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## God's Love for His Own.



As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever." The permanency of those mountains! Those hills are still there. So the Lord is round about His people. Sentinels, guarding, ever standing! So the Lord is permanently round about His people. The seven hills show perfection in number; so the Lord gives perfect protection and care for His people. Round about! So the Lord encompasses His people. Henceforth, even forever! The Lord wants to teach the permanency of His care of His people and His church.

He loved Jerusalem, but the New Jerusalem is beyond compare. The old Jerusalem was a city of beauty, a delight for Israel. It was a sight for the stranger. It was God's dwelling place. But God has transferred His affections to the New Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is His masterpiece. The old Jerusalem has been devastated and spoiled, so that the church may look up to the New Jerusalem.

Words fail to tell of the beauties of this wonderful city whose Maker and Builder is God. You are amazed at the wonders of the heavens, the majesty, beauty and extent, but that is nothing to be compared to the hidden Jerusalem, God's dwelling place, the Son's throne and the home of the saint.

It is a prepared place, and you are kept by the power of God for that habitation. The place is prepared, and do you think the place will be empty? As surely as God's activity is being brought into play preparing this wonderful New Jerusalem, so surely will the power of the Spirit of God be at work preparing the saint to occupy the place.

David sought to prepare a place for God to dwell in, and God was pleased. God only had a makeshift in the past. **But now God is preparing a place for man.** God dwelt with man, with the children of Israel in the past, and now God is seeking man to dwell with Him. Though surrounded by angels and the archangels, with the glories of the eternal, God, such is His love, craves for man, longs to be with him, and longs for man to be with Him. And to bring this about in its fulness, and to get as near to man as possible, and to bring man as close as possible to Himself, He sent His only begotten Son, made of a woman of earth, in order to bring the sons of earth up to the standard, to the relationship of sons of God, God coming into man in order to link man to God.

The incarnation tells of the great longing of the heart of God for man to be near Him. Oh, how He loved Adam! and the sorrow when He lost his companionship! But God never rested until He had the second Adam, with whom He could have communion and fellowship; and because He had fellowship with Him, He can now have fellowship with every true believer and follower of His Son, who is a partaker of the divine nature. God and man reconciled! Great is the mystery of godliness; great is the wonder of redemption.

## JESUS HIMSELF.

Pastor J. Calvert Jeays

"And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him" (Luke 24:13-16).

The appearances of Jesus after His resurrection are very wonderful and precious, but surely this is one of the most precious. As the sad-hearted disciples walked to Emmaus they were talking of all the things that had happened at Jerusalem. Picture these disciples as they walked along with their heads downcast and their hearts full of sorrow. They never expected to see again the wonderful Companion that had been with them through the last three and a half years. Jesus had become dearer than life to them; they had believed Him to be more than a prophet, they had confessed Him to be the Christ of God. They trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel. They had thought the Messiah had surely come, but now to their grief He had been taken, had been crucified and buried, and all their bright hopes had been dashed to the ground. Oh, what sorrow! Try, beloved, to think what it would be to you if you received tidings now that what you had believed in concerning Jesus of Nazareth was not true, that Jesus was not living, that Jesus was not yours, that there was no Jesus.

It was just so with these disciples. They never expected to see Him again and so they went on their sad walk and the most consolation they could get was to talk one to another. They communed and reasoned together, but could not make it out. They remarked how mysterious it was, how strange that one that could do the things that Jesus did should be taken; that He that could raise the dead should be dead Himself. It greatly perplexed them that He that could perform such mighty miracles, even controlling the winds and waves, should fall into the hands of wicked men and be crucified.

"And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus Himself drew near." **Jesus Himself!** isn't that lovely? Will anything less than that satisfy your heart? No! doctrines will not satisfy the living soul. Will the Bible satisfy? No, not without Jesus. But Jesus, Jesus Himself! Hallelujah! Have you Jesus? Just those very words, "Jesus Himself," are food for our souls. "Jesus Himself drew near, and went with them." Do you not see that Jesus is just the same Jesus after His resurrection as before? He does not stand aloof from the disciples. They used to bring their sorrows to Him. Well, here He is drawing near in their sorrow. The enemy would like to get us to believe that Jesus, now in the glory, is somewhat different from Jesus that walked upon the earth; but as we read of Him after His resurrection we find the truth of the Scripture which says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He has not lost anything of that sweet humanity in which the Godhead dwelt, in which He walked upon earth, but He is the same. When His disciples were sad, Jesus did not stay away from them.

What was the cause of the sadness of His disciples? It was unbelief. If they had believed what He had said they would not have been sad. Unbelief is a robber, a terrible robber. It will rob you of all your comforts, of your joy, of your peace. I believe it is a more deadly enemy than all the devils. While these two unbelieving disciples were walking along and reasoning about it all, somebody drew near. Can't you see Him? I believe He caught up with them. They were walking and He walked a little faster and caught up with them. Oh, wonderful Jesus! He was risen now and could have flown, He could have taken a chariot; but because they were walking Jesus drew near and walked with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. Their hearts were full of unbelief and they did not know their Lord, though He was walking just beside them. We have been like that at times, unbelief has blinded our eyes. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not."

Just look how wonderfully the Lord enters right into their difficulties. It did not take Him long to join in the conversation; what they were interested in, Jesus was interested in, what made them sad touched His heart. And so He immediately addresses them with these words, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" He had marked their sadness. He marks our sadness. You say, "They ought not to have been like that." Yes, but notice the attitude of Jesus. Some people might have done a war dance around them and scolded. Jesus walked with them, inquired into it, and chided so gently. "And one of them . . . answering said unto Him, Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days? And He said unto them, What things?" Jesus knew all about it, but He wanted His disciples to tell Him. And you must do the same. When you are sad, go and tell Jesus. You say, "The Lord knows all about it." Never mind that, you go and tell Him. He wants you to tell Him; He likes you to open up the subject to Him. He wants to listen to you, wants to have communication with you. He knew about the disciples' sadness, but He wanted them to tell Him. There was a dear old lady that would always say to me when I went to see her, "The Lord said unto His disciples, 'What things?'" And that dear woman had an endless feast on those words.

"He said unto them, What things?" "They said unto Him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet." Jesus, a prophet? They had lowered their standard. While He was with them they said boldly, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," but now unbelief had come in and their standard was lowered. "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." A prophet was not enough for them, and it is not enough for us. This, then, was their sorrow, that their Messiah was gone. But He was walking along with them. That time when Jesus and Martha were walking along to the grave of Lazarus, Martha said, I know my brother will rise again in the resurrection at the last day, but that is a long way off, it is not much consolation. Was the resurrection a long way off? Jesus said, "I am the resurrection." Instead of being a long way off, the resurrection was walking along to the grave with her. That is just like us. We don't believe He hears our prayers; we think that He is a long way off. Unbelief can rob us of all joy, all peace and consolation.

These disciples amplified the matter and said, "Certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre, . . . saying, that they had seen a vision of angels, which said He was alive." A vision of angels! Well, that ought to have cheered up the disciples and satisfied them, should it not? No, they were not satisfied; they wanted more than that. Ten legions of angels would not have satisfied them. They wanted Jesus Himself. "And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even as the women had said: BUT HIM THEY SAW NOT." The angels did not satisfy, they want Him. If they could just see Him they would be content.

Notice how patiently Jesus listens till they get through the story. He could have interrupted them and said, "Don't tell me anything more of that rubbish." But Jesus did not do that. Are you not glad that you have Jesus to deal with, the patient Jesus? And so this lovely One, risen from the dead, walks along, bending His royal head to listen. The King of glory walks beside these two sad men to listen to their story of sorrow, and when they had finished He said, "Oh, foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe." Jesus touched the spot right away. He always does; He never misses the mark. Oh, foolish ones, what is at the bottom of your trouble now? It is unbelief. The question was once asked, "What would happen if we believed God?" And so Jesus said, "Oh, foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe most of what the prophets have said!" Oh no, that wasn't it. Oh, foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe some parts of Isaiah and parts of Jeremiah and a bit of Habakkuk, a bit here and there!" Send your Bible up to the higher critics and they will mark it for you; they will mark down how much you are to believe. No, no. Jesus said, "Oh foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe ALL that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Wonderful Jesus! Do you notice the seal He puts on the Book after His resurrection, the same as He did before He died. Paul said to Timothy, "Preach the Word." Spurgeon says, "God rides to victory best in His own chariot, and that chariot is His Word." Jesus expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself—not doctrines nor precepts, but Himself.

"And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further. But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us." Some people say it was not quite honest for Jesus to make out He was going further. I don't believe it. I believe He would have gone further if they had not asked Him to stay. Jesus likes to be invited. I advise you to give Him an invitation to come along to your house to dinner with you. He will come. When the disciples invited Him He did not say, "I have another engagement, I cannot stop now." No, He went in with them. Can't you see Him bending His royal head as He enters with them? He not only walked with these two sad-hearted disciples but He went in to have supper with them. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Ask Him in. But don't ask Him in like some people do. I have seen some people come in response to a knock, and open the door about three inches and say, "Who's

there?" Fling the heart's door wide open and say, "Come in, Lord Jesus."

"And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them." Jesus was always giving, wasn't He. He did not take bread and bless and eat it Himself; no, He gave it to them.

"Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word."

And so Jesus ate with them. He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight. Do you know Him? If you know Him, what have you got? Eternal life. "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." We will never get to the bottom of the fathomless depths of those words. Their eyes were opened and they knew Him. They had their Lord back again, Hallelujah! Rejoice with them.

Have you found Him? God cannot show you anything greater even when you get to heaven. You may see Him more clearly, but nothing greater. This salvation is so great that it could not be any possibility be any greater than it is. And they said one to another—they could not talk with Him any longer, He was gone, but they said one to another—"Did not our hearts burn within us?" Have you ever suffered from heartburn? When I get the right sort of heartburn I don't want any remedies. It is a remedy itself.

I want you to notice Jesus once more as He opened to them the Scriptures. He did not say, "Well now, My dear disciples, we used to deal in the Old Testament scriptures, but now we can leave all that behind. I am going to give you something fresh." Some people come along with a new revelation. Well, let them keep it, I don't want it. Jesus Himself is enough for me. When He rose from the dead He opened to them the Old Testament scriptures; He did not pull them to pieces and contradict them. And when God opens them up to you, you will see Jesus all through them.

After Jesus had appeared to the two on the road to Emmaus, they went up to Jerusalem in a hurry and found the disciples saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things were done in the way, and how He was known of them in breaking of bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." He did not say, "Why did you all run away from Me when I was going to be crucified? You are a pretty lot, to leave Me in the lurch just in the hour of My need." Oh no, He didn't do that. Jesus said unto them, "Peace be unto you." Jesus never comes to frighten you to death. The devil does that. It is not the Lord who agitates and distresses you. A dear sister in South Wales told me of two men and a woman that came to her house one day and sat down. They looked around disapprovingly at the furniture and in a little while the sister shut her eyes and began to prophesy. She said, "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." Then she went on to prophesy that they were to sell the piano. The lady let her finish and then quietly said, "Well, it does not belong to me, so I cannot sell it."

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### MEDITATION

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Keep moving. Stagnant water breeds disease.

A living thing is a thing of action, progress, and development. Where these are there is always a desire for more obstacles to surmount and more room for expansion.

There is animal life which when controlled by brute passion brings reaction, disease and death. There is child life, which, unchecked and misdirected, grows up to dissipation and useless motion. There is spiritual life, through regeneration, bringing oneness with God, flowing from God to His child as electricity flows from the higher to the lower potential. This divine life, as the power units, is constantly seeking expression through the human being as the channel or conductor. It depends upon the conductor as to the amount of power which may pass through it. This spiritual dynamic needs to be guarded against leakage, therefore it calls for proper insulation. The more power you carry the greater will be the responsibility, and the greater will be the service for good. Also the greater power, when not watched and properly directed, can do greater harm and damage. Therefore, the more power you carry, the larger the conductor called for, and, consequently, heavier insulation with firmer stays and support.

I wonder what would happen if all the energy and spiritual life now going to waste through short circuits and lack of proper insulation were turned into one united, well-insulated, high-duty line? The waves of spiritual life are of different length than those of the natural life. As sons of God we are in the Spirit, keyed up to the vibrations of the Divine Life. Therefore, we must constantly oppose the tendencies earthward, lest we drift into the sea of the natural senses.

To carry more power, then, we must increase the size of the conductor, namely, grow in spirit, that is, become enlarged in the spiritual man. This comes through spiritual exercise. To this end we need proper spiritual diet. We cannot think of having healthy spiritual life by eating everything that comes along simply because it may taste good or look fancy. We must learn to feed our spiritual man properly and regularly. Then exercise properly and regularly—the exercise of prayer and worship, faith and personal ministry. Weight-lifting is a good exercise. Assume some responsibility; in your home, in your church, in your community. Get under and lift something; help the pastor carry his load. Don't pile more on to him. Remember, I do not say, presume something, or assume to be something, but take some responsibility and hold to it. If you are one of "four,"

hold up your corner, don't drop it half way through. Exercise yourself unto good works. The only eating some folks do is in the church; the table d'hote service of the pastor, or the hash of the radical. The only exercise some folks know is moving a fan, adjusting the ventilators or looking at their watches, and between time nodding and bowing assent in the direction of the pastor, eyes closed, consciousness gone the while; or, neck exercise, craning to see who has come in late.

Exercise to keep insulated. I did not say insulted. The "a" makes the difference. Worldliness in all forms, uncrucified fleshly desires, personal aggrandizement, human efforts, etc., etc., ad infinitum, are conductors through which our spiritual life becomes grounded; so that, the nearer one gets to God, the more power on the line, the greater the need for heavier insulation; then keep hooked up. If there seems to be a break between you and some other conductor line, get the Holy Spirit on the job. He is a good lineman, and readily finds the leaks, peradventure we be willing and co-operative.

If somehow each one of us could assume the responsibility of keeping our connection with one another free from corrosion and rust, and allow the life flow to pass from one to another, the ministry all over will take on a glow of new energy surprising indeed. However, it is gratifying to know that all over the country this idea is more and more going into practice, and the saints of God who are looking for the coming of Christ are becoming prayerfully, not critically, concerned about their lives and also the lives of others. Our big job is to keep insulated, and then use the power for God in profitable service which, being properly controlled, will serve God and His kingdom best.

So, dear saints of God, let us keep moving. Yes, moving on up stream. Christmas day I drove the family out over these beautiful Ozarks, and, returning, we stopped at the State Fish Hatchery, and there stayed just long enough for the Lord to speak to my heart. I watched the beautiful trout as they played in that natural stream which flowed out from the mountain side from one of the great caves, in which these mountains abound. I watched the trout as they kept toward the mouth of the stream where the water bubbled and danced and sparkled; there they were, head up stream always, facing the crystal water as it poured over them. Brethren, are the fish, the ants, the bees, and similar creatures of God wiser and better than we? Let us face the New Year, God helping us, with a resolve and prayer to get closer together, more and more co-ordinated and united in our move against the enemy and for our God. Hold before God the needs of the missionaries and the Missionary Department. Remember the new Bible School building, still under construction, the brethren of the General Council office with all their duties and responsibilities, and keep in mind the Pentecostal Evangel, and help all you can by sending in new subscriptions, thus enabling us to press this message farther and farther.

God is working and moving in all the departments and throughout the whole field, and our hearts are encouraged by the good reports coming in from all over. Keep moving, beloved, and let us move on steadily and together. Amen.

"Though Christ can be grieved at a thousand things in us that no eye but His can see, yet none are so easily pleased as He by our little endeavors of love."

## JESUS HIMSELF

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man. He came round and said, "We have a dear woman who has the gift of prophecy and has gone to bed and we can't get her up or do anything with her. Will you come and see her?" Directly I was in her room the Holy Spirit so fell on me that before I knew it I was speaking in tongues in tones of thunder. I felt that God was rebuking her, but she took it otherwise. She went off into prophecy and was talking on and on about "My poor afflicted one," which was herself. The real prophets prophesy about Jesus. I said, "Lord, give me something to take hold of." Presently she said, "My poor afflicted one is the greatest of all My prophets." I said, "Are you the greatest of all God's prophets?" She said, "I did not say it, the Holy Spirit said it." I said, "Do you mean to say that God said through you that you are the greatest of all God's prophets? Jesus said that about John. But when they asked John who he was, he said, 'I am nothing, but a voice. If you want to know anything, behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.'"

I said to her, "No prophet in the whole of the Bible ever said such a thing about himself. I don't accept this as prophecy." She reasoned a bit, but finally said, "I don't want anything wrong." And so they were able to get her up and back into a sane mind again. The Lord said about some prophets, "I sent them not." You want to be a bit careful, the devil is full of tricks and snares. When the Lord baptizes us into the Holy Ghost He does not baptize our common sense away. He leaves us a little to get through with. The Word says to prove all things and hold fast that which is good.

Jesus stood in the midst of them and said unto them, "Peace." He is the Prince of Peace. Is there a troubled heart? Jesus says, "Peace be unto you."

They were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. He did not try to terrify them. He did all He could to allay their fears. He said, "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold, My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself." Just think what it meant when He showed them His hands. Has anybody ever seen a man with great rents in the center of his hands. It was as though He said, "Can't you remember what has happened? Look at My hands. Identify Me." Can you identify Him? Do you know Him? The Spiritualists say He never did die. They are liars. That isn't parliamentary language, but it is scriptural. Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, and was buried, and He rose again from the dead. I have known people to say, "The other Sunday night I was at your meeting and the next Sunday night I was at a spiritualist meeting." It sounds to me like, "One Sunday night I was in heaven and the next Sunday night I was in hell."

"And while they believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat?" "Can't you realize that it is I Myself?" Then they opened the cupboard and brought out some broiled fish and a piece of honeycomb. And just to comfort and reassure their hearts Jesus stood there and ate it. He spared no effort to convince them that it was their own Lord back with them, and thus He proved the greatness of His grace by coming down to their need; and we have the same wonderful Lord Jesus Himself. May we ever trust in Him. Amen.

## THE FIRST DISCORD IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In the sixth chapter of the book of Acts we are introduced to the first discord in the Christian Church. God had blessed the church; the believers were of one heart and one soul. Converts, as a result, were multiplied. Now we read, "There was a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations."

The Grecians comprised those Jews who lived among the Gentiles, spoke the Greek language, and read the Scriptures in the Greek, together with such Gentiles as were proselytes to the Jewish religion. The "Hebrews" spoken of here were those Jews whose homes were in Palestine and who read the Scriptures in the Hebrew tongue. These Jews of the land felt themselves better than their brethren who lived among the Gentiles.

It was regrettable that such feelings should exist before Christ came, but how much more that they should be found in the Christian Church, for which Jesus had died (thereby breaking down the dividing wall of national prejudice), and upon which the Holy Spirit had been outpoured.

The Grecians murmured. Money was the first subject of discord in the Christian Church. It has been the occasion of much evil since. But the deep-seated cause of this trouble was either envy on the part of the Grecians, or partiality on the part of the Hebrews. The disciples had brought their money and laid it at the apostles' feet. Were the apostles the distributors until now? If so, we have reason to believe they were still smiled upon by God, and their ministry was still wondrously blessed; therefore we should conclude they continued to distribute to every man according as he had need. If this be so, the discord was likely the result of sensitiveness and envy on the part of the Grecians. It is so easy to distrust when there has been a cause of distrust in times past. If the distribution had been somewhat entrusted to others by the apostles, one might conclude the feeling of "Hebrew" superiority was showing partiality, to the neglect of the Grecians.

The first discord was not an open rupture. It was, rather, an undercurrent of ill will—that is all—just a low-muttered complaint—only a grumble. But its results—how hindering. One of the regrettable things in the church is that friction exists, yet of such a character as to make it almost or quite impossible to get right at its roots.

The church could not progress until the discord was removed. To accomplish this, no effort was made to vindicate self. The apostles appealed to the people to select seven deacons. The multitude consented. Forbearance was shown. Love and confidence were restored. The murmuring ceased. Glorious revival power returned. "The word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."

Do you sense a lack of spiritual power? It may not be the fruit of great and open sin; it might be easier to handle if it were. Is there murmuring? Spiritual success depends largely on the cessation of such. The Holy Spirit is gentle and tender. He is easily grieved. Grieve Him not with an envious tongue—yea, grieve Him not, no not even with a murmur. God is waiting to open the windows of heaven; may He not be hindered with a hard, unyielding spirit—yea, not even by a murmur.

Ernest Williams.

## PERSIA'S OPEN DOOR

By Brother John G. Wharton, Who Expects to Return Soon to That Land as a Missionary

In Matt. 9:36 we read that when Jesus saw the multitudes He was moved with compassion on them. As He looked upon the people He was moved. Every person is moved by an object, by the force of a desire. The engine is moved because there is steam or heat in it. The love, the divine compassion was so strong in Jesus that it moved Him not only to feed and heal, but to do something more. He was moved to die for their sins. I trust the Lord will bring Persia before us in such a way that we shall be moved with compassion upon the millions there that do not know Him as their Saviour.

I came from the northwest of Persia, and there, as here, we have four seasons in the year. We have almost all kinds of fruit that you have, with the exception of grapefruit and bananas. When I first came to this country a friend gave me a banana to eat and I started to eat it, skin and all. When I had learned to peel and eat it I thought it was a cantaloupe.

Persia is one of the oldest countries on the face of the earth. Its history goes back thousands of years. Kingdoms and nations have risen and fallen, yet Persia has kept her independence. Why? Is it because of superior intelligence? No. The answer is in the Bible. God told Abraham He would bless those that blessed him, and cursed those that cursed him. Persia as a nation has been good to the people of God. It was the king of Persia that sent the Jews back to rebuild the temple. If you turn to Ezra 6:10 you will read that the King of Persia, in sending Ezra back to Jerusalem, says, "That they may . . . pray for the life of the king, and of his sons." I believe that Ezra and all those men of God prayed for Persia. God has heard their prayer and has kept that land and is going to send a great awakening, a Holy Ghost revival. May we Pentecostal people be the channel of that blessing!

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing,  
Only to sit at His feet;  
A broken and empty vessel,  
For the Master's use made meet:

"Emptied that He may fill me,  
As forth to His service I go;  
Broken, that so unhindered,  
His life through me may flow."

Persia has some interesting historical places. The old church in which I used to worship is built upon the grave of one of those wise men who saw the star and came to worship Christ. History tells us that those wise men were Persians. Apart from what history tells us, I believe they were Persians because at that time they worshiped fire in Persia. Fire was to them a type of the sun, and the sun was a type of the Light which was to come into the world. So when they saw His star they said, "The Great Light has come," and they sought to find the King of the Jews, the Light of the World, Jesus. Oh, can't you see how these poor people have for centuries been seeking light? And they are still seeking. They have lost the star of hope, but they are asking, "Where is the Light of the World?" Will you answer them?

"To the millions o'er the deep, deep sea,  
Speed the Light, speed the Light;  
To their cry of pity dare we heedless be?  
Speed the Light, Oh, speed the Light."

A little north of us on the frontier of Armenia and Persia stands Mount Ararat, where the ark of Noah rested. I remember when on my way to America, I turned my face toward heaven to see the top of that mount which is crowned with the blue sky. If you don't believe there was a flood just come with me and we will climb together to the top of that high mountain. When we reach the top you will see there some big shells which were carried there by the waves during the flood. Pick up one of the shells and hold it close to your ear and be silent. As you do so you will hear the sound of the waves from the inside of the shell preaching to you, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

A little south of us is the city of Hamadon in which is located "Shushan the palace," of which we read in the book of Esther. Shushan is a Persian word for lily, and it means the "lily palace." Here Esther is sleeping in her resting place, waiting for the resurrection morning. It was in this place that Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and many others travailed in prayer.

In the last part of the first century, or in the second century, Christianity entered into one part of Persia and was received by the people. It is supposed that Jude the apostle was crucified either in Persia or Armenia. But in the sixth or seventh century the awful Mohammedans conquered Persia and compelled the people to accept Islam (the Mohammedan religion), and if they refused they were put to death, for Mohammed forced his religion with his sword. His command to his followers is, "Go, compel them to accept me. If they refuse, kill them." If you doubt this statement then read the "Koran" (the Mohammedan Bible), or read "The Moslem World," by Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer.

From the time that Mohammedan religion entered Persia until today, Persia has been a Mohammedan country, and it is surrounded by Mohammedan countries. The government and all the political business is in the hands of Mohammedans. How little the Americans and Europeans know what that means! It is little better than slavery. No Christian is allowed to preach Christ openly to Mohammedans; but the Mohammedans are free to preach Mohammed. Before the world war it would have cost you your life to preach Christ in some places. The people are hungry, but the priests have kept them in darkness.

For centuries the Christians in Persia have been praying God to send a Christian nation to set them free from Mohammedan rule. They did not care which nation God sent, so long as it was a Christian nation. I remember when the Russian army came to our city. My! How happy we boys were! We jumped and danced around, for it meant freedom to us. When the freedom came the Christians began to hold street meetings and I shall never forget the first time I saw a street meeting. I stood with open mouth and folded arms, listening to what they were saying.

Just at that time God sent some Pentecostal boys to Persia. They were Persian boys that had come to America and while here had been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Thank God they caught the vision and returned with a vision. I call the Pentecostal people spiritual revolutionists, because wherever they go they start a spiritual revolution. The gospel message is not reformation, but revolution. George

Whitefield used to preach spiritual revolution and one day a friend said to him, "Brother Whitefield, I have heard you preach nearly a hundred times from the text, 'Ye must be born again.' Why do you preach so much on the subject 'Ye must be born again'?" Mr. Whitefield answered, "My dear brother, the only reason is because ye must be born again."

When these Pentecostal boys preached, the revival began, and many precious souls came to the Lord and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Just when many were ready to leave Mohammed and accept Christ the awful war came on and stopped the work. Then the Turks came to Persia and proclaimed a "holy war," which meant that they would kill all those that did not believe in Mohammed. The Christians were killed by hundreds and many young ladies were taken into captivity by the Turks. But thank God, the Turks are gone from Persia and once again Persia is open for the gospel.

Through the horrible massacres of the Turks the population of more than three hundred thousand Christians has been reduced to not more than twenty or twenty-five thousand. There is a great remorse on the hearts of some of the Mohammedans and they are seeking for something to satisfy them. A medical missionary desired to pass from one town to another, but could not go without a guard of soldiers to protect and guard him. As he passed by a certain church he saw a huge pile of bones in front of it. Turning to one of the soldiers with him, he said, "Can you tell me about these bones?" The soldier was silent for a moment and then said, "Doctor, I wish you would not ask me." But the doctor repeated his question. Presently the soldier said, "Do you think there is any hope left for the Turks? One day orders came to massacre all Christians. About three thousand of them, men, women and children, had gathered in this church. The soldiers came to the door of the church and ordered them all to come out. They told the Christians to say there was but one God and Mohammed was the prophet of God. There was joy on the faces of those people as they all lifted up their voices and said, 'No, we cannot go back on our Christ.' The command was given to kill them. The women did not scream. It seemed as though they were looking up into Someone's face. Since that day we do not know what it is to have a clear conscience, or enjoy sleep." Then the soldier added, "Doctor, do you suppose there is any hope left for us?"

Millions of souls are crying for the light. Oh how I have seen thousands of them cry aloud that Mohammed may forgive their sins, but their crying received no answer. They often take a sword and cut their heads, and blood runs on their faces and clothes; all this is done that they may obtain peace. But there is no peace outside of Christ. He alone can give peace. There is an awakening among them; they are seeking the light. Do you want to know how much the Lord is interested in their salvation? Do you want to know the love of God toward them? Then listen to this testimony of a Persian who was converted from the Mohammedan religion. I have taken this testimony from an address by Robert Speer, published in the Missionary Review not long ago. It expresses the longings of millions of Persians.

"I was in great doubt whether I should leave Mohammed and follow Christ, or should reject Christ and hold to Islam. I had been reading the Bible and was almost convinced that it was true, but I was not sure, and I did not want to make a mistake. If I confessed Christ, it might turn out in the end that Moham-

medanism was true, and if on the other hand I held to Mohammed, I might discover at last and too late that Christianity was the true religion. In this perplexity I asked God if He would not guide me by a dream. That night I dreamed I saw on the floor of my room the Bible and the Koran, and the Koran lay on top of the Bible. Suddenly, however, the door opened and an angel entered and walked across the room, and without stooping to touch it with his hand, brushed the Koran aside with his foot, leaving the Bible alone. So I awoke and knew that the Bible was the Book of God."

Another very prominent man's testimony is: "I was seeking peace and the true light. But I was not sure whether Mohammed or the Bible was right. Though I had read and meditated for a long time, I could not reach the final conclusion. I earnestly asked God to have mercy on me and show me the true light. That same night in my dream I saw a book open. On one page of the book the writing was about Mohammed, on the other page the writing was about Christ. A man with white garments came into the room and took red ink and covered all the page that was about Mohammed, but left the page that was about Christ. When I awoke I understood that Christ is the One that shall abide forever, and I gave my heart to the Lord."

There are thousands that are seeking, but don't know where or how to find Christ. Christ said that we are the light of the world; we must show them the way of salvation before it is too late. The Lord is willing to save them. May we all say, "Thy will be done. Here am I, send me." My dear wife and myself expect to leave soon for Persia, to lift up the glorious cross of our Saviour. Pray for us.

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"It is impossible for God to meet His saints in the way of fellowship, except in the path of obedience. When they are out of that path, He meets them with correction, in order to bring them into fellowship with Himself."

"Faith, which always acts according to the mind of Christ, stoops to no unworthy device for deliverance from trial, leaving consequences wholly with God."

## "MILLIONS NOW LIVING" ARE ALREADY DEAD

And will **die forever**—except they be pointed to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world"! (John 1:29; 3:16-18.)

But how can paralytic saints point dying souls to a living Saviour? (Psa. 51:12, 13.)

**Prayer cures paralysis!** Does not the Church need prayer?

**Pray for Revival!**

## Reports from the Field

**HELP WANTED**—Young or middle-aged single man, with some experience of building and keeping up telephones and lines, collecting rents each month, and very good in figures. Work very light. Must be a Christian with a clean life and good recommendation. No whisky or tobacco user need apply. Write Elliott and Bradley, Wesson, Ark.

**MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS**—We live 5 miles west of this place. There are very few Pentecostal people here and I do not know of any in Mineral Wells. But they surely do need Pentecost here. We came here about a year ago and found out that there was no mission nearer than Whitt, Texas; so we began to pray the Lord to send some one to start a work here. Brother Mason from Fort Worth held a revival a mile west of Mineral Wells. He began in a schoolhouse 4 miles west; but, after they had given permission for the meeting in the schoolhouse, the authorities said that they would have to move out. But thanks be to our blessed Saviour, we have a place now in which to worship. We ask the prayers of God's people for this place.—J. J. Walker and wife.

**STERLING, COLO.**—Please pray that the Lord will open the doors for the Full Gospel to be preached here. Evang. Irl Walker has promised to come and hold a meeting as soon as we can rent a hall, piano, etc. Many stores are vacant, but refuse to rent for meetings. Rental of others is too high, as we are the only Pentecostal people here. Sterling is over 5,000 population. It is 52 miles east of Fort Morgan, and 150 miles from Denver. Surely it is a needy field. I have every reason to believe that it would soon be a good mission. People are hungry. But recently a church member said to me, "I want to be a Christian, but don't know how." She did not even have a Bible. Another, an invalid, told me that no one, not even a minister, had ever called on her to pray for her.—Mrs. W. T. Russell, 426 Walnut St.

**PETERSBURGH, N. Y.**—Since last I wrote, from Garrison, N. Y., Mrs. Finch and I have been back up to W. Buxton, Me. We were up there 18 days this last time, and besides the regular meeting nights at the Free Baptist Church, and the Sunday meetings, we held meetings in Sister Irving's home for special Bible teaching. These services were well attended and the interest good, for which we praise God. Another Roman Catholic woman was converted and the one who was converted the other time we were in W. Buxton, received the Holy Spirit speaking in other tongues as He gave utterance. Several have been converted and reclaimed since the first meetings were held in October, and others requickenened and they are now ear-

nestly seeking the Lord for the Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Will some one who reads this account please pray that these people in W. Buxton may go on with God and that the interest created may continue. Several are not yet converted and some backsliders are interested, so much so that one man opened his home for a meeting and called in the neighbors to listen to the Gospel message. We are now in Petersburg, N. Y., with a little handful of Pentecostal believers with whom we had precious fellowship before going to So. China, in 1917. We are rejoicing in the fact that souls are being saved, believers baptized and healed. Hallelujah!—Clinton E. Finch.

**BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.**—Our Sunday school was organized last Sunday (Dec. 3), and notwithstanding the rain, we had 108 in attendance. We look for 200 next Sunday. My brother has recently returned from the Baptist College, where he studied for the ministry. Just after he returned he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He is now holding a meeting near here and many are being saved. They are to organize a Sunday school next Sunday (Dec. 9). Please pray for us that we may have an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is a new field, and the prospects are good for a good church; but the battle is hot, but we are crying, "Lord, send rain." Two have recently received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4 one of them a very prominent worker in one of the churches. After she received the Holy Spirit, she was informed that she was not wanted in the Ladies' Aid; but she is praising the Lord. Again I ask you to pray for us.—J. L. Nevills.

**MEXIA, TEXAS**—Since our last report the dear Lord has been doing some wonderful things in our midst, for which we truly give Him all glory and honor and praise. Since the District Council we have been having some evangelistic meetings and we can surely report victory in His name. 12 were saved; 12 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4; and 14 were baptized in water. Also there were many wonderful healings; among them a woman who had been sick since last August with appendicitis. The best doctors had said an operation was the last thing. She was not saved at that time but had been out to our meetings several times; so she sent her husband for us to pray for her. We went and anointed her with oil and the Lord healed her instantly. She got up, dressed, cooked supper, came to church the next night, was saved the following night, received the Baptism in the Spirit, and now she says she feels better than she has for many years. The doctors heard her testimony and a few days later met her on the street and asked her what we gave her; and she said, "Nothing; only prayed, and the Lord did the work." We came here last winter with nothing but a wife and 3 babies and a go through in my soul and my faith in the great God of the skies, with not a saint in town that was living the life and \$200.00 due

on the property; but the Lord blessed me with a job, and I went to work and paid the last penny; and now we are free from all debts and have 19 or 20 baptized saints and many others interested in the services, and some seeking the Baptism. When I came here the people said they wouldn't allow this doctrine preached here; but God said this was the place for me and being an oil field worker and converted gambler, it pleased Him for me to be here. We covet your prayers for the work here.—Chas. Weeks, pastor.

**CONNEAUT, OHIO**—God is blessing the work in Conneaut. Hardly a meeting that some one is not saved, and each week finds some one baptized in the Holy Spirit. Last Sunday night four were reclaimed at the altar. On Tuesday night in the prayer service, a young man 23 years old was saved. In last night's Bible meeting, a man was saved. Many healings taking place. Hall is packed each Sunday. We can seat only some over a hundred with comfort. Church people are coming in for healing, and all are seeking the Baptism in the Spirit. We tarry every Monday night, and the crowds are increasing at these meetings. We do not encourage any to come to these meetings except they mean business and want something from God. Please pray for the work for there is much opposition.—R. M. Shearer.

**CLEVELAND, ARK.**—I have just moved here from Humphrey, Ark. and have had a few days meetings. I am going to try to get the Sunday school started. There are a good many saints here, so we want to get ready for a revival when the weather gets better. Let all the family of the Lord pray that we may have a church in which to have a meeting. Pray that God will move upon hearts here.—D. W. Robinson.

### WHERE IS YOUR MONEY INVESTED?

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## DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

**Sunday:** "For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death" (Psa. 48: 14).

"On the threshold of the year,  
See, the Lord is standing near,—  
And thy heart forgets its fear  
In His smile.

Trembling soul! He speaks to thee—  
I Myself, thy guide will be!  
All the way is known to Me,  
Mile by mile."—Sel.

**Monday:** "Wait on thy God continually" (Hosea 12:6).

"This continual waiting is indeed a necessity. To those who are content with a feeble Christian life, it appears a luxury something beyond what is essential to be a good Christian. But all who are praying the prayers, 'Lord! make me as holy as a pardoned sinner can be made! Keep me as near to Thee as it is possible for me to be! Fill me as full of Thy love as Thou art willing to do!' feel at once that it is something that must be had. They feel that there can be no unbroken fellowship with God, no full abiding in Christ, no maintaining of victory over sin and readiness for service, without waiting continually on the Lord."

**Tuesday:** "They took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

I do not believe that it was especially their "mannerisms" nor their actions that left this impression with the rulers. Rather, perhaps, was it in their compassion mingled with the holy God-given authority. Does God not intend these two to go together after all; is not their source necessarily akin—a broken and contrite heart. Thence it is that compassion comes. And authority, or the power of the Holy Spirit in a life, can only come from a life subdued and endued with the fulness of the resurrected Christ.

**Wednesday:** "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

"Oh that happy secret hour I spend with Jesus—

What communion there have I with Christ alone!

How my heart is caused to burn  
By the lessons that I learn,

In that happy hour before the Father's throne."

**Thursday:** "The rebellious dwell in a dry land" (Psa. 68:6).

Rebellious! Ah, here is the reason for our bitter place, for our miserable dissatisfaction with people and conditions about us. We are chafing under God's will; we are refusing His gracious provision for our need; we disdainfully shun with an independent toss of our head the aid God is sending us for an hour of need; we strain at the fetters God has given to stay us from our feverish rush; we avoid the people with whom God has placed us to bring forth in our life a new

love and sweetness. We question God's mercy, God's love, God's wisdom. All this is rebellion. Dear dweller in a dry land, God does not want you there. His river is full of water; but remember the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. Break just now before Him and your parched and weary heart shall know the refreshing streams of God's abundant grace.

**Friday:** "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth" (Matt. 6:3).

"Who gives, and hides the giving hand,  
Nor counts on favor, fame, or praise,  
Shall find his smallest gift outweighs  
The burdens of the sea and land."

—Whittier.

**Saturday:** "Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy" (Psa. 33:18).

"Fear and hope are generally thought to be in conflict with each other. In the presence and worship of God they are found side by side in perfect and beautiful harmony. And this because in God Himself all apparent contradictions are reconciled. Righteousness and peace, judgment and mercy, holiness and love, infinite power and infinite gentleness, a majesty that is exalted above all heaven, and a condescension that bows very low, meet and kiss each other. There is indeed a fear that hath torment, that is cast out entirely by perfect love. But there is a fear that is found in the very heavens. In the song of Moses and the Lamb they sing, 'Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name?' And out of the very throne the voice came, 'Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him.' Let us in our waiting ever seek 'to fear the glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD.' The deeper we bow before His holiness in holy fear and adoring awe, in deep reverence and humble self-abasement, even as the angels veil their faces before the throne, the more will His holiness rest upon us, and the soul be filled to have God reveal Himself; the deeper we enter into the truth 'that no flesh glory in His presence,' will it be given us to see His glory. 'The eye of the Lord is on them that fear Him.'"—Andrew Murray.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

By W. R. M.

**Q.—**What does Paul mean in 2 Cor. 12:2?

**A.—**It is generally thought that the man here spoken of was Paul himself, and verse 7 certainly supports that view; and again, it was Paul, not some other man, who had the thorn in the flesh lest he should be exalted above measure. The third heaven is explained in verse 4 as Paradise (i. e., the abode of the departed saints). Paul was unable to say with

certainty whether he was present in Paradise as a spirit only (out of the body), or whether he was actually in his physical body there at that time. Clearly then, he had the use of all his faculties, the same as on earth. He mentions that he heard words, and the word "revelations" implies that he saw sights. Though he feels it necessary, for the sake of the Corinthians, to let them know that he too, had had stupendous revelations, he obviously does this with great reluctance, confessing that it is doubtless not expedient; but consistent with his determination not to boast, as others were doing, he studiously refrains from details, and passes on quickly to talk of his "thorn" and other infirmities. Here is a great example for us, who too often hasten to "broadcast" our visions and revelations. Paul's glory was in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fact that he himself, the chief of sinners, was permitted to bear a cross for Christ's sake. He did not boast of his mighty miracles, or spiritual gifts, or churches raised up, or revivals, or multitudes of souls.

**Q.—**Has a Christian scriptural grounds for carrying life insurance?

**A.—**Personally I do not think so, for "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom 14:23). This insuring is, to me, a product of unbelief and fear. It is, moreover, relying on the arm of flesh, trusting in a corporation mostly composed of unbelievers, to supply the temporal needs of those who remain behind when we die. We are not told to look for death, or to make provision for probable death, but to set our eyes on the Lord's coming. Can the one who pays the life insurance premium year by year, in case he should die, possibly have faith that he will be caught up when the Lord comes? Does not this payment give an absolute lie to the hope? And even supposing, that, by the mercy of God, the insured one is caught away in the Rapture, as he hopes to be, will not all the insuring be proved entirely vain, for most certainly no Insurance Society will ever pay out money without a medical certificate of death having been produced. It should therefore be our business to see that those dependent on us make their calling and election sure, that we may all be caught away together. While this is so, we are not prepared to condemn Christians who get their living as Insurance agents, nor those who view the matter differently.

**Q.—**Please explain the last clause of Rev. 19:10: "I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

**A.—**The angel refuses to receive worship, which, he says, is due to God alone. He is merely a servant like John himself. He calls himself John's brother, and in Rev. 22:9 speaks of himself as a prophet. They are prophets through whom the Holy Spirit utters the divine testimony to Jesus as the Son of God. The object of prophecy is to testify of Jesus, which is the Holy Spirit's chief function on this earth. All genuine prophecy will be uttered with this purpose and have this divine hall-mark (Pet. 1:10-12; 2 Cor. 4:5 etc.).

## "I am the Lord that Healeth Thee."

### TESTIMONY OF HEALING

I want to praise the Lord for healing my body. I had tried doctors for the past 5 years. One said Bright's disease; another said something else; but all failed to cure me. But I got right with the Lord, and He healed me. I want the prayers of all the saints that in some way I can do something for my Maker and lead lost souls to the Saviour.—J. C. Markin, Monette, Ark.

### HEALED OF APPENDICITIS AND ASTHMA

I praise our dear Lord and Saviour for His wonderful mercy to His children; for if it had not been for Him, I would not be alive today. About four weeks ago I suffered extremely from appendicitis. The Lord healed me. A week ago He healed me of asthma that affected my lungs.—Miss Erma Hahne, R. 4., B. 183, Turlock, Calif.

### CHILD HEALED OF PNEUMONIA

My 5-year-old boy took pneumonia and croup. He could not breathe. His heart was going so fast we could not count the beats. He was burning with fever and his eyes had turned glassy. This was at 12 o'clock. At 2 o'clock we sent a long distance telephone to Portland, Oregon, asking for prayer. Half an hour after the elder received the message my little boy looked up and smiled and said, "I am better." A little later he said, "Mamma, feel my face." It was cool. His words were, "Jesus healed me." He was so happy and bright. Praise be to the holy name of Jesus. We trust all to Jesus.—Lena Baly, Box 163, Astoria, Oregon.

### FRACTURED SCULL AND BROKEN RIB HEALED

March 27, while on my way to church I was run down by an auto and badly hurt—a rib broken, scull fractured and hip badly bruised. I promised the Lord that, if He would heal me, I would send my testimony to the Evangel. Well, glory to His precious name, in three days, without food or medicine, I came home, and in one week the Lord spoke to me and said, "You are healed." I awoke my husband and told him that I was healed. Next morning I got out of bed and have been healed ever since. Please pray for my hearing. I have been hard of hearing for 27 years. I know Jesus will heal me.—Mrs. Carrie Wagner, 1042 Freeman Ave., Cincinnati, O.

### HEALED OF AN INCURABLE DISEASE

I was saved about a year and a half ago and was healed of trouble in the back which I believe I received in the trenches in France during the World War. After I returned home I doctored with doctors and took 12 treatments from a chiropractor, but rather grew worse; so I went to a government doctor to be examined, and he sent me to a government hospital

in St. Louis, where several doctors examined me and took Xray pictures; but they could not locate the trouble. So, in two weeks, I returned home. I had a bad outlook on the future: an incurable disease and a family to support. A few months later we went to a Pentecostal meeting being held in a lodge hall; and there I was saved and healed of all disease. Praise the name of our Lord! And shortly after that I was baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire, and my wife also. **Later on the trouble came back, or something worse, thank the Lord.** Oh, yes, I give thanks unto the Lord for all things, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God; to them that are called according to His purpose," the fruit of the Spirit which our Lord is looking for. I got to imagine that I was like Paul and had to have a thorn in the flesh, like so many other people imagine. So I went on preaching the Word and praying for the sick; and many were healed; but I still had the oppressor in my body and **had to walk twisted, until I got ashamed of myself and got down to business and cried mightily to the Lord for a week, and finally got victory over the oppressor and got freedom.** Praise God forever. He does not want any of His children to suffer, but wants to "heal all thy diseases." I promised God to testify to my healing, but neglected doing so. Then our 3-month-old baby-girl had an attack of the flu and her lungs were full of cold. Then I promised the Lord again to send in my testimony, and He healed her instantly. Praise His holy name. He is the heavenly sunshine in our home and our all-sufficient Father. Pray for us.—V. Greisen, 715 S. Syc., Ottawa, Kansas.

### SPRAINED ANKLE HEALED

Praise the Lord, oh my soul! My heart is overflowing with gratitude and praise to my blessed Saviour because He has accounted me worthy to be one of His humble servants, and because His promises have never failed me when I took Him at His Word.

Last Wednesday evening, October 31, while descending a flight of stairs, I misstepped, badly spraining my ankle. I felt something snap in my foot as the forepart of my foot turned toward the heel. That night I suffered all the torture and excruciating pain that generally accompanies a bad sprain.

The next day, Thursday, my foot was stiff, swollen and sore, and I was unable to step upon it. However, I determined to take the Lord as my Healer, for I remembered that about two years ago I was unable to walk or wear a shoe for five long months as the result of a similar accident. That evening I sent in a request for prayer at a meeting of the Assembly. When I retired my ankle was apparently no better. I looked at my foot, which was swollen, stiff and blue and which felt about as it looked. Of

course, doubt then came on the scene and sought to destroy my faith in God, but Hallelujah, faith was victorious and I simply prayed, "Lord Jesus, heal this ankle for Thy name's sake. Amen."

The following morning this promise came to me as I awakened, "I am the Lord, that healeth thee." I arose and by faith, stepped upon my injured foot. Oh but it did hurt! I took another step—the pain was intense, but I said, "Thank You Lord, for healing me." I endeavored to put my shoe on and finally managed to do so, though with great difficulty. I stepped upon it again and almost immediately began to walk naturally. In a surprisingly short time my ankle was again normal, all the stiffness, soreness and swelling having disappeared.

Thank God for the privilege of worshipping the same Jesus who walked the shores of Galilee!

—Miss Olga Wennermark,  
1220 E. Orman Ave.,  
Pueblo, Colorado.

### HEALED OF ABSCESS IN THE HEAD

Eyes have not seen, neither has it entered in the heart of men what God our Father has in store for them that believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God. We never can give Him praise enough. I thank God for Jesus Christ who is all in all to me. He keeps me body and soul. I belong to the Pentecostal mission at Percy, Ill. where I went two weeks ago for healing. Brother Schell, who is holding a wonderful revival there, prayed for me and I was healed of abscess in my head, and to the Lord I give all the praise. There is power in the blood of Jesus. The field here is surely white and my prayer is for the Lord to send a Spirit-filled preacher here. We have a large farm house and the doors are always open to the Lord for his work. Amen.—Mrs. John Bearden, R. 1. Box 105, Harrisburg, Ill.

### HEALED OF ABSCESS

I feel that the Lord Jesus wants me to send in a few testimonies.

My little 8-year-old girl was very sick for a week. We did not know what ailed her until one morning a very large abscess appeared under her arm near to the heart. It was very dark and red. She cried day and night and could not move. My mother and another sister and myself got down beside her bed and prayed, promising the Lord that if He would heal her we would send the money which the doctor and the hospital would cost, to the orphanage at Assiout Egypt. Praise the Lord, she was delivered from pain and the next day the abscess disappeared without leaving a scar.

My husband was taken with lumbago; could not walk a step or move, and suffered agony night and day. He did not want us to pray for him, but had us send for the doctor. The doctor told him that when he was able to move he must come into town twice a week for treatment, which was \$5 each. He suffered such pain that he walked the floor nights. For four months he suffered agony beyond the power of words to describe.

but the doctor did not help him during all that time. So I wrote to Portland for prayer. He was delivered from pain and healed instantly. My husband did not know that I wrote for prayer, but he was healed. I thank the Lord.

My mother came from Portland on a visit. While here for a week she was taken with inflammatory rheumatism. Oh, how she did suffer! Again we wrote to Portland and asked the mission to pray for her. She was instantly healed. Praise be to His holy name.

A year ago I was a Catholic. I said that no one could change my belief. I thank Jesus that it is changed now. I did not know what a Bible was. I had never looked into one. We had a terrible skin disease, which we doctored for months, trying every medicine we knew; but no help came. My sister in Portland had sent me a little booklet on divine healing; but I had thrown it aside. But I had heard some one say that, when we are sick, we should call for the elders of the church. A brother came and the dear Lord healed me and my children of the terrible suffering.

For years I had suffered from chronic constipation. No doctor or medicine could help. All of my married life my husband's wages had been spent for the doctor and the hospital; but since I found the dear Lord Jesus I have been healed of that terrible sickness, and have no more doctors' bills to pay. Praise be to His holy name.

I have been in a mission only 4 or 5 times; I never hear the Word of God preached. I am not baptized in water nor in the Holy Spirit; but still am trying to live for God the best we know how. We get the Pentecostal Evangel through a lady who lives in our home. Pray for her.—Lena Bayly.

#### A GOOD TESTIMONY

I was saved 3 years ago in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and filled with the Holy Spirit 3 weeks later. Before I was saved my wife was given up by the doctors; but God healed her of an internal tumor and of TB of the hip which had caused her left limb to become 2½ inches shorter than the other. She had spinal trouble also. Brothers H. M. Cadwalder and Jack Saunders prayed for her and she was delivered from all. Glory be to God! That was what brought me to the Lord—seeing that the days of miracles are not past and that God is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. I was losing my hair, and I spoke to the Lord about it; now the hair has grown out again on my head. I want to be in the King's service at His feet until He comes.—Henry Otterson, Everett, Wash. Gen. Del.

#### A PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL IN A BAPTIST CHURCH

I was invited to speak in a Baptist church and as it was the day of Pentecost used that subject as a text. The Lord's presence was felt by the audience with some in tears. After the service the leaders in the church expressed that this

was the gospel that they wished to hear. At an official business meeting of the church a campaign of this nature was asked for and a date set.

The Lord honored the message from the first although there was some opposition. After some two weeks a real break came with many conversions and the power of the Spirit came upon several of the converts. A prayer list with some 35 or 40 seeking for the Baptism in the Spirit was laid before the Lord. The power of the Lord became most manifested in the afternoon prayer services. After some three weeks one of the best among the young people received a powerful Baptism in the Spirit and immediately became a good worker in helping the others. This made the others all the more hungry and shortly one after another came through until a total of seventeen received the full Baptism in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

It developed that many of these people including the pastor had been hungry and seeking for some years. But some over zealous and unwise baptized saints had given way to some unnecessary manifestations in their midst and this had effectually dampened their hunger and seeking.

From the first it was my personal decision that nothing but purely scriptural manifestations should be allowed and this was rigorously adhered to. One evening through some outsiders some peculiar manifestations took place which drove the spirit of prayer from all the seekers and killed the whole service. When those exercised were spoken to they refused to listen and became very fiery and wound up by trying to cast the devil out of me, accompanied with various maledictions saying that the Lord would smite me, etc. But the Lord seemed to especially honor the stand taken by me in a still more powerful way by sending His presence so that many felt the power of the Spirit upon their flesh during the preaching services. Beautiful manifestations began to come forth—several clear messages in tongues with their interpretations, which were in a measure prophetic, and which were fulfilled before the campaign was over. On several occasions real clear singing in the Spirit came forth and as only those who were under the power sang it was without a discord, and the most beautiful that I ever heard in 9 years of baptized ministry. This singing melted all who heard and most of them were in tears, and became the greatest evidence to all interested that God's Spirit was operating.

Spirit-baptized saints from various assemblies attended and were surprised at the combination of scriptural order and powerful presence of God's Spirit. Some of these went home and prayed down an outpouring in their own assembly. Several pastors carefully watched these meetings and as a result several other churches are asking for meetings of the same kind.

In this church the attendance has greatly increased in both Sunday school and general services and the prayer meeting sees a practically full basement. And

the power of God is still falling and those baptized in the Spirit are pressing on and becoming rooted and grounded and solid saints. Am at present in another church and God is working on even a larger scale. Many have been saved and over seventy are seeking the Baptism in the Spirit.—Frank Lindbald.

#### A GOOD TESTIMONY

I praise God for His saving grace. He has saved me and baptized me in the Holy Spirit. We have two little children, and they know nothing about medicine. The older one has been healed of sores on his little body and of many other things. I burned my foot with hot grease. A kind-hearted neighbor offered remedies, and said, "I fear that you are doing the wrong thing in not putting something on it." But God had the glory for healing the foot. He also gave me wonderful deliverance in childbirth. He spoke to me through His Word (Ps. 102:1, 2) just a short time before the child was born. Praise God. I have six brothers and three sisters unsaved, and I ask the Evangel family to join with me in prayer for their souls. Also pray that my husband and I will never fail to do God's holy will. Mrs. Stellar Ivie, 255 Vance Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Brother J. H. Law writes of his safe arrival in South Africa: "Just a line to inform you that we have arrived safely in South Africa. The voyage was a splendid one, except that we had a terrific storm one day on the voyage from New York to Liverpool. We left New York on the 29th of September and arrived in Cape Town on the 29th of October. We arrived just at the close of the annual convention of the Full Gospel Church and were received in a most welcome manner by the assembly in Pretoria."

#### DIFFICULTY PLUS NEED

Forrest G. Barker writes from Peru: "We have had a railroad strike for several weeks. The trains are running now, but the matter hasn't been settled yet, and the trains are derailed from time to time. We were certainly glad to get some Evangelists in the last mail.

"Two have been converted since I last wrote you and one of them, a man, has been baptized. Two young ladies are to be baptized soon. We are so thankful for the man's conversion for he is the first man who has been converted in our work in Huancayo, all the rest being young men less than twenty. The man is of the better class and has quite an influence. He comes almost every day for prayer. The work is getting along fine in Iscos.

"We feel that it is the will of the Lord for us to leave Peru in February. I am sure if the brethren could see the condition of Mrs. Barker's and Esther's health, they would not hesitate to agree with us that they should return. We are making no plea to any one for money to return and do not plan to do so, but are sure the way will be opened for us to go in February."

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

All offerings for Foreign Missions and for expense of conducting the Missionary Department, should be sent by Check, Draft, Express or Postal Money Order, made payable to J. Roswell Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., U. S. A.

### DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the North China District Council of the Assemblies of God, met at West City, Peking, Sept. 25-27 inc. A good representation of missionaries was present. From the report sent in, the Council is to be congratulated upon the good fellowship that prevailed and the splendid work done. Praise the Lord! God bless these missionaries.

### BIBLE SCHOOL

A compound of Chinese buildings located at Shih Chia Chuang was purchased for the purpose of conducting a union Bible School by the District Council. The school opened this fall with an enrollment of about forty students. Our beloved brother W. W. Simpson is the honored principal of the school. This has been a great need and we praise the Lord for it.

### A TIMELY WORD

A Pentecostal missionary, returned from Africa, sends us the following:

An earnest and loving appeal is prayerfully offered to the sisters of our Pentecostal assemblies in Christ Jesus, that since we are looking for our Lord's soon return from heaven, and are earnestly praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28), they will with united effort by the grace of God enter into a solemn covenant with Him.

(1) Not to adorn themselves with earrings, necklaces, rings or other ornaments of gold;

(2) With blouses that expose in any degree the back or chest, or with skirts immodestly short;

(3) That they refrain from the use of paint and powder, and from curling of the hair by artificial means.

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with gold, or pearls or costly array" (1 Tim. 2:9).

We hereby witness that we abhor from our heart the appearance of evil, and refuse to defile our bodies which are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and that we intend to be conformed not to the world, but to conform as believers to the standard of Christian women's apparel set forth in 1 Pet. 3:5 and 1 Tim. 2:9, and thereby seek to remove one of the stumbling-blocks which has justly brought a reproach upon us as a Pentecostal people.

Will pastors who feel concerned and grieved over prevailing conditions among professors of the Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Spirit read this appeal in their assemblies, and seek as the Spirit directs to stay the tide of worldliness that threatens to engulf and ruin this movement?

(Signed) A Member of the Body.

### NEW MISSION HOME

Sister Harvey from Nawabganj, India is offering the sacrifice of praise to God for a suitable home to shelter the faithful missionaries working at that station. This is a worthy cause and is a safe investment. The property belongs to the Assemblies of God. May the good Lord bless every giver to this worthy object, and give our dear sister such faith and praise that this home be a real blessing to the missionaries.

### BLESSINGS IN ARGENTINA

Miss Alice C. Wood in South America writes: "I just feel like praising the Lord that I can tell you that He is answering prayer, and we are all well here, going on in His work, seeing encouragements every day. He is raising up some young people who I trust are going to be good workers in His vineyard. Pray especially for Balvina Bustos, and Armando Zanini. The latter is a young man of twenty years, who was converted over a year ago, and still goes on faithfully. He is of Italian descent. His family turned him away because of his new faith, but he keeps true to God, though he has no home. He is a gardener, and works hard, but he always finds time to study his Bible and good books that I lend him. He would like to help me in the work altogether. He goes out distributing tracts a great deal, especially in the suburbs among the humble people who have not heard the Gospel so much on account of living farther from the mission. The people are asking that we open another mission in that part of the city. Brother Zanini would be delighted to take the services, and also to take an evangelistic trip with a vehicle among many of those families. Shall we pray and trust the Lord to give us the room for the mission meetings there? May the Lord have His way.

"Since my helper, Julia Urquiza had to leave to help take care of her sick mother, we have no organist. Balvina Bustos is a good sister, who would like to come with me and prepare for the work. I have long wished she could come and now circumstances seem to be shaping for her to come a little later on. She is poor and will need help. She can learn music, help me in Sunday and day schools, in general housework, visitation, etc. I feel happy over the prospect. Let us pray the Lord to have His way with her precious life too.

"Our people are learning to request prayer for healing more and more, and thank the Lord, He does not disappoint them. Several more lately have received a healing touch, and are praising the Lord continually. One precious young woman was healed of sore eyes two weeks ago and at the same time she gave her-

self to the Saviour. It is all through the grace and mercy of God. So let us continue to pray and trust Him for the full latter rain. There must be much sowing here of the good seed yet before we can expect to reap large numbers.

"I see I must again advise some of my friends to put only two cents on their letters to me from the United States. Those extra three cents would help to buy Bibles for the unevangelized. Last Sunday we took up an offering in our Sunday School to send to the International Association in this Republic for the extension of Sunday School work. It was a small sum, but our people like to help as much as they can."

### GOOD NEWS FROM PORTO RICO

Sister Lena Howe from Bayamon, Porto Rico writes: "The Lord is working in this country place. It is a great joy to me to see the work of the Lord in those who have never been taught the Way. Their joy is another joy to me. I go to Santurce quite often and after the holidays hope to be there part of each week regularly. The work of the paper and the treasurership keep me, with the other duties, quite busy. Mornings I give from two to three hours to dayschool work, which I will, however drop the twenty-first of December. I had thought of getting a Ford but have concluded I better not venture to that extent. We can get about by jitneys. The neighbors here in the country are very kind to take one in, and so far our feet are good. So we get on very well and if the Lord sends us one, we can reach many out of the way corners by and by. At present we leave it so.

"Brother Lucena is proving a man much blessed in his work. He is a plodder, a humble man.

"We are in the best of health, praise the Lord.

"I am about to experience the great joy of seeing one come to help who is a prepared worker, and to whom I took the first news of salvation. She is a woman of twenty-six years, converted in her island of Curacao, seven years ago. Some friends and a Pentecostal Mission or so in the east are disposed to help her. So she will not be a tax on the local assembly here. Her mother has been a great blessing to me during the last seven years, scarcely ever being away from me except when I have been North. How wonderful Jesus is!"

### WAVES OF REVIVAL

Miss Pauline Gleim writes of blessing in the Home of Onesiphorus, Taianfu, China: "Surely we can say as David, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.' We are so often apt to forget the benefits of the Lord, the way He undertakes for His children, supplying their needs, comforts and protects from danger, and that He is a very present help in time of trouble. We have realized the Lord working in our midst in a very precious way. Perhaps you have already read of His working power, but I would relate that we as missionaries have been broken up before Him. The Lord likewise began to deal with the

Chinese in a very precious way. A wave of conviction of sins swept over the compound. First a few began to repent, and before many days multitudes of the children began to repent and confess their sins. It has been so wonderful to see them humbling themselves before the Lord. The children have been so much in prayer, forming little bands and stealing away to pray whenever they could. The Lord has been manifesting Himself in a very precious way to the children. Many have had such precious visions of the Lord. Their prayers and utterances have been wonderful. The Lord has also been working more mightily for the sick. Of late there have been some healings here of those we could not seem to lay hold for the healing of some of the sores which have been so bad. But since sins have been confessed and there has been a drawing closer to the Lord the sores are rapidly healing."

#### A MIRACULOUS RECOVERY

Mrs. Joseph Sugar, who with her husband is laboring at the Sharannager Mission in India, was seriously ill and the brethren in India sent us a cable for prayer, stating her life was despaired of. All at the headquarter office took Sister Sugar to the Lord in prayer and faith, and God heard our united cry, for soon a second cable was received stating that Sister Sugar was out of danger. All praise be to our precious Lord, our Saviour and our Healer.

#### A BUSY WEEK

Miss Lydia Rediger writes from India: "This is a very busy week for us, as hundreds of pilgrims are passing through Basti daily to the Mela at Ajodhya, which is the supposed birthplace of their favorite god, Ram. We are having a very good hearing and God is blessing His Word. Many have never heard the message of salvation before and we realize what a great privilege is ours. We are believing Him for many souls this week. Continue to pray for us as we endeavor to bring the message to the people."

#### IN NEED OF FURLOUGH

Brother Barth Dean, Lucknow, North India writes: "Praise God He is faithful in supplying our need. He knoweth them that put their trust in Him. You will be pleased to hear that the Lord has called Brother and Sister Lindsay to Lucknow to help us in the work. Brother Lindsay will take over the work when we go home. We praise God for answering prayer and sending them to us in this needy field.

"We both feel that it is the Lord's will for us to go home in the spring, and we are looking to the Lord to supply the need. We both need a change. Especially my dear wife who has been on the field for eight years.

"We are thankful to the Lord for the nice cool weather, for we are able to do so much more in reaching souls with the gospel. We long to see greater things accomplished for God. We ask an interest in your prayers."

#### NEW CHAPEL

Thomas Hindle writes from Gashatay, China: "Mrs. Hindle and I have returned from a trip to the outstations. At Chong pe Hsien we had the pleasure of opening a new chapel building which we built at a cost of about \$600.00 Mexican. Mr. Chee, the evangelist in charge, has the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the work in this place."

#### ASSISTANCE OBTAINED

Brother L. G. Creamer writes from North China: "It has been some time since I have written, due to the fact that I have been very busy with the work and so much to see after.

"Since our Conference held in Peking, Sept. 25 to 27 inc., Brother and Sister Kvamme have joined me in the work and we are looking for the Lord to save precious souls. D. V., Brother Kvamme and I will leave tomorrow for Shih-Chia Chuang for the Bible School that opened this fall with an enrollment of about forty. Brother W. W. Simpson is principal. This has been a great need and we praise the Lord in making it possible to open this part of the work."

#### BLESSINGS IN VARIOUS FORMS

Sister Sara Coxie writes from Chapra, India: "Last month we had our Indian Christian Convention at Bara Banki. Mrs. Schoonmaker was in the hills and I was here all alone with the Indian Christians. I did want to go as I had never been to an Indian Convention in Pentecost, so I took all our Indian people and went. It was a time of blessing and refreshing. Miss Lee said several times that the unity among the missionaries and Indians was very marked and very sweet. There was no wild demonstration, but the Spirit of God was in and on every meeting. Two of the Indian preachers got the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and they were so happy they just laughed and laughed. One, out of sheer joy, kept greeting us all. I tell you, 'this is that.' There is nothing like Pentecost.

"We are expecting reinforcements as soon as they can get the money to get back. Brother and Sister Timrud, and Miss Personous feel led to Chapra. We are so glad for we simply cannot carry all this work, and we want all three for the district work. I shall praise God when Mr. Timrud gets here to relieve me of the building work. It is a man's job alright. The political upheaval and changed condition of India make that sort of work hard for any woman. I do wish the Lord would raise up somebody to help these dear ones out to India. We are longing for their help.

"On Tuesday I am off to Jennie Kirkland's wedding, and when I get back I shall, D. V., go on to Cawnpore for the Ford. Mr. Thomsen has promised to get it for us, and also to drive me home as he has never been to Chapra. We are full of praise to God for letting us have it, for it is one of our greatest needs as we are constantly receiving calls that we cannot fill because we have no conveyance to get us there. Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

#### NEW OFFICERS

Brother J. Rutherford Spence from South China writes: "At present we are holding special meetings at Shiu T'ong. They are being held in a large temple given us free. It is well built and has many rooms suitable for school rooms, etc. We have been using them to sleep in though they are very damp. It does seem strange to stand up and preach the Gospel in the very place where before the devil was worshipped and if one were at all superstitious it would interfere with one's sleep as it could easily be imagined that the place was full of demons, it is such a large dreary old place. But the Lord 'giveth His beloved sleep.'

"From the first crowds were good, about three hundred coming every day to hear and though they are attentive it seems hard to get them to come to a decision. We are planning a baptismal service for Sunday. God is calling out a people for His name in South China. We had a week's meetings at Sz O oi where there is a spirit of revival and where we baptized five fine young men. Over twenty are waiting baptism at Wait-sap. The Lord is wonderfully blessing.

"We are praising God that help is coming. Open doors are all around us, in fact, just the other day one of our preachers got word that at Siu Lam, a large market town, there were some Christians, and they would be glad to help towards expenses if we would only open a Mission that they might have a place to worship and in which to hear the Word.

"Prayer is asked for my wife whose health is far from well. She really ought to be home on furlough."

#### THE MEXICAN PRESS FUND

Some interest was aroused in the need of the Mexican work for a press some months ago, and in answer to prayer a goodly share of the money was forthcoming and the press is now installed and was used for printing the first edition of the Spanish Pentecostal paper in December. The press is not all paid for, however, and it is hoped that this small debt can be wiped out completely before long.

Brother H. C. Ball also reports that progress is being made toward a home for the Spanish printing plant and the school for the training of Mexican workers. No appeal was made for means to purchase a lot on which to build the needed buildings, but the local Mexican church in San Antonio bent under the burden and have been doing their best to make the building possible. They purchased two lots near the church, costing \$510.00, and all of the price has been paid with the exception of \$150.00. They hope to clean this up shortly.

No appeal has been made by the Mexican missionaries for this need, but anyone who feels the burden of this precious work on their hearts and want to help with their means will find that the help will be gladly received. The printing plant and school for the Mexicans will belong to the Assemblies of God.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**WEST TULSA, OKLA.**—I praise God that Pentecost has not ceased yet. Twenty-five prayed through in the old-time way and 16 received the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance; several were healed of diseases; and the saints are in unity and have much determination to go through. Brother J. O. Warner is preaching for us now. God has used him in a wonderful way to get the precious Word to lost men and women. Pray for us. Meeting closes Dec. 9.—Pastor S. J. Berryhill.

**MADISON, ILL.**—A 3-week evangelistic campaign conducted by Evang. Silas K. Biffle, closed here Sunday night. It was a hard battle but the Lord gave the victory. Praise His name. There were large crowds at nearly every service, and fine attention was given to the messages of the evangelist from the Word of God. About 20 souls received the new birth, 3 were reclaimed and 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and many testified to the healing power of the Lord. All the glory and praise be unto Him.—Lovely King.

**WORCESTER, MASS.**—In the last few weeks God has been pleased to baptize many dear ones in the Spirit. Over 17 have joined our little church and the other day 9 were baptized in water, five of whom were Catholics and one a Salvation Army brother. God is surely visiting Worcester and the dear ones are looking up and expecting greater things from above. The people are coming and the response is blessed. The altar services are very encouraging when you see it filled with those who are hungering and thirsting for more of God.—Meyer Tan Ditter.

**PLAIN DEALING, LA.**—I want to praise my blessed Saviour for the way He is saving souls and filling them with the Holy Spirit. Brother Terry and myself and workers held a meeting at Flat Creek, closing November 18, and resulting in 17 souls being filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and 6 saved. On November 21 we began a meeting at Ben Lomond and continuing to December 3. Here 26 were filled with the Spirit and 12 saved. I praise the Lord for all, and ask prayer for my band and myself.—Evang. C. L. Windind-sor.

**EDWARDSBURG, MICH.**—Our Sister Mabel Pangborn came to us on Dec. 2 for a week of meetings. The blessed power of God was manifested in each meeting. Saints were built up and drawn closer to Jesus and a sister 72 years old and blind was saved and shouted the praise of her Redeemer. She was prayed for also for healing and could see the light after prayer. Pray for us here. We have no leader, but Jesus.—Mrs. Adie Van Alstine.

### NEW EVANGELISTIC PARTY

Brother Henry Hoar of Kansas City, Kansas, asks us to announce the marriage of his daughter, Sister Vera Hoar, who for four years has been in evangelistic work, to Brother Raymond Spencer of Kansas City. Brother and Sister Spencer, with their co-worker, now travel as the "Spencer Evangelistic Party," and can be addressed c/o Brother Hoar, 258 N. Early St., Kansas City, Kans. They have launched a campaign at Joplin, Mo.

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**—God is wonderfully blessing our street service. We thank God for how wonderfully He uses the tracts we give out. Last Tuesday night Brother Wilder's prayer band came over to visit our assembly. Oh how the power of God did come down, all of us being in one accord and with sweet, divine love one for the other. We ask prayer, for we all want to have a revival spirit in our midst.—Edna B. Williams.

**PITTSBURG, KANSAS**—God has blessed us in Pittsburg. Brother W. H. Law, of Texas, held us a 3-week meeting in which 21 souls prayed through to God, 12 receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit just as it fell in the beginning. And all the saints were strengthened with a new determination to fight the battle to the end. There was a real work done for God here, for which we give God the glory. We earnestly desire the prayers of God's children everywhere that we may always be filled with the Spirit of the living God.—Marie Frederick.

**WALDRON, ARK.**—We praise God that souls are being saved, healed and filled with the Spirit in our regular services here. Last August, Brother Walthall, our Chairman, sent the State missionaries here and we had wonderful results. The assembly was set in order with 61 members. Last Friday night an elderly gentleman, about sixty years old, wept his way through to victory and went home shouting the praises of God. On Saturday and Sunday Brother Walthall was here and gave very helpful messages. On Sunday night at the close of the service, after a message given by myself, one old gentleman of sixty-one years came to the altar for the first time in his life and wept his way through to old-time salvation. His wife also came rushing to the altar. She was so stiff with rheumatism that she could not kneel. She threw herself upon the altar and with hands uplifted praised through to the Holy Spirit Baptism, speaking in other tongues. The Lord also touched her body and took all the stiffness away, causing her to leap and dance like a sixteen-year-old girl. She was nearly sixty years of age. Waves of glory swept over the audience and we had a real blessed time. Hallelujah!—Mrs. M. E. Lawrence, pastor.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—We have just closed a 3-week revival in North Venice, Ill. The Lord was there in a remarkable way, and His power was truly in our midst, Hallelujah, for souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and sick bodies were healed. We are now in St. Louis in a revival Campaign at 2738 Chouteau Ave. This is a new Assembly of God mission. The revival has been going on three nights, some have prayed through to the Baptism in the Spirit. We feel that God is with us in this undertaking. There was much need of an assembly in this part of the city. Pray for us and the meeting.—S. K. Biffle and wife, 1616 Park Ave.

**CEMENT, OKLA.**—We are still enjoying the blessings of our dear Saviour, and we are thanking Him for sending Brother Juergensen and his daughter, Sister Marie our way. They came on Thanksgiving Day and it was truly a thanksgiving. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Sister Marie Juergensen delivered an inspiring message, after which Brother V. K. Fries, Business Manager with the Clark evangelistic party, made an appeal to the congregation (which was made of Cement and Cyril saints) for an offering for the missionaries, to which they graciously responded to the amount of \$102.90. I want to say that we Oklahoma and Texas people have hardly been treated fairly. We have been told that missionaries have been discouraged from coming our way, by being told that they would hardly get railroad fare. I thank God that Brother Flower advised these missionaries to come this way, and I feel that God will be glorified in their coming. And I want to say also that, though we are not blessed financially as are our northern brethren, missionaries will always find a hearty welcome at our place, and we will do our very best for them. We covet the prayers and co-operation of all the Council brethren and sisters, and will say in conclusion, may God bless the missionaries.—Roy L. Steger.

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**WILLOW SPRINGS, MO.**—We have just closed a 12-day meeting at Bunker, Mo. The church was revived and built up; 2 confessed faith in God; 1 woman with TB claimed a wonderful touch from the Lord. I found a precious band of saints at Bunker, looking for Jesus to come and hungering and thirsting for God's best. Any one holding papers with the Council will be welcome at this place. The saints at Willow Springs have called us to pastor the work there for another year. We praise God for the way He has blessed our work in this place. We had a hard pull last year, but the Lord has led us to victory. About 80 were saved during the year, and about 30 received the Baptism according to the pattern. Hallelujah! To Him be all the glory and the honor. Some of this number have fallen by the wayside; some have gone to other parts; some are in our midst praising God and looking for Jesus to come. We expect, the Lord willing, to start a series of meetings the first of the year, to go on as long as the Lord leads. Brother Bert Talcott and Sister Lillie Dunn are spoken for as evangelists to help us. We desire the saints everywhere to pray for these meetings that they may be the best the town has ever had. Any one in fellowship with the Council will be welcome to stop off and see us.—Chas. Woolridge and wife.

**TOLEDO, OHIO**—The Lord worked in a wonderful way. Sister Etter preached the Word with power and the Lord confirmed it with many signs and wonders. Quite a number were saved and healed. Some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. A lady came to the meeting who had had a broken hip for 9 years. She was prayed for and the Lord healed her. She threw away her crutches. A week later she came back and told what the Lord had done for her. She had no need of any crutches. She said her limb was one inch longer since she was prayed for. She belonged to the Salvation Army. She had given her testimony there of what the Lord had done for her.

A Catholic lady, Mrs. E. B. Huerd, 1638 Wayne St., Toledo, Ohio, gave a testimony as follows: "I suffered from a tumor on the back of my neck for 20 years. I have had some of the best surgeons in the U. S. A. examine it and they all told me that it would be impossible to remove it as it was right on the jugular vein. For the last five years my arm has been paralyzed. I also had hardening of the arteries. Sister Etter prayed for me and thank God, Jesus healed me. The tumor is gone and I can use my arm. I always believed in Jesus, but I believe in Him more now."

A sister testified that she was instantly healed of neuritis. She had had an operation but did not receive any help. The Lord instantly healed her. A mother testified that her little son, who was almost blind, received his sight. A Catholic priest attended some of the meetings and was very much interested. It was remarkable how the Lord used Sister Etter and gave her strength and power to preach the Word, and pray for the sick.—A Worker.

**CONNEAUT, OHIO.**—We labored two weeks during the months of October, in Bolindale, Ohio. Meetings were held in the auditorium of a large school. Bolindale is just on the outside of Warren, and has been a very neglected place. No churches out there at all. The meetings were well advertised. Much prayer had gone up from Brother Baker and his wife, who had been holding Sunday school out there for several months previous to these meetings. From the very first night, God saved souls. During the two weeks that we ministered, we saw 56 souls weep their way through to God. Each night after the service, found the altar wet with tears. Men and women were delivered of their evil habits, and many were healed. One small boy 12 years old, who had worn thick glasses for 8 years, was healed and has not worn his glasses since. Another woman believed God for her eyes and was healed. Thirty were baptized in water, and now all are seeking for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and are receiving. We go down every two weeks and help, as the Lord leads, in the tarrying meeting. One night, the Lord gave prophecy to one of the young men that had been saved from sin, and the people listened with wide-open mouths, as he gave forth the Scriptures along certain lines, and also prophesied. He had never read the Bible in his life or studied it. Wish all the saints would remember Bolindale in their prayers.—Brother R. M. Shearer.

**VERNON, TEXAS**—There has been a little bunch of saints at this place since 1914. We have not expanded very much, but have had lots of experience contending for the faith. In 1920 we built us a nice little house in which to worship the Lord. The lots and building cost us nearly \$3,000. We still owed \$760 on it which we could not pay. The man whom we owed sued us last September, secured judgment against us, and sold the place at sheriff's sale on the first Tuesday in November. On that very day the Lord sent a man to Vernon who bought the church and gave it back to the assembly. None of the church people knew that he was in town. The man was Mr. C. D. Shamberger of Wichita Falls, Texas, who owns a big lumber yard in Vernon, also one in Wichita Falls, and others in other places in West Texas. The total amount, including all costs, which Mr. Shamberger paid was \$920.60. We are persuaded that the Lord was in the transaction, as not a member of the assembly knew a thing about it until Mr. Shamberger made the statement, when he went to make his bid on the property, that he would buy it and pay for it and give it back to the church. Brother T. D. Thompson is our pastor, and a good one he is, and we hope that we can keep him as our shepherd. Sister Cornelius of Electra was with us and preached for us the first Saturday night and Sunday of December. Brother Joe Grubbs of Electra our presbyter for this district was with us the next Sunday, also Brother Toler and Brother Scarbrough. We enjoyed their visit very much.—E. N. Roundtree, Sec.

## Forthcoming Meetings

**REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT MIAMI, FLA.**  
Beginning January 18 and continuing as long as the Lord leads. Special services of prayer for the sick.—Evang. J. William Bostrom and Party.

**MISHAWAKA, IND.**—Evang. John H. Bostrom will conduct a Revival Campaign at the Assembly of God, Mishawaka, Ind. (6 miles east of South Bend), beginning Sunday, January 6. Great things are expected from God. For further information write Pastor W. A. Kersch, 233 N. Main St., Mishawaka, Ind.

**EATON, OHIO, EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN,** corner Main and Barron Sts., January 10 to 21. Evangelist J. Clark Soules and wife in charge. Special prayer for any sick who desire healing from the Lord. For information address E. O. Lockwood, or J. M. Marsh, 707 N. Maple St., Eaton, Ohio.

**SHAWNEE, OKLA.—AN OLD-TIME REVIVAL** will begin January 1, 1924, in CONVENTION HALL, said to seat 4,000, largest auditorium in the city. It will continue three weeks, all three assemblies uniting for a campaign which promises to be the greatest in the history of Shawnee.

Evangelists Earl W. Clark and Buella O. Clark with party, will be in charge. For further information address F. E. Conrad, 423 S. Louisa St., Shawnee, Okla.

**MC ALESTER, OKLA.**—A big evangelistic campaign for lost souls, conducted by Evangelists Earl W. and Buella O. Clark and party, in the M. E. Church (seating 1200) in the center of the city, beginning January 25 and closing February 25. Saints in the surrounding community are urged to attend and help in the salvation of lost souls. Bring the sick. For further information address J. W. Hudson, Savannah, Okla.

**UPPER ROOM MISSION, SAN JOSE, CALIF.**  
Our new tabernacle at 4th and San Antonio Sts., will be dedicated, D. V., January 5, 1924, at 2 p. m. Brother R. J. Craig of San Francisco will deliver the dedication address. On January 6, Brother J. S. McConnell will open an evangelistic campaign lasting during the whole month of January, with services every afternoon (excepting Monday) and every evening, and three services on Sunday. Come and rejoice with us during these times of refreshing.—M. Friemark, Pastor.

### REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AND MISSIONARY CONVENTION

January 1 to 27, at the Assembly of God, Sherburn, Minn. Evangelist Mae Eleanor Frey is going to be with us for this campaign. People will be in attendance from far and near. Special Divine Healing services will be conducted throughout the meetings. The last week of the campaign will be given over to missionary work. Brother George Kelly and wife from South China will be with us for that part of the campaign. We are also expecting Brother Welch to be with us for a few days. We are anticipating a great time in the Lord. Will try to arrange accommodations for visitors. For further information, write Willard H. Pope, Pastor, Sherburn, Minn., Box 51.

**KANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCE** February 15 to March 2, at the Assembly of God Church, 7th & Riverview, Kansas City, Kans. Brother and Sister D. W. Kerr in charge of Bible conference, assisted by other workers. We expect all the Kansas District preachers and workers to come to this conference, that we may "study to shew ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed." Let each assembly take an offering for the pastor's expenses. Entertainment will be furnished free to all ministers, and accredited workers. This Bible conference is for all the saints. We will have a list of rooms at reasonable rates. For further information write to Fred Vogler, Wakarusa, Kans., Chairman Kansas District.

**FIRST PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE, MD.**, to be held under the auspices of the local Full Gospel Church, at the West End Theater, cor. Baltimore and Gilmore Sts. and Frederick Ave., January 4 to 13 inclusive. Speakers: Brothers Joseph Tunmore, of Pittsburgh; Robt. A. Brown, New York; William Cox, Wilmington; and J. E. Kistler and wife, of Chambersburg, Pa. Other brethren are expected from nearby points. Saints everywhere are earnestly requested to pray fervently for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit at this time. The need is great.—E. F. M. Staudt, Pastor.

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 14.00: Strain Assembly Elmont Tex  
 11.87: S S & Y P Band Wesson Ark  
 11.50: C S B Onalaska Wash  
 11.47: Assembly Yakima Wash  
 11.00: A T U Great Bend Kans; W H Perks Ill  
 10.50: Pent'l Mission Pattonsburg Mo  
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 9.00: J M K Oneonta Ala; Mrs H F Calistoga Calif  
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 8.50: Assembly Kingsport Tenn  
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 6.50: W R & Mrs C Winfield Kans  
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 2.20: E G J Cleveland Ohio  
 2.10: J C M Almona Kans  
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