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Touched With the Feeling of Our Infirmities



We have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4:15.

Touched with the feeling of our infirmities! We doubt it. We disbelieve it, and by our not believing the fact of this statement our loss is great. And consequently He who has been touched through our unbelief is prevented from touching us.

When Elijah sat down under a juniper tree and requested for himself that he might die; he said, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." As he lay and slept, an angel touched him and said unto him, "Arise and eat." He found a cake baked on the coals and a cruse of water at his head. He ate and drank, and the angel of the Lord came again the second time and touched him, saying, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." No condemnation, only consolation! And his physical need was supplied with bread and water.

Christ Himself was weary. He sat down by the well and asked for a drink of water. He is the same to-day, having a compassionate nature, and is still touched with the feeling of our infirmities. How can He who has a glorified body feel, be affected, be touched with our infirmities? He can be touched because He was perfect man and perfect God. He is the new Adam, combining the human nature of His mother with the divine nature of His Father. This is a combination, a union which is impossible for man to comprehend. And by trying to comprehend and define it, division, error, schism has come into the world. Don't try to define that which God has not defined. Man should not try to define the undefinable, the union of man and God, and God and man.

How can He feel the infirmities, the weaknesses? He can feel them because He Himself

deigned to be limited by occupying a human frame. He was always touched by and sensitive to human frailty, weakness, and suffering. One in a crowd believed it. She said within herself, "If I may but touch His garment I shall be whole." She craved help, sympathy, succor. She had failed in getting it from earthly physicians. She was sure of healing before she touched Him. "If I can touch the hem of his garment I shall be healed." Ah, there is faith. You touch the Word, and He who uttered the words to the woman, "Thy faith hath made thee whole," will send virtue, comfort, succor, consolation to you.

"Oh!" you say, "He is in Heaven, He is glorified, He is afar off." He is far off and yet He is not. He is **nigh** unto all them that call on Him. How can it be? Is the sun at your back door? No. It is millions of miles away. And yet you delight to sit on the back doorstep to get the sun. You bask in its rays and yet you are millions of miles from it.

Stephen was suffering. They gnashed on him with their teeth. He was bruised by the stones. But he was not unconscious, and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." He was a long way off at the right hand of the Father. And yet He was so near that Stephen could see Him. Explain it? There is no need to. Stephen realized it. The stones that were hurled at Stephen and made him go down, correspondingly caused Christ to rise up. A marvelous correspondence! Heaven agitated, expectant, moved at the sight of one of His children suffering. The seat of glory could not hold Him. He must move and go forward to meet His suffering one. The falling stones may have caused a blinding of Stephen's eyes but they brought about an opening of the spiritual eyes that were hitherto holden. And the promise of

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The Church of the Catacombs

By Lilian B. Yeomans, M.D.

Some men were digging in a vineyard, near Rome, nearly three hundred and fifty years ago, when, striking their spades against something hard they found themselves, to their great surprise, in a city under Rome, a city of the dead, the now famous catacombs. The word "catacombs" has no special meaning, being merely the name of the locality where these subterranean excavations were unearthed.

If placed in line the catacombs would extend at least four hundred miles—they have never been fully explored and some estimates make their length as much as eight or even nine hundred miles if stretched out in line. As a matter of fact, they are often arranged in a series of galleries, one above the other,—as many as seven in some places,—and it is believed that as many as six or seven million persons are interred there. It has been ascertained that they were burial places for Christians, not meeting places primarily, though meetings were held there during times of persecution, and religious services conducted there, including the Lord's Supper and baptism. In the catacomb of San Pontianus there is a basin, down to which a flight of ten steps leads, which is of sufficient depth for the immersion of a human being, water for which was supplied from a spring flowing into the baptistry.

The catacombs were not originally intended as hiding places either, though Christians were sometimes driven to take refuge in them, and even reside there when the fires of persecution waxed hot, thus fulfilling the Scripture, "Of whom the world was not worthy: they wandered . . . in dens and caves of the earth." Heb. 11:38. Nor were they mixed burial places; indeed the Romans cremated their dead and placed their ashes in sepulchral urns, but they were Christian cemeteries, for only the remains of professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ are to be found there. Christians of all ranks of life from slaves, like Onesimus, to members of the noblest patrician families of Rome, all brothers and sisters in the household of God, who consigned their differences in rank to eternal oblivion, and peacefully lay down, side by side, in sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection at the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The first interment in the catacombs was made in the year of our Lord 72, or about twenty-eight years before the death of the last of the apostles, John, the beloved, and the last person was buried there in 410 A. D. After the thirteenth century the very existence of these underground chambers and corridors seems to have been forgotten until their re-discovery in 1578. This is small wonder when we remember how the Imperial City was sacked by barbarians.

Among the names found in inscriptions in the catacombs are the following of whom we read in the epistles of Paul, and it is not impossible, that in some instances at least, they refer to the person mentioned by the apostle:

Aquila. 2 Tim. 4:19. Philemon. Phil. 1:1. Epenetus. Rom. 16:5. Onesimus. Phil. 1:10. Asyncritus. Rom. 16:14. Phoebe. Rom. 16:1. Prisca. 2 Tim. 4:19. Crescens. 2 Tim. 4:10. Olympas. Rom. 16:15. Julia. Rom. 16:15. Tryphena. Rom. 16:12. Lucius. Rom. 16:21. Tryphosa. Rom. 16:12. Urbane. Rom. 16:9. Timotheus. Rom. 16:12. Hermogenes. 2 Tim. 1:15. Tychicus. 2 Tim. 4:12.

It has sometimes been stated that the catacombs were the **secret** burial places of the Christians but those who make these statements are not conversant with Roman law which made special provision for the disposal of the dead in accordance with the religious beliefs of those interested, and further guarded burial places from profanation. It would moreover have been an absolute impossibility for such an expensive and extensive work as the excavation of these hundreds of miles of subterranean chambers and corridors to be carried out without the knowledge of the Imperial police, to say nothing of the difficulty of smuggling millions of corpses into underground tombs.

The catacombs were then the officially recognized cemeteries of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ from the apostolic age to early in the fifth century, before the church was so corrupted with paganism, and Romanism, as she later became, and it would seem as though they had been providentially disused and forgotten, just when they were, so that when, centuries later, they were unearthed, they might speak to us with the voice of primitive Christianity. They being dead yet speak. Let us have a testimony meeting for our brothers and sisters of the church of the catacombs and hearken to what they have to tell us of their Lord and ours.

But just a word first as to how these subterranean chambers and caverns were constructed. The work was done by men known as "fossores" (pictures of them bearing lamps and picks often appear in the catacombs), who devoted their whole lives to the work. The soil of Rome is specially adapted for the purpose and the excavations varied from about thirty-five to forty-nine feet deep. The ceilings are from ten to thirteen feet high. They are ventilated, though poorly, and lighted, but dimly, by means of shafts, known as luminaria, communicating with the upper air. They are decorated, sometimes artistically, at other times very roughly by the hands of many different artists, but of the pictures we will say more later.

There are many religions, but only one

Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has conquered death. As man has become subject to death, through sin, it is necessary for him to have a Saviour who has overcome the last enemy. The problem of the graveyard has to be solved, and no one but the Lord Jesus Christ ever faced a sepulchre containing a festering corpse and cried, "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . . Lazarus, come forth."

A very learned man once said to a little child who believed in the Lord Jesus, "My poor little girl, you don't know whom you believe in. There have been many Christs. In which of them do you believe?"

"I know which One I believe in," replied the child. "I believe in the Christ who rose from the dead."

That was the Christ the saints of the catacombs believed in, and when their resting places, where they had lain sleeping for so many centuries—many of them belonged to the noble army of martyrs—were uncovered and explored, their testimonies in stone seem like a triumphant echo of the 55th verse of the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians—"O grave, where is thy victory?" For their voice is one of bright peace, and glorious triumph, through their risen and glorified Lord. It has been well said, "The catacombs are full of Christ." It was to Him that the early church ever turned. On Him they rested in gladness, or sorrow, plenty or privation, health or sickness, safety or peril, life or death. With His dear Name on their lips they died fearlessly, nay exultantly, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His sake, and on the tablet of marble or plaster which closed up the shelf in which their remains were laid, to await the trump that shall sound when the dead shall arise incorruptible, the Name of Jesus was reverently traced or carved. "The catacombs are full of Christ."

The inscriptions and pictures bear witness to the faith of the early church in the ever blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to the Supreme Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, to salvation through Him alone, and to eternal life in Him. Their prayers are not addressed to the Virgin Mother, saints or angels, but to the three Persons of the Trinity, all of whom are specifically mentioned. Over and over again the mystic fish is painted at the beginning and end of inscriptions, the letters of the Greek word "ichthus" making the initials of "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour." The use of this sign, in letters, and little images of fish made of crystal, mother-of-pearl, ivory, etc., was a common, and probably often a secret, way of confessing faith in the Lord Jesus in the early ages of the church. The tiny token could readily be passed from hand to hand, in the days of persecution, so that believers might recognize and comfort one another.

Let me tell you some things that do not exist in the catacombs—broken columns, weeping willows, inverted torches, mourning women, skulls and crossbones. Instead of these we have beautiful, bright pictures of the Good Shepherd, with a tiny lamb on His shoulder, and the other

lambs and sheep gayly frisking around Him, pictures of Christ raising Lazarus, healing the blind, feeding the multitude, and of the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar. Small wonder they want encouraging pictures when they were liable to be converted into living torches to illuminate Nero's gardens. There was Daniel in the lion's den—that would help when they realized that some of them were bound to face fierce Libyan lions in the amphitheater thus making sport for a Roman holiday. Those early Christians needed a God like Daniel's. The Christians of the catacombs were not modernistic in their views for Jonah is there. Indeed they seem to have particularly rejoiced in him as a type of the resurrection. I saw a copy of pictures from the catacombs giving the entire history of Jonah. When he is in the boat, running away from the Lord, an angel is seen in the sky blowing up a tremendous storm through a sort of monster shell.

As Jonah was thrown into the ocean, the whale, with a head and tail like a horse, is right there waiting for him with an expression of truly ravenous hunger on his face. He has evidently just heard the dinner bell. When he is ejecting Jonah you can see that his dinner has violently disagreed with him.

The anchor, the ark, the dove, and the victor's palm occur very frequently in the catacombs. The epitaphs are short, and very simple, always breathing faith, perfect resignation to the will of God, and undying and glorious hope. Here are a few of them:

"Agapa, thou shalt live forever." Constantia, ever faithful, went to God." "Filumena, thy spirit is in peace." "Victoriana is in Christ and in peace." "The sleeping place of Elpis." "Fructuosus, thy soul is with the just." "Sweet Sophronia, thou shalt live forever in the Lord."

Never a word of repining or sorrow is found in these tombs, only rejoicing in sure and certain hope of life eternal through Christ Jesus.

Compare them with some pagan epitaphs of the same period:

"I was. Farewell." "Farewell, farewell, sweetest one, forever farewell." "Once I was not, now I am not. I know nothing about it. It does not concern me." "Live for the present hour, drink and play, for you are sure of nothing; only what you eat and drink is really yours. Fortune makes many promises and keeps none of them." "Traveler, curse me not as you pass for I am in darkness and cannot answer."

One tomb of a heathen maiden, twenty years of age, bears the following inscription: "I, Procope, lift up my hands against the gods who took me hence."

Over the funeral urn of a child is found these bitter words: "Neither talent, nor amiability, nor loving, winning ways have been of any avail to prolong this child's days; in spite of all this he has become the prey of the cruel Pluto." On another we read, "Our hope was in our boy; now all is ashes and lamentation."

The catacombs know nothing of these everlasting farewells. One inscription there

reads simply, "TERENTIANUS LIVES!" What a bold defiance of death breathes in the words! It reminds us of those . . . on the white cloth which shrouded the dead body of Pandita Ramabai when she was laid to rest in far off India some years ago, "The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible."

There is no trace of resentment in the inscriptions in the catacombs though so many there met their death at the hands persecutors. Even the persecutors are freely forgiven for Christ's sake.

One thing that attracted a great deal of attention in the catacombs was the presence on some of the tombs of small earthen jars, or in some cases, glass phials, or vessels of some kind, containing a red powder. These were at first supposed to be the remains of the blood of martyrs and were sent round to churches for veneration as relics by the Roman Church. Later, however, it appeared that they had contained, not blood, but some substance presumably used as a deodorizer, possibly a sort of feeble disinfectant.

No superstitious observances of this kind seem to have defiled the worship of the church of the catacombs, so far as my studies have extended; even the image of the Cross does not occur there. The early Christians seem to have shrunk instinctively from representations of the dead Christ, indeed in some of the early churches they were strictly forbidden. An ancient church elder rebuked ladies for embroidering pictures of Christ crucified on silk, bidding them rather see to it that His "living image" was indelibly engraved on **their hearts**.

To realize how wonderful is the sweet spirit of peace and praise that breathes from the catacombs we need to know something of the difficulties that these primitive Christians encountered. For long periods they were under the fire of active persecution, and the cries "To the lions with the Christians!" and "Away with the atheists!" (they were called "atheists" because they refused to worship the gods of the heathen temples), rang through the Imperial City, and Roman colonies, whenever anything happened that roused the animosity of the populace against the followers of the Crucified One. This is small wonder when we remember that the Roman Empire itself developed under the shadow of the worship of false gods. Everything in it bore the stamp of idolatry. There was no public monument that was not placed under the special protection of some heathen god. No feast began without an offering to an idol. No household dared to omit to have a fire burning before the household gods. Such a civilization must needs be hostile to Christian faith, more especially as the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ were, and are, bound by their universal commission to tell the Gospel story to all, and bring wanderers into the fold of Christ.

As soon as Roman society understood what Christianity really was it displayed towards its followers bitterest contempt, most insulting treatment, and persecution even to the death. The hatred and

contempt were there all the time even when the fires of persecution slumbered. By the stand that they took against sin and vice the followers of Jesus necessarily incurred and retained the hatred of whole classes of people whose very existence depended on customs connected with heathen religion and life; as for instance, the makers of shrines like those at Ephesus, who raised the riot to murder Paul (Acts 19:23-41), idol makers, flower sellers, (flowers for the shrines), purveyors of victims for the heathen sacrifices, (see Acts 14:13), architects of temples, sculptors, painters, decorators of temples, oraclemongers, soothsayers, augurs, astrologers, actors, players, singers, dancers, athletes, and the great throng of the degraded and vicious generally. When these people were converted to Christianity what happened? The artisan must forsake his calling if it was in any way associated with temples, with the games, the theater, or anything contrary to the commands of God's Word. Often a soldier must forsake his colors, for the stamp of heathenism was on military service; in entering into battle all sorts of heathen incantations and rites were performed. The civil servant had to resign, for every department of government was under some heathen deity.

The wife and mother, or the son and daughter, who became Christian had perforce to refuse to take part in family worship at the shrine of the household gods, to go to the theater, or attend the games in the arena. Even the slave who had become the Lord's freeman, must refuse to obey his master if commanded to do anything contrary to the teaching of the Lord Jesus. In their very dress, ornaments and language, Christians had to hold themselves aloof, and not infrequently they paid for their fidelity by arrest, imprisonment, exile to the deadly mines and even torture and death under circumstances of awful pain and mortal agony. Consecrated lives crowned by heroic deaths were the most effective arguments of the church of the catacombs. And yet their testimony is one of meek triumph through a crucified Redeemer, and joyous anticipation of eternal blessedness with Him throughout the ages of the ages. And they speak to us across the centuries deathless words of faith and hope, for they are our brothers and sisters, united with us to Christ, our living Head, and we shall spend eternity with them, singing the praises of Him who has redeemed us.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed,

Hallelujah!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their
might;

Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought
fight,

Thou in the darkness drear their one true light,
Hallelujah!

O blest communion fellowship divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;

Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine,
Hallelujah!

Does God Answer Prayer?

Arthur Mercer

In parts of this country on several occasions there have been plagues of grasshoppers—Rocky Mountain locusts. As a result farms were devastated, and ruin was wide-spread. Perhaps the worst visitation of this character was in the years 1873 to 1877. In 1873 a few Minnesota counties were affected. In 1874 it seemed to observers as if there were a thousand times as many of the destroying insects. Everything green in their track was destroyed; trees, fields, gardens, all were bare as in winter. A much larger portion of the State was involved.

In the spring of 1875 the locusts again descended on the fields, and extended their operations to still other sections, until the whole southern Minnesota was groaning under the visitation; indeed they had so increased that they had covered and laid waste thirty-two counties. They had spread into Dakota and northern Iowa was also being affected.

The observer who wrote these facts went on to say:

"By the close of the summer of 1876 the situation was one almost to cause despair. But in the hope that something might result from a wider discussion of the situation, Governor Pillsbury, of Minnesota, invited a conference of the Governors of adjoining and near-by states. Accordingly, in October, 1876, the Governors of Iowa, Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota assembled at Omaha. Some noted entomologists were also present, on invitation, for it was thought that they might advance some plan for the destruction of the grasshoppers. This consultation, however, brought out little that was new. Every remedy that was suggested had already been tried—every remedy but one.

"When the conference was drawing to a close the Governor of Dakota suggested that a Day of Prayer be appointed, for possible relief to the stricken State would come from a Higher Power than had yet been invoked. This thought was received lightly by some, though it found lodgment in the mind of Governor Pillsbury. But, apparently, the council of Governors was profitless."

In the meantime, suffering among the farmers had become so acute that the legislature appropriated money for their relief, and the Governor issued an appeal for aid. That winter 6,000 people were fed and clothed by the State.

The wonderful story of what followed is given in the words of the writer already quoted who wrote after refreshing his memory by conference with the Hon. John S. Pillsbury, Governor of Minnesota at the time. He said:

"This was the condition that prevailed in thirty-two counties of Minnesota, and which was extending into Dakota and Iowa, when the fourth winter of the

plague of locusts came. Every means that could be devised for the destruction of the grasshoppers had been tried, yet they had steadily increased; the actual suffering in the impoverished districts had been pointed out to the world, and relief had been given; yet the conditions that confronted the afflicted State were unchanged. Millions upon millions of grasshoppers had perforated the earth the summer before, and therein planted their billions of eggs, which, with the genial warmth of an April sun, would hatch out little, hopping, devouring things, to swarm over the State and the adjoining States—and why not over the country? As they had spread out from two or three to thirty-two counties, what could stay them from going on and devouring as many States? Why might there not be 6,000,000 people to feed and clothe instead of 6,000?

"Everything else had been tried—would the prayers of the people avail when the work of their hands had gone for nought? This was a question that the Governor was now asked to deliberate upon.

"A petition from many of the Ministers of the State, requesting that a day be appointed for Fasting and Prayer, was handed to him.

"Upon this he decided to act, and a proclamation, of which the following is a copy, was issued:

"State of Minnesota,
"Executive Department,
"St. Paul,
"April 9th, 1877.

"A general desire having been expressed by various religious bodies in this State for an official designation of a Day of

Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, in view of the threatened continuation of the grasshopper scourge, I do hereby, in recognition of our dependence upon the power and wisdom of Almighty God, appoint Thursday, the twenty-sixth day of April instant, to be observed for such purpose throughout the State; and I invite the people, on the day thus set apart, to withdraw from their ordinary pursuits, and in their homes and places of public worship, with contrite hearts, to beseech the mercy of God for the sins of the past, and His blessing upon the worthier aims of the future.

"In the shadow of the locust plague, whose impending renewal threatens desolation of the land, let us humbly invoke, for the efforts we make in our defence, the guidance of that Hand which alone is adequate to stay "the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and the destruction that wasteth at noonday." Let us pray for deliverance from an affliction which robs the earth of her bounties, and in behalf of the sufferers therefrom let us plead for comfort to the sorrowful, healing for the sick, succour for the perishing, and larger faith and love for all who are heavily laden.

"Let us, moreover, endeavor to deserve a new prosperity by a new realization of the opportunity vouchsafed us, and a new consecration to those things which make for the well-being of men and the glory of God.

"J. S. Pillsbury, Governor."

"Of course, this attracted widespread attention, and caused much comment. In the State the Governor's action was in general heartily endorsed, though a few so-called liberal leagues ridiculed his proclamation. One member of such a society wrote to the Governor and asked him carefully to take note of the condition of the grasshoppers the day before the day of prayer, and again the day after, to see the effect of the invocations which would go up from all the churches.

"Among the God-fearing people the proclamation created a profound impression. Though not prepared to hazard an opinion as to the probable effect of their united prayers, they resolved to observe the day in the most devout manner. I well remember hearing our minister read the proclamation from the pulpit, and then in solemn tones exhort the people to assemble in the house of worship on the twenty-sixth day of April, and there lend their voices to the general appeal for relief from an evil against which the power of man was helpless.

"In recalling that day recently, Governor Pillsbury said: 'I never saw a stiller day in Minneapolis.'

"On this day the various denominations forgot their creeds for the moment, and the prayers of all mingled in one fervent appeal for relief from the visible enemy that was destroying their State.

"The twenty-seventh day of April, the day following the day of prayer, the sun shone clear and hot over Minnesota, and an almost summer-like warmth penetrated the moist earth, down to the larvae of the myriads of grasshoppers. Quickened by this genial warmth, the young locusts

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crawled to the surface in numbers that made the countless swarms of the preceding summer seem insignificant; in numbers sufficient to destroy the crops and hopes of half-a-dozen States. For a day or two the mild and balmy weather lasted; then it grew colder, and one night the moist earth was frozen, and with it the unhatched larvae and the young and crawling locusts above ground. And though the earth thawed again in a few days, the locusts, with the exception of a scattering few, had disappeared. 'And,' to quote Governor Pillsbury, 'we have never seen any grasshoppers since.'

HOW I LOST FAITH AND HOW I REGAINED IT

By David James Burrell

I left my home, on the western frontier, in my boyhood to prepare for college at Phillips Academy, in Andover, Massachusetts. Having finished my course, I set out for Harvard, where I remained only three weeks. Then because most of my former classmates had gone to New Haven, I followed them to Yale. There I found myself caught up in conflicting winds of controversy, and yielding little by little, my faith in the old-time religion entirely passed from me.

The fact that a Christian mother had dedicated me to the Christian ministry at my birth dropped out of my memory; so that I planned, with two of my classmates to enter the Law Department of Columbia University.

On graduating from Yale, I returned to my western home, the second time in six years; and was met by my dear mother at the gate who threw her arms about me, kissed me on both cheeks and said, "Now, my boy, my dream is coming true; you are going to be a minister of Christ." It was like a blow in the face. I loved my mother devotedly (she was the best woman in the world), but my plans were made. What could I do? For three days I wrestled with the problem; I had no heart to disappoint the elect lady, but how could I enter the ministry when my faith was gone? I had lost even the power of prayer.

I was resolved not to enter the ministry unless I could honestly assume its solemn vows.

I tried most earnestly to recover my faith. I resolved to try and experiment; I would take a year's course in Theology and abide by the result. So I entered a "Liberal" institution in Chicago, where, by a kind providence, I roomed in old Farwell Hall, which was Mr. Moody's headquarters. I cannot thank God sufficiently for my association with that devoted man. But the lectures in the Seminary gave me no help, I returned to my room after each hour in the classroom, and the only prayer I could make was "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."

Still I did not abandon my purpose. A second year in Union Theological Seminary served me no better. In order to pay my expenses for a third year, I undertook the superintendence of a Newsboys' Mission. The boys asked me to

hold an evening service. I consented and spoke to them on such subjects as "Telling the Truth," "Keeping Clean," and "Living an Honest Life."

One day as I sat in my room at 9 University Place, New York City, there was a knock at my door, and one of my newsboys entered with his heart in his throat and his hair on end, asking me to come quickly, for his father was dying. The boy knew no minister but me and I must go.

I followed him down Eleventh Avenue and climbed the rickety stairs to an attic room, where his father lay dying, an old man who had wasted his life in drink and riotous living.

As I approached his bed he looked at me and said, "You are pretty young to tell an old man like me how to die." But I did my best to help him.

I shall never forget that night! The old man began by asking me if I thought God would have mercy on an old sinner like him. I answered by quoting Wesley's lines,

"Betwixt the saddle and the ground,
Mercy sought is mercy found."

"How do you know that?"

I replied that Christ had said so.

"How do you know Christ said so?"

I referred to the Bible as my authority.

He said, "Do you believe the Bible?"

What could I answer? I lied to him, saying that I did.

He asked me, "Do you believe that Jesus died for a low-down sinner like me?"

I lied again and said that I did.

"How do you know that?"

Again I referred to the Bible as authority.

"How do you know the Bible is true?"

I did my best to explain—insincerely. But what could I do? The dying man shot questions at me all night, thrusting me, metaphorically, from one corner of the room to another, and keeping his filming eyes on me as I sought to answer him. Oh, that dreary, momentous night! I had never seen a man die before. At last the old man who had been bred in a highland home by Christian parents, began to remember; and presently he was murmuring to himself the Scottish version of the Shepherd's Psalm:

"The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill,

For Thou art with me and Thy rod

And staff me comfort still."

The past was coming up before him! Presently he said, "Pray with me." I fell upon my knees by his bedside, and poured out my soul in the first real prayer I had offered in years. When I rose from my knees, the old Scotchman had gone; the morning was dawning; and I had reason to thank God, that in trying to teach a sinner how to die, I had myself learned how to live. My faith had come back to

me! I had discovered that henceforth there was no middle-of-the-road for me; I must believe or disbelieve. Since then, thank God, I have never wavered.

I am entering my eighty-second year. For nearly half a century I have served in the ministry of Christ, and the memory of that night in a tenement house on Eleventh Avenue always abides with me. And the Lord who has been my faithful Keeper, will keep me to the end.—The Gospel Message.

SURVIVAL OR REVIVAL

This world dotes on the strong and the swift, but in the spiritual world the "race is not to the swift, neither is the battle to the strong."

We have heard much of "survival of the fittest" which is but another way of glorying in the brutal and bestial. When Napoleon said; "God is on the side of the heaviest artillery," he simply announced the theory of the "survival of the fittest." Mankind believes that force is ultimate and the final arbiter of all things.

In God's Word it is not the survival of the fittest but the "unfittest." It is not the survival of the fittest but the revival of the "unfittest." Survival is man's struggle, revival is God's Spirit. Survival is man's battle, revival is God's blessing. Survival is man's philosophy, revival is God's power. Man throws aside the unfit, grace picks up the unfit and redeems. Man consigns man to the scrapheap. God takes man from the scrapheap and places him among the saints. Here is the work of revival: To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified.

Here is "revival." There is no survival of the fittest" here but the revival of the unfittest.—Leon Tucker in Wonderful Word.

TOUCHED WITH THE FEELING OF OUR INFIRMITIES

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The Lord was verified, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end." "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Every time you are afflicted, suffering and oppressed, think on these things. For every time you think once of the depression, think twice of the glorious fact that He is with you and is touched with the feeling of your infirmities and is longing for you to recognize that He is wanting to succor.

This truth, when realized, has made the saints do the impossible and enabled them to endure what they never could otherwise have endured, and they have realized His presence as never before.

The saints have lost much and have suffered needlessly because of failing to believe the Word and failing to commit themselves to Him who wants to be a partner, yea a bearer of their sufferings. He bore the cross, the sin, the shame in His earthly life. He is still capable of bearing all the burdens of all the saints during all their journey throughout all their days. Amen.

A Vision of Heaven and Hell

Pauline Cox, 258 Beaver St., Akron, Ohio

I had been unconscious to this world for over sixty hours. Doctors had been called but could find no trouble and after many examinations gave the case up.

No wonder, for only my body was in this world. I was with my Saviour. In other words, I was in a trance. While over at the church I fell into this.

I felt myself falling into darkness, very, very slowly. After a while I stopped falling. All around me was total darkness. I could see nothing but the darkness that was surrounding me.

Suddenly, I saw a light up in the darkness. Then looking closer I saw a flight of steps ascending to the light and at the head, praise His holy Name, stood Jesus beckoning for me to come up.

Oh, how sweet He looked. He was my Light in that dark place as He is to me in the dark places of this life on earth.

I groped along wondering if I would ever, or could ever reach the stairs. When I was half way up I began to be frightened. Jesus saw this and said, "Do not fear or look back, have faith, for I am with you."

So up and up I climbed, it seemed as if I would never reach the top. Finally, after climbing a long time, I reached the top of the long stairs. "Now turn and look back," my Redeemer said in the sweetest voice I have ever heard. I turned and looked as I was bidden, and to my surprise and joy I saw some of the young people of the Pentecostal Church of Akron, Ohio. They too were climbing towards the light. One young lady was almost up. Another was just a little way from the first. Then further down came a young man. About three steps from him came a group of young people. They were all quickly approaching me. After I had seen this, Christ said to me, "Remember everything that you see up here." (And I indeed shall to the end of my life).

The door suddenly closed and I found myself in an entirely different place.

I was led to a large snow-white pearl gate. At its entrance sat an old man. His hair, which was very white, hung down to his shoulders, his beard was down to his waist. He had on a long, white, flowing robe that covered his feet. As we slowly approached I saw all this. When we reached the gate it was immediately opened.

Oh, sinners and backsliders, if you ever had a glimpse of that beautiful place, I am going to tell you about you would never want to sin again. Webster's dictionary does not contain half the words needed to express its grandeur.

As we walked around I noticed the streets were made of highly polished gold which shone brighter than the sun of the earth. The large beautiful mansions were made of all the jewels that were ever visible in this world below.

These magnificent mansions were more wondrous than kings' palaces. I don't believe kings' palaces could in comparison be called one tenth as beautiful as these glorious mansions were. Praise God, even if we can't live here as kings, look how much finer it is up above.

Everything was bright and clean. Little children were dancing and playing. All were rejoicing in their Saviour. Not even one bore a sad expression. The air was filled with the sweet perfume of the flowers. Birds were singing gaily. Little brooks tinkled merrily through the grass ferns, flowers and trees. Every one and everything was praising and exalting GOD. Indeed He deserves all that praise and even more for making that glorious place called heaven. Praise the Lord.

I cried out, "Jesus, let me stay here forever," but He told me that we must hasten because He had much to show me.

So on through this beautiful place we went. Everything was much too magnificent for words to express. After walking a while we came to a large gorgeous palace. Oh, it was splendid. It was too beautiful for me to ever attempt to tell. My eyes were blinded for a moment at its grandeur. As we went through the large beautiful rooms my eyes were dazed. I was overcome by the splendor of it all. When we had passed through many rooms we came to a large room more beautiful than all the rest put together. I shall not make an attempt to tell you of this room because no mortal has ever or can ever do so, for it is impossible to even think of explaining it. After entering the room my eyes went directly to the center of the room; for in the center was a small white marble table. On this table lay a large golden book. When we reached the table Christ opened the book. In it were many names but the only one I recognized was my own name written in golden letters. After I had seen this the book was immediately closed. For the first time I looked closely at the contents of the room. In one corner was a group of beautiful angels with harps and other instruments such as I had never seen before. They were robed in long, white garments. Their hair was long and wavy. These angels were more beautiful than anything man has ever seen. Things were so beautiful they didn't seem real. I could hardly believe my eyes.

You can never realize what a reward you will receive for living a Christian life on earth.

How long I stood gazing at these wonders I do not know.

While doing this I suddenly found myself in darkness again. I looked up but did not see anything. I cried out, "Jesus, Jesus, don't leave me down here alone, let me go back." Instantly I saw another light, only this time it was red. I went

to the light and found myself at the head of a short flight of stairs and at the bottom stood our Redeemer. When Jesus said He would never leave us or forsake us He meant it. When I got to the bottom He told me to look around. After doing so I saw some other people that I recognized, who were on their way to hell.

Jesus opened the door and at its entrance stood a dark image. I did not get to see much of it because it fled when it saw who was with me. When we entered, the door was closed.

The sight I beheld I hope I shall never have to witness again. The very thoughts of it drive me wild.

Down there it was so hot, I could feel the hair on my head singe, my feet began to burn, my mouth was dry. Jesus saw this and touched my hand. Immediately I was cooled. I looked at the things before me and I almost fainted.

Before me was a large lake filled with red hot coals, fire and brimstone. Millions and millions of people were burning. The air was filled with their cries of agony and distress. Some were throwing their hands up in bewilderment. "Water! water!" they cried. Some were so badly burnt the cooked flesh was just hanging on by the thread of skin. Their hair was burnt off. Their eyes were those of crazy people. Even the bones were burnt. Many of the people were charred black they had burnt so long. "We are lost, we are lost," was the cry. "Tell my brother, tell my daughter," were other cries. "Oh, my God, save me, save me, give me another chance," but by the look on their wretched faces they knew they were doomed. Men and women, old and young, were suffering intense pain. The air was filled with cries of agony and distress. Millions and millions were suffering.

Dear brother and sister, how would you like to go through that terrible torture? If you don't know the Lord I beseech you now to give your heart to Him who loves us and accept His great salvation.

I fell down on my face before JESUS and asked Him to take me away from that terrible place. No sooner had I said this than I found myself inside the gates of heaven. What a relief it was to feel the cool breezes blowing and see the beautiful things of heaven after seeing the horrors of hell!

Jesus then came to me and said, "Follow me and I will show you your heavenly home." I followed Him down the long street. The farther we went the smaller the houses became. At last we came to a small cottage which He told me was my home. I asked Him what I must do to have mansions like the one I first saw. My Redeemer replied, "If the young people of the Pentecostal Church of Akron, Ohio, have faith, I may let you go back to earth and send up more material, but if they have not sufficient faith you can stay here with Me."

Meanwhile on this earth, as I was later told, the young people of the said church were standing by my bedside with members of the family and other church people. My unsaved brother and sister

promised to give their hearts to Jesus. After I had given messages to all, my face became set, my eyelids were turning blue, my pulse was beating very, very faintly. Every one thought that I was dying. When I told them if they had faith I would be spared. They prayed and had sufficient faith that God would spare me. Jesus, after seeing their faith and sincerity, said: "Go now into the world, every part and preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and tell of the things I have revealed to you."

After that I drifted into a natural sleep, the first in two days and three nights.

Dear sinner, after you read this, just give it a moment of your time and then slip to your knees and see what GOD can do for you. GOD loves you and wants you in His fold. Won't you come?

Dear Christians, pray that GOD will prepare me a way to do His bidding. Pray for me.

Elder C. A. McKinney, pastor of the Assembly of God at Akron, Ohio writes: "This young girl is of my assembly and this vision has been a blessing to our young people."

THE APOSTASY

Strange notes are struck in the Federal Council Bulletin, organ of the Federal Council of Churches. In a recent issue one reads, for example, of "the third annual Summer School of Religious Drama organized by the Drama Committee of the Federal Council." This was held at Auburn Theological Seminary. Leaders in the use of the dramatic method in religious education gave courses in the writing of religious drama, production in church the parish house, and so on. One learns that "as a result of influences set at work by the Federal Council of Churches the Church and Drama Association came into being at a dinner meeting at the Plaza Hotel, New York, on June 10.

The spirit of the undertaking was summarized by the Rev. George Reid Andrews, "the leading personality in launching it," in the following words: "Can the church and drama associate? . . . We don't like to think that two institutions which mean so much to so large a number of the same good people must continue in age-long conflict. If the Church is the refining and purifying agent it represents itself to be and if the theater needs improvement, by all means let them associate." Other speakers were Dr. Cadman; Father Donahue, Chaplain of the Catholic Actors' Guild; and the actress Edith Wynne Matthison, whose address is printed in the bulletin. This speaker affirmed that "religion means more than the saving of your soul" and described the atheist George Bernard Shaw as "a passionately religious preacher."

The "Doll Messenger Project" is recommended by the Federal Council of Churches to the children and people of the United States. American children are, under these auspices, to send thousands of American dolls to Japanese chil-

dren for the bettering of international relations between Japan and the United States.

The Northern Baptist Convention subscribes \$30,000 annually to keep the Federal Council running, and other great Protestant churches in like proportion. Their constituent members should read this bulletin to find out how they are getting their money's worth.—S. S. Times.

THE COMING WORLD CHURCH UNION

A Stepping Stone for Antichrist

A great movement is setting in which has for its object a combination of religious forces—a unification around one common center of all religious bodies. Church Union is in the air. No human power can stem the tide, for according to the unerring word of prophecy such a condition of things must and will prevail in the last days. In Canada, the United States, India and Great Britain this movement is making rapid progress. If this were a project of the Holy Spirit to promote Christian Unity it would be a great and glorious blessing. But when we see that the Modernists—the promoters of "another gospel" and a "new Christianity" the most insistent for Union, we may well hold back and enquire if the movement is a cunning device of Satan, or whether it comes from God.

Since the Church of the Antichrist is to be universal, the call for religious union is full of tremendous significance. All these wide-sweeping forces are headed towards World Church Union, and are surely and swiftly preparing the way for Antichrist.

There are four powerful reasons why every loyal Christian throughout the land should take his stand against this great octopus which is coming: 1. World Church Federation caters to the flesh, and meets with the approval of the world. 2. It will result in tyranny and persecution of the worst kind. 3. It will be at the expense of Faith and Truth. 4. It numbers among its most prominent advocates men who are pronounced higher critics and who bitterly oppose the Bible doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ.—Exchange.

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The American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, Inc., should not be taken very seriously. Their first annual report lies before us, and while they have attempted to do a number of things, all their efforts seem to have been in vain. While they have talked of circulating "billions and billions" of tracts and papers they have not done so, for they state in their report, "In our first year we have distributed approximately 100,000 pieces of literature." We average sending out more literature than this every five days from the Gospel Publishing House.

They announce that a certain party with their co-operation is endeavoring "to raise in the United States a fund of \$100,000 to establish the truth of evolution by crossing man and ape, proving thereby the close relationship of the two species." God warns against such an evil as this in the

20th chapter of Leviticus, and we may be sure that a swift retribution will follow any such departure from His holy law.

God in the past has saved many infidels. We expect shortly to print in the Evangel the story of the conversion of a family of infidels. The grace that transformed the persecuting Saul into a praying Paul is still available for the chiefest of sinners. These people have doubtless never touched the real in religion. They have probably only seen the sham, and we are as much opposed to that as they are. In response to believing prayer the energy of these earnest opponents of Christianity can be released for better service. Pray for them.

JEW'S EXPECT MESSIAH

"Dr. Sokolow, Zionist leader, recently told his people that the Messiah whom the Jews have been awaiting for hundreds of generations may be expected presently. He reminded them that the Hebraic prophecies forecast centuries ago that the Messiah will come when the Jews have been restored to their homeland. This restoration has been accomplished, he pointed out, since the Jews of all nations are represented today in Palestine."—Exchange.

EVERLASTING LIFE

Addressing the American Academy of Physiotherapy, Dr. W. S. Bainbridge advanced the theory that the diseases most fatal to mankind are caused by poisons secreted by cells within the flesh, which are not carried off because of a clogged condition of the blood stream. Hardening of the arteries, for example, produces old age, but there would be no old age, he says, if the blood stream and its tributaries could be kept open. A portion of a chicken's heart has been kept alive for fifteen years, in the Rockefeller Institute, by neutralizing the poisons given off by the cells. Internal drainage, according to the doctors, is the key to everlasting life. But he has not yet told us how to install an internal drainage system, which will not wear out or become clogged up.—Los Angeles Times.

"SAVING HEALTH" CAMPAIGN

Sister (Dr.) Lilian B. Yeomans writes from Manhattan Beach, Calif.: "Returned yesterday from a 'Saving Health' campaign with Pastor Davis and the saints of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, San Diego, and the students of the Berean Bible Institute. I never felt the power of God more than during an all night of prayer held by the students during the campaign. Three received their Baptism on that occasion, and all were conscious that show-ers are to follow these preliminary droppings. Among those who received according to Acts 2:4 during the meetings, was a prominent Salvation Army officer, a commandant in rank. I was glad to note the 'Evangel' much in evidence in San Diego."

Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the heart never resteth till it findeth rest in Thee.—St. Augustine.

Children's Corner

A BURNT HEN A True Story

One day when the ground was parched with a long drought, a fire came sweeping down across the big prairie in the great Northwest. The territory was thickly settled, and the fire raging across the settlement destroyed in its course the entire improvements of several farmers, in some cases even the people themselves being unable to escape.

When the fire was out, a relief party rode out from a neighboring town to see if possibly some one might have escaped the flames and be in need of assistance. Riding past the ashes of one of these destroyed homes, one of the men saw what appeared to be a black hen sitting on the ground. On going up to it he found that it was quite dead, the head and back being burned almost to a cinder; but the bird sat in such a striking position, her wings partly spread out, that he gave her a kick, turning her over; whereupon three little chickens ran out.

Bravely the poor mother hen had covered them, in the face of the roaring, consuming fire; paying the extreme price in the midst of the scorching flames, choosing to be burned to death rather than that one of her brood should be harmed. Does not this true story furnish a striking picture of what Jesus did for you? See Him there on Calvary, arms extended on the cross, dead, your substitute and your Saviour. How much does He love you? Can you tell?

A NARROW ESCAPE

A boy who was brought up in a Sunday school was persuaded, when young, to go to sea by a relative, who led him to believe such a life was best. Now, sailors are very useful, and seamanship is an honorable profession; but to be shut up in a ship with men who have no fear of God before their eyes, is often very hurtful, and so it proved in this case. Surrounded by wicked companions, he soon forsook the teaching he heard in the Sunday school. And, alas! he soon became like them, and spent his life in open sin. Though exposed to many dangers from storms and battles (for he was in a ship of war), yet God preserved him. Many a time did he see his comrades shot down by his side, or washed overboard; or in climbing the rigging to furl or unfurl the sails, see them either killed, or maimed for life.

But God's mercy was to reach him at last. It happened this way. They were sailing to the East Indies and were near the equinoctial line. Two ships were in company, having each a detachment of soldiers on board; and, the day being fine, the soldiers and sailors on board both ships got permission to bathe. The young men soon plunged into the water,

and soon they were swimming and racing with each other. A soldier agreed to swim him for half-a-mile, when the mate, who was up in the rigging, saw a shark coming astern of the ship, and shouted to all to get aboard.

A boat was lowered, and soon all were safely on board but the young man and the soldier, who were farthest from the ship. They both struck out for the ship. The soldier reached first the head of the ship, and caught hold of the rope. At this moment, our young friend came up, and hung on by the soldier, but the rope broke, and plunged both again into the sea alongside of the shark. The young sailor swam round the stern, and taking hold of another rope, was soon on deck, while the shark was opening his mouth to receive the poor soldier; but by dexterous swimming, he also got away, and seizing a rope, was soon safe on deck.

But this narrow escape was blessed to our young sailor friend. The early Sunday school impression came back to his mind. Convicted of sin, he fled to Christ for salvation, and lived to praise God for His long-suffering grace and mercy.

FROM AN AMULET

A missionary in Persia tells the story of how a fragment of the Persian Bible fulfilled its mission. A Moslem who had never heard of the Bible and who was prominent in his own religion, one day picked up a charm which a woman had just bought to wear on her arm. These charms are made by the hundred by men who profess to have occult power, but are in reality too ignorant, sometimes, to read and write. Into every charm, however, must go some written or printed matter—a formula of doctrine a prayer, or an incantation. The maker of this charm evidently was too ignorant to write or read and put in part of a page torn at random from the first book he could find, which in this case happened to be a Persian Bible. Think of the Gospel story, used as a heathen charm! What a degradation for the holy pages of God's Word!

But the Bible protects itself by its own power. The Moslem took the torn fragment from the charm and read it, in idle curiosity. It was part of the 27th chapter of Matthew, telling of the Crucifixion. The man was deeply impressed by it, and became anxious to find the whole book from which it had been torn. He inquired everywhere till he found some one who recognized the story as from the foreigner's Bible, and directed him to the missionary. He received a Bible gladly, read it carefully, and is now a Christian, and doing his best to spread the story of the Cross.

DON'T BE HALF AND HALF

"In South Africa, in looking for diamonds, they often find a substance that is half charcoal and half diamond. It was intended to be a diamond, but it stopped short, and it is only diamondiferous; it is partly a cinder and partly a jewel. It stopped short, and will never get into the king's crown. Don't be content to be sprinkled on one part with diamond and the other part with slag."

ACCEPTABLE COMMENDATION

From time to time people write to us words of high commendation of the new Teacher's Quarterly. This cannot but be pleasing to us who have prayed and meditated and worked so much over this youngest child of the Pentecostal periodicals family, but for the sake of those who are yet using other and inferior teacher's helps we wish all could see the letters we are privileged to read. Here is one of them:

"Granite City, Ill.: I received my first copy of the Teacher's Quarterly just a few days ago. It is one of the very best I have ever had. I have compared it with (She mentions two other Teacher's Quarterlies) and find the new Pentecostal quarterly in the lead of the other two, for it touches the heart as well as the mind. I rejoice that you have taken up this work. The other two that I take are good but this is better. Just thought I would let you know how much I appreciate it, and encourage you along in putting out this wonderful quarterly."—Mrs. Minnie O. Haynes.

THE STORY OF THE PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING

We have just received the following unsolicited testimonial to the new book, "With Signs Following," the story of the Pentecostal outpouring of the past twenty years. "I am glad to have this book; it is a good one to lend and I hope it may have a very wide circulation, containing as it does much valuable historical material. I think the chapter 'Pentecostal Outpourings in History' very excellent, containing much valuable information. And all those incidents of tongues and interpretations as signs to unbelievers are of evidential value. I think these incidents should be printed in tract form. Such a tract would be useful to put in the hands of critics and doubters and uninformed persons. An honest mind will not refuse evidence. The chapter on Holland I consider a gem—beautiful and inspiring. The chapter on Germany is beautifully written and inspiring, and the chapter on Venezuela very impressive. The Lord has helped you wonderfully in editing this volume."—Max Wood Moorhead, London, England.

The book "With Signs Following" is priced at \$1.50 but during this month all who send in new annual subscriptions, or annual renewals of subscriptions, for the Evangel, can receive the same for \$1.00 (\$1 for Evangel and \$1 for book). Canadian friends should send \$2.50 for renewal and the book; British friends should send 10/-.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA

While the pastors, workers and many from the various assemblies in the San Joaquin Valley have been enjoying, on the second Monday of each month, precious times of fellowship in the northern portion of our District, the brethren of the southern part (south of the famous Ridge Route and Tehachape Mountains) report increasingly blessed meetings in the Ministerial Fellowship gatherings held on the first Monday of each month. Those in the San Joaquin were first begun about a year ago, and it was last July that the District Executive Committee planned to begin a regular monthly Ministerial Fellowship meeting to include the entire District but particularly to cover the needs of the south part. It was evident that pastors and their congregations located at too long distances from the appointed meeting places could hardly be expected to attend every month, so that two different meetings of the kind in the District each month have been a splendid thing. The good reports from similar meetings among our brethren of the Northern California and Nevada District recently have brought to our hearts joy, and we believe they are proving a blessing up there as we have found them to be down here. Praise our God!

The plan has been to take the blessing of these meetings to all parts of the District as far as possible, so that the meetings have been held with the local assemblies in the different places. It had been felt for some time that the ministers should come together much oftener than once a year for a little time of prayer, counsel and fellowship. Meetings to encourage the small assemblies and particularly to advance an interest in missions both at home and abroad have been under consideration for some time and have been much upon the hearts of the brethren. How to go about this was the question. We praise God that He is working it all out! Things are somewhat in a formative stage, but He is giving vision and clearer understanding of His will for us as Pentecostal ministers both as to our respective places in the body of Christ and as to our present glorious opportunities and responsibilities in His service.

A sweet spirit of harmony and a most gratifying attitude of co-operation on the part of all the District Presbyters as well as others of the evangelists, pastors, missionaries and workers has been indeed encouraging as the work of the Lord has advanced in the District during the past year, and especially has it been noticeable since the monthly Fellowship meetings were commenced last summer. There has been a marked increase in the interest shown toward home missions and we are all looking forward to the time when the "home base" shall be so strengthened that it will have its resultant effect in substantially helping the cause of foreign missions.

Because of the additional pressure of his responsibilities as pastor of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, our former District

Chairman, Brother L. F. Turnbull, who so faithfully filled this place for the three previous years, felt compelled at the last annual meeting to decline to allow his name to be again considered for the office. The present Chairman, Brother A. G. Osterberg, who is pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Fresno, Calif., has taken hold of the work with equal interest and with an earnestness and vigor that is commendable. He has had a long experience as a Pentecostal preacher and pastor and has gained the confidence of his fellow-laborers in the Gospel. His messages on various practical lines in the Fellowship meetings and his counsel and judgment in dealing with questions and problems that arise from time to time have proven a blessing to the work of God.

Brother Samuel Swanson is now in his second year of blessed ministry as the Field Secretary. His work is indeed important and the good results of his labors have been felt in various parts of the District as he has gone from place to place, sometimes to strengthen and encourage a weak and struggling assembly and again to enter some new and formerly untouched field with the inspiring message of full gospel evangelism with which our brother's very soul is filled. Many have been the conversions and the glorious Baptisms in the Spirit, as well as the deliverances from sicknesses and blessed victories in the Lord through Brother Swanson's ministry in Southern California and Arizona during the past months.

The first of these Fellowship meetings was held at Bethel Temple, Los Angeles, the first Monday in August. Interest and attendance as well as the gracious presence of the Lord has evidently been like a rising tide with each successive gathering, and the fifth one of these conventions called for Bethel Assembly, Pasadena, in December, proved to be truly a glorious and refreshing occasion as the Spirit of the Lord came upon each session during the day. A sweet season of song and prayer and then a series of inspiring reports from the field was followed by a short business session and a message by the District Chairman, Brother Osterberg, on the importance of true New Testament order in our assemblies. In the afternoon Dr. Farr spoke inspiringly on "The Relation of the Man of God to the Word of God," closing with a strong word of commendation for the splendid work being carried on in the Southern California Bible School. Others followed with brief words of hearty corroboration for this strong missionary institution and the service received an added touch of heavenly glory as the Lord spoke to us in some precious words of tongues and interpretation. A climax of blessing came in the night meeting in which an ordination service, a season of worship, a tender, half-hour message from Brother P. C. Nelson, followed by a wonderful healing service and then a helpful sermon by Brother J. A. Montgomery on "The Church, the Body of Christ." The assembly at Pasadena has enjoyed growth and spiritual health under the ministry of

Pastor L. J. Isaacs, who has since closed his work there to take up the pastorate in Whittier.

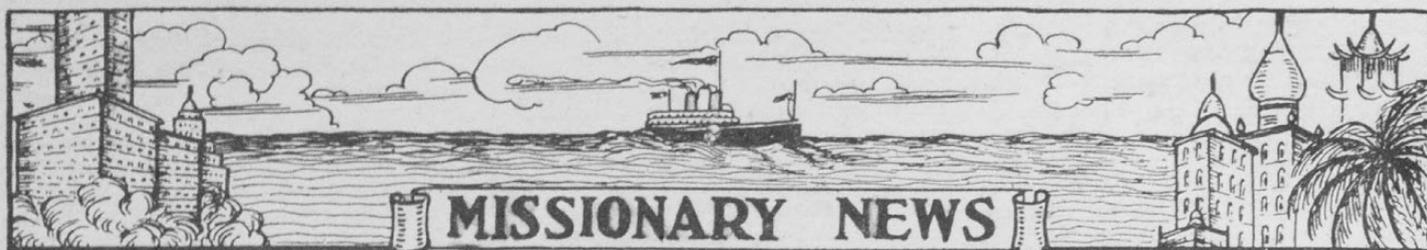
Though we were unable to be present at the next meeting which occurred at Bellflower, Calif., on Jan. 3rd, word received from different ones including the pastor there, Brother Montgomery, and also a dear missionary sister from Ceylon, verifies the fact that it was doubtless the most wonderful of all thus far from the standpoint of God's manifest presence in power and blessing. The day closed with an evening service in which some were saved, others healed and one was filled with the Spirit. Encouraging reports from here and there among the assemblies and workers and a splendid message by Brother J. Narver Gortner occupied an important part of the morning session. This was followed by a lunch provided by the local assembly on the grounds at the rear of the Tabernacle, which enabled the attendants to gather earlier for the wonderful afternoon meeting in which after a blessed time of song and prayer, three missionaries gave stirring addresses, namely, Brother Daniel Wilkins from South America, Miss Minnie Houck of Ceylon and Brother Eric Johnson who, with his wife, are expecting soon to sail for Africa. The very atmosphere of heaven itself rested upon the place, we are told, so that when Evangelist P. C. Nelson arose to speak on "Himself took our infirmities," every heart was responsive to the message of healing that came from God through the lips of clay, and nearly a hundred came forward in the crowded house to receive deliverance from bodily ailments by the power of the Lord. A number of marvelous healings took place before the tear-filled eyes of those present, including some cases of goiters that disappeared instantly. All praise be to God! The evening meeting in which Brother Swanson brought a Gospel message particularly to the unsaved in blessed victory.

It was decided that the following Ministerial Fellowship meeting should be held at Pastor Kalley Stambaugh's assembly in Inglewood, Feb. 7th.—E. V. Jennison, District Secretary.

VICTORY OVER SICKNESS AND MORPHINE

Before moving to Los Angeles I resided in Oklahoma, and about five years ago attended services conducted by Evangelist P. C. Nelson in a large tabernacle at Enid, Oklahoma. I was a worldly church-member, and was first converted to God, and when the evangelist anointed me, I was instantly healed of a large tumor on my left shoulder. My brother who lived at a distance was afflicted with the morphine habit. I asked Evangelist Nelson to pray for him, and that night, my brother, who knew nothing of this, threw away his needle and morphine, and never used it again. He was soon after that converted to God. To Him I give all the glory.—Mrs. Lula Owens, 723 Kensington Road, Los Angeles, Calif.

I will praise thy name, O Lord, for it is good. Psalms 54:6.



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A MOVE FORWARD IN SISWA BAZAR

J. H. Boyce

"In October we took in seven from the fields of sin. One Hindu family, a mother and her daughter and her three sons. Also a bright lad of school age whose sister (a widow) with her two children became a Christian last January. She is now married to one of our preachers who was a widower. Also we took in two baby boys one a year old whose mother died of cholera a few months ago, the other we sent to Bara Banki. This makes eight. Then there is the dear old chamar, as I write, asleep on the verandah who came to us in July. We will baptize him soon. More of his family we expect will come to us in due time.

"The Lord has answered prayer and recently sent us in a generous offering that has enabled us to start our buildings in real earnest. The preachers' houses are already half finished and we hope to start on our bungalow next week in the faith that the Lord will continue to send us in the funds to complete the same and that we shall not be hindered in the future by lack of funds. Our hope and confidence is in the Lord that we shall be able to finish now that we have commenced to build. The situation that the Lord has given to us is more and more, in our estimation, God's choice for the establishing of our mission station. It is surely a fine selection. **Please pray that the Lord will send us in the remaining funds that are needed.** When sufficient money is in hand one can save a lot by buying material in car load lots. Only this week I have been enabled to save hundreds of rupees by buying from a wholesale firm, but I had to buy largely, otherwise, the firm would not allow the wholesale price. I will need all I bought before I finish. To buy the same thing in small amounts would have cost me more than twice as much. So your prayers will be valued along this line. The Lord is answering prayer in so many ways that we are just bubbling over with praise and thanksgiving to Him. He has also given me a master mason to help with the buildings. Surely he is hurrying the work along.

"We were never so encouraged in our lives as at the present moment. All over our territory the Spirit of the Lord is working upon the hearts of the people to awaken them out of the deadly sleep which for centuries has held them in the power of the evil one."

EN ROUTE FOR LIBERIA

On Jan. 15th, Miss Ada Gollan in company with Miss Agnes Walker and Miss

Bertha Dommermuth sailed for the field. May the Lord grant an abundant harvest in return for the labors of our sisters in Africa.

ARRIVED ON THE FIELD

Fannie M. Van Dyke

"I left my home, again bound for a Latin field, December 27th, arriving at my destination on New Year's day. I was glad for the privilege of several days' stop-over at the headquarters of the General Council in Springfield. I had long wanted to visit there and can say those few hours were an inspiration to my own soul; to visit the local assembly there and see them on fire for God, and to have the privilege of speaking to them of Latin America. Then to visit the Central Bible Institute and speak to the fine company of students, all of whom seem to have a real missionary spirit. And last, but not least, the Gospel Publishing House. It would surely impress any visitor to see the many activities there.

"I arrived at the home of Brother Ball on New Year's day in time for breakfast and was warmly welcomed by all, including their three dear babies who quickly adopted 'Sister Fannie' into the family. As we had morning prayers in Spanish I felt at home again in Latin work. In the evening I attended my first Mexican service, a street meeting. It was held in one of the squares in the Mexican part of the city. San Antonio has a population of about 200,000 and it is said that more than half of them are Mexicans, many of whom cannot speak English at all. One would almost forget sometimes that we are still within the borders of the U. S. A. A crowd of at least 75 or 100 listened all through the service, the men removing their hats when requested during prayer. At the close 10 or 12 raised their hands for prayer.

"Now we trust you will pray for us and the work here. While it seems more romantic to go to India or Africa, or some other far country, and it is true, we are told to go to the 'utmost parts of the earth,' yet do not let us forget 'Samaria' at our doors. Mexico has been neglected for many years. Conditions are such that we cannot enter ourselves, but we can do much through the printed page. Pray for our students, for the supply of their needs, for the four teachers that we all may keep under the anointing. Pray for me, for strength, wisdom, guidance and the fullness of the Spirit to meet every need. Pray for the lifting of the debt still on the new building and linotype machine."

THE FRUIT OF A TRACT IN POLAND

What possibilities are wrapped up in a little tract sown by the wayside. Brother J. A. Harris, who has labored in Poland with considerable success, tells of what resulted from a tract which he wrote in the Russian language entitled, "Have you been baptized with the Holy Spirit?"

A number of boys were walking along the road in the village of Wolyn, Poland, and found the above mentioned tract lying by the roadside. They took it home to their father who was at first fearful lest it might be some political propaganda and, lest the police should find him reading it, he hid himself so that he might find out its contents without danger of being arrested.

Realizing that it was nothing concerning the government of the country, but that which concerned his soul's need, he called in his neighbors and together they read it over and wondered if these things were really for them in this present day.

A few days after, God in His good providence, brought them in contact with some Pentecostal people who were located in a distant village. "Will your preacher come to our village and teach us more?" was their first request.

The preacher, only too glad to respond to such a call, took with him two other Christians and set out. The priest, however, learning that the Pentecostal preachers were coming to his village, did everything possible to hinder, causing the bells to be rung and ordering some of the young men to hide themselves in the ditches along the side of the road where the preacher would pass in order to waylay him and beat him.

However, God had knowledge of all these things and let the preacher travel by a different road, so that he entered the village and started a meeting before the priest was aware of it. Immediately upon learning what was transpiring, the priest called his assistants and instructed them to burn the house where the meeting was being held.

The young men thought, however, that they would first find out what was going on and when they listened at the door and heard the songs and prayers they started to weep. As they heard prayers for their village and those who were in sin ascending, conviction seized them and they fell on their knees, calling upon God to save their souls.

It was not long before the power of God fell so that to-day there is there an assembly of over 100 members, most of whom are baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in new tongues and glorifying God. Hallelujah!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCE IN JAPAN

A peculiar situation confronts us in the Japanese field regarding missionary effort. Most of the denominational boards are retrenching on this field or barely holding their own. One of the reasons being that some have apparently felt that Japan has now received the Gospel and the natives in charge of the various churches are sufficient to carry on the work. We recognize that with God all things are possible, but yet the words of the Spirit come to us with compelling force: "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" There are more people unevangelized to-day in Japan than there were when the first Christian missionaries started their labors in that land some seventy years ago. The reason for this being that the population has increased faster than the workers of all denominations could evangelize.

To-day Japan has a population of over eighty-three million souls including her adjacent colonies. Of this number something like sixty-six million have never heard the Gospel and every day their number increases. Little lives born into heathen homes without God and without hope.

What are we going to do? Shall we let them perish for lack of the Truth or can we clear ourselves of the responsibility. Some one will say, "Have we not missionaries there who have gone with the express purpose to tell them of the Saviour?" Yes, thank God, we have a noble little company who are standing in the breach but they are unable to advance because we at home are not standing with them to the extent we would if we had really caught the vision the Lord of the harvest wishes to give us or had heard His call urging us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Some of our workers on the field have recently written stating that great possibilities are before them if they had sufficient funds to carry them into effect. To the north of the city of Tokyo is Takinogawa with a population of 82,000. It has 15 Buddhist temples, a Buddhist college and four large shrines where the people gather to worship gods who have ears but hear not nor can they help the needy souls who flock to them for aid. Yet there is no "light house" there to which they could turn for help. Did not our Lord say, "Ye are the light of the world"? Then should we not help lighten this darkened district?

Volunteers are ready to enter this open door and already some \$4,000 has been contributed to erect a building that will serve as a soul-saving station, but \$3,000 more is needed. This building will be held in trust by the Assemblies of God and not in any individual name, so that it will be insured as a place where the full Gospel shall go forth continually. The location of Takinogawa is most suitable for this purpose, since within a radius of about twenty-five miles there are twenty-one towns, each one having a population of 15,000 to 20,000, also 78 large villages with a population of 5,000 or more and hundreds of villages with a smaller population. In other words, within a compar-

atively small radius and easily accessible are millions of souls waiting for the Light.

If a suitable building were erected in this place people could resort to it from all around and as souls come into a knowledge of the Truth they could come here for further instructions, returning to their own district, to become in their turn a light to guide others who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Above is a picture of one of the workers engaged in the work in Tokyo and surrounding districts. He has his Bible under his arm and appears as if he were just waiting for us to say go. Perhaps, reader,



you are the one God is calling to help in this part of the great vineyard.

It would not be right for us to write concerning the needs of our work in this section without also including those of the rest of the city of Tokyo.

First, we are praying very definitely that \$3,000 may be sent in to erect a suitable building for the Bible school students. This amount of money would enable us to put up a building which would accommodate thirty-five students. At the present time a great deal of money is being paid out for rent and the accommodation that they have is entirely inadequate.

Secondly, we have received word that the little church where one Assembly meets could be purchased for \$1,000 and the rent which is now going into the Japanese landlord's pocket would be secured for the work of the Lord.

Lastly, a building is required to serve as a rest home for sick and needy souls. At present there are five women who are sick and being cared for while they are

taught the principles of faith for body as well as soul. Undoubtedly, many will flock to such a refuge if a suitable place can be secured. Students can be supported in the Bible school for \$10.00 a month.

In our estimation this would be a valuable investment since there is no one more able to reach the natives in the foreign fields than the natives themselves and the training of these young men and women for the Gospel ministry is going to be a valuable asset for the kingdom of Christ in the time to come. Years are required for a missionary to become acclimated and proficient in the language, but the natives are all ready as soon as they are equipped by the Spirit and with the Truth.

We trust that some may respond in a material way toward the supplying of the above needs and that many others who perhaps are not able to give will bear the matter before the Lord that He may undertake in His own wonderful way.—Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary.

CHINESE GIRL SPEAKS ENGLISH

Mrs. Percy Bristow of Peking, China, tells of two girls who came in August to be baptized in water who have received the Holy Spirit and spoken in tongues. "One prayed fluently in English," she writes. "They both spoke in an unknown tongue to us, and both had the same vision. They saw Jesus on the cross and saw His precious blood flowing. Then they saw angels with trumpets, calling people to repentance, and that the time was short. They cried, they laughed, and were full of joy. It was after 9 p. m. when they got home, when they expected a row, but, Hallelujah, God had prepared the way and made it easy. Their father was not at home, and the brother was very nice. He said, 'Have you come from the meeting? You have surely been crying. Have you received blessing?' They were so full of joy they had to testify. So the young sister said, 'I must go.' Also the sister-in-law. The result is we have a meeting there every Wednesday, and the two mothers come to the meetings and one brother."

She tells of the conversion of a man whose house was completely looted by robbers while his Christian neighbor's home was protected by their God. He now boldly reads his Bible anywhere, carrying it with him, and testifies to his workmen in his large store, for he is a rich man. Sister Bristow covets our prayers that his family may also be saved. She asks prayer also for the recently opened meetings in the street chapel, permit for which they have secured.—Australian Evangel.

BARA BANKI, INDIA

Mollie Baird

Greetings from India: "I am liking my new home fine. I fell in love with it at first sight, and have no doubt at all but what I am in the Lord's will. I praise Him for the peace and joy that abides. Truly, where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there."

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Prov. 30:5.

In the Whitened Harvest Fields

SHOWERS IN MINNEAPOLIS

Evangelist E. J. Axup writes: "The Latter Rain surely is falling here in Minneapolis. About 30 have been baptized in the Holy Spirit since January 2. January 23rd I begin in Akron, Ohio with Pastor McKinney, and on February 13th with Pastor Rasmussen in Spokane."

A GOOD OKLAHOMA REVIVAL

Brother E. M. Jones, Drumright, Okla., writes: "Just closed a real successful revival with Brother H. B. Laws of Malvern, Arkansas, doing the preaching. Thirteen saved and reclaimed, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost. Meeting closed with about 20 at the altar crying for mercy. Please pray for Drumright."

REVIVAL AT DECATUR, ILL.

Pastor K. A. Auten writes: "We just closed a three-weeks revival campaign in which God's visitation was gracious, having honored our efforts by the salvation of 21 souls and 3 were wonderfully filled with the Spirit. Mrs. Fred Elliott, evangelist from Redmon, Ill., brought the messages. There was a wave of conviction that hovered over us from the very threshold of the services. The last night God gave us a precious service in which six were saved. How we do praise the Lord. A hearty welcome awaits all ministers in fellowship with our testimony."

SHOWERS AT NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

Pastor Henderson Wilson, wife and daughter write: "Our two weeks' revival with Evangelist Jacob Miller and wife has closed. The first night about eight were filled, and during the meeting this number was increased to 16 or 17 baptized according to Acts 2:4. Sister Miller, who had been suffering for some weeks, was wonderfully touched in her body in answer to prayer. Brother Miller was used in setting the church in order and in explaining the plans and principles of the Assemblies of God to one of the biggest crowds of the meeting."

DANVILLE'S GREATEST REVIVAL

Pastor Joseph E. Lowe, 729 E. South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "The greatest Pentecostal Revival that Danville has ever seen is now going on at the Pentecostal assembly. Eighteen were saved during the first week, and this number is being added to almost every night. A great number have been touched by the healing power of God. We have a good attendance and the fire of the Holy Spirit is burning on the altar. Persian Evangelist Joshua S. Sarmas of Chicago is with us. Pray for us. We are expecting, if it be possible, that this revival shall continue until Jesus comes."

HEAVENER GREATLY BLESSED

Sister Cinda Johnson, pastor at Heaven-er, Oklahoma, writes: "Just want to praise God for His blessing in the three weeks' revival just closed, with Brother Garrett Garland as evangelist. Thirty souls wept their way to Calvary and 17 received the Holy Ghost Baptism according to Acts 2:4. We give God all the praise and glory."

EVANGELIST GETS MARRIED

Pastor Veny L. Clark writes from Arcadia, Kansas: "We have been in a revival meeting here for the past four weeks with Brethren R. B. McMakin of Couch, Mo., and Firdnan Peppers of Eureka Springs, Ark., Some were saved and the town is more moved than ever before. Brother Peppers has married one of our fine girls, and although he carries off our pianist, his gain is so great we are determined to bear our loss with patience. They make a finely equipped pair."

MISSIONARIES WELCOME

Pastor Delmar Johnson, Urichsville, Ohio: writes: "We started a 5 days' prayer meeting the first of the year and in turned into a revival. Since the first of the year 6 have given their hearts to the Lord and our Sunday school is growing. We had with us Jan. 9-11, Sister H. B. Garlock of Africa. I can recommend this dear sister as a real old-fashioned Pentecostal missionary. She has been a blessing to our assembly and this community. The church was packed almost full every night. Pray for us at Urichsville, God has visited us with His presence as never before. Any missionary coming this way will find the doors of our church open at all times."

WONDERFUL HEALINGS

Brother T. T. Carmical, newly elected pastor at Choudrant, La., writes: "God has been working in renewing and reclaiming several but chiefly in healing. A man who had only been able to work 2 days in 12 months, being on crutches or in bed the rest of the time from rheumatism, called for prayer after having trusted in doctors a long time. With several of the saints we went to prayer and in a moment we could feel the presence of the Lord. In less than half an hour the poor suffering man's face was shining and he was praising the Lord for healing. He called for his clothes and dressed himself, walking about the room, healed. Another case with similar ending was that of Elder B. S. Strong, suffering so intensely from pneumonia that he did not know us when we entered." In 20 minutes he arose with a shout and dressed himself. A warm welcome is extended to all Council brethren passing this way."

A GROWING CHURCH

Sister Mathilde Stevenson writes from Yonkers, N. Y.: "We have just concluded our special prayer meetings, January 1-9. The watch-night meeting was a success. Our Sunday school is growing in attendance and God is working in hearts. We were rejoiced during the week of prayer to see many new people come in. A plan for building is on foot and some real sacrifice money has been paid in."

A BAPTIST EVANGELIST FILLED

Pastor John F. Bryan writes from East St. Louis, Ill.: "God is working in our midst in a very precious way. We have many things to thank the Lord for. Some three years ago when we first came to East St. Louis, the work was very small, consisting of some thirty or possibly thirty-five members. God has added to our number daily such as should be saved until at present, we have a membership of about three hundred. Souls are being saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit in our regular services. Last Sunday night, two received a very beautiful Baptism of the Spirit. Some months ago, Marvin Yates, a Baptist evangelist of Martin, Tenn., was called to East St. Louis, because of the illness of his wife and while here, he became interested in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. He came to my home to tarry and a few days later in the home of Mrs. Malvena Kolb, his mother-in-law, when tarrying before God, alone, he was marvelously filled with the Holy Spirit. He is now preaching this wonderful truth among his Baptist friends in Tennessee."

COLO. CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

State President, Floyd C. Woodworth, writes from Loveland, Colorado.: "The Christ's Ambassadors of Colorado met in Denver on January 2nd for their quarterly convention and fellowship meeting. Representatives from practically every assembly in the state were present and gave glowing reports of the progress of the young people's work in the various local assemblies since they were duly organized last August. It is truly remarkable how the Lord has blessed them as they have launched out into conducting street services, jail and hospital meetings, visiting the sick, distributing tracts, etc. Also, how young talented preachers and workers have been encouraged and blessed as the various local organizations have conducted their weekly young people's meetings."

"The Lord has put His divine approval upon the Colorado Christ's Ambassadors, for the old-time Pentecostal power fell in the first service and continued throughout the convention. It culminated in great rejoicing both in heaven and on earth, for three souls were born into the kingdom at the night evangelistic service."

"The young people returned to their home assemblies with a greater zeal than ever before to labor for the Master, and are eagerly anticipating their next rally, which will be held in Fort Morgan on Palm Sunday."

DOINGS OF S. CALIFORNIA CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Christ's Ambassadors of Los Angeles (Bethel Temple) visited Bellflower Assembly Thursday evening, Jan 13th. This third visit was pervaded by a sweet spirit of fellowship and music. A large orchestra, Prof. N. L. Ridderhof, director, stirred all with enthusiasm. The Bethel Temple Radio Instrumental Trio, flute, violin, and piano played also. The professor with his trombone led the song service, after which songs and testimonies touched hearts with particular sweetness. The young people were urged to "wear the emblem" thus affording them greater opportunity for personal work. Brother Montgomery, pastor, has invited the young people back again for a fourth service in February.

Blossom Cook, in India writes, "We are 34 miles from the railroad, out in a place with the Indians. There is one thing that is a comfort to me, I have Jesus with me." We are sending Miss Cook our emblem, for truly she is Christ's Ambassador in a dark land.

Edith Pearson, now Mrs. Cecil M. Jackson, also writes, from South China, "What is life itself for but to fulfill the purpose of foreign missions, enthroning Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?" We are also sending these two young people our emblem that they might wear it too, in far off China.

Lankershim was visited by Bethel Ambassadors January 6th. Brother Skull, pastor, said many kind words in appreciation of the service. The music rendered from the heart interspersed with testimonies proved a stimulus to all to press on, suffer with Him, and ultimately "wear the crown."

A business meeting of the Christ's Ambassadors of California will be held in Bakersfield (D. V.) the last of January or early in February. All young people are urged to be present. Particulars can be obtained from District Chairman A. G. Osterberg of Fresno.

The next radio program by the Bethel Temple instrumental trio is to be broadcasted from Radio KFI super-station on Jan. 30th. They will present another program the following month on Feb. 27th from 8:00 to 9:00 p. m.

The following is the testimony of one of the young people of Bethel Temple, Los Angeles:

"Before I came to Jesus, I was disgusted with myself, my friends and everything. I had to go to shows, dance halls, gambling houses, and often returned from them under the influence of liquor—trying to find satisfaction and hoping to forget my troubles. I also used to be a prize fighter and made good money, being one of the best of my weight.

"I was raised in the Catholic Church and lived with the priest in his own home. I used to watch him in the services as I helped about, and I noticed he drank

some of the wine that he claimed was the blood of our Lord. After the services were over I used to go in the chamber room and drink that wine to see if it would make me feel better, or help me to be a better man.

"Later I decided to join the Navy but something held me back as I made effort to take the examination. My mother's prayers, I believe held me back because this was just before my conversion. When I gave my heart to Jesus He gave me the peace, joy, rest and comfort in my soul I had been seeking for in the world, but could not find. Please pray that God will open the door for me to go out in the field. I speak both Japanese and Spanish and have the opportunity to go either to Japan or my native country Mexico, but first I am waiting on God that I will not do anything else but His precious will."—Brother Lee Saavedra.

After reading the above testimony will you not agree with us that young people's activities pay big dividends?

A very substantial Christmas present came to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hatch in the person of a little baby girl, born Dec. 23rd. Little Miss Carlita Linda Hatch is the latest addition to the Bethel Temple Evangelistic force.

—Carl Edward Hatch.

MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The meetings of the "San Joaquin Ministerial Fellowship" are growing in interest. A large crowd was in attendance at the night service of the session just closed. This was the meeting for the annual election, and the following officers were elected: A. G. Osterberg, chairman; C. W. Opie, assistant chairman; E. H. Opie, secretary-treasurer. The love and unity of the ministerial brethren is a real help to the ministry in its work and puts a real blessing of love into the assemblies.—E. H. Opie, secretary.



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OPENING FINE NEW FIELD

Writing from Flat Rock, Mich., Pastor Nathanael F. Eby says: "I have turned my Grand River congregation over to Pastor J. R. Masters and have opened a work in Flat Rock. We have secured the Baptist church in which to hold all our regular services. We call our place of worship Bethel Temple. This is a new field with unlimited possibilities. It has been holding open-air services and cottage meetings here for over two years, and it is a real work of the Lord that He has made it possible for us to secure this nice church building for Pentecost."

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Pastor Ernest R. Polhemus writes from Madera, Calif.: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow.' The saints are shouting the victory in Madera. During the past year 40 have come into our fellowship, we have baptized 28 in water and a goodly number have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Over \$3,000 has been brought into 'God's storehouse,' and all bills are paid to date. We are a small assembly of about 100 members, and truly God has done great things for us whereof we are glad. Jan. 11th our annual business meeting was held and the pastor and deacons were reelected for this year. Prospects are bright for a year of phenomenal growth. Hallelujah."

A PASTOR'S GOOD REPORT

Brother M. M. Pinson says: "We are glad to report victory in the Rosen Heights Assembly of God church in N. Ft. Worth, Tex. Souls are praying through to God in the good old way, not only at the church building, but in their homes. Several have received the Baptism of the Spirit in the last two weeks. There is a real revival spirit in our midst although we are not having any special effort only to pray through and preaching the straight word of God. We thought of trying to get some special help, but not yet; but God is coming forth in a special way so it is real blessed to see the Lord work. A gentleman just came to my apartment and wanted to show me his new methods but I told him that I did not want the new but the old Gospel and it is good enough for me. We need to study and pray and believe our God for the old-time power. It works if we yield to God. There has been about 50 united with the Rosen Heights Assembly of God since I took this work about eight months ago. One policeman prayed through to God a few Sundays ago and the next Sunday he was there in his uniform, also had on his star, and with his big pistol by his side came walking up the aisle and united with the Assembly. It looked good to me. Numbers of others are coming our way. Brethren, pray for us. My home address is, 318 W. 22 St., N. Fort Worth, Tex."

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 35c each, or 3 for \$1.00.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

EXCELLENT FLORIDA MEETING

Pastor and Mrs. Horace E. Capps write from Mulberry, Fla.: "November 18th the Cardiff Musical Evangelists came to Mulberry, pitched their tent and have had a continuous crowd of eager, anxious, hungry souls to hear the Gospel. Mulberry has never before experienced a meeting like this. It is the result of a cottage prayer meeting held in our home for the past three years. It pays to be faithful."

PAYETTE, IDAHO, REFRESHED

Pastor T. A. Wayne writes from Payette, Idaho: "I wish to report victory in the Lord. I came here as pastor the last of September. Held a three weeks' revival in which 10 in all have been saved, and 3 have received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. We are praising God for His goodness. I also want to praise Him that I have received a copy of the book 'With Signs Following.' This certainly is the most like early Pentecost of anything I have seen in several years. I wish that every family in the United States could have one."

TENT WANTED.—Anyone having a second hand tent about 30 by 40 please communicate with Veatie Waters, Yardell, Ark.

FOR SALE.—A Holton-Clarke cornet, like new, latest model and finish, case, cheap.—Pastor Alex. Clattenburge, Oxford, Pa.

WANTED.—Christian literature for the spread of revival. Robert McMurdo, 238 65th Ave., W. Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am in full fellowship with the General Council and am open for calls anywhere. I can furnish references. I have been working here among the Spanish people the last three years.—A. W. Wheaton, Decoto, Calif.

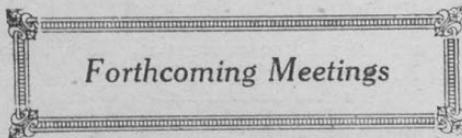
OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am planning to spend all my time in the evangelistic field now, and if those who wrote me before New Years will write again I may be able to give them dates.—Evang. W. J. Higgins, 321 So. Virginia St., Bartlesville, Okla.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—With the present meeting at Byersville, O., and one other to follow we are booked up to February 15. Any assembly desiring our services after that date write us at 204 Parkman St., Warren, O.—Evangelist R. A. Babcock and wife.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—Wife and I feel that the time has come for us to leave the work we have established here for someone else. I am in full fellowship with the General Council and we are ready to go anywhere the Lord leads. We are both graduates of Beulah Heights Bible school and have had several years' experience in leading.—Pastor William Van Dam, P. O. Box 413, Bethel, Conn.

PASTOR WANTED.—Being led of God after a week of prayer, we have rented a hall and again opened the assembly services closed down for over a year. This place offers living conditions extraordinarily attractive, and the opportunities for doing a great and lasting work for the Lord are of the very best.—Address W. A. Goodman, Forest Grove, Oregon, 30 4th St.

PASTOR WANTED.—I have been acting as pastor of the Assembly at Virden, Ill., but am leaving for other fields about March 15th. Any one feeling led to come here as pastor write to Mrs. Richard Rice, E. Jackson St., Virden, Ill. The assembly prefers a single man as it is small. Whoever comes may take charge any time after March 1.—Evang. Louis Draper, 607 1-2 East Broadway, Alton, Ill.



Forthcoming Meetings

EATON, O.—Come and hear R. A. Babcock and wife, evangelist and musician, at First Pentecostal Church, Eaton, O., Jan. 30 to Feb. 13, and longer if the Lord leads.—E. O. Lockwood, elder.

CHESTER, PA.—Evangelist Meyer Tan Ditter and wife, gospel singers and musicians, will hold a campaign from Feb. 9 to 27 inc. For information write Pastor Martindale, 532 Kerlin St.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION OF THE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST.—The Indiana State convention of the Ambassadors of Christ will be held in Terre Haute, Indiana, February 11-13, 1927.—Jessie M. Bryan, 1703 Poplar St., Terre Haute, Ind.

OAKLAND, CAL.—Mid-winter gospel campaign in special tabernacle to be erected at 12th St. and 25th Ave. Dr. Chas. A. Shreve will conduct the campaign, February 20 to March 20. Meetings twice daily. For fuller information, write to Pastor M. R. Tatman, 2268 106th Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Special meetings will be held at the Pentecostal Church of God, 240 Poplar Street from January 26 to February 13 inclusive. Brother Wm. A. Cox assisted by his daughter Mary, will conduct these services all day on Sundays and every evening excepting Monday. For further information write Esther J. Molin, Sec., 136 Hawthorne Ave., Whitneyville, Conn.—E. E. Voland, Pastor.

NOTICE.—During my absence (until about April 15) please address all communications in connection with the work to L. E. Bersinger, R. 1, Box 79A, Campbell, Calif. Elder M. T. Draper, the chairman of the Northern California and Nevada District, will occupy the pulpit at San Jose from January 16 to February 20. Sister Mae Eleanor Frey will be there during the month of March or longer.—Pastor Max Freimark.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Pentecostal revival. Full Gospel Church, cor. Monroe and Saratoga Streets, Baltimore, Md., beginning February 6. Evangelist Ben Hardin, of St. Louis, will preach. Baltimore has not had a Holy Ghost revival for years. We urge the saints everywhere to pray for us.—E. F. M. Staudt, pastor, 918 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, Md.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Arkansas-Louisiana District Fellowship Convention for northeastern Arkansas will meet at Blytheville, Feb. 18-20 inclusive. Free meals and beds will be provided and all surrounding Sunday schools are expected to send representatives to attend through the three days. Able ministers will be provided to do the preaching. For further information write W. C. Vanbibber, Blytheville, or William David Burris, District Sunday School Superintendent, Russellville, Ark.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—The Mid-Winter Convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in Colorado Springs at the Assembly of God church, 429 So. Tejon St., Feb. 15, 16 and 17, 1927. There will be three meetings daily, and the various brethren of the district will have charge of the evening evangelistic services. Ministers and delegates will be entertained. Ministers in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, which states comprise the Rocky Mountain District, are urged to attend. For further information write J. Logan Stuart, 818 Remington, Ft. Collins, Colo., Chairman, or myself, Floyd C. Woodworth, 1220 E. Orman Ave., Pueblo, Colo., Secretary-Treasurer.

OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA.—Dedication of our new church building, 617 N. Oklahoma St., together with a three days' fellowship meeting for northeast Oklahoma, Feb. 6-10 inclusive. Dedicator service, Sunday, Feb. 6 in charge of Elder W. T. Gaston, Springfield, Mo. Three days' fellowship meeting, Feb. 8, 9, 10, inc. A Missionary program. Young people's rally, in charge of the president of A. of C. of the Oklahoma district, B. F. Webb. Bible teaching at day services. Brother Henry of Tulsa, will be at the piano throughout the services. Revival services each night for three weeks or longer. Various brethren of the district, also Sister Cox from Yukon, are expected. Let all the assemblies in northeast Okla., also ministers, Sunday school teachers, and young people come for fellowship, prayer, and a feast of good things.—Fred Eiting, pastor.

NOTICE OF TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO QUARTERLY CONVENTIONS

- Southwestern Section—Yoakum, Texas, Feb. 9th & 10th.
- Southplains Section—Seagraves, Texas, Feb. 15th & 16th.
- New Mexico Section—Artesia, N. M., Feb. 17th & 18th.
- Northplains Section—Childress, Texas, Feb. 22nd & 23rd.
- Northwestern Section—Wichita, Falls, 5th and Broad Church, Feb. 24th & 25th.
- Central West Section—Haskell, Texas, Feb. 26th & 27th.
- North Central Section—Sachse, Texas, March 2nd & 3rd.
- Central Eastern Section—Huntsville, Texas, March 5th & 6th.

Hugh M. Cadwalder,

INGLEWOOD, CALIF., FELLOWSHIP MEETING.—Next monthly Ministerial Fellowship meeting for District of Southern California and Arizona to be in Inglewood, Monday, Feb. 7th, at the Full Gospel Assembly, 120 W. Olive St., Kalley Stambaugh, pastor.—E. V. Jennison, Dist. Sec'y-Treas., 1040 Tulare St., Kingsburg, Calif.

GARDNER, MISS.—A new Pentecostal Mission was opened here December 19. Let everyone within reach please take notice and come and help.—O. A. Rankin.

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Mr. and Mrs. C. Frank Lindley, 1402 Alta Vista Blvd., would be pleased to have Pentecostal people in and around Hollywood meet at their home each Tuesday evening.

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 14th-20th, inclusive

All personal offerings amount to \$1,353.80.

1.04	Children's offering Irwin, Mo;
1.44	Assemblies of God S S Oswego Kans;
2.00	Assembly Meridian Miss;
2.15	Square Rock Pent'l S S Waldron Ark;
2.42	Oklahoma District Council;
2.60	Martin's Chapel S S Gordon Ark;
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3.05	Pent'l Assembly of God Hoopa Calif
3.40	Assembly West Laurel Miss;
3.50	Assembly & S S Ilmo Mo;
4.00	Glad Tidings Mission Gilroy Calif;
4.00	S S Burk Burnett Texas;
4.50	Full Gospel Assembly Stanfield Ore
4.55	Pent'l Assembly of God Beaumont Texas;
5.00	Full Gospel Assembly Glendora Calif;
5.00	Full Gospel Mission Washington Mo;
5.50	S S Jester Texas;
5.77	Bald Hill Assembly Haskell Okla;
6.00	Calvary Mission Los Angeles Calif;
6.50	Covington & Garber Oil field Assembly Covington Okla
7.18	Church of the Full Gospel Richmond Calif;
7.37	Assembly Electra Texas;
7.78	Assembly of God Astesia New Mexico;
8.75	Glad Tidings S S Hecla S Dak;
9.05	Assembly of God S S Phoenix Ariz;
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10.00	Miami Assembly Miami Beach Fla;
10.75	Pent'l Full Gospel Mission Coalinga Calif;
11.00	Assembly of God Wichita Falls Texas;
13.40	Brick Church Sullivan Mo;
14.60	Assembly Nelsonville Mo;
15.00	Gospel Mission Hamilton Montana;
15.00	First Pent'l Church Mercersburg Pa.
15.00	Assembly of God Y P & S S Hammond Ind;
16.00	Full Gospel Assembly Kingsburg Calif;
17.50	Gospel Tabernacle Muskegon Mich;
20.00	Pent'l Young Peoples' Union Caldwell Kans;
20.00	Pent'l Assembly Oxford Pa;
20.00	Assembly of God Inc., Trinity Tab St Louis Mo;
20.06	Assembly Bellingham Wash;
20.35	S S San Antonio Texas;
22.79	Pent'l Mission Redlands Calif;
23.14	Assembly Yakima Wash;
25.00	Class of Girls of Full Gospel Assembly Santa Ana Calif;
25.00	Young People New Castle Pa;
26.16	Assembly of God Mission Trinidad Colo;
28.57	Full Gospel Assembly Tulare Calif;
30.00	Full Gospel Assembly Santa Ana Calif;
35.30	Full Gospel Mission Pomona Calif;
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50.00	Assembly of God Church Bartlesville Okla;
50.00	Full Gospel-Assembly York Pa;
50.00	Full Gospel Tab Fresno Calif;
54.16	S W Va W W Va & E Ky District Council;
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295.18	Potomac District Council;
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Total amount received minus \$398.68 amount given direct and designated for expense \$ 4,294.90	
Amount previously reported 8,927.26	
Total amount to date \$13,222.16	

HOME MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

Jan. 14th-20th inclusive

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1.81	Assembly & S S Ilmo Mo;
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