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Victory Over All the Power of the Enemy



YOU are up against an awful enemy; a roaring lion, the accuser of the brethren. Jesus said to Peter, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." He is the arch enemy of mankind especially of believers and most especially of baptized believers. Every baptized saint is a mark for the fiery darts of the enemy's malignant hatred. Why? Why all this? Because his hatred of Christ was so fearful. He cannot touch Christ, so he tries to touch Christ's followers.

His hatred, his venom, his malignity has no effect upon the Son of God. Christ trod upon the serpent's head. The seed of the woman has triumphed. The lake of fire is burning. It was prepared for your enemy. The name of the angel who is going to take the chain and bind him is known.

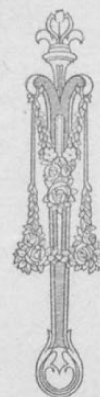
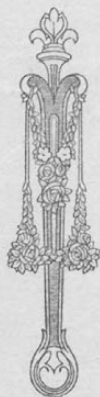
Yes, your enemy is great in his hatred, his spleen against God's people. But it is the hatred of a conquered, a defeated enemy. The cross points heavenward to his seat in heavenly places. The earthly cross has been removed, but you can still point the cross toward his seat and remind him of his defeat.

Jesus is triumphant in death and in life. "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me" (John 14:30). He was Satan-proof and He can make you Satan-proof.

Put on the whole armor of God, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the enemy, the helmet of salvation, the feet shod, covered with the preparation of the gospel of peace; always praying in the Spirit; and take the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Thus you have a complete armor, so that you also can be Satan-proof.

"Satan cometh and hath nothing in Me." No, nothing in Christ could Satan find. His assaults were useless, futile. He had to depart, defeated. And he can find nothing in you if you have Christ in you, for he can find nothing in Him. Christ filling and controlling, then Christ can withstand all the power of the enemy in you. He will answer the door for you.

"Satan cometh and hath nothing in Me." This is the heritage of the children of God. The enemy's malignity is nothing abated, though he may not get an entrance into your heart, and he will not if you are hiding in the Rock and the Rock is hiding in you. Amen.



A WATCHWORD FOR THE PENTECOSTAL MINISTRY

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There never has been a religious movement that has remained spiritual very long. The history of the church is little more than a chronicle of backslidings. Gracious seasons of revival are soon followed by decline and apostasy, and the largest share of responsibility lies at the door of the ministry. To every servant and handmaiden whose heart yearns that copious showers of latter rain may continue and increase upon us, I beg to suggest this little verse from Holy Writ as a watchword:

"We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4).

These are the words of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ during that first great outpouring of the Spirit in Jerusalem. The immediate occasion of these words was the case of some women who had been neglected. If you ever neglect a woman you will hear from it! True to type, these women put in a complaint that they had been neglected. This came to the ears of the apostles and they said, "Look ye out among you seven men... full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Now you need both if you are going to deal with grumbling women—and some men are worse. The apostles wanted to get rid of a lot of that business and give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. A great many preachers since that day have failed God and backslidden because of too much business. Too many side-lines, too many other things, failing to say with one of old, "This **one** thing I do."

"We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." You will notice in this little verse that prayer comes first. Not "the ministry of the Word and prayer," but "prayer and the ministry of the Word." This is God's order, and to attempt to reverse the order is to fail. Anyone called to preach the gospel will succeed if they go at it according to this program. There never was, and there never will be a case of failure where a God-called minister gives himself to prayer and the ministry of the Word. I want to drop this into your heart—that there is no such thing as defeat in the will of God.

Look at Jacob. He was no fool. He knew how to drive a bargain. He did not need to pray very much to get by in the world. But there came a time in his life when he was up against it, when his cunning and ingenuity would not get him by. He heard that his brother was coming to meet him with four hundred men. This was too much for Jacob. However, he did not stop his planning, and proceeded with his diplomacy. He arranged his property and servants in bands and sent them over. He said, "I will appease him with a present. I will get on the good side of him by fixing up a big gift." That is a pretty

The message printed herewith is the substance of an address given by Brother Gaston to the student body of the Central Bible Institute. While its primary application is to the ministry, we are sure that every reader of the Evangel will find much in this article that is exceedingly helpful.

good way to win a Jew—and a Gentile as well.

After all, Jacob was afraid; and the whole company having passed over the brook, he was left alone with God. There he wrestled all night even until the breaking of the day; and in that time of agonizing travail of soul, Jacob was changed from a bargain-hunting supplanter to a prince with God. His name, his heart and character were changed.

There are some things in the world we can do with the very minimum of prayer. But when it comes to grappling with the powers of darkness, when it comes to dealing with the souls of lost men who are bound by Satan, the prince of the power of the air having blinded their minds and hardened their spirits, we need the power of God. We must have that princely power, that divine something that comes only from God. And we can only have that as we give ourselves to prayer, as we learn how to wrestle and prevail against the powers of hell, through the ministry of the Spirit and by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Moses is another character who learned how to pray. There are so many instances of this in his life that I hardly know which one to mention. You remember that while Moses was up in the mountain with God, the fickle-hearted people got tired of waiting for him to return and they made a golden calf and were having a great time dancing and singing. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. Now therefore, let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them, and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the Lord his God and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?"

Like a lawyer before the bar, this prince with God presents his strong reasons and argues his point with God for a reconsideration. "And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto His people."

There is something very encouraging here to the heart of a true servant of God. Here is a lone man in the presence of God, dealing with God for the people, perfectly at home with his Master and Creator, and free to tell Him what should be done under the circumstances. Nothing short of a life of intimate association with God would ever give a man freedom to talk with God after this fashion.

Moses having prevailed with God for the people, now leaves the place of prayer for the place of service to the people. The two tables of the testimony were in his hands, and when "he saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it."****Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me."

You would think Moses would be afraid of that frenzied mob of religious fanatics. Nay, verily, there can be no fear in the heart of a man fresh from the mount of God. Alone he stands, towering majestically above the crowd, who were quite content to eat and drink and rise up to play. With solemn dignity and God-breathed authority he excommunicated the entire nation, and called for volunteers for the cause of righteousness.

The fear of man has been the handicap of many preachers. We need fearless men and women today to champion the cause of unpopular truth, and be it remembered that divine truth is always unpopular. To brave the enmity of the carnal mind we need God-given boldness. This, Moses had in superabundance; not by nature, for Moses was timid, shrinking, and slow of speech; but there is no shrinking in him now, neither is he slow, for he comes from the presence of God fully equipped. He was first at home with God, and then at home with the people.

Every minister wants freedom in the ministry of the Word. This, even the most timid and fearful may find in the mount of God. Here he will be lifted out of the realm of the flesh into a place of princely dominion in the Spirit, until with great boldness and freedom of utterance he will speak the Word with authority and power.

"And Moses returned unto the Lord and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

As far as I know, this is the only unfinished sentence in the Bible. "If thou wilt forgive their sin—" and here the prayer warrior seems to choke up and be unable to finish. "And if not, blot me out of thy book." Such intense desire, such identification of himself with the people, putting himself down with them, and pleading for them! Oh, for the spirit of intercession that Moses had! How beautiful to see him as he comes personally to God, spreading out the sin of the people, putting himself along beside them, and willing to be put with them in their condemnation.

It is needless to say here that Moses prevailed. Such prayers always prevail, and I would here remark that there is still a great place for leadership and service in the world for men who will love the people and pray for them, even when they are bad. A minister should keep the path well beaten out between himself and God in the first place, and between himself and the people in the second place.

The men who have been a blessing to the world are men who have learned how to prevail with God in prayer. Martin Luther prayed three hours a day, and God gave him power with the people. Finney was a man of prayer. It is said that oftentimes at the hour for preaching they would wait and wait for Finney to show up. Then they would go and hunt him, and many times would find him writhing in agony of intercession, pleading with God for the power of the Spirit, and telling the Lord he would not go until he was anointed and given power. What a flame of fire that man was! He had learned the secret of ministering the Word in the power that comes in answer to prayer. One of the troubles of preachers today is simply this, they learn how to preach, then go out and preach without the Holy Ghost. May God save us from learning how to preach! Let us learn to depend on the Holy Ghost, to abandon ourselves more and more to Him.

The apostle Paul had a good deal of head knowledge but he said to the Corinthians, "I am determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." There was something in his gospel that the people could feel, a fire, love, and power that was divine. Somewhere, on his face with God, Paul learned how to give himself up to the Holy Ghost. He learned how to abandon himself, his learning, his all, to God. How often the Lord has let us fail in the presence of the people, in order that we may go back to God and learn that the power of God is what we need.

No doubt I am talking to somebody who has at some time desired to preach a splendid sermon, and you have worked on it and thought it out and had it all planned. It was a good one, a dandy. But when you were ready to grind it off, like Nebuchadnezzar's dream—it was gone from you. The very time when you wanted to be at your best you were your very worst. What was wrong? Had

there been more prayer, more looking to God, more of an effort to get yourself into the hands of the blessed Spirit, you would have come to the people fresh and full of fire from God. I am sure of this, that if in our hearts we are humble, if all we have is really yielded to God, there will never be a time that we will fail God and the people. I trust and pray that God Almighty will let us fail every time when we think we can do it, until we learn that we will never be able to do this business of preaching without the Spirit. How we need a revival of faith in the power of God, and in the power of the message of God. Our gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." But if we lived to be old and grizzly, and spent all our time in study and laborious preparation, we would never be able to take God's message to the people without that power and divine something that only comes in the place of prayer and communion alone with God.

The funniest little incident that I heard on this line was a story of real life from Bud Robinson. Brother Bud said that the Lord had been using him in a marvelous way in revival work in his early days. He did not know anything much, except that he had found out for sure that Bud was no good. He learned that, and gave himself up to God, and a revival broke out everywhere he went. There was a little place in the country where he preached once a month, and he decided to have a revival at this place. He also had a chum about his own age who went to preaching about the same time, and the Lord was using him, too. So Brother Robinson called his chum over to help in this revival. The Lord began to bless Bud's chum and gave him all the messages, and good ones. And all the people were talking about the chum and were not saying a word about Brother Bud. He did not like that a bit. The more he thought about it, the more selfish and mean and backslidden he became, until finally the Spirit left the meeting and it broke up and became a failure.

Bud decided that a month from that time he would show them he could preach, too, and he would stop their talking about his chum. So he worked the whole month on a sermon. He had it just right; it was a marvel. He knew it from beginning to end. He got on his old grey horse and rode out into the country, hitched old Grey, and walked into the meeting place feeling like a bishop. The congregation was there waiting. He stepped onto the platform, started a song, called on someone to pray, made the announcements, and was ready for his essay. But he began to stutter and stammer. He stood there blubbing and stuttering, and could not think of one single word of that sermon. He forgot it absolutely. The people were looking at one another, and this confused him all the more. Finally he decided he would leave that sermon alone and preach one of his old ones, but he could not think of a text in the Bible. He stuttered some more, then finally decided he would dismiss the congregation—but he had forgotten the benediction! He managed to stammer out, "You can go home."

The people began to file out in silence. Bud got on his old grey horse and rode into the country. He looked both ways, and when he saw nobody was in sight, he rode out into the woods, got down on his knees and got right with God. The story seems ridiculous, but no doubt it is a fact. I know from my own experience, that if you have known the power of God and the reality of the supernatural, God will not let you drift over into the realm of those who simply serve in the flesh. God will let you fail, that you may find a place to pray. There is a wonderful ministry ahead of us if we will pray, and if we will go to God for the anointing of the Spirit before going to the people with a message. The apostles gave themselves to prayer, then to the ministry of the Word. And that is God's plan. I am sure of this, that God having called you, and having put His mighty power upon you, will make you succeed. There is no defeat ahead of you; there is blessed victory. You will not lose victory with the people until you have lost it with God. I mean this—if you fail at all, it will not be in the outward ministry first, but in your heart relationship with God. To fail in the inner life is ultimately to fail in our service to others.

You may feel you are not equipped in the natural. Never mind; God will equip you in the supernatural. Moses said, "I am slow of speech." But God replied, "Who made your mouth? I will be with your mouth." In anything that is worth understanding there is responsibility. And where there is responsibility, if you are intelligent in the matter, there is a sense of insufficiency. Listen to me. If you feel sufficient for these things, I don't believe the Lord has called you. When the Lord has called you, He has enlightened and illuminated your mind until you understand that this thing is too much for you. The responsibility is too great and the opposition too strong, and you feel within your very being your insufficiency. Will you say, "Oh God, excuse me," or "Oh God, help me!" Remember when God lays on you the burden, He means to give you adequate power. He will broaden you out, stretch you, and increase your capacity for blessing, until as you are exercised in these things you grow and increase. Everything in all God's program is easy when God is helping you. Great big burdens turn into great big blessings when the Lord is leading.

The great secret of a fruitful ministry is that the preacher himself shall drink of the Spirit until out from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water. Oh, for more of the spontaneous overflowing, outgushing rivers of salvation in our preaching! We will never have it as long as the bulk of our preparation consists in mind culture, essential as it is. We need heart education as well. These rivers are to flow from our innermost beings, not from our hatracks, and if we could get an army of preachers who would spend as much time in heart communication with God as they spend wresting the letter of the law and gospel, we would turn the world up-side-

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sands, who do not yet take the paper,
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sedly from week to week, to the thou-
sands, yes, millions, all over the land, who
ought to and might be induced to read.
Print seems very cold as we sit here
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assembly here so these people are of dif-
ferent religious beliefs." Brother and Sis-
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names. Brother Clifton B. Thomas sent
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ther Geo. E. Pritchard of Taft, Cal.,
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toona, Pa., and Brother Erick Ulsanden,
Drumhiller, Alta., Canada each sent us

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HASTENING THE END

"The Lord's hand is not shortened,
that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy,
that it cannot hear." God's hand is not
withered either, neither is His arm. God
is on the saving hand as well as on the
giving hand. "He that spared not His own
Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how
shall He not with Him also freely give
us all things?" That is Holy Ghost reason-
ing. That is Holy Ghost questioning.
"With Him also freely give us all things."
Have you received Him? Is He your
Saviour and Redeemer? Then you have
the right to all things.

Desire the things of God. What is
God's desire? It is His will and desire
that none should perish, but that all
should come to repentance and to a know-
ledge of the truth. God's grace is going
to eclipse His wrath for the time being.
His wrath is mighty and terrible; but
for a time it is going to be screened
and obscured by His grace. There will
be thunders of blessing before thunders
of wrath.

Elijahs can bring down thunder storms
of blessing. There are the Elijahs and
the servants of Elijah. The servants do
the watching and the looking; the Elijahs
do the wrestling. No let up! Elijah on
Mt. Carmel was looking to God and he
hadn't time to look to the heavens. Wicked
Aahabs will have to flee or get drench-
ed.

God's hand is not shortened, neither is
His ear heavy. Some people pray to
God as if He were an idol that hears
not and handles not. God is active in
the physical universe, and He wants to be
active in the realm of grace. The prayers
of His people move Him to activity.

"I will yet for this be enquired of by
the house of Israel." It is the same to-
day. God wants to be enquired of. He
will work when we enquire of Him to
do it.

In the material world you will see
abundance of activity, especially in spring
time. God wants to be just as active
in the spiritual realm. He wants the
spring to bring in the harvest, because
He does not want the husbandman to
wait longer than is necessary. "The hus-
bandman waiteth for the precious fruit
of the earth, and hath long patience for
it, until He receive the early and the lat-
ter rain." Ask for the rain. It will hast-
en the harvest.

Nowhere in God's Word is any temple
period called "the hour of preaching,"
nor is the temple itself ever called "the
house of preaching." It was "the house
of prayer," and there was "the hour of
prayer." More souls and bodies will be
healed today when preaching and prayer
exchange places; the latter fundamental,
the former supplemental.—S. S. Times.

TRIUMPHING IN CHRIST

We conquer because He conquered. We conquer in the fiercest fight because He bore the brunt of it. He declares, "All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me" (Psa. 42:7). The billows did not drown Him. "All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over Me." He came through them. The deluge of hell was swallowed up.

The children of Israel went through the Red Sea. God's billows overwhelmed His enemies.

Jesus has gone through for us, in our stead. So we can walk on the billows like Peter. "Bid me come to Thee." He bids us come. Peters are not all dead today. They see the waves, but when they see the waves and begin to sink there is always the hand stretched out. Then shall the waves be swallowed up. He walked on the billows.

"All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over Me." But He could not be kept down. And He can rescue the sinking ones. His arm is not shortened; His ear is not heavy; His feet are elastic; His sympathy is as great as ever.

Wherefore then dost thou doubt? Christ never doubted. Storm, darkness, tempest, never moved Him. Above it all the voice is heard—His voice. The tempest obeyed His voice.

Have you had a tempest within you? He can still a tempest within as well as without. And at His command there will come a great calm. Yes, He is triumphant over sin, over Satan, and every manifestation of Satan through his emissaries. The Son of God has created all things. He is the ruler of the universe. As Son of man He is Victor, ruler of man's enemies.

He can command the sun because He created it. Joshua had the assurance to command the sun to stand still, because he was intimate with his Creator. Christ has equal power in the spiritual realm. Spiritual enemies are subject unto Him. And as Son of man He has control for man through His incarnation and death, and He can reach and overcome the enemies of man and of God. Sin and Satan overcome by the power of His name, of His blood, of His death, of His resurrection, of His endless life!

MORE PEARLS FOR PREACHERS

While praying for the sick we make all the racket, while it is he that is being healed that should make some of the noise. The man that was healed at the Beautiful Gate did all the jumping and the shouting.

In a good revival do you get intoxicated with your success, thinking yourself to be a real marvel—or are you drunk on the "New Wine"—which?—Their effect is very much alike but there is a difference.

Don't do your rehearsing before your audience, do it alone with God. Much is seen by the public in our meetings which ought never to be revealed—which should belong to a private prayer closet.

"Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully" (Jer. 48:10).

An extract from a letter received from the German field of work since the war—"There is a marvelous deepening in Ger-

many. The gifts are far, far beyond former years. Quite a new Holy Ghost development has come. It is the exposing and unmasking of the uncrucified human mind, with all its natural workings, ideas and machinery. The visions now being received, the holiness now lived; the walk under the immediate guidance of the Spirit momentarily is most blessed. We are seeing wonderful healings and castings out."

The reason that very few can effectually preach the cross is because very few live it. It is impossible for an uncrucified life to successfully preach the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.—Just A. Worm.

A WATCHWORD FOR THE PENTECOSTAL MINISTRY

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down in a decade. Let no one mistake my meaning. I believe in preparation for the ministry—the best preparation possible—but our labored attempts to prepare for this great work may prove a curse instead of a blessing. I will now attempt to show you how this may be true.

The mind is capable of wonderful development, and if the mind is strengthened and developed, there is naturally a growing confidence in the power that comes from the increased knowledge. Unless there is a corresponding development of the inner spiritual life, this knowledge is sure to prove a curse to the preacher of the gospel; not because the knowledge and increased mental efficiency is of no value, but because it gets him on the sidetrack. "Knowledge puffeth up." He grows self-sufficient and heady. Look at some of the great churches of our land, with their pulpits filled to a great extent with polished intellectuals who are void of faith and power. There has been a great increase in church machinery, money, and social power; but anyone with even a small degree of spirituality is quick to acknowledge that the days of poverty and struggle, opposition and persecution were the days when these institutions were of great and eternal value. Then few of our ministers carried handles on their names, but they all carried the burden of souls upon their hearts. They knew nothing of protoplasms or of missing links, but they knew God. They were not sophisticated in the gentle art of tickling itching ears, or entertaining fastidious minds, but they could weep over sinners, and pierce their hearts with gospel arrows. They spent no time in speculating upon the age of pre-historic fossils, but gave themselves to prayer and the ministry of the Word, and thus they accomplished far more than their high-browed, high-salaried successors, who are long on brains but short on faith.

What is wrong? Are we to blame education for the apostasy of the last days? Nay, verily, there is nothing inherently wrong with education itself. (I do not refer here to the modern "devolution" that has so cursed our so-called Christian colleges). The trouble is that spirituality has not kept pace with intellectuality. More and more, religion has been transferred from the heart and affections to the realm of the intellect, until in many instances it could be said that so-called Christian congregations are worshipers of intellect. Great preachers come before

them with "excellency of speech and wisdom," and their faith is no longer in the power of God, but in carnal proficiency.

I repeat it, that the real trouble is that their religion has been transferred from the heart to the head, from the spirit to the flesh, from the supernatural to the natural; and moreover, this has all been so gradual, that alas! like Samson, they wist not that the Spirit has departed from them. Herein lies a subtle danger of Pentecostal Bible Schools, and at this point I sound a clarion note of warning lest instruction intended to bless and help our young people really prove a curse and hindrance.

The increased mental efficiency of our ministry and increased prosperity and money power of our movement, and the growth of public favor toward our cause affords us at once our greatest opportunity and most subtle danger. Unless our growth in spirituality keeps pace with our growth along other lines, we are slated for the ecclesiastical junk pile along with others who have long ceased to be a real factor in spiritual conflict.

Perhaps you ask as an individual, how can I tell whether or not my growth is symmetrical? It may be I can help someone at this point. First of all, get this fact well assimilated, that spiritual growth is preeminent. "We have received the Spirit which is of God that we might know the things of God." One prominent thing in the ministry of the Spirit in us is that He will never let us depend too much upon homiletical arrangement and the usual paraphernalia of a carnal equipment, but will keep us in "weakness and fear and much trembling."

You can trust the blessed Spirit to watch over you with jealous care at this point lest you become self-sufficient. So long as you keep spiritual you will remain weak and helpless, and the more spiritual you become the more helpless you will feel yourself to be. But blessed be God, it is here that we learn that "when we are weak, then we are strong," "for unto them that have no might, he increaseth strength." This is God's method. It is different to ours.

We would like to learn to preach as we learn the multiplication table. We should like to grow strong and self-reliant, but God's way to make us strong is to first make us weak. His way to make us beautiful is to make our beauty to consume away. His way to give us life is by the way of death.

Now if your study and preparation serves to increase your faith in God and to decrease your confidence in yourself, if your love for God and delight in prayer is on the increase, and your only glory is in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which you are crucified to the world, then open the throttle and put on full steam ahead, you are on the main line. And with your spirit steadfast with God, and with Christ enthroned within, the better the preparation, the larger the service you will render for Christ and righteousness.

Let us not forget the watchword, but give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

A BOOK ALL SHOULD READ

Probably the most remarkable book published in recent years is "The Midnight Hour," by Reginald Naish. The publishers have recently printed the fifth edition, and they have had to publish 25,000 copies in all. We have read no book in recent years that has so stirred our hearts with the assurance of the soon coming of the Lord.

Evangelist Wm. Booth-Clibborn, who has just been holding a campaign in Springfield, told his audience one night that every last one of them ought to get a copy of this book. There has been such a demand for this book at the Publishing House that we have had difficulty in importing it in sufficient quantities to fill orders.

This author believes that the midnight hour, at the close of which the Lord will come, began at the signing of the armistice at the close of the Great War. That armistice, he points out, was signed at the eleventh hour of the day, on the eleventh day of the month, in the eleventh month of the year, exactly at the end of the eleventh month since General Allenby on the eleventh day of December, 1917, had entered Jerusalem on foot, and was on the eleventh day from the signing of the Armistice with Turkey. He argues from Scripture the probability that an hour covers a period of fifteen years.

By a great number of different ways of putting Scriptures together he exhibits the likelihood of Jesus' returning with the saints, and standing again upon the mount of Olives, in the year 1934, and that therefore, He will come in the clouds and call for His own, sometime before that, possibly tonight. The book is extremely well calculated to stir up the hearts of all, to get ready and be ready for the coming of Jesus.

Explaining why the book is written he says, "To enlighten those who are in complete ignorance of the 'Hour' in which they are living, and bring them to face the facts, before their eternal destiny is irrevocably fixed, is the object of this book."

Quoting Daniel 12:12, "Blessed is he that waiteth and cometh to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days" he goes on as follows: "From the fact that our Lord referred to a portion of this prophecy when He spoke of 'the abomination of desolation' and the affliction that should overtake Jerusalem, it was surmised, many years ago, that this period had special reference to the time when Jerusalem would be set free from thralldom; and probably indicated the year of its release."

"It seemed likely, that it referred to the calendar of the great Mohammedan power, which has held sway over Jerusalem, for a far longer period than any other of its many conquerors. Now the Mohammedan calendar is a lunar one, and dates from the year of Hegira, that

is the date of Mohammed's flight from Mecca to Medina; that is the year 622 A. D. They have numbered their years regularly from this date, and on October 28, 1916, celebrated the New Year Day of their year 1335. This year, a lunar one, came to an end on October 16, 1917, and exactly a fortnight later, General Allenby burst through the Turkish lines at Beersheba, and commenced the glorious campaign, that resulted, on December 9, 1917, in the retaking of the Holy City! Happy indeed, yea, blessed among many, was the descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who lived to see that day for which his forefathers so ardently longed."

In speaking of the signs in the heavens that indicate the soon coming of Jesus he quotes from the London Daily Mail about the meteorite that fell November 27, 1919, as follows:

"What eye witnesses and astronomers agree, must have been a giant meteorite, fell in Lake Michigan last night. When it hit the water it sent up a pillar of flames 100 feet high, the reflection from which was seen by the inhabitants of three states. It created at the same time a fog of steam. At many western Michigan cities the earth trembled and buildings were shaken, the inhabitants rushing into the streets. The meteorite was seen by thousands as a great ball of fire, white and orange, descending towards the lake."

Speaking further of signs of this sort he says, quoting from The Daily Mail, August 26th 1923, "The trade winds seem to have gone on strike. So persistent have been these winds, blowing towards the equator from the north east in the northern hemisphere and the south east, in the southern hemisphere, that they have been held by many generations of sailors to stand for reliability."

"Now something has gone wrong, and according to an officer of the Remuera, of the New Zealand Steamship Company, the trade winds have ceased to blow in the south east Pacific. 'Landsmen cannot appreciate the sensation this phenomenon has caused among sailors,' said he. 'It is just as if the electric power station in Chelsea ceased working and stopped the underground trains.'"

Of earthquakes as signs he says, "The frequency and destructiveness of recent earthquakes has been very noticeable. They follow one another with great rapidity, so that each month usually sees several occur in different parts of the world."

"The earthquake which occurred in China in December, 1920, is described as the worst earthquake in human history, and is said to have literally shaken the globe, bringing death in its train to about a quarter million people. Quite recently in New Zealand earthquake shocks were felt over an almost continuous period of forty days. The fearful devastation in Tokio

and Yokohama in September, 1923, by a terrific earthquake, is fresh in memory."

Speaking of the star of the first magnitude which shone forth as a new star on June 8, 1918, he quotes from the Times, "A great white star has swum into our ken, and it comes at a moment when humanity is looking for a new world. Certainly a new star of the first magnitude, discovered by several eyes at once, and promptly vouched for by Greenwich, is a portent." This star is remarkable in that it arose exactly in the east as the star seen by the Wise Men did, and in that it came forth just six months after the surrender of Jerusalem in correspondence with the six months twice mentioned in the first chapter of Luke as elapsing between the conception of John the Baptist and that of the Christ. He calls attention to many other remarkable things connecting this star with Scriptural matters. It only shown about two weeks.

On page 182, speaking of eight signs he says, "The third sign of this time of trouble was to consist of 'famines,' and it is a sad fact that the greatest famines the world has ever experienced, in which millions of human beings have died of starvation, have been and are even now devastating large regions of the earth."

"The fourth sign was to be pestilences, and we have seen diseases sweep around the earth, carrying off hundreds of thousands of people in their train. The influenza epidemic alone is said to have been the cause of 12,000,000 deaths! While many new diseases of strange character are constantly being chronicled, puzzling the medical profession in their efforts to diagnose and cope with them."

He quotes again from The Daily Mail of February 2, 1923, as follows:—

"A mock trial of Almighty God has been held at Moscow in the club of a garrison, according to Moscow dispatch received here. Trotsky and Lunacharski were present and 5,000 Red soldiers. The great hall of the club had been turned into a court of justice. Evidence for and against God was given, and speeches were made by counsel for the prosecution and for the defense. The Communist propaganda department is arranging for the repetition of the trial in other places as a means of destroying Christianity in Russia."

The book is written in a style easy for the "man in the street" to read and may be readily understood by all. Feeling that we are in this time greatly in need of whatever we can find that will help us to keep a-tiptoe and ready for the Coming of the Christ, longing and waiting for Him, "Loving His appearing," we not only recommend this book, but urge our people to buy it, and, after reading it, lend it far and wide to their friends.

Before we close this review we believe that we should add a word of caution. The author of this book deals somewhat extensively with the subject of Bible chronology. He is not dogmatic, but rather suggestive. We are not adverse to the study of scriptural chronology, but are always cautious when it comes to suggesting the time when the Lord may return. The author is careful not to give any date for the Lord's return, but expresses his convictions very fully that we

are now in the last hour of this dispensation. Mistakes have been made before concerning Biblical chronology and it is possible that this author too has made some mistakes. However, in spite of this, we would feel we were doing wrong if we did not let our readers know of this book, which we esteem the best contribution to prophetic study we have ever seen.

The book can be had from the Gospel Publishing House for 85 cents postpaid. Those ordering should be patient if they have to wait a week or two for the delivery of the book, but we will fill all orders in succession.

THE OLD ADAM

Whilst the people of God are generally on their guard against natural pride, they are seldom on their guard against natural humility. Natural humility is just as much a fruit of the evil tree as natural pride, though it be a fault not so often found there. It will lead us into many a snare and pitfall, for it will cause us to give up the truth of God, trusting to the advice of our fellow men or to the superior wisdom and learning of one to whom perhaps, truth is less clearly shown. If it is our own opinion that we have given up, it matters little; but if it is a conviction which God has given to us, or a path and understanding He has chosen, let us maintain it should all the devils in hell be against us, and even should an "angel from heaven" preach to us the contrary, let him be accursed.

WORSHIPING THE MACHINERY

How often churches trust in machinery, in organization, for their success! There are "Boards" and "Commissions" and "Societies" galore. There is so much harness you can hardly see the horse. But there is no power. It is related that in an arid region of South Africa the missionaries received from the homeland, a gasoline engine with which to pump water for irrigation. Among the many gods worshiped by the natives there was one favorite deity who was supposed to preside over the sending of moisture. After the new equipment had been tried out and was working successfully, the missionaries were greatly surprised one day to find about a hundred natives bowed upon their faces worshiping the gasoline engine! And they were not the first and probably will not be the last to make the machinery an object of reverence.—The Sunday School Times.

(MOODY'S STUDY OF LOVE)

Mr. Moody once said, in my hearing, that on one occasion he was conscious of a cold heart, and had been going through the routine of duty without love or ardor of soul. He felt this must not be allowed to continue and withdrew himself to study all the evidences of love which he could discover in the Gospels of our Saviour's history. At the end of three or four hours he came back to his work again with a broken heart, as one who had obtained a new vision. And it is the broken heart that breaks hearts.—From "Some Deeper Things," by F. B. Meyer.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

A FRIEND IN NEED

In the Children's Hospital, two little waifs lay side by side—one with a broken arm, the other run over by a heavy wagon. One said, "This is hard lines to my thinkin'. I'm that worried about Gran., I can't keep still. She's old and blind, and there's no one to look after her, but me. She'll starve 'fore any one'll look after her. And she don't know what's come of me. Perhaps she thinks I've run away. She's always saying what a care she is, as if I minded that. She's always been good to me, and I loves her."

Jim answered, "Did you ever hear tell of a man called Jesus Christ?"

Jack pondered—"Pears like I know the name, but I just don't remember Him."

"I went to mission school not long ago. Teacher told us of Him; said as how He was good and awful rich, and liked to help poor folks in trouble."

"Where does He live? How's He to know about me and Gran?"

"She said He always comes about when a body was sick and suffering."

"Do you s'pose He comes here?"

"S'pose so, 'cause there's lots of sufferin' here."

"I 'pears to hurt all over."

Further down the ward, a sufferer moaning said, "Blessed Jesus, come!"

"There! he's calling to Him now," said Jack eagerly. "Praps He'll come soon. Do you s'pose He'll notice us? How'm I going to pay Him for lookin' after Gran?"

"Oh, He won't want pay, the lady said all He asked was for us to believe in Him and mind what He said."

Jack smiled. "Them's easy terms, sure. Won't I like Him though, if He'll care for Gran? I'll do anything He'll tell me."

The nurse then came with a drink and spoke kindly to Jack.

Later, he said, "I don't believe He's coming. And if He does He won't care 'bout me. I'm too little, and one leg gone now besides. I couldn't work for Him."

"The teacher said He always helped everyone who asked Him."

"Why didn't you find out where He lived, and go to see Him?"

"I was scared to. She said it was a grand place, but He'd take poor people there."

"I don't believe that!"

Jim was silent, as he doubted, himself. Jack continued, "'Tain't good sense to s'pose He'd notice us. I'd ask the nurse, but she might think I don't like her doing for me and she's real kind. I don't believe He ever comes here. Likely He goes where folks are big enough to be some 'count when they get well."

That evening four young people came in and sang to the sufferers, and Jack said: "Why! that's 'bout the man you telled about. I wonder if He does care

about sick, no 'count fellows like us, and sent these people to sing to us."

One girl came to him and gave him some presents. He stared at her, and said, "Did Jesus Christ send you here? Does He know 'bout me and Gran., and care 'bout us?"

"Yes! He sent me," she said softly. "And He cares about you and loves you very much."

"Will you tell Him to come by? I want to see Him and ask Him to see to Gran. while I'm down."

"Yes, I will, and I will come tomorrow and tell you all about Him. Where does your Gran. live?"

Jack told her, and the young girl continued:

"Remember Jesus loves you. He sent me to tell you so. Don't fret about Gran., or anything."

That night the nurse caught the words: "He's come, Jimmie, an' it's all right. Oh, He's beautif'ler than a picture, an' He's goin' to take me home with Him; ain't that good?"

The light from that heart that loved the Lord had shown little Jack the way to Him and His bright home above.

Will you be there, and I?

—Home Friend.

(WHEN FACING THE DESERT)

Service to Christ means the broadest freedom. Dr. John Kelman tells how he and a friend named McKisson were on a trip across a corner of the Arabian desert. A half mile from the trail was the ruins of a temple they desired to visit. They made the trip on foot, leaving the horses by the trail with the bridles carelessly wrapped about bits of sage brush. McKisson's horse soon pulled up the frail support and started on a gallop across the desert. The men, now returned to the trail, watched him as he stopped upon a sand dune. He first looked out across the open desert. There was freedom if he went in that direction, but it was freedom coupled with death, for he could live but a short time without water. In thirty-six hours the desert animals would have his bones picked clean. Then he looked toward McKisson. Here was obedience but obedience coupled with life, for food and water and protection were to be found here. He looked in either direction and then came down the slope of the dune and placed his bridle in McKisson's hand.—Sel.

"Christians are the channels through which the Spirit flows. Only as they keep the faith-gates of their hearts open toward God, and the love-gates open toward their fellow-men can the Spirit overflow." This was "the blessing of Pentecost," and it is the blessing that the Church and world need today.—Sel.)

THESE TREMENDOUS TIMES

Chapter Seven of Daniel

We saw in our study of the fourth chapter of Daniel, that Nebuchadnezzar the king was deprived of his reason and driven forth from the presence of men, being compelled to make his home with the beasts for seven years. The reason, as given in that chapter, was that God wanted him to understand, that in the affairs of men, public as well as private, God is ruler. Not only is it true that "the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1), but God knows from the beginning, just what every government is going to be, and how all governments are to succeed each other. When you remember that the very hairs of your head are all numbered, that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without our Father, that the progress of that tiny aphid, as it crawls across a rose petal, is just as surely foreknown of God, as is the course and result of the marching of mighty battalions of soldiers, into the enemies' country, a better idea is had of the excellent greatness of our Lord.

Daniel was probably about eighty-five years of age, when the events of this chapter occurred. Although he had been a captive all his adult life, he had walked with God and been faithful, wherefore God highly exalted him, and showed him things that were to come to pass thereafter. The God of Daniel says to you, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

God showed him that there were to be four empires which should successively dominate the earth, of which Babylon was the first. In his vision, these empires were all represented by savage beasts, because that is the nature of human governments.

Babylon was seen as a lion, and because of the swiftness of its conquests, the lion was shown with wings, and as the king was to come back from being as a beast, and be given a man's heart, in exchange for the heart of a beast (Dan. 4:16), it is said that "a man's heart was given to it" (Dan. 7:4). The kingdom that should follow Babylon, as represented by the two arms of silver, of the image (Dan. 2:32), was to be in two parts. As shown by this vision (Dan. 7:5), the bear representing this dual kingdom, had three ribs in his mouth, giving us thus additional information about it. It is most interesting to note, that the new kingdom to which the kingdom of Babylon afterwards fell, was a double one, being made up of a combination of the Medes and Persians, and also that it consumed three kingdoms, Lydia, Egypt and Babylon and they became to it strength, even as ribs add strength. As Daniel's prophecy has been exactly fulfilled, up to our day, we may expect a fulfillment of what is prophesied as yet to come.

The next kingdom was swifter and more bloodthirsty, than the first, so it

is represented by the leopard, and instead of two wings it has four. It also was to have four heads. In fulfillment of this prophecy, Josephus tells us, Alexander of Greece saw a vision of God, in the form of the Jewish High Priest, inviting him to go to Asia, and promising him success. With only thirty thousand men he went, in compliance with this vision, against the greatest kingdom then on earth, the vast Medo-Persian empire. He conquered this empire and the world in the most spectacular series of battles the earth has seen. While yet but a young man, he died and his vast empire was divided into four parts, under Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus. The plans God has made for human governments, will be carried out, even when, humanly speaking, there is no possibility that it can be done.

The empire which, as a world power, was to succeed Greece, was so terrible in its nature, that no beast of earth is fierce enough to symbolize it, therefore a beast described, but not named, is used as a symbol (Dan. 7:7). This is the Roman Empire, represented by the feet and legs of the great image, of the second chapter of Daniel. It is out of this world empire that the Man of Sin, the Antichrist, is to come. This empire is to be dominated by the church, and so four times in this chapter in verses seven, nineteen, twenty-three and twenty-four, the diverse nature of it is mentioned.

As we watch the great and rapid increase of political power, at this time being gained by the Romish church, we can see the stage being set for the final act, in the great drama pictured by Daniel, in this seventh chapter. If you are not ready for Jesus to come, you had better get ready. The time is at hand.

It is in the time of this last beast, with the iron teeth and nails of brass that the great tribulation comes upon the earth. It is in this time too, that men will be compelled to choose between being killed, on the one hand, or taking the mark prescribed by the beast and going to hell, on the other hand. It is in the time of this beast, that the man of sin shall "wear out the saints of the Most High" (Dan. 7:25), being given power to "make war with the saints and to overcome them" (Rev. 13:7). The kingdom represented by this beast, is a confederation of ten kings, as shown by the ten toes of Daniel 2:42, and the ten horns of Daniel 7:7. The final ten-horned form of this marvelous beast, is now to be brought forth. We are watching for it. In the time of these ten kings, the stone "cut out of the mountain without hands" (Dan. 2:45), even "one like unto the Son of man" (Dan. 7:13), shall come, and, without human assistance, utterly destroy all those kingdoms, and "the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and

possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (Dan. 7:18). Hallelujah!

It Is Wonderful to Be Young in These Days. Daniel was young in the stirring days, when the good king Josiah was undoing the evils that had grown up, during the wicked reigns of his predecessors, and was closely associated with the leaders of that great reform. This was a great experience for Daniel, but to be young now, makes it likely that one will be privileged to see the King in His beauty, as He destroys everything the devil has done and planned, and brings in the rule of everlasting righteousness. What a sight! Glory to God! This adds a reason, not existing in any previous age of the world, why "it is good for a man that he bare the yoke in his youth" (Ec. 3:27).

Yet There Is an Advantage in Being Old in These Days. Regarding the description of this fourth beast, we know that wars and desolations are sure to follow each other, and increase in intensity and cruelty, as the grand finale comes nearer and nearer. The condition of everything in Europe and Asia today, judging in the natural, well nigh assures war in a year or two. But nations going to war, will call on the young men to fight. So there is an advantage still in being old, in these tremendous times.

It Is Fine to Live Now, Whether Young or Old. As the powers of darkness are deploying the forces of evil, here and there, to the best possible advantage, in view of the coming struggle, so our God has again sent His Blessed Holy Spirit in power, into the hearts of men, preparing them for the titanic temptations to come, when the beast shall be permitted to "wear out, the saints of the Most High" (Dan. 7:25). So if one lives today, he can be filled with the Spirit in a measure that our fathers have not been. Praise the Lord!

Daniel Did Not Betray the Confidence of God. Not everything the Lord shows us is to be told. In this chapter, verse 28, Daniel says he kept the matter in his heart. In Daniel 12:4, God told Daniel to "shut up the words and seal the book." It is natural, when one receives a wonderful vision from the Lord, to rush right out and tell it. But what is natural is often and I presume, usually, not right. Does God want us to tell the vision? If we get His answer to that before we tell it, much trouble will be saved, and we will have much more continuous intimacy with God.—C. E. R.

ARTICLES REPRINTED

Two articles that recently appeared in the Evangel have been reprinted in tract form. The first of these articles is the one by Brother Jamieson, entitled, "His Coming Draweth Nigh—The Signs of the End." One evangelist sent for 800 of these. The price is 10c per doz., or 75c per 100. Ask for tract No. 950.

The second tract reprinted is "Speaking In Tongues, The Initial Evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost," by Donald Gee. This is one of the best tracts we have seen on our distinctive Pentecostal testimony. The price of this tract is 15c per doz., or \$1.20 per 100. Ask for tract No. 951.

Homely Things from a Pastor's Diary

C. E. Robinson

Wednesday, July 2. Sister Maggie Apperson is richly endowed, by nature and grace, for work in jails, hospitals, invalid's rooms, and such like places, but up to three weeks ago had never done any such work. She has a clear, sweet voice, and plays her own accompaniment on the guitar. She is of a very sympathetic nature, and puts her whole soul into her singing, so that people, even though racked with pain, or half wild with disappointment and vexation, will almost at once become quiet, and interested in the story she tells them in song. She knows "by heart," a number of most excellent songs, well calculated to bring conviction, and arouse hope in the breast of sinners.

I found soon after coming here, that the work in the jail had been conducted in about the same way it formerly was in Sparta. The workers would go there and tell the news all right, but they would have about them an air of condescension, that kept them from getting results. The jailor at Sparta told me, three different groups of church people had been holding services in the jail, regularly for about twenty years, to his own knowledge, but that he had not known of anyone being converted there until we began coming. He told me this, after we had been coming to his jail for nearly three months, and after more than twenty men and women had been hopelessly converted. Another thing he said, that gave me extreme satisfaction was this: "I have never heard an oath in these cells, since you began coming here, but I have heard the voice of prayer." At one time last summer, so many of the prisoners were converted, that for several weeks they had regular prayer services, night and morning among themselves. One man was saved in one of these services, conducted by one of the converts.

I was very eager to get the jail work started in Sparkman, but I had considerable difficulty in getting a proper interest in it aroused among the saints. I was sure Maggie Apperson was the key to the success of jail work here, so I labored with her faithfully, to get the real vision of what God could do through her in the jail, stirred up in her soul.

Three weeks ago today she went with me for the first time. Of course my wife was in the party, as I learned long ago the folly of going anywhere with lady workers, my wife not being along.

Today I went over to call on Sister Maggie, with the hope of solidifying her, in her new consecration to jail and hospital work. I found the Holy Spirit had already been dealing with her along this line. She said, "I had not the remotest conception of the joy and satisfaction there is to be had in jail work. I supposed the prisoners would be low-browed, heavy-jowled, black-visaged scoundrels richly deserving to be in jail:

but when I got there, and found a bunch of just such folks as I have always seen at church, mostly boys, just mother's boys who had gotten into trouble, the mother heart in me just reached right out to them. I could scarcely keep back the tears, when I'd think how good it is, that my boy has been kept from such places. Then when I would sing, and my whole soul would pour forth in the words, showing to those lonely boys, the mother love surging in my heart, they would become tame at once. Furtive wiping of tears, has been a universal occurrence, and several times, you know, they have just broken right down and cried aloud. Oh, I just love this work."

I went to the jail this morning, to get permission to take out three of the men for baptism. I expected the request would be granted, but I was hardly prepared to hear the jailer say, with the deepest feeling, "I have heard lots of jail services, but I never saw anyone before your people came here, who gave evidence of actually loving the prisoners. Your singer certainly gets under my skin, every time she sings. She is not much of a singer, as singers are usually judged, but there is something in her singing, that reaches the tender place. Wife and I have been lying out a long time, but we dug up our letters last Sunday, and joined the church again. God has become much more real to me, since your bunch have been coming to the jail. Sure you can take the boys out to baptize them. They have turned this jail into a Sunday School."

When I told Sister Maggie about it her tears flowed and mine did too. They are flowing now, as I write it down in my diary. It is so very delightful, to work with Him, in rescuing the lost ones, for whom He died, and whom He loves with an everlasting love.

FAITHFUL STAND FOR CHRIST

Pastor Charles H. Gray writes from Canton, Ill.: "We have been holding services every day now for over three years in the Gospel Mission. God has answered prayer in a wonderful way, in the salvation of souls, healing for bodies and in baptizing the saints with the Holy Ghost after the pattern of Pentecost. Before even the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which God so graciously gave over a year ago, we had come out from among the things of the world, and would not condone them. No organizations of the world, lodges included, are looked upon with any degree of allowance. Therefore of course there is strong prejudice against the Mission, but God is winning the victory, and we are desirous that the readers of the Evangel will pray earnestly that there shall be a falling of the walls. We are to have Sister Mae Eleanor Frey with us beginning the first of April. The Gospel Mission is the most abused and discussed

place in the community. A wonderful spirit of conviction is brooding over the whole community, other churches have been holding revivals with very little success but God still saves souls with us and baptizes with His Spirit. Praise His precious name! God has given some very remarkable deliverances from sicknesses, etc."

REVIVAL IN RIVER ROUGE

Secretary Ernest Green writes from River Rouge, Mich., "The Swann Evangelistic Trio of Montreal have been with us but ten days and already the building is too small to accommodate the crowds. Hungry hearts are crying out for God as never before, as the burning message of the imminent coming of Jesus and the way of translation falls from the lips of the Pastor-Evangelist. Souls are weeping their way into the kingdom. Not the least of these blessings is the healing of sick bodies by the laying on of hands by Sister Swann who was miraculously raised from a death-bed. Pastor-Evangelist C. Swann can be addressed at 30 Perrin Avenue, River Rouge, Mich."

DEAF AND DUMB HEAR THE GOSPEL

Brother Roy Steger writes from Wichita Falls, Texas: "I have accepted the work at South Assembly, 1900 Bluff St. I came here December 27 and held a three-week meeting. Some were saved and some received the Holy Ghost. After the revival they decided they needed a pastor and so chose us. Sister Peters, missionary to the deaf and dumb, is working with us, which we appreciate very much. A Brother Muchan from Dallas, a deaf and dumb man, who has been saved, is seeking his Baptism. Has felt his call to the ministry to the deaf and dumb. He was with us Saturday night and there were a few deaf mutes out to hear him and we people who can hear and speak, enjoyed it very much. Also our Brother Barker, missionary to Peru was with us last night stirring up our minds and hearts."

Pastor W. H. Lutgen writes from Gentryville, Mo.: "We have been here in this place since Nov. 11, 1925. We held a 21-day meeting and the Lord blessed in every service. There were several backsliders reclaimed and one saved. Am open for calls. I hold license with So. Mo. District Council."

PASTOR WANTED.—We are anxious to get some one to preach the full Gospel three miles north of Wheaton, Mo. Anyone feeling led to work in this new field, please write for further particulars.—Mrs. J. R. Tillerson, Fairview, Mo.

OPEN FOR CALLS IN EAST.—I have resigned the pastorate at Lindsay, Calif. My new address is: 442 Betty St., Belvedere Gardens, Los Angeles, Calif. The Lord willing I intend to make a tour in the East and then locate a pastorate.—Paul B. Franklin.

OPEN FOR CALLS IMMEDIATELY.—Young man and wife desire pastorate. Have good knowledge of God's Word and fine song leader. Have been assisting at the Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., leading singing, etc., for several years and also preaching in various places when possible to answer calls. References from both pastor and board. Can be reached at 7117 Harvard Ave., Chicago, Ill.—R. C. Stutenroth.

HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

February 1 to 4 inclusive
1.42 Assembly of God Oswego Kans; 3.00 Young People of North Venice Assembly Madison Ill;
12.25 Mrs C R Chicago Ill.
Total amount reported\$16.67

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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

MISSIONARY PROSPECTS

Missions! What a marvelous word! Jesus began His public ministry by being a missionary. He went about preaching the Gospel and healing the sick, doing good to all mankind. The disciples went everywhere preaching the Gospel. The Holy Spirit led them forth two by two. All down the ages of the Christian Church the leaders were inspired with a missionary spirit. In the early days of the Church in America the flame of missionary fire began to kindle in the lives of a few of our consecrated men when they gathered around the haystack for a prayer meeting for missions. And so the missionary work has continued ever since, until we are well nigh encircling the globe with Missions. From the very first the Pentecostal Movement was fired with a triple missionary spirit. The cry everywhere was to take advantage of some opportune openings. Stations in great need of re-enforcements are also being supplied. The prayer is being answered in increased offerings for missions. New untouched territory is also opening up to the workers. Shall we launch out to carry the Gospel thither also? By all means. How? First by much intercessory prayer and second by doing what we can, either in offering ourselves or by giving of our means to support the work and those going out in our stead. The work is ours, we are co-workers together with Christ. He has commanded us to go into all the world. Blessed are the feet of those who carry the Gospel of peace.—William M. Faux, Missionary Secretary.

THIRTY FILLED WITH SPIRIT

Sister Doney writes from Cairo, Egypt, "We had a good Christmas, over 700 were in attendance. The program was good, the children sang and spoke the Gospel to Moslem, Jew and Christian. There has been a good work going on in Dier El-Janus for some time. Many saved and thirty or more received the Baptism. Several more were saved, and at another place six received the Baptism. Oh, that it may spread all over Egypt. God is truly blessing here."

SEVEN LEPERS BAPTIZED

The report comes to us from the Leper Work, "To crown the day there was a service at the leper asylum in the afternoon, and Brother Waggoner baptized his first seven here in Uska Bazar. We are looking for more to follow."

WITH THE LORD

A cable has just been received from India announcing the sudden death of our beloved brother, Herbert H. Cox. He contracted smallpox and passed away on Friday, February 6. The bereaved family have the sympathy and prayers of the Evangel family and our constituency.

Brother Cox was a student at Nyack. In the year 1910 he went out to India as a missionary under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He served a term of about seven years under their supervision. Before returning home on furlough, he received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In 1918 he united with the General Council and late in 1919 went to India as a missionary under the Assemblies of God for his second term of service. During 1920-21 he was located at Saharanpur. He then opened work at Lakhimpur. From 1922 until the time of his death, he worked at the latter station. During this time, he served twice as Chairman of the North India District Council. He was always ready to serve and exert his influence for the cause of Christ.

Our brother and family were to leave India the latter part of March for their second furlough. Instead of coming home, he has gone to heaven for a furlough. He was called up higher awaiting the resurrection from among the dead and the rapture of those left behind.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth, there is laid up a crown of righteousness—not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

TWENTY RECEIVE BAPTISM

Mr. J. E. Perdue writes from Sainam, South China, "Arriving at Sainam we found Brother Morrison had already left for Canton. The next morning being Sunday we left for our church in Canton, found the place filled and the Lord working among them. We observed the Lord's Supper and also baptized six young people and dedicated several infants to the Lord. Words cannot express our joy upon seeing the faithfulness of those Christians through all this trouble, and amid it all the Lord has blessed them, many, well—by actual count twenty had received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit within two weeks. The Bible woman is very active and wants all to tarry that are willing. Among some of the seekers were those from other denominations, especially the Baptists; in fact, some of the agitation and trouble in our mission is coming from these people. The Lord works where there are hungry hearts, and we cannot help but take courage for the Gospel has always grown and spread under trial and persecution."

GOOD NEWS FROM ASSIOUT

Miss Lilian Trasher writes from Assiout, Egypt, "Just a note to tell you that one of our women received the Baptism and spoke in other tongues. She was not in prayer meeting as may be supposed, but was in bed at night. Oh, she is so happy! Pray that this may be a beginning of God's working in the lives of the orphans and all in the Orphanage."

SNATCHES FROM THE FIELD

John S. Richards, Johannesburg, South Africa writes: "Last night at the New Eastern Township here in Johannesburg, we held another open air service. One woman, who was a backslider, and who was recently healed from rheumatic fever wept her way back to the Lord. Hallelujah!"

Mr. Ira G. Shakley writes from Sierra Leone: "In a prayer service one day the women were urging the men to pray and a deaf and dumb man started. While he did not speak plainly, none had ever heard him speak like that. Now he can hear some words plainly. He is so happy that the Lord is healing him."

Clara Wyns writes from China: "We are praying earnestly for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. This seems to be a general cry all over, and we know God is true and no good thing will He withhold. We are expecting the power to fall in Mongolia anytime now. Praise God for the burden of souls. In due time we shall reap if we faint not."

Brother and Sister Ferdinand Ewald write from Lodz, Poland as follows: "The work here is moving onward, for which we praise the Lord. The gifts of the Spirit are being manifested in our midst, and as this is a new work we are in need of much prayer that the children of the Lord keep humble before Him. It takes wisdom from God to deal with a Pentecostal Assembly. As the Assembly grows, our problems grow, too. So please pray for us that we keep in the will of the Lord."

Brother Sugar writes from North India, "Up until December 23 we were out in camp and a blessed time it was that we had. Our first stop was thirty miles away and very near the Nepal borderline. We of course were not allowed to go in. On market day at the town near our camp we sold some 250 Gospels, and some of them we believe have found their way into that dark land. So we would that you pray that God may bless His Word to any who may read it. Our second camp was twelve miles away. We had good crowds and oh how we prayed."

NEW ARRIVALS

Brother and Sister H. C. Ball announce the arrival of a new member to the home fireside. Her name is Ivah Jewel. God bless her.

Clarence T. Radley announces a change of address. His new address is: Apartado 4, Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Central America.

Native Church in Egypt



On this page we print a picture of our mission church at Maghagha, Egypt. Brother Fahmy Man is the pastor. Above the church building proper you will observe a second story consisting of three rooms. This is the parsonage or living quarters for the pastor.

Brother Fahmy, who was formerly a carpenter, built the living quarters, donating the work gladly. The congregation is composed of poor people. They have an indebtedness of some \$300.00 for material. This is a substantial building and is a credit to the work. We are trying to clear the indebtedness. Kindly pray that the Lord may send in the needed funds to cover the above need.

The Lord is blessing in Egypt. A new era is about to dawn upon the Egyptian work. The Spirit is being poured out. In several stations souls are getting saved and others baptized in the Holy Spirit. The native workers are praying for a mighty revival. So are we. God answers prayer. Hallelujah!

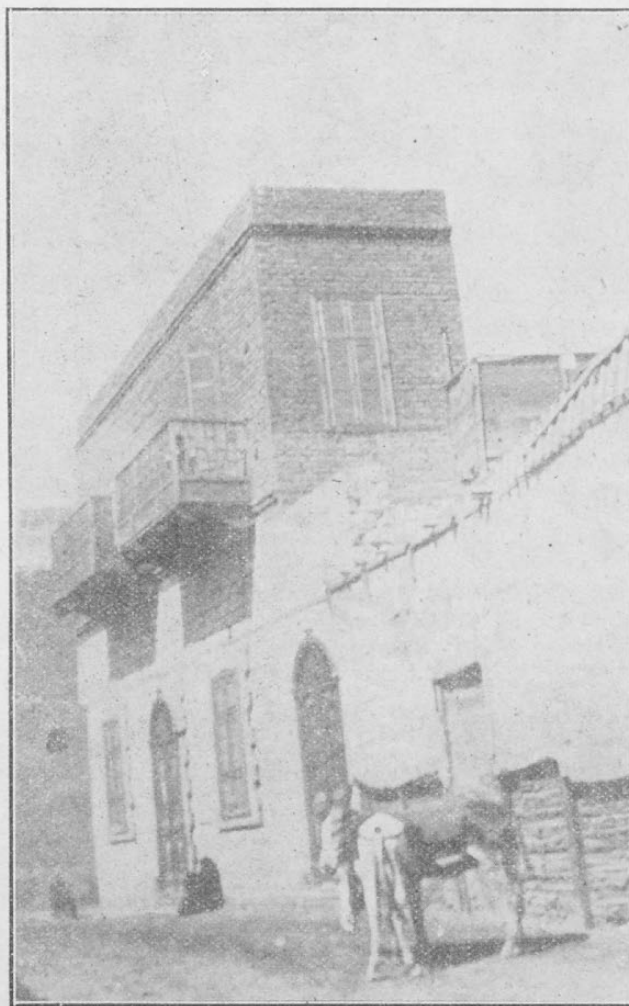
New recruits are being sent out to Egypt. Here is a field vast with possibilities. Consecrated, trained, spiritual workers are needed. Pray, brethren, for Egypt. The prophet says that Egypt is to be a highway to Assyria.

BLESSINGS AT BETTIAH, INDIA.

Sister M. Marguerite Flint writes: "You will be glad to know the Lord is providing for the dear girls abundantly this year, through His little ones across the seas. We have been receiving dolls, dresses, ribbons, waist material and all sorts of pretty and useful things for the Christmas tree, and thank the Lord for it all. How faithful He is, as we trust Him. The teachers leave tomorrow for their Christmas holidays, and Miss Ventura, our head teacher is not returning. We will miss her in the school as she has been with us from the beginning and has done so much to make the first years a success—but we pray God to bless her as she goes to her mother at Gorakhpur, and we are glad the Lord has called another fine young Christian woman to take her place with us here—Miss Dey will be with us January 2nd—she has had eight years of experience in the Methodist schools as head mistress, and I believe the Lord has chosen her for us at this time. The need of a

matron is still facing us, our Babu's wife is doing her best, but we are praying much that a good matron may soon be found, that Hira may be free for the work of preaching among the women.

"I have just put in ten thousand new Gospel tracts this week, a splendid leaflet with a colored picture at the top and a good Gospel message on the picture, the Parables of the Bible, and the men are scattering them broadcast, praying that the bright little samples may lead many to



Mission Church and Parsonage at Maghagha, Egypt.

purchase a Gospel or an entire Bible. You will be glad to know we have received a hundred and ten dollars toward a motor car for Bettiah. Please pray with us that other friends may respond and that the Motor may soon be at work for God in this district.

"We had Brother A. W. Young, the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, with us in Bettiah for a couple of days last week, and so enjoyed his visit. He gave us a lantern lecture

on 'The Bible in many lands' while here, and we had a very good attendance. Several hundred of the leading Indian men and students came, and we feel they went away with a deeper respect for the Word of God than ever before."

SOUL SAVING IN ARGENTINA

Brother Neils C. Sorensen writes from Argentina, S. America as follows:

"During the past year twenty-one have been baptized in water and added to the church here, whereas four were separated for the sake of sin in their lives. We ended up the old year with three days of prayer as far as it was possible, ending up with watch night. Could you have had a look at our little Hall here at half an hour past midnight on New Year's morning, you would have seen a little company of from 40 to 45 with uplifted arms praising the Lord for all that He has done for us. Four were saved that night. On the first Sunday five more were saved, and since then they have come in one by one and we realize that the Lord is in our midst. Should the Lord tarry for a season, we expect a greater harvest than ever of precious souls. On the 10th we baptized five more in water and, the Lord willing, others are soon to follow. There are now five couples that need to marry first, and then no doubt they will be ready to follow the Lord. Please pray for them. It is not always so easy. Very often one of the parties is willing but the companion may resist. But our God is able to break every fetter. A few days ago we met a shoemaker who confessed that he left his legal wife and children in Italy but actually he lives with the fourth wife, having chased the others out. Between the whole lot he has no less than eighteen children. I mention this because it gives you an idea of how things are. Nothing but the grace of our mighty Saviour is sufficient. He is able. Hallelujah!

"During this last year we also have been enabled to put up another additional room, which was much needed. We praise the Lord for supplying this need.

"We must also tell you that on December 13th the Lord blessed us with a baby girl named Ruth. All is very well, for which we praise the Lord. The boys are very happy to have a sister 'all their own.'"

ATTENTION: SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

In India, four girls and three boys, sons and daughters of native preachers, need support. We want to send them to school to be trained for native preachers and Bible women. Three dollars will support a boy or girl for a month. Are there not some Sunday School Classes who would like to take one or more of these children to educate as their particular work in missions?

IN THE WHITENED HARVEST FIELDS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY

Sister Clara B. Lowry writes that the young folks from five Pentecostal missions in Houston, Texas, united in a rally in January. Brother Hugh Cadwalder gave them a practical talk. A large number responded to the altar call.

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND MEETING

Brother M. B. Nicewonder writes: "We just closed a twenty-two day meeting at Randa, W. Va., with Evangelist Dewey Blanton, of Relief, Ky., in charge. Had large crowds; good attention, good order; 14 saved, 1 received the Holy Ghost. Left many souls seeking the Lord."

NEW WORK IN LAWTON, OKLA.

Brother Elmer E. Gore sends word, "We want to praise God for the way He is blessing us here. We opened our mission Jan. 15 and started a revival. God has given us about 12 souls and one has received the Baptism. We organized a Sunday School with 29 enrolled. We covet the prayers of all the saints."

GOOD DAYS IN COLORADO

Brother Geo. L. Rose writes: "Since I have been in Colorado Springs, Colo., there have been 6 or 7 converted and 2 received the Holy Spirit, and there is good unity among the saints. I have baptized 17 in water and have 10 more to baptize. The Lord is present to heal the sick. Praise His name!"

FIRE FALLING IN FLORIDA

Brother and Sister L. S. Miller write from Auburndale, Fla., "We wish to report that the dear Lord has been with us during the year 1925 in a wonderful way. We closed the Christmas meeting with great success. Pastor K. D. Johns of Dothan, Ala., was here to do the preaching. The people were stirred and large crowds came to hear the news of full salvation. This is only a new and small church but there have been 35 or 40 conversions and about 20 have received the Holy Ghost. We are looking for a much greater outpouring for this place."

BAPTISTS RECEIVE TESTIMONY

Meyer and Alice Tan Ditter report: "We are in Stamford, Conn., and the Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. We were invited over to the Baptist church to preach. We responded and the whole Pentecostal assembly went over in a body. The Lord gave us wonderful liberty and freedom. We left them with the testimony that what the churches need in these days is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. We have an invitation to come back to that church for some more meetings. We covet the prayers of all the saints that God will continue to open doors and that He will give us boldness to tell the whole truth."

NEW NAMES ON ROLL

Brother A. P. Bryan writes from Wetumka, Okla.: "I resigned as pastor at Red Oak a short time ago, and have taken the work here. The Lord is blessing wonderfully. I talked on Council and what we, the Assemblies of God, believe in, several nights ago, and 14 new names were added to the assembly roll."

GOOD NEWS FROM BRIMSON, MO.

Sister Minnie Boone reports: "We have just closed a four-week revival conducted by Brother and Sister Mosier with Brother Campbell. About 35 were saved and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. We had an all-day meeting Sunday, the 24th and had communion services which proved a great blessing to all. The Lord is working in a wonderful way here."

FLOURISHING DAYS IN FLORIDA

Brother Frank H. Bell writes from Zephyrhills, Fla.: "Our meeting is getting along fine. Some are being saved and healed. Most of our folk are beginning the year tithing, which I am sure will help in a financial way. We also start a ten-day revival here this Thursday night, with Brother and Sister Webb of Tampa in charge. Brother Webb is our Chairman for South Florida now. I have been asked to stay here as pastor till the Lord leads me otherwise."

NEW BUILDING TO BE ERECTED

Brother G. Palmer writes from Stony Point School House, Spiro, Okla.—"Just closed a meeting at this place. Five were reclaimed. There is better unity here than there has been for three years. There is a good Sunday School and it is growing. We have set the first Sunday of each month as Missionary Sunday. We have the material on the ground to build a church with. It will be 30X40 when finished and expect to finish it in 30 days."

VICTORY IN BAXTER SPRINGS

John S. Gaines writes from Baxter Springs, Kans.: "I am sending in a report of the Bostrom Revival being held at the Union church in this place. This is the fourth week of the meeting. There have been between 18 and 20 saved; 5 have received their Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and over a dozen yet seeking. It was a wonderful sight to see 25 earnest hearts at the altar at one time pleading for God's best in their lives. The enemy did his best to hinder, but like Elijah, the more water that was poured on, the greater the victory when the fire fell. The messages as they came night after night have been wonderful in teaching and encouragement to the ones that are going through with the Lord. Glory to His name forever!"

A CONTINUOUS REVIVAL

Sister Pearl Gilliland writes from Lincoln, Nebr.: "God is blessing in the Midwest. We have been having a continuous revival since May; people are coming 200 miles to these meetings for healing and our dear Lord is healing bodies, baptizing in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family that God will send floods of His glory and power in Lincoln."

PENTECOSTAL RESCUE WORK

The Light House Rescue Mission at 116 E. Archer St., Tulsa, Okla., is doing a marvelous work for the Lord. During the year 1925 they gave away 18,250 loaves of bread and 25,000 garments. There were 4575 beds and 800 meals provided for needy ones. In addition to this, the workers held 313 meetings, made 52 visits to hospitals and 30 visits to the poor farm. They report about 417 souls saved during the year. Praise the Lord! Brother and Sister J. P. Gallagher are pastor and superintendent of the mission. This Brother and Sister are members of the Council Pentecostal mission in Tulsa.

REVIVAL IN TAMPA, FLA.—Pastor

I. J. Bolton writes: "Just closed a successful revival with Otto Lunsford of Linton, Indiana, as evangelist. Wonderful crowds every night, listening earnestly to this young evangelist as he brought forth the Word in mighty power under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Many turned to God. The altars being filled every meeting. The main theme of the young evangelist's message was Jesus. Many of the young people forsook their evil habits of drink, and tobacco, and such like, and were gloriously saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Special prayer was offered two nights out of each week for the sick. Many came in faith, receiving the healing touch from the Great Physician. After this glorious revival of three weeks, our borders have been enlarged, several uniting with the church the last night of the revival. Any one coming from the North will always find a hearty welcome at the Oak Park Holiness Church. My address is Box 383, R. 2., Tampa, Fla."

INDIANS RECEIVE VISIONS

Mildred Hobart and Helen Bryan write from Hoppla, Calif.: "We are glad to be able to send forth a note of victory from the Indian Reservation. Have been in this field for about three months and surely can praise God for His manifold blessings. Precious souls have been saved, backsliders reclaimed, and a number healed by our ever faithful, merciful and loving God. It makes our hearts rejoice to hear the Indians testify with faces aglow, of how Jesus 'fixed their hearts' and transformed their lives. Lately many of the Indians here, saved and unsaved, have had wonderful dreams and visions of eternity and the soon coming of our blessed Lord, so prayer is being answered and He is speaking in no uncertain way in these last days unto the children of men. Would appreciate the prayers of the Evangel readers that God will continue to work and change the 'showers' of blessing into real Pentecost 'torrents.'"

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our ministerial list in the month of January, 1926:

Bazan, Demetrio, San Antonio, Texas.
Bazan, Mrs. Nellie Trevino, San Antonio, Texas.

Collins, Josiah W., Miami, Florida.
Coward, Rufus N., Fruitdale, Alabama.
Haddock, Perry W., Tampa, Florida.
Hardwick, James L., Elgin, Texas.
Johnson, Matthew, Monroeville, Alabama.
Rhea, Thomas E., Tyler, Texas.
Roberts, L. D., Bixby, Oklahoma.
Tate, Henry C., Cottdale, Florida.
Wright, Edward, N., Gulfport Mississippi.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of January, 1926:

Capps, J. Henry, Memphis, Tenn.
Mumbulo, Vernon S. (withdrawn) Rochester, N. Y.
Schneider, George (withdrawn) Ledne, Alta, Canada.

NEW IN THE COUNCIL

Brother T. E. Rhea reports: "I have just come into the General Council out of the Pentecostal Holiness church. I am pastor of the Tyler, Texas church. Have been pastoring since about Nov. 1, 1925. Since coming here I have organized a Sunday school and young people's meeting. Sunday school has about 90 in attendance now and young people's about 40. Church attendance has more than doubled, for which we are very thankful. We solicit the prayers of the Council body that we all may keep at it."

BACK IN SEDALIA, MO.

Pastor R. Elmer Baker writes: "Again we are laboring in the place of many former battles and precious victories. After being absent for ten months we have again taken charge of the assembly here. During our absence we conducted meetings in Denver and Rocky Ford, Colo., Long Beach, Visalia, and Tulare, Calif., Walla Walla, Wash., and Boise, Idaho. We met many dear saints and saw a number saved and some filled with the Spirit for which we praise the Lord. The saints here in Sedalia are praying earnestly and it seems that we hear a 'sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees.' Hallelujah!"

PRAYER CHAIN BRINGS BLESSING

Brother F. R. Watkinson writes from London, Ont. "During the past year our assembly has been one continuous revival. The city and community is being greatly stirred; many have been saved from their sins, healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. We have a splendid assembly of people and a wonderful spirit of love, fellowship, and cooperation exists among all the saints. Cottage prayer-meetings have been started and they bless in a real way. A week day Bible class has been organized and is largely attended. The blessing and approval of God truly rests upon the ministry of our pastor, Brother R. E. McAlister, and Sister B. Simms and Sister L. Wilson. This year has been a successful one in every way. An increase of over two hundred has been made in our congregation, \$12,000.00 been placed in the Lord's treas-

ury, which is \$3000.00 over the previous year. One thing that has proved a great blessing to this assembly is the Prayer Chain. For over a year prayer has gone up from this assembly day and night without ceasing. The Chain, which has not been broken, is changed every Sunday morning, 24 persons taking an hour each. It is really wonderful what God is doing in answer to prayer and so the Lord's work goes on. Praise His name!"

HUNDRED PER CENT FOR EVANGEL

Pastor J. A. McPhail writes from Wynne, Ark., "God is blessing in every service. Nine have been saved just in our regular meetings. Sunday night the power filled the whole house and when the altar call was given, 17 souls came to the altar, of which 6 were wonderfully saved. When I came here in December there was not a family in the assembly who took the Evangel, but now every one in the assembly takes the Evangel. We have a good revival spirit in our midst and in our hearts, too. Any preacher passing through this way, who is in fellowship with the General Council, will be welcome here."

PROGRESSING IN MINNESOTA

Brother Henry H. Ness reports: "I have just closed a two-week campaign at Crosby, Minn., together with my brother, Maurice H. Ness, who had charge of the song service. The Lord was with us. Many came and sought the Lord for salvation and we had several instant healings. The hall was filled nearly every night regardless of sub-zero weather. When folks get hungry for God, temperature does not matter. A Sunday school was organized and on the first Sunday we had 58 children and 19 adults. A Young People's Gospel Band was also formed on the principles of the General Council. The brethren are planning on buying a Catholic church which can be bought very reasonably, and a lot has been offered free. The Lord is also working in Brainerd, Minn., where I am pastor at the present time. Our church has been completely repaired and re-decorated. Many souls have been saved and several received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit."

OPEN FOR CALLS.—To any isolated Pentecostal families or small assemblies in Washington, Oregon and California who would desire a worker for meetings in homes or halls. I am in full fellowship with the Council and will be glad to take up work at once. Address Evangelist Carrie E. Ellis, c/o F. T. Spicker, Hillsboro, Ore.

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This paper is especially designed to be helpful to our Pentecostal young people. We believe, however, that the simple articles and pictures it will contain will prove **HELPFUL TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.**

This new paper will contain a number of brief, helpful articles, short missionary stories, Christian cartoons that bring home good scriptural lessons, a weekly lesson for Young People's Meeting, and many edifying illustrations.

The first numbers will be printed some time during March. The paper will be printed and mailed monthly just as we now print and mail Our Pentecostal Boys and Girls, but it will contain separate parts for each Sunday in the month. These separate parts can be distributed in the Young People's Meetings and also in the Sunday Schools where the paper is taken.

The price for this new paper for a single subscription will be 60c a year, or \$1.00 for two years. When purchased in quantities for Young People's Societies or for Sunday Schools, the price will be 13c per quarter.

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TURLOCK, CALIF.—May E. Frey will conduct a series of meetings at the Pentecostal Mission beginning March 7.—C. Knudsen, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—W. T. Gaston, Chairman of the General Council, will conduct a Bible convention in the Full Gospel Tabernacle, corner of 5th & Peoria, Feb. 14 to 21 incl. Oklahoma preachers specially invited to attend the convention.—Jonathan E. Perkins, pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING.—The tenth Annual District Council meeting of the Eastern District will be held in the beautiful new "Lighthouse Pentecostal" church 71-73 Himrod St., (near Evergreen Ave.) Brooklyn, N. Y. on March 16, 17, & 18, 1926. Owing to the fact that this is a very important part of the work, and one that vitally effects every ministering brother in the District, we urge that each one so arrange their plans as to be present. Plans have been made by the Pastor Vernon G. Gortner, to hold a full week evangelistic campaign March 14-21 inclusive, to which all are most cordially invited. There will be evangelistic services each night during the Council. The Credential Committee will meet each day during the Council. Those desiring License or ordination can meet with the above Committee at that time.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

DUNSMUIR, CALIF.—Pentecostal Evangelistic campaign in charge of Evangelist Mary T. Miller of Seattle, Wash., at the Pentecostal Assembly of God, Dunsmuir, Calif., beginning Feb. 14, 1926. This is a return campaign with Evangelist Miller in this place. God wonderfully blessed her labors in the first campaign here. Pray that God will come forth in mighty power.—Pastor W. C. Anderson.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Evangelistic Campaign at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, 71-73 Himrod St., near Evergreen Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Feb. 9th to 28th inclusive. Evangelist J. D. Saunders of Canada will be with us. Services each night at 7:45. Sundays 10:30, 3, and 7:30. For further information address Vernon G. Gortner, pastor, 72 Harman St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY.—A special revival campaign will be held at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325-329 West 33rd Street, New York City, beginning March 2nd for 13 days. Jack Saunders, the Ex-Pugilist, will speak at 7:45 each night, three services Sunday, 10:30, 3 and 7:30 p. m. Special singing and music by the Tabernacle Orchestra and Quartette, led by Ben Cockerhan (Singing Evangelist). For further information write Robert A. Brown, pastor.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION
The seventh conference of the New England District Council will be held in conjunction with a four-day convention at the Apostolic Faith Assembly, 243-245 Cumberland Ave., Portland, Maine, beginning at 2:30 p. m. Feb. 25th and continuing through Sunday, Feb. 28. Applications for license and ordination will be considered. We are expecting the greatest revival of Pentecostal power ever known in this District. Pray that it begin at once in every assembly, that all may be able to bring a contribution of power and blessing to this feast.—R. H. Norton, Secy.

MORRISTOWN, N. J.—An evangelistic campaign in charge of Brother Henry Rauscher of Newark, will be held at the Full Gospel Pentecostal Mission, 14 Park Place, from Feb. 14 to Feb. 28. Come over and help us!—A. F. Walz, pastor.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING, ARCADIA, KANS.
There will be a fellowship meeting at the Assembly of God Church, Arcadia, Kansas Feb. 23-28. All the Eastern Kansas Assemblies are asked to cooperate with us in this meeting. Fred Vogler, Chairman of the Kansas District, and Henry Hoar, Secretary, will be present. Entertainment for preachers will be free, those desiring rooms can rent at very reasonable rates. For further information write Pastor Henry Felicy, Arcadia, Kansas.—Fred Vogler, Chairman.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Evangelist M. W. Richards, Jr., of Canton, Ohio, the Lawyer Evangelist, will conduct a series of Revival Meetings in the Pentecostal Church of Wilmington, Delaware, beginning February 14th and extending over a period of four Sundays. The church is located on the corner of Twenty-third and Pine Sts., with cars running immediately in front of the church. The Assembly is praying earnestly for an old-fashioned revival. Join us in believing prayer for an outpouring of the Latter Rain. A cordial invitation is extended to our Pentecostal fellowship to these meetings.—Pastor William A. Cox.

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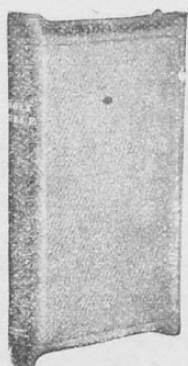
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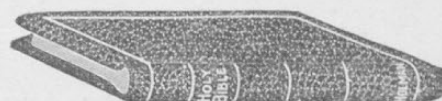


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