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Stand Fast Therefore in the Liberty

Galatians 5:1



HE fearless Peter, the man who swayed the thousands, was held in bondage. His hands were in chains and he was in jail, a prisoner of Herod. God had His angel ready, and a light shone in the prison, and he smote Peter on the side and raised him up, and the chains fell off from his hands. The unnatural bondage that the enemy endeavored to put upon him, Peter never accepted. He was there under protest in his spirit the whole time. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. And in response to prayer God sent an angel especially to release him. Dungeons, prison doors, quarters of Roman soldiers, and every possible bondage that the enemy of God's people could place upon Peter had to go. The very gates were just shadows in the eyes of the angel and in the eyes of God. Even things material helped and were active in the release of Peter. The very iron took sides against the iron in Herod's heart.

Peter never went down under the bondage. Nor should we. "Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold." The Lord asked, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" Elijah went into bondage from the threats of a woman, but Peter never went into bondage from the threats of a king. If needs be God can also bring an earthquake to release His saints from prison. Paul and Silas sang in prison. They had bleeding backs but singing hearts. The rods brought out the blood, and they brought out the song, and the song brought the earthquake, and the song brought the jailer ultimately to his feet with the cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The prisoner was the jailer, and the free men were Paul and Silas.

You will only have as much bondage put on you as you accept. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made you free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Where was the yoke broken? It was broken at the cross and crushed in the grave.

If you take a yoke of bondage it will have to be a resurrected one. There is only one yoke for the Christian, the yoke of liberty, the yoke of Christ; and that supplants and takes the place of bondage.

Satan has plenty of carpenters making yokes, yokes of bondage. And the supply is always equal to the demand, and the greatest demand is from the children of God. "Be not entangled **again,**" is a command. Men will go back, they will take the yoke again, hence the warning not to do so. And the enemy always has plenty who are ready to assist him in putting upon men yokes of his own manufacture—priests, scribes and Pharisees. Peter protested against this spirit as it began to enter the early church, and said, "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?" Those who thought they understood the law were endeavoring to bring them into legal bondage.

In the light of Jesus Christ, looking at His countenance, you will have no eyes for Satan, his bondage or his yoke. If you are looking faithfully unto Jesus, and your eyes are on Him, He can warn you against the approach of bondage. Yea, He will defend you. He wants His sons to be indeed sons of freedom. Abraham enjoyed the freedom of God. He was a friend of God. He was never in bondage. He maintained his confidence in God and God therefore returned the confidence. Why was he so confident in God? Because he knew that God never could and never would fail him. There was plenty to draw him away. There was Ishmael, the unbelief of his wife, the discontent of Lot, but he was not bound by any of them. He had faith and confidence in God and he had unbounded liberty.

God is pleased when liberty is enjoyed. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. He wants us to have a freedom launching out into liberty.

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AFTER THE BAPTISM OF FIRE IN NEW YORK IN 1906

Pastor T. B. Barratt of Norway Tells His Story

(Continued from Last Evangel)

But let me return to the Day Journal for 1907. "Fires were kindled along the Norwegian coast and far up in the country, among the peasants. In OSLO (Christiania) we had wonderful demonstrations of Spiritual Power and Grace."

On my return to Norway I found it impossible to take up the regular work of "The Christiania City Mission." I held meetings wherever the doors were open for the Movement, and had, at the commencement, free access to churches and Salvation Army halls. Besides this I rented public halls in the city; the people thronged to the meetings. Several ministers even within the State Church were moved by the Spirit and gave the work their cordial and hearty approval.

The Fire commenced to burn in a couple of places in Sweden, through a young man who had received his Baptism in Norway, and another brother I met in New York. Ministers came from various countries to see what God was doing in Norway—from Sweden and Denmark, and Pastor Alexander Boddy, a clergyman of Sunderland, England, came to see this work of the Lord. Later on he wrote: "My four days in Christiania cannot be forgotten. I stood with Evan Roberts at the Ton-y-pandy meetings, but never have I witnessed such scenes as in Norway, and soon I believe they will be witnessed in ENGLAND."

My entry in the Day Journal on May 5, 1907, is written in

SWEDEN

"I visited **Stockholm** at the request of many to hold meetings there. Of course many of my old friends within the Methodist Church, who knew me in former days, were anxious to know what I had to say about the Movement. I came and preached CHRIST to them as I used to do, and the FIRE BEGAN TO FALL.

Of course there was opposition, but several of the churches were opened to me, and besides this we rented the large CIRCUS in the city. But the people thronged; numbers had to be turned away, unable to enter. GOD'S power attended the meetings with the natural results: souls were saved, and the Fire began to burn in several hearts.

"I visited Upsala and Goteborg, and everywhere God blessed the preaching of the Gospel with glorious results."

In June I left for

DENMARK

The first entry from the first visit to Copenhagen is dated June 6, 1907. Meetings were held in several churches and halls, and the Fire fell. On the 18th I am able to write:

"REVIVAL IN COPENHAGEN

"Several meetings were held in the large Concert Hall, and the work went on in the face of all opposition, which met us here as elsewhere."

MY POSITION TO THE METHODIST CHURCH

Of course when the Methodist Episcopal Church had its Annual Conference in Norway, during this remarkable and historical year, 1907, I had to give a report of my work. I did so. A written report, in which I

gave a short statement of my visit to America and what I had done on my return. I gave thanks for all blessings received during the past years, but felt, as God now seemed to open up a new line of work for me, that I had better obtain a "local relation" to the Annual Conference. This was granted me.

I felt quite naturally this step keenly, as I loved my Church and people. After this Conference I continued my travels from place to place throughout Norway. Word reached me also that the FIRE HAD FALLEN IN GERMANY and in SWITZERLAND. Two young women, who had caught the flame at our meetings in Norway took it to Zurich.

From this time and onward the Revival spread more and more throughout Europe. Brother Boddy asked me to visit

ENGLAND

I arrived there on a Saturday, August 31, 1907, and began in "All Saints," Sunderland, where Mr. Boddy was vicar. In a small pamphlet entitled "Tongues in Sunderland—The Beginnings of a Pentecost in England," he gives a vivid statement of the meetings and their results in his parish. He speaks quite openly of all the work done by the Holy Spirit. About a fortnight after my arrival seventeen had spoken in Tongues and others were very near receiving their full Pentecost. At this place the song I wrote just after receiving my Baptism in New York, "On the Hilltops," was greatly used. I wrote several pamphlets while in England, one of these was entitled "**Pentecost for Children**, The First Two Cases in England." In my Day Journal on the 10th of October, I wrote: "The papers are alive with the Movement **all over England it seems.**" I received a letter from a proprietor of a "Palace of Amusement," who had "been converted by reading the accounts in the daily papers." OCTOBER 10th: "Heard yesterday that Pastor Paul, BERLIN, a great religious teacher and evangelist, had received his Pentecost. He visited Christiania to see the Movement there and elsewhere." The North Mail states: "Growing interest in great Revival."

I almost wish at times that I had swept through Old England just then. But the work at home called me back. Pastor Boddy and others continued the work in England. I went from Norway to Sweden and again from there to Denmark, and returned to Norway by Christmas time. January 3, 1908, I wrote: "LAST YEAR WAS A MARVELOUS YEAR IN EVERY RESPECT. I have never had such a year before." From this time and onward I was still constantly on the move, and in March I left for

INDIA

Friends there had asked me to come and take part in the meetings to be held at COONOOR. I visited Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, on my way out, and arrived at BOMBAY on the 4th of April. Mr. Groves, who had invited me, met me at Coonoor. I had marvelous days with the missionaries. While there tidings came of the spread of the Movement round the WORLD.

I visited Pandita Ramabai's Mission at MUKTI. The Fire had already spread to several places in In-

dia. I visited CALCUTTA and held meetings there, and remained in India until August 15, 1908. On the way home I visited Palestine and several other countries, and in January, 1909, I was able to recommence my meetings in Norway. To cut the matter short, this was the COMMENCEMENT of the PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT in various countries, and it has, God be praised, constantly gained a surer footing.

It would take too long to enter into details, and relate of the conversion of the great actress, Mrs. Anna Larssen, at the commencement of the Revival in Copenhagen, and of the other actress in the same city, Mrs. Anna Lewini. The first of these is married to Mr. Sigurd Bjorner, who is the leader of the Apostolic work in Denmark, the other is a missionary in Colombo. In Sweden one of the leading authors of our day, Mr. Sven Lidman, is at present the editor of the Pentecostal paper there. Numerous conversions have taken place of a similar character. All classes of people have been reached by this wonderful revival.

Some time passed ere I saw the necessity of water baptism by immersion. I thought I was baptized, and that the sprinkling I received when a babe was sufficient. But I was mistaken. I worked for a "UNION" of Pentecostal groups that arose little by little, but this view did not prevail. Still the work went on, and I passed from country to country preaching the Gospel, and witnessed God's wonderful goodness everywhere. The articles in the press, the sketches, pictures, opposition—would fill books. In Denmark battles were fought with the young socialists, but God prevailed. Hallelujah!

In my Day Journal, 16th June, 1913, a notice of no small importance concerning the work in Sweden will interest many. I was in Finland at the time: "Brother Lewi Petrus has quite recently been excluded, with the whole of his Church, from the District Society of the Baptists. This exclusion is now confirmed by the Conference, and is a full exclusion from the Church itself."

Brother L. Petrus is now the leading person in the Swedish Pentecostal work, and it has met with extraordinary success. Men with great ability, ministers from various denominations, even from the State Church, have joined the Movement. There are now numerous churches—Pentecostal—with thousands of members, in Sweden. Each church is independent in its form, but the blessed Holy Spirit has bound them together in one Spirit, so that they form a solid front against the world, expecting their Lord and King. Two professors, each of them leading men within the theological world at the two universities in Sweden, have lately issued two large books about the Pentecostal Movement. One of them intends to issue another soon. They do not belong to the Movement, but the fact that they have issued these books proves that the Movement in Sweden has made very great progress. Both of these professors acknowledge that the Pentecostal Movement is the natural result of all evangelical work since the 18th century, and consider it to be the greatest spiritual movement today in the world.

At last my eyes were opened concerning water baptism, and during a trip in Sweden my wife and I were baptized in Stockholm by Brother L. Petrus on the 15th of September, 1913. A full account of the reason for doing this has been published.

I had ere this rented a hall in Christiania (Oslo) which became the chief center of the Movement in Norway: Mollergt 38. I kept on traveling every now and then to various parts of the country and to other countries. The friends kept together and evangelists

and missionaries helped them when I was absent. My position concerning water baptism changed things considerably. Still we showed a fraternal spirit towards those of another view.

Our FIRST GREAT CONFERENCE was held in Whitsuntide in 1911, from the 24th to the 28th of June. There were representatives present from several countries, and a most glorious Conference it was. Glory to God!

Our work in Christiania took firmer forms as far as organization is concerned. Since 1918 we have been a strong, evangelical, Christian Church, holding on to all the leading lines of the Pentecostal Movement that we have endorsed from the very first. Our position as to organization met with considerable opposition from all those who had been led to allow the whole work to pass on along freer lines. But we found out that we would retain all the freedom of the Gospel truth and nothing else. We stand therefore to this day, as the friends in Sweden, as independent churches, bound together with the Spirit of Christ, and all the influence that conferences, evangelists, missionaries, Christian literature, evangelical meetings and every other wholesome influence that arises in connection with this great Movement can exert.

I lost "Haakons-borgen," but the Lord has given us a large hall at last, that we may call our own. It will seat about 1500 persons. The old hall in Mollergt. 38 became too small for the work, which is constantly developing.

In Finland Brother G. Smith is the leading brother. I hear that the Movement is developing by great strides. All glory to God!

In Denmark many of my friends went over to the Apostolic organization, whose leader in Wales is Brother Williams. There are several friends of the Movement there who do not agree with that form of organization, and have formed other Pentecostal groups. But as a whole it must be said that the leading truths of the Movement are being proclaimed within all the Pentecostal groups in that country.

In ENGLAND the work has been progressing favorably of late. But I need not write about God's wonderful things there, as you are no doubt acquainted with it.

I have just heard from Germany that the Movement has new impetus in several towns, and that thousands are seeking admittance to the meetings. Souls are being saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and poor, racked, sick bodies are being healed. Glory!

I hope some day that a full account of God's dealings with His people through this Movement, and the wonderful spread of the gospel to a sin-sick and dying world may be published. It will open the eyes of thousands who have at present very little understanding of the real value of the work done.

"If God has complete control over us, nothing can happen contrary to His will. And is not His will the very best for us? Instead of resignation there should be a glad acceptance. The response of our hearts should ever be, 'I delight to do thy will, O my God!' (Psa. 40:8). There can be no such thing as disappointment in the life of a man really living the victorious life. 'My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me,' said our Lord. Can we say the same?"

Additions and subtractions are weeds which it is hard to keep out of the garden of conversation.—C. H. Spurgeon.

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THE ASCENSION

Mark 16:19

There have been a great many sermons written and preached on the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, but very few sermons on His ascension. The reason why, I do not know, for the truths and blessings associated with the ascension are very vital to the Christian. I feel led of the Spirit to call the attention of the saints to some of the great truths connected with this great fact of the ascension.

The ascension was the last link of that golden chain of events connected with the life and work of the Son of God upon earth. There are four facts concerning the life of Jesus Christ on earth that are so intimately related as to be of equal importance in the plan of redemption, viz., His incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Our Lord after His resurrection, having consummated what was requisite to be done by Him upon earth for the confirmation of our faith and the constitution of His church, having given to His disciples all needful instruction and fitting commands and the promise of continual assistance in the prosecution of those great and holy designs which He committed to their management, imparted to them His effectual benediction and in their presence departed away into the possession of His glorious state. "He was," says St. Mark in our text, "received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God" (Mark 16:19).

First, The ascension of Christ was previously typified and predicted. It was typified by the entrance of the High Priest with the blood of the annual sacrifice once a year into the Holiest of all (Heb. 9:7).

It was predicted by David: "God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet" (Ps. 47:5); by Daniel: "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:13, 14).

Second, What was the nature of the Ascension?

It was a bodily and visible ascension in the presence of His disciples. Angels testified to His resurrection and in Acts 1:10, 11 we read that heavenly messengers were also present at His ascension and declared the great fact that the same Jesus who was taken up from them into heaven shall return in like manner as they saw Him go into heaven. His ascension did not take

place in secret and give the enemy an opportunity to mislead the people as to His mysterious disappearance; but in the presence of the heavenly messengers and the disciples He was taken into heaven, thus fulfilling His own statement that He would return to His Father.

Third, The place to which He ascended. Mark says, "He was received into heaven"—that is, the heaven of heavens, the imperial palace, God's throne. Dr. Isaac Barrow has truly said that "Our Saviour's ascent was to heaven, the place of all places in the universe of God in situation, **most eminent**; in quality, **most holy**; in glory, the **most illustrious**; the inmost sanctuary of God's temple above, not made with hands, the most august chamber in the celestial court, far above all principality and power."

When He reached the place where God dwelleth "He sat down on the right hand of God." The meaning of these words is not difficult to understand. It was the place of honor and power, God having committed to Him all authority in heaven and upon earth, having given all things into his hand; having constituted Him heir of all things, having subjected all things under His feet and crowned Him with sovereign glory and honor, He declared Him worthy to sit at His right hand, the place of power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing. The Greek ("ginetai en pasi proteuon") expresses it in this way: "He in all things becometh to have pre-eminence." This is the reason the writer to the Hebrews says, "We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" (Heb. 8:1).

Fourth, What Christ has accomplished since His Ascension. (1) It was a positive proof that His mediatorial work on earth was finished and acceptable to the Father. If He had **failed** in one **iota** his remains would still be mouldering in the tomb. After having satisfied divine justice, secured man's redemption, overcome death and the grave, in triumph, He could say as He said prophetically to His Father, "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4).

Christ was invested in the complete exercise of all the offices belonging to Him as **Perfect Mediator, Sovereign King, High Priest, and Archprophet** of God's church and people. He partially exercised those functions while He was on earth, but now, sitting at the right hand of God, He is exercising all His divine prerogatives.

(2) Christ did ascend that He might operate through the Holy Spirit and secure to Himself a bride that will one day sit with Him on His throne. He ascended on high, that as King He might govern us, protect us from all danger and deliver us from all evil, that He might subdue and destroy all the enemies of His kingdom, the devil with all His retinue, the world, the flesh, sin, death and hell.

In Psa. 110:1 we read, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Before that could be done in God's plan, it was necessary that He should ascend and sit at God's right hand. Christ in His great battle on His cross did rout and overthrow His enemies. Sitting at God's right hand He keepeth them down in irrecoverable subjection under His feet so that none of them can make any successful insurrection against Him. Let us remember with joy that no fraud can elude, no secret conspiracy can escape the knowledge of Him who sitting in that heavenly watchtower of infinite wisdom and omniscience, beholdeth whatever is done, said or thought in all the world. This is in

accordance with what He told His disciples before His departure, "Lo, I am with you alway; even unto the end of the world."

(3) From yonder throne He dispenses grace and mercy to His faithful subjects. The Psalmist's prophecy concerning our Saviour is, "Having ascended on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men." For all good gifts and graces bestowed on the church that are needed for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edification of Christ's body, are very clearly taught in the Scriptures to proceed from our Lord's ascension.

It is in consequence of His ascension that mercy and pardon are dispensed to true penitents. We must remember that repentance to be acceptable to God and available for attainment of mercy this Jesus Christ did indeed merit for us by His suffering, but He effectually dispenseth it in God's name, "being now instated in glory as a noble boon of His royal clemency." "God," says Peter, "exalted Him as a prince and Saviour to give repentance unto Israel and remission of sins."

(4) Our Saviour ascended that He might exercise His priestly function. Jesus, having once offered Himself a perfect sacrifice for the expiation of our sins, entered within the veil, there presenting His blood before God Himself to obtain mercy for us and thus restore us to God's favor. In 1 John 2:1,2 we read, "If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." "Who," says Paul, "is even at the right hand of God making intercession for us." So we rejoice that Jesus Christ ascended on high that He might be the public advocate of His people in the court of heaven, praise the Lord.

(5) He ascended that the dispensation of the Holy Spirit might be ushered in. He told His disciples that it was necessary for Him to depart and enter into His glorious state, that He might exercise His prophetic office by giving to them and us the Holy Ghost for our instruction, direction and assistance. On His departure He said, "Behold I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." This He promised to His disciples but did not, however, perform, until His exaltation. The giving of the Holy Spirit seems to have been reserved by the Father as a "rich and majestic gratuity to be conferred at His coronation when He was inaugurated to Sovereign dignity and invested with power superlative." According to John 7:39, the Holy Spirit was not yet poured forth as God intended it should be afterwards, "because Jesus was not yet glorified." It was after Jesus was received into glory that the Holy Ghost came down. So we see that the gift of the Holy Ghost was the greatest of all blessings to the saints from the effects of our Lord's ascension.

(6) Jesus went up to heaven to prepare a home for His faithful servants, mansions of joy and bliss in God's presence where there is fullness of joy. "At thy right hand are pleasures for evermore." It has truly been said, "It was our Lord's ascension which did unlock the gates of heaven, before shut upon us by our sins, which quenched the flaming sword and discharged the mighty cherubim which guarded Paradise from all access to men."

We see another effect from our Lord's ascension and glorification, viz., that all true Christians are made priests and kings to God. For God hath not only quickened us together with Christ, but also raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly

places in Christ Jesus. In many respects we are truly raised to heaven and eminent glory.

The Lord's glorification is a sure pledge of that glorious reward which all true Christians shall receive. Christ being heir of all things did in His ascension take possession of that inheritance, and we as co-heirs with Him shall share in the inheritance of the saints. Tertullian has truly said, "Christ did leave to us the earnest of the Spirit, so He received from us the earnest of the flesh and carried it into heaven as a pledge of the whole sum to be sometime brought in thither." After carefully studying this great subject I find the ends and effects of the ascension of Jesus Christ have bestowed upon His people incalculable blessings and honors.

I also find that Jesus Christ when He ascended on high did not take into consideration merely His own interest and glory, but included also all the interests of His children not only for this present life, but for that which is to come. Then let us render to Him the honor, worship, fear, service and obedience due Him as our Lord and King. Since Christ is sitting at the right hand of God we are invited to come bodily to the throne of grace and find help in time of need. For Christ has **paid** for what we stand in need. Praise God that we have a Friend in heaven who is interested in us.

The **password** is **Jesus** and with the password we will be able to enter into the palace of the heavens. Through Him the way is opened and the gatekeeper will give us an abundant entrance. Hallelujah!
—S. A. Jamieson.

STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY

(Continued from Front Page)

Oh, if men could only see how they are tying themselves hand and foot when God wants them to be free, enjoying Him!

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. The Son of God brings that freedom into the very joints and marrow. Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles. Enter this freedom, this liberty. Cultivate this freedom and rejoice in it. He would have us as free as the birds of the air, resting in Himself, and at last being caught up to meet Him, because our home is in heaven.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. These shall be as tow burned up, burned up by the fire of the Holy Ghost. Enter into the liberty of the Spirit, every part loosened. Freedom is the heritage of God's people.

Your freedom will bring joy to others. Peter went to his own people and there was great joy. His freedom brought joy to loved ones. And bondage will correspondingly react on your friends. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again. Keep the yoke where God has placed it—in the tomb! Amen.

It is God's view of the Blood—not mine—which gives me peace: I rest in His estimate of it—not mine.

Call often to mind that proverb, "That the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing." Endeavor therefore to withdraw thy heart from the love of visible things, and to turn thyself to the invisible. For they that follow their sensuality, do strain their own consciences, and lose the favor of God.—Thomas 'a Kempis.

THE NOTCHED ROAD OF PRAYER

A True Story

A revival at Polk Creek, near Poteau, Oklahoma, under the guidance of the pastor, assisted by Elder H. B. Laws, closed April 26, 1925.

In the closing days of the meeting the assembly received such a wondrous uplift and blessing as the result of praying for rain! The way we prayed for rain was so unique, so tremendously and immediately effective, and so self-evidently the proper way to pray that we feel we should pass it on as best we may to our brethren in the Evangel family.

As the thing unfolded before our minds it gripped our hearts because we saw that such a way of praying would surely bring the rain. Better yet, now that we were passing over the ground and carefully observing the way we went so we could go that way again when we wanted some other mighty blessing, we felt that we were making what we timber dwellers call a notched road, easy to follow to prayer success at any time.

There had been no rain and the drought was serious indeed. We are very poor people, making our meager living on rented land, and the lack of rain had assumed the character of a catastrophe.

The pastor announced that God would send us rain if we would pray. He likened God to his Ford car standing beside the church. In it was everything needed to send the car filled with passengers flying over the hills and valleys for fifty miles. Yet the car stood cold, and silent, and dark, and dead. If some one who knew how would move the proper levers to release that pent up power, the car would go rushing through the night, lighting its own way, sounding warning to unwary pedestrians and carrying its load with marvelous speed and perfect ease.

He said that God's power to send rain or do any other thing we needed was likewise right here, but cold, and silent, and dark, and ineffective. If someone who knew how would take the proper steps to release that power it would be abundant and effective to bring the rain.

Our pastor has written a book, now on the press, called "Praying to Change Things," and he has talked to us lots about effective praying; so, when he inquired whether we were willing to meet Thursday April 23, at 10 a. m. to pray for rain, we said we were.

Thursday morning 22 of us met at ten. The pastor told us that if a woman would use the proper ingredients and appliances, in the proper way, in the proper rotation, and for the required time, she would have bread. He said that in the same way, if someone who knew how to perform the necessary things in the proper way, in the correct order, and for the requisite time, would lead the people forward, rain would come just as surely as the woman's bread. He said you do not gather the

crop in the spring and plant it in the summer. God's things have definite and fixed sequence as well as mode. If men will do the right things, in the right way and order, and for the proper time, the result will be a house, a bridge, a car, a crop, or whatever it is they are making. It is just so in getting answers to prayer:

That looked like it might be so, even though we had never heard it expressed that way before, so we started out looking to him to say what should be done, and, how, and when, and for how long.

He said the first thing was to find out the will of God as to giving us rain. No one can believe anything until he sees it to be reasonable. Hence before he can believe for rain he must be positive God wants to give him rain. He said some people try to pray without first ascertaining God's will, saying, "Do so and so, if it be thy will." To pray that way is a waste of breath as far as changing things by praying is concerned because the sign of doubt, "if," is put in the prayer.

So we read all we could find in the Bible on the subject and decided that especially, as we were tithe payers, God wanted to give us rain and break the drought which is part of the curse. We had help in deciding from 3 John 2, also.

Having seen positively that God wants to give us rain, he then read the first part of the eleventh of Luke wherein Jesus taught them that when they wanted anything they should pray for it without ceasing or fainting, and, in fact, to tarry until, just as He told them to do for the Baptism. He read Luke 18, too. Were we willing to do it? Would we come every morning at 10 and pray for rain until it rained? We would.

We would pray from time to time about these steps as we were taking them, but not for rain. We were not ready yet for that.

Introducing the third step he read the story of blind Bartimeus. He cried out for mercy persistently and until Jesus heard him. Every one knew of course he wanted his sight, although he didn't really say so. Jesus knew it too. But Jesus required him to state his wants specifically. "That I might receive my sight." Then, and not till then He healed him. We must not think it will do to pray for prosperity, for blessing on our crops, or the like. God wants us to ask for rain.

The fourth step he said was a matter of appearances. We were proposing to come into the throne room, into the presence of the great God, the King of all kings. Our toilet now demanded the most careful attention. Not one spot or speck must show through the blood. The righteousness of Christ must cover us altogether. He explained to us that the essential thing that we must have, and

to which all this was leading up, was faith. Nothing can oppose faith. Nothing can be too hard for faith. But faith is not something we naturally have, or can do. The faith that we now speak of is not our faith in Jesus Christ but is the faith of Jesus Christ. It is one hundred per cent miraculous and will be worked in our hearts the moment Jesus sees we have taken the requisite pains to perfect our toilet, having honestly taken the preceding steps as named.

To encourage us to confess our sins and break our hearts before God he called our attention to the great prayer of Daniel in Dan. 9, and of Nehemiah in Neh. 1. They are abject confessions of many great sins. But those were holier men than we are. Then Brother Laws said those men took their place with the people and confessed the sins of the people as their own sins, and suggested that we ask the pastor to confess our sins, and we all said Amen.

Before the pastor got very far we were weeping aloud. We became exceedingly small in our own sight, and very unlike the holy God. On and on he went, confessing our sins in a most unmanly fashion. When he had finished, and God had come and comforted our hearts, and we had gotten quiet and felt clear before God, he said we were ready to ask for rain. This we did very simply, but we were surprised in our own hearts to see how sure it seemed to us that rain would come.

The next day, Friday, at ten, no rain having come we came together again as we had promised. The pastor spoke of news he had had from various places since the meeting yesterday as to the severity of the drought, and of the weather prophets assuring us there would be no rain for a long time. He called our attention to the fact that everything about us, in the natural, looked like continued drought, and said it was a thing to thank God for; because as God was going to break the drought, the more difficult the thing, speaking as men speak, the greater the glory of God therefrom. He read John 11:4 and 14:15 and spoke of how Jesus similarly rejoiced over the bigness of the task before Him because to raise Lazarus from the dead rather than merely to heal him would be the greater glory for God.

He called our attention to the fact that we had well nigh forgotten about our need for rain, in our great longing for the clouds in our hearts to be broken up, and in our rejoicing over yesterday's copious shower on our heart clouds. It was a fact. In the two and a half hours we were together yesterday we had not prayed more than sixty seconds, if that long, for rain. Today we went over the same ground we did yesterday, confessing our sins. And when after two and a half hours we were just ready to pray for rain again, we broke forth into uncontrollable shouting and rejoicing, praising God for rain. We arose finally without asking God for rain at all, just praising and glorifying Him for rain. Still no sign was anywhere that rain was coming, in the natural.

We went home and at five that after-

noon we saw the Elijah cloud, but bigger than a man's hand. It covered the heavens, and by five-thirty the rain was falling. The cloud looked to be full of wind, but we prayed and the wind did not come. After raining a while it slacked and we went to church. Wonderful meeting! Indescribable! We were so happy we could not behave ourselves. Not so much, because of the rain, but because we felt we now knew the way to pray through to God. We had blazed the road we had come. After service it rained again, a long steady downpour,—the only really sufficient rain in about ten months; and yet the creeks did not get up, it came down so gently. Praise the dear Lord!

The pastor said we must keep out of the "Nine" class. He read about the ten lepers and said we must return and give glory to God. So Saturday morning we came, and such a jubilation! It seemed as if we never had been so near the Lord. We had found out the way to get answers to prayer and had marked the trees along the way so we could find it again anytime. We had sometimes prayed through to victory in the past but we did it as it seemed by accident, and did not know how we did it or how to do it again. Now it was different and wonderful. Praise the Lord.—Chas. E. Robinson.

they tried to stop the bleeding. This operation only made me worse, as it gave the disease a stronger hold on my body. The doctor now told others that I was incurable and would not last over thirty days.

We went to Waconda Springs for treatment. There I received mineral water baths and chiropractic treatment. I could not begin to tell how much I suffered so that I could not lie down at all. I remained there four weeks. All the treatments were of no avail. I came home worse than when I went.

After a few days I was taken to Speed, Kans., where they gave me forty-four shots of serum besides electric treatments of all kinds, including Violet Rays. The doctor said that every tissue in my body was affected and that I was in the last stages of tuberculosis; also suffering with a ruptured aorta. He told me that was one thing medical science could do nothing for. I was helped there in some ways but my suffering was terrible. I begged my husband to take me to some other doctor that might be able to give me some ease.

While at Speed, Kans., Sister Buffum was holding meetings at Webster and my youngest daughter wrote me a card, saying, "Mamma, I wish you would come home and be healed." How it did touch my heart, but I had no hope of getting well.

A short time later Brother Vogler began a tent meeting. We attended some though not often. Here I got the light on Divine Healing. I went forward the last night of the meeting to be prayed for. Brother Vogler anointed me with oil, and prayed the prayer of faith. I got better that night. The next day I did a small washing—the first I had done in eight months. I have been gaining in weight and strength ever since. I weighed 104 pounds when prayed for. Now I weigh 139 pounds. How I praise the Lord for sending the full Gospel this way! Since the Lord healed me I have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. P. J. Bray, Zurich, Kans.

HEALED BY THE LORD

Jesus has saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit 7 of our family. He has healed my husband of rheumatism of several years' standing, of stomach trouble and many other minor diseases. He has healed me twice of bronchial pneumonia, when my husband and neighbors had almost given me up to die. He also healed me of ptomaine poisoning and of a cough I had nearly a year. He has blessed us in many other ways.—Mrs. T. H. Bateman, Garner, Ark. R. 1, Box 16.

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"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOREVER

I had a nervous breakdown, also hemorrhages of the lungs, with stomach and bowel trouble, which the doctor said was tuberculosis, and that it was all through my system. I became so low I had to lie on my back and could not turn over on either side. Neither could I eat solid food but was fed liquids only and those from a teaspoon as I lay on my back.

I could scarcely whisper and when the pus raised into my mouth, I could not spit it out but had to have it taken from my mouth with paper. My breath came only from my throat and every breath was a jerk. To prevent hemorrhages of the lungs, I held my right arm tight to my side until it became very much smaller than the left and the muscles stiffened.

Eight doctors gave me up to die and said there was no hope. And I was unsaved.

I was told that if I would get saved God would heal my body. So my wife and I got saved at once, really born again, and then prayer was offered for my body. While the hands were on me and prayer was being offered, the burning fever left me, the jerking of my breath stopped and I breathed from deep down in my chest easily and naturally. The pain left me and I was stronger. I continued to improve, gaining in strength, and to exercise and I ate all kinds of food and gained four pounds a week until I reached my usual weight.

I am now building houses and use that same right arm to hammer, saw, lift things and paint. All the T. B. is gone and I am healed by the blessed power of God alone. Praise His Name! I have also been healed of intestinal "flu," nervousness, worrying and many other things.

My wife and three children have also had marvelous healings and we never use any medicine except the precious blood of Jesus and no remedy but God's remedy that never can fail, the powerful blood of His own Son that redeems from all the curse.

My wife and I have also received the glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit and God has saved my three children, and has baptized them in the Holy Spirit and has also answered so many prayers for us in such marvelous ways. How we love, thank, praise, worship and adore God for all this and wish to live all for Him and nevermore for ourselves in even the least things.

Yours for Jesus, E. S. Lewis, East San Diego, Calif.

(I wish to certify that I was called to pray for this man when he was dying and continued to visit him until he was well and **KNOW** that this testimony is true, not exaggerated or over drawn in the least. Since God raised him from death's door and made him perfectly well and strong, the sickest person may know that he can get healed by God.—C. Nusum, Missionary.)

HEALED OF MANY TROUBLES

On the fifth day of January, 1922, I became seriously ill, although I had been in a run-down condition for some time, with tonsilitis, and neuritis in my shoulder and chest. We called in our family doctor and I received his treatments eight weeks. Three weeks of that time he was out every day giving me medicine and serum. I was suffering until I could hardly stand it. The doctor did all that a skilled physician could do.

At this time we called in a physician from the hospital at Stockton, Kans. He advised me to go to the hospital at once so that I could get better care. There I again took medicine, electric cabinet baths and a new remedy that had recently been discovered, which was injected in my arms and hips. There are scars on my arms that I shall always carry as a result.

After staying ten days I came home again for a few days, returning afterwards to the hospital for an operation. My tonsils were removed on account of their diseased condition. This brought on a hemorrhage so that I almost bled to death. My throat was burnt when

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

Subject—Things To Come

Just as the migratory birds in the fall of the year sense the approach of the chilling frosts and blinding blizzards of winter and are restless to get away to the south, so many of God's children are being made conscious of the soon-coming of the terrible woes recorded in the Word, and are being made eager for the impending exodus to the refuge He has prepared, the heavenly chambers where the Lord invites His children to hide themselves for a little moment until the indignation be overpast. For He says, "Behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity."

Reginald T. Naish in his book, "The Midnight Hour and After" points out that when after the great war closed in 1918 the armistice was signed it was at the 11th hour of the day, on the 11th day of the month, in the 11th month of the year, exactly at the end of the 11th month since General Allenby had entered Jerusalem on foot on the 11th day of December, 1917; and on the 11th day from the signing of the armistice with Turkey. He expresses his conviction that at this moment God's clock struck eleven and that the midnight hour was ushered in, that "hour" prophetically and symbolically referred to no less than nine times in the book of Revelation as the final hour of Gentile dominion over the earth before the setting up of the long-expected and glorious millennial reign of the Son of Man. If he is correct in his convictions we are assuredly on the eve of the most striking events in the history of this world. What may we look for? We believe there are seven things on the horizon. They are as follows:

The Coming Revival. We believe there is more prayer going up for revival today than at any other time in the world's history. The answer will surely come. While we would not minimize the blessed and glorious showers that we have been seeing during the past twenty years, there is surely a greater outpouring ahead. God promises us in the 2nd of Joel that "before the great and terrible day of the Lord come" He will "pour out His Spirit upon all flesh." While there was an earnest of this on the Day of Pentecost, we have yet to see this prophecy fulfilled to the very letter. This means world-wide revival, a revival in which the supernatural is in glorious display. Before the destruction of Jerusalem and a pouring out of His judgments upon the Jewish nation, God sent the glorious revival that we read of in the Acts of the Apostles. And we can surely look for a like wonderful manifestation of His mercy before His judgments come upon all flesh. Let us earnestly pray for and constantly expect an outpouring of God's Spirit without exception upon all that

dwell upon the face of the earth. This does not mean all will be saved. They were not all saved on the day of Pentecost but all had a glorious opportunity.

The Coming War. After telling us in the 2nd chapter of his prophecy of the great outpouring, Joel proceeds in the 3rd chapter to tell of the great war that will follow. "For behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem (and this is surely being fulfilled before our eyes), I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them." Isaiah tells us, "For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh; and the slain of the Lord will be many" (Isa. 66:16). Joel goes on to say further, "Proclaim ye this among the nations; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men; let them draw near; let them come up—all the men of war. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning knives into spears; let the weak say, I am a hero. Assemble hastily together, and come, all ye nations from every side, and gather yourselves together: there doth the Lord strike down thy mighty ones" (Joel 3: 9-11, Lesser's translation).

In Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 we have a further picture of what will be seen "in the latter days." The hordes of Gog and Meshech and Tubal (whom Dr. Gray identifies with Russia and Turkey) with other nations will swarm down to the mountains of Israel and cover the land like a cloud. These hordes will come to the land of Palestine, where the Jews are now spending millions of dollars, "to take a spoil and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land" (Ezek. 38:12). These hordes will be opposed by other nations, doubtless those who are specially interested in the reinstatement of the Jews into this land. But the Lord Himself will be the greatest factor in this war, for He declares, "I will rain an overflowing rain, and great hail stones, fire and brimstone." And He says to Gog and his allies, "I will give thee unto ravenous birds of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured." Seven months will the house of Israel be burying those that are slain in this war before the land is cleansed. Men will be set apart to be continually employed to bury the dead.

The Coming Earthquake. We have seen great and terrible earthquakes of late years. The earthquake in China in December, 1920, is described as the worst in the world's history, suddenly dashing into eternity a quarter of a million of the earth's inhabitants. And the earthquake of September 1923 in Japan, that brought

down and demolished Tokio and Yokohama, was hardly less appalling. But a worse earthquake is ahead, an universal earthquake. It will be during the war to which we have referred, "And it shall come to pass at the same time, on the day of Gog's coming over the land of Israel, saith the Lord eternal, that my fury shall be kindled. And in my zealousness, in the fire of my wrath, have I spoken, surely on that day there shall be a great earthquake in the country of Israel; and there shall quake at my presence the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground" (Ezek. 38:18-20, Lesser). This is probably the same earthquake that is referred to in Rev. 16:18-20. "And there were voices and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell . . . and every island fled and the mountains were not found." We know not how many will be killed in this world-wide disaster, but with mountains thrown down, falling cliffs and tottering walls, the disaster will be truly appalling.

The Coming Whirlwind. Recently we saw the destruction that can come from one of God's whirlwinds as a hurricane or tornado devastated a number of towns in Southern Illinois and a part of Missouri. In some towns every house was blown down, hundreds were killed and thousands were injured. In some places the dead lay around for days, for the undertakers were among the killed. Surely in this visitation God was giving us a warning of the great, world-wide whirlwind that is yet to come. This is what He Himself says concerning this coming whirlwind: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth, and the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground" (Jer. 25:32, 33). "Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart; in the latter days ye shall consider it" (Jer. 30:23, 24). This will be a disaster without parallel in the world's history.

The Coming Cleansing. In Matt. 13 the Lord gives us seven parables concerning His kingdom. He tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like to a man which sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, the enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat. The servants could not understand it, but he explains, "An enemy hath done this," and he gives instructions, "Let both grow

together until the harvest, and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." The Lord Himself explained this parable. The good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the consummation of the age; and the reapers are the angels. He tells us, "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and they that do iniquity." What will happen to them that offend and do iniquity? The angels "shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Then shall the righteous shine forth in the kingdom of the Father.

The Coming Separation. When the Lord wants to emphasize a truth He gives it to us more than once. Joseph said, "And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is established of God, and God will bring it to pass." And so the truth concerning the great separation between the just and the unrighteous is repeated in the last of the seven great parables of Matthew 13. This time the kingdom is likened to a net cast into the sea. There is a great catch, the good are gathered into vessels and the bad are cast away. Again the Lord explains, "So shall it be at the consummation of the age (R. V., margin); the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

On earth we are seeing the criminals appealing their case from court to court; and often through legal manipulations and bribery we see just decisions reversed. But there will be no appeal against the just judgment of our God.

The Coming King. To Christ-rejecters there is nothing but appalling night ahead. But to the child of God, constantly and eagerly looking for the appearing of the soon-coming King, there is a joyous hope that cannot be expressed in words. What should our attitude be in these solemn days? The Master warns us, "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of the earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36). "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40).—S. H. F.

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AT THE CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Lord is still in our midst and blessing in a gracious way. Within the past few weeks we have felt the need of much prayer and in obedience to the Spirit's leading along this line, we have had many precious seasons of prayer in the various classes. Two Friday afternoons recently have been spent in prayer until the time for regular Friday evening service. The night of Saturday April 4th was set apart for prayer. Quite a number prayed all night. We feel that we have gained much ground during these times of waiting on God.

Recently we were favored with some splendid messages from Miss Margaret Peoples and Miss Farnsworth, missionaries from the French Sudan, Africa. Miss Peoples stressed the essential qualifications for a missionary as being an intense love for souls—not merely a love for meetings—habitual victory, a life of prayer, faith—faith in the power of the gospel we preach as being the power of God unto salvation to the very lowest of humanity, and last of all, the practical side of mission work, that is, an acquaintance with the dish-cloth as well as with the Bible.

Miss Farnsworth told us of the practical side of mission work. The messages of these two sisters were indeed beneficial and led us to make more thorough consecration of our lives to the Master's service.

Commencement Day is not far distant now. The Seniors are quite busy in their preparation for that glad day.

A gathering in honor of the Seniors was given by the Faculty on Wednesday evening, April 27th. Brother Welch addressed the class on the subject, "Show Thyself Approved" and urged upon them to be loyal to God, loyal to the work, loyal to the ministry and loyal to the school when they have gone from our midst. Brother McDowell addressed them on the practical side of the ministry. Brethren Welch and McDowell will be absent from the city on Commencement Day, and so took this opportunity of saying farewell to the class.

As a special treat to the Seniors, Mrs. Boyd has placed them all together at one long table in the dining room for the remaining weeks of school. The teachers take turns at sitting at the table with them.

Now for a bit of news concerning the outdoor affairs of the school. The boys recently planted about one acre of potatoes. Tomatoes, beans, onions and other garden stuff have been planted. The last addition to the school has been a flock of about 50 Buff Orphington chickens, the gift of a friend of C. B. I.

Every day our dear C. B. I. is becoming more and more home-like. It is a

delight to watch the gradual beautification of our campus by the squad of boys who work so faithfully mostly every afternoon and on Saturdays. Brethren Boyd and Thaw also don the overalls and work along by the side of the boys, refusing to rest after their day of hard teaching and office work. There are no drones in this beehive.—Mollie Baird.

BURIED — RISEN

Buried? Yes, but it is seed
From which continents may feed;
Millions yet may bless the day
When that seed was laid away.

Buried! hidden! out of sight!
Dwelling in the deepest night;
Losing, underneath the sod,
Everything, except its God.

Buried, unremember'd, lost—
So thinks man: but all the cost
God has counted to display
Life abundant one glad day.

Art **thou** buried? God's pure seed—
Doth thy heart in silence bleed?
Change thy sighing into song,
Thus alone can harvests come.
—Margaret E. Barber.

"UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

In a sermon, Kingscote Greenland described a visit to a vacant house with a friend who desired to purchase it. The friend was particularly struck by the beauty of one of the rooms which he wished to turn into his study; but he objected to a cupboard in the corner. "I will have to remove it," he said to the architect. "No, you won't," was the reply. "But I can do what I like if I buy the house," said the man. "You cannot do what you like with that cupboard," answered the architect. "Why not?" he asked. "Is it protected by a clause in the deed?" "No," said the architect, "it is not on the deed; it is on the plan. You cannot take away the cupboard without taking down the house; it is part of the main structure." So if we take away the Deity of Christ, we destroy the whole structure of Christianity.—Sunday School Chronicle.

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SHOWERS IN PORTO RICO

Santurce praises God for showers on the thirsty land. Since the first days of February the Lord has been working. Fifty-five have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and others are coming to the Lord. We have no hall nor church, but the meetings are in my own hired house, and there are cottage-meetings in several other parts of the city. Sunday about eighty were present and nine or ten sought the Lord. We beg of you to pray for such a revival that there will be a multitude to help put up a building in this large city where land and materials are so high; but labor may be not so high, as there are willing hands among our poor converted men. This house will not hold our people and there is danger of its sagging down too. We had to move in February from the former house against our will and while suffering physically. I have lived in four different houses during the last year and now this is too small for the converts. I have wondered if we could lease a lot for five or seven years and put up a temporary structure. If some reader has had experience on this line and has plans, I would be grateful for his advice. I expect my son from the C. B. I. soon and above all, "God is faithful."

Among the converts there are two, a man and a woman, who are helpers; and a number of other men and women who are enthusiastic and consecrated and work for souls. I am wanting to give them Bible training. These are people who have family obligations and cannot leave for a Bible school when there may be one. So I would be glad to give them say three Bible studies a week with notes supplied or for them to copy. Perhaps some one has had experience on this line and we can profit by it. We are so isolated that we long for advice from others and some times it comes through the columns of the Evangel. Now and then other missionaries go through also. Brother Fink-binder and wife come this way now and then, also Brother and Sister Radley. All are glad of the return of the Lugo family.

The power of the Lord to heal has not been so manifested as in saving and baptizing. Those who read this, please pray: for the revival to increase, for more healings, and for a building here.—Lena S. Howe, Santurce, Box 819, Porto Rico.

THE CANADIAN MISSION IN EAST AFRICA

Otto and Marian W. Keller who have been sent out to British East Africa by the Pentecostal saints of Canada write a very interesting letter of the progress being made in the work. Sister Keller writes:

"The Lord is working in a precious way in our midst and especially has His

power been made manifest of late in healing the sick. We have had some remarkable answers to prayer, and hearts have been convinced as never before that He is the Great Physician.

"We are at present busy building a new chapel which is badly needed. Our native Christians have learned to an extent the blessings derived from "giving unto the Lord." Our Christmas offering which was taken for the new chapel amounted to nearly \$100 and immediately Mr. Keller started the foundation and by faith is "going forward" believing He will enable us to complete the building. When the chief heard that we were putting up a new chapel he donated fifty good poles which are valued at about \$12.50. This has been wonderful, because he never had any use for missions or religion of any kind, but, "Prayer changes things."

"After a short vacation in January we are again in full swing with our work. Three classes daily—one for women and girls and another for beginners and the third for advanced boys.

"Mr. Keller has just completed a stone building which is to be used as a tool-room, workshop and storeroom. Can also be used as a garage if we ever get a car.

"Please continue to pray for us. Opportunities are many and great on every hand, but our time and energy are limited. Truly we can say 'the harvest is great, but laborers are few.' Pray ye!"

IN THE INTERIOR OF CHINA

Brother B. T. Bard, one of our new missionaries who has just joined Miss Grace Kenning in the Interior work in Shansi, North China, writes as follows:

"We are glad to tell you that God is working in our midst and has saved souls. We have meetings every night, twice on Sunday but none on Saturday. In the beginning of the day, after family worship, we gather with the Chinese of our Compound (outsiders come occasionally) and sing some Chinese hymns. We have a Bible reading and then a season of prayer. The Lord meets with us at these times of fellowship around His throne.

"In a couple of months we will have to move from this building as it will be too small. On Sundays the Chapel will not accommodate the crowd. As there is no place suitable for a chapel to be found in this village we must start to build. It will take about \$1500.00 to build a chapel, including labor, material and land. You can readily see that it is far cheaper to build inland than in Peking or in other cities near the coast. Please pray with us that the chapel needed may be supplied speedily.

"On February 18th the Lord presented to us a fine baby boy. At the time of his

birth, he weighed 8¾ pounds. His name is Daniel Craig Bard. Mrs. Bard is now back from the hospital and is busy studying the language. Every day we are 'at it.' Our minds need to be quickened studying this difficult language. Please pray for us."

GROSS DARKNESS IN THE HOLY LAND

Miss Laura Radford writes from Jerusalem, Palestine:

"This is Holy week in Jerusalem and hundreds of pilgrims are here, nominal Christians of all sects as well as many tourists from other lands. There are hundreds of Jews for the opening of the Hebrew Library last week and many are staying over to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem. Next week thousands of Moslems will come to join in celebration of "Nebi Mousa" as they call it. Some years ago a sheik was considering what the Moslems might have to correspond with the Passover and Easter celebration and so he announced that as he was on a pilgrimage over by the hills this side of Jordan, that Moses came to him and said he no longer wanted to remain in the grave where God buried him across the Jordan and so he had come across to this side and had chosen a site for himself and that all the Moslems in Palestine are to make a pilgrimage to this new grave each year. Next week they will gather in the city by thousands and on Friday they will march out together. The police and soldiers certainly have great difficulty in keeping the procession moving and frenzied men from fighting. Oh, the darkness of this land—it is terrible!"

REJOICING IN EGYPT

Miss Lillian Trasher writes from the Assiout Orphanage, Egypt:

"Thank you very much indeed for the nice, healthy looking check which you sent this week. It is wonderful how cheerful this check made me feel. You see we are in the middle of our new building and the buildings are getting along just wonderfully and the Lord is sending the money in from both Egypt and America. We have finished three rooms and expect to move into them at the end of the week, God willing. Then we will not be so crowded. We are making eighty mattresses and eighty quilts and twice that amount of pillows and sheets and, of course, the new bedsteads. I hope we will be settled by the time Brother Faux gets here. He will find it very hot if he does not get here soon.

"When I write you that Douglas has a tooth, well that doesn't mean anything to you. If you could only see him once you would never forget him for he is a perfect little darling. These orphan children are so loving and they are always anxious to help and to do something to please me. Last week I preached about giving something to the Lord, tithing, etc. After service one of the little girls who had a penny told one of the others that 'mamma had said that God's little children were hungry and I am going to send the penny to them to buy bread!' Her idea seemed to be that God had an orphanage in heaven, a little family of children who were all hungry and crying for bread."

MISS EASTON'S LAST LETTER

Under date of March 31st Miss Susan C. Easton wrote to the Foreign Missions Department and this is probably the last letter written by her hand before her death. Miss Easton was then getting ready to leave on furlough and wrote: "I feel the Lord has so wonderfully moved in the matter that I am quite free to take the time of rest that is needed and I am expecting to leave just as soon as I can arrange to get away. Until further notice please continue to address me here as I am not leaving India at once and all mail will follow me."

Sister Easton did not know at that time that she was about to take the longer rest which eventually comes to all those who do not tarry to see our Lord's appearing. She desired rest and she is now at rest with her Lord.

JERUSALEM

When the Lord Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem from Bethany 1900 years ago and wept over it saying, "If thou hadst known even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." And He went on to tell them, "Thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee. . . and shall lay thee even with the ground . . . and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another" (Luke 19:41-44).

It was only a few years later that the Roman army under Titus encamped on Mt. Scopus and surveyed the beautiful city, the sacred city, the Holy City, made sacred and holy because the Holy One had lived there. They desecrated and destroyed it leaving not one stone upon another. And now after 1900 years a Jewish university has been erected and has been dedicated on that spot.

Among the 5000 visitors in the Holy Land at the time of the dedication, there were fifteen hundred Americans. On March 12, 1925 the Jewish steamer, the "President Arthur," sailed from New York with the six-pointed Star—the Shield of David on her funnels and for the first time in the world's history the Jewish national flag was seen on the high seas. It was said that 15,000 people were gathered on the pier at New York to watch the sailing of the vessel that will link the U. S. A. with the Holy Land.

What is this momentous year of 1925 to bring to the world—the seventh year since the Armistice was signed? To see the six-pointed star of David, recognized by all nations, not only floating in Palestine but crossing the sea is in itself very significant. God's Word is being fulfilled, Palestine is being rebuilt, and the Jews are returning to their land, and what wonderful opportunities it brings to carry the Gospel to the Jew as well as to the Gentiles! Surely the times of the Gentiles is about to end.

In the holy land God is not without a witness to Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, who came to die for our sins, and was raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and is coming again as the Jews' Messiah and our Christ. And His word that cannot "return unto Him void" but must accomplish that which He purposeth, is going forth under the anoint-

ing of the Holy Spirit in the Bible Evangelistic Mission with Miss Laura Radford in charge. And God is working. There is a real spiritual awakening in Jerusalem. People come again and again and read the New Testament and want to know more about this way of salvation.

The \$1500 rent for the mission and living rooms is payable in advance and will have to be sent over by the middle of June. We feel sure there are many who want a share in giving the gospel of the Son of God to those who are going back in unbelief. As the dry bones are being gathered—bone to its bone, so the Spirit will be poured from on high in that land. And the Lord Jesus will have a remnant there to meet Him when He comes to reign.—V. B. Baer.

(Sister Baer will send a very interesting booklet about the Jerusalem work to those who are interested. Her address is 1517 Fair Oaks Ave., South Pasadena, Calif.)

PLAGUE PROTECTION—INDIA

During these weeks while bubonic plague has been raging all about us, men dying within a stone's throw of our home, the linking up of two scriptures has been of definite blessing to us: i. e.

Ex. 38:17, "All the pillars of the court were filleted with silver;" and

Ps. 91:14, "Because he hath set his love upon me (because he is filleted unto me—Hebrew) therefore will I deliver him."

The pillars of the court of the tabernacle, and he who dwells in God's secret place are both described as filleted. The connecting rods of the pillars of the tabernacle were of silver, but our hearts glowed with His love and our faith mounted up as we dwelt upon the fact that he who is joined to the LIVING GOD is filleted with something more precious than earthly treasures or things corruptible—that fillet is the blood of the Lamb!

Bubonic Plague is primarily a rat's disease. As soon as a rat dies of the plague the fleas leave the body and it is the bite of these fleas which spreads the disease among human beings. As soon as a rat dies in a house the people desert the place and live in grass huts along the roadside or anywhere they can take refuge. These rats have been dying in the native houses all about us, and last week when two died in our preacher's quarters, we encouraged our Indian workers, and our hearts with the thought that no matter how many plague rats or men might die all about us it could not come near us IF we are filleted to HIM! And we found ourselves making it even more personal as we quoted, "Because we are filleted to HIM, therefore will He deliver us." Bless His name!

We are constantly exposed to plague, cholera, smallpox, leprosy or other loathsome diseases and need your united prayers that we may ever be kept filleted to Him. Brethren, pray for us.—J. J. and Jennie (nee Kirkland) Mueller.

DISTRIBUTION OF MARCH, 1925, MISSIONARY FUNDS

All the offerings for the month of March, amounting to \$12,838.48, were disposed of according to the report which follows. The designated offerings amounted to 47 per cent of the whole and these designated offerings were disbursed exactly as designated. The remaining funds were divided up between the missionaries who had not been

fully provided for by their friends or home assemblies, and these funds permitted a distribution averaging \$25.00 for each missionary for the month.

Congo Belge Field	
Allowances of Missionaries	\$ 150.00
Missionaries on furlough	175.00
Egyptian Field	
Allowances of missionaries	100.00
Missionaries on furlough	50.00
*Cairo work	12.00
Egyptian work and workers	100.00
*Assiout Orphanage	48.27
French Sudan Field	
*Allowances of missionaries	106.67
*Missionaries on furlough	100.00
*Sudan work	18.25
*Mrs. Booth-Clibborn for home	8.00
*Prospective missionaries for Sudan	11.35
Liberia and Sierra Leone Fields	
Allowances of missionaries	205.00
Missionaries on furlough	80.00
Liberian work	40.00
*Native workers	60.00
South African Field	
Allowances of missionaries	290.00
*South African work	10.00
*Native workers	20.00
Total distribution for Africa	
	\$1584.54
North China Field	
Allowances of missionaries	960.44
Missionaries on furlough	35.00
*Native workers	69.00
Mission station expense	59.00
*Orphanage, Tainfu	383.74
*Buildings, Peking	5.00
South China Field	
Allowances of missionaries	416.01
Missionaries on furlough	200.00
*Native workers	49.00
Mission station expense	283.00
Transportation from field	107.25
Western China and Tibet Fields	
Allowances of missionaries	247.00
Missionaries on furlough	75.00
*Native worker	8.00
Southwest China Field (Yunnan Prov.)	
Allowances of missionaries	76.10
Central China—Miscellaneous	
Allowances of missionaries	210.00
Missionaries on furlough	135.00
*Chinese girl	3.00
Total distribution for China	
	\$3321.54
North India Field	
Allowances of missionaries	1783.11
Missionaries on furlough	275.00
Transportation of missionaries	119.00
Payment of Laheria Sarai property	450.00
*Mission station expense	47.00
*Native workers	22.00
*Outstation, Nawabganj	13.46
Orphanage, Bara Banki	152.10
*Boyce Orphanage (Ford and Buildings)	85.75
Bettiah Girls' School	238.16
*Lepers	6.00
*Orphans and widows	14.00
South India Field	
Allowances of missionaries	62.70
Missionaries on furlough	100.00
*Native workers	25.00
Total distribution for India	
	\$3393.28
Japan Field	
Allowances of missionaries	475.00
Missionaries on furlough	45.00
*Native worker	15.00
*Children's work	150.00
Native work (Hachioji)	50.00
Total for Japan	
	\$ 735.00
Palestine and Syria Fields	
Allowances of missionaries	173.30
Porto Rican Field	
Allowances of missionaries	340.00
Native work and workers	150.00
South American Fields	
Allowances of missionaries	352.25
Missionaries on furlough	125.00
West Indian Field	
Allowances of missionaries	105.60
Work and workers	150.00
*Relief work, Montserrat	7.00
Mexico and Mexican Border	
Allowances of missionaries	265.00
Native work, Mexico	175.00
Native work, American side of border	150.23
La Luz Apostolica	20.00
Miscellaneous Fields	
Alaska (Allowances)	80.00
Hawaii (Allowances)	30.00
*Persia (Allowances)	190.00
*Poland (Allowances)	180.00
Russia (Allowances)	75.00
*Return fare fund	17.74
*Building mission station fund	1.00
Chicago Missionary Rest Home	25.00
*Non-Council missionaries	702.00
March funds paid out in February	490.00
March Balance	
	\$12,838.48

*Denotes entire amount has been designated.

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THE WORK AND WORKERS

NEWARK, OHIO.—Evangelist V. K. Fries writes that the Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon the saints and they are in the midst of a revival.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.—Brother J. B. McDonough sends word that they have just closed a meeting with Brother J. M. Kerr of Bartlesville, in which 26 were saved, 13 baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 10 were baptized in water.

SEMINOLE, OKLA.—Sister Vela Herring sounds a note of praise for the meeting held by Evangelist J. Hutsell and wife of Slick, Okla. Between 15 and 20 were saved and 3 were baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4.

YAZOO CITY, MISS.—Sister E. Carpenter writes that they have just concluded a 12-day meeting in a school house about three miles from town, in which 11 were saved and 5 received the Holy Spirit. They are expecting a good work to be established soon.

LIMA, OHIO.—Pastor T. Lee writes that they had Brother Benjamin with them for awhile and the Lord blessed. They had several definite healings. Some were reclaimed, refilled and healed all at the same time. Brother Benjamin's address is 1303 Cutter St., Cincinnati, O.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Pastor J. A. Wells sends word that they have closed a very successful revival in which many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Several were healed and the saints were helped. The Church of God united with them in the revival and the fellowship was sweet.

BELLWOOD, ALA.—Brother R. G. Dowling writes that in answer to prayer this place has been shaken by the power of God. Sister Joiner of Florala, Ala. was with them for an 18-day meeting. About 25 were saved and reclaimed, and about 18 received the Baptism. People came to the meetings for many miles around. Pastor J. D. Courtney and wife were with them most of the time and assisted in the singing and altar work.

TOMBSTONE, ARIZ.—Evangelist Thomas Griffin writes that they visited the county jail where there are about 44 men and boys, and several raised their hands for prayer. He says, "We stopped at Phoenix and found a blessed tent meeting held by Brother Berrvhill. Souls were being saved and sick bodies healed, and some received the Holy Spirit. I gave the story of my conversion and souls came to Jesus at the close of the meeting. We visited the State Penitentiary at Florence and several of the men raised their hands for prayer."

AUSTIN, TEXAS.—Brother W. E. Crafton writes that Brother T. P. Anthony is holding a revival here and God is wonderfully blessing; 17 have received the Baptism in the Spirit in 2 weeks. He says, "Our meeting will start May 1st or 2nd (at Yoakum, Texas). Pray that God will save and baptize many."

PERCY, ILL.—Pastor A. Ferguson reports that they have just closed a 3½-week meeting with Evangelists Elsie Baker and Freida Deem, in which 12 were saved and 3 received the Baptism in the Spirit. On Easter Sunday 10 were buried in water baptism. The Lord is still blessing and 2 have received the Baptism in the Spirit since the meeting closed.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Pastor A. Feick writes, "We just closed our Easter revival which has been going on for two weeks. Brother R. Fields of Portland, Ore. was with us. God especially blessed him in his altar work and Bible studies. A number of souls were saved; a few were reclaimed, some were healed, and a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One woman came here with her husband from Mississippi. She had an internal cancer. God wonderfully healed her when we prayed for her and the glory of God filled the whole Tabernacle. She went home rejoicing in the Lord to tell the people what God has done for her. She had been to Mayo Bros. at Rochester, Minn. but they could do nothing for her."

THE REVIVAL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

The revival at Victoria is still going on. Some men leaving Victoria for the Humber, had to wait at a junction to change, conviction came on them and they had a prayer meeting in the station. Surely this is God's quick time. Hallelujah!

For twenty years or more there had been no moving of the Spirit in Port De Grave, and many thought there would be no use to hold services there. However, Pastor English of Bethesda with a few workers felt led to open services there. They were able to have the Orange Hall for three nights. From the first the hall was packed and souls were saved. At the end of the three nights, the Lord so moved that they had the hall for a week and during that time the Lord set the town "all ablaze," as one of the townsmen describes it. People were up nearly all night searching the Word to see "if these things were so," and then at it again in the morning. Conviction rested on the town and people were saved in their homes as well as in the hall. It is estimated that about fifty sought the Lord for pardon; strong men sat in the meetings and wept like babies.

One man was gloriously saved and went down in the audience and kissed two men who were his enemies. He did not know

until afterward that one of them had had a loaded gun standing in a corner all winter, waiting for him to come that way.

Another man called at the house where the workers were staying and said, "I am so miserable, I wish ye folks had never come here. I am more anxious about my soul than I ever was about a codfish." They knelt and prayed and before rising from his knees the man received a glorious Baptism.

One man describing his experience said, "I was under conviction for three days, but resisted; went down on the hills and tried to get saved. Last night after we came home from the meeting, until three o'clock in the morning, we studied and tried to see 'if these things were so.' This morning we took two Bibles, a dictionary and a C. E. help on the Bible but couldn't understand." Light came when he was ready to submit to God.

Pastor English and some workers are still going from town to town and God is working. While he is away, I am holding the fort here at St. John's and praise God! He is with us. There is a real precious revival among our young people; many are receiving the Baptism. Each one that comes through warns us that Jesus' coming is nearer than we think. A few nights ago a precious young woman came through to the Baptism in our home. She had a terrible goiter, and when she sought her Baptism that demon would choke her if she pleaded the blood of Jesus. We had a special time of waiting on God for her and she was delivered. For a couple of hours she was prophesying and among other things said, "There will be music, singing, and happiness when Jesus comes. The prayers of the faithful shall be answered," and many other comforting words.

It is truly wonderful what God is doing in Newfoundland. The great question now is how to care for those that step out for full salvation: if left to themselves they will perish. In many places there is no building we can get to carry on the meetings. Truly the harvest is ripe and ready for the ingathering and Jesus is coming soon!—Miss Annie B. Garragus, of St. John's, Newfoundland, in the Full Gospel Missionary Herald.

A GOOD RESOLUTION

We much appreciate the good resolution brought forth by the brethren of the Southern Missouri District Council, and wish that other District Councils and all Council ministers would cooperate on similar lines. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, The press is a great factor in publishing and sending forth the gospel, and

"Whereas, The Pentecostal Evangel of Springfield, Mo. is the official organ of the Assemblies of God, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that all our people subscribe for the Evangel."

If every District Council and each Council minister will take this resolution to heart, we believe that we shall soon double the circulation of the paper and greatly enlarge its usefulness.

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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

A STUPID DOORKEEPER

Dr. Walter Elliott, a missionary in China, had a stupid doorkeeper to guard the entrance to the compound and welcome the Chinese who came to see the preacher. Jow—for that was his name—could not read. Worse than that, he could not tell one Chinese character from another. He spent all his spare time in drawing Chinese hieroglyphics on the ground by the gate with a pointed stick. "Jesus wrote on the ground, you say, and I guess I can, too," was his reply to all who laughed at him.

The missionary had chosen Jow against everybody's advice. "Get a scholar for your doorkeeper," people had said, "one who by his learning will command the respect of the proud Chinese literati who may come to your door. To see a numskull like Jow there—a man who cannot read—will prejudice them against you finally." But Dr. Elliott knew of no scholarly Chinese who loved Jesus as Jow did, even though Jow had no idea whether a book was upside down or not, and could not tell one character from another. Jow was by nature a "truth-seeker," as the missionaries call it—a rare quality in the East.

Before he came to sit at the mission gate Jow had sought truth in all kinds of places. He had made pilgrimages under Buddhist teaching and had done penance; he had visited many noted Taoist temples, and paid tribute to their greedy priests. But nowhere could he find truth, until one day, up in a mountain village, on the borders of Honan Province, he heard a native Christian preacher. As he listened he said to himself, "That, at last, is the truth!"

He followed the preacher to the village inn and questioned him. Sitting by the feeble light of a wick of pith floating in a saucer of peanut oil, the preacher, who was also a Bible colporteur, explained how the Gospel message was contained in the "Sacred Classics," as the Chinese call the Bible. Jow had only one hundred and fifty brass "cash"—equal to five cents in American money—in the world. He paid them over promptly for a copy of the New Testament. He could not read a word, so everybody thought him more stupid than ever for such a purchase. But Jow did not care. He went about with his book, asking people what the characters meant, and in a few weeks he had learned the characters of the Lord's Prayer after some queer fashion of his own.

He soon found the missionaries and offered himself as their gatekeeper. All day long he wrote characters in the sand, in the intervals of his duties, and learned them. He called them his "friends" and steadily became more familiar with them. He marked the hieroglyphics of his book after a memory system which he had invented. The missionary, talking to him

about it, was surprised at its simplicity and value. The language has fifty thousand separate characters, but only four hundred and eighteen sounds. Jow was learning and noting down the sounds. By the end of the summer he could puzzle out all the New Testament in this way, and became thoroughly familiar with it.

While the missionary was gone for a while Jow had some weeks to himself. He went on studying the characters in a different way. No Chinese scholar will help an ignorant man to study the Bible, so Jow took a roundabout method. He would select an unknown character from his Bible, draw it until he knew its lines, and then go to the large tea house, where scholars resorted. Sitting down beside some one who looked wise, Jow would draw the unknown character on the ground with a stick, over and over again. When the scholar looked to see what he was doing Jow would say:

"Do you know what character this is?"

Touched by such an insinuation, the scholar would at once proudly reply with the name of the hieroglyphic, and Jow would have another "friend" added to his collection. "I knew his face before, and now I know his name," he would say, quaintly, in telling about it.

Within a year Jow's ignorance had become knowledge. The stupid peasant at the gate was transformed into a teacher of others. Around him a nightly Bible class gradually sprang up, with merchants, laboring men, soldiers, and even school-teachers, among its members. Often it was midnight before they scattered, and then, very often, Jow would spend the hours until dawn praying for each of them by name, that they might learn "wondrous things out of the Law." The first convert from this class of Jow's was Jen, the city school-teacher, and others soon followed.

The young man whom people thought too stupid to keep the mission gate became, in the end, a "flaming evangelist," respected by all his townsmen and recognized as an upright, intelligent, and powerful member of the community. Was not the missionary wise in choosing him rather than an educated heathen? And is not the whole true story only a modern instance of how God can use the weak things of the world and transform any soul dedicated to His service?—E. L. Whitney in S. S. Advocate.

A LITTLE SLAVE'S FAITH

A missionary, passing one day through the school-room, observed a little boy engaged in prayer and overheard him say: "O Lord Jesus, I thank Thee for sending a big ship into my country and wicked men to steal me and bring me here, that I might hear about Thee and love Thee. And now, Lord Jesus, I have one great favor to ask Thee. Please to send

wicked men with another big ship and let them catch my father and mother, and bring them to this country that they may hear the missionaries preach, and love Thee."

The missionary in a few days after saw him standing on the seashore, looking intently as the ship came in.

"What are you looking at, Tom?" "I am looking to see if Jesus Christ answers prayer."

For two years he was to be seen day after day watching the arrival of every ship. One day, as the missionary was viewing him, he observed him capering about and exhibiting the liveliest joy.

"Well, Tom, what gives you so much joy?"

"Oh, Jesus Christ answers prayer! Father and mother came in that ship," which was actually the case.—Publisher Unknown.

A SAINT OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Valens the emperor, an apostate from Christianity, went on a kind of visitation-tour through his dominions, for the purpose of bringing his subjects to confess the same faith as himself; so he and his prefect came to Caesarea. The prefect sent for Basil, and after a little discussion said to him, "Are you not ashamed to profess a different creed from that of your emperor?" Basil replied that he thought it better to stand alone by the side of truth than with all the world on the side of falsehood. The prefect lost his patience and began to talk of other weapons than those of argument.

"Are you not afraid to oppose me?" he said to Basil.

"Why should I fear?" asked Basil. "What will happen?"

The prefect, bloated with rage, and almost choked with passion, gasped out convulsively, "Confiscation, banishment, torture, death!"

"Have you nothing else?" asked the undaunted bishop; "for nothing you have spoken has any effect on me. He that has nothing to lose is not afraid of confiscation. Save these threadbare, tattered garments, and a few books, I have nothing you can take. And as to banishment, you cannot banish me; for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, whose stranger and pilgrim I am. And as to torture, the first stroke would kill me; and to kill me is to send me to glory."

"No man ever spoke to me like that before," said the crest-fallen official.

"Perhaps you never met with a Christian bishop before," was the reply.

The emperor, with a body of soldiers, went to the church and demanded the sacrament at Basil's hand; but he determined to die rather than dispense the emblems of Christ's death to one who repudiated His divinity.

At last the day of clouds and storms was over, and Basil entered upon the unbroken calm of an eternity with God.

ARRIVING HOME ON FURLOUGH

Miss Sara Coxe, Miss Olga Aston and Miss Almyra Aston plan to sail from England for New York on May 2nd. Their friends can expect their arrival in America about May the 9th or 10th. Mail addressed to the Foreign Missions Department will be forwarded to them.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our ministerial list in the month of April, 1925:

Bender, Gordon R., New Castle, Pa.
Bowie, Mrs. Eleanor G., Cleveland, Ohio.
Caraballo, Luis G., San Francisco, Calif.
Colbert, Mrs. Essie, Childress, Texas.
Hydanus, Joseph S., Chicago, Ill.
Muir, Elmer F., Arkansas City, Kansas.
Powell, Leonard D., Samson, Alabama.
Reeves, Horace M., Turkey, Texas.
Wiseman, Clinton L., Wichita Falls, Tex.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of April, 1925.

Brant, William Lambert, Chicago, Ill.
Goben, John, Lucas, Iowa.
Hall, W. W., Fort Worth, Texas.
Jones, Charles E., Bucklin, Mo.
Montes, Angel, Brownsville, Texas.
Sabine, Mrs. Annie W., Dallas, Texas.
Sidell, Nannie H., Dallas, Texas.

—J. R. Evans, Secretary.

NOTICE

This is to certify that Robert F. MacFarlane formerly of Chicago, Ill., Joliet, Ill., Nyack, N. Y., and later of Brooklyn, N. Y., is not affiliated with the General Council, Assemblies of God, and never has been.

—J. R. Evans, Secretary.

FRIEND OF EVANGEL DECEASED

Word has just been received of the home going of Brother Andrew O. Nash of Newark, N. J. Brother Nash was the first to make a substantial gift to the Gospel Publishing House which gave it a start with its printing equipment. He owned a large Huber press, which had formerly been one of the presses in the Government Printing Office in Washington. When it was decided to establish the Gospel Publishing House in St. Louis, Mo. in the Fall of 1914, Brother Nash gave this press to the new Publishing House, along with a large cutting machine, a printer's imposing stone and various other items. The press was shipped to St. Louis and installed at 2838 Easton Ave. Later, it was moved to Springfield, Mo. and served as the Evangel Press until about two years ago, when a new, more modern press was purchased and the old one was dispensed with. If Brother Nash had not made this gift to the Evangel just at the time he did, the Publishing House might not have grown as it has, for the printing equipment, while a little out of date, yet was serviceable and turned out many thousands of pages of Gospel literature. The cutting machine is still in service in the Publishing House. The Evangel feels that it has lost a real friend in the home-going of Brother Nash.

SEABROOK, TEX.—We will begin a series of meetings at the Full Gospel Tabernacle June 7. All tourists are invited to camp here and feast with the Lord. Service every night until the Lord says stop. Pray mightily for us.—W. E. Bennett.

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 sender desires them to appear. For instance, a notice for a paper dated the 15th of the month; should be in Springfield by the 1st of the month; or for a paper dated the 30th of the month, should be here on the 15th.

DENVER, COLO.—An old-time revival to begin in the Pentecostal Tabernacle, 17th and Clarkson Streets, May 10, to continue through the month of May. Evangelist Jack Nevills from Tulsa, Okla., will be in charge.—John J. Schupp, Sec'y.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.—May 14 to 17, Annual Missionary Convention the close of Central Bible Institute School year. Several missionaries are expected, also Brother J. E. Spence, Chairman of the Southern Missouri District Council.—D. W. Kerr, pastor.

CHESTER, ILL.—Our campaign will begin, D. V., June 1, to continue two weeks or longer. Brother Higgins, of Wood River, Ill., to do the preaching. Our new church will be dedicated June 7, Sunday, 2:30 p. m. Saints at large are cordially invited to join us in this campaign.—Pastor S. C. Johnson.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.—The 7th Annual Meeting will be held June 16-19, at Tacoma, Wash. An urgent request is given to all ministers and workers in the district to attend, especially those with Council endorsement. Detail information may be had from Frank Gray, Chairman, 2139 South L. St., Tacoma, Wash., or J. E. Rasmussen, Sec., 733 W. Augusta Ave., Spokane, Wash.

CORRY, PA.—The Eastern District Campmeeting for the western end of the district will be held here July 2 to 19 inc. A strong staff of ministers of the district and missionaries fresh from the field will be present. Tents and meals can be had on the grounds at reasonable rates. Special speakers will be announced later. For further information write Pastor G. R. Bender, 135 Sixth Ave., Corry, Pa.—Chairman Joseph Tunmore.

CHILDRESS, TEX.—An old-time, Holy Ghost revival and Bible study campmeeting, July 1 to 12, inclusive. Pastor A. R. Colbert will be overseer. Each assembly within a radius of 100 miles is expected to assist in making this the best camp in the southwest. Some of the best evangelists and teachers in the district will be present. For further information write Pastor A. R. Colbert, Childress, Tex., or Lonnie Whitworth, Box 508, Electra, Tex.

SIoux CITY, IOWA.—A city-wide campaign will be launched here to begin the first Sunday in June with Brother and Sister Nankivell in charge throughout the month of June. We are in correspondence with other evangelists and desire to have the campaign continue through the entire season if possible. Any evangelist desiring to consider the opportunity may write to I. M. Glanville (acting pastor), 1216 W. 15th St., for further information. The assembly also is in need of a pastor and anyone with a good recommendation may correspond with C. C. Small, 2416 S. Cedar St., Sec'y-Treas. of the Assembly.—Isaac M. Glanville.

PASTOR WANTED.—We are in need of a pastor for this place. I believe God could build up the work here by a man who would look to Him for help.—Mrs. Emma Fox, Shelby, Mich.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—This is to say Brother and Sister A. F. Gardiner are again in full fellowship with the General Council. Brother Gardiner plans to travel out of Kenedy, in evangelistic work. Any assembly desiring his service may write him at Kenedy, Texas.—Hugh M. Cadwalder, Chairman Texas District.

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April 24 to 30, Inclusive

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2.00: M N N Newport Tex; Mrs A L T Saco Maine; Trinity Assembly Bernice La; L J B East Point Ga; M J Anadarko Okla; K M G Osborne Okla; Humboldt Mission Humboldt Ia; R J M Watsonville Calif; E N G Racine Wis; **2.03** Mrs P R B Davy Tex; **2.05** S S Towner Colo; **2.21** Armourdale Assembly Kansas City Kans; **2.33** S S Heavener Okla; **2.50** Mrs L B K West Plains Mo; **2.71** S S Monette Ark; **2.80** B H C Coffeyville Kans; **2.90** Mrs R C National Mine Mich
3.00: Mrs H & Mrs M B Creston Ia; L L Pangburn Ark; L H Springfield Mo; **3.25** Mrs J F Redford Mich; **3.43** Children of God Carlow Mo; **3.50** Mrs C H B Dripping Springs Tex
4.00: Mrs E B C Breckenridge Tex; S S Brush Prairie Wash; S S Savanna Okla; G W D Alexandria Va; Assembly of God Gracemont Okla; **4.10** A M S Ithaca N Y; **4.75** Young Ladies Bible Class Bethel Temple Dayton Ohio
5.00: Mr & Mrs R M Yelm Wash; J H B & family Garner Ark; G B Oroville Calif; Mrs W T Mead Colo; Mrs F B Brooklyn N Y; Mrs F E S Lamoni Ia; S E F Camden N J; F T H Summit Pa; Assemblies of God S S Firstview Colo; Assembly Baker Ore; Mrs R H E Argo Ill; Mrs A A McC Colo Springs Colo; Mrs A G Oroville Calif; C E S Mt Vernon Wash; A Friend in Ga; **5.22** Assembly of God Ottawa Kans; **5.41** Kiowa Pent'l S S Roggen Colo; **5.50** Glad Tidings Full Gospel Mission Cottage Grove Ore
6.00: Mrs E S Lake Andes S Dak; Mrs F N S & Mrs M E C B Ashland Ore; Mrs M L Z Coldwater Kans; Mrs W D Noxen Pa; **6.44** Assembly of God S S Wesson Ark; **7.00** E B Beggs Okla.
8.00: J B K Pontiac Mich; Mr W D Denver Colo; Nemo London Eng; **8.30** W J M Everett Mass; **8.50** Mrs C C McM Couch Mo; **9.10** S S & Church of Assembly of God Topeka Kans; **9.43** A Friend Hartford Ark; **9.50** Miss I M Osage City Kans
10.00: Mrs H R W Parma Idaho; F L El Cerrito Calif; G B H San Jose Calif; Pent'l Young People's Band Wesson Ark; Mrs I B Cortez Nev; Pastor W A M Caldwell Tex; A A Lynnbrook N Y; Mr W B F Woodward Ia
11.00: Full Gospel Mission S S Michigan City Ind; **11.25** Church Creal Springs Ill; **12.00** W J T San Francisco Calif; Glad Tidings Mission Escalon Calif
13.00: Mrs A M Osage City Kans; North Side Assembly of God Wichita Falls Tex; C W B Sitka Alaska; **13.22** Glad Tidings Assembly Bradford Pa
15.00: Pent'l Assembly Witherbee N Y; Young People's Bible Class Fourth & Grand Dallas Tex; Mrs A H New York City N Y; Edwards St Pent'l Church S S Upper Alton Ill; Pent'l Prayer Band Allentown Pa; M E D Auburn Maine; Endicot Pent'l Assembly—S S Endwell N Y; Assem & S S Columbia Pa; A O Port Perry Canada; **15.60** Mrs A W Oroville Calif
16.00: Pent'l S S Bazine Kans; **17.00** Assembly of God Galena Kans; **18.00** Mrs L S Ithaca N Y
20.00: J D Z Kansas City Mo; Mrs J P Cleveland Ohio; C L K Portland Ore; E A C Chicago Ill; East Ferry St Assembly Buffalo N Y; **24.50** W A H Toledo Ohio; **24.75** German Branch Elizabeth N J; **25.00** Mr & Mrs H C H Earle Ark; J C R Lankershim Calif; **25.25** Assembly Juncau Alaska; **28.56** S S Goose Creek Tex; **30.00:** O I H Bassett Neb; Grace Baptist Church Pasadena Calif; Assembly Pawhuska Okla
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Total amount previously reported 12,678.44
Total amount for April\$15,113.43

HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

April 24 to 30, Inclusive

51.37: Home Class S S Huron S Dak; **1.50** Mrs A F R Payette Idaho; Trinity Tab S S & Young People St Louis Mo; **4.47** Southern Mo District Offerings
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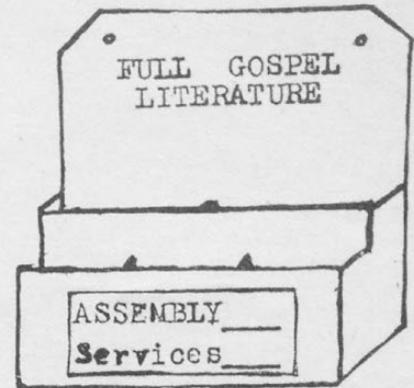
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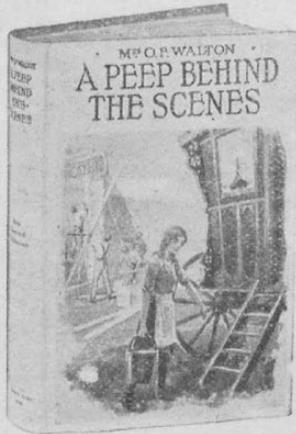
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