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## Christmas Gifts



"Thou hast received gifts for men."—Psalm 68:18.

Christmas gifts for thee,  
Fair and free!

Precious things from the heavenly store,  
Filling thy casket more and more;  
Golden love in divinest chain,  
That never can be untwined again;  
Silvery carols of joy that swell  
Sweetest of all in the heart's lone cell;  
Pearls of peace that were sought for thee  
In the terrible depths of a fiery sea;  
Diamond promises sparkling bright,  
Flashing in farthest reaching light.

Christmas gifts for thee,  
Grand and free!

Christmas gifts from the King of Love,  
Brought from His royal home above;  
Brought to thee in the far-off land,  
Brought to thee by His own dear hand.  
Promises held by Christ for thee,  
Peace as a river flowing free,  
Joy that in His own joy must live,  
And love that Infinite Love can give.  
Surely thy heart of hearts uplifts  
Carols of praise for such Christmas gifts.

—Francis Ridley Havergal.

## --:-- THE MESSAGE OF THE MANGER --:--

The Blessedness of Humility

I invite my readers today once more to enter with me into the life, and death, as well as the birth, of our Saviour, and to learn their lessons of humility and truth. First of all, He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. No earthly king's palace can ever be looked upon as the home of Christ's birth, for there was room for Jesus neither in the inn nor in Herod's princely home; but the little heavenly Stranger first opened His eyes in the humblest shelter the earth had to offer.

His life from the manger to the cross was spent in the most humble way. We read that as a child He was subject to His parents. He lived in a humble home, ate humble fare, and associated with a lowly class of people. As a young man and preacher He still clung to the humble life, choosing some of His followers from among the poor fishermen. While others had homes, He had not where to lay His head. Wherever He went the homes of the wealthy were nearly always closed to Him, while the common people heard Him gladly. Through His entire lifetime He taught lessons emphasizing humility. At one time He called a little child and set it in the midst of the people, saying, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

When the Canaanite mother came to Him in behalf of her daughter, it was not until the woman proved her humility, as well as her faith, that her daughter was healed.

In the beatitudes, the first blessing was pronounced upon the poor in spirit, or the humble ones; and one of the last lessons Jesus taught His disciples when He washed their feet was a lesson of humility. Meekness, as well as intense suffering, marked our Saviour's death. "He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare His generation? for He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of My people was He stricken."

The Master plainly told His followers that, if they would be His disciples, they must take up their cross daily and follow Him, showing that humility was always the stepping-stone to higher things in the Christian life. We love also to think of Mary, the mother of Jesus: when the angel Gabriel came to her with the astonishing declaration that she was to be the mother of the long-promised Messiah, her faith and humility were both manifested. She did not, like Zacharias, disbelieve the message of the angel, but humbly replied to his words: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word."

To her cousin, Elizabeth, she said: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden. . . . He hath shewed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away." To face the suspicions of the people around her before the Master's birth must have humbled her soul to the dust; but had she not been above the average godly woman of those days God would not have chosen her as the mother of His only Son.

Wherever we read anything concerning Mary, her wisdom and humility are manifested. When the people wanted wine at the marriage at Cana, she spoke to the Lord about it. He answered her in such a strange way: "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come." She said to the servants, not even questioning the Master as to the meaning of His words, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." We read, "Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart." Wonderful woman, strong in faith, wisdom, and humility. The truly great must possess all three.

To approach God at all one must first be humble. "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. . . . Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." One must have faith to believe that "He is a rewarder of all them who diligently seek Him;" and those who lack wisdom enough to keep God's secrets, and their own also, He cannot trust largely in His work. So I thank the

Father today for the life of Mary, as well as that of Jesus, for I can learn so much from her example, also.

Zacchaeus humbled himself when he climbed the sycamore tree before the crowd of people that he might see His Lord; but he humbled himself still more when he gave half of his goods to the poor, and straightened out his past life: "If I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." It often takes much grace to make restitution to our fellow-men. It is humbling to the flesh to confess wrongs one has committed while leading a life of sin, to ask for forgiveness of those we have wronged, to sometimes return stolen articles, or pay debts of perhaps years standing; but this is the way of blessing, and no one will think the less of anyone if, after committing a wrong deed, he honestly confessed it. If we wish the Christ-child to abide at our home, as He did at the home of Zacchaeus, we must follow in the same humble path.

### WHY CHRIST WAS BORN

The Holy Son of God most high,  
For love of Adam's lapsed race,  
Quit the sweet pleasure of the sky,  
To bring us to that happy place.

His robes of light He laid aside,  
Which did His Majesty adorn,  
And the frail state of mortal tried,  
In human flesh and figure born.

The Son of God thus man became,  
That men the sons of God might be,  
And by their second birth regain  
A likeness to His deity.

Henry Moore.



The rich man who came to Jesus with the question: "What good thing must I do to inherit eternal life?" received for his answer a severe test in humility. "If thou wilt be perfect, go, and sell that thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven, and come, follow me." He went away sorrowful, not willing to pay the price.

Peter, while he had a high opinion of himself and of his strength to conquer, amounted to comparatively little. When he told the Lord he would never deny Him, he was honest in heart, but had not yet gotten beyond the "I" point in his life. This had to be taken out by the hardest experiences, before God could greatly use him. We can imagine how his heart was broken at the Master's look of rebuke after he had denied Him, and how he must have rejoiced when the angel brought the joyful news: "Tell His disciples **and Peter** that He goeth before you into Galilee," for these words meant full forgiveness for Peter. But he had yet many lessons to learn. The bright hope of the disciples had, seemingly, at one cruel blow, been swept away. The Master they had loved and trusted, had been put to a terrible death. What could they do? Should they keep on working miracles, following what could be to them now only a farce? or should they choose some other occupation?

Peter solved the question first, and passed his answer on with the words, "I go a fishing." They replied, "We also go with thee." They toiled that night and caught nothing, and we can imagine the discouraged hearts of the weary men as they found they had been unsuccessful in even their old-time work, in which before they had succeeded. Nothing but failure, looking backward or forward! Everything, as it were, swept away from them! If never before they had learned the lesson of humility, they must have learned it then. At this juncture Jesus appeared and asked them, "Children, have ye any meat?" They answered, "No," and He said unto them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find." Obeying the Master, they cast the net again, this time on the right side, and were not able to draw it in for the multitude of fishes. Wonderful illustration of how little anyone can do without the Master's help. Our Lord at last made of Peter and the other disciples the fishers of men as He promised at the beginning of His ministry; but first there had to be a complete emptying out before the Holy Spirit could come in and take complete possession.

The one hundred and twenty faithful ones tarried in the upper room in Jerusalem ten days, humbling themselves before God, before the Lord baptized them with the Holy Ghost. Peter the weak would never have become the strong, preaching with such power that the multitudes were saved under his ministry, had he not learned first of all his great weakness as well as the Master's great strength. All of our truly good men and women have passed through the same experiences. When we come to Jesus as a sinner, we humble ourselves first, asking forgiveness of sins. As we, in our Christian experience, realize the need of a closer walk with God, we climb the higher rounds of the ladder through His strength which has been imparted to us as we have humbled ourselves in confession of our utter helplessness apart from Him.

All of our great revivals have been brought about through the humility of some of God's little ones who have perhaps spent weeks and months upon their faces before God for the blessing He promises the seeker; and any failure in our Christian lives can be traced

back to the time when we in some way relaxed our grip on God, trusting too much in ourselves, ceasing to be humble.

While working in Arkansas, a sister said to me: "Isn't it strange how some people have faith to pray for others who are sick, but when they themselves are sick, they cannot get deliverance for themselves?" I enquired what she meant, and she replied: "A brother has prayed for several in my family who were healed, and also for others who were delivered. Afterward, when he was sick himself, he could not get relief either by his own prayers or through the prayers of others." We answered, "God sometimes allows His most faithful servants to be sick, not giving them faith for their immediate healing, simply as a test, as in the case of Job; and sometimes He allows failures simply to humble His servants for their own good, when they cannot stand exaltation. Did the brother you refer to seem to be of a humble spirit and give God the glory for the miracles He worked through him, or did he often emphasize the word "I" in his conversation and actions?" The sister replied, "At the last of his ministry he seemed to seek self-glory." That was likely the cause of his defeat. The Lord, in order to keep the brother humble, was obliged to chasten him.

Often before preaching, the writer has felt such an emptying out that, looking at the natural, it has seemed as though she could not say a word; could see nothing but a crowd of worldly, criticising people; would feel so small it would seem as though an acorn could open and close her in; did not seem able to speak or even to pray; when, after rising to her feet, the Holy Ghost would take complete possession, Himself speaking through her, it seemed, with more power than usual. "It is not you that speak, but the Spirit of the Father." All He needs is an empty vessel, and a mouthpiece that is clear of everything that would hinder His working. Oh, to get down to nothing so that God can use us as He wills.

"Humble thyself, and the Lord will draw near thee, Humble thyself, and His presence will cheer thee. He will not walk with the proud or the scornful. Humble thyself to walk with God."

I leave my readers with this beautiful poem, asking them to glance with me once more at the Babe in the manger and to seek with me to learn His lessons of true humility.—Florence L. Burpee.

#### "IF" OR "IS"?

"The shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass."

When preaching a Christmas sermon, Pastor Daniel H. Mattin, of Cynwyd, Pa., brought out a striking fact that has escaped many. He called attention to what the shepherds in the field said to one another after the angel had brought them definite word about the birth of a "Saviour who is Christ the Lord." They did not say, "Let us go and see **if** this thing is come to pass." They said, "Let us go and see this thing that **is** come to pass." What a world of difference between the two ways of taking God's Word.—Sunday School Times.

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## THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND ITS MESSAGE TO US



HE angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. . . . Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall these things be? . . . And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:30-35).

Many are puzzled about the virgin birth. They do greatly err, knowing neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

In the account of the creation we read that the Spirit of God brooded over the deep. The Spirit of God moved upon, or overshadowed, the face of the waters (Gen. 1:2). There was darkness, the Spirit of God brooding, and God said, "Let there be light."

As it was in the natural creation so it is in the spiritual creation. "The people which sat in darkness saw great light," after the Spirit had moved, had brooded upon the virgin. "But the darkness comprehended it not." So it is today.

"The wind bloweth—or the Spirit moveth—where it listeth." You "cannot tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth." It is no harder for the Spirit to move upon or overshadow a virgin than to overshadow and move upon the deep, black waters of chaotic mass. The inanimate, dark waters answered to the moving of the Spirit. And the quickened, responsive, spiritual soul of Mary answered readily to the promise of God and the operation of the Spirit. It is no harder for God to work on an individual than it is for Him to work on the mass of turbulent, black waters.

If you question the virgin birth, then you question God's power to bring forth creation in its virgin purity. Doubt the incarnation, then you doubt Christianity. No such soul can be born of the Spirit. That which is born of the flesh is flesh—the natural, regular occurrence that has ceased to be a phenomenon. That which is born of the Spirit is a supernatural, regular experience which has ceased to be a phenomenon to those who have been born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus wondered at it—this new birth—and said, "How can these things be?" But John did not wonder. He said, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, . . . which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13).

The incarnation was the result of the divine coming upon the human and thereby bringing forth that harmonious combination called Immanuel—God with us. Therefore there must be a like operation of the Spirit upon every individual who is a real Christian—a Christ-born one—the secret of which life is, Christ formed in you. Those begotten of the Spirit are partakers of the divine nature, and this is brought about by a double process, as it was with Mary. She believed the word, "Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which

were told her from the Lord." Believe the Word, and the performance takes place. Believe the Word, and it is possible. Then the way is opened for the Spirit to operate. "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee." A double process. The word of the angel—the word of God—and the operation of the Spirit. And so it is with everyone that is born of the Spirit. Therefore to question the incarnation, to question the possibility of the God-man being brought forth, takes away the ground, the hope, the possibility of that person's being operated upon and quickened by the Spirit of God, and of this Christ, the hope of glory, being formed in him.

All down the ages there have been men like Nicodemus, questioning, "How can these things be?" with this difference; Nicodemus wanted a solution from the divine Teacher; the others seek a solution from their own philosophic minds!

The natural man receives not the things of God. They are foolishness unto him. He needs illumination, a child-like simplicity, and a simple belief in the Word.

Paul, with his trained mind, was not floored by the problems of incarnation or redemption. But he was amazed at their extent, beauty and depth, and he cries out, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

But the modernist has outreached Paul, not in depth of understanding, but of audacity. He has outreached Paul, not in reverence for God and His revelation, but reverence for himself and his excavations. Many prefer the writings of Darwin to the writings of Paul. They prefer the writings of modern philosophers to those of holy men of God who spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

Modernism is the modern attire supplied by him who feigns himself "an angel of light." Satan, transforming himself into an angel of light, has blinded the eyes of the modernists. Satan's one object and aim was to destroy the child Jesus, to overthrow Him in the wilderness, to destroy Him at Calvary, and always to harass those who believe in His death, resurrection, life, and word. The Christ has been, is and will be formed in multitudes of the human family, and this new-found life—the babe in Christ—will be nurtured, preserved and strengthened, and finally will become the man-child who will rule with the rod of iron, who will ultimately overthrow him—Satan—who sought to overthrow Christ and His followers.

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## UNCLE KOISTBERG'S CHRISTMAS

Translated from the Swedish

Uncle Koistberg is a humble, little man, poor and of no significance in himself, but happy and contented. His face shows purity of heart, a childlike happiness and communion with God. In the meeting he sings from his heart and praises God as few can do. He belongs to those who can say "Amen" and "Hallelujah" without being ashamed. And why should one be ashamed when one has such a God and Saviour as Uncle Koistberg has? Many pitied our poor old brother when he was outside the camp and joined himself with the despised Pentecostal people, but God met him and baptized him in the Holy Spirit and he got blessedly filled. No wonder that people said when they saw him walk with tottering steps and a stick in his hand, "There goes the blessed, old Hallelujah man." It is true, his steps are tottering as many another's are at the age of seventy, but not so his faith.

But I was going to tell about Uncle Koistberg's Christmas. His place in the assembly was empty, and one understood then that he was ill. I went to his house, and found him, not living in a palace, but in a very poor little room in the yard. This little room was reception-room, dining-room, bedroom and kitchen for himself and wife. Christmas in such a poor, little room, with a stove, two chairs, a bed, a table and an old couch—can that be anything worth telling about? A Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger in a stable—can that be something worthy of a place in the Bible? Let the reader answer.

"How do you do, Uncle!" I said. "What sort of a Christmas have you had?"

"Glad to see you, dear brother. I have had a glorious Christmas, praise to my God! I have been dead during

Christmas, but was raised to life again. It was wonderful!"

This was said in Uncle Koistberg's own calm manner, and I was curious and asked him to tell me about his death and resurrection. It was the same dear old Uncle Koistberg I saw before me, and how could he have died and been resurrected again? Listen to his own story:

"I lay over there in my bed, very sick and ill. Suddenly it became dark around me. It was the blackness of death. Just as I was enshrouded in this awful darkness, suddenly a glorious light illuminated the whole room. I turned my head to one side and saw there beside me an angel in snow-white apparel. He said, 'Uncle, I have come for you. You must come with me to heaven.' I answered the angel, 'I am unable to do that because I am too old and feeble.' Then the angel said, 'Look at me!' I looked at him and saw then that he had two large, white wings, and suddenly I, too, had wings. The angel took my hand and up and up we flew toward heaven. As we were flying we soon got to the heavenly border, and the beautiful city, the New Jerusalem, was right in front of me in all its indescribable glory.

"Outside the wall were a multitude of people of all kindred and tongues who swore and cursed God and all that was holy. I asked the angel what kind of people these were outside the wall cursing God. He answered, 'These are the godless people. They are outside the holy city and as they have lived on earth they will continue to live throughout eternity.'

"We now arrived at one of the pearly gates. The angel took hold of a golden handle and (Continued on Page 15)

### "UNTO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOUR"

By Carrie Judd Montgomery

"Unto you is born a Saviour."

Hear the midnight song of old,  
Listen to the angels' chorus,  
As they strike their harps of gold:  
How the blessed Christmas anthem  
Swells and spreads the wide world o'er,  
Till it reaches every mansion,  
And each lowly cottage door.

"Ye shall find Him in a manger."

See the Christ Child lying low,  
See Him stoop to meet the humblest,  
In this world of sin and woe;  
Not for Him a gilded palace,  
Not for Him a bed of ease,  
While His people languish, dying  
Of their fatal sin disease.

"Unto you is born a Saviour."

Lo, the message comes to all,  
Not from pinnacle of glory,  
But a lowly stable stall.  
What a pulpit for His priesthood!  
What a throne for Heaven's King!  
Sky-born hosts look on adoring,  
And the high Archangels sing.

"Unto you is born a Saviour."

Oh, receive Him to thy breast  
This the temple of His glory,  
Habitation of His rest;  
This the home He came and sought for,  
When He left His throne above.  
All the recompense He asks thee  
Is thy humble, contrite love.

"Unto you is born a Saviour."

Unto you, O weary heart,  
With your avalanche of sorrow  
And the sting of Satan's dart;  
"Unto you is born a Saviour,"  
Blessed words of heavenly cheer,  
Saved from self and shame and sorrow,  
Saved from sin and strife and fear.

—Triumphs of Faith.

## A Christmas Gift and What Came of It

Some years ago, while conducting a series of meetings in Michigan City, I was invited to preach to the convicts at the state prison situated at that point. I sat on the platform with the governor of the prison, and watched the prisoners march in, seven hundred six men, young and old. They marched in lock-step, every man's hand on the shoulder of the man before him. At the word of command they sat down and fixed their eyes on a deadline, a white mark painted on the wall above the platform. Among that large number of convicts were seventy-six "lifers"—men who had been committed to prison for life for the crime of murder.

After the singing, I arose to preach, but could hardly speak for weeping. Disregarding all the rules of the prison, in my earnestness to help my poor, fallen brethren, I left the platform and walked down the aisle among the men, taking now one, now another by the hand, and praying with him. Every heart was melted, and we all wept together. At the end of the row of men who were committed for murder, sat a man who more than his fellows seemed marked by sin's blighting hand. His face was seamed and rigid with scars and marks of vice and sin. He looked as though he might be a demon incarnate, if once roused to anger. I placed my arm about his shoulder, and together we wept and prayed.

When the service was over the governor said to me:

"Well, Kain, do you know that you have broken the rules of the prison in leaving the platform?"

"Yes," I answered; "but, governor, I never could brook any rule while preaching, and I did want to get close to the poor, despairing fellows, and pray with them."

"Do you remember," said the governor, "the man at the end of the seat in the lifers' row, whom you prayed with? Would you like to hear his history?"

"Yes," I answered, "gladly."

"Well," said the governor, "here it is in brief: Tom Galson was sent here about eight years ago for the crime of murder. He was without doubt one of the most desperate and vicious characters we had ever received, and as was expected gave us a great deal of trouble.

"One Christmas eve, about six years ago, duty compelled me to spend the night at the prison instead of at home, as I had anticipated. Early in the morning, while it was yet quite dark, I left the prison for my home, my pockets bulking with presents for my little girl. It was a bitter cold morning, and I buttoned my overcoat tight up to protect myself from the cutting wind which swept in from over the lake.

"As I hurried along, I thought I saw somebody skulking in the shadow of the prison wall. I stopped and looked a little

more closely, and then saw a little girl, wretchedly clothed in a thin dress, her stockingless feet thrust into a pair of shoes much the worse for wear. In her hand she held, tightly clasped, a small paper bundle. Wondering who she was, and why she was out so early in the morning, and yet too weary to be much interested, I hurried on. By and by I felt rather than heard that I was being followed. I stopped short, and whirled about, and there before me stood the same wretched child.

"What do you want?" I asked sharply.

"Are you the governor of the prison?"

"Yes," I answered; "what do you want?"

"Have you—does Tom Galson live there?"

"Her voice trembled and broke with repressed tears.

"Yes. Who are you? Why are you not at home?"

"Please, sir, I haven't any home. Mamma died in the poorhouse two weeks ago, an' she told me just before she died that Papa, that's Tom Galson, was in the prison, and she thought that maybe he would like to see his little girl, now that Mamma's dead. Please, can't you let me see my papa? Today's Christmas, an' I want to give him a little present."

"No," I replied quickly, "you'll have to wait until visitors' day;" and with that I started on.

"I had not gone many steps until I felt a hand pulling at my coat, while a pleading, sobbing voice cried, 'Please, don't go!'

"I stopped once more, and looked down into the pinched, beseeching face before me. Great tears were brimming in her eyes, while her little chin quivered and trembled.

"Mister," she said, "if your little girl was me, an' your girl's mamma had died in the poorhouse, an' her papa was in the prison, an' she had no place to go an' no one to love her, don't you think she would like to see her papa? If it was Christmas, an' if your little girl came to me, if I was governor of the prison, an' asked me to please let her see her papa an' give him a Christmas present, don't—don't you think I would say, "Yes"?"

"By this time a great lump was in my throat, and my eyes were swimming in tears. I answered:

"Yes, my little girl, I think you would, and you, too, shall see your papa," and taking her by the hand, I hurried back to the prison, thinking of my own little fair-haired girl in my own happy home.

"Once in the office, I bade her come close to the warm stove, while I sent a guard to bring No. 37 from his cell. In a few minutes he came, wondering what was wanted. As soon as he was ushered into the office he saw the little girl. His face clouded with an angry frown, and in a gruff, savage tone he snapped out:

"Nellie, what are you doing here? What do you want? Go back to your mother."

"Please, papa," sobbed the little girl, Mamma's dead. She died two weeks ago in the poorhouse, an' before she died she told me to take care of little Jimmie 'cause you loved Jimmie, she said, an'—an' she told me to tell you she loved you, too; but, papa," and here her voice broke in tears, 'Jimmie died, too, last week, an' now I am all alone, Papa, an' today's Christmas, Papa, an'—an' I thought maybe as you loved Jimmie, you would like a little Christmas present from him.'

"Here she unrolled the little bundle she held in her hand, until she came to a little package of tissue-paper, from which she took out a little yellow curl, and put it in her father's hand, saying as she did so, 'I cut it from Jimmie's head, Papa, just before they buried him.'

"No. 37 by this time was sobbing like a child, and so was I. Stooping down, 37 picked up the little girl, and pressed her convulsively to his breast, while his great frame shook with suppressed emotion.

"The scene was too sacred for me to look upon, so I softly opened the door and left father and daughter alone. At the end of an hour I returned. No. 37 sat near the stove, with his little daughter on his knee. He looked at me sheepishly for a moment, and then said, 'Governor, I haven't any money,' then suddenly stripping off his prison jacket, he said, 'For God's sake, don't let my little girl go out this bitter day with that thin dress. Let me give her this coat. I'll do anything; I'll be a man; please, governor, let me cover her with this coat.'

"Tears were streaming down the face of the hardened man.

"No, Galson," I said, "keep your coat. Your little girl shall not suffer. I'll take her to my home, and see what my wife can do for her."

"God bless you, sir," sobbed Galson.

"I took the little girl to my home. She remained with us for a number of years, growing into a beautiful Christian character. Tom Galson also became a Christian, and never gave us a moment's trouble."

A year ago I visited the prison again.

The governor said to me:

"Kain, would you like to see Tom Galson, whose story I told you a few years ago?"

"Yes, I would."

The governor took me through the city, down a quiet street, and stopping before a modest, neat home, rapped at the door. The knock was answered by a bright, cheerful woman, who greeted the governor with utmost cordiality. We stepped in, and then the governor introduced me to Nellie and her father, who because of his thorough reformation had received pardon, and was now living an upright Christian life with his daughter, whose little Christmas gift had broken his heart.—Evangelist Kain, in *Light and Life Evangel*.

A college professor who teaches the youth of this generation that there is no such thing as a moral responsibility to a personal God, and that their ancestors were apes, and that there is no conscious existence after death, is a more dangerous factor in the community than a saloon-keeper.—Sel.



### WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Are you planning to have a watch night service on the last night of this year? It would be a good thing to begin the New Year with prayer.

There is so much to pray for. Below are just a few things that the Holy Spirit suggests as needful things for which we should pray.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6).

Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you (Matt. 5:44).

Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest (Matt. 9:38).

Pray that ye enter not into temptation (Matt. 26:41).

Pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man (Luke 21:36).

Let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret (1 Cor. 14:13).

Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray (James 5:13).

Pray one for another (James 5:16).

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty (1 Tim. 2:1, 2).

### INTERCESSION

Dr. J. R. Mott says that he has made it a practice, in traveling among the nations, to study the sources of the spiritual movements which transform whole communities; and that invariably, when he could reach the source, he found it to be **intense** intercessory prayer, the **fervent** prayer of a righteous man. "I heard of a man," he says, "who spent three hours a day in intercession. I thought I would get from him some very valuable hints as to how to get people to pray. When I asked him, 'How can we multiply intercessors?' he said, 'I have got through with giving methods. I used to lay down a great many points in my addresses on the subject of getting people to pray, but I have made up my mind that the only way to get them to do it, is to **do it myself.**'"

### CHRISTMAS GIVING

It would seem strange to have a birthday party at which the guests exchanged gifts one with the other and forgot the one whose birthday they had come to celebrate.

In your Christmas giving, do not forget the Christ. You cannot place your gift in His hand, but in placing it in the hands of those who are carrying on His work it is ministering unto Him.

As you think of your Christmas giving, go before Him and place your gifts at His disposal, and ask Him where you can place them to please Him most.

Coming to our Christmas birthday party, with our Christmas missionary offerings, in the spirit indicated above, we shall have a royal good time, with the King in the midst, and an offering as acceptable as the wise men's "gifts: gold, and frankin-

cense, and myrrh." The blessed Lord, who "loveth a cheerful giver," will not despise the smallest gift from such an one.—Evangelical Christian.

### THE STAR

"There shall come a Star out of Jacob."—Numbers 24:17.

Star of the Christ-child,  
Shining so brightly,  
Sending thy beams of  
Love-light afar,  
Gladly we hail thee,  
Son of the morning—  
Radiant with grace, thou  
Bethlehem's Star.

Many had waited,  
Star of the Christ-child,  
Waited in faith for  
Thee to appear,  
Then at the last in  
Glory supernal,  
Thou didst arise  
Midst darkness so drear.

Angelic hosts, thou  
Star of the Christ-child,  
Singing of One who  
Saveth from sin,  
Came with the tidings—  
Holy, glad tidings:  
"Peace upon earth,  
Good will unto men."

Shine in thy beauty,  
Star of the Christ-child,  
Banish forever  
Sorrow and fear;  
Prophets of old had  
Told of thy coming,  
And now, behold,  
Thy glory is here!

Lead thou and guide us,  
Star of the Christ-child,  
Onward and upward  
Into the light;  
Where at the last in  
Glory resplendent,  
We shall behold Him  
Throned in His might.

—Wm. Burton McCafferty.  
210 Marsden St.,  
Houston, Tex.



### THE POWER OF GRACE

A Christian man was once tortured by the thumb-screws. A friend made the remark, "I cannot understand how it was you did not shriek out in agony." He replied, "I was nearly swooning with joy." Dr. J. H. Jowett once visited a man who was dying of cancer. As he saw the pale face and wasted form, he was completely overcome. With deep emotion he said, "My friend, you will soon be in

heaven." The dying man could not speak, but he wrote on a piece of paper, "I've been in heaven seven years."

When Rutherford was imprisoned at Aberdeen, he wrote to a friend, "The Lord is with me, I care not what man can do. No person is provided for better than I am. **My chains are even gilded with gold. No pen, no words; nothing can express the beauty of Christ.**" When in prison in Vincennes Madam Guyon says, "The joy of my heart gave a brightness to the objects around me. **The stones of my prison looked in my eyes like rubies.**"—C. S. Utting.

### SHE WAS FULLY SATISFIED

One of Dr. Campbell Morgan's stories tells of a poverty-stricken fish-wife, who was found on Christmas Day eating a Christmas dinner which consisted of a piece of bread and a toasted herring. Her visitor said something to her of the poverty of the fare, and the old woman, with face aglow, replied: "Poor fare? Dear heart, don't you see the Lord has laid tribute on sea and land to feed me this blessed Christmas Day?"

### HOW GOD SUPPLIES

Many years ago, said a pastor, when in my country charge, fatigued with the day's work, I returned one afternoon from a funeral. After a long ride I neared my stable door and felt a strange prompting to visit a poor widow who, with her invalid daughter, lived in a lonely cottage in an outlying part of the parish. My natural reluctance to make another visit was overcome by a feeling which I could not resist, and I turned my horse's head towards the cottage. I was thinking only of the widow's spiritual needs; but when I reached her little house I was struck with its look of unwonted bareness and poverty. After putting a little money into her hand, I began to enquire into their circumstances, and found that their supplies had been utterly exhausted since the night before. I asked them what they had done. "I just spread it out before the Lord!" "Did you tell your case to any friend?" "Oh no, sir; nobody knew but Himself and me! I knew He wouldn't forget, but I did not know how He would help me, until I saw you come riding over the hill, and then I said, 'There's the Lord's answer.'"

### TO THE HEART NEEDING COMFORT

"Fearest sometimes that thy Father hath forgot?"

When the clouds around thee gather  
Doubt Him not.

ALWAYS hath the daylight broken,  
ALWAYS hath He comfort spoken;  
Better hath He been for YEARS  
Than thy fears."

"Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1).

### NO EVANGEL NEXT WEEK

There will be no paper published next week. The next Evangel will be that of January 3rd. We never publish the paper Christmas week.

## Day by Day at Central Bible Institute

When Solomon finished and dedicated the wondrous temple at Jerusalem, it is recorded that "the glory of the Lord filled the house" (2 Chron. 5:14). So also since this beautiful new temple of God, the Central Bible Institute, was dedicated two months ago, and since the rooms began to be filled with earnest, happy disciples of Christ, it, too, has become a "habitation of God through the Spirit" and "The glory of the Lord has filled the house of the Lord."

Not only in the chapel, at the regular devotional services, but in the classrooms, in the parlors, library, and offices, in the students' rooms and guest rooms, in the dining-room, and even in the kitchen and laundry the Shekinah glory of the Lord has been manifested.

**October 20.** A prayer meeting was called by Miss Campbell, for the students of the Panoramic class at 5:30 p. m. The power of the Lord came down so mightily that other students came and joined in the prayer and were so filled that when the supper bell rang they did not sit down at the tables for a long time, but stood around the tables with uplifted hands praising the Lord.

**October 26.** Another manifestation of the glory of the Lord is the increasing love of the students one for another and for the lost. This love causes the students to go out to the surrounding towns with the gospel message, and has been especially in evidence in the Goben revival meetings which just closed today. The meetings were held in a large Convention Hall down-town. The students' orchestra and octette of male voices furnished special music for this evangelistic campaign. Also by assisting in the singing, personal work, and testimony the students contributed much to the spiritual life of the meeting. A number of the students have been healed by the Lord, some from quite serious afflictions. Miss Martha Thompson, daughter of a Pentecostal minister at Milan, Mo. became critically ill from asceptisemia caused by a blister on her foot. This was the same trouble which caused the death of President Coolidge's son. A special prayer meeting was held. While the students were praying the boil broke, the poison ran out and soon after Miss Thompson gave a glorious testimony of how the Lord had healed her.

**October 27.** One of the dynamos of energy in the school from which emanate waves of spiritual influence which reach not merely the nearby field but the entire world, is the missionary activity of the school. Mr. H. W. Cragin, for twelve years a missionary to South America who is specially interested in the neglected Indians of that continent, spoke at chapel. Mr. Cragin founded a mission for the Indians in Ecuador and is soon to go back to South America with the expecta-

tion of continuing his work among the Indians. He has a vision of the needs of the 12,000,000 Indians of South America who are now almost untouched.

**October 28.** A spirit of confession came upon the students, and although it is hard for the natural man to confess his sins, for over an hour the students stood up one by one confessing their failures, and asking prayer. There have been some discouragements and disappointments but this is inevitable when so many people are taken from their usual environment and brought together in a strange place with new responsibilities and duties, but the Lord says: "He that overcometh shall receive a crown of life."

**October 29.** The students organized into a missionary society and the following were elected officers: Mr. Arthur Wilson, president; Mr. Meyer Pearlman, vice-president; Miss Nina Mayfield, treasurer; Mr. Finis Dake, gentleman curator; and Mrs. J. Arthur Wilson, lady curator. Then began daily noon intercession for missionaries and mission fields at 12 to 12:30. On Monday, the field prayed for is China; on Tuesday, India, Persia, Arabia; on Wednesday, Africa; on Thursday, Europe; on Friday, South America; and on Saturday, the Jews.

**October 31.** The sacrificial spirit of the students was manifested in the pledging of over two thousand one hundred and thirty dollars for the missionaries to be paid during the school year.

**Nov. 6.** The Holy Spirit has poured out rivers of blessing upon us through the visits of His chosen servants from distant lands as well as through the activities of the student missionary society.

The dear missionaries who have been isolated for months at a time without the privilege of a spiritual fellowship with their Christian brethren weep as they tell how their strength and courage would have been renewed for their tasks on the mission field if they could have had such spiritual privileges as are available in one of our student prayer meetings or missionary meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Phillips and two sons visited the school. Mr. Phillips told of the crowds of people attending the opening of their new station at Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi Province, in South China. They were under gunfire from bandits a number of times while going down the river in a native boat and during one of these attacks one of their sons was wounded. Many souls came to Jesus at the very beginning of this work.

**Nov. 7.** Another missionary family visited the school and spoke at the missionary meeting tonight—Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jamieson and their two children from one of the great neglected Chinese mission fields—Kansu province, near the Tibetan border. Brother Jamieson spoke

on the text: "The people that sat in darkness saw a great light." He described vividly the dark side of the condition of the Chinese people, who had a different idol for nearly every room in the house and for all kinds of activities of daily life. "Only 20 per cent. of the population, and possibly not more than 1 per cent. of the women, can read and write," declared Mr. Jamieson. He also said that girls' feet are still being bound in interior China, and that this is a common practice there. He mentioned the great opening among the Moslems since the earthquake in Kansu province in which over 300,000 lost their lives.

Since some of the students have been on the foreign field and since a guest room has been provided for missionaries, the missionaries find that they are not coming to address an indifferent audience, but that they are coming to a place where they may obtain fellowship and spiritual uplift, and where they may speak to some who may go to their field later. The students also find that they have the opportunity of real friendship with the missionaries.

**Nov. 12.** The keynote of the Holy Spirit's purpose to manifest His glory here was sounded during one of the class sessions in Epistles recently. Principal F. M. Boyd was setting forth the dignity and glory of our high calling. He began to pray and praise the Lord. As he prayed the students joined with him in audible prayer. A message in tongues and interpretation was given, the substance of which was that we were to humble ourselves before God. Then another keynote-message came: "Behold the Shekinah Glory! The glory of God is all about you. Do not resist the Lord, but yield to Him and He will fill your hearts with unspeakable glory." In another classroom on another floor of the building the Spirit of God manifested Himself in a similar manner and a message in tongues and interpretation was given.

God has given the school wise teachers whose instruction is rich and deep and thorough, and they are always ready to suspend the regular class work when the Spirit leads although as a rule the Holy Spirit uses the teachers to impart His spiritual lessons.

**Nov. 13.** Since school opened at least two of the students have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. One received the gift in his room. The presence of the Lord is constantly manifest to the students and faculty; and guests remark that almost as soon as they enter the building the all-pervading influence of the Holy Spirit is strongly felt.

**Nov. 14.** The names of 21 students were placed on the board at the missionary meeting as having received a definite call from God for a special field and 34 gave their names as being particularly interested in some special field. In solemn meetings such as these it is certain that God is speaking to hearts and that consecrations to God's service are being made.

This was followed by a moving appeal by Mrs. R. S. Jamieson for more men for the work in Interior China and Tibet



now while the door is open. She expressed the heartache caused when dealing with heathen who heard the message only once and died without God and without hope.

**Nov. 17.** It was reported that at an out-of-town meeting held by some of the students, they were asked to pray for a man who was seriously sick in bed and unsaved. The Lord healed him and he sought the Lord for salvation, professing salvation as well.

**Nov. 18.** Miss Lillian Trasher of Assiout, Egypt, gave a message to the school, describing the building up of her orphanage through faith in God. She urged the students to stand firm when once on the foreign field. At the end of the first two years she had only eight children but by persisting in faith she now has 310 children, and her work of faith and labor of love has the aid of the Egyptian people who fully realize the benefit of her work to their country.

**Nov. 21.** Since a number of the students have not yet received their Pentecostal Baptism, the student missionary meeting was turned into a tarrying meeting. Although no one received the Baptism in the Spirit, a number were blessed with a new vision of the majesty of Christ.

**Nov. 24.** It was reported that at a meeting held by some of the students in a nearby town four came forward seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

So day by day the glory of the Lord and the cross of Christ come into our lives, and we urge all the saints to pray for us.

#### NOTICE TO MINISTERS

The new Ministerial list is now in the hands of the printer and will be mailed out the earliest possible moment when they are ready. Until then, if you apply for Clergy Book, refer to page your name appears on in 1923 minutes.

J. R. Evans, Secretary.

#### AUSTIN, TEXAS, 37th St. Mission.—

The dear Lord is still blessing our little assembly with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In each service we have had since Brother A. W. Mercer held a revival meeting for us last month, the Lord has met with us in mighty power and we have been made to feel His great presence. Some have been saved and others reclaimed. Since our revival meeting the Lord has been wonderfully blessing in our Sunday school work. The attendance is almost as large again as it was. The revival spirit is now being manifested among our young folks. They have started a Bible study on Sunday afternoons and the interest is growing. Last Tuesday night Brother Hugh Cadwalder, our district chairman, was with us. He delivered a blessed message and our hearts were made to rejoice, and we praise God for sending him this way. We covet the prayer of God's children everywhere that God may continue to overshadow us with His power and blessings. Pray also that the dear souls who are still seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit here may soon be filled.—T. A. Beard.

#### FOR THE CHILDREN

In a little shop on the corner of a street in the city of Marseilles lived an honest old shoemaker. He was such a kind old man that he was loved and honored by all his neighbors, who called him "Father Martin."

Now, on Christmas Eve Father Martin had been reading in his Bible the story of the wise men who brought gifts to the infant Jesus, and as he sat in his armchair in the twilight he said to himself, "If only tomorrow were the first Christmas Day! If only the Saviour were coming to this world tonight! How I would adore Him! I know very well what I would give Him"

He arose and took down from the shelf two dear little shoes. "Here is what I would give Him. My finest work. How pleased His mother would be! But what am I thinking of?" he continued, smiling. Does the Saviour need my poor shop and my shoes?"

But that night Father Martin had a dream. He thought that a wonderfully sweet voice, the voice of Jesus Himself, said to him: "Martin, you have wished to see Me. Watch the street tomorrow from morning until evening for I shall pass your window. But you must try your best to recognize me, for I shall not make myself known to you."

When he awoke the next morning Father Martin, convinced that what he had dreamed would surely take place, hastened to put his shop in order, lighted his fire, and then seated himself at the window to watch the passers-by.

After watching in vain for an hour, Martin saw a young woman, miserably clothed, carrying in her arms a baby. She was so pale and thin that the heart of the poor cobbler was touched and he called her. "You don't look very well," he said.

"I am going to the hospital," replied the woman. "I hope they will take me with my child. My husband is at sea, and I've been expecting him home for three months. I'm sick, and I haven't a cent."

"Poor thing!" said the old man. "You must eat some bread while you are getting warm. No? Well, at least take a cup of milk for the little one. Come, warm yourself and let me take the baby. I had one of my own once. I know how to manage them. He has a fine head, this one of yours. Why, you haven't put his shoes on!"

"He hasn't any," sighed the poor woman.

"Wait a minute. I have a pair that will just suit." And the old man brought the shoes which he had looked at the evening before and put them on the child's feet. They fitted perfectly.

The young woman went away full of gratitude, and Father Martin went back to his post.

But hour after hour went by, and many people passed the window, and still he had not seen Christ. Many beggars asked for alms. The kind face of the old man seemed to promise something, and none of them were deceived. But the Master did not come.

At last it grew dark, and the old man's eyes were tired, and his heart was heavy. He began sadly to prepare his humble supper. "It was a dream," he murmured. "Well, I did hope, but He has not come."

After supper he fell asleep in his chair. Suddenly the room seemed full of people. The street sweeper was there, the poor woman with the baby was there, both said to him: "Have you not seen me?" Behind them came the beggars to whom he had given alms, neighbors to whom he had said a kind word, the little children at whom he had smiled; and each one said to him in his turn: "Have you not seen me?"

"But who are you?" cried the shoemaker to all these visions.

Then the little child pointed to the Bible open on the table, and his rosy finger showed the old man this passage, "Whosoever shall receive one of these little ones receiveth me." "I was an hungred and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in. . . . Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."—Selected.

#### WALKED SIXTY MILES

All that distance to attend a watch night meeting! No, not in America, but in Africa. Here's the way the missionary wrote about it a few weeks ago:

"Your prayers are being abundantly answered. Souls are being saved. . . . We had a watch night meeting last year that lasted from eight o'clock Saturday evening until four the next morning. Some of the native Christians walked sixty miles to be present. . . . We believe in telling new-born souls of the victorious life in Christ and of all the fulness of God."

Has a Watch Night meeting been arranged for in your church? What price are you "requiring of God" before you act? Does God's appeal, does a languishing church, do perishing souls make no impression? "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Oh, that the entire Church of Jesus Christ might once more experience divine travail of soul!

#### SOUL WINNING CAMPAIGN

Are you a member? We would like to have you in this great army. The only thing necessary to become a member is to just get to work winning souls. You ask what you can do? We say—Get busy. Has your jail a tract box? Have all factories a box? Will you distribute tracts from house to house? Will you give tracts out on the streets? We need you to join this army today—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

## 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.

### A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

Sister Hattie A. Salyer writes from Egypt: "Some of our children have been drawn to our school by hearing the children sing the Gospel in song on the street. Last week we went to the home of two of our children. When we arrived we found seven there waiting to hear of the Word. We had a very precious time. Last week a carpenter, whose boy is a free scholar, told how his wife came to the women's meeting, then soon after he began to come to hear the Word. God began to deal with him. He used to spend his nights at the Cafe and came home drunk, made trouble for his wife. There was no peace in his heart or in his home, and there was very little money in his pocket. He now has peace in his heart and home and they all come to the meetings. He has money in his pockets and you can see that he is very happy. At the last meeting he came forward seeking the Holy Spirit.

"A dear woman tells that when her boy lay dying she saw three men in white come into the room and she knew then he would die. She said, 'If you want my boy, take him, only send comfort to my heart.' There were no tears on her face for it was a joy to know her boy was with the Lord. On the next Thursday she was with great eagerness seeking the Lord. She seems very happy. Her daughter of fourteen years is also saved.

"Our school continues to grow and at present we have 157 attending. Does it pay? Yes, a thousand fold. And the way they answer questions about the Bible would do credit to any school in any country.

"But I wish you could see the place our children have to sit during these cold mornings. It is necessary that they remain on the porch to worship. It is seventy-eight feet long, about six feet wide and faces the north, thus getting all the cold north winds, but it is the only place where we can all get together, and being out of doors, it is very difficult to keep their attention. For our Sunday morning service we have to send the smallest ones home for lack of room. They are strung along in three rooms with only a door between. If only we could have a temporary, portable building how thankful we would be. Pray that God's blessing may be richly upon all our work, especially in the work in the homes, that we may be able to gather in the precious seed sown and see an abundant harvest."

Mrs. C. W. Doney from Egypt writes: "Our school is growing. We find the children are good evangelists and carry

the songs and Gospel stories to their homes and some of the parents have lately been saved. One man brought his boy to school saying, 'If you only teach him to sing and pray and read the Bible, I'll be satisfied.' He had heard his neighbors' children singing and inquired where they learned their songs. Then he brought his boy along. The outlook is encouraging. Praise the Lord! Our teachers are all Christian and we must have another one soon. We now have five teachers. The lady who has been helping in the home and Bible work has now taken charge of a room of fifty-five girls and she must have help. When 4 p. m. comes she goes out calling till 6 p. m. with Sisters Salyer and Dean and sometimes myself. This is very blessed work. Pray for us all that God may have His own way with us all."

### BLESSING IN SOUTH CHINA

Miss Ella Finch writes from Sainam, South China: "We are rejoicing in Him these days and we thank Him for the way He is working in our midst. Since I last wrote we have had three more converts at Hoh Hau and many more are interested. Today we are closing a special evangelistic meeting of eight days at Siu Tong, Miss Lowther's station, where nineteen men gave in their names as wanting to receive the Gospel. Pray that they may be truly saved. We expect to have special meetings at all the stations during the next two months and so we would like to request prayer for them.

"We are glad to welcome the Williamsons back again and also the new missionaries who have gone to the language school. We are wondering who is coming out to relieve Mr. Spence who is due a furlough. I trust someone will be sent soon. It will be five years in December since I came to South China and I do feel the need of a real change. After one has been out here for five years in this terrible heat he needs a real change of climate. My father is praying that God will keep him until I can get home to see him once more. I am the only girl in our family."

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF CHINA

Miss Martha C. Merrill who recently arrived in North China writes as follows: "I have a little room in the Bible School Compound and I am so happy to be in China at last and I feel so assured that I have come in His will. I shall begin language study on Monday and shall apply myself to the best of my ability with the help of the Lord.

There is such a sadness resting over China it seems. My heart aches as I

see the great need for Christ. Surely only He can lift these people from the darkness, superstition and suffering in which they are bound. Only a few days ago a man was seen putting an iron spike through his cheek from his mouth in the act of worship. There was a great crowd around him and it was only a few blocks from our Compound. But I did not want to see him. I had thought that it was only the people of India who mutilated themselves in order to appease the wrath of the gods, but I find that this is largely practiced in China also. The women all have the bound feet here and many of the men still wear queues. The conditions in which most of them live are indescribably poor and filthy. May the Lord help us to give them the Gospel."

Brother J. R. Hurlburt writes from Callao, Peru: "I am happy to report that we have just had a month of blessing and spiritual refreshing in this assembly. Several new converts have been added to the flock and one more buried with Christ in baptism. To God be all the glory."

Brother Hurlburt is very much in need of a furlough after having been on the field for seven years. No money has been received by the Treasurer for this purpose to date, but any sums that are designated for Brother Hurlburt's fare will be forwarded to Him for that purpose only.

### OLD SONG BOOKS WANTED

Miss Josephine Kaye of P. O. Box 1241, Eastland, Texas writes that they have a new mission and as most of the saints are poor they are unable to buy song books. They would be glad to have a dozen and a half song books which have been cast aside by some Assembly which has just put in new song books. Anyone sending song books to Miss Kaye for the little Assembly will be rendering them a real service.

### "J E S U S"

Jesus the Light of a dying world,  
The Hope of a sinner's cry,  
The Name that calms our beating hearts,  
A Friend that is ever nigh.

Our Strength in time of weakness,  
Our Healer in time of pain,  
Our Comfort in time of sorrow,  
Our Shelter in time of rain,

Our Fortress in time of battle,  
Our Rock in time of storm,  
Our Refuge in time of hiding,  
Our Solace when hearts are torn,

Our Prayer when shades are falling,  
Our Star when the night is on,  
Our Watcher o'er us while sleeping,  
Our Sun at the break of dawn.

He's the Captain of our life-boat,  
Ruler of tempests on sea,  
A Beacon Light to the drowning,  
A Saviour of man is He.

Our Bridegroom that's coming in glory—  
The Rapture that soon we'll behold—  
And King of kings we will crown Him  
In the City that's made of pure gold.

Ada Jackson.  
Central Bible Institute.



## --: A GREAT DISASTER --:

Miss L. H. Parker writes from Cawnpore, India: "I have two preachers here now and there are two Bible women going out every day. We also have six girls in the home. They have six hours of school every day and they sew two hours. When I was in Darjeeling this summer the Lord gave me two Anglo-Indian children. Their mother is dead and their father is insane. They are ten and eight years of age. The Deputy Commissioner gave me a paper for them and in the paper it states that they are given to L. H. Parker of the Assemblies of God Mission and to be cared for and educated by the Assemblies of God. So you see if I should leave the Assemblies of God they will still be your children. I wonder if you could get some one interested in their support. It takes \$15 a month for each child.

"Our girls are doing some nice needle work now. I am inclosing a snap of the children. You will notice the two Anglo-Indian children, one at each end of the line. Their father was a pure blood Swiss and the mother was Irish and Indian. The children are now praying together at night and they say grace at the table. We have worked harder than ever before and we have never been so happy in all our lives. We have three more children who are not on the picture and also a new baby who is two and one-half months old and a beautiful little fellow.

"Last Sunday Brother and Sister Timrud and Brother Erickson were with us. We had a blessed time in the Lord, our afternoon service lasted until late and then we came together in the evening and had communion service, after which four of our babies and children were dedicated to the Lord, His presence was very real. Real Pentecostal! Hallelujah!

"We have been cut off from the West side of Cawnpore by the floods. There is a train once a day which makes a detour of a small pontoon bridge. The water rose 367 feet in the Ganges. Railroads were washed out and bridges also. Thousands of villages have been destroyed and thousands and thousands of people are homeless. Many of the people down on the West side did not leave their houses, but sat until the water reached their chins and then it was too late to escape and so were carried off with the current. Hundreds crept up into the trees to watch the water rise and many were swept out and drowned. Some were on rafts, at times ten and twelve on each raft. Some went down before they reached the great Cawnpore bridge while other rafts would strike the piers of the

bridge and then go down. People dangled ropes from the bridge and baskets tied on the ropes. Some people who were fortunate enough to get the ropes were drawn to safety while others were too exhausted or too terrified to hold on any longer and dropped back into the water and were seen no more.

"One old man came down stream at a swift rate. He was standing on the grass roof of his house with his hands joined and he was either entreating those who stood on the bank or praying to the river—I do not know which. He struck one of the many piers of the bridge—the grass roof made a lunge and he went down. How our hearts ached as we saw them perish without Jesus, without hope, lost for ever and ever. Maddening! I wanted to run away, flee away from home



where I could not see such maddening things.

"This is not the end of trouble for fields have been washed out, crops destroyed and we face another FAMINE. How can we stand it? He alone can help us to go on. Oh, that the church of Christ in America could get just one little glimpse into India. Five thousand people were rescued in Cawnpore but there were more cows rescued than there were people. The cow first!

"We appreciate the prayers of the Evangel family. May the Lord bless all."

### PENTECOST IN INDIA

Miss Anna Helmbrecht writes from Nawabganj: "In a few days Sister Harvey sails from England to India and at last I shall be able to turn the work over into her hands again. My leaving her carries with it a joy mingled with sorrow. I am arranging to open up the work in Fyszbad after the Convention at Uska Bazaar. The Lord baptized one of our workers in the Spirit during the meeting which we had early in October. He had a mighty Baptism. Others who had recently come into the mission were convinced and were earnestly seeking.

I can look on every hand and see where the Lord has been working and is working both among Christians and heathen."

Mrs Mary W. Chapman writes from Chenganoor, S. India: "We have a fine congregation of earnest seekers for the Baptism in the Spirit who have been brought into the light by the efforts of our workers here and some have received the Baptism in the Spirit."

Miss Hattie Hacker writes from Rupaiddiha, India: "Our two Indian men are going out daily and we praise the Lord that He is working. One man came to the house the other evening to inquire more about the Way. The two Bible women are also going out daily and we are believing for great things. We are praising the Lord for the drops, but we are pleading for showers."

### WAR CONDITIONS IN CHINA

Brother Herman J. Mader writes from China. "Now since the war is on the country mission and Woosung mission are closed. The soldiers are looting there and they are after the women. Out by our home in Chappi there are thousands of defeated soldiers. Some of them are looting and they have taken some of the Christians' things. Our home and mission are filled up with the native Christians who have come to us for refuge. We have meetings every afternoon with the soldiers. My children and I are staying with Brother and Sister Turner. At present there is no fighting but we cannot tell how soon there will be because these defeated soldiers are all armed. So far they have not looted our place and we are looking to Jesus to

keep us.

"Shanghai is full of refugees who have gotten away from the soldiers and thousands are gathered together in groups. There are several mat sheds put up for them to sleep in. It is very sad, for some of these people have lost their all at the hands of the soldiers, and winter is coming on. In fact, it is very cold now and these people and our native Christians have got to be fed. Won't you pray for us all? We do so wish we could help them but we don't have enough to keep ourselves.

"The offering from the Missionary Treasurer came at a most needed time. We are about \$100 behind inasmuch as exchange is very low now and prices are away up since the war broke out. The only offerings we have received during the last three months have been from the Missionary Treasurer. I know you have sent all you could but at the low rate of exchange now we cannot live on less than \$100 a month. I wish you would pray much for us."

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## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

**STRAFFORD, MO.**—Have closed a three-week meeting three miles south of here. Brother Garrie Martin of Springfield conducted the meeting. Five were saved and five baptized in the Spirit. Pray that the good work may continue.—Lola West.

**RIVERSIDE, MO.**—Pentecostal work was brought to Riverside, Mo. by Evangelists W. G. Workman and Homer G. Wilson, in Sept. and Oct. About 12 were saved, several were reclaimed, 6 received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.—Evang. Homer G. Wilson.

**STONEWALL, MISS.**—We praise our dear Lord for the way He has been blessing us. Since August 10 about 200 have professed faith in Christ, 111 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, and many have been healed. We are trying to erect a building. To the Lord Jesus be all the praise.—J. A. Clark.

**BLOSSOM, TEXAS**—I came here about five months ago and held meetings for a few days in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. The saints were without a pastor and desired me to stay. Since then the Lord has wonderfully saved 19, and 7 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. To God be all the praise!—W. G. Webb, Acting Pastor.

**TULARE, CALIF.**—We are holding a meeting with Brother Montgomery and the blessing of the Lord is upon it. The Lord has sealed 7 in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. One has been reclaimed. We give God the glory. Pray for us that the Lord will confirm His Word by pouring out His Spirit upon the people.—Louis Rittenberg and wife.

**DALLAS, TEX.**—We assisted Brother M. C. Spivy in a three-week meeting in the Farmers' Branch Community, in which I was saved and a number of others were seeking the Baptism. The assembly became re-established and revived to a great extent. Pray for us as we look forward to other places.—Chas. E. Culbertson, evangelist.

**ROBINSON, ILL.**—The new church has been completed. Brother S. A. Jamieson of Chicago was with us during the first part of November and gave us a course of Bible teaching that was an uplift to the church. He is a real Bible teacher and will prove a blessing to any assembly. Brother John T. Wilson, of Mattoon, was with us on November 23 and gave the dedication message. God put His seal on it by opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a wonderful blessing. The revival is still in progress and souls are being saved and baptized in the Spirit. Pray for us.—Pastor H. E. Murray.

**GRAND SALINE, TEXAS**—There are hungry souls and a blessed interest in the work here. Any one preaching the pure gospel will have a hearty welcome.—Mrs. Ruby Reeves, pastor.

**WILLOW SPRINGS, MO.**—Just a word to thank God for the way He is blessing here. Since the 10th of July we have added 14 new names to our assembly roll, several have been saved, and some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Had a blessed time at our Bible convention; the power of God was present in a mighty way. Thanksgiving day we had a union service at our church eight churches cooperating. A Methodist brother said he had attended a union service every year for thirty years, and this last was the best one, and the most largely attended.—Pastor H. T. Owens.

**KOSHOPAH, NEBR.**—Praise God for victory through the precious blood of Jesus. Arrived here a few days ago, had meeting at a little schoolhouse. There was fine attendance and there seem to be many hungry souls. One sister and brother who have been saved about a year, are earnestly seeking God for the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. We had to close for a few days, but intend to reopen meetings, and continue as long as the Lord leads. Any one passing this way or any one who feels led to come here we would be very glad to have, for we need help. Pray for us all here that Jesus may be exalted above every thing else.—Lester J. Russell.

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our Ministerial list in the month of November, 1924.

Baker, Elsie M., Alton, Ill.  
Blount, Ernest M., Texarcana, Ark.  
Colbert, Andrew R., Childress, Texas.  
Dean, Bartholomew, E. Akron, Ohio.  
Deem, Frieda M., Alton, Ill.  
Drewitz Louis, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Glass, Mrs. Jimmie Ann., Tyler, Texas.  
Kern, Wm. E., Stillwater, Okla.  
Mabry, O. L., Pueblo, Colo.  
Mizelle, Wm. G., Hurley, Miss.  
Speakes, Wm. M., Monette, Ark.  
Stanley, Howard D., Topeka, Kans.  
Thomas, Mrs. Mary E., Keokee, Va.  
Yeats, Eddie M., Roganville, Texas.  
Zepp, Arthur C., Upland, Ind.

The following names were removed from our Ministerial list in the month of November, 1924.

Bostrom, John H., Chicago, Ill.  
Cowart, Wm. D., Durant, Fla.  
Ol'ive, Mrs. Willie L., Wilson, N. C.  
Snell, Willie L., Dothan, Ala.  
Snell, Mrs. Berta, Dothan, Ala.

J. R. Evans, Secretary.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.**—We thank God for what we have experienced in Minneapolis lately. Brother and Sister Clark held a meeting in their Tabernacle here during August and September and the Lord made many souls hungry for the Full Gospel, who have since then come to the Assembly of God Tabernacle, and many are earnestly seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Brother Menzie was with us for several weeks, and the Lord blessed in saving souls; and now Brother T. B. Hardin has held three weeks of meetings for us. The large Tabernacle was often filled. There is a real hunger manifested on the part of many for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and God is meeting with hungry souls. Brother and Sister Smith have now started for Africa, where they expect to take up the work in the French Sudan. They are the seventh and eighth Missionaries from our assembly. They are going forth with the prayer of the saints for success.—Frank J. Lindquist.

**READING, PA.**—We want to thank God for the way he has been blessing us here. The work here was very small and needed to be built up when I first came here last January to take charge of the work. We held a four-week tent meeting in September and had Sister Margaret Peoples from Germantown, Philadelphia, one of our returned missionaries from Africa, whom God made a great blessing to us all. God used her to preach His Word with convincing, convicting, and regenerating power. We had good attendance at almost every meeting, some nights we could not seat the people. Many heard the old-time Gospel preached during these meetings. There were a number saved, and also baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and some definite cases of healing. One sister who was prayed for and anointed during our tent meetings was present last Sunday afternoon, Nov. 23, and testified that God had healed her completely of dropsy. Several others have been baptized in the Holy Spirit since our tent meetings, and some healed by our gracious Lord, to whom belongs all the praise and glory. We also had with us Brother and Sister Brubaker from Brother Hill's assembly of Lancaster, Pa. whom God made a blessing in song and other service. We have engaged Sister Peoples and Sister Beatrice Simms of Canada, who labored with Sister Peoples in Africa, and who is now home on furlough, to be with us (D. V.) beginning Sunday, Jan. 18, 1925, for three weeks or longer to carry on a red hot evangelistic campaign for souls. Our work here is a very needy work. Will the dear saints of God who read this please pray much that God will visit us with a mighty wave of His salvation and save many souls for His name's sake and that many dear saints be baptized in the Holy Spirit after the original pattern? These meetings will be held in Glad Tidings Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God, three doors above 10th on Cotton Street, Reading, Pa.—J. M. Wright, pastor.

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAMP-MEETING**

The twelfth campmeeting of the South-eastern District of the Assemblies of God was held at Dothan, Alabama, Oct. 1 to 12 inclusive, with Elder J. O. Savell of Hattiesburg, Miss. in charge.

The campmeeting began with the approval and presence of God upon the services, and was well attended by the people of Dothan, and by the Pentecostal people from the various churches throughout the district. On Thursday, the 9th, we had a special healing service. Many were present at this service and were prayed for. Also prior to the prayer for the sick many wonderful testimonies were given from some whom God had wonderfully healed in the past. This day was a wonderful and glorious day that will never be forgotten by those present who realized the presence and blessings of God upon the service. Also there were some few who prayed through and realized the power and presence of God upon them, and went away from here living a new life. Some were restored to the joys of their salvation. All the people, we believe we can truthfully say, enjoyed this campmeeting as one of the best we have ever had here. Our precious Brother Savell, who labored with us during these services, we enjoyed so much that we invited him to be present with us at the next campmeeting. We wish to thank all the good people for their liberal offerings and support to this campaign. Elder J. M. Graham, of Columbus, Ga. was with us a few days and gave two messages which were enjoyed with great appreciation by the people. We believe that there was greater interest stimulated in general than heretofore and we hope by next October to have our campmeeting grounds improved to where we can accommodate the people who come in here from different sections of the country to camp with us and feast upon the goodness of God and enjoy that sweet fellowship of one another and be drawn closer together. Sunday night, the closing service, Brother Savell gave us as his closing message, The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, which was enjoyed throughout a crowded tabernacle, and the goodbye was given to come back D. V. Oct. 1, 1925. The camp grounds belong to us, so no one need fear to send in funds to improve them.—K. D. Johns, O. J. Steverson, G. C. Courtney, C. L. Duck, W. L. Snell, Campmeeting Committee.

**EL MONTE, CALIF.**—The Lord is blessing us here in El Monte. We rented the Club House about two months ago and started preaching Sunday afternoons and Sunday evenings, and the dear Lord has never failed in a single service. Last Sunday we had six at the altar for the Baptism and one received the Blessed Holy Spirit and a number have been blessed through reconsecration; also some have been healed; for all which we give God the glory. Anyone wishing to consult us about campaigns for 1925, may address us Box 277, El Monte, Calif.—Evang. W. A. Fletcher.

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## Forthcoming Meetings

### CORRECTED NOTICE

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.**—Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth will be in San Jose, Calif., from December 14 to 28, or longer, at Upper Room Mission, 4th & San Antonio St. Spend your holidays with us.—Pastor Max Freimark.

**CAMPMEETING AT AUBURNDALE, FLA.**, will begin December 18, and continue until January 4. We ask the prayers of all the saints, and extend a hearty welcome to all. Come and camp; everything will be made as convenient as possible. Anyone desiring to spend the winter in Florida will be welcomed to Auburndale, where God is blessing. Anyone desiring further information write Mr. & Mrs. L. S. Miller, pastor, or J. A. Garber, deacon.

**WICHITA, KANS.**—In the will of the Lord we will begin a campaign here on Dec. 10, running till the 23rd and longer if the Lord leads. Evangelist J. William Bostrom of the Bostrom Evangelistic Party will have charge of this campaign. We are expecting a feast of good things from the Lord. We invite the saints from neighboring towns and cities to come in and co-operate with us in this move. We ask all the Evangel family to pray that God will save the lost and heal the sick and baptize the hungry.—F. L. Doyle, pastor.

### MIDWINTER REVIVAL MEETINGS AT PHILADELPHIA, PA., IN THE NEW CHURCH

**Highway Mission Tabernacle**, which for thirty years has been located at Twenty-second and Oxford streets, and which was enlarged three years ago, having become too small to care for its congregation, has bought a large church located at the corner of Nineteenth and Green Streets. This new place of worship will be dedicated to God for full Pentecostal service on Sunday morning, January 4, at 10:30 o'clock. Following the dedication, Dr. Charles A. Shreve, assisted by his co-workers, Brothers Benjamin A. Baur and Joe Elliott, will conduct every night revival meetings to and including Sunday, January 18. A hearty invitation is extended to all fellow-Christians and hungry hearts from surrounding communities. By writing Mrs. Charles Reinhardt, 2338 Nicholas Street, immediately, every effort will be made to secure suitable boarding places at reasonable prices for any who wish such. Please tell when you wish to come, and for how long.—Ernest S. Williams.

**OPEN FOR CALLS**—To any open field that wants an evangelist. Will go to new fields as well as old ones.—Evangelist Elmer E. Gore, 804 East Broadway, Gainesville, Tex.

**OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC CALLS** both in new fields and in assemblies. Anyone wishing to secure me for a revival, write W. G. Workman, State Evangelist, Ellington, Mo.

### OPEN FOR CALLS

I am giving up the work here January 1 and will be open for calls; anyone needing our help may write us at Seymour, Tex., Box 35.—W. R. Farris and wife.

**OPEN FOR CALLS** to pastoral or evangelistic work; am holding "Assembly of God" credentials; am in full sympathy with the Council; am making my way westward; would like to hear from points in West or Southwest Texas. Address Evangelist S. Swift, 1709 Willow, Austin, Texas.

### OPEN FOR WORKER

A Pentecostal Mission has been opened in New Britain, Conn. We would be glad to hear from any Spirit-filled worker who would be willing to obey God's call and come here to help in extending the kingdom of God. Besides we have plenty of work for men in the building trade, for this is a high-grade hardware manufacturing city. If interested write to H. L. Christopher, Builder, 381 Commonwealth Ave., New Britain, Conn.

**NOTICE TO THE IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI DISTRICT.**—Brother John H. Bostrom has resigned as secretary-treasurer of the district, and Chas. E. Long has been chosen in his place to act for the balance of the year. Please send all your offerings for the district to him, also any other communications. His address is Chas. E. Long, 406 S. Pine St., Creston, Iowa.—Roy E. Scott, District Chairman.

**WANTED AT ONCE** consecrated workers who desire to do real missionary work among children in our Pentecostal Children's Home; one as a seamstress and one to do laundry work. We do not pay salaries, but we do give our time and talent to God, and for the children. Each worker receives a monthly allowance. For further information write Matron of Bethesda Children's Home, West Runney, N. H.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Having been pastor of the Assembly of God at Wellston, Okla., for the past four and one-half years, I felt that it was the will of the Lord for me to change my field of labor at this time. Therefore, I have accepted a call as pastor of the "Glad Tidings Assembly of God" at Okmulgee, Okla.

Brother G. H. Millard of the western part of the state succeeded me at Wellston. We were very fortunate indeed to be able to secure the service of this splendid young man and wife at the time, whom the Lord has wonderfully used in the past few years in establishing the work in the western part of Oklahoma.

My new address is 1214 West 6th St., Okmulgee, Okla.—D. E. Collins.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS December 1 to 4, Inclusive

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**MORGANTOWN, WEST VA.**—I came to this college town (about 35,000) last September to hold a revival service; found a good tabernacle nearly paid for, seating about 450 people. I found about 8 souls standing true. God worked. Luke-warm saints were set on fire; some back-sliders were reclaimed, a goodly number were saved; and God healed sick bodies. Also some were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Brother D. C. Rodgers of Can-ton, Ohio, a blind brother, mighty in prayer, was a God-given help in this revival. We have at least 50 in regular attendance with many outsiders, some of whom are seeking the Baptism. We see here a wide field of labor and request the prayers of the Evangel family for a great work for God.—M. W. Richards.

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**UNCLE KOISTBERG'S CHRISTMAS**

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rang and immediately the gate opened of itself and we went into the city. We met there countless hosts of redeemed who welcomed us. Some of these people were large, others were rather small. I asked the angel if there were no small ones here who belonged to me. I had four little children who died and I hoped to meet them there. 'No,' answered the angel, 'they are not yet here. They will come later.' The angel took me by the hand and led me through the golden streets with beautiful buildings on either side; the beauty of them far surpassed all the beauty of earth. In these streets were multitudes of happy people and all wore crowns on their heads, some of which shone with greater brilliancy than others. I asked the angel why this difference in brightness, and he answered, 'These whom you see so glorious and bright, whose crowns shine brighter than the others, are they who, while on earth, served God most faithfully and offered themselves wholly to the service of the Lord. The others have not been so faithful, and have not consecrated themselves so entirely in the service of God; therefore is their joy of less magnitude. The reward and the glory in heaven will be according to the life and service on earth.'

"The angel led me from glory to glory, and I saw also the throne of God and Him who sits upon it, with the hosts of saints and angels around it. The fulness of joy was stamped on every face. As we passed through the city we met a glorious Being. He was more beautifully glorious, more majestic than all the others. The angel pointed to Him and said, 'That is the Lamb you see over there.' Oh how meek and gentle He looked, this blessed Lamb of God. The most beautiful of all in heaven is the Lamb!

"After we had walked about in the city and the angel had shown me its glory and many blessed souls who were so happy there, I asked him if I might not too remain, saying I was old and weak and could do nothing more on earth. 'No,' he said, 'you are not yet made ready on earth. You must return and testify of what you have heard and seen. It will be an encouragement to the Christians and a warning to the godless.'

"Then he led me out through the pearly gate and dropped my hand, when I awoke and found myself lying in my bed in my poor, little room. No one can imagine how disappointed I was when I awoke from my rapture and found myself in our poor home. Oh what a contrast between our little room and the mansions in this heavenly city. Brother," he said with trembling voice, "I long for home now more than ever before. May the Lord come soon and bring not only me, but all His longing children to that glorious home."

This was Uncle Koistberg's story. I have tried to repeat it as nearly as possible, hoping it may be both a comfort and encouragement to some lonely pilgrim on his way homeward. In the Spirit we see the border of our Homeland and the glorious City. Our Bridegroom says, "Behold, I come quickly." We answer, "Amen! Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—A. T., in Latter Rain Evangel.

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