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The Gospel's Last Hour

THE situation," says Dr. Mott, "is absolutely unique in the history of the Christian religion, unique in opportunity, unique in danger, unique in responsibility, and unique in duty. The Church is confronting a rapidly-climaxing world-crisis; stupendous changes now being made offer the greatest single opportunity which has ever been given to the Christian religion; AND IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH WILL NOT LINGER."

SHEM

An amazing tug is pulling at the heart of the nations. Out of the heart of these nations have come, in this century, three letters representing the three great divisions of mankind, and voicing the cry of the world to the Church of God. The call of the Semitic nations is voiced by a Jew, who lived for several months with the monks on mount Athos, and afterwards wrote the following letter to one of the Oriental Archbishops:—"Your Grace, I am bringing a great petition to you. I want to bring from my heart something that has moved it for years. I myself am but one of a nation who, in the judgment of the nations who have accepted Christianity, are considered as a nation hostile to Christ. Against this I am ready to fight with all the powers of my soul. (Sooner or later the Jews will accept Christ with great joy, and with the same understanding as a father meets an injured and cast-off son. (That moment of the reconciliation of the Jews with Christ"—this is from a man who does not know Christian prophecy, yet how true are his words!—"will be the greatest in the history of mankind.) On that day the Messiah will come, as at first, under the light of a new recognition. I believe that the Jews are travelling in that direction. I believe it steadfastly because it cries aloud in my soul."

HAM

We turn to the Hamitic nations, and the voice is from Africa. Here is a letter written from an African tribe addressed to the "teachers of Europe." It says: "We are those who went astray, but the Lord did not leave us. He sought us with perseverance, and we heard His call and answered. Now we are His slaves, having no other master at all. Behold, we tell you a word of truth. We had three teachers. One is in Europe; another has gone to Ikung; and this one who stays with us, his furlough is due, and his works are many." How quaintly and how beautifully put!—"his furlough is due, and his works are many." "If he goes to rest in Europe, with whom are we left? It is good that you should send us teachers who will cause us to be full of the words of the Father. Friends, what do you run away for? Death? Or the long distance? What did the Lord command? He said, 'Go, and preach the Gospel in all the world.' We have a desire to hear your teaching of the Jehovah God and we have a thirst to see you in the eyes; but we have not the opportunity. We have not the opportunity here below but we shall have in heaven. In the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, one God."

JAPHETH

We turn to the Japhethic nations, and here is perhaps one of the most wonderful letters which a body of unbelievers ever addressed to the Church of God. It comes from the Brahmo Somaj of India, and is addressed to the "Venerable Bishops, Priests, Missionaries, and other representatives of Christ." "Reverend Sirs, you have opened up THE path of India's regeneration. You have already achieved what millions of England's armed men, as well as its network
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--:-- GOD IN THE CRISIS --:--

Ernest S. Williams

Follow the lives of all the worthies of biblical record and you will find they all had their definite times of extreme testing, and it was in these testings especially that God met them, and from which, they, proving faithful, got their fame. Look at Daniel and his decision not to defile himself with the king's meat; look at his determination to pray, even though the gaping mouth of the den of lions yawned upon him. Follow Paul and note the crises he met until the climax is reached at Caesar's block of decapitation. Take the beloved John, cast on the bitter isle of isolation, but, notwithstanding, in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. God met him there in a marvelous way. Ah, brother, such are the men who received the visions of God. Look at their lives; behold the devotion; consider the consecration to which they attained before God imparted to them His mighty secrets. How much it does mean to get the mind of God, and how thankful we should be that to us has been left the word of truth, in which we may confidently rest.

But, to deal more specifically with so important a subject, let us look at the dictionary for the meanings of the word crisis. Its meanings are, "decisive moment; turning point; time of difficulty and danger." Whatever we may now consider we will, therefore, confine to these three divisions.

Let us see God dealing with one in the crisis of discouragement. We will now consider it as the turning point, and introduce a feminine character. God bless the women. Many of them are more noble than many men, and God has the same interest in their well-being as in that of the men. We shall look at Hagar. Her name means stranger, sojourner. She was an Egyptian, and a bondmaid, far away from her country, and alone. I consider that she was greatly wronged. Sarai had promise of a son, but since the promise lingered she would debauch her husband, and degrade her home, to work out its fulfillment. Thus Hagar became the mother of Ishmael. But as the flesh is always revolting, Sarai sickened of her misadventure and set upon her handmaid with rigor; wherefore, Hagar fled to the wilderness in the way to Shur. With lonesome heart she here pondered her abuse, and looked with doubtful question upon the approaching future. But, she was not left alone. The angel of the Lord found her and asked, "Whence comest thou and whither wilt thou go? . . . Return to thy mistress and I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. . . . The Lord hath heard thy affliction."

What was it God had heard? Her voice? Perhaps so, but it was more than the voice of words: He had heard her affliction. Yea, discouraged one, just at the point of turning, ready to give up,

not knowing where to turn, He sees and fully knows. He met Hagar by the fountain, the woman of Samaria by the well, and there, as you wait at the fountain of life and the well of salvation, He will commune with you from the mercyseat. Every mountain shall be made a way and the desert shall bloom and blossom as the rose. "Thou God seest me," is all that Hagar could say as the Lord drew near her fainting spirit. What answer you will give I do not know, but this I do know, your soul may drink the draughts of His love, and know the voice of sweet assurance.

Then there is the crisis of difficulty and danger. Elijah had faithfully served the Lord. By him the heavens had been closed and opened; and the priests of Baal were slain. But wicked Jezebel swore vengeance on him, from which he fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba where, leaving his servant, he fled another day's journey into the wilderness, and sat under a juniper tree, and wished for himself that he might die. Is it not just like the devil to spread alarm, and rob a saintly man of all his courage? But it proves that the zeal of yesterday will not suffice for today, and triumphs divinely given remain in the hands of God. We are but vehicles, the instruments of His power, and should He withdraw His hand we become as weak as water. Who knows what he will do when the test is laid upon him? Boastings are of but little worth unless inspired by Divine power. Better were it to remain quiet, when the testings come, and show one's worth.

But Elijah did just like many another. When most in need of a friend, he forsook the very Friend who had been his constant companion, separating himself by a full day's journey, and sat him down under a juniper tree, where, entirely giving up to his feelings, he wished for himself that he might die. Poor Elijah!

But did God leave His servant a prey to his forlorn condition? Oh no! His love is too great. He had proved the stalwartness of the fleeing prophet, through a range of years, and one act of gloom and dismal doubting should not forfeit the Father's love. Tired, hungry, and sad, Elijah fell asleep to be awakened by an angel, and invited to a wholesome repast. The Lord knew what was needful for His servant. He would not upbraid an exhausted man, neither would He require service from one sunk in fatigue. First he must be fed. Forty days he went in the strength of that meet, still running away. He finally came to a cave in Horeb where God said to him, "What doest thou here Elijah?" Thus the Lord drew Elijah into a conversation, and when the prophet began to answer, it was not long before the lost communion was restored. His spirit was revived, and he was ready for the new revelation God proceeded to make of Him-

self. Here a new lesson must be learned by God's servant. A great and strong wind rent the mountain, after which an earthquake passes—things so in keeping with the natural characteristics of this son of thunder, that he felt God must surely be speaking now, but not so, God was not in the storm. This does not mean that God is never in the storm, but it teaches us that Elijah had a new lesson to learn. Hustle and bustle, the lightning's flash, and devouring fire, for a time must cease. The natural element in the man must be subdued, and quiet must reign in his restless spirit, for Jehovah will be heard in a still small voice. Here was a new experience, deeper and richer by far than even Carmel's mount. The determined heart was softened, melted, and mellowed. The Lord Himself was its exceeding great reward. In the still small voice it is that God so often unfolds His most precious lessons, and until one has learned to hear and heed that voice much will be missed of the richness that He wishes us to enjoy. "Be still and know that I am God." "Study to be quiet." "The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Elijah is newly transformed. Melting, subduing grace, which he otherwise never would have known, is learned through the crisis.

Then we have God in the crisis of decision. Hezekiah was a very godly king, so that after him was none like him, among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him. He decided for righteousness, broke away from idolatry, and even destroyed the brazen serpent which Moses had made, because the children of Israel did burn incense unto it. He trusted in the Lord God of Israel, and departed not from following Him, but kept His commandments.

Depending on God, he rebelled against the king of Assyria and served him not. Hezekiah was out and out for God, but such clear-cut separation and determination to not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, was not to be enjoyed without a conflict. The prince of the power of the air undertook his overthrow, and stirred up the king of Assyria, who threatened to take Judah, sending Rabsaris and Rab-shakeh with a great host against Jerusalem. Every effort was made by Rab-shakeh to wean the people from the king, and promises of peace and plenty were made if they would but desert him. Here was a crisis, a time of decision in extremity. He could not trust in his army as Sennacherib could easily have defeated them, neither could he rely upon his people as man's heart is so often fickle. Yet he was unmoved. Now was the time when he must put God to the test.

Hezekiah repaired to the house of the Lord with rent garments, and sackcloth covering. There he spread the threatening letter, which pointed to the failure of other gods to deliver their worshippers, before the Lord, while he poured out his heart in prayer and confession. "And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord, and said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all kingdoms of the earth. . . . Lord, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, Lord, thine eyes and see:

and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God." What a confession of God's supremacy and presence! What realization that in doing God's will, he had come into a position where it was not a mere matter of man against man, but a conflict of mortal man against the infinite God! Hezekiah got the conflict where it properly belonged—out of his hands and into the hands of his Jehovah. The crisis of decision had come, the climax was reached, and gloriously was it met in victory.

To the prophet Isaiah, a hurried messenger was dispatched from heaven, sending God's assurance to Hezekiah that Sennacherib should not be allowed to enter the city or do any harm to it. After this, an angel of the Lord went out and smote, in the camp of the Assyrians, an hundred four score and five thousand men. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed. "With God all things are possible," and, "All things are possible to him that believeth."

We, too, will meet our crisis in life—the critical hours of decision; difficulty and danger; the turning points. Upon our decision then, will depend our deliverances, if not our destiny, and none but the fully-yielded will meet them in victory.)

THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

Man, made in the image of God, was to have a helpmeet made in the image of man. God saw the loneliness of Adam. Adam could not have missed what he never had, but God saw what he missed. God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone." And God—the Lord God—said, "I will make him a helpmeet for him," a partner, a sharer.

Out of Adam himself came forth another who became part of his flesh, bone of his bone—they became one.

It became Jesus Christ to be made like unto His brethren who needed a helpmeet. The second Adam must and will be a complement of the first Adam; but transcending in every respect the first Adam, as the glory of the sun transcends the glory of the moon.

"It is not good that the man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). And God says the same of THE MAN, Christ Jesus. He was alone on the earth, for there was found no helpmeet for the Man Christ Jesus, for Him who was despised and rejected of men.

Adam had to be put to sleep and out of the sleeping body was taken a rib. It was fashioned, moulded, builded—and there came forth a companion, the helpmeet, the sharer of his life in Paradise. Only so can God provide a helpmeet for His Son, who had to go through the sleep of death—and the bride, the helpmeet, the companion is taken out of the crucified, buried body of the Son of man, the last Adam.

But God raised Him from the dead. And God has raised us together with Him. It is the resurrected Man who looks for an helpmeet on the other side of the grave, for flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 15:50). The mystery of the creation of Eve is transcended a thousand times by the creation

of the church, the bride for the second Adam.

Eve was vulnerable and caused the fall of the one she was to have helped. The second Adam accepts the place of the fallen first Adam, accepts the bruise of the serpent in His heel, but by so doing, and through death, destroys him who has the power of death. At the same time He rescues His darling from the mouth of the lion. He loved the church and gave Himself for it. The church is like that garden. Eden and its tragedy plus God and victory.

(You doubt the story of the creation of man and woman, and the subsequent tragedy? Impossible, as long as there is a man and woman on earth, and the woman through childbirth, with the suffering and anguish entailed, thereby sealing the truth of God's curse. The truth is verified by seventeen hundred million people on the earth. If this fact is so true and plain, equally as true and plain is the fact of the death of the second Adam and the resultant effects of that death.)

For the time being (Not evident on the surface) it is not manifest that the helpmeet for the second Adam is in existence, but it shall be made gloriously real in the ages to come. He loved the church and gave Himself for it, and yet says, "Many are called but few are chosen." The chosen one is the choice one; and the choice one is the one who makes choice of Christ as her Lord, her Bridegroom, her Ishi, her All in All.

A helpmeet for Adam! Imagination fails to conceive of the harmony and bliss and oneness of Adam and Eve in Paradise before sin and death had wrecked anything therein. And how much more will imagination fail to grasp in any measure, the bliss, the joy, the glory of Christ the glorified Man and His bride—the glorified helpmeet, bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh, one body, for the two are one spirit.

The glorified bride reflects the glory of the Son, and will share the government, the administration, the dominion of a Paradise regained, reaching to the uttermost confines of the universe created by Him and for Him.

Eve was limited to be a helpmeet, in the narrow boundaries of Paradise, to Adam who was Lord of that Paradise. The bride's dominion will extend to the farthest limit of the universe created, dominated, ruled over by Him who created all things and redeemed all things by His blood.

The fall is a fact, undeniable, self-evident. The restoration is a fact, undeniable, and will be self-evident to those who pay the price and go all the way. Amen.

THE LORD'S DAY

I feel sure that our Lord's Day, one in seven His sovereign right, ought to be observed better by most professing Christians. Who can estimate the harm of the Sunday papers, gay visiting parties, automobile trips, and in many towns, theatres, movies, and railroad excursions, all conspiring to rob God of the honor which is His due on His Day? I take it that there is no positive command as to the keeping of the day in this new era of Grace instructing us just how to act on

the Lord's Day, for even human love never commands the loved one but invites and then awaits love's response. The neglect of our Father's gracious invitation to appear on his special at-home day for its peculiar blessings is a far more serious matter than breaking a commandment.

It is not my wish to suggest that the whole day should be spent in distinctive Christian exercises, but that all hours should take their decided tone from these, that they should be Spirit-permeated. Healthful exercise, if not encroaching on other's rights, may have its proper claims in restoring the body, but the real undercurrent of the day should be the promotion of holiness in the individual life by constant contact with the things of God.

My present personal plan begins Sunday with the early morning communion service, and is followed by a Bible class, a family gathering at dinner, and the customary morning and evening Bible study and prayer. Opportunities for the ministry of love to unfortunates of many kinds are often seized on this good day.

Have we not good reason to give thanks that our Lord's Day is the first and not, as in the Jewish dispensation, the last day of the week, and is thus the beginning of a new creation, looking forward and not backward? Thus does it inaugurate and give tone to the six days that follow, and sheds its hallowing light and warmth down through the chill mists of earth until it links up with the next Lord's Day. Surely it should strike the dominant tone not only of the individual but of the national life. Rob a people of their Lord's day, and no nation or individual is truly blessed; in such a community judgment of sin fails, righteousness is unknown, and the spiritual, and with it all the corporate life, become rapidly decadent.—Howard A. Kelly, M. D. in S. S. Times.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

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A WORD OF THANKS

To Saints and Friends:

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PROPOSED REVIVAL OF THE OLD ROMAN EMPIRE

Most students of Scripture prophecy who are watching the unfolding events in the world today will probably have noticed some significant news from Italy, published in most of the daily newspapers, regarding the Fascist proposal to make Rome the center of a new Latin empire to cover a great part of Europe. When the reports first came, and were printed in the newspapers, attempts were made to contradict them, and to suggest that the whole matter was a misunderstanding. Careful observers of political movements are, however, familiar with this sort of tactics and were not surprised when a few days later some of the papers published authentic confirmation that some plan of this kind is seriously contemplated by Mussolini, the dictator of Italy, and his supporters. For instance, actual quotations were given from the Italian newspaper "Roma Fesceista," which is edited by Signor Guglielmotti, head of the official Press Bureau of the Italian Prime Minister's department, which proposed nothing less than the "economic and spiritual restoration" of France by her annexation to Italy. Out of consideration for French susceptibilities, the writer explained, the new empire would be called, not the Italian, but the Roman Empire. "A block of 80 million Romans, from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean, under the strong arm of Mussolini will," he added, "solve the acute and obscure problems of Europe."

A well-informed regular contributor to the London "Evening Standard" is my authority for stating that at Milan an organization has been formed under the leadership of Signor Marinetti, of Futurist fame, with the title of "The Brenner Guard," to demand further annexations of Austrian territory, as a prelude, apparently, to the conquest of the whole Continent. "The ancient Romans," says the manifesto of the organization, "conquered all the peoples of the world. The Italian of today is invincible. The Brenner is not the goal, but the starting point."

The "Evening Standard" writer adds: "Only last week I met a young Italian Fascist who holds an important position under the Italian Government. He took the Fascist aspiration to revive the Ro-

man empire quite seriously. The rapid increase of the Italian population, he said, made expansion necessary. America would no longer receive enough Italian emigrants to relieve the pressure, and, as the Italian people could not live on their own territory, Italy must expand in Europe at the expense of 'effete' nations among which, apparently, he included France."

Another newspaper writer says: "One can rarely pick up an Italian paper without finding some reference to the Imperial mission of Fascist Italy." Rome is to be, it would seem, the center of a new Latin empire, which would control the destinies of eighty million "Romans," composed apparently of what are now Spain, Portugal, France, the North African possessions of the last-named power, and Italy. These visions are not entertained exclusively by the young lions of the Fascist movement. A remarkable article dwelling on the advantages to France of her admission to the new Roman Empire has actually appeared in a Rome newspaper edited by the official Press Bureau."

Now, seeing that the Italian Government—or, shall we say, Mussolini?—controls not only this newspaper, but practically all the newspapers of that kingdom, we are bound to believe that this startling scheme has official approval. It is obvious therefore, that Mussolini, having gained predominant power in his own land, has conceived the ambition of a great Roman Empire, which shall otherwise be under his supreme control.

Although the newspapers and statesmen of Britain and France seem nervous of taking this matter too seriously, it cannot be disputed that here we have suddenly brought into the limelight something which, although at present in an embryonic state, may quite conceivably be the means of transforming Europe. It becomes a matter, therefore, of tremendous interest to examine the proposal in the light of Scripture.

For many years, students of Daniel and Revelation have believed that, as a result of world-wide conflicts and disorders, a new federal empire would arise in Europe a few years before the end of this present age, and prior to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This new Empire would be really an old one revived, and many books and articles have been written by Bible expositors on "the revival of the Roman Empire." We read in Rev. 13 of a "beast" which John saw rising up out of the sea, in appearance like a leopard, its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth as that of a lion.

These creatures represent the world-empires which preceded Rome—Babylon, Medo-Persia and Greece (Dan. 7:4-6). "The empire of the future," as Mr. W. W. Fereday has said, "will thus combine Alexander's rapidity of action with the Persian greed of conquest and Babylon's tyrannical despotism." Moreover, the "Beast" has ten horns. These, we are told in Daniel 7 and Rev. 17, are ten kings, to be federated for mutual advantage under one powerful head, who will wield his mighty power autocratically. The beginning of his prosperity will be the subjugation of three kingdoms (Dan. 7:

24). Then seven others will combine with them under his leadership, for mutual advantage, and thus will be brought into existence the fateful and fated confederacy of nations, which will be the "Revived Roman Empire."

That, briefly, has long been the expectation of many students of the Scriptures. Now, God holds the key of the future, and no man can foresee exactly how His inspired Word will be fulfilled. It is for us to watch the events, and note how wonderfully "He brings it to pass." It is idle for unbelieving critics to dismiss the whole matter as if there were no prophecies being fulfilled today.

Too many significant events have transpired during the last few years to lightly ignore their warning. We have witnessed world-wide wars and revolutions, general commotions and unrest, earthquakes, famines and pestilences in divers places; the door has been opened for the Jews to return to their own land; Christendom is staggering under the burden of the great apostasy, "having the form of godliness, but denying the power thereof," men run to and fro, and knowledge is increased; while in the general life of the people we see that the vast majority are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3:4). All these things were foretold of the days prior to the return of Christ, and they have been fulfilled before our very eyes.

Why, therefore, should it be thought incredible that a revived Roman Empire may be in process of formation as another link in the wonderful chain of events of the last days? May it not be that Mussolini's dream will effect the future of the present League of Nations? Who can tell? The one thing that would give power to the League would be the presence of a strong personality who would force himself by circumstances to its leadership; or a new Roman combine of nations may draw to itself those destined to form part of that confederacy which will for a time dominate Europe and wield the despotic power of the Antichrist. The "spirit of Antichrist" (1 John 4:3) is indeed gaining headway in Europe and Asia already, in the insidious forces of Bolshevism and Communism, which are admittedly out to destroy religion and "pull God from His throne." Assuredly, the way is being prepared for the personal "Man of sin," "the son of perdition" (2 Thess. 2:3 and 8), who will wield the most burdensome despotism the world has ever known (Rev. 13), and we may well watch and pray, that we may be accounted worthy to escape all those things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36). Thank God, the door of mercy is still open, and the Lord never turns a deaf ear to the penitent prayer of the man who, realizing his sinful condition, turns to Him for salvation. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

—W. Percy Hicks

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Ten Chinese Robbers

A True Story for Boys and Girls

In China, instead of having a yard around the house, they build the house around the yard, which they call the court. It was after supper, one warm summer evening, and we were sitting out in the court, shut in on all sides by rows of one-story rooms. It was the parsonage court in Nan Ying, and Mr. Liu was telling us how the robbers bother the people. Common folk live in constant terror of them. The way they devastate the country and rob the people is something we Americans, who are used to law and justice, can not understand. Finally he mentioned that he himself had met the robbers, and of course we asked him to tell us about it. He laughed and smoothed down his coat and adjusted his sleeves, and then proceeded to tell his wonderful story.

"Two years ago, in the sixth moon and the nineteenth sun, I started home to see my mother. My little boy went with me, riding on a white donkey, while I rode a black one. We had a carter with us. About ten-thirty in the forenoon we reached the bank of the River Wen and looked for the ferry.

"Suddenly, in the tall grain by the side of the river, we saw ten robbers. Every man had two knives and one gun. I stood still, and in two minutes they surrounded us. Strange to say, I was not afraid one little bit and I calmly asked, 'Are you all well, my friends? Are you all in peace of body?'

"They answered, 'We are in peace.'

"Are you getting rich? Are you prospering?" I asked.

"They pointed their knives at me, and some put away their knives and pointed their guns at me. But I said 'Alas, I have not brought any money for you, my friends.'

"By this time the carter was awfully frightened and the boy began to cry, so I said to the carter, 'Bring our bundles here and open them, and let them see.'

"They put down their knives and examined the bundles, and took the things out and divided them. One man took the white donkey and rode away. Another was about to seize the black one, when the donkey kicked him, so that the man was pretty lame and then ran away. The man was about to fire and kill the donkey, when I entreated him and said, 'Don't kill him; he is no more than an animal and does not understand good manners.' Strange to say, the robber listened to my pleading and did not fire or even chase after him.

"Then I said, 'My friends, I wish to talk a little explanation to you. You have taken my things. I want to tell you some words. I am your friend, for I am a preacher of the doctrine of true blessedness. I bring you this good doctrine. I am not rich; I have no silver or opium; I am simply Pastor Liu. My full name is Liu Chi Lun, and I preach at Nan Ying.

My church members treat the farmers on all four sides well. I think you all know how I treat the people. Bring back my things and I will be good to you. I will not report you or make trouble for you. And to add to this, if you wish to start some honest business, come to me and I will lend you eight or ten Tiao. I will be glad to do it.'

"One robber asked, 'Are you Pastor Liu?' and I answered, 'yes.'

"Hearing this, one man called loudly, 'Come back! This is Pastor Liu. Bring back all his things!'

"They brought back everything, and put them in my donkey sack. The man with the white donkey brought him back, and then they helped me catch the black one, while one man bowed low and said, 'Our sin, our sin! We did not know. We have not treated you right.'

"The child was crying, and one man said, 'Please comfort your boy,' so I said, 'Don't cry, our friends have given us back all our things. They will not harm you, they are just go-in-the-road-together-friends.'

"The robbers bowed low to me. I bowed to them and said, 'I hope we shall meet again.' Then they departed in peace.

"The ferryman, who had been watching from afar, asked, when I reached him, 'What was it all about?' and when I told him he said, 'Why didn't you shout?'

"'Why,' I said, 'if I shouted, they would have killed me. My things and donkeys would all have been lost. I trust my God. He helped me and watched over me and my things. Nothing is lost in his care.'

"When I reached the boat I looked carefully at my belongings. Only one article was missing, and that was a foreign knife with three blades and one scissors. My things were worth about twenty dollars and the donkeys about one hundred.

"As I looked after the robbers, I saw them meet four men carrying tea. They stopped them and went through their belongings. I saw them take money and clothes and various things. This my own eyes saw plainly.

"Thus did my God save me and mine from the robbers. How shall I thank Him?

"Two months after, I met them. They bowed to me and hurried on—for some other man, I suppose."—The Baptist.

HEALED OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Infantile paralysis was the verdict as the doctors returned from their consultation. Little June Marise, the victim, lay all unconscious of the anxiety her illness was creating, for her nerves were apparently becoming numb. There was no response when we tickled her feet and very little pain when blood was taken for tests. Just weeks of raging fever day and night, and

sponging, sponging, sponging trying to keep the temperature below 105 degrees (which was impossible), and twice it registered over 106. Then came complications—water on the lungs, beside kidney and heart trouble. In spite of six different physicians she steadily became weaker and weaker. Many nights the nurse (my sister) kept her finger on the little pulse most of the time in order to give her stimulants when needed. The mother's testimony follows:

"It fairly haunts me as I write and review mentally this terrible nightmare. "Mamma" rings in my ears, "Mamma, I want you to be with me." "Yes, darling, mother's here," I would answer, my arms close about her, my face against her precious cheek, while again came the feeble call, "Mamma, I want you."

As I was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, my sister, expecting the worst, gently told me a little at a time (for I had never seen death) the different symptoms preceding the end. She knew how my heart and very life were wrapped up in this baby. I had told her at the beginning of June's illness, that if anything happened to her I wanted it to happen to me, too. I later learned that my husband had begun making financial plans for laying her away. When her fever made three drops from 105 to 96 degrees, each time a little lower, the pulse only perceptible, my sister frankly told me she dreaded the next drop, or collapse as the doctors called it. But, thank God, the next one never came. Instead, the Great Physician visited our home and touched our treasure. God sent Brother and Sister G— to us, who anointed little June with oil according to James 5:14, and the prayer of faith **did** heal the sick. The fever went down, and as the swelling gradually left her face and body, we realized for the first time, how like a skeleton she really was. Twenty-three pounds for a four-year-old girl isn't very much, but, praise the Lord, in less than two months she weighed nearly forty. She is neither crippled physically nor mentally, and is a little ray of sunshine as the days come and go. Dear readers, will you join with us in your prayers that the little one so graciously restored may be trained as is pleasing to her Healer, and that throughout the years she may be a blessing to many.—Mrs. A. R. Dysart, Merced, Calif.

THE BOOMERANG BOY

There has been such a demand for this booklet that we have had to print a second edition. Those who want to follow this young fellow in his further travels should subscribe for "Our Pentecostal Boys & Girls." "Around the World with the Boomerang Boy" begins in the April issue of our Pentecostal Boys & Girls, and is expected to continue for about twenty weeks. Single subscription for Our Pentecostal Boys & Girls, 60c for one year, but you can receive the paper for two years for \$1.00. Canadian friends should add 10c for one year's subscription and 20c for two years, to pay for extra postage. Friends in Great Britain should send 3/- for one year, or 5/- for two years.

Sunday Schools that have not received our children's papers can receive the first quarter's supply for half price.

HERE AND THERE

Back to Palestine. About 30,000 Jews have entered Palestine since January 1, 1925, and there are now about 125,000 of them in that land, according to Mr. Thos. Chalmers, the editor of the Jewish Missionary Magazine. The Zionist executive of London have asked the Palestinian government for certificates allowing the entry of 20,000 pioneers (Chaluzim) by March first, and this request has been granted. Dr. Stephen Wise of New York, who has been chosen to head the general campaign committee of 200 leading Zionists to raise three million dollars to be given by American Jews, estimates that some 50,000 to 75,000 Jews will be able to return to Palestine within the next year. Dr. Chalmers says, "We are now face to face with the return according to prophecy of the scattered Jews of the earth; first, there is this return in unbelief of a large number, to be followed after the coming of the Lord by the real restoration, in repentance and faith, of the nation of Israel reunited before entrance into the land. **Israel has begun her great return march homeward.** The God of Israel will see that it includes a home returning, not only to the land, but also to Himself." "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee."

Secret Believers in India. Sundar Singh in his book, has told of a secret society, known as the Sannyasi Mission, that has been in existence for many years, which is quietly laying the foundation for a native church in India. The Mission is led solely by Hindus, everyone a consecrated missionary. They have their own places of prayer and their own Bible translation in Sanskrit. They celebrate Christian festivals and support their own workers. These workers go from place to place evangelizing and are recognizable only by a small Christian mark which the initiated understand. Their confession is the apostle's creed and they regard members of most churches as their brethren. In a recent issue of the Sunday School Times there is a quotation from one of their missionaries who says, "We believe that God has called us to be fishers of men. Experienced fishers never make noises. They work in quiet. When the net is full they draw it to shore, and then everyone can see what has been caught. So we have thrown out the net and must now be still, but the time is coming when we will bring before the world the fish we have caught. Some of the most important leaders of other Christian societies are members of our Mission. We number 24,000. Of these, 675 are trained Sannyasis (missionaries). We are asking the Lord to direct us concerning the proper time when we shall step out of concealment and publicly show ourselves to the world." "The veil of secrecy still hangs over the society, not because the Sannyasi fear persecution or lack zeal, but because they believe they cannot do

their personal work publicly. The men they now reach would not be accessible to them."

Good News from South India. From Tinnevelley in South India, where God sent a glorious revival some years ago, news comes of a new mass movement which is in full swing. Already 100 villages, with a population of more than 6300, are asking for baptism. This does not mean that they are all saved but that they are renouncing their former religion and seeking Christ. Pray for a Holy Ghost revival in South India. Brother Spencer May, writing from Kallicherry, says that the Lord is greatly blessing. One native in this district received a wonderful Baptism in the Spirit and as a result others began seeking, and now there are about 60 who gather around the Lord's table, and out of that number 33 are baptized in the Holy Ghost. One of these brethren went to a place and began preaching to Roman Catholics, and a priest sent for him and asked for a time of prayer together. During prayer this brother began speaking in tongues as the Spirit moved him. The priest was a learned man and declared that the brother spoke in perfect Syriac. This has been the means of opening a door north of this place."

A Thousand Families Turn to the Lord. Hector and Sigrid McLean write from Upper Burma of a blessed revival among the Melee tribe. They write in the Victorious Gospel, "One of our evangelists visited among the Melee tribe about two days from here. They told him that about twenty years ago a man from another tribe came and told them that they ought not to worship idols, but worship the true God. Being simple and humble people they obeyed and put away their idols, but the Chinese intimidated them and put them up again. A year or two ago an evangelist from the Lisu tribe came into their neighborhood preaching the gospel to their own people. These Melee people came to them to ask if the gospel was for the Lisu tribe only, or could they have a share in it also? When told that the gospel was for them also, they were glad and invited them to come and preach to them. They said, 'We have had enough of these old idols,' and so they destroyed them. The whole tribe is now turning to the Lord. Another missionary from another part of the province has written us that within the past two years over one thousand families have turned to the Lord from their dumb idols. This work is developing so fast that there are not enough missionaries and native workers to keep up with it."

Revival Fires Spreading in China. The Pentecostal Testimony quotes from a recent letter from South China, showing that God is graciously working among the Baptists (Chinese) in Canton. In one week 20 received the Baptism of the Holy

Spirit and about 100 girls in the school were then seeking. Those in charge of this school of 600 students were alarmed and sent for one of the head teachers from Shanghai to come down and stop this movement. But she took sick and was prayed for and healed in our Pentecostal mission in Canton, and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Also another one of her companion teachers received. As many as 5 have received in the Presbyterian compound in the school for the blind. A Chinese lady doctor has recently been filled with the Spirit. She has left her hospital work and gone out to preach the gospel. Brother Kelley reports that she is a wonder. Another remarkable report is regarding an old lady who was miraculously healed, whom God is using to win hundreds to the kingdom. She is over eighty years of age. Lately God has given her a wonderful faith in praying for the sick. Hundreds are now coming to her daily for prayer and revival has broken out. Some 25 received the Baptism under her ministry in two week's time."

Four Hundred Baptized in Melbourne. Sister E. Beruldsen writes from Melbourne, Australia, "We have a strong Pentecostal church started in Australia. Brother Valdez, the evangelist from California, has been the instrument in God's hands to bring it about. Here in Melbourne we have a church seating about 1200. It was formerly a theatre but a church member bought it. We praise God that by this time there are about 400 who have been baptized in the Holy Ghost since Brother Valdez came here. Churches have been formed in other places also, both in Victoria and New South Wales. This week Brother Valdez is going to Adelaide for a fourteen day's mission."

Missionaries being sent from New Zealand. Sister Lita Glover writes of a most blessed conference of preachers and Pentecostal workers who came from every church and branch mission of New Zealand. This conference started on December 26 and the two days previous were spent in prayer. Brother Kelso Glover was installed in the chair for the business session and also for the spiritual meetings. "The first few days, as we would come to the room, before the first song was sung, the anointing would fall 'as the dew of Mount Hermon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion' (Psa. 133). But as the days continued on we felt the dew changing to rain; and pools were formed in the desert, then wells, and then floods on the dry ground. Praise the Lord for the soaking! Praise Him for the uplift and for the new vision. Pentecost has been widely preached only for these three years over here. Thus far, while there are a number of preachers and evangelists and workers in the field, not any have been sent to the foreign fields. There are a dozen in conference who feel the call. Miss Archer of Auckland came all prepared for Fiji, having been long in the work here. She is of white parentage, but Fiji is her native island. Her grandfather is widely known and she goes to relatives there. The first general offering for missions was 35 pounds (\$175), which

was given to her and to the two sisters who are sent to Maori natives here in New Zealand. Later in the conference Miss Saunders volunteered. She is a trained nurse, an anointed evangelist and ex-Methodist missionary of the Solomon Islands, who can speak the language of the Solomon Islands to those of that nationality in Suva, Fiji. She will accompany Miss Archer. The offering for her was 40 pounds (\$200). These were not great sums but the giving was hilarious, and great blessing fell in approval of New Zealand's first effort to send out workers to the regions beyond. Suva is only three days by ship from Auckland, and we are glad the message is going into that wicked city and by messengers who are not strangers to the city or the work."

The Glovers have recently visited the town of Ratana, a religious settlement of native Maoris, where the leader by the name of Ratana was given the gift of healing about seven years ago. These natives have been much persecuted for their faith, until half of the natives, some 20,000 withdrew from all the churches and are now forming a church of Ratana. Some of their number received the Baptism and spoke in tongues. The organization has now 42 preachers, all of whom pray for the sick. They need grounding in the Word of God, and the Glovers ask prayer that they may receive the Pentecostal testimony. The leader is now in the United States, according to the Latter Rain Evangel, in the interest of the work.

In Far Southern Seas. About forty years ago a leader by the name of Miss Florence Young started a work among the 10,000 Kanaka people who were laboring in the sugar plantations of Queensland. The Lord has greatly blessed her labors and those of her co-laborer, Dr. Northcote Deck, and 2484 have been baptized on confession of their faith, and about 7000 have been under Bible instruction. In 1904 this work developed so that a number of islands close to the equator, where cannibalism was recently practiced, are now being evangelized.

Results in South America. A few years ago the Adventists began work on the high plateaus of Peru, and already there is a great change in the people. Cocaine, alcohol and other vices have been abandoned. According to the Sunday School Times, last year Pastor Schwerin had a baptismal class of 1200 of which 522 were finally accepted. At present he has the oversight of a church of 1161 members, with 600 in his baptismal class, and directs 1200 scholars. At Laro, another Inca station, 600 were baptized last year and 600 more have been accepted for baptism. One convert has been killed by enemies of the gospel and others have been imprisoned and hung by their fingers to prison rafters.

Revival in Mexico. Mr. A. B. De Roos is a Dutch Jew who was converted to Christ in Philadelphia and is now working as an independent evangelist in Mexico. In a recent letter written from Puebla, published in the Sunday School Times, he says, "I have seen the glory of the Lord, and deep has been the conviction of sin upon great crowds that every night come to hear the Word. In one week, nearly

300 have publicly accepted the dear Lord; no urging, no hilarious singing, no solos to work upon the emotions, but simply the lifting up of the Christ of Calvary. So deep is the conviction that you can hardly speak to the workers and missionaries but they break down crying. God is bringing men low down at the foot of the cross. I preach every night in the great Methodist church. It holds a thousand and is crowded. Last night at the consecration call nearly 400 came forward—nurses, missionaries, teachers, young men and maidens, some tear-stained, some radiant with joy. News comes from Guadalajara that the work is going forward in the power of His might and that at Tlajomulco, where I had the discussion with the priest, 100 have accepted the dear Lord."

Indian "Miracle Men." A reader sends us a clipping from the New York World of February 17, 1926. It is just a news item written in a worldly way, but it suggests that possibly the gracious work is being done by the Lord. It is as follows: "Laredo, Tex.—Heedless of the fact that they might never be able to return to the United States, a stream of sick and crippled Mexicans passed across the border at Laredo tonight, bound for a dismal cemetery in Nuevo Laredo where a motley throng estimated at more than 6000 awaited their turn to pass before two Indian 'miracle men.' Just outside the walls of the cemetery, the two healers, middle-aged men, worn to skeleton appearance by three days and nights of almost ceaseless prayer, carried on in a fever of religious zeal. Clad only in shirts and trousers, they laid their hands upon each passing supplicant and invoked the blessing of 'Almighty God.' The 'miracle men' are Yucatecas Indians, who walked into Nuevo Laredo unannounced four days ago, set up camp, with their two women, in the cemetery, and began their weird services. Soon a crowd formed, whole Mexican families flocking to the scene and setting up camp to await an audience with the Indians. Numerous miraculous cures in the cases of paralytics, the blind and deaf, have been reported, and each report has added to the size of the throng. San Antonio, more than 200 miles distant, has contributed its share of the pilgrims. The Indians refuse to accept pay for their services. They pray to the Christian God and ask whether the sick person believes in God and the power of divine healing."

The Gospel in Africa. At a recent meeting of the United Free Church of Scotland a missionary, D. R. MacKenzie, told of the work in the Tanganyika territory, which before the war was in charge of 20 Moravian and 15 Berlin missionaries. At the time of the war these German brethren had to abandon this work, and this one man endeavored to do the work of 35. God blessed his labors and in 5 years he has baptized 3000 adults. One hundred schools have been kept going and a training institution founded. All this is now being turned back to German pastors again on the field. There seems to be an awakening in many parts of Africa through men who have been described as "Half prophets and half race patriots." One of these,

Kabangu by name, has preached faith healing and repentance, and great crowds have assembled to worship God under his guidance. In one district there is a church of 3333 members. This man's leading followers claim to be prophets and are said to be somewhat erratic and unreliable, and this movement has tended to develop anti-white antagonism. One of these prophets has had many remarkable answers to prayer for the healing of the sick. His movement is said to have touched something like a million people, but the danger of his movement is that it is becoming political more than religious. Recently we referred in these columns to a native by the name of Harris, who seems to have greatly moved the people of the Ivory Coast. A letter from a missionary greatly discredits this worker. The need of Africa is native laborers who are filled with the Spirit and well grounded in the Word. Our British Pentecostal brethren have learned this secret in the Congo, and they now have in their work a band of 101 trained native evangelists that they have taught in their own native Bible schools. There is no doubt that there are wonderful opportunities in Africa at this time. Swedish brethren tell of fifty petitions they have received from those who have destroyed their gods of wood and stone, who are asking for missionaries to teach them of Christ.

Pentecostal Work in Rome. Brother Smith Wigglesworth writes, "After seven weeks in Switzerland, I had a call into Italy to visit some sick one belonging to two of the people who were baptized in my first visit to Switzerland five years ago. After a week of much blessing, they came with me to Florence, Rome and Naples. I had the joy of my life preaching in Rome. I prayed much about this, that God would provide me with an interpreter, and the first man I met in Rome was a man that was in my meetings in San Jose, an Italian, and he really did good work for me. We had a great meeting that reminded me of a red-hot Welsh revival. I had a great crowd of Italians crying to God for mercy, many fine men among them, and after this, many seeking the Baptism. Quite a number received and others were under the power. A number were healed. They now want me to go back to them again. I was given to understand that there are many Pentecostal meetings in Italy." Brother Wigglesworth is now on his way to Ceylon and is looking forward to working with the missionaries in Ceylon and India during the next few months. Pray for him.

Revival in the West of England. The Elim Evangel tells of a very gracious revival in the town of Plymouth, where George Jeffreys has lately been ministering. About eleven years ago Brother Jeffreys held some revival meetings in a Baptist church in this town, and while he was preaching the power fell and a number received the Baptism as they did in the house of Cornelius. God is again visiting this town and it is estimated that 200 have been converted, many have been filled with the Spirit, numbers healed, and the revival is still going on.

Pentecostal Evangel in Greek. Brother Harry Mamalis, a Greek brother who spent some time in the Bible School at San Francisco and also at the Southern California Bible School, writes of pioneer work in the ancient city of Athens. "The Lord is working among the Greek people and He is saving souls. The people here are very hungry for the Word of God. We are giving many Bibles and tracts and we also have the Pentecostal Evangel in Greek. The people here are glad to have the Word of God. There is much to be done here in Athens and also in many other places in Greece. There are very few Christians here and we have no hall to hold meetings in. We are only two workers here from America and we need your prayers." This work in Greece is new pioneer work and the saints in America need to stand back of these two Pentecostal workers.

Among the Russians in Paris. There are 380,000 Russian refugees in France, and about 40,000 of the most intelligent class are now in Paris. One of these, Prince Vladimir Nigiradse, who lost his property in the revolution and is now supporting himself in humble occupation, is giving all his spare time to evangelical work. This man was converted through contact with a Japanese missionary whom he met when traveling in the east on a steamer. God is blessing the ministry of this Russian brother. Even the wrath

of man, as seen in the Russian revolution, is contributing to the praise of our God.

Evangelizing in Sweden. Brother A. G. Dahlstein, formerly of Los Angeles, writes us a good letter telling of his call to service in his own native land of Sweden. He writes, "I have been here now over three months and have had meetings every week in different places. It pleased God to send me to a very dark place in the south, in the province of Smoland. Most of the people go to the state church and it is nothing uncommon for the minister to drink, and most of the men do so too. They seem to be possessed with fighting devils. Even on Christmas morning, before going to six o'clock mass, they began to fight, for they were already drunk, and the blood was flowing. It is very sad to see the havoc of the liquor traffic in Sweden, so many homes ruined, thousands going to early graves, and wives and children suffering so much. Just lately we have had wonderful meetings. The little chapel is too small and half of the people cannot get in. My brother-in-law and his two daughters have been saved, the mother was saved and wonderfully healed some years before. We are praying for the other five boys of this family and we are waiting for a revival in this neighborhood. Pray with us for the Lord's work here in Sweden."

began talking of the home they were expecting to establish together, but said there had come up a serious difficulty before her. She said, "You know Tom, I love you it seems as well as any woman can love a man, but I love Jesus better than that. The pastor in his sermon last Sunday made it very plain that every house must be founded in righteousness, and in the fear of God, and that a house founded any other way is built on the sand. He said if any man was intending to marry a girl and she was a sinner he should plead with her to give her life to Jesus. He said if she cared for him really, and was not merely selfish in her feelings for him, she would do as he wished, and get saved. But he said if she would not do it, he must refuse to marry her, for a believer must not be unequally yoked together, with an unbeliever."

He said Sister June pled with him to seek the Lord, that she wept and begged him to pray with her then, but he refused. It made him mad, he said. So he finally left. When he was going, she held on to him, and pled with him, but kept saying she would never allow him to call on her again until he had given his heart to God. She kissed him good bye, very lovingly, and told him she would wait for him, but to never ask her again for her company until he had made it right with God.

He said, "I know her. She'll stand like the rock of Gibraltar. There is no use to try to budge her. What shall I do?" Well, it was comparatively easy, by this time, to help this greatly worried young man, and he was finally willing to take the knee route with me. Thank God. When he went from my study straight to Sister June's home, with the light of Life shining in his face, I knew the happy meeting they would have, and thanked God for His great goodness to me. What a marvelously blessed thing it is to be put in trust with the gospel!

OUR NEW PAPER

Many subscriptions are being received for our new paper, "Christ's Ambassadors." We expect to mail out the first copies before the end of the present month. We would appreciate receiving a number of subscriptions for this paper from our Evangel family. There is always a good deal of expense starting a new paper and getting it on its feet, and possibly there will be quite a loss on the first year's issue of this paper. However, there need not be any loss if those who take the Evangel will stand back of us with their support of this new periodical, which we believe will meet a real need in the lives of many of our young Pentecostal people. We shall be glad if as many Evangel readers as possible will become charter subscribers for this new paper. The subscription price for single copies will be 60c per year, or \$1.00 for two years. When sent in quantities of more than 5, the price will be 13c per quarter per copy. Canadian friends please add 10c for one year's subscription, or 20c for two year's subscription, to provide for extra postage. British friends should send 3/- for one year, or 5/- for two years.

Homely Things from a Pastor's Diary

C. E. Robinsen

Thursday, July 31. I was glad this morning about nine o'clock that we had banked our fires well last night. For a long time we have been taking our cue from the janitor in the bank. So that in the morning he can have a fresh, hot fire in a few minutes, he puts in a lot of coal at night, and puts it in, in the way that experience has shown is best, for keeping a fire. Then in the morning he can rake the smouldering mass open, and at once he has a glowing bed of coals. I used to get up in the morning and have so much trouble getting a fire started in my heart. It seemed that God was not so real to me as I knew He should be. I even sometimes took up the newspaper before I prayed through. Of course this was the same as putting water on the fire. But since I have been carefully banking my fires at night with a good season of praise and prayer, the morning tells a different story. This morning we had a fine time. The Spirit of the Lord came down and glory filled our souls. It is a wonderful thing to have a wife who faithfully helps to keep the fires going.

Well, when the door-bell rang and I let young Tom Bartens into my study, I had immediate need for the full head of steam that was on. He came at me like some mad thing. Abuse—profane, loud and long continued—poured from his anger-hardened mouth. How I do thank God that He gave me grace in my time of

great need. He brought Mark 14:61 at once to my mind, and kept me thinking over and over in my heart as I listened to the words of vituperation and hate, "But he held his peace and answered nothing."

He had not sat down, but his six feet two of massive bone and muscle towered over me, quivering and fairly itching to take hold of me and tear me to pieces, as a man might rend a kid (Judges 14:6); but the Lord would not let him touch me. When he finally stopped talking, I said, very quietly, "Sit down Mr. Bartens, and tell me what it is that annoys you so. I do not know of having done you wrong, and cannot tell how to help you until I understand what the trouble is."

The wise man declares that a "soft answer turneth away wrath" (Prov. 15:1), and I had an illustration of it right then. He saw that he had been making a fool of himself; that I was entirely calm and pleasant looking, and, knowing in his heart that the thing I had done, at which he was so angry, had not been done by me with any thought of hurting him, he became really quite mild. Our conversation lasted an hour or more.

He wasn't at church last Sunday to hear the message but when he went last night, to see his sweetheart, June Mort-hane, he met a great surprise. She met him with unusual loving kindness, but before he had been with her long, she

GOD ALWAYS HAS A REMNANT

Chapter Eleven (verses 2 to 35), of Daniel

Most of my readers are not interested in ancient history for its own sake. Many have neither the time nor the opportunity to go into such things deeply enough to understand the reasons for the various moves made, and, as one who watches men playing checkers when he does not know the game and so cannot understand the reasons for the plays made, soon tires, so they speedily lose interest in such reading.

The eleventh of Daniel has been a dark and mysterious chapter to many because, not being acquainted with the events in ancient history by the Holy Ghost foretold in it through Daniel, they cannot make heads or tails of what it says. We cannot take time today to go all through the chapter showing how amazingly accurate it is in its foretelling of what was to come to pass, but will go just far enough to give the reader an idea about it. As they realize that the facts of ancient history here recited are the fulfilling of the prophecy of Daniel, my readers will be glad to make themselves acquainted with the long hard names, as well as the unlovely deeds of those prophesied about by Daniel.

The prophecy concerns the Medo-Per-sian Empire and the Grecian Empire following it, which succession, we have found in preceding lessons, was before planned by God and foretold by Daniel, to take place. The fourth king (v. 2) was Xerxes. He was preceded by three kings who ruled from 529 B. C. to 485 B. C. Xerxes was incomparably greater than any of his three predecessors in wealth and power. He made war on Greece with a vast army of a million men, but was defeated. After this Alexander the Great of Greece (verse 3) with but 30,000 men invaded and conquered all of Medo-Persia. When he had barely completed the conquest he died in a drunken debauch and his kingdom was divided into four parts (verse 4) ruled over by his generals. Ptolemy Soter ruled the southern part, but one of his princes Seleucus Nicator (verse 5) rebelled and became independent ruler of Syria. The king gave Bernice his daughter to the king of Syria, who divorced his true wife to take Bernice. The plan was to make peace by this means between the two kingdoms, but Bernice was poisoned, Laodice the king's true wife was taken back (verse 6) and the wars went on. But Ptolemy Energetes, Bernice's brother, and so springing from the same root stock as she did (verse 7), rose up and conquered Syria and carried away immense spoils. After this there was a cessation of hostilities for many years (verses 8-9). Verses ten to fourteen tell of the continued fighting between Egypt and Syria just as it in fact took place. In verse fifteen is introduced Antiochus the Great who terribly punished the Jews (verse

16) and gave his daughter Cleopatra in marriage to the king of Egypt in an unsuccessful attempt to make peace (verse 17). He then seized many of the islands of the Mediterranean Sea, but was driven back to his own land by the Roman General Scipio Asiaticus. He was killed in an attempt to plunder a temple (verse 19).

His successor, Seleucus Philopater, who undertook to raise the tribute money he must pay to the king of Egypt by a heavy tax levied on the Jews, died mysteriously in a short time (verse 20).

Through political scheming and wire-pulling Antiochus Epiphanes, who had no right to the throne, succeeded to it, dishonorably (verse 21). This is the man who above all others so far in history has most perfectly pre-figured the Antichrist. He was unutterably and diabolically wicked and mean. He conquered Egypt (verse 25) and he and its king, Ptolemy, sat down at a table together and made terms with each other, but there was not a thread of honesty in the heart of either one (verse 27). On his return home he assailed Jerusalem, killing 40,000 of the inhabitants and selling as many more as slaves. He plundered the temple, carrying off treasure worth 1800 talents. Later on he took possession of the altar and offered a sow in sacrifice upon it, this act being as a shadow which the coming "abomination of desolation," spoken of by both Jesus and Daniel, "cast on before" (verse 31).

Out of the awful persecutions of the Jews under Antiochus, sprang up a glorious array of patriots zealous for the law of God and for the land of Palestine, introducing, under the Maccabees, the most illustrious period in the history of Israel (verse 32).

The Maccabees and the infamous Antiochus Epiphanes lived in the four hundred silent years in which there was not heard the voice of a prophet. God spoke by Malachi describing the sins of the people, foretelling the coming and message of John Baptist and warning them of the coming of the Lord; but when he had so spoken He ceased.

The First Advent of Jesus Was Marked by the Most Inhuman Barbarities to the Jews. The contending armies of Egypt and Syria romped back and forth across the land of Palestine, utterly careless of the rights or convenience of the Jews, murdering, robbing and enslaving them. This continued for many years and until Palestine was conquered and made a vassal state by Rome.

But God Had Not Forgotten His People. Elijah saw so much corruption about him that he thought he alone was standing true to God, but God assured him there were yet 7,000 men who had not bowed the knee to Baal. In the dreadful time of which we are writing God was not

left without a witness. In some way, men hung on to the faith of their fathers, and the Book of the Law was preserved from destruction. Simeon was such a man. He was in communion with God, and it had been revealed to him by the Holy Ghost (Luke 2:26) that in his flesh he should see Christ. Anna also, the aged preacher, came up in this time. Then there were Mary and Joseph, Zacharias and Elizabeth, and many others I doubt not. The Holy Ghost mentions some of either sex. No matter how dark a time a man or a nation may be passing through, God is there, and an upward look will reveal Him. Thank the Lord!

Likewise the Period Before the Second Coming of Jesus Will be One of Awful Violence. Jesus has said concerning the time just before He comes in the midst of the clouds of heaven with power and great glory that "then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21). But if Simeon, and Anna, and Joseph, and Mary, and Zacharias, and Elizabeth, without the special and blessed ministration and assistance of the Holy Ghost given to us, went through, witnessing a good profession, and all were ready, each for his or her part in connection with the first coming of Jesus, you and I can go through and be ready for the part we shall be called upon to play in connection with His Second Coming. But let no one deceive you into thinking it is easy. It is no light thing to "endure unto the end," to be "faithful unto death." It demands that we do with our might what our hands find to do, that we grieve not the Spirit and that we love our God with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength. Still let no man discourage you, for He is able, and "when He putteth forth His sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him" (John 10:4). Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

God Has Not Forgotten His People. Multitudes are in churches where Modernists and Higher Critics strive with all their might to destroy the faith of the flock and to take away the belief in the Book. They fill the ears of their hearers with lies about the findings of science falsely so-called, seeking to take away faith in His Word. But "fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). And "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39). Amen.—C. E. R.

THOUSANDS BAPTIZED IN RUSSIA

The Lord God wonderfully manifested Himself in our assembly, saving souls and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. Glory to His name. In Ukraine during the last four years, thousands of souls have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. We have now more than two hundred assemblies. Don't forget us in your prayers, and pray for our workers.—J. E. Varonaeff, Odessa, Russia.

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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Some are giving their lives; can we give twenty-five cents a week?

Twenty-five cents a week is not very much for any of us to give but we would no doubt be surprised to see what could be accomplished if each one were willing to make the sacrifice. The Spirit brought this to my mind, as I read the article, "Going Up!" which appeared in the Evangel of January 23rd, telling of the wonderful increase in the number of subscriptions, bringing the list up to over 30,000.

The thought came to me that if each one would give twenty-five cents a week for Foreign Missions, this would amount to \$7,625.00 a week, which at the end of the year would mean a total of \$396,500.00.

A glance over the reports for several months back revealed the fact that at present the offerings average but little more than half this amount, and it is also true that many are giving more than twenty-five cents a week. If the others would make the sacrifice we would find ourselves passing the half-million mark before the end of the year.

I recently saw a statement in a Christian paper to the effect that "One thousand million people have no knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. The total Foreign Missionary force throughout the world is but 29,188, while in the United States there is one Protestant Minister to every 625 people." (From King's Business).

Let us all by the grace of God do more than we have in the past, and REMEMBER—if you cannot give, you CAN PRAY—W. M. F.

FORTY MILES FOR PRAYER

We trust in another month to see our way clear to take on some native helpers. At the present moment we are doing all our work in English, and we are able to reach the natives, for thousands of them know English. I started to learn Singalese, but I found the work so pressing and so many calls coming all the time that I had no time to study, and so gave it up. I have more work than I can possibly cope with and need men very badly to help me. There are meetings every day, regular preaching services, three meetings on Saturday and two on Sunday. We have a nice Sunday School beginning, and work is opening up all over the city and suburbs. A gentleman brought his wife forty miles the other day to be prayed for. She was deaf in one ear. The Lord opened it at once in answer to prayer and she was able to hear the ticking of my wrist watch.—Walter H. Clifford, Colombo, Ceylon.

CANTON WORK FLOURISHING

The work in South China is making progress. The preacher from Canton was up and telling me today that they are having to enlarge the church so as to accommodate the people. They are having special meetings for the women this month and are expecting great blessings. The workers there have a habit of going very often to the grave yard just outside the city for a season of prayer, and it is to this that we credit a revival spirit that is continually going on there. I was told today by the pastor that within one year he believes the church in Canton will be self-supporting.—George M. Kelley.



Off to Belgian Congo

Sister Anna Maier from Cleveland, Ohio, has also sailed on the "Berengaria" March 6, en route for the Congo Belge. She goes by way of England and later expects to continue her journey until she reaches the land of her adoption. Sister Maier is well qualified for the work in the Congo Belge. She is a graduate of Bethel Bible School.

She is highly endorsed by her church and goes forth with the blessing of the Lord invoked by all her associates upon her. May the Lord give her a rich harvest of souls in this new field of labor. The possibilities in the Congo Belge are great, opportunities are innumerable and many doors are wide open for missionary work.

MISSIONARIES TO EGYPT

We are happy to inform our readers that five more missionaries are sailing out to the foreign field. Brother and Sister Scott with their family of two children sail by way of England to Port Said, Egypt. They have been appointed to take over the general superintendency of our work in Egypt. Brother Scott was once out as a missionary in Egypt, and since his return home has been engaged in a pastorate and for some years has been Chairman of the District Council of Iowa and Northern Missouri. He is a proved and tried worker in every respect. God has blessed him in his work.

We solicit the prayers of all in his behalf, that he may be mightily used of God in the up-building of our missionary work in Egypt. There are great possibilities before us in this ancient land. Recent reports are coming in that revivals are bursting out in various places. Souls are being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. There is a real hunger and burden in the hearts of both missionaries and native workers for a mighty revival. Pray therefore that God may continue to burst forth in repeated revival waves that may sweep large numbers into the kingdom.

PENTECOST IN TRAVANCORE

A couple of other missionaries and myself, with two native workers, went out to a little town about four miles north of Rannee, where the Pentecostal fire fell last year, and our workers have had a great revival. It was a difficult road to travel but the Lord enabled us and we had a precious meeting with the dear Spirit-baptized company of nearly one hundred. The meetings were held on the veranda of the house where we stopped, to which they had added a shed attached to the front, where the people who could not find room on the veranda were wedged in on the ground. On the last day of the meeting the pastor and several of the brethren asked to have a talk with us. So we met together for a little conference.

They told us of their need of a better meeting place and especially a school house where their children could go to school unmolested, as they were getting bitter persecution in a mission school on account of their parents having come into the Pentecostal experience. They told us what they were doing and they told us that the man in whose house we stopped was giving the land, and they asked us to go and see it. They took us to a beautiful piece of land on a hill on the further side of his compound. There we all knelt down and prayed and asked God to send the money necessary to put up the building. There is a small sum in hand to begin with, and we trust that they may be able to put up the building soon.—Mrs. Mary Chapman, Travancore, India.

Have you a comfort box? Keep one of these boxes on your dining table and regale yourself with a promise or two at each meal. The price is 35c each, or 3 for \$1.00—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

A REMARKABLE DELIVERANCE

This story is told that God may be glorified thereby.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1926 we were returning from Hsong Da Hsien, a Chinese town about 40 miles to the west of our home at Gashatay. We were unable to finish our return journey that day, and put up at a farm house that night. Our party consisted of a Chinese evangelist, a Mongol cart driver and myself. The next morning we resumed our journey early, hoping to reach home early in the day. We were on a missionary journey which occupied about a week, with January weather, and so were weary and tired. The second day's journey led us into a wild rugged country abounding with rocky hills and valleys. When we had gone about seven miles, our road turned into a valley with rugged hills to north and to south. I was riding a bicycle at a considerable distance ahead of the cart which carried the two native workers and our supplies. I had passed a small Chinese village and the cart was just abreast of it, when I was hailed by a rough voice from the north hills, and looking around I saw a wild-looking Chinaman with a rifle. I was not slow in taking in the situation; he was a robber and we were trapped by bandits.

I stopped and waited for my captor to come up to me, when I spoke to him in a friendly manner and wished him a good day. He replied in a gruff voice, ordering me back to the village. I turned around to obey when he ordered me to give him my mitts. These I gave. Then he demanded my muffler, and when I had given it he asked if I had brought any silver dollars with me. I replied that I had brought three but that they were in the cart. In the meantime the cart had been stopped by other armed robbers of the gang, and turned into the village. My captor then put a cartridge into the breach of his rifle and ordered me to accompany him into the village.

Of course I could do nothing but obey. On the way he put his hand into my coat pocket, but to his disappointment he brought forth nothing but Scripture portions. He escorted me (and I never had such an escort before) to the far end of the village and ushered me into a house where several of the gang were assembled. The chief, a big, burly, good-natured looking chap, was lying full length on the kang, smoking opium. He looked me through and through, then good-naturedly invited me up to sit on the kang, saying, "Wait awhile and we will all go together." By this remark I thought he intended to take me prisoner and hold me for a ransom; but I was mistaken.

While seated on the kang, I prayed aloud in Chinese and the power of God's Holy Spirit came over me. I shook under the power and prayed in tongues. My captors were visibly affected. Ye who have no use for "manifestations" consider this case. The chief (or the one that I was taking for the chief, not being quite sure of his identity) ordered me to stop, but though willing to do so I could not wholly obey. Presently one of them said to me, "You can go now." I thanked him and went to the door. There a guard



MISSIONARIES TO THE SUDAN

Brother and Sister A. E. Wilson, recent graduates of Central Bible Institute sailed on Saturday March 6, on the "S. S. Berengaria" en route for the French Sudan. For some time these young people have felt the call of God on their hearts to the Mossi tribe in the Sudan region. They sail to France and from there proceed later by steamer to Grand Basan on the Western Coast of Africa. Thence they continue their journey overland into the interior of the French Sudan. For the

present they will be located at Ouagadougou, where Brother Shirer and Brother Smith are located. Sister Margaret Peoples will join them in France and proceed with them to the Sudan. The work in the Sudan is progressing and new stations are being opened up as fast as new recruits come to the field. We solicit your earnest prayers for these consecrated young workers that God may mightily bless them in their new chosen field of labor.

took me in charge and escorted me to the other end of the village where were my two companions and other bandits. He took me to our cart and told me to examine it and see if anything was missing, saying, "You are not to lose anything. We take nothing from you." And sure enough, nothing was missing. I thanked him. Then he asked if anything had been taken from my person. I told him what had been taken as above. Then he said "You will get them back. Who took them?" I told him it was the man who captured me but that I did not know who he was. He said, "I'll find out." In about fifteen minutes he returned with my mitts and muffler and said we could all go. So should we not praise God for this great deliverance.—Thos. Hindle.

NEED OF TRAINING SCHOOL

Recently the South China District Council was held and many blessings were received by the people. There was a real spirit of unity and love manifested. A step in advance was made in the line of closer cooperation among all concerned. One of the great problems before the South China work is the question of schools. The outstanding pressing need seems to be, to have trained Chinese workers, educated under our supervision. The District Council voted to take the necessary steps to prepare and present plans to the home office for the establishment of a Bible Training school for men and women. The realization of this plan will meet a long felt need in our missionary work.

GREAT BLESSING AT WICHITA FALLS

Pastor S. D. Doyle of Wichita Falls, Tex., sends word of a meeting at 5th & Brand St., which lasted 16 days. "There were 60 professed salvation, and some were filled with the Holy Ghost. The last night people were turned away for lack of room. Seventeen new names were added to the roster, and more are expected. Brothers F. D. Thompson and Roy Steger, pastors of the north and south side missions, came right into the meeting and all worked together for God. Brother A. Ott and wife of Houston, Tex., were in charge of the meetings. The Sunday School increased from 70 to 120. Brother Ott organized a Reaper's Union with 104 members. Any assembly that wants a young people's revival will do well to call Brother Ott. Any Council folks are welcome to come and be with us here."

WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA

Brother Neils C. Sorenson writes from Bolivar, Argentine, "We are having good meetings. No week passes without someone being saved. Praise the Lord!"

WITH THE LORD

Word has reached our office of the home-going of Brother Thomas S. Johnson of Scranton, Pennsylvania, formerly pastor of the Assembly of God in that city. We wish to extend our sympathy to his wife and family in this hour of bereavement, assuring them of our prayers, and knowing that the Lord will be their comfort at this time.

IN THE WHITENED HARVEST FIELDS

REVIVED AT RED OAK, OKLA.

Brother C. J. Brown writes from Red Oak, Okla.: "Brother Thomas Gray who has moved here from Heavener, Okla., held a two-week meeting in which the Lord blessed. Three received the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The saints seem to be wonderfully built up."

FOUR RECEIVE BAPTISM

Pastor J. G. Garland writes from McCurtain, Okla.: "Glad that we can report victory through the blood of Jesus Christ. Just closed a two-week meeting. The dear Lord wonderfully blessed Sister Nora Jurney of Morrillton, Ark., in giving out the Word. Saints were greatly lifted up; a drunkard of ten years prayed through; and 4 received the Baptism."

MEETING AT HASTY, ARK.

Brother J. M. Goodson and wife report: "We have just held a ten-night meeting. The dear Lord renewed 3 backsliders, filled another with the Holy Spirit, some others are seeking and one little boy and two babies were prayed for and healed. We have been asked to come to other places with the Gospel. Please pray for us and the people of God and His work in this country."

HEALTHY NEW WORK

Brother Floyd C. Woodworth writes from Loveland, Colo.: "We want to praise the Lord for what He has been doing for us here. We just closed a three-week meeting. The power of the Lord was very strong, the saints were mightily revived; sinners were gloriously saved; and new people were added to our number. This work was started by Brother F. G. Cook less than a year ago, but regardless of the terrible opposition which has come from the churches here, a goodly number of people have taken their stand for the four-fold Gospel. About 25 are seeking the Baptism so we earnestly covet the prayers of the saints far and wide for this needy place."

DAYS OF GRACE IN GILMOUR

Mrs. Hazel Smith, writes of the work in Gilmour, Ind.: "In the foremost part of January, our pastor, Brother George Payne held a meeting in which the blessing of the Lord was made manifest. Some who had ceased to follow the Saviour, came back to the Father's house and were surely welcomed home. Others experienced the new birth and one was baptized with the Holy Ghost. Recently while our pastor has been engaged in a meeting in another state the people have been coming out night after night, and the Lord has touched hearts. A number of the young people have testified to the saving of their souls while some of the fathers and mothers, too, have yielded to the tender wooing of the Shepherd of their souls. Pray for us."

LEAVES BAYARD

Brother Irl Walker, after having a very successful ministry in Bayard, Nebr., has left that city. It is estimated that there were over 500 in attendance at a farewell service, and many were turned away. The saints of Bayard send us two clippings from the local newspapers showing how highly esteemed Brother Walker is in that community. Brother Milton Smith has accepted the pastorate of Bayard. Brother Walker delights to do pioneer work and is now opening up at North Platt, Nebr.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA., REVIVAL

Brother T. S. Miles reports: "We have just closed a meeting which lasted more than four weeks, in which about 50 souls were saved and reclaimed and 13 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We had as helpers Evang. Floyd L. Hawkins and Leland Robison, who labored faithfully for the Master. At times during the meeting the power of God would fall in such a wonderful way that the evangelist would not preach but just make an altar call and people would come and weep their way through to God. We do praise God for this revival and covet the prayers of the Evangel family that these young converts may go on with God."

BLESSING AT CHAFFEE, MO.

Pastor B. Hillman of Chaffee, Mo., writes that they observed sacrament and foot-washing at a Thursday night meeting and the anointing was upon the service. "Messages in tongues, interpretations, shoutings, dancings in the Spirit, groaning and cryings. Hallelujah! There are fine crowds at the regular services and the Sunday School is good. We as a church invite the Evangel readers to the District Council meeting to be held here April 6-11. Plenty of beds provided for all. Meals on free-will-offering plan. Have secured one of the largest buildings in Chaffee for the sessions. A fine place to come and spend a few days with us in the battle for the right."

A WORD FROM BROTHER GRIFFIN

Pastor Thomas Griffin writes of the triumphant home-going of his wife. He says, "Truly she was a heroine and warrior. Oh how I do miss her. The Lord is sustaining me in a wonderful way. I am very lonely but I know that she is safe in the arms of Jesus. Her home-going was wonderful. It was unexpected but so sweet and peaceful, and there was a smile on her face for over four hours. Please continue to pray for me. I am open to join some elderly couple who could use me to help them in gospel work. I have quite a gospel equipment, have a tent that will hold 200 and have a Ford roadster well fitted up. Any desiring my services should write me at P. O. Box 104, Dayton, Ore."

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

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

Little, David Z., Portales, New Mexico.
Peters, Amos S., Cedar Grove, Louisiana.
Symonds, Fred G., Pine Castle, Florida.

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

Campbell, J. Preston, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
Griffin, Mrs. Emily (Deceased) Dayton, Oregon.
Johnson, Thomas S. (Deceased) Scranton, Pa.
Stokely, Philip M. (Withdrawn) Miami, Florida.

A SHOUT IN THE CAMP

Pastor A. L. Casey writes from Shawnee, Okla.: "We have just closed a blessed revival here in Shawnee. We secured Evangelist H. B. Laws of Greenwood, Ark., for the meeting. God's power and presence was upon the services from the beginning until the close of the meeting. The Lord very graciously anointed Brother Laws who gave forth the old-time Pentecostal message in the power of the Spirit. A goodly number were saved and reclaimed and a few received the Baptism in the Spirit. The assembly was edified and strengthened as a result of the meeting. One blessed feature of the meeting was the Jericho victory marches which God moved upon us to have. The saints went marching around the walls of opposition and unbelief while the shouts went up and the glory came down. We believe in worshipping God in the Spirit. Brother Laws is considering giving a part of his time to evangelistic work and we can heartily recommend him to any assembly or pastor wanting an old-time revival. His home address is Greenwood, Ark."

PIONEERING AT DUNCAN, OKLA.

Brother and Sister W. R. Farris write: "We came here a few months ago and opened a mission. We had to pay rent on the old mission awhile, but the Lord soon gave us a good place free of rent and the old mission is turned into a dwelling. We had Sister Musick with us for a while and God wonderfully blessed in saving 15 or 20 and baptizing about 10 or 12 as in Acts 2:4. One dear old Baptist brother was saved and wonderfully healed of an affliction of many years standing. Another case was that of a young lady whom the doctors had given up and said there was no hope for her at all. She was dying when the saints came to pray for her, but the dear Lord healed her and there are many other signs and wonders that we could tell about. Our Sunday School is growing. We started with about 30 and now have nearly 70 enrolled and have about 20 on the roster list and we are planning to have the greatest campmeeting here, beginning about the first of August, that has ever been in this part of Oklahoma. Our mission is on corner of Fifth and Maple Streets. We would be glad to have any of the brethren who are in fellowship with the Council to stop over with us when passing this way."

**THE ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN IN
EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN
AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

One of the most successful evangelistic campaigns ever conducted at the Full Gospel Assembly, Washington, D. C., has just closed under the ministry of Brother D. H. McDowell, the Assistant Chairman.

Crowds which taxed the church to the limit, with many standing, and others turned away, was the order generally. Sunday services were also held at 11:00 o'clock in the Central Theatre. A large number of people from the churches of the city came, and are now interested in the Pentecostal message. A group of Methodists from a nearby town in Maryland came under the Latter Rain. Another group from the Church of the Brethren were swept into the mighty Baptism. An officer of the Methodist church fell under the heavenly anointing, speaking in other tongues, and was followed by others of his family. People from all walks of life came, including representatives from congress. The original meetings were to run from Jan. 21 to Feb. 7, but as the interest became so strong, they were extended to Feb. 21, and although we had some unfavorable weather, the Lord met us in a glorious way. A large number of the old-fashioned conversions occurred, and from 30 to 35 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

The presence of the Lord was markedly manifest in the healing services. One sister was healed of diseased gall bladder of six years' treatment by doctors, who told her the only thing was an operation. She was completely healed and baptized in the Spirit at the same time. Another lady, a stranger, was healed of results of a broken arm of long standing. She gave us an X-ray picture of the bone showing a splinter sticking out, which gave continual pain and partial loss of use of arm, and which the physicians said would require an operation. She was instantly healed as hands were laid upon her.

The last day of the campaign was a marvelous time, with six filled with the Spirit and several saved, and a time of rejoicing for all God had wrought. A fine spirit of unity prevailed with friends from Bible Hall, Washington, the Upper Room Assembly, Alexandria, Va., and Gospel Assembly, Cedarville, Md., cooperating with us. At the close of the meetings in the Full Gospel Assembly, we stopped for a week and visited these places with Brother McDowell, where the revival spirit continued to the very end. We believe Brother McDowell has a message for the Pentecostal churches everywhere, and we shall pray that the anointing of the Lord shall rest mightily upon him for the preaching of the Word of God.

—H. L. Collier,

Pastor, Full Gospel Assembly

CHANGING HEADQUARTERS

I wish to announce to the brethren of this District (Southwest Virginia, Western West Virginia, and Eastern Kentucky District), that I am moving to North Tazewell, Va., and all communication should be addressed there. We have felt for some time that the Lord was leading us to new fields, but could not leave here until some one was secured to take our

place. We have spent 4 years here in Frankfort, Ky., and the Lord has blessed us and others, yet we have not been able to give all our time here as it demanded. In the midst of financial strain in the country we were able to build a little church that will seat 300 and the Lord gave about 60 or 70 the Baptism. Our hopes and plans for this place had been entirely renewed, but when the opportunity presented itself for a change, and another pastor was provided for this place, we thought it best to move on. Please pray for us as we take over our new pastorate at North Tazewell. There are only eleven members, yet they have a nice, little chapel. Our heart's desire is to build a work for Jesus.—A. F. Miller, chairman.

GOOD DAYS AT GOLCONDA, ILL.

Brother Samuel Skyles reports: "A revival campaign has been held in Golconda by Pastor Walter J. Higgins. The meeting was a splendid success. There were 12 conversions, of which most all were men, men who had been so hard to touch with the gospel, but the Holy Spirit gripped their hearts and they came to the altar and wept like children until God saved them. The saints were greatly built up and the church is in much better condition. We are planning on building a tabernacle, and as this work is in a new field, we covet the earnest prayers of God's children."

NEW WORK AT CHESTER, PA

Brother Edgar G. Overstreet reports: "We have just closed a ten-day campaign here. The Lord gave us a very blessed time. Brother and Sister Tan Ditter were with us the first four days. Their ministry both in song and in the Word was edifying and refreshing. Brother Williams of the Highway Mission, Philadelphia, gave us one evening. The Lord met us in every service. Hungry souls residing in this vicinity are cordially invited to come out and worship with us. This is a good field and the Lord has most graciously led many into the light of the Latter Rain and has poured out His Spirit on several. Pray for us, at the Open Door Mission, 421 Edgmont Ave."

**GREAT DEMAND FOR BOOK ON
PROPHECY**

We have received so many orders for the imported book, "The Midnight Hour and After," by R. T. Naish that we have had to order another 500 copies. We have 300 orders waiting to be filled, and we ask our friends to be patient if they have to wait a week or two for their copy. All orders are being filled in rotation. Evangelists are recommending this book and that is why there is such a great demand. The price is 85c postpaid.

BOOK WANTED

We have been requested to reprint Daniel Awrey's well-known sermon, "Telling the Lord's Secrets." We do not possess a copy of this sermon and would be grateful if any of our readers who do possess a copy would loan us the same. Please address this to the Editor, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

HELPFUL UNION MEETING

Brother and Sister Jesse E. Palmer write from Burlingame, Kans.: "The George L. Rose Evangelistic Party conducted a union revival meeting in Burlingame from Jan. 17 to Feb. 14, 1926. The services were well attended and many people took their stand for the Lord. Several indicated the assembly as their preference of churches in this meeting and while we did not get a great many new members, yet we feel that the work that Brother Rose did in this town will not soon be forgotten. Though he is not a Pentecostal minister, he preaches the message straight from the shoulder and we believe that the Lord used him to awaken the people from the lethargy into which they have fallen. The Lord has been blessing in our services ever since the meeting. More people are turning out to hear the gospel preached. A young People's Meeting has been organized and is being well attended. Recently our church membership has been doubled and we are expecting to baptize several more soon."

THE GOSPEL'S LAST HOUR

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of railways and telegraphs and a thousand other agencies, could not have done. The Bible which you have brought is an inestimable boon, and the sweet and sacred name of your beloved Master, which has already revolutionized the world, is unto us a benefaction, the true nature of which we cannot yet adequately conceive. Our country cannot do without Christ. He has become to us a necessity, a greater necessity than food and raiment. India is the fair bride"—these words, though an Oriental exaggeration, are remarkable, coming from the unsaved—"whom her father has been adorning from ages immemorial for the acceptance of the great Bridegroom; and His beloved Son, in the fullness of time, has come to take His bride."

COMING STORMS

So the pull of God's hand is on the heart of the nations; but the hour will not last. In the words of Max Muller:—"We are on the eve of a storm which will shake the oldest convictions of the world;" or, as Principal Forsyth has expressed it,—"The Gospel is fighting for its life **INSIDE** the Churches, as well as **outside**." "The opposition to Christianity," says Sir W. Robertson Nicol, "will become more manifest, more fierce, and more deadly than it has ever been." "Over a vast area, once Christian—the 160,000,000 of the Soviet Republics—a recent decree on libraries demands the enforcement of the law, that "the section on religion must contain solely anti-religious literature;" and "in the section of natural science libraries must be purged of books that speak of the wisdom of the Creator, or the immorality of Darwinism." We stand on the brink of a day in which the struggle will be more desperate and terrible than any that has gone before; because it involves no less than the destiny of the world, and the supremacy of God.

THE WAITING NATIONS

(Meanwhile there are the waiting nations and the hour that will not last. Two African chiefs came to Chalmers and said,

"We want Christian teachers: will you send them?" Chalmers had no one to send, and he said, "I have no one: I cannot send anyone." Two years passed away and those two chiefs came to him again. Chalmers himself happened to be at liberty, and he travelled over the intervening country and arrived on a Sunday morning. To his surprise he saw the whole nation on their knees in perfect silence. Chalmers said to one of the chiefs, "What are you doing?" "Why," he said, "we are praying." "But," Chalmers said, "you are not saying anything." "White man," the chief answered, "we do not know what to say. For two years every Sunday morning we have met here; and for four hours we have been on our knees, and have been praying like that, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO SAY." But the tug at the heart of the nations may soon pass. When birds are migrating in flocks to other lands, and the instinct is strong upon them—if you catch one and imprison it in a cage, it will beat its breast against the bars, and fall panting back: but let the migratory season pass, and you may open the cage, but it will not fly; and you may even take it and throw it up into the air, but it falls back limply to the ground. The tug on the little heart is gone. For a soul, for a nation, even for a world, there comes a time when the tug of the Holy Ghost at the heart may pass for ever, if they know not the hour of their visitation.)

THE LAST CRISIS

Therefore the hour is momentous for us all. "The crisis of the battle," said Napoleon, "is the moment in which to throw in all your reserves." THE SUPREME URGENCY OF THE CRISIS IS FOR A FINAL PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST. An English sportsman was in the Soudan. He was a Christian; and he was lying in a midday siesta on the burning sand, when he felt a touch, and he looked around and saw an old sheik of the desert. They got into conversation. (The Mohammedan has his tradition that the prophet Jesus, whom they put under Mohammed, is to return after the coming of the Mahdi.) The old man said to the Englishman:—"Do you know the prophet Jesus?" The Englishman answered—"Yes." "Well," said the old man, "is He coming soon?" The sportsman answered—"I do not know." The old man pressed him further, and said—"Is He coming in a few months, or is He coming next year?" The sportsman said—"God only knows, I do not; but I know that He IS coming again." "Well," said the old man, "I will tell you why I ask you. I want you to tell me what He is like, that if He should pass me in the desert I may recognize His face, and be able to welcome Him."

Solemn hour; thus on the margin

Of that wondrous Day
When the former things have vanish'd,
Old things pass'd away;
Nothing but Himself before us,
Every shadow pass'd:
Sound we loud the word of witness,
For it is the last.

One last word of solemn warning

To the world below;
One loud shout, that all may hear us
Hail him, ere we go:
Once more let that name be sounded
With a trumpet tone,—
Here, amid the deep'ning shadows,
Then—before the Throne.

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Address all communications and requests for information to Mr. Henry Fenstra, 2727 Walnut Ave., Everett, Wash., or Pastor E. O. Robeck, 2108 Oakes Ave., Everett, Wash.

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