleeping, My people are sleeping."

I saw the Jewish people going up to Jerusalem in great haste. I was then brought out on a great battlefield, where I saw a great and furious battle. From there I also saw a landscape, very dark and dreary, enveloped in dark clouds although in the midday, and there were people running hither and thither as if in peril after a destructive tornado. I cannot tell the order in which this vision came, because after each one of them the power of the Spirit relaxed; so that I could regain strength, as my whole

physical being was under a great strain, owing to the impression made upon me by all the lamentable things which appeared, especially in the last vision.

This came forth: "His voice shall be heard, and then shall the earth be dissolved." I saw the millennium also, and the lad with the beasts of the field, and I heard these words sound forth, "My peace, my peace is like a stream."

Then I was given to prophesy of the whole consummation. I saw a great beast arise out of a horrible pit, and shake himself in unspeakable chains in which he was tied. I perceived that a short but terrific catastrophe was taking place in the spiritual world, and the lake of fire, into which the beast was cast, was opened before my vision. This appeared exceedingly deep and dreadful.

Then I prophesied of the white throne, and I saw the heavenly host and heard them singing, and this searching question was put to each of us individually, "Is the heavenly harmony ringing in your life, in my life?" Then I saw a great number of crowns most wonderful, but under the crowns a stream of blood was flowing. Crowns and blood! Then came the words, "Be faithful unto death, and thou shalt receive the crown of life."

I saw much that I cannot recall. God's holiness was revealed in mighty power, and my voice sounded forth like a mighty trumpet, "The Holy One is standing in the midst of you." My body was literally twisted around when these words came, "Who can see the Holy One and live?" It seemed that limitless power was on me during these moments. Like a red thread through the whole prophecy were these words, "Blessed are they that are watching, blessed are they that are watching and praying, be not burdened, for I am coming very soon, soon, soon."

During these events two things of great importance were revealed to me that I have never before understood the significance of. One thing is the blood of Christ, which I see in a different light from before. I perceived the great and magnificent virtue of the blood in the spiritual realm far different from that of times before. It is a living revelation to me, **that there is no other power that will make the adversary of our souls powerless like that of the blood of Jesus.** The evil one must flee before the power of the blood. I was given to see the importance of living under the blood from day to day, as the devil is ever seeking to devour all those who walk in the Spirit.

The second thing which God gave me to know was the necessity of giving God all the glory for all that He is doing for us, in order for Him to complete His work in us. He said to me, "The people that I have chosen shall declare My love." If we are to dwell in the presence of the Holy Spirit it is necessary that our hearts be in an attitude of thanksgiving and soul-gratitude to God. This very thing has become of the greatest importance to me since this experience. There is danger if we give not the glory to God. Never before have I seen the importance of being humble and yielded to God, in order to be useful in the Master's service. May God give us grace.

## The First and Second Advent Contrasted

The divine chronometer was on time. When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son. And so it was, that while Joseph and Mary were there at Bethlehem, "the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

At that moment the angel of the Lord was on hand to give the message to the shepherds, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Then suddenly, without a moment's delay, the multitude of the heavenly host was manifested, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Every one on time. That angelic host had been caused to fly swiftly from their remote domain in heavenly realms.

There were just a few shepherds there. Not many saw them. They came by night and were hidden from the gaze of the world. To those faithful shepherds there was heralded out a message from heaven to earth, "On earth peace, good will to men."

All down the ages Satan has tried to mar that message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." He questioned the message and He wanted to make the Son of Man doubt it. "If thou be the Son of God!" Satan had heard the chorus of the angels, the refrain was still in his ears and yet the liar says, "If thou be the Son of God." The "if" is in contrast to the shout of God. God must have the first word and the last word. Satan could not destroy the Son of God and so he did what best he could to take peace from the earth.

Christ knew this and said, "Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars," and we shall have these until the coming of the Son of man.

Glory to God in the highest! Satan could not interfere with that, but for the time being he interferes with the peace on earth. But the Prince of Peace is coming, and then there will be on earth peace, good will toward men. When? The whole clockwork is arranged. In the fulness of time Mary brought forth her firstborn Son, the angels of heaven were ready to herald His coming, and the angel of the Lord was prepared with his message of good tidings of great joy. And how do you know when He is coming? When the wars have reached their climax. Peace on earth will be preceded by wars, nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom. It is the final clash, the final spleen of the enemy, and he supplements it all by promising universal peace. He usurps the place again as peacemaker. Christ says, "Wars and rumors of wars!" And the Holy Spirit says, "When they shall

say, Peace and safety." That is a divine warning. It is the supplement. A Spirit warning of the devil's supplement. He cannot be the author of peace or the prince of peace. He is the prince of the power of the air but not the prince of peace, for when they shall say, "Peace and safety," it is a prelude to bigger destruction than ever (1 Thess. 5:3).

Meantime the Prince of Peace is heralded forth. "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints." His coming at Bethlehem was heralded by an angel, with a multitude of the heavenly host in the air, but at His second coming the hosts of angels are relegated to the outer circles. He shall come with ten thousands of his saints. They who followed Him from rack, from dungeon, from poverty and prison, from desert and forest, from mission field, from den of lions, from every section of society, the elite of the ages, thousands upon thousands—these will be the retinue of the King of the ages who is coming in judgment and coming in glory.

Know ye not that the saints shall judge angels? They will judge the fallen angels, the corrupt angels, on the corrupted earth. Satan will be cast down and his angels with him, and all those who have rejected Christ and who have not obeyed His gospel, these will be punished with everlasting destruction.

The shepherds were sore afraid when the angel of the Lord came upon them, for the glory of the Lord shone round about them. But his message was of love and of mercy and hope. If one angel caused the godly shepherds to fear, picture if you can the coming of the Son of God, His eyes as a flame of fire, followed by millions, with His glory reflected in them. They to whom He comes will surely demand destruction. They will demand to be sent away.

Yea, the vermin of earth, when the sun rises, go into their lairs; and when the Sun of Righteousness shall rise, all the workers of darkness will flee away to outer darkness. They will welcome it. Hell and its awfulness will be less awful than the presence of Him who was despised and rejected of men when on earth.

The first advent was as real as anything could be made real, and the lives of the millions who have been transformed by the first advent are proof of its reality; and so sure and so real as has been the first advent, so sure and so real must be the second advent.

And the saints who have realized the truth of the first advent and are keeping in touch with His coming, are feeling the first advances of the breath of heaven. As an obstacle coming towards you disperses the air and you feel it, so the heavenly hosts' advance is disturbing the air. It is imperceptible to the world, but perceptible by the saint who is watching and expecting.

The saints are as a barometer and they record fair weather ahead. Those round about are out of touch with the heavenly and all they can say is, "Where is the promise of His coming?" They know as much about His second coming as those in Jerusalem knew about His first advent. The warm breath from the celestial regions proceeding from the King and His hosts, is acting imperceptibly upon the expectant ones. And therefore the Holy Ghost says, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." That means that the saints do not need to be groping. He says, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host." As suddenly will the coming of the Lord be on those unprepared. How can the saints know? How can they be prepared? By the previous acting of the Spirit of God upon the Spirit of the Lord within them. How can this be brought about? The babe leaped in Elizabeth's womb at the approach of Mary, though the birth did not take place for months afterwards. The Holy Spirit was acting on the spirit in one and another. There you have a Holy Ghost picture of action, of working, anticipatory of the second advent. The babe is leaping within. The saints are hungry. Every bit of literature concerning the soon coming of Christ, every song, every poem, every circumstance recorded, is read, watched, devoured, received.

They are feeding the life within, anticipating the life to come from heaven.

Mary hastened and ran to the hills with the good news. And then the Spirit spoke through each of them wonderful songs, and Mary and Elizabeth had fellowship like that never seen on earth before or since. That is a foretaste, a picture of the rapture of the saints, meeting Him who is coming in the clouds. There will be such leaping, that the man child will leap clear through the hosts of darkness and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

Every detail of the second advent is portrayed in miniature in the Word by the events that have taken place. It is the glory of God to hide things and also His glory to reveal them to those who seek to know the mystery of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The heavens are in commotion already in anticipation of His advent. Think you not that the chariots of fire were attendant some time before Elijah was caught up in the whirlwind? They were ready for the first intimation he had of the approaching translation. How much more will the Lord have His chariots, nay Himself, ready for those He has redeemed by His own blood? The Husbandman has waited with long patience, but the days are shortly coming when He will be manifested and fully come. The wind, the Spirit, from the kingdom is touching every part of the globe in anticipation of His coming.

## COMMOTIONS

"But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified" (Luke 21:9).

A commotion is not a war. A commotion is an agitation, an upheaval. It is a coming to the surface of that which is hidden. And wars with their after effects cause commotions. The wicked are like the troubled sea which vomits up, belches up, mire and filth. The substratum, as a result of agitation, is brought to the surface. "The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked" (Isa. 57:20, 21).

The wicked are like the waves of the sea, and they think that each succeeding wave of government will be an improvement on the previous government, and each wave brings up to the surface the filth and the debris that lies in the human heart. But there is one coming "out of the sea" who will represent the filth of the earth and that which is under the earth (Rev. 13:1).

Our Lord said, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." These are but the prelude, the forerunners, of the one who will come in his own name as "the Christ," but known above as the antichrist. The nations today are in commotion like the waves of the sea. And they are bringing out of this commotion what they think is good, but what the Word calls MIRE. And they gather together this mire and they build a tower and say it shall reach up into heaven. Clay, brick, is just solidified mire. And the mire tower is going "to reach unto heaven!" and man admires the work of his hands. And God looks down. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath: "Yet—in spite of man's tower—have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion" (Psa. 2:6).

God is not going to tolerate His Son's being put as a crowning ornament on man's tower of mire. Through sin, backsliding, and unfaithfulness on the part of Israel, the ark of the covenant was taken into the house of Dagon, but Dagon had to fall down in the presence of the covenant ark of God, till at last it had to be sent back to the place where it belonged. The Christ of God is not going to be used as a topstone by the Christ of man. They may erect the tower, setting aside the topstone, thinking it unnecessary. "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven!" It is not very far up in the heavens, it is as high as we can get, and as high as we want to go. And some will say, "This is heaven!" This they say of the earth. But some of the builders are shocked. "A heavenly tower without a heavenly ornament!" So therefore they gild one of their own make and crown it with a Christ of their own make.

A bad government, a bad condition of

society, can be overthrown to be supplanted by a better, but the better must have the gild of religion. As a man-made improvement it has the vaneer of Christianity and so it invites the respect of false Christianity—to wit, the Fascistism of Italy. We have evidences to day of the most religious, superstitious nation putting at its head a man who is supposed to be a regenerator of a society, of a country, and of a people. The nation has revived, the cause of Christ has not. This is held up as the latest pattern and example of improved government. The king and religion are not interfered with, are patronized and adhered to, and the people are satisfied that there has been a radical change, an improvement, a change for the better.

But Italy, the home and birthplace of apostate Christianity, can never be the leader, the forerunner, the example of any improvement either in religious or social life. And just as the world hailed the apostate Christianity which came from Rome as coming from heaven, so will men hail today that which comes from Rome in the form of social reform and improved government as a panacea of all their ills.

God is going to let man try his plans and his improvements and his reforms till he is sick and tired of them, and is satisfied of the failure of them. And even then they want some more of the same order of human nature, still hoping for improvements.

But there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked. If man won't submit to the divine government, he shall have human government with all its attendant horrors, injustice, corruption, murders, cruelties, and other evils, until he is sick and tired of it.

Meantime, our God is keeping His Christ in the background for a time when He shall be shown forth as King of kings and Lord of lords, the just and righteous ruler of the earth which He purchased with His own blood. Amen.

### THE DISTINGUISHING MARK

The Lord is coming for those who have been washed from their defilement, those who have been washed in the precious blood, and they will be translated to be with Himself. The blood will be the distinguishing mark. The mark that is so despised by the world is the very one that the Father has chosen. The command to Moses concerning the Passover was not made known to those who were oppressing the chosen ones; and had it been, they would have derided it, and it would not have been believed in; and the precious blood of the Lamb is today treated in like manner. It is distasteful to the majority.

But God has chosen His own way. Wise and glorious are the people who choose God's way. The blood is to have the highest place. It is to be over the door, signifying going in and out under its protection. It is so simple, and yet such a mystery to those who value it not that they put it aside altogether.

On the night of the passover the blood had not only to be shed but gathered into a basin, and then only to be used as

divinely appointed. Not a portion of it was to be wasted. It was precious. It meant so much, not only to the first-born, not only to the father, it spoke of the exodus. It was in the eleventh hour, the final stage in the divine plan of dealing with Egypt. The departure was soon afterwards. It was a hasty departure. Only that which had been under the covenant of blood was allowed to proceed out with the prospect of reaching the promised land.

The divine pillar preceded, the cloud was manifest, and the cloud will be manifested at the time of the departure of the saints. Lift up your heads, the gathering together of the elect, the exodus of the Israel of God, is coming, is hastening. Wait. Watch. Pray.

### THE COMING SHAKING

The Word of God declares: "And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day a man shall cast His idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isa. 2:19-21).

When the Lord shall arise to smite the earth He shall "rule the nations with a rod of iron and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel." He shall show Himself strong. The whirlwind and the fire, the earthquake and the still small voice!

"When He riseth to shake terribly the earth!" You read it, and that is all you know about it. Man knows nothing about it. No man living can tell the shakings the earth went through when He brought forth the Alps, the Himalayas, the Andes, the Rockies. Those were nothing to what it will be when He rises to shake TERRIBLY the earth to avenge the murder of His Son, and the accumulated insults on the murdered Son and the One who gave the Son.

### HAVE YOU GOT THE OIL?

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

The Lord cometh as a thief in the night. You cannot buy oil in the night. Thus saith the Word: "NOW is the acceptable time." Now, now, NOW! The world says there is plenty of time. What does the world know about God's plans? The Holy Spirit says, "Now!" The world thinks it knows better than God. It enquires, "Where is the promise of His coming?" The man who listens to the world is lost.

## HEADING FOR A CRISIS.

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After telling of some of the signs that would precede His coming, our Lord Jesus Christ said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

When Columbus set out from Spain and sailed west in quest of a new continent, his vessel travelled from day to day without a sign or indication that there was land ahead. But at last, after many days, they saw some drift wood in the water. As they sailed farther they saw indications of various forms of vegetation and then they saw some land birds flying in the air. They were signs that they were approaching land. They sailed on and before long land was sighted and the desire in the heart of Columbus was gratified.

As we are moving along, with our hearts filled with the desire for the return of our Lord and Saviour, we are encouraged as we see many signs that His coming draweth nigh. We see the Jewish sign. We see the political signs. We see the sign of the falling away. We see the sign of the latter rain that will bring forth the precious fruit of the earth. We see the sign of men heaping treasure together for the last days.

In the second chapter of Daniel we have the record concerning the wonderful image that Nebuchadnezzar saw, and we are given the inspired interpretation of its meaning. The head of fine gold, the breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, the legs of iron, and the feet of part iron and part clay. Daniel said to the king of Babylon, "Thou art this head of gold." The Babylonian kingdom was great but Nebuchadnezzar became proud and was brought low. When Belshazzar was reigning he forgot God and the Lord caused that at that time the Babylonian empire should be overthrown.

Two hundred years before, Isaiah had prophesied of the overthrow of this kingdom and actually gave the name of the one who was to overthrow this empire. Cyrus was called by name. In Isaiah 45:1 we read, "Thus saith the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut." There was an exact fulfillment of this scripture in the days of Belshazzar. Babylon was a great city and so entrenched that the citizens felt it was impossible for any enemy to get into the city. The walls were one hundred feet wide and thirty feet high. The city was surrounded by the Medes and Persians, but Belshazzar and his people were so confident of their safety that the king had a great feast. The sacred vessels from Israel's temple were brought into that feast and polluted by the people. They were having a gay time when God's right hand appeared upon the wall. In Daniel 5:6 we read,

"And the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." This is an exact fulfilment of the word in Isaiah 45:1, "I will loose the loins of kings." God's prophet foretold the manifestation that came to Belshazzar's body,

The further part of the prophecy in Isaiah was also exactly fulfilled. The river Euphrates flowed through the city of Babylon. There were two leaved gates that were closed every night to prevent any enemy sailing into the city. How did it happen that these two leaved gates were left open? The captain who had charge of these brass gates was invited to the banquet and the gates were not closed that night. The Medes and Persians dug a great channel and the course of the Euphrates was changed. They marched through the two leaved gates. Babylon was captured and in that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. Darius the Median took the kingdom, but as the Persians supplanted the Medes Cyrus the Persian had command over Darius. Thus every detail of the prophecy in Isa. 45:1 was fulfilled. And so will every detail be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

We hear of Cyrus later. He was a remarkable man and very kind to the Jews, but after some years King Philip the Macedonian and his son Alexander the Great conquered the Persians. The Medes and Persians represented the breast and arms of silver in the image, and the Grecian empire represented the belly and thighs of brass. King Alexander went on as far as India and when he was forty-two years old he had conquered the world. The history of Alexander is foretold in Daniel. He is the he goat of Daniel 8:8, who waxed very great. But we read that "when he was strong the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven." Daniel here foretold the splitting up of the Grecian empire into the hands of four of Alexander's generals.

Later on we have the coming of the Roman empire of which the legs of iron in the image were a type. After the legs came the feet which were part iron and part clay. Nebuchadnezzar saw a stone cut out without hands which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay and brake them to pieces, and the image of the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver and the gold was broken to pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floor. In interpreting this vision, Daniel told the king, "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall brake in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Thus Daniel foretold the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and

His kingdom that shall brake in pieces and consume every kingdom of earth.

Some ask, "What was the reason of the last war?" The war had to come to bring about the readjustment of political boundaries in Europe. God had to deal with conditions as He found them in Europe and punish Germany for her haughty spirit, Belgium for her terrible atrocities in the Congo, France for her atheism, Great Britain for her drunkenness, and America for her love of money. One result of the war is the weakening of the iron and the bringing in more and more of the clay of democracy.

In the year 1912 an appeal was sent all over the world to the saints who loved the Lord's appearing to give themselves to two days of prayer to ask God to speedily send back His Son. This appeal for prayer was printed in Pentecostal and other Christian papers and all over the world on those two days, Oct. 6 and 7, 1912, the saints met for prayer. At the Pentecostal assembly of which I was a member the saints spent the whole of those two days in praying for the speedy return of our Lord, and I know of many other Pentecostal assemblies where they gave themselves to prayer for this purpose on those two days.

What was the result? During the two days that the saints were praying, a secret agreement was being made between Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece against Turkey. They were going to declare war on October 6, but they postponed it to October 7, the day of the birthday of the king of Bulgaria. These three nations defeated Turkey but the big powers intervened and stopped her absolute annihilation. Serbia and Bulgaria divided the spoil and Serbia had the bigger portion. Bulgaria said, "This is not right. You must give up to us a portion of what you have got." Serbia refused and the result was there was a war between Bulgaria and Serbia over the spoils and Greece stood by Serbia. Serbia won and increased her territory.

Austria was looking on and said, "Serbia is getting too big, something will have to be done." The heir of Austria's crown was in Serbia officially. One of Serbia's students shot the crown prince of Austria and that was all that Austria wanted. She immediately sent an ultimatum to Serbia. It was a very unreasonable ultimatum but the Servians did not want war and they said, "We will agree to all the terms of your ultimatum except two, and we are willing to submit these two terms to arbitration." Austria had demanded that they would have the right to choose all the teachers in the schools in Serbia. It was just as though Uncle Sam demanded the right to choose all the teachers in the public school of Mexico.

Austria would not submit to arbitration and it looked as though war was inevitable. The Russians were looking on and they warned the Austrians, "If you cause trouble in Serbia we will fight for Serbia, for these people are Slavs like ourselves." Germany said that she would back Austria, and France said to the Germans, "If you fight Russia we will

join them, as they are our allies." Then Great Britain told the Germans that they must not go through Belgium. The result was that in a few days the whole of Europe was in conflict. Germany began to sink Uncle Sam's ships and America became involved.

We know that the armistice was signed at eleven minutes past eleven on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, and that in itself gives an eleventh hour warning to the saints of God. What has been the result of the war? The practical restoration of the old Roman empire. Austria and Germany were never part of the old Roman empire, and when Germany was conquered she had to give Alsace and Lorraine, which were formerly a part of the old Roman empire, back to France. This empire extended to the Rhine and France and her allies occupied this territory after the war. When Germany failed to meet her promise of reparations France entrenched herself in the Rhur district. Uncle Sam had really no right to be there in Europe as America had no part in the Roman empire, and so he withdrew his troops from the Rhine district. The reason why France has gone to the Rhur is to consolidate the position awarded them under the treaty of Versailles. Italy, Roumania and other small nations which were originally of the Roman empire retook from Austria all the land south of the Danube, and so we see the old Roman empire restored in the eastern part of Europe. We also see that Turkey has given up the promised land.

In 1912 God's people prayed that God would speedily send back His Son and all this has resulted. President Wilson, when he made his declaration of fourteen points, in which the leading one was the self-determination of small peoples, unconsciously did much toward the fulfillment of prophecy. Our Lord Jesus said, "Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand." Our eyes have been directed again and again to the budding fig tree of Israel, but in reading this passage of scripture recently I saw in a flash how marvelously all the trees are beginning to shoot forth. What other trees are referred to by our Lord? There are many little nations who have been kept under by the great nations, but when President Wilson officially showed that one result of the war must be the self-determination of small nations, immediately a number of nations asserted their right to self-government and if you will buy a new map of Europe today you will see what a number of new nations have sprung up during the past five years.

All the trees are beginning to shoot forth. There are about fifteen altogether; we see Czecho Slavakia, Syria, Poland, Letvia, and others. Even Egypt, that has been thirty-five years under the British government, has a new king and is absolutely independent. Syria for three days had a king but the French deposed him as they had the mandate in that land. Ireland, which was not a part of the Roman empire, is now a free state. Had-

jes of Arabia said, "I am going to be independent of Turkey." He now has his son King Fisel on the throne at Bagdad, Mesopotamia. The crowning of the king was a very wonderful affair. His throne was very magnificent. When some of the trimmings were taken away someone noticed that the foundation of it was soap boxes. Cuba is demanding independence, and even the Philippines say they want to be independent. India, too, is demanding self-government. The trees are budding and it indicates that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Prayer changes things. Prayer precipitated a crisis in Europe and brought about these results which are clear evidences that "summer is now nigh at hand."

When Absalom usurped the kingdom of his father, David the king was expelled from his own country. Judgment came upon Absalom and he was slain, but David was still in exile. The people of Israel began to be moved by the thought of their king in exile and they said, "Now therefore, why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?" I believe that if we begin to pray, God will send the King back speedily.

It was my pleasure at one time to stay some days with Dr. Grattan Guinness, that mighty man of God. He did not believe in setting a date for the coming of the Lord Jesus, nor do we, but we believe that God raised up that godly man to make a profound study of Bible chronology. He used to point out that there were three great determining years in the fulfillment of prophecy. One was 1917 and we know that in that year Jerusalem was wrested from the power of the Turk. He further pointed out that 1923 was an important date, and this year we have seen in Japan the great earthquake, one of the greatest disasters in the world's history. A writer in the Prophetic News says, "We know that today, 1923, we are standing on the brink of the biggest financial, commercial, and moral breakdown that the world has ever known, and that such breakdown has already come in China, Russia, and Germany, and all southern Europe, involving over six hundred million people; and that, in the opinion of the greatest experts of the world, nothing can be done to avert the coming world crash, which from every present appearance, quite outside prophecy and holy Scripture, will come in 1923-1924."

The third great terminal that Dr. Grattan Guinness pointed out was 1932-1934. We do not say that the Lord will return at any of these dates, but we believe that the Lord would have us every hour of our lives to be watching and eagerly expecting the coming of His Son.

I need not go into detail concerning the latter rain. In James we read the purpose of God in sending the rain in these days. He exhorts us, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Folks are misunderstanding this latter

rain and speak contemptuously of those who are in it as "holy rollers." God does not call us this. He calls us "precious fruit." Why are we precious? Jesus Christ has shed His blood for us and the shedding of His blood has purchased for us the shedding forth of this latter rain.

Some years ago I was traveling across the Atlantic to the old country. On Saturday night it was extremely dark. There were no stars to be seen, but the captain was making calculations. He told us that we ought shortly to see a lighthouse in the north of Ireland. His instruments might be wrong and his chronometer might be wrong, but I did not worry; I rested in the captain's word and trusted him to bring me to my desired haven. Suddenly we saw a flash. We knew that it was the gleam from the lighthouse of which he had spoken and that we would soon be in Liverpool. We trusted our captain and it was not many hours before we had reached the haven we desired.

Things are very dark all around us, gross darkness seems to have come upon so many, but suddenly we are catching a gleam of the day star that has arisen. Soon we shall hear the shout and we shall be caught up to meet the Lord. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

It is the coming of the Lord Jesus in person, the personal coming of the glorified One, when He comes in glory. We shall be changed in a moment. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (2 Peter 3: 9-11).

#### GOOD NEWS

Archibald Brown once told of the home-going of his great friend Arthur Blackwood just as he got it from the nurse who attended him in his last sickness. The doctor came and announced that nothing earthly could save him, and that in a few hours he would be gone. His face was lit up with a supernatural joy as he turned to his nurse and said, "Oh, nurse, I have just had such a beautiful bit of news; I am going to be with Jesus tonight."

"Would that be a beautiful bit of news to you?" Brown asked his congregation. "Better than passing through the valley of the shadow of death will be the translation, when all of His own will be caught up to meet Him at His appearing. But it is only the man who can say, 'Lord Jesus,' who can say, 'Come, Lord.' When Jesus has become my Lord and Master, how can I do anything else but rejoice when He enters into the glories of His kingdom?"

## -:- Signs of the Times. -:-

There are many evidences appearing that prove that the coming of our Lord is close at hand. We are now seeing the glorious Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit that James told us would precede the gathering in of the precious fruit of the earth. We can recognize the Latter Rain that is falling in so many lands because of its resemblance to the former rain of which we read in the **Acts of the Apostles**.

In 1868 Horace Bushnell in his book, "Nature and the Supernatural," showed that religion without the supernatural (the signs mentioned in Mark 16:17,18) becomes formal and dead. He spoke of the tendency of the supernatural to become associated with fanaticism, but he forecast the day when the miraculous signs would co-exist with Christian sanity. We are seeing this fulfilled in these days of the Latter Rain.

One sign of the coming of the Lord is the present "perplexity," "men's hearts failing them for fear" (Luke 21:25,26). The newspapers are writing of "the devilish ingenuity" of the "lawless" (leading up to the lawless one, the anti-Christ), and of "the demons of unrest" (the demonic powers that will bring in the anti-Christ). These newspaper writers show more insight and foresight than thousands of preachers in this Laodicean age.

Mr. H. G. Wells, whom the world is looking upon as a great authority, says the world is waxing worse and worse and humanity utterly "perplexed," and he writes of "the salvaging of civilization." He states frankly, "Civilization is in a **very critical state**." Hence he writes, "We need a new Bible." And with a few infidels of like mind he might attempt the job. Thank God, we have a Bible that tells of One who came and of One who is coming, "this same Jesus," and we are completely satisfied with it.

The following two extracts from the world's press give some indication of some things that will accompany the period of tribulation that will follow the soon translation of the saints. A newspaper tells of one who has recently visited the Baltimore poison-gas factory. In this establishment chemists are hard at work inventing new chemical compounds which, used as "gas" and set free amidst a population, will turn any area into a veritable hell. This newspaper says, "When poison gas was first introduced by the Germans into the late war, the whole world cried out in protest. Apparently it has now accepted the principle as a legitimate one, and sets its chemists at work to produce a perfect instrument of diabolical torture." The correspondent speaks of a new discovery which defies all masks and protective measures. Wherever it is dropped, it consumes its victims—flesh, clothing, and all; there is no escape from it! It is guaranteed to wipe out an entire population—civilians and military alike. This newspaper adds, "Should another war develop, and these diabolical weapons

be used, the world cannot complain that it was taken by surprise. But there are few signs as yet that the mass of the people realize what is being prepared for them."

A London paper reports a special item by an accepted authority. "Dr. Lyttelton declared that he knew from an absolutely reliable source that two months ago letters were sent from the British War Office to the leading scientific experts at two universities asking them to proceed at once with the invention of a gas that was calculated to annihilate a whole town in half a minute. The request was not complied with, for the scientists refused, said the speaker, to put science to such an ignoble use. If this was happening in this country, Dr. Lyttelton asked, what was being done in other countries? If we continued to let things slide as at present another war was an **absolute certainty**."

Sir Philip Gibbs, the well-known writer, who has recently been lecturing in the States, says, "Europe is dying. I have visited many countries in Europe, and under an appearance of normal life, and an apparent recovery from the wounds of war, I have found a sense of impending ruin and dreadful anxiety of the future." He says, further, "As yet I do not see the drift of things. I see a kind of restlessness, as of people waiting for something else to happen after one act in a sensational drama. In all classes and in all places there is the sense of waiting and expectancy, a kind of hanging about in the corridors of life before the Messenger comes with a new announcement."

Praise God, the messengers are going forth with the announcement of the near return of Jesus Christ, and of our going to meet the Lord in the air.

We have given these extracts to show forth the world's testimony to the present "perplexity," and now would tell of two Biblical signs of the nearing event. Brother Max Wood Moorhead asked Brother Willie Burton of the Congo in our house last year: "What do you think is the latest sign of the near coming of Christ?" He replied, "The drying up of five of the mouths of the Nile—and they are dredging the other two." This points to the fulfillment soon of Isa. 11:15,16, "And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea . . . and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dry shod. And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people."

Last year Dr. Middleton handed me a booklet of his in which he says: "A lady came to me and said that she lived on the hill Gareb before the war, and that a lady had bought the hill, and literally compassed it about to Goath, by railing it off. This is fulfillment of Jer. 31:39, "And the measuring line shall go forth against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath." In the 38th verse of this chapter we read, "Behold,

the days come, saith the Lord, that the city shall be built to the Lord from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner." Commenting on the words, "to the Lord," a writer in the Morning Star stated some time since that houses were going up there "not to be thrown down," but to be there after the tribulation, "built to the Lord and holy unto the Lord."

Truly upon the earth there is now "distress of nations, with perplexity, . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Dear Lord, our hearts are yearning to see  
Thee face to face,

With straining eyes we're looking towards  
the trysting place,  
Oh, when shall we behold Thee! when  
wilt Thou bid us rise

To meet Thee and to greet Thee, our  
Bridegroom, in the skies!

The world is full of sorrow, its old heart  
tempest torn,

And everywhere Thy children are tried  
and overborne;  
Our only inspiration is in Thy faithful  
Word,

Our only hope and comfort—the Ad-  
vent of the Lord!

—A. E. S.

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## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

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**Sunday: "Let Him do what seemeth Him good" (1 Sam. 3:18).**

"How often God's dear children tremble to say an unreserved 'Let Him do what seemeth Him good,' though they are under no such shadow of certainly coming events! It is almost easier to say it when a crushing blow has actually fallen, than when there is suspense and uncertainty as to what the Lord may be going to do. There is always more or less of this element of suspense and uncertainty. One can hardly imagine a life in which there are no clouds, little or great, within the horizon, even when the sky is clearest overhead. We hold not a treasure on earth which we are sure of keeping; and we never know whether gain or loss, failure or success, ease or pain, lies before us. And if we were allowed to put our finger on the balance of uncertainties and turn it as we chose, we should be sure to defeat some ultimate aim by securing a nearer one, and prevent some greater good by grasping a lesser. I think if we were permitted to try such an experiment, we should soon grow utterly puzzled and weary, and find ourselves landed in complications of mistakes; and if we had any sense left, we should want to put it all back into our Father's hands, and say, 'Let Him do what seemeth Him good,' then we should feel relieved and at rest."

**Monday: "God maketh my heart soft" (Job 23:16).**

The strongest truths carry further if they come from a tender, broken heart. It was Moody who preached hell fire with tears in his eyes and a sob in his heart. Much good, orthodox preaching fails of its mark because of the harsh spirit back of it. Someone has said that it takes a crucified man to preach a crucified Saviour.

**Tuesday: "The king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over" (2 Sam. 15:23). "He went forth with His disciples over the brook Cedron" (John 18:1).**

Beautiful type here is King David of our Lord and Saviour Jesus. Even as David tried the way before his faithful subjects, so our King is ever leading us forth over every, tried way. Whether it be the still waters of the quiet valley stream or the rushing mountain torrent, Jesus is leading us forth Himself and His precious feet are trying the waters just ahead of us before ever He calls us to follow His footsteps. Could we ever keep fresh the confidence of our identification thus with Him, our hearts would never fear nor our faith falter, whatever the way in which He calls us to go.

**Wednesday: "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).**

Walking the other evening among the splendid trees along the bank of the little Sac River, I was struck with the beautiful symmetry in the development of each individual tree. Each was so different from the others and yet so perfect

in itself. Hard as it is to believe with our naked-eye observation, we are told that no two leaves, no two flowers, are exactly alike. Since our God so loves variety, He would not cast any two of us in the same mold, nor have us copy one another, however many pleasing patterns there are. The Holy Ghost comes into us individually and if we wholly yield to Him, He reveals the glorious Christ through us in all the freshness of our own consecrated personality.

**Thursday: "This God is our God" (Psa. 48:14).**

"It is wonderful what a freshness and reality the simple application of this little verse will give to all our reading. Just try it at once, whatever may be the next passage you read! I question if there is a single chapter, from the first of Genesis to the twenty-second of Revelation, which will not reflect the light of this beautiful little lamp. First ask for the direct and present fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, that you may behold your God. And then, whether your gaze is turned upon a promise which reveals Him as the Loving One, or a warning which reveals Him as the Just and Holy One; whether you read a history which shows His grand grasp in ordering the centuries, or a verse which shows His delicate touch upon the turn of a moment—as you admire, say, 'This God is our God.' When you read, 'Great things doeth He which we cannot comprehend,' and the splendid variety of His book gives a glimpse of His power and glory in upholding the things which are seen, from the hosts of million-aged stars to the fleeting flakes of the 'treasures of the snow,' say, 'This God is our God.'"

**Friday: "I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste" (Cant. 2:3).**

"What the hand is to the lute,  
What the breath is to the flute,  
What is fragrance to the smell,  
What the spring is to the well,  
What the flower is to the bee,  
That is Jesus Christ to me.

"What the mother to the child,  
What the guide in pathless wild,  
What is oil to troubled wave,  
What is ransom to the slave,  
What is water to the sea,  
That is Jesus Christ to me."

**Saturday: "He is our help and our shield" (Psa. 33:20).**

Why, then, all the need of trying so hard to explain and vindicate ourselves? True, there may have been many fiery and unjust darts shot in our direction, but is that not just what our shield is for—to quench all these fiery darts. On Him is laid all the responsibility of our protection, of our relief. And how faithful He is! Recall those words concerning Joseph's similar experience, "The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him,

and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob."

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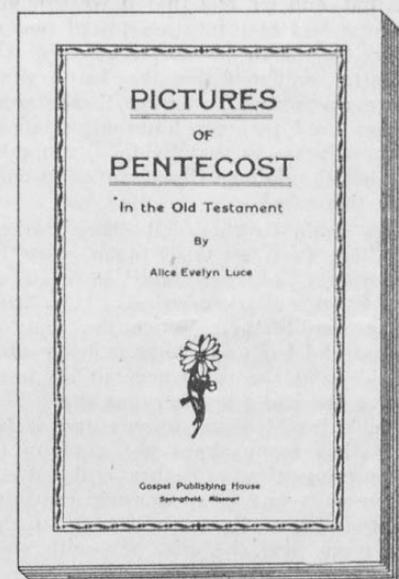
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### TO OUR MINISTERIAL BRETHERN

Greetings in the name of Jesus. Many requests are coming in asking us when our new Minutes will be out. This is to advise you that they are now in the hands of the printer, and a copy will be mailed to each of you in a very short time.

—J. R. Evans, Secretary.

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### A PRESSING NEED

Dear Folks at Home:

Just now there is a very great need before us. Three of our missionaries are passing through unusual tests which are rather pathetic, and call for our compassion and immediate response. As you all know, Brother L. M. Jacobs has recently lost his dear wife in India leaving two little motherless boys to be cared for. When she passed away he had to make all arrangements. There was no one to help him. He had to do this alone, and go out to the grave yard with only one native and he an unbeliever. How heart-rending is this pitiable incident in the life of one of our missionaries. He writes, "She was such a help to me in the work. I miss her very much, as she was dear to me, and a precious mother to her two dear little boys. I know not what to do about them. I am unable to carry on the work much longer." How would you feel under similar circumstances? Surely we will do our utmost to help him.

Then there are Brother and Sister Clifford of Mankapur, India, who are very much in need of a furlough. The Presbyters have approved of their coming home for a much needed rest. Brother Clifford writes, "It is fifteen years ago the fifth of November of this year, that I left my home for the field, and during all those years have not had a furlough. The reason we desire to go on a furlough is, that we are both tired and worn out, and we feel that if we can get a change and rest for these tired bodies of ours, we shall be able to return, D. V., better equipped for the battle than we are at present." Surely these faithful ones need to come home after laboring these years in that field so trying to one's health. Who will volunteer to help out in this case?

Then again Brother and Sister Barker of Callao, Peru are also much worn in their bodies, and are sadly in need of rest. Brother Barker writes, "Mrs. Barker has had diabetes since the first of the year and has gone down in body considerably and she is so nervous at times that she has had a few nervous chills. She has such troublesome dreams and awful nights that many times she gets up in the morning tired. Esther still suffers with verruga and is so nervous that she can study very little and many times, most every day, she cries out with pain in different parts of the body. It is a common thing for her to awake in the morning and begin to groan and cry from pain.

"I have been feeling for two or three weeks that we should go home and we have been praying very earnestly about the matter. Mrs. Barker has been very slow to consent to it, although she real-

izes she is in a critical condition and she says she had rather die on the field than to leave out of God's order."

Here is a case of unswerving loyalty to Christ and the work, "rather die on the field than leave the work out of God's order." May the dear Lord inspire us to like faith and loyalty to the same cause and enable us to give a lift in this dire need.

The Missionary Treasurer will be glad to receive, safeguard, and forward any offering sent in for the return fare of these needy, worthy, and deserving missionaries. May the Lord grant you grace to give and get a blessing in return. God bless you all.—William M. Faux, Missionary Secretary.

### THANKSGIVING UNTO THE LORD

Miss Mattie Ledbetter from South China who is now home on furlough writes: "We are glad to state that we have just recently received a cable from Fat Shan, South China, stating that the building was completed and to cable \$500.00 as that much was lacking. We were sure the last \$250.00 we had sent had not yet reached there. We had \$50.00 on hand, so borrowed the \$200.00 and sent it on. This little balance we hope soon to pay back. Praise the Lord for those who stood with us in prayer, and all who had a part in this building through the means they have given. How wonderfully God has answered prayer. Now let us pray and believe that He will save thousands of souls in this building.

"My address for several months to come will be 617 Adams Ave., Montgomery, Ala."

### MOVED

Brother and Sister Kvamme write from Tientsin, North China: "It was after much prayer and waiting upon the Lord that we moved to Tientsin. Our desire was to open a station somewhere where there was no other work. It was deemed best by the brethren that we should join Brother Creamer in the work. We, therefore, laid aside every plan of our own, and did according to the wish of the brethren, which we also believe is in harmony with God's will. We have now been here about two weeks, and the moving, together with the needed repairs has given us much extra work and expense.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to do missionary work here, as our location is very good. We also have many places outside the city where outstations could be opened. We have a native worker who joined us last week. We would like one or two more to join us in the work here as we expect to open outstations as soon as we possibly can."

### A WORTHY EXAMPLE FOR EVERY CHURCH

Miss Grace Kenning writes from Shansi, North China, "I praise the Lord for what He has done and is doing in our midst, but we long to see many more brought into the light and knowledge of Jesus as their Saviour who died for them. Just before Miss Stephany left we had a baptismal service when eighteen followed the Lord in baptism, thus taking a public stand for their Saviour. It made our hearts rejoice to see at least a few who had been lifted out of the darkness of heathen night. We are praying that those of this number who have not received the Baptism in the Spirit, may earnestly seek, for we know the Lord meets the seeking hearts. Since that baptismal service, there are four at one of the outstations that have taken a stand for the Lord, and two at our main station. So in the fall we are expecting to have another baptismal service. This spring the Lord enabled us to build a baptismal tank and so now we can have a baptismal service either spring or fall. Before, we had to wait until the irrigation water came and that was uncertain. If we had had to wait for it this spring, we could not have had a baptismal service, and so we could see that it was the Lord's will that we built a baptismal pool when we did.

"We wrote to you some time ago about the self-sacrificing offerings that the Christians were making in order that they might buy a chapel as an outstation, to be supported entirely by themselves. They are all very earnest about it and now they have almost enough to pay for the building, though they have only taken four offerings. This is surely the Lord's doings, and is a wonder in our eyes, for from the natural it seemed an impossibility, but all things are possible with the Lord. The children at the school were so in earnest about having a part in the offering for their church, as they call it, that they fasted, some four and some three times a week for a month, and at the end of the month they brought the pennies that they had saved as an offering for the Chapel. Each day that they fasted they went alone and prayed that the Lord would use their pennies that the Gospel might be spread among those who know it not. The Lord at once began to answer their prayer and the first Sunday after they had fasted there were about forty outsiders that came to our Chapel service, and most of them were from the better educated class, and though they had been invited many times, still they would not come to the meetings, but that day they came in answer to the prayers of the children. I am sure it would have encouraged your hearts if you could hear the children pray and see their earnestness, even the two youngest, eight and nine years old, praying with their whole heart. The Lord surely loves the little children and hears their prayers, so we are expecting great things from the Lord in answer to prayer. Please join us in prayer that the Gospel may be quickly spread among the many all around us who have not heard of Jesus' love, nor of His power to save."

### A WAVE OF BLESSING

Brother and Sister N. Sorensen, Argentine, South America write: "Out here we have had another wave of the Lord's blessing. During the last two weeks we have seen about eighteen souls at Jesus' feet. Glory to Jesus! It pays to serve Him. It is wonderful how the Lord is undertaking, and our dear people are changing from month to month, growing in grace. We have no meeting here unless we first spend half an hour on our knees before God, and to be sure, we never have to tell the saints to pray. They are just full of praises and prayer. Yesterday we had news from Buenos Aires that eight had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This has encouraged the people here, and we believe that the time is near when we shall see them receive the Baptism in Bolivar too. Pray for us.

"Nothing definite has been done yet, as to the lot for building. People are very slow in this country. They always say, 'There is another day coming tomorrow.' But we trust it will be secured in the near future as we need it to pitch our tent on next month."

### FORGING AHEAD

Brother Chenoweth writes from Minchow, China: "Two weeks ago I opened a Boys' Bible School here in which we hope to train young natives for the ministry of God. At present I have about twenty students, several of whom look really promising. My wife has also opened her girls' school again and has about thirty students. Many more would like to enter our schools but as we can only help a very limited number in the line of support the rest must support themselves or else not study. In my boys' school only four of the more likely ones are supported by us. The others, four-fifths, are supporting themselves by their own hand-craft. Some have come four days' journey just to study God's precious Word. I am the principal of the school and also teach the four Gospels and all of the Epistles, which is practically the whole New Testament. I am assisted by two native workers who are well qualified for this kind of work.

"We have just had a scare when soldiers were reported to have reached a place forty miles from the city. It was a false report however. A certain society here (not Christian) is putting out circulars stating that in a couple more days there will be earthquakes, etc. which will not only sweep Minchow, but will embrace the whole world in its extent. I am glad I know my trust is in Him, the unshakable Rock of Ages, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! Please pray for us as we seek to lift up Jesus here!"

### A MISSIONARY WEDDING IN INDIA

The announcement has just been received of the happy wedding of two of our missionaries in India. Miss Jennie E. Kirkland was married to Brother Jacob J. Mueller at the Mission Bungalow, Bettiah, Bihar Province on Tuesday, November 20th, at 2 p. m. All the Assembly of God missionaries in India were invited to attend and a blessed time was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Mueller has been

building the Girl's School at Bettiah, but Miss Flint will now carry on this work to completion. Mrs. Mueller will join her husband in the work at Laheria Sarai in the same province. May the Lord's richest blessing abide upon this union in the Lord.

### A TESTIMONY FROM ALASKA

I was sick last summer from July on for three months, hardly able to move from rheumatism. Was also spitting blood. Everybody said that I was sure to die, that there was no doctor or any kind of medicine that could help me. So I trusted in Jesus to heal me; and He answered my prayer. Hallelujah! Now I am getting stronger and healthy, I want to work for Him; I want to be a preacher for Him. But I need to study. Pray that Jesus may open the way for me. I am 19 years old.—James W. Johnson, Klukwan, Alaska.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I wish to thank the dear sisters who have so generously responded to my call for quilt scraps and garments to work over for the missionaries. I have one quilt finished and three tops pieced and several garments made. I truly thank God for the privilege of doing even a little for Jesus.—Mrs. John Hokanson, Greeley, Colo., Box 42, R. D. No. 1.

### OFF FOR THE WEST INDIES

Miss Clara Siemens and Miss Ruth Pemberton announce that they are busy with their preparations to return to the West Indies on the S. S. Guiana on January 3. Friends can address them at 37 Silver St., Springfield, Mass.

### RETURNING HOME ON FURLOUGH

Brother and Sister D. S. Mahaffey announce that they expect to sail from Colombo, Ceylon on Dec. 31 and will arrive in San Francisco, Calif. on Feb. 7 D. V.

### OFF TO INDIA

Sister Matty A. Personeus writes: "My heart is full of joy at the thought of returning to India. I have felt that the Lord would lead me back this fall and have been keeping it before the Lord for definite guidance. A little over a week ago I went to New York and found I could obtain passage on the City of Benares sailing November 30, so booked for sailing on that date. There will not be another boat by the direct line before February, so although it will be a rush to get off on this one I feel the Lord is leading and will make it possible. I desire a special interest in your prayers at this time."

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### MODERN MIRACLES

Brother J. A. Barney writes from Gombari, Congo Belge: "A Roman catechist (native), asks if he may buy a Protestant Bible. He is given one which he receives with great delight. Hallelujah!"

The Government has made the Chiefs of this district assemble their children for school. They do not prosper under the native teacher. The administrator asks the Mission to take these two score boys for two hours a day. We would not be surprised if he turned them over to us entirely after a little. He was informed that we do not teach Catholicism nor Protestantism (for some of its present manifestations are worse than infidel), but Christ and Christianity. He said, "I do not care what they believe." He almost said that they might believe as we do. So much for official sanction! It is at least not hostile. Thanks be to God!"

### TESTS AND GREAT POVERTY

Miss Mary W. Chapman in Trivandrum, India writes: "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Hallelujah! So myself and workers also found in tests a time of rich spiritual blessing. I felt it was a call to prayer, and spent about three weeks at Jesus' feet all the time I could, and just as I began to feel I had prayed through, and the financial pressure was so great I did not know how to get on any longer, the postman brought a check. Praise our ever faithful God! Just while this pressure was on, 'the cry of the poor' from every direction sounded in my ears. In one district about thirty families among the converts suffered for food, and had nothing to wear but rags. Many of the women could not attend the meetings for lack of covering. I shall not say clothes. A few yards of coarse cotton cloth to cover their bodies is all they require. An Indian woman is not allowed to sit in a public meeting without a covering over her head. Sometimes two will have a piece of cloth between them, and they will slip into the meeting room, sit down quickly, and put it over the two heads. A husband and wife will have one cloth between them, besides their rags they work in. They will take turns going to meeting wearing the same cloth, worth about thirty or forty cents.

"The United States hardly knows what poverty is. I looked from Seattle, Wash. to South Florida when I was home for poor people and failed to see them. If there were those called poor, a half dozen societies were running to help them. To me the waste and extravagance were appalling. But, oh, poor India! How many never know what it is to have hunger satisfied. I cried to God for this need and praise Him, He had the answer on the way. A check came with something for the poor, far inadequate for the need, but it will help us to get some cloth for the most needy, and a little food for the starving ones, while we give them the Living Bread.

"Prayer changes things. Let us pray till we move the arm that moves the world."

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**GALENA, KANS.**—Brother Bristow, on his return way to China has been with us and held meetings for a week. It was a precious time of refreshing to the saints.—Pastor J. Rosselli and wife.

**REEDS, MO.**—Have just closed a meeting at this place, in which God blessed with 51 saved, 5 baptized in the Holy Spirit according to the pattern (Acts 2:4) and several healed. Many more are going to tarry for the blessed Holy Spirit. Pray for them and for us.—A. L. Mallory and workers.

**ELLSINORE, CARTER CO., MO.**—I have been reading a friend's copy of the Evangel and herewith send you my subscription. I will get some more to subscribe if I can; but the people here are hard against the Pentecostals; but I think they are fine. If some good preacher would come in here with a tent I think he could do a wonderful work for the Lord.—Mrs. Mattie A. Stratton, R. F. D. 1, Box 8.

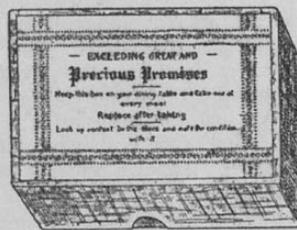
**KANSAS CITY, KANS.**—We are in the midst of a revival in Armordale. Evangelist R. Field of Portland, Oregon is conducting special meetings this week, with one meeting in the daytime for Bible study. Some are very hungry for the real Word of God. We hear them say, "How wonderful!" Praise the Lord for the Word. The Lord is blessing the evangelistic meeting in the evening and His power is present in a wonderful way: 20 have been saved; 12 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4; and there have been many wonderful healings. One brother was run over by an automobile, having four ribs broken and being very badly bruised. He was taken in an unconscious condition to the hospital. We went to the hospital to pray for him, and after we had prayed and anointed him, he instantly regained consciousness and said, "I am healed," and told the doctor that he wanted to go home. He got right up out of bed and, the next day went home. Another man had been operated on three times in the hospital, and then had been sent home to die. All funeral arrangements were made and he was expected to die that night. But he was not saved. He sent for us to come and pray for him. We showed him by the Word how to get saved; and he was saved right then. Then we prayed for his healing; and he is still alive and is walking around again. Praise the Lord! A lady, 71 years old had not been able to stand on her feet for 22 months. She had tried everything except the Lord; but finally sent for us. She got saved, and then, while we anointed her and laid our hands on her, she was baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. The power went through her entire body, she praised God with a loud voice and stood on her feet for the first time in 22 months. Pray for us.—Mrs. C. M. Lemberty.

**QUIN, OKLA.**—This is in the belt of the oil field. I am surrounded by all kinds of the devil's training schools, but there is no place to worship. Once a month the Methodists preach. I am very weak in body but will do all I can through prayer and the distribution of Pentecostal literature. There are no Pentecostal people nearer than El Dorado. I am praying that a work may be started here. I am a poor, lone soldier on a great, big battle field; so don't forget me when you pray.—Mrs. C. W. Henderson.

**FOREMAN, ARK., Flat Creek School-house.**—A meeting began here on the 2nd and closed on the 20th. Fourteen were saved, 13 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and 14 obeyed the Lord in water baptism. The Lord worked in a most wonderful way: demons were cast out and messages were given in tongues and interpretation of our soon-coming King. Brothers Terry and Windsor conducted the meeting. They went from here to Ben Lomond, a little town, where the Methodists opened their church to them to hold a meeting. Flat Creek school-house is between Foreman and Ben Lomond.—Mrs. C. A. Terry, Atlanta, Tex.

**MALDEN, MO.**—I came to this place last April for a revival and found the church in a very bad condition spiritually. We had a good revival among the church people. The church having no shepherd, at the close of the meeting I took the pastorate. It was almost like undertaking what Nehemiah did at Jerusalem; but blessed be God, He has been with us and we have had a continuous revival all the time, souls getting saved and receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the Bible pattern (Acts 2:4). We have some fine saints here who are willing to sacrifice for the Lord. Pray for us, and when you have an opportunity to visit us you will find a hearty welcome.—H. T. Owens, pastor.

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**CHAMBERSBURG, PA.**—During the Billy Sunday campaign in Paterson, N. J., seven years ago, God touched the heart of a careless young man, brought him under deep conviction for sin and saved him. Not long after he was led into a Pentecostal mission and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. While Nimrod Park was employed as a window trimmer in the Macey Department store, in New York City, the Lord spoke to him and called him out from his business life to devote his whole time to the business of saving lost men and women. From the greatest city of the world, where this young man had spent practically his whole life, the Lord led him to southern Pennsylvania, and in the conservative, churchy, historical old town of Chambersburg, which can boast of only 15,000 inhabitants, he opened up a work for God on pure Pentecostal lines. There had been a struggling little work there for some time. The coming of Brother Park inspired the saints to hold fast what they already had and to press on for more. Last June the pastor and David McDowell motored up to Endicott, where we were conducting a tent campaign and asked us to come to Chambersburg. David, in his characteristic way informed me that it was a "hard-boiled town," and that "those dyed-in-the-wool conservatives were set in their ways and established in a religion that had been handed down to them from the 17th century. Nimrod backed up all he said and then wanted to know if "I would care to tackle it." No, I didn't care to, after the "glowing" account of my young brethren; it looked to me like a man's job. They further explained that it was the old stamping ground of Peter Cartwright and Charles G. Finney. Then I did prick up my ears, for those old war horses had soaked the ground by their tears and prayers, and even at this late date there must be some glory lingering about. When we reached Chambersburg, November 11, we were not long in making the discovery that Nimrod Park took after his namesake of Bible fame—"He was a mighty hunter before the Lord;" not of four-footed animals, but for precious souls. In the two years of his pastorate he had gathered in a nice company of saved and baptized saints. They had built a beautiful chapel. The floor was entirely covered with soft-toned brussels carpet, and an up-to-date piano stood in the corner. The first evening service the chapel was packed to the doors. There was no orchestra, no soloist. A sister played the piano and a young man led the singing. How they did sing! Those folks have magnificent voices and the volume of song arose above the sound of the instrument. Sprinkled through the audience were little black bonnets framed in which were the sweet faces of the Mennonite women; also other religious orders such as the River Brethren and Dunkards were represented. The men wore long whiskers, clerical garb and broad-brimmed hats. It was a hard pull at first; then God began to answer prayer. Walls of prejudice began to tumble, and souls came to the altar to seek salvation and the Baptism. The crowds could not get in the church. Through the courtesy

of the city commissioners and judge we were given the courthouse for our Sunday afternoon and evening meetings. This splendid big auditorium proved too small to accommodate the crowd and many were unable to get in. The place was filled at six in the evening, an hour before service. At one of our healing services three women, afflicted with paralysis so they were unable to raise their arms, were instantly healed, and with uplifted arms testified and praised Jesus for what He had done. "See," said one, "you all know me and my condition. Now God has healed me." And she waved her arm over her head. "And I," said another, "for five years have not raised my arms. God healed me in two minutes." And she threw up her arms! At that the whole vast audience arose simultaneously to their feet and without an altar call, people came running with tears streaming down their cheeks to the altar to seek Jesus. Hallelujah! for the old-time power. Jesus Christ is the same today, as when He walked this earth. Oh, that we might prove Him and believe Him, for nothing is too hard for God. Pentecost is bound to cover the earth. As far as we know, and we are traveling continually, the only real revivals in progress today are being promoted by the Pentecostal people. We read an article in the October number of Moody Bible Institute Monthly, by Keith Brooks, about "The Dangers of Pentecostal Seeking of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." God knows that what this old world needs today is a religion that can demonstrate something. There is more danger of "dry rot" in the church than there is in hungry men and women seeking the fulness of the Holy Ghost.

Mae Eleanor Frey.

**EASTON, OHIO.**—My wife and I have been holding services at the Union Church here. We expected to close yesterday, but the people insisted that we go on for at least another week. Ninety partook of the Lord's Supper yesterday afternoon. The healings have been remarkable: the blind received their sight and the deaf their hearing, and goiters disappeared, God working in and through His children for His own glory. Praise His Holy name! Saturday night one dear sister received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. This is a new field. Many hungry souls are seeking a higher life. Praise God forever.—David D. Lewis, Massillon, Ohio.

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

The work in the Rosen Heights Assembly at Fort Worth is still being blessed of the Lord. The interest is good; last night the house was full without any special advertising. This last week 2 young men were saved and a young lady received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Also a Mrs. Keene, who had never been to our church before, testified Sunday night of how God had saved and healed her and her baby when both were at the point of death. The ladies of the church visited her and prayed for her, and God did the work. Recently, through the death of a young man, his family were made to see

the need of salvation. Now father, mother and five sisters are coming to church and four of them are active workers, three having received the Baptism. Five friends of this family also have been saved and four have received the Holy Spirit Baptism. Our church is practically a church of new converts. On Wednesday night of each week we have Bible study, and have had about 200 in attendance. We are glad to hear a good report from the Central Bible Institute. We all would like to be there, but cannot, so are praying for those there.—Mrs. J. C. Wilder.

**A NEW CHAPEL**

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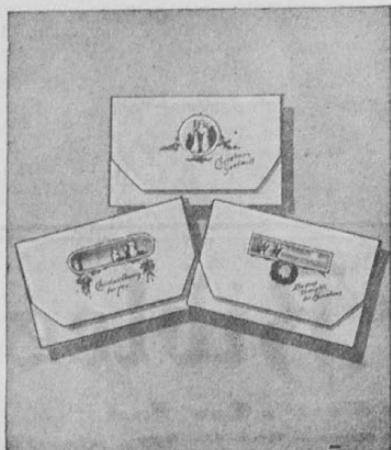
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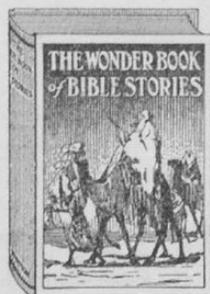
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