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The Penalty of Rejecting God's Word

THE Son of God is upholding all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3). The heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment (2 Peter 3:7). This word of power was heard through the Son when He rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still" (Mark 4:39). And the raging sea went down. It was the word of His power—God's power. He spoke with authority and power when He rebuked the fever—the demons—of Simon's wife's mother (Luke 4:39). And it was like power, but a different tone, as He spoke to the daughter of Jairus, "Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise" (Mark 5:41).

"The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty" (Psa. 29:4). "He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly. He maketh snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes. . . . He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow" (Psa. 147:15, 16, 18). There is power and majesty and creative force in the Word of God.

And the same Word became incarnate. The Word was clothed with flesh. God was so mighty that He clothed His Word (John 1:14). We clothe our thoughts with language. God clothed His Word with human frame. The eternal Word came down into time, and the eternal Word went back into eternity, accomplishing His purpose, taking hold of the sons of time and making them sons of eternity. How? By the means of the same Word. They were begotten by the Word of God. There is creative force, regenerative force, quickening force and power in the voice, the living Word of the living God. The word that goeth forth out of His mouth shall not return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing whereunto He sent it.

Men are belittling God's Word today, discounting it and setting it aside. They are belittling

God. They are discounting God. They are setting God aside. They are insulting the Majesty on high. They are also setting at naught the living Word, even the Son.

They are saying, "Yea, hath God said?" "Did God say?" They are politely calling God a liar. They call it higher criticism, scholarly criticism. An enemy hath done this—one whose destiny is the pit. God has set His Word in the heavens above His name (Psa. 138:2). The veracity of God's Word is linked with the veracity of God Himself. He confirmed His Word to Abram with an oath, that by two immutable things, the immutability of His Word and the immutability of His own nature, we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.

Christ came unto His own, and His own received Him not. He made the world, and the world knew Him not. They rejected the Son who was the embodiment of the Word, and therefore they rejected the Word Himself.

"By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt. 12:37). Every word spoken against the Word of God will bring a just recompense of judgment. Set God's Word aside and you are setting God aside. Those who would dethrone the Word would dethrone God Himself. But He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Those who have derided God's Word, He will deride (Prov. 1:26). How shall they escape the damnation of hell? They are putting God in the same category as themselves—AS LIARS. They call some things in the Scriptures of truth mistakes, discrepancies, and other high-sounding names. In other words, they are bringing into question Him who is truth, under the pretext of trying to find truth. God is going to vindicate His written Word, His spoken Word, and His manifested Word, even the Son of God.

Set the Word aside and you set the Son aside.

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THE FIFTH SPARROW

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings?"

"And not one of them is forgotten before the face of God" (Luke 12:6, Gr.).

It was a beautiful winter day. I was sitting on the veranda of a southern hotel enjoying the sunshine and sky. Suddenly I become conscious of the swift flight of some small object before my eyes. Then came a dull thud as of something falling. There before my eyes, not ten feet away, lay the crumpled body of a sparrow. He turned upon his back. His little claws stretched appealingly toward the sky. There was a convulsive shiver as though in pain. Then the tiny eyelids closed over the death-dimmed eyes. A quick, short gasp and all was over. A tell-tale spot of crimson on the little gray breast gave the story of the tragedy. His swift flight through the air had evidently brought him into a death collision with a pole or buttress and his sparrow life had been the price. It was only a passing incident—this death of a tiny sparrow. Seemingly no one but myself, sitting there alone, had noticed it. But like a flash came to mind the wondrous text, with its marvelous truth—"Not a sparrow falleth without your Father."

I was overwhelmed with the thought of how far we failed to believe in, and realize, the tender care of the God of the universe over the tiniest and most insignificant objects of His creation, and much more over the most trivial and passing affairs in the lives of his own dear children.

Sparrow Mathematics

"Are not two sparrows sold for one farthing?" (Matt 10:29).

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings?" (Luke 12:6).

Have you ever noted the Master's mathematics in these two sparrow texts? The sparrow was sold as an article of food in the Palestine markets. So cheap was the little bird that two of them were sold for the paltry pittance of a farthing. Naturally four of them would be sold for two farthings. But so insignificant were they in the sight of the vendor that, when a buyer came along with two farthings, the seller threw in an extra one, giving five for two, instead of four. Yet of this extra sparrow—almost worthless in the sight of the vendor, the Lord utters this wonderful word, "Not one of them is forgotten before the face of God" (Luke 12:6).

We have been missing a wondrous truth. It is this. The God of the universe is also the God of the tiny sparrow. As that sparrow is ever before the face of God, and in His tender care, so the most trivial details of our lives are ever present, unforgotten, and tenderly cared for before the face of our Father in heaven. He wants us to bring every such detail, however insignificant, in the happy confidence that He is ever watching and waiting to meet our every need, however humble. The God who has wrought for us the miracle of salvation is the God who would work for us every day and hour of our lives the ever-recurring miracle of the daily, tender, minute care of each detail of our care-filled lives, and would make them to be as care-free and restful in himself as that of a sunny-faced, artless, happy child. Let us run through

his blessed Book and note how many things are, like the sparrow, unforgotten before the face of God. Notice first—

The Unforgotten Coin

"Go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee" (Matt. 17:27).

Peter was in financial straits. He had a tax to pay. But there was no money wherewith to pay it. That seemed a small matter for God to be interested in. Yet the God of the fifth sparrow was there. His face was turned toward His troubled child. And straightway he wrought a wondrous miracle to meet his child's money-need. I have a beloved friend who was rushed to a hospital for a critical operation. He had lived for thirty years upon a salary, and never expected to be supported in any other way. But it happened that he had just resigned his position to accept another. He was therefore caught between two salaries. That is, his first salary had ceased, and his second had not yet begun. Naturally he faced the crisis with some trepidation, for his hospital bills would total a thousand dollars. How he could meet these and other needs, with no salary, was indeed a perplexing problem. Mark what occurred. There came to him first a gift of two hundred dollars from a group of friends. A second gift followed from another friend. Then another, and still others. By the end of his stay in the hospital he had received from various sources fifteen hundred dollars, amply sufficient for all his needs. All this with not a word of appeal to human help; no knowledge of his precise need among the separate givers; nor any concord of action among them. Some one may say it was all an accident. But if it was—why did the same accident never once occur in the thirty years previous? And why did it occur a dozen times within a period of several months? And why did it cease at once when the necessity ceased? There is only one answer to the believer. The God of the fifth sparrow was watching over His child, meeting all his needs in the very nick of time, and with a marvelous, loving precision that knew no such thing as accident.

The Unforgotten Room

"And he will himself show you a large upper room furnished and ready: and there make ready for us. And the disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them . . ." (Mark 14:15, 16, R. V.).

Most of us do not think of God as interested in His children's house-renting and room-hunting, with their perplexities and difficulties. But He is. And here we see Him, in the most beautiful way, directing and guiding the disciples. They needed a room for the Passover feast. He sends the "man with the pitcher" as the token of His guidance. They follow him, and find a "large upper room furnished and ready" even "as he had said unto them." It was the God of the fifth sparrow again. His face was turned in watchful and loving care even toward so small a need in their lives as a room.

Years ago utterly broken in body I landed one summer at early dawn in a Canadian fishing village. Staggering down the sidewalk I stopped at the little hotel to inquire for a room. Every room was taken. It was a deep disappointment for a sick man. Sitting down on a great rock outside the hotel I began to pray. I reminded the Lord of my weakness and helpless dependence upon Him to supply my urgent need for a place to rest during the summer. I asked him to show me a room that would meet that need. Rising I started down the sidewalk toward the village. I had gone only a few yards when I ran upon a white-haired, benign-faced old fisherman, standing in front of his modest little home. "Would you tell me where I could find a room, sir?" said I. Motioning me to follow him, the old man led the way upstairs to a modest little bedroom where I settled down for the summer. Day after day he was wont to put me in his little boat and sail me about the bay until life and health began again to come back. For fifteen summers I came back to that same little room—finding in it a haven of rest and quiet. To me my white-haired old fisherman friend was literally God's "man with the pitcher"—and the little upper room was as really sent to me by the God of the fifth sparrow as was the room to which he had so clearly led His own disciples.

The Unforgotten Danger

"And there arose a great storm. . . . Master, carest thou not that we perish?" (Mark 4:37, 38).

Christ and His disciples were crossing the lake. A great storm arose. The waves rolled in over the sides. The boat began to swamp. The disciples were panic-stricken. In their fear they awoke the Lord and cry—"Master, carest thou not that we perish?" He arose and rebuked the wind and stilled the sea. Immediately there was a great calm. Then he put his finger on the sore spot in their hearts. It is the spot at which we all wince when He touches it in gentle rebuke—the spot of unfaith, "How is it that ye have no faith?" They trusted Him for great things but they did not realize that He was the God of the fifth sparrow and could be trusted in all things. They did not know that He was carefully guarding their lives in danger, even as He was safeguarding their souls.

I was journeying northward after a winter's teaching in the South. As the day went on our train came upon a wreck. We were held behind it for many hours until the night fell. Then came the order to run around the wreck. As our train ran by the burning wreckage the passengers from our sleeper flocked to the rear platform to watch the wreck. Under the same impulse I sought the rear of the car. The platform was crowded with spectators. Naturally I stepped across to the front platform of the car adjoining ours. I laid my hands upon the iron rods at the side. Lifting my foot I was about to step out upon the platform. There came a sort of gentle arrest to my spirit which stayed my step for a moment. The next instant I was conscious of a cold breath of air upon my cheek, which should not have been there if the car door were closed. In another instant I realized that someone had left the door wide open and the platform raised. I was about to step out through the darkness from a fast express train to what would have seemingly been certain death. I walked forward, sat down in my berth, pulled my hat over my eyes, and had a quiet, blessed season of thanksgiving with the Lord who had stayed my erring step, and safeguarded my life. Before my very eyes I had seen the God of the fifth sparrow in action.

And who of His children has not? Doubtless there

is not one who reads these lines who has not had like narrow escapes from instant death. By sea, flood, fire, and deadly peril of all sorts our lives have been in jeopardy again and again. From childhood days until this hour we have more than once felt the chill breath of death in our faces and realized how close had come the summons to the other world. But the God of the fifth sparrow was there. He beset us before and behind, at our right hand and at our left. And we have come to realize that the angels of His care are "sent forth to minister" unto the "heirs of salvation" and that in every passing moment of our lives His unseen messengers guard with tenderest care and love the straying footsteps of us who are "of more value than many sparrows."

The Unforgotten Bread

"As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread" (John 21:9).

All night long the disciples had toiled and taken nothing. The gray dawn of the morning found them tired, hungry, and disheartened. On the shore stood Jesus Christ, conqueror of death. The last thing in the world they would have expected would be to find the Lord of glory preparing breakfast for them. Yet when they came to shore they found a fire of coals there, with fish and bread ready to refresh and strengthen their hungry, weary bodies—fish they had not caught, and bread they had not baked. It was the same precious story. The God of the fifth sparrow was there again. Their need of food was not forgotten before the face of the Lord. Just then the thing of first importance to him was a meal for his own hungry ones. What a picture of his care!

I had reached a crisis in my business and Christian life. God was calling me to step out and follow Him in the teaching of His Word. There was no society or organization back of me. Therefore I knew that it meant I must trust Him to supply my needs through the voluntary offerings of the work. This I decided to do. I foresaw that it meant a testing of faith. Nor was it long in coming. The first town to which I went to teach was a small one. After the service the free-will offering was handed me. It amounted to the munificent sum of sixteen cents. Can you imagine how Satan assailed me? He beset me with all sorts of sinister suggestions—I would fail; I would starve; I would be deemed a fanatic, and the like. Finally, I found arising in my soul a spirit of intense indignation that he should dare to try to break my faith in the living God. I started to climb the mountain. When I reached the top I sat down under a tree to pray. I laid the sixteen cents on the ground and dedicated it to God for missions. It was very little—but it was all I had received. Then I told the Lord I believed He had called me to teach His Word—and I would follow Him at any cost. For two hours the heavens seemed to open, and the Lord who had called me to teach in His name was present with me in marvelous power and blessing. That was thirty years ago. From that time God has cared for me in the most beautiful way, meeting all my needs to the uttermost as they arose. It was the same God of the fifth sparrow who had the bread and the fish ready for His disciples when they landed hungry, and weary, upon the seashore after a night of toil in which they had taken nothing.

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush about and worry so?"

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WHAT IS MODERNISM?

Modernism is simply **Infidelity**—a systematized attack on every truth of Scripture, subtle and Satanic. It is the old paganism revived. It is the (fancied) wisdom of man setting up gods according to his own ideas, and worshipping them, in place of the Triune God, in all three Persons.

God has revealed Himself in His Word, and pre-eminently in and by His Son; and the Holy Spirit is on earth today to be the power of the reception and communication of that revelation. Well, when that revelation of God—the true God—is set aside—denied indeed, what is there left? Nothing but the old state of paganism.

When this denial occurs in those professing godliness it means **Apostasy**. Solemn word! Terrible state! I say that only the old state of paganism is left. This is unwittingly confessed by these Modernists in their creed as regards Comparative Religions. They tell us that by "a large and free study of other religions" (i. e., Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Mohammedanism, and what not) is given a broad and divine conception of how God has revealed Himself in the past to men of all ages and climes. That is, they adopt paganism, while they apostatize from the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

They may not worship gods made by their own **hands**, but they **do** worship gods set up by their own **minds**; and since man of himself can never rise higher than himself, they are worshipping their own ideals, just as the heathen have ever done, and God—the living God, and His Christ, in their eternal Godhead and revelation in manhood, they entirely discard, though they may allow their own false conception of these blessed Persons a place in their theology.

Modernism in its essence and result is infidelity and paganism—the apostasy of 2 Thess. 2:3 nearing now its culmination and overthrow. The spirit and aim of it we find given in Psalm 2:1-3, "Let us break their (God's and His Christ's) bands asunder and cast away their cords from us."

For us who believe in the hope of the gospel, it is the signal that the coming of the Lord is very near.—F. L. H.

Clothe thee with the love of wisdom, with hospitality, with the succoring of the saints, with continual prayer. These be better than cloth of gold, these more stately than jewels and necklaces; these make thee of good repute among men, and bring thee great reward with God. This is the dress of the Church, worthy of heaven.—S. Chrysostom.

THE PENALTY OF REJECTING GOD'S WORD

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If you set the Son aside you set the Word aside. And God in turn will set you aside—aside from the glories, aside from the first resurrection, aside from the company of the blessed, aside from God Himself.

Paul was a persecutor. He was exceeding mad against the followers of Christ. But he had forgiveness. He never questioned the divine oracles, the Word of God. God has punished, does punish, and will punish the individual, the community, the nation, that sets aside, belittles, or discounts the Word of the eternal God.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).

THE FIFTH SPARROW

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Said the Sparrow to the Robin,

"Friend, I think that it must be

That they have no heavenly Father

Such as cares for you and me."

—Elizabeth Cheney.

The sparrow's indictment is true. We believe unto salvation. But we live as though we had no Father! That is, we trust God for the great things of life, but fail to trust Him for the little ones.

"If God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:30).

He rebukes them for their little faith. But note the context. He was speaking of food and raiment when he said, "O ye of little faith." That is, one form of little faith is the failure to trust God about little things. So with us. We have looked unto Him in faith and have been saved. We have come to Him in some critical hour and have known His great deliverance, answering our implicit faith. We have walked in the darkness of unknown pathways, and trusted him for guidance which has come to us straight from him. But when it comes to the fifth sparrow; when it means trust in him for things so trifling we scarcely like to mention them, then we fail. There is a vast area of peace for our lives which is unexplored and unpossessed because we have failed to grasp and embody in practise this great truth concerning the God of the fifth sparrow. The God who upheaved the mountains, hollowed out the seas, and guides the stars in their courses is the same God who paints the pansy, perfumes the heliotrope, and chisels the tiny crystal. The God who holds the universe in His omnipotent grasp is the same God who prepared breakfast for His tired and disheartened fisher disciples. We have been dropping too many stitches from the web of our prayer-life. Let us weave in not only the thick cords of our great burdens and anxieties, but also the tiny threads of the trifling and seemingly insignificant. The pattern will be much more beautiful. And the peace—oh, much more wonderful!—From a tract by James H. McConkey. Can be obtained free from Silver Publishing Co., 1013 Bessemer Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

"We do not render true service to God so long as we obey from fear, and not from love."

"The meek are they who bend the neck to ill-treatment, and who, so far from resisting evil, 'overcome evil with good.'"

"WILT THOU GO WITH THIS MAN?"

By Dr. Chas. A. Shreve

"And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left" (Gen. 24:49).

These words were spoken by the servant of a great man; and this servant was to get a bride for the son of this great man. Abraham was the great man, and he had sent his servant to get a wife for Isaac. He called his servant to him and made him swear that he would not seek a wife for his son from among the heathen, but that he would go down to the land from whence Abraham had come, and seek her among his own people.

The servant took camels and gifts and servants, and went down to the country to which Abraham had told him to go. When he came to the place he prayed God to help him on this strange expedition, and to give him a sign by which he should know the woman who would be God's choice for Isaac. As he stood beside a well, he prayed God that the woman coming forth to water the flocks, to whom he would say, "Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink," and who would say, "Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels," would be the one whom the Lord had appointed to be the wife of his master's son. He put that to the Lord as a test so that he would know the right woman.

The women came out to water their flocks, and he said to one of them, "Give me to drink." This was Rebekah, and she said, "Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also." And she made haste and let down her pitcher and gave him to drink, and she made the camels drink also. This servant knew that God had led him; and so he said to this woman, "Tell me, I pray thee; is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?" And she said, "We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in." Then Rebekah ran to the house and told her people, and her brother came out to him immediately. "And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he stood by the camels at the well. And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels."

It is well to be cordial as you go along through the world, for you may entertain angels unawares. It is a good thing to welcome anyone that comes your way from heaven, anything that is indicative that there is going to be a proposition made to your soul or something offered to you that will help you to eternity and bring glory to God. So La-

ban did and invited Eliezer in; and he went in. They wanted him to eat supper, but he said to them, "I will not eat until I have told mine errand." And then he told it in simple words.

He told how he had come up to that moment, and then said, "If ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left." He had no time to waste. If they just wanted to have a visit there with him that night, he had no time for it. His business was to get a wife for Isaac, and he had no other business at that time. He was all fixed, he was in earnest, and he had made a very good proposition. If they were not going to talk business, he would go on his way. But they understood his errand and saw exactly what his motive was. It was a very clear proposition. They were sensible people. They saw that the thing proceeded from the Lord, and they decided that they had nothing to do with it. They said, "We cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken. And it came to pass that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord, bowing himself to the earth." It made him feel good that they were not only going to treat him well, but they were going to treat his master well. "And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah; and he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things." He had his eye on Rebekah all the time. That was his business—to get a bride for his master's son. "And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master."

"And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth. And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go." She was a shrewd little woman, and was not going to lose such an opportunity as that. And the record shows us how the servant took her to Isaac.

I want to take these words that were asked of Rebekah, and ask you the same words, "Wilt thou go with this man?" I believe this is one of the most beautiful stories in the whole Bible. It is a wonderful type of a great many things that are right round about us now.

Abraham, the father, was a type of God the Father, and Abraham wanted to get a bride for his son. Isaac was a type of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and that servant who was sent to get the bride was a type of the Holy Spirit. He went out to find from among the people the one who was suitable to be a bride for Isaac, and, as he went, his whole proposition was the wonderful charms of his master and his master's son. His message was not about himself, but about his master. He said in effect, "My master is a rich man, my master is a great man, my master stands high in his country, and he has sent me to get a wife for his son;" and he might have added, "Happy is the woman who turns out to be the right one, for there can be no mistake made in choosing to be the bride of my master's son; my master's son is rich, he is honorable, he is powerful, and he has everything that can be desired."

I believe Rebekah was a type of my poor soul down in a land where I did not know about Isaac until the Holy Spirit came and knocked at the door of our house and told us that He was here to call us to come away from the world of sin and the life that we were living and become the bride of Jesus, the Son of God. And I believe that the Holy Spirit is speaking to peoples' hearts and saying to them, "Jesus is a wonderful friend, Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus is the Prince Charming of the universe; Jesus is powerful—all power is given unto him in heaven and in earth; there is nobody like Jesus—no other name given under heaven whereby we may be saved; He is rich, He is powerful, and He will never die; He died once, but He lives again and He ever lives; and this Jesus has sent me, the Holy Spirit, to call you to come and be the bride of the Lamb."

The question that he puts to you and to me is, "Wilt thou go with this man?" Wilt thou go with the Holy Spirit who has come to represent Jesus Christ to you? That is the question that is before us now. God the Father is seeking a bride for Jesus, and there is a great future for those who are married to Jesus. There is no disappointment in heaven because in heaven there is perfection of the plan of God; there is purity, holiness, peace, unlimited riches—everything that heart and mind and spirit can desire in great plentifulness for every soul of man that goes there; and the way to get there is to be married to Jesus; and the Holy Spirit comes and calls you to be the bride of the Lamb. And the strange part of it is that he does not go down in the country where the good people live, but he goes everywhere. He will go right down in the slums and call to some old sinner and say, "Wilt thou go with this man?" He will go upon the throne and call to a king; and he may say, "I will arise and go with the man, Jesus Christ." Young and old can go with Jesus. And so the Holy Spirit speaks to you every now and then, and says, "Wilt thou go with this man?" He is trying to speak to you now.

Who is this man? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is this man. He is the en-

emy of everything that is wrong; he is the champion of holiness and the enemy of unrighteousness. If you want to go with this man, you must be separate from the world. You must be cleansed from all your sins. You must either become a Christian or not, one of the two. There is no such thing as being both. You either go with Jesus or you do not. The Holy Spirit says, "Soul, I want you for a very high calling." Your soul says, "But there is nothing in me, there is nothing beautiful in me that he should call me." But, He is not looking at what you are now, but at what He wants to make of you. He looks at you in all your sin and frivolity and stubbornness, and he sees the beautiful soul that you can be. He sees you as a tremendous success and not as a failure.

He speaks to the little girl, and says, "Wilt thou go with this man?" and he speaks to the big, heavy-set man, and says to him, "Wilt thou go with this man? And they say, "Who is it that you want me to go with?" It is Jesus, the Son of God, the Jesus that your grandmother talked to you about, the Jesus that spoke to Paul "yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord," and that changed his heart instantly.

Will He do that for me? Yes, He has done that for me, and He has done it for thousands. You say, If I thought He would do that for me, I would follow Him. That is getting ready to talk business with my Father. To every individual who will come, He will give a hearing. Whosoever will, may take of the water of life freely. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." Listen to the Spirit as He goes on speaking to you; trust Him, yield to Him, let Him move you, let Him set His proposition before you, and I guarantee to you that He will give you the best time you ever had in your life.

Wilt thou go with this man? Who is Jesus? He is the most wonderful being this world has ever known. Jesus is the greatest character that the world has ever known. This is admitted by everyone, Jew and Gentile alike. He is the greatest teacher this world has ever had. He is the greatest physician that the world has ever had. He heals the sick of all diseases from leprosy to blindness. Nobody ever came into the world like Jesus. Jesus Christ has made the greatest sacrifice for the people and the world that anybody has ever dreamed of making. Politicians get up and make speeches for our vote on the strength of this, that they have given themselves to the cause for which they stand, but there has never been a man in this world who has come within a million miles of making the sacrifice for the people that Jesus Christ has made.

Let us consider this sacrifice. You are old enough to consider it now. You have let time fly by far enough without considering it. If you had done a great thing for me and I paid no attention to it, I would be an ingrate. If Jesus Christ has made the sacrifice that He has made

for you and for me and we fail to go with Him and stand for him, then we are ingrates.

Jesus Christ is the greatest lover that the world has ever known. That song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" is a wonderful song, for it is not so much about our love for Him, as His love for us. Jesus hung on the cross making love to the world.

Jesus Christ is the most proven and truest lover that any man or woman has ever had in this world, and He came to love people who were not fit to love. He came in the face of hatred to seek from among those who hated Him some who would love Him, and He loved those who nailed Him to the tree. Wilt thou go with this man?

You say, "Where will He lead me?" Jesus went outside of Jerusalem to a place called Golgotha, the place of a skull, and there he hung upon the cross with the people wagging their heads at him, cursing and spitting upon Him, and all of His friends had forsaken Him and fled. You say, "That is a pretty hard trip." But, are you willing to go? There is a little bit of sacrifice on both sides of a wedding scene, and there is a little bit of sacrifice if you want to go with Jesus. If you are not willing to sacrifice a little bit, you are not ready to enter into this wonderful experience. Will you come apart and be crucified to the world, the flesh, and the devil, and have the world, the flesh and the devil crucified unto you?

You say, "I am a little afraid." We were all a little afraid. We do like everything to be as easy as possible. My Beloved will see to it that your separation from the world and your sinful life is not nearly as hard as you think it is going to be. I used to think that the hardest trip I was ever called upon to make was the trip from the bench in the meeting to the altar. I wanted to meet the Lord Jesus Christ. I wanted to go, but I thought I could not do it. It meant crucifixion for me. I knew a great many people would be laughing at me, and they would say, "There goes Shreve; they have got him at last; whatever made him go; what does he think God is going to do for him; he has just been moved upon by somebody's sentiments; he is not going to get anywhere; he will be the same old sinner that he was before."

I lost many an opportunity because I was afraid to step out and follow my Beloved. But there came a time one night when the Holy Spirit spoke a little louder to me, and said, "Now is the day of salvation; now is the accepted time; you go to the altar and God will save you." I had been in all kinds of trouble on account of sin, and I said, "I cannot go tonight." But the Spirit spoke so clearly to me that night that I saw that I either had to go to the altar or get out of the house, so I got up and got out of the house. The minute I stepped out, something seemed to say to me, "This is a dangerous thing you are doing; the Lord is speaking to you very definitely tonight, and more than likely this is your last opportunity, and, if you do not go to Jesus tonight, you will never go."

It was so clear that I wheeled about, and went back, and I sat down upon the bench. I wanted to go to the altar but I was afraid. I took two or three long breaths, and I thought, "If I can get there before anybody comes and asks me to go." So I made a break and it seemed as though I was fastened to the bench. But I said, "I am going anyhow," and I got up, and I started, and the Lord sent two camels and four servants, and they put me upon the easiest camel I ever was on. In other words, it was easy to go to the altar, and I found peace and salvation there. It was not long before those very people whom I had dreaded and the very ones I thought would sneer at me were right down at the same altar seeking salvation and making their way to God.

Wilt thou go to the cross with this man? The little girl says, "I am afraid; I like Jack and Jack likes me; what will my friends think of me; we all love to go together, and we have such good times together; they will say she is a second Rebekah, and now she is going to put on the mourning veil. It means a lot more than that. It means that Jack and Dick and Harry will think a thousand times more of you as you hang on the cross taking your place with your Beloved, and saying to the world, "Yes, I love Jesus because He first loved me; I will follow Him; I am willing to suffer with Him; I am willing to be a spectacle because He was a spectacle." They will think ten thousand times more of you than when you are going around simply afraid to take a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. There is something in a woman's heart that responds to Jesus, something that always responds to love. Jesus is a wonderful lover. Glory to God, there is a wonderful opportunity for you on the cross with Jesus. What are you going to say? Say like Rebekah, "I will go."

Young man, where will Jesus lead you? If you will go with this man, He will take you to a great many experiences. He will take you to the upper room in Jerusalem. He will take you apart with Him to where the world does not understand, and He will put a song in your soul. You say, "I am seeking to be baptized in the Holy Spirit." If you will come with my Beloved, you can get baptized in the Holy Spirit, and have the fire of the old-time religion in your soul. If you will go with Jesus, He will take you apart on a high mountain and you can see Him in His transfiguration of glory.

Are you willing to separate yourself from the general run of people? Wilt thou go with Jesus? You say, "I have wanted to be a Christian all the time, but people are so uncertain that I do not see much to religion." If you will go with my Beloved tonight in the upper room, He will send the Holy Spirit upon you, and you will find power and liberty. You say, "I am afraid of a lot of things; I am afraid I might speak in tongues." Well, you might. I have seen people do it. My Beloved is in charge of a certain kind of power that comes into the human life and fills that human life with

that same kind of power that He brought down from heaven.

Wilt thou go with this man? Will you come down and yield yourself to God Almighty? Jesus will be with you in such a wonderful way that your faith will mount up, and you will find it easy

to believe, and easy to pray, because the Holy Spirit has charge of you. My Beloved is beautiful as the stars at night, and He is as powerful as all the powers of heaven and of earth put together, and He is as gentle as a lamb. Wilt thou go with this man?

WHAT A BIBLE CAN DO

A young widow, Mrs. B——, of Dublin, very conscientious in her religious practices, but continually in unrest on account of her burden of sin, confided to her confessor her inward troubles; and, after trying other things, he urged her to divert her mind by going to hear a humorous and entertaining performer at the Dublin Ronduda, even securing for her tickets for the entertainment.

Mrs. B—— both mistook the hour and the place, and got into one of the smaller halls in the great public building, stumbling upon a Protestant **devotional meeting instead**. She could not get out without attracting much notice, and so stayed long enough to hear prayers that surprised her by their simple approach to God, and to hear a passage from Hebrews 10:1-18, which unfolded a new doctrine as to the forgiveness of sins. This was the opening of an absolutely new door of faith and hope, and left her amazed and comforted.

When the little meeting broke up, she summoned all her courage, and went up to ask the preacher **what book** he had been reading from. Finding that the lady had never possessed a Bible, "I will lend you mine," he said; "read the marked passages, but let me have it back in a few days; it is the most precious thing I have."

For the next few days everything else was forgotten; the light shone into her understanding; the burden long weighing on her conscience rolled away, and the peace of God filled her heart and mind.

The time had come for the Bible to be returned; but deep in study and engrossed in thought, she did not notice when some one entered her sitting-room and her confessor stood before her! He noticed both the embarrassment in her manner and the restful calm in her eyes.

"What has happened to you?" said he. "I haven't heard how you liked the entertainment, and as I didn't see you at mass last Sunday I thought you might be ill."

She had meant to keep the matter secret for a time, at least, but now, off her guard, she told the whole story—her mistake as to the room, the attempt to leave, the words heard, the Book lent, and, last of all, the joy and peace that filled her heart.

When she glanced at his face it was black with rage. "Give me that Book!" he cried.

"It isn't mine," she answered.

"Give it to me," was the reply, "or your soul will be damned eternally; that heretic has nearly got you into hell, and neither he nor you shall ever read the book again."

And, seizing it, he thrust it into his pocket and strode out of the room.

She sat as if paralyzed. That awful look searched her through and through. Then she thought of the man who had lent her his Bible; his address was in it, but she could not remember it and knew not where to write.

Days passed by, but her confessor, once so welcome a visitor, but now so dreaded, did not return. After a fortnight or more, Mrs. B—— ventured upon a visit to him, and to make an effort, if not too late, to get back the Book to restore it to its owner.

The door was opened by a nun, who, being asked if the priest was at home, immediately replied, with frigid manner, "Yes, Father John is at home," and, as she spoke, she half-pushed the lady into a room opening off the hall; but as she entered she saw there an open coffin, in which was the lifeless form of her confessor.

Before she could recover from the shock, the nun hissed into her ear these words: "He died cursing you. You gave him a Bible, and he told me to tell you that he cursed you with his last breath. Now go!"

Several weeks elapsed. One evening Mrs. B—— was sitting alone, pondering over the events of the previous three or four months. The joy of pardon was in her heart; she had bought a Bible for herself, and had read it daily, but there was a sorrow which could not be effaced. How ineffably sad the brief illness and sudden death of that young priest! His last look! His last words! That terrible message!

She had been so blest, brought into the haven of peace, filled with heavenly joy, and he—why should not the same words have brought him a like message? It was one of those mysteries which could never be explained. "Why," she said to herself, "should a God of love do this?"

At this moment the servant ushered into the room a lady, closely veiled, who stood for a moment irresolute. Before Mrs. B—— could speak, the other said, "You do not know me in this dress, but will soon recognize me." She lifted her veil, and revealed the face of the nun who had delivered the message of cursing as they stood by the open coffin.

Mrs. B—— started back, not knowing what might happen next, but her visitor calmed her fears, adding: "I have two things to tell you, and I must be very brief, for I am in haste. First, forgive me for that awful lie of mine. I have asked God's forgiveness, but I beg also for

yours. Father John died blessing you with all his heart. The day before his death he charged me to tell you that he, too, had found forgiveness for his sins by that Book, and that throughout eternity he would bless you for having brought him to the knowledge of his Saviour. I felt the strongest desire to read what he had read, and after his funeral I could not resist looking into the Book for myself. I was fascinated, and read more and more; and I, too, have found pardon and peace in my Saviour. I have been studying the Bible for weeks, and now here it is"—producing it as she spoke. "I have escaped from the convent this evening and will cross to England tonight, but I felt that I must come here to return this Bible, and to tell you that all my life, **I, too, shall bless you** for having, through it, taught me how to get forgiveness for my sins. Good-by! God bless you! We shall meet in heaven."

A little worn Bible lay on the table before Mrs. B——. That little Book—without a living voice to expound its teaching—in two cases had brought three precious souls out of darkness into light. Imagine the feelings of its owner when it was restored to him with this wonderful record!—Missionary Review of the World.

HEALED OF MANY TROUBLES

I am 56 years old, have lived in that time 54½ years B. C. and 1½ years A. D. July 20, 1923, was the first touch of God's power I had ever felt. On that date I was prayed for by Brother McConnell for the tobacco habit of 45 years standing, and all desire for it left me at once. However, two days later Satan whispered in my ear that I had better try the old pipe, and I yielded and took about three draws from the old thing. And say! if there ever was a sick man for about an hour it was I. Satan whispered the same thing a few times after that, but I answered him as the Lord did in Luke 4:8, "Get thee behind me, Satan."

Then on Dec. 9, 1923, the Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and when I came from under God's power I found that He had completely healed me of catarrh of 25 years standing, and neuritis of about 5 years standing; and even a corn was completely gone that had bothered me for over 30 years. My toe, where it had been, was as smooth as a baby's toe. Praise His holy name forever. Since that date there has been scarcely a night that I have not wakened myself talking, singing, or quoting poetry in an unknown tongue.

In November, 1924, I was taken with an attack of appendicitis. My wife and I prayed and I got some better, but was so sore I could hardly endure for my clothes to touch me. Six nights later I was awakened out of a sound sleep. My appendix was hurting me and the Holy Spirit (through me) was rebuking Satan in an unknown tongue. It continued from five to ten minutes, then came a song of victory in tongues, and my appendix was completely healed, all soreness was gone and I haven't felt it since. Rom. 8:26, 27 fits my case nicely.—Wm. H. Miller, Box 232, Dayton, Ore.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

ABRAM'S SEED

Genesis 15

I. **The Encouragement.** "After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision" (vs. 1). Abram had just defeated the four kings and may have had some fear of retaliation from their armies. But the assurance came from God, "Fear not, I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." The Lord stood between Abram and his enemies as a shield, and He is ever a shield to all those who put their trust in Him (Prov. 30:5). Abram had refused to accept from a threat to a shoe latchet from the king of Sodom; but what a wonderful reward he has! He is rich indeed who has the Lord as his portion (Lam. 3:24).

II. **The Promise.** "So shall thy seed be" (vs. 5). Abram was now an old man and was counting on one born in his house as his heir (vs. 3). But the Lord here promises a seed as numerous as the stars of heaven. Exceedingly above all we ask or think!

III. **The Imputation.** "He believed in the Lord: and he counted it to him for righteousness" (vs. 6). Abram "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead" (Rom. 4:20-24). Only believe!

IV. **The Sacrifice.** "Take me an heifer of three years old" (vs. 9). A covenant of blood! The blood of atonement is the basis of all blessing. The divided sacrifices, each three years old, surely speak to us of the Trinity as manifested at Calvary; God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself (2. Cor. 5:19); our Lord Jesus Christ . . . gave Himself for our sins (Gal. 1:3, 4); who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God (Heb. 9:14). The five-fold sacrifice reminds us of the burnt offering, the meat offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering of Leviticus, chapters 1 to 5.

V. **The Affliction.** "They shall afflict them four hundred years" (vs. 13). The Lord was going to test the seed of Abram in the "iron furnace" (Deut. 4:20). We would always choose for ourselves an easy way without suffering, but this is not God's way. "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

VI. **The Deliverance.** "And afterwards shall they come out with great substance" (vs. 14). "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all" (Psa. 34:19). "Who

delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us" (2 Cor. 1:10).

VII. **The Fire.** "A burning lamp that passed between those pieces" (vs. 17). The Lord answered the sacrifice of Abram by fire (1 Chron. 21:26). The fire fell at Pentecost fifty days after Calvary, and we have the burning lamp of the Spirit's presence right through the dark night through which we are passing. The night is far spent, but the lamp of the Spirit's presence is not spent. It is burning the brightest at this late hour.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

Subject—Be Not Unequally Yoked Together.

The principle of separation is clearly set forth in the Old Testament. "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together" (Deut. 22:10).

This principle is more fully unfolded in the New Testament. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

We cannot serve two masters. We are either in the yoke of Christ or in the yoke of Belial. Let us look at the various yokes.

1. **The Marriage Yoke.** It is a great evil for a child of God to be unequally yoked in marriage with an unbeliever. Macintosh well likens these unions to the linking of a sheep and a goat together: "The sheep longs to feed on the green pastures in the field, while the goat craves the brambles that grow in the ditch. The goat, by superior strength, as a rule succeeds in forcing his unequally yoked companion to remain among the brambles, there to languish and die. The moral of this is plain enough; and it is, alas! of but too common occurrence. The goat generally succeeds in gaining his end. It will be found, almost without exception, that in cases of the unequal marriage yoke, the poor Christian is the sufferer, as is evidenced by the bitter fruits of a bad conscience, a depressed heart, a gloomy spirit, and a despondent mind. In fact, a marriage of this kind is the death knell of practical Christianity. As well might a racer in the

Olympic games have expected to gain the crown of victory by attaching a heavy weight or a dead body to his person."

Some believers, who want to marry unbelievers, argue: "Well, after we are married, I will use my influence to lead him (or her) to Christ." But it never works. The unbeliever will always use the greater influence to lead the believer away from Christ.

Another unholy yoke is the marriage of a child of God to one who is divorced. While the Scriptures show that, because of adultery, there is a legitimate ground for divorce; there is no scripture that allows for remarriage while the divorced companion is living. "The woman that hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he liveth" (Rom. 7:2) is an unalterable scriptural principle. Union with a divorced person is labeled adultery in God's Word, and it is plainly stated that no adulterer will have any part in the kingdom of God. Some argue that their former union was not of God and therefore does not stand, but the fallacy of such an argument is brought forth clearly in 1 Cor. 6:15, 16, which shows plainly that God recognizes even the most unholy union and that the "two, saith He, shall be one flesh."

2. **The Business Yoke.** Never enter into business partnership with a worldlying. You can never cause a worldly man or a worldly firm to act on heavenly principles. If for sake of gain a Christian yokes himself up with an unbeliever and continues such relationship, he will soon find the current of the world moving him away from fidelity to Christ, and himself getting the same spirit that Demas had, a love for this present evil world, or age (2 Tim. 4:10). There is only one thing for a Christian to do, and that is to disentangle himself from such yoke, for it is the yoke of Belial and not of Christ.

3. **The Religious Yoke.** Churches, where many of the members are unregenerate, at times want to combine with Spirit-filled saints for some united religious object. When some of the uncircumcised offered help in the building of the temple, Zerubbabel and Jeshua positively refused and said, "Ye have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God" (Ezra 4:1-3). While we are glad to unite with all souls who have been born again in that which will further the interests of the kingdom, we dare not allow ourselves to be linked up with churches where a large number of the members are unregenerate. The day we cease to be a separated people, that day we will lose our power. If we let down, we will leak out. Do not yoke up with modern Gibconites without taking counsel with the Lord.

4. **Fraternal Yokes.** Do not allow yourself to get unequally yoked with lodges, fraternities, or in any earthly affiliation in which our Lord Jesus Christ is not glorified. Ungodly men have their place in lodges and fraternities and we should have no desire to be with such (Prov. 24:1), even though the respectability of such lodges or fraternities be enhanced by the membership of a number of preachers. Because a preacher puts his neck

into the yoke of Belial, is no reason why you should.

Some fraternities profess to be mainly philanthropic in purpose. Could not a child of God unite with such? No. An old saint declares himself, "Provided men can gain what they conceive to be a right object they care not about the mode of gaining it. But the true servant of Christ knows that he must do his Master's work upon his Master's principles in his Master's spirit. It will not satisfy such an one to reach the most praiseworthy end, unless he can reach it by a divinely appointed road. The means and the end must both be divine. I admit it, for example, to be a most desirable end to circulate the Scriptures—God's own pure, eternal Word; but if I could not circulate them save by yoking myself with an unbeliever, I should refrain, inasmuch as I am not to do evil that good may come. But, blessed be God, His servant can circulate His precious Book without violating the precepts contained in that Book. The same may be said in reference to every object of religious nature. It can and should be gained on God's principles and only thus." If you are linked with any ungodly association, the Lord invites you today, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate."

There is only one yoke for the child of God, the yoke of Him who says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOW-SHIP

The following names were added to our ministerial list in the month of January, 1925.

Dailey, Mrs. Charles, St. Louis, Mo.
Ellison, Mrs. Dessie, Beaumont, Texas.
Barnes, Miss Maggie, Lake Wales, Fla.
Hutchings, Mrs. Helen, Athens, Ala.
Johnson, Andrew G., Galt, Ont. Canada
Menga, Philip, Denver, Colo.
Misky, Andrew H., Perry, Iowa.
Newman John P., Tyler, Texas.
Shirar, O. P., Houston, Texas.
Sequeria, Manuel B., Los Gatos, Calif.
Stickney, Mrs. Lucy Carrie, Panama, Okla.
Virgin, Samuel G., Hahn, Mo.
Whitaker, Cleveland, Rutledge, Ala.
Whitaker, Mrs. Elma, Rutledge, Ala.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of January.

Clark, Maxie A. X., Boise, Idaho.
James, George S. (deceased), New York, N. Y.
Markley, Morse H., St. Louis, Mo.
Selix, Russell L., Ottumwa, Iowa.
J. R. Evans, Secretary.

CAN'T LEAVE THE STORE

A little boy asked his mother if she thought his father would ever go to heaven. "Hope so," said his mother, "but why do you ask the question?" "Because," said he, "I am afraid he couldn't leave the store."

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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

READING THE BIBLE WITH LIPS AND TONGUE

What if some day you should be in an accident and as a result lose both your hands and the sight of your eyes? That is just what happened to a man several years ago. One lovely, sunny June morning he went to work just as usual, little dreaming that in a few hours a blast would go off in the quarry too soon, and he would be disabled for life. Indeed, he was thrown about twenty feet into space and his face was all torn, and his hands were so torn that they had to be taken off.

William McPherson, for that is his name, was taken to the hospital for treatment, and after some time he told the nurse she would have to remove the bandage from his eyes as he could not stand it any longer. When he was told that his eyes were gone he was filled with disappointment and dismay. But one day, while he was listening to an evangelist tell how a blind woman had learned to read the Bible, the thought came to him that he could learn to read with his lips. He was staying at a home for the blind where a woman used to come and teach the other blind men to read with their fingers. Mr. McPherson's hands were gone, he could not learn that way, but he asked the woman to teach him to read with his lips.

She had promised to come in a week's time and teach him, and oh how he prayed that week while waiting for her. Sometimes he would tremble all over with eagerness. At last the day came and the woman brought a card with the alphabet for the blind on it. To give him some idea of the shape of the letters she would with her fingers stroke the letters between his shoulder blades. But it was so hard to learn that way, and at the end of an hour's hard trying he could not distinguish five letters very well. She was to come back again the next week. But that was a wonderful week for Mr. McPherson. He was so eager, so hungry to read God's Word, and he studied the alphabet so hard that both his lips and his tongue would bleed. He would get on his knees and pray awhile, then he'd study awhile again. He would wake up in his sleep and be thinking about it.

Though he was then a man forty-six years old, he had to learn to read all over again. This time he learned to read big raised letters, not the small, smooth ones that we read. But the day finally came when with his lips and his tongue he could read the Lord's Prayer. It was two o'clock in the morning when he read it through for the first time without a mistake. And now he can read the whole Bible; and how he does love the tenth, fourteenth and seventeenth chapters of John!

Though William McPherson who lives

in Kansas City, Mo. has neither hands nor eyes, yet he is not nearly as blind as some people who have the use of their eyes, for he has seen Jesus as his Saviour and all his sins have been washed away in Jesus' precious blood. To print the Bible in raised letters for the blind takes a lot of space, and so it is bound in fifty-nine books. Mr. McPherson keeps his fifty-nine books in a bookcase near his bed. When he is not able to sleep at night he gets up and reads God's Word, and he says he does not need to turn on the light, either.—Sister Beulah.

A LESSON IN GIVING

Nannie had a bright silver dollar given her. She asked her papa to change it into dimes.

"What is that for, dear?" he asked.

"So that I can get the Lord's part out of it." And when she got it into smaller coins, she laid out one of the ten. "There," she said, "I will keep that until Sunday."

And when Sunday came, she went to the box in the church and dropped in two dimes.

"Why," said her father, as he heard the last one jingle in, "I thought you gave one-tenth to the Lord?"

"I said, 'One-tenth belongs to Him,' and I can't give to the Lord what is His own. So if I give Him anything, I have to give Him what is mine."—Selected.

NOT TOO MUCH

A story is told of an Indian who one day asked Bishop Whipple to give him two one-dollar bills for a two-dollar note. The bishop asked, "Why?"

He said, "One dollar for me to give to Jesus, and one dollar for my wife to give."

The bishop asked him if it was all the money he had. He said, "Yes." The bishop was about to tell him, "It is too much," when an Indian clergyman who was standing by whispered:

"It might be too much for a white man to give, but not too much for an Indian who has this year heard for the first time of the love of Jesus."—The Christian.

"LOST SOULS"

The black gulls at the Golden Horn are noted for seeming to be ever on the wing. They are darting everywhere and at all times, restlessly seeking something that continually eludes them. The natives called them "lost souls." So that even these heathen have an idea of the unrest and vain longing and striving of those who have wandered away from God, and are lost in the mazes of sin.

The mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped (Psa. 63:11).

The froward tongue shall be cut out (Prov. 10:31).

IN THE LAND OF PALESTINE

Palestine is a very small but a very real place in the world. Perhaps it is now less than two hundred miles long and one hundred miles wide, with a very sad past, an interesting, exciting, developing present, but with a wonderful and glorious future. Its history has been recorded by angels and men. The little Palestine of the present is not all of the country God promised to Abram and his seed for an everlasting possession; that was to extend from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. It is true that Abraham did live in the land and was buried there. It is true that under Joshua the land was divided among the Israelites as they conquered their enemies. It is true that King Saul and the conquering King David and the wise and brilliant King Solomon did reign over all of Israel for a time. Then came a break in the monarchy, and later came the overthrow when the Assyrian and Babylonian kings carried Israel and Judah into captivity. After seventy years there was a partial restoration under Ezra and Nehemiah. Then in the fulness of time Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judah.

Three worlds knew of the birth of the Son of God, the Son of David. The angel announced, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." But they crucified their King. The Son of God outside His own city bowed His head and died on Calvary.

The final blows were struck when the God of Israel handed the land over to be "trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." "Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far" (Jer. 5:15). Yes, trodden down of the Gentiles, not the best of the Gentiles but the worst—Romans, Moslems, Kalifs, Arabs, Saracens and Turks have all "done their bit" in the treading down. But, thank God, that day is past and God is speaking today, "Shake thyself from the dust; arise." "For the time to favor her (Zion), yea, the set time, is come."

The fifty distinct curses of Deut. 28 have all been fulfilled. The edict made by Emperor Hadrian that no Jews should settle in Palestine, which edict held good for 1700 years, has now become a dead letter, and the Sultan of Turkey opened the land to the Jews in 1856. A Jewish colonization fund was founded in 1875, and later all Jewry was roused by Dr. Herzl's schemes for a Jewish state. In 1917 General Allenby took Jerusalem, at the head of a section of the British army,

and swept the Turks from the whole of Palestine. Sir Herbert Samuel, a Jew, is High Commissioner of Palestine and lives in the government house on the mount of Olives built by the German Kaiser, from which he expected to rule the world. So much for the past.

What about the present? In 1922 about 100,000 Jews settled in the Holy Land. The long night of years is past, a new day is dawning. One Jewish society planted 46,200 fruit trees in less than one year; and in the last four years 717,000 trees, and thousands of Eucalyptus



Mohammedan women in Jerusalem.

have been planted by the Jews. Up in Mount Carmel one society has planted quite a forest of pine trees; also many have been planted on Mount Scopus. They have built a university on the side of Mount Scopus. God is working in a very wonderful way.

A glorious future is just ahead. Zion shall yet be a praise in the earth. "Many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob" (Isa. 2:3). "The Lord of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously" (Isa. 24:23). What a paradise Palestine will be when God's plan has been worked out. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Oh the multiplied promises for the glorious land, promised to Abraham and to his seed! There is a hunger upon the people. They come to the meetings in such numbers that added help must be given. We have the Word and we have the Spirit, and His Word must be given under the anointing of the Spirit.

Miss Radford, who is laboring in Jerusalem, needs a native pastor, and one would be available if his support was forthcoming. A dear young man who has recently received the Baptism in the Spirit, with signs following, the first one to be baptized in the new home, could give all his time if support came in for him. What assembly will support a native assistant pastor in Jerusalem?

Those wishing to help in making Jerusalem "a praise in the earth" pray earnestly that God may continue to work increasingly, and send contributions to Miss Laura Radford through the Springfield office.—V. B. Baer.

A FIRST CHRISTMAS IN CHINA

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perdue who have only been on the South China field for a few months and who are located at Canton, South China, where they are taking up the study of the language send a good report as follows:

"Our Christmas season has just passed. We have been here in Sainam and had a time of fellowship with the Lord and His children. I certainly rejoice for the time of refreshing as it seems rather hard at first to be shut off from Divine Worship as we have been used to in the homeland and thrust among those whose language we do not know. We are glad for the time of prayer when we can gather strength and grace to press the battle.

"Upon arriving here at Sainam we found a Christmas tree awaiting us and our gifts from the homeland, which were distributed that evening. We had a turkey dinner as same was donated by the grocer and others brought different things which were also added to these goodies, thus making it a delightful Christmas. The absence of snow was the only drawback; the spirit of Christmas was not

lacking.

"It was a real pleasure for me to spend my first Christmas in China, especially in visiting the Pentecostal work here and taking note of the way in which the small children and others entered into the exercises.

"Some of us went to Suitong, a station a short distance from Sainam to help them in their celebration of Christmas day. We were gladdened by the turn out and interest taken by the people. The place of worship was in a temple that had been closed to the Gospel, and inside were marks of posters that had contained threats against those who would accept Christianity or have anything to do with the Gospel. It was a source of surprise to me to find that notwithstanding this edict, the Gospel had en-

tered and this clan has now consented to have the Gospel preached to them in this heathen temple, free of charge. We were gladdened by seeing the manner in which the Chinese themselves entered into the spirit of the Day and made the program one of delight and interest to the onlookers. We feel sure that the seed sown in this manner will not be in vain."

RAIN SENT IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Brother Tommy Anderson writes from Bolivia, South America, the following: "There has been a dry season here for about two years during which time thousands of cattle have died for the want of food and the crops were very poor. The Lord led us to search the Scriptures about prayer and rain. One night Mrs. Anderson and I got on our knees before God with this prayer, and a handful of Indian children joined us. We prayed, 'Dear Lord, the rain is a gift of Heaven made by Thee. Open the Heavenly windows and send the rain. Dear Lord, your will is to send rain upon the good and bad. Because all of this is according to your divine Word, we humbly ask in the divine and all powerful name of our Lord Jesus.' That night it rained and for two and one-half days God soaked the earth with water. The farmers are happily sowing their seed and in a few months we will have a crop. Oh, how good God is. Two weeks before Christmas our services were packed with people. God is really changing this people. Pray, beloved, pray!"

Brother Ferdinand Ewald located at Lodz, Poland, reports the blessing of the Lord upon the work. He writes:

"We have had some very blessed meetings here lately. A few souls have been saved, and cold, indifferent professing Christians have been stirred to seek the Lord and have become happy Christians. Our hall which holds about 200 has been filled to overflowing and we feel the need for a larger place so as to be able to accommodate all the people that want to come and hear the full Gospel."

CHURCH BUILDING BURNED

The saints at Oroville, California report that some one set fire to their church the night of February 1 and the church was burned to the ground. Mrs. Charlotte Wirth of 1516 Pomona Ave., Oroville, Calif., writes:

"It is needless to tell you our hearts ache a bit although we know that in some way it shall work for our good. Please pray for us and ask the church to pray. It seems that our folks have given all they could to pay for it and almost all was paid for and now it is gone. We would be terribly discouraged if it were not that we believe in God and faith will not allow discouragement. May God help us to be faithful to Him unto the end.

"If you know of any old hymn books we could have it would help us out greatly at this time."

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"I WILL BE WITH HIM IN TROUBLE."

The Lord saved me nearly 10 years ago and baptized me about a year later. He has been my great Physician for several years.

Last spring He healed me of small-pox. I took sick with a terrible fever. From the very first the Lord was near to me, and the third day I was in bed I felt that the pain was laid on to another body which seemed very real. I could not understand this, but kept very much in prayer. Still I could feel that I was not bearing that suffering, even though I could feel every symptom. Later the Lord showed me how He took my suffering upon Himself, and that was why I could see the thing on another—His body. I got up trusting the Lord for healing and grew stronger at once. During the next two weeks my father and mother took sick and in a few days broke out with small-pox. We called upon the Lord and He was with us in a wonderful way. After they had begun to get better I awoke one morning very sick. It seemed like I had five abscesses in my head, one on each tonsil, one in my ear, one on my left jaw, and one on the back of my neck. I couldn't move, but began to pray. God touched me immediately and I was out of bed on my feet praising God. However the devil was not willing to let loose and one abscess grew worse until it finally broke. During that time I was surely blessed of God. Often I would find myself walking the floor praising God. The devil said I was going crazy, but I just could not keep from praising God. Finally, one morning I awoke with spots on my arms. I began to praise God. They came out on my face and still I kept praising Him. I just couldn't believe I had them, but they kept coming until I had them all over. I surely had wonderful times during the days that followed. My brother had sent for a package of tracts and they came about that time. Often he would read for hours to me, and when he would have to leave I would read. I would get so overjoyed that I would get up and walk the floor praising God. Praise His Name. There were many times when the enemy was very strong, and I would grow very sick but we would always call on the Lord and He surely fought our battles. He wonderfully removed the pox marks so that only two little pits show on the side of my face.

I hope that others may be encouraged to trust the Lord for healing.—Miss Grace Falmer, Husum, Wash.

DECAYED VERTEBRA HEALED

I had a decayed vertebra of the neck. I was taken to the hospital and was there over eleven weeks. Sometimes there were five doctors in to see me, and I never got

any hope from any of them. I was completely paralyzed, could not move a finger or get my hands up to my face. The only relief I could get was a seven and a half pound weight hanging on my head pulling the vertebrae apart. Day and night I had a halter around my face and this terrible weight pulling back on my head. We had two specialists from Sioux City and they said I could not live longer than two weeks. One of those two specialists has gone into eternity. He did not live to see what the Lord did for me.

The doctors did all they possibly could for me, but they said I would never walk. Glory to His precious name, I am able to walk, carry two pails of water, and do a few little chores like that. After I was in the hospital a few weeks I got what they called paralytic sores, three large sores on my back. One was so large and deep the doctor said it would be necessary to graft skin over it. But I knew the Lord could do it, and just trusted Him for the new flesh. The sores are all healed up now.

After the doctors gave my wife no hope of my ever walking, we had the Pentecostal people from Sioux City come and pray for me, as it says in James 5:14, 15. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." I knew if the Lord would raise me up He would make me walk, too. From the time that they prayed for me I had no more pain, I did not need the heavy weight on my head, and I did not take any more hypodermics. I gradually got stronger, until I was able to be brought home. My bowels were paralyzed for five months and I had to have an enema every day. We went to Sister Etter's meetings at Ottumwa, and when she prayed for me my bowels were healed that night and I have been normal ever since. There surely is nothing impossible with God. It is only through the precious blood of Jesus that I am here to be a living witness for Him.

I am well today, have no pain, and have gained in weight. Best of all, I have gained spiritually and the Lord baptized me with His Holy Spirit. The day they took me to the hospital they took an X-ray picture of my neck and it showed the vertebra decayed. A few months ago they took another one and the doctors said (and I saw it myself) that there is all new bone back again. We are praising God and giving Him all the glory.—Fred H. Attrill, Akron, Iowa.

If you want a good, inspiring book of sermons, send for a copy of Brother Jeays' book, "The Cave of Adullam." It will bring a blessing to you. Price 50 cents.

THE WORK AND WORKERS

HOLLY, COLO.—Mrs. Ora Hurley reports a 3-week revival in which 38 were saved and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, while many were healed. Sister Wennermark of Pueblo had charge of the meetings.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Sister Elma Stevens writes of a blessed revival conducted by Pastor Brooks of Kingsport, Tenn. and the music was conducted by Brother and Sister Hummel of Detroit, Mich. Any evangelist going that way will be welcome.

KINGSFORT, TENN.—Brother A. J. Kennedy has just completed a 4-week revival meeting in which 65 were saved and 22 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Crowds packed the building and others were unable to enter. People came for 20 miles to attend the meetings.

WINTER GARDEN, FLA.—Evangelists Jesse O. Waller, Louise Powell and wife, held a revival from Jan. 9 to Feb. 1. God blessed in a wonderful way, a number were saved and the town was stirred. Many were convinced of Pentecost. They have purchased a lot and expect to build a church very soon.

AUBURNDALE, FLA.—Sister Lelia Barber, secretary of the assembly, reports a campaign in which souls were saved, baptized and healed. They had a number of visiting brethren with them and a missionary from Hawaii. There were Bible classes every afternoon conducted by Brother Jesse O. Waller, and evangelistic service each evening.

PRATT, KANS.—Brother R. U. Freeman writes of a 4-week meeting which closed January 28. He says, "In spite of bad weather and a new field for Pentecost, 21 were saved and 8 filled with the Holy Spirit. We came home to Caldwell and found a splendid spirit in the church. One man was wonderfully healed and 8 were saved. We are planning more meetings for the future in new fields."

PALMYRA, IND.—Brother W. L. Waggoner writes of a 15-day meeting in the new Athletic Pavilion. "The meeting was great, record crowds attended. Brethren H. L. Shumway and L. A. Sappington did the preaching, and the special singing by Brother Shumway and Sister Sappington was unsurpassed. Hundreds came forward every night to ask prayer, and that a regular appointment be made there for meetings. There is also a general demand for this evangelistic party to return for another campaign. Pray for us. The party is now called back to the Louisville, Kentucky assembly for another meeting."

NEWPORT, ARK.—Pastor W. E. Madris writes of a glorious revival in Bradford, Ark. with Evangelists Frieda M. Deem and Elsie M. Baker. Many souls were saved, healed, and made hungry for more of God. The young evangelists will be in Newport this week and the Court House has been donated for the services.

ATWATER, CALIF.—Pastor Eric M. Johnson writes of the Lord working in their midst. "We have had a revival campaign with Brother Draper of Watsonville as the evangelist. Two meetings were held every day. The saints met in the morning to tarry for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, the power of God fell and 10 received the Baptism. Nine were saved during the two weeks."

KITZMILLER, MD.—Pastor G. W. Burkhardt sends word that they have just closed a successful revival under the leadership of Miss Viola E. Ritchie of Frostburg, Md., in which 40 were saved and 8 baptized according to the Bible pattern. He writes, "Sister Ritchie was formerly a Presbyterian, and any one desiring her as an evangelist will have a forceful preacher. She is winning many for Christ."

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Pastor Nimrod Park writes, "I want to sound a note of praise to our adorable Lord for the good meeting just closed in our assembly. God sent us an efficient band of workers, and the power of God was manifest in every service, much conviction rested upon the people, and a goodly number were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The old-time Gospel was preached in power, and the saints were encouraged to go on to greater things. The pastor praises God for the feast of good things from the hand of God, and asks the prayers of all God's children that the work may continue to grow in this wicked city."

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—Pastor G. M. Patterson sounds a note of praise for what God has done in their midst in the past two weeks. "Through the efforts of our dear Brother and Sister Morris Kullman, with the co-operation of the saints, God saved 21, and 6 received the Holy Spirit Baptism. Six were baptized in water and 28 names were added to the church roster. The saints were wonderfully encouraged and built up. The work is in better shape (spiritually) than it has been for years. To God be all the glory. We are expecting Brother and Sister Kullman back in the near future and we can recommend them to any assembly as genuine Pentecostal teachers. They go to Collinsville, Okla. for a meeting."

COLUMBUS, GA.—Pastor J. M. Graham reports that they are now in their new church and have one of the most desirable locations in that part of the city. They are having fine services, prayer meetings are well attended, and Sunday nights the house is crowded. They are planning a 20 or 30 day campaign in March with Brother J. O. Savell of Hattiesburg, Miss. and ask the prayers of the Evangel family for this meeting.

CARROLLTON, ILL.—Brother H. L. Halwe reports revival services for the past four weeks. A band of faithful saints had been holding together and praying for revival, and their prayers were answered; 16 were converted, 7 filled with the Spirit, and 7 buried with the Lord in baptism. Brother Halwe says that the people of the other churches in town came to the services each night and the tabernacle was filled. A little company of St. Louis people drove up and helped in the last two nights of meetings.

HERSCHEL, SASK., CANADA.—Pastor F. G. Story and wife report the blessing of the Lord in their cottage meetings. Two were saved one night and 7 received the Holy Spirit in three days, and 7 have just been immersed in water. New homes are opening up; children are leading parents into the light. They write, "This is a rural district but the country is stirred. It is not fanaticism but a revival dropped down from heaven. Not a day has passed recently but a soul or more has been saved or someone has been baptized in the Holy Spirit."

DENVER, COLO.—Brother John B. Jacobs writes: "We have just closed a series of special meetings with Brother Adolph Peterson of the Old North Avenue Mission, Chicago, in charge. The Lord used our Brother in stirring us up to our great privileges in Christ. The key-phrase of the meeting was repeatedly voiced in the old and familiar chorus, "Only believe, only believe, all things are possible only believe." Every evening when the altar-call was given the assembly as a whole rushed forward for prayer, tarrying for the promised power. Among others who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was a brother who had traveled hundreds of miles seeking the "Promise of the Father," at one of these meetings he received the showers of the Latter Rain. And others found Jesus as their Saviour in the old-fashioned way with tears of repentance streaming down their joyous faces. A large number of people were prayed for and many received definite deliverance from various ailments. Another week was added to the meetings in charge of Brother Philip Megna, better known as 'Philip the Evangelist,' of First Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif. Brother Philip will accept evangelistic calls from points east of here as he feels led to move to that direction. Both of these brethren endeared themselves to our hearts. We heartily recommend them to all who desire their inspiring ministry. The latter can be reached by addressing him in our care.—Pastor John B. Jacobs, 256 Pearl Street."

McCOOK, NEBR.—Brother Chas. H. Harris writes, "Myself and Sister Smith with some other workers started a meeting for three weeks; 50 were saved and 65 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. There were some definite cases of healing. Later I took the work of pastoring the place. Since that time 10 have received salvation and the Baptism. The church is too small for the attendance and we have purchased three lots for a new church in a fine location."

FRESNO, CALIF.—Brother L. R. Keys sends the following report, "Brother Wigglesworth and Brother and Sister Salter were with us 4 weeks, 5 Sundays. The meetings were held in the Full Gospel Tabernacle which has a large seating capacity. It is estimated that 8,000 persons passed through the building each week. Truly the Kingdom of God was nigh unto us in power. The faith of the saints was greatly strengthened, and it increased as the meetings progressed. Salvation, divine healing, and the Spirit-filled life were preached in every service. People were marvelously saved in the audience, and others were miraculously healed without, in some cases, even being prayed for. When Brother Wigglesworth prayed for all who were sick sitting in their seats, many testified to instantaneous deliverance. One case of this kind was that of a little boy whose leg was shorter than the other. When the prayer was made for all who were sick in the auditorium, this boy's leg was immediately lengthened normally like the other one. It was stated that a larger per cent of people were actually healed through the Wigglesworth campaign than in any campaign yet held in this tabernacle. At one service, like the above just mentioned, 57 people testified to instantaneous deliverance. Many diseases of every description were prayed for. One woman who had been paralyzed for many months, and had used crutches, was healed. She left her crutches and went on her way rejoicing. Another woman dying with cancer was healed immediately when prayed for, and though she had been confined to her bed, she was able to dress and be about and to meet her husband at the door the next evening. A sister who was confined to her bed with rheumatism was brought to the meetings with the aid of crutches. After being prayed for she was completely delivered. Another case of cancer was prayed for; two-thirds of it dried up during the night, and it is entirely gone at this time. Each Sunday afternoon an interesting missionary meeting was conducted by Brother and Sister Salter. God wrought special miracles through the ministry of handkerchiefs according to Acts 19:11, 12. The leaders of the Tabernacle feel that a new era of faith and power has come into the work, and everyone is rejoicing because of the privilege of having had the Wigglesworth party with us for a very profitable campaign. God bless them."

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WINNING SOULS THROUGH TRACTS

There is great joy in winning souls by means of tract distribution. The writer was at one time contemplating a trip to California. The way seemed closed, and as he was waiting upon the Lord the Lord put it to him, "Would you be willing to spend the money you were going to spend on the trip, in circulating tracts?" He expressed his willingness to the Lord and had an edition of 50,000 of a certain tract printed. The tract in question was Chickering's "What It Is to Believe on Christ." That tract was the means of the salvation of over 1700 before Dr. Chickering himself died.

When the tracts came from the printer he wondered how he was going to distribute them all. He started by sending off bundles of them to a number of friends, and began to distribute them himself. He handed one to a man, and the man came back in about three days and told the story, weeping, of how in reading the tract the whole burden of his sins rolled away. A few weeks later one to whom a bundle had been sent reported a soul being saved to whom he had given a tract on the train. The 50,000 tracts were distributed, and we believe we are going to see many other souls beside these two that we know about. This is one of the tracts that is being sent out from the Gospel Publishing House at the present time to those who are distributing literature.

Another tract that is being sent out is, "I am not going to a Christless grave, are you?" The Lord has graciously used this tract to the salvation of many a soul.

A third tract that is being sent out is, "The Word of God on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." A copy of this was sent to a backslidden missionary. He read it carefully and was convinced that he needed to get right with God and seek the Baptism. He went to a Pentecostal meeting and got right with God, and a few days later was filled with the Spirit. Today he is preaching the Gospel and winning many souls to Christ.

Those who sow beside all waters will surely secure a crop. A woman distributed tracts on board a steamer and gave one copy to a man who promptly tore it up before her face. She quietly said, "You will have to account to God for that." As this man was undressing, a scrap of paper fell from his bosom. It was a part of the tract which he had torn and thrown into the sea. The breeze had lodged the one fragment in his bosom. He picked it up and found that it contained two words. They were, "God," and "eternity." He lay down but not to sleep. The three great realities—God, eternity, and the judgment—were uppermost in his mind. The words of the woman, "You will have to account to God for that," were like an arrow in his bosom. He had many days of conflict, but at last surrendered to the Lord. He became a great distributor of tracts.

You can be a tract distributor and a winner of souls. Send for a bundle of tracts and distribute the same prayerfully and faithfully. Do your part also in keeping the stream of tracts flowing from the Publishing House. In a few weeks nearly a quarter of a million tracts have gone out from the Publishing House for free distribution. These cost money to print and mail. Keep the thing going and the Lord will bless.—St. Anonymous.

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PENTECOSTAL MINISTER KILLED

I want to notify you of the home-going of our dear Brother Walter M. Hardy of this city. He was run over by a speeding automobile Monday night, December 22, 1924 and died the following morning. We buried him here Christmas day. He was a very precious man of God. He had been in the Pentecostal ministry for a number of years and was a successful evangelist. Many will rise up at the Judgment to bless his name for having carried to them the message of Pentecost. The writer has known him ever since he came into Pentecost, and I can truthfully say that I have never known any man that I had greater confidence in, or one that was any truer to God, and God's message. In his last hours the Holy Spirit came upon him in a very precious way, and he spake in other tongues. He left a wife and six children that need the prayers of all the saints.—J. M. Graham, Columbus, Ga.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—Brother A. H. Argue writes, "Sunday was a wonderful day in the campaign that Brother William Booth-Clibborn is holding in this city. Numbers were turned away from the Walker Theater. This theater has three balconies and the manager told me that this was the largest religious meeting ever held in this building. Sunday night the Wesley Church was packed. Twenty-two new members were added on Sunday night, nearly 60 since campaign started; 54 have already been baptized in water."

Forthcoming Meetings

Notices for this column must be sent in so as to reach this office two full weeks before the date of issue of the Evangel in which the senders desire them to appear. For instance, a notice for a paper dated the 15th of the month should be in Springfield by the first of the month; or for a paper dated the 30th of the month, should be here on the 15th of the month.

CHICAGO, ILL., Humbolt Park Pentecostal Church, corner Cortland and Nebraska Avenues. Meetings held every night until March 8th in charge of the Ashcroft Evangelistic Party. C. M. Hanson, pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING

The ninth Annual District Council of the Eastern District, will be held March 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1925, in the "Highway Mission Tabernacle," cor. 19th and Green Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. The Council will open with a day of prayer, Tuesday, 10th. All ministering brethren and delegates of the district are urged to be present. A great favor would be conferred on Brother Williams if those purposing to attend would write Pastor E. S. Williams, 1818 N. New Kirk St., Philadelphia, Pa., to that effect.—Edwin C. Sikes, secretary.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Evangelist Chas. A. Shreve and party, from Washington, D. C., will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings; from March 8 to 22, inc., at the Sunnyside Church, 2120 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Illinois. His assistants are, Brother Baur, one of the best pianists in the country, and Joe Eliot, the Filipino song leader. Brother Shreve was formerly pastor of a Methodist church in Washington, D. C., but, having accepted Pentecost, he is now giving all his time to evangelism. The Lord is greatly blessing his labors of love for the Lord. Don't fail to come and hear this preacher of the full Gospel. For further information enquire of S. A. Jamieson, pastor, 2120 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Ill.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth will be at the Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle, 2112 Miller St., W., Feb. 22 to March 1, inc. The saints are given a hearty invitation to attend this revival.

FRANKLIN, NEBR.—Special revival meetings at the Pentecostal Assembly of God, 16th and K Sts., Feb. 20 at 7:30, and every evening as long as the Lord leads. Pray that God may save many precious souls.—J. H. Griswald, pastor.

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL.—The Third Annual Session of the Illinois State Council will be held from March 3 to 8, at Marion, Ill., in the church of which Brother Clyde Bailey is pastor. Regular business pertaining to Council matters will be transacted. Ministers residing in the state cordially invited.—C. M. O'Guin, Chairman.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Eleventh District Council of Southern Missouri will convene with the Assembly of God at Puxico, Mo., March 24-28, 1925. The Assembly will provide food and bedding free. Let all the ministers and delegates be there at the beginning of the Council. The second day of the Council will be spent in behalf of Foreign Missions. We are expecting Elder D. H. McDowell, of Springfield, Mo., Assistant Chairman General Council, and one or two missionaries to be with us. The District Presbyters will be there and will examine applicants for license and ordination. Let those expecting to come for License and Ordination write to the Chairman for an Application Blank. Let all the Licensed ministers of this district send in their fellowship certificate for renewal by April 1. This does not apply to ordained ministers who renew at Springfield, Mo. Licensed ministers renew to the District Chairman. For further information write to Pastor A. A. Wilson, Puxico, Mo.—J. E. Spence, Chairman, Box 116, Sedalia, Mo.

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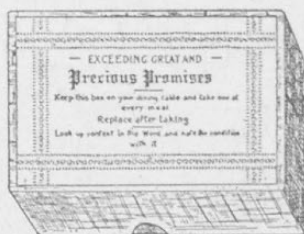
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