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# The Tongue of Fire\*

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The tongue of fire spoken of in connection with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, which came upon waiting disciples "when the day of Pentecost was fully come," and which symbolizes to us not only God's presence manifested, but all that is warm and unctuous in an anointed messenger of God, is not the tongue about which I wish to speak. I desire to call attention to the tongue of fire spoken of by the Apostle James in the third chapter of his epistle at the sixth verse. "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature: and it is set on fire of hell." As one reads this fearful description of an unbridled tongue one is impressed that our attention has not been ealled to the seriousness of this matter as it should have been. A sin so farreaching in its effects that it poisons and defiles the whole man and fills the world with iniquity, demands more serious consideration than we are wont to give it. If any apology is necessary for bringing this message this in itself is sufficient.

The Apostle James seems to be writing under the impulse of a new revelation. The deadly, far-reaching effects of the sin of backbiting (and the word is here used in its scriptural sense, including all that we know as tattling, whispering, evilspeaking, defaming, bearing false witness, spreading false reports, and repeating gossip) have been disclosed to him, and he is stirred to the depths as every person will be stirred who gets a like revelation. This disclosure, unpleasant though it may be, is evidently essential to our safety and best living as individuals, as a church, and as a community.

Two things are necessary in order that the Holy Spirit may bring the revelation. First, that we be sincere, open-minded men and women: Second, that we famil-

\*Copyright owned by Evangelist A. P. Gouthey Printed by permission iarize ourselves with the Word of God as it is related to this matter. Honesty is a pre-requisite to enlightenment. Sincerity is essential to understanding. Truth can make no impression on a dishonest soul. Prejudice always hinders progress. Ignorance, the child of prejudice, renders truth impotent to the person who is dominated by it. We are called upon at once then, to be honest and to divest

## For Every Day

Every moment in His love

Every step in His strength

Every thought in His keeping

Every word in His praise

Every act to His glory

-James H. Taylor.

ourselves of all prejudice and insincerity that truth may come in.

## The Nature of the Sin of Backbiting

We shall be helped to a revelation of the nature of the sin with which we are dealing by calling to mind the fact that the whole business of whispering, evilspeaking, talebearing, etc., is distinctly forbidden. "Thou shalt not go up and down a talebearer among the people."

Lev. 19:16. "Thou shalt not," as clear, as definite, and as positive as "thou shalt not steal" or "thou shalt not kill." Whether the tale borne is true or false makes no difference. There are no extenuating circumstances, "THOU SHALT NOT!" There is but one conclusion: the sin which has drawn out this positive word of prohibition must be entirely out of harmony with the best moral standard. This will be clearly seen as we study certain descriptive words and classifications used by both Old and New Testament writers. David, in speaking of certain persons who were careless with their tongues, said, "The poison of asps is under their lips." The asp is a form of serpent whose poison is so deadly and rapid in its operation that it kills almost instantly, and without possibility of remedy.

Like the asp, the talebearer strikes his deadly poison of scandal and suspicion into the good name and reputation of the person attacked and turning away as heartless as a serpent, leaves him to die without remedy! Again he said, "My soul is among lions"—"their tongue is a sharp sword"—"they are set on fire." Three figures are here used. First, that of a waiting lion, secreted in his jungle lair ready to spring upon the unsuspecting prey, bathe it in its own blood and tear it limb from limb! Second, that of a raving maniac with drawn sword, cutting and slashing right and left until his way is strewn with victims weltering in their own blood. Third, that of a fire, eating its destructive way through the finest mansion, ruining the most costly architecture and leaving only distress and wreck where was laughter and music and home. Read in all of this the nature of the sin of backbiting! Like a waiting lion the backbiter attacks, and tears into shreds all that is sacred and most valued in a person's life. Like raving maniacs they unsheath a deadly tongue and plunge it into the very heart of victim after

victim, until their way for years back is strewn with murdered reputation and character. Like a furnace, their hearts burn with envy and jealousy, and from this furnace they kindle fire after fire, until where was peace and laughter and home, now is misery, distress and blight!

"Behold" cried James "how great a mat-ter a little fire kindleth!" A match is dropped, and in almost no time at all a magnificent forest is reduced to an ash heap! Timber that has been several centuries maturing and which is worth millions of dollars, is completely destoryed. What was yesterday a scene of wondrous beauty is to-day a blackened, charred, sickening sight. Great forest giants which yesterday, pushed their feet down into the mosses and ledges of the mountain side, to-day lie prone, one upon another, twisted and broken and dead. Just so, a single word dropped by a talebearer has wrecked, beyond repair, a work of God which has been half a century in process of building, leaving it the grief of angels and good men and the laughingstock of hell!

To drop a match in a vast forest and destroy millions of dollars worth of property is a slight matter as compared with the business of dropping words which destroy homes, break hearts, blast lives, and spoil the whole work of God for a generation in certain localities! We may well stand aghast with James and say, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

There is another Old Testament passage illustrating the nature of this sin which flashes and burns like a raging storm around the rock-crowned summit of some tall mountain. "Six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto Him; a proud look, a lying tongue,-a false witness,-and he that soweth discord among brethren." Here is a sin that draws the wrath of God as steel draws lightning! And why does the anger of God thus burn against the tattler. HE "SOWETH DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN."-What a figure! Have you ever seen a farmer sowing broad-cast in a summer field? With bucket or measure under his left arm he walks with measured step across the field, scattering seed until every foot of ground is covered. So the talebearer, from the full measure of scandal sows down whole communities with the accursed seed of infamy and suspicion, until every foot of moral soil has been covered! And when his seed springs up what a harvest begins to mature! Reputations are ruined; the work of God is destroyed; churches are filled with discord; those who were once "chief friends" are hopelessly estranged, and a thousand hearts are left to ache all through life. What high carnival there must be in hell as devils peering through the rusty grating watch the scandalmonger pass from home to home and from person to person sowing his poison seed! How, lightning bolts of justice must strain and tug at their chains trying to free themselves and smite him to the earth! What could be more devilish than sowing "discord among brethren"?

Still another view of the nature of

this sin may be had as we notice the company which it keeps. Paul, in writing to Christians at Rome, classifies the backbiter with haters of God, murderers and fornicators, and closes the passage with the words, "they that do such things are worthy of death." The logic of this classification is so evident that it hardly needs comment. For fear, however, that it will be missed by some, it may be well to call attention a little more specifically to the fact which the Apostle Paul is here attempting to force home, namely, that the sin of backbiting, from God's viewpoint, is a much more serious sin than we are in the habit of thinking. It is more than a trivial weakness or a harmless habit; it is a moral collapse so serious that it is not only classed with murder and fornication but is worthy of the same punishment! "They which do such things"-murder, fornication, backbiting, adultery-"are worthy of death." All in one class! And all worthy of one punishment! The hell that moves itself from beneath to receive one class, moves itself to receive the other. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" asks the Psalmist. "HE THAT WITH HIS BACKBITETH NOT TONGUE, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor"-and notice: the backbiter is here SHUT OUT with liars, extortioners and wicked persons in general! Let no man deceive himself: all our prating about abiding in God, being blessed of God, seeing visions and dreaming dreams, having certain gifts and great success, etc., etc., is not a final test of character. We are tested by James with the words "If any man seemeth to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, that man's religion is vain." Eloquence, success and open doors of usefulness, may all come from natural or acquired ability, personal magnetism, or ecclesiastical prestige. One may see visions and dream dreams, get impressions and have physical exhilarations, possess gifts and have seeming success, and at the same time carry a heart as vile with envy and jealousy and backbiting and strife as hell itself! The Book is the last word on this, as well as on all other matters pertaining to character and conduct. It says one CANNOT dwell in the "Holy Hill" and backbite. We may profess anything we choose, but as sure as God's Word is true the storm about to break in seething fury will unsheath white-hot bolts of righteous wrath that will smite the backbiter along with all other workers of iniquity.

II.
The Deadly, Far-reaching Effects of the Sin of Backbiting

To some, the penalty to which we have called attention will seem altogether out of proportion to the sin being dealt with. A little serious thought, however, will help us to a better appreciation of God's attitude in this matter. For instance, consider the deadly, far-reaching effects of the sin of backbiting. And who is sufficient for this? What person among us can estimate the effects of one talebearerer's work, to say nothing of the thousands who are constantly engaged in it?

God alone knows the blasted hopes, broken hearts, wrecked homes and murdered influence which are in the world DIRECT-LY as the result of this sin. Young ladies have been whispered, out of society and into the deepest sin. Ministers have been whispered out of the pulpit and into disgrace. Wives and husbands have been whispered out of their homes and into divorce courts. Many have been whispered out of health, and happiness into premature graves, and thousands have been whispered away from heaven into hell. Absolutely nothing has been sacred to the scandalmongers. Neither home, nor virtue, nor church, nor state, nor reputation, have been safe from their attack. Is it any wonder that the wrath of God burns against such a sin?

But there is a disastrous and far-reaching effect in the life and character of the backbiter himself, to which our attention must be called before we can have a full appreciation of the deadly, far-reaching effects of this sin. ""Whoso diggeth a pit," says the Book, "shall fall into it." If ever this were true with reference to any sin it is true with reference to the sin of talebearing. There is a boomerangic reaction which "defiles the whole body and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell." This is not hyperbolic or metaphoric, as many suppose. It is literal. The whole inner man suffers a collapse which is at once carried to the outer man. This moral breakdown will manifest itself-

First, in a tendency to become hard and harsh and cruel. The conscience is seared and all the finer sensibilities become stultified. With no compunction whatever the backbiter will now go before a body of men or an individual and utterly ruin the reputation of an absent person and do it all in the name of perfect love! On the merest heresay he will bring another under the most deadly suspicion, all in the name of the highest standard of New Testament piety! "O religion! what crimes have been committed in thy name!"

Second, there is a tendency to become untruthful and insincere. Facts are colored until the impression the talebearer desires to leave is left on the mind of the hearer. An insinuation is dropped, a half-truth is told, a knowing wink or a suggestive silence, when he knows that if all were said that might be said on the subject the person or persons being brought under suspicion would at once be vindicated. A single sentence is taken out of a sermon, or a lecture, or a conversation, and deliberately made to say what it never could say as it was originally uttered in connection with the whole sermon, address or conversation. And this is without doubt the vilest and most diabolical form of backbiting! And the whole matter becomes a thousand times more vile when the seeming misfortune, or unpopularity of the person attacked is used by the scandalmonger to raise himself to position of favor. A great, magnanimous soul will at once go to the rescue of a person misunderstood and in distress, but the selfish, cruel, insincere backbiter only sees an opportunity for self-advancement, and proceeds to climb to prominence on another's misfortune

and distress! Could anything be more un-Christlike?

Third, there is a tendency to moral cowardice. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he would not dare face the person slandered and say to his face what has been said to others. Like a coiled serpent he strikes in the dark. When the tattler is brought face to face with the person slandered he will usually smile and smirk and compliment and court favor. His words will be "smoother than oil" while "war is in his heart." HOW COWARDLY AND HYPOCRITICAL IS SUCH A SPIRIT! The wonder to some is, that such a person dare profess manhood or womanhood, to say nothing of religion!

Fourth, backbiting tends to beget a spirit of arrogance and presumption. Indeed, if the heart of the backbiter could be reached and analyzed we should probably find there the most deadly kind of pride. An "I thank God I am not as other men are" kind of spirit, will finally destroy him unless he can be aroused to his danger. A glimpse of the spirit which dominates the backbiter may be had as one watches him appoint himself judge and jury and court, bring in his own evidence, pass sentence and proceed to punish the prisoner without having seen him, in many cases, to say nothing of an honest investigation! And all of this will be done as calmly as though he had been appointed by God to do just such work!

The fact is, if God could get his attention he would be called to the bar of inspired truth and asked to answer certain questions; namely-"Who made thee a ruler and a judge?" "Why dost thou judge thy brother, or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?" "To his own master he standeth or falleth." "JUDGE NOTHING BEFORE THE TIME"-"for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" and "every one shall give an account of himself"-"in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ" according to the Gospel. God has never passed the prerogative of judgment to any of us. To assume it is as dangerous as to assmue any other phase of Christ's redemptive work. This is not the world of judgment and justice. It is impossible to get all the evidence in any case here and now. Motives must be investigated, circumstances must be taken into account and all the facts made bare. For fourteen years one Joseph was thought to be guilty of a horrible sin. All the evidence in hand seemed to prove him guilty. He went to prison as clean in heart and life as an angel, and waited through the weary years for vindication. In his case it required years to get all the evidence in. In other cases time may not be long enough to bring it in. The day of judgment alone will reveal all the facts. The warning then, "Judge nothing before the time" is timely, and could the proud, arrogant devotee of the fine art of evidence gathering be reached by the voice of God, he might yet be saved from rushing into the presence of the "Judge of all the earth," a thousand times more guilty than the person whom he seeks

to drag to his self-erected judgment seat for condemnation and final sentence!

Fifth, there is a tendency to lose all sense of high honor and fine moral values. The most delicate and sacred matters are trampled under feet of the backbiter with the same abandon that a herd of swine would trample pearls into the mud of the wallow. The most sacred confidences are betrayed with absolute dis-Things told in the closet are shouted from the housetop. Delicate heart matters that were shared at times of most intimate friendship are now made instruments of torture. Confidences gained at times of deep sorrow and heartbreak are passed from one group to another in almost devilish glee! Names are mentioned and matters passed on when there is no possible reason for so doing. How LOW one must go in the scale of high values before one can thus become a betrayer of sacred confidences, to say nothing of actually making merchandise of them! But alas, such is the effect of protracted backbiting in the heart and life of the backbiter!

Sixth, there is a tendency to self-deception. The backbiter will soon come to a place where, in the face of plain reason and Scripture, he will seek to vindicate his vicious habit to the very last. One of the famous arguments of this class is that a matter is repeated for the protection of the work of God. Imagine! The plain logic of this position is simply this: "Let us do evil that good may come." Let us serve the devil that Jesus may be glorified! Let us spread broadcast throughout the land, all the faults failures, weaknesses, misfortunes and sins of Christians and ministers for the protection of the work of God! The most untrained mind will at once see the fallacy of this position. That the above method is wholly un-Christlike and unscriptural all but a deceived mind will at once admit. "He that is of a faithful spirit," says the Book, "covereth a matter." "AN UN-GODLY MAN diggeth up evil; a froward man soweth strife." Note the contrast here between a faithful spirit and an ungodly, froward man. The faithful spirit covereth: the ungodly man "diggeth up evil." "They that seek my hurt speak mischievous things," said David.

Nobody ever did spread scandal in the interest of holy living, or the protection of the work of God! The word of the Apostle Paul forever settles this phase of the question. "If a brother be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." Mark you: not scatter it broadcast; but "restore such an one," and do it in the "spirit of meekness"-quietly, humbly. But alas! alas! how difficult to get truth like this through the barbed wire entanglements of self-deception to the self-appointed custodian of God's honor in the earth! He is building about himself a barricade of deception and self-righteousness which the unlimbered batteries of truth may never be able to break down. The Pharisees of old were, as they supposed, the special custodians of truth in the earth, but alas, they were deficient in the things to which truth should have led them, namely. love and mercy and justice. Just so the backbiter frequently flatters himself that he is the custodian of orthodoxy in the earth while his self-deceived heart is entirely devoid of the things to which orthodoxy should lead him, and fortunate will he be, if this deception does not carry him to the place where genuine repentance is impossible. He is in the gravest danger of being set adrift on the murky tides of scandal and carried to the great silent sea of death without God; and of coming finally to the Day of Judgment to take his place with other murderers who stand, silent and ghastly in the blood of murdered victims! And why stand him with murderers? Because he is a murderer! He did not do his dastardly work with pistol and dirk. He did it with a deadly tongue. He can be trailed all the way to judgment by the strewn bodies of his murdered victims whom he left by the way with reputation gone, heart broken, home blasted and life wrecked! God, in mercy, bring him to his senses and to repentance ere he is brought face to face with his fearful record where there is no repentance!

# III. The Source of the Sin of Backbiting Located

Having studied the nature and farreaching effects of backbiting, we should attempt to locate the source from whence this sin takes its rise.

We shall be helped in our thinking here by a careful study of the words of Jesus as recorded by Matthew in the twelfth chapter of his Gospel at the thirty-fourth verse. "How can ye being evil, speak good things? FOR OUT THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKETH. A good man out of the good treasure OF HIS HEART bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." In all this Jesus is saying one thing, namely: That the HEART is the source from whence our conversation comes, whether that conversation is good or bad. The heart is the power behind our words, and the spiritual condition of the heart determines what color our words will take. In other words, the condition of the fountain determines the color of the stream: Character decides conduct. The passage which we are studying is not an anathema; it is a question. "How can ye?" The question is an attempt to force the truth that it is morally impossible for one who is evil (in character) to speak good things. A wrong condition of heart pre-supposes a wrong use of the tongue. This is only another way of saying what Jesus said on another occasion, namely: "A good tree bringeth forth good fruit: likewise an evil tree bringeth forth evil fruit." The figs of holy conversation do not grow on the thistle of a carnal heart. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Bitter fountains do not send forth sweet water; neither do sweet fountains send forth bitter water. "For whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions" (and here is both the source and fruit of backbiting) "ye are (Continued on Page Eight)

## Proving God's Faithfulness in China

By Mrs. Nettie Nichols, at the Springfield Assembly

Over twenty years ago the hand of the Lord was upon me for the faith life. I had my ideals of making my way in the world and being independent, it was a blow to my pride to be an object of charity—as I looked upon the faith life. But as I launched out, the joy in Christ was so great that I forgot the other side; and during all these years I have found it is the most blessed life to live.

My first lessons in trust were received while I was "faithing it" through Nyack Bible School. My "Samaria" was back in the coal camps of the Virginian mountains where the Lord taught me to prove my sword-the Word of God. While there He allowed me to get down to my last postage stamp. One day at noon I prepared the last morsel of food for my daughter and myself. She was about seven years old. After she went off to school I went out to call on some needy families, but on the way home my heart ached with the thought that perhaps my daughter would have to go to bed hungry. And yet the Lord was speaking to my heart in the words of the Psalmist, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." The Lord had taught me that faith meant to believe God as a child would trust his father, and not to put on a long face that would cause people to ask what was the matter, so that I could hint of my needs. He taught me I was to make my needs known to the Lord Himself, and that He through His Spirit would meet them, using the instruments of His choice to supply the need.

On my way home I stopped at a grocery store, the owner of which was an earnest Christian and a great friend of mine. There I stood in that shop full of all good things, and I knew in my home there was nothing for supper. All I had to do was to say the word and anything in the store would have been at my disposal. But the Lord showed me to keep smiling and not show any signs of the test. As I started for home my daughter came running to meet me. There was a battle raging in my heart but I determined to let the Lord have the victory. The child came running to me, saying, "O mother, who put all those things on our table, and even a bag of candy for me!" I got home in a great hurry to find our table filled with all manner of good things to eat. A young convert had had me laid on her heart that day, so she had sent me some things.

I wrote my mother's letter when the regular time came for it to be written, and put it on the mantel, taking the stamp from the Lord by faith, so that my mother would not be worried by not hearing from me. The next morning I went as

usual to the post office for my mail, and the first letter I opened was filled with postage stamps. All this was training for my future work in China, in trusting my heavenly Father to supply all needs. The Lord has not only taken care of my needs but the needs of my orphan family in China, clothing and caring for us as a parent would for his children.

The tests that come in the faith life can only be gone through when you have a definite call from God, based upon the Word; and it would be very dangerous for any one to try to imitate such, for they would utterly fail in the test, not being able to endure the fire which is sure to come. Tests are as necessary to the faith life as fire is necessary to the iron before it can become steel. The fire applied to the iron burns out the foreign matter and tempers it so that it becomes hard and enduring, and at the same time it binds together the enduring properties. Through its fiery testing, the iron becomes steel that will not bend nor break under heavy strain. If God has called you to the faith life, beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you.

My work in China has been in Ningpo. Ningpo is a large city of about a half million people, with dirty, narrow, winding streets (winding, so the evil spirits will lose their way), and filled with heathen temples. Each of these temples is a stronghold of Satan, because there they worship the dragon who is the head of their religion. We read in Revelation that the dragon is that old serpent, Satan, the devil.

Wherever heathenism rules you will

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find the degradation of women and girls. Women are sold, or even pawned at times if the husband is in adverse circumstances. If she cannot be redeemed at a certain time she can be sold by the pawn-keeper. Babes are betrothed while still in the cradle, and they often go to serve in their mother-in-law's home as soon as they are old enough to help themselves a little bit. Many girls are sold as slaves and their lot is exceedingly hard. Our home has been the only Christian home in our district where such girls are received. This home is not run along philantrophic lines, but it is there merely for the purpose of training in Christian character the girls whom God sends to us. The children are divided into groups with a native mother over each group, so that they can have personal attention. At present there are eighty or ninety in the home, though we usually have over a hundred, including the workers. These girls have been signed over to us, and adoption blanks filled out, so that their relatives cannot take them away and sell them to the heathen. When the girls grow up, they are married to Christian husbands and go to live in their new homes.

All our needs are met in answer to prayer. This teaches the natives to look to the Lord and not to the foreigner for help. Let there be sin in the camp-a spirit of backbiting, or quarreling, or dissension and grumbling - and God withholds the answer. Oftentimes our prayers are hindered and the answer withheld until the sin is brought to light and put away. But as soon as the sin is confessed and forsaken, the answer to prayer comes. Instead of using human methods to raise money we show them their need of walking close to the Lord, and God through His Spirit does the work in their hearts. Shortly before I came home we had a time of great scarcity of funds and I felt there was a hindrance of some kind. Much prayer ascended and the Word of God was faithfully given out.

One night, as the custom is after supper, our helpers and girls met together for hymn singing, Bible study and prayer. This night they were longer than usual. At about eight o'clock there came a knock at the gate and a note was handed to me. I opened it and found it contained a local check which had been dated two weeks previous. Feeling this had an important bearing on the matter, I went over to where the family was meeting and found them very much on the alera. One of them said to me, "It's money Mother, isn't it?" I asked what made them think so. With smiling face she answered, "We knew things were not right among us, so we said, 'We are foolish, we are cutting off our own blessing, we are grieving God, and making it doubly hard on mother. Let's stop this nonsense and get right with God.' So we have been making confessions and asking each other's forgiveness." The date on the check being two weeks old, made me feel that the Lord was purposely withholding that money until the girls got right with Him. As soon as they got right with God, He sent the check to us. It is a most unusual thing for a messenger to arrive after night has come. Another time when the blessing of God was withheld, I felt there was an Achan (sin) in the camp. It seemed as though we could not pray through for funds and the needs. The Word of God was faithfully given out and prayer was focused on the sin being brought to light. We could not tell who was the guilty one but we knew God could, and so we kept on praying and praying. Suddenly the guilty one was brought to light; she repented, confessed to her sin; and while I was dealing with that one, a hundred dollars was put in my hands. We had not had that much money for some time, and for several weeks little or no money had come in. From that time the money began to come in freely and all needs were met. There were over a hundred in our family at that time; and it means something to go through with God when there are so many mouths to feed. The sin was in the life of one who had left the home and had fallen into sin after leaving. Later she came back to the home, but she kept the sin covered up. The blessing of God was withheld from the time she came back until the thing was confessed.

We were very much tested during the war when exchange dropped so low. For awhile we only got about eighty dollars Chinese money for one hundred dollars American money, where formerly we used to get as much as two hundred and fifty dollars for one hundred dollars American. And with the exchange so low, expenses had doubled because of war conditions. Our needs were great, and what money came in seemed so small in comparison to the need. One night I got out my register and looked over the exchange to see what could be done. The thought came that perhaps I could send some of the children away. But where would they go? Back to sin, back to slavery, back to heathenism? I thought, "No, while I have a crust of bread I will share it with them." That night was spent waiting on God to know His will. He gave me the verse, "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory" -not according to the rate of exchange. And the next day He sent along two more girls to be cared for, two girls so needy I could not turn them away. And from that day we went forward. I felt very much ashamed that I had even thought of retrenching. God lifted the whole shortage Himself, in answer to prayer alone. Faith was strengthened and His name glorified.

Then followed a time of typhoons and great damage was wrought in our city. Our new wall, around the land which the Lord had given us in answer to prayer for permanent quarters for the building of the home, was laid flat, being in a direct line with the typhoon. As I stood in the midst of the debris, the spirit of praise and worship came upon me, and I praised and thanked the Lord for the new wall. The loss was great, but He was equal to it, and He enabled us to go forward and build a better wall. The Lord so protected our wall when it fell that the bricks were not crushed, and

we built the new wall out of the old bricks and in addition were able to sell two thousand bricks. But all around us the bricks that fell were crushed to powder, so that even the heathen said our living God had protected us.

A famine followed in the wake of the typhoon, and again we proved that our God is a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. He wonderfully supplied our needs and carried us through another time of deep testing, proving that "I am the Lord; I change not." He does hear and answer prayer as in the days of old. At this time we had several new children brought to us, pitiable cases. The time came when we had no more rice. After waiting on the Lord one night for rice for the family, about six o'clock in the morning there was a knock at our front gate and the call "Mi lae-leh" (rice is coming). There stood six coolies, each with a bag of rice on his back. God had put it upon the heart of a Christian native to send us rice, waking him in the night. And this native knew nothing of our need. So we had our supply.

When the Lord told me to return to this country there were many definite needs to be met in the home before I could leave. There was need for some one to carry on during my absence, there were children's clothes to be gotten in order, and many other things to be taken care of. Just before Christmas I had a touch of the flu and thought I would take a day of quiet before the Christmas rush came on. During the day a visitor was anounced. It was a native Christian who brought a gift of six hundred Chinese dollars that had been given her by some of her heathen friends for our home. It came just in time to pay some bills that were due. Other needs were met in similar fashion. The time came for my passage money to be given. At Christmas I had an unusual amount of personal gifts. Our rule is that all money goes into the general treasury, so in times past I had never kept personal offerings for myself. But as the needs were met in the home, I felt it would be wise to keep these offerings towards my passage home. However, about the second week in January the offerings fell off; and as our rule is "Present supply for present needs," I had to draw on my nest egg. This continued until all was used, so that on the Saturday before I was to leave on Monday, I saw the bottom of everything I had toward my passage. But having waited on God the night previously, I knew assuredly that He was calling me to return and that He would provide.

That morning after family prayers I went to my office for a word, and the Lord gave me 1 Chron 17:2 coupled with 1 Chron 22:16, "Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." I knew the Lord meant for me to go forward so I sent for my ticket to go to Shanghai, having enough money to take me that far. I would look to the Lord for the rest that was needed when I had gotten there. Shortly after the cook had gone for my ticket, a native Christian came in to call;

and when he was leaving he slipped me two Mexican dollars in my hand, saying it was for my passage home. I needed over three hundred dollars, but I praised the Lord for that two dollars as much as though it had been the three hundred, for it said to me, "My Father is mindful of my need."

He had not much more than gone when another caller, a native, brought a gift of one hundred and seventy dollars, saying the Lord had laid it upon his heart to bring this toward my passage home. The tears flowed freely as I saw my Father using my dear Chinese brothers and sisters to minister to my need. The balance was met by Chinese friends after I arrived in Shanghai, in answer to prayer alone. So I got my ticket without even having the necessity of changing money into American currency. There was just enough, with a few coppers over as souvenirs for the children. The Father gave me a wonderful voyage home, traveling with Him, and resting and being refreshed in His presence.

Upon my arrival in San Francisco I found a check waiting for me. It met my expenses down the coast to my home in Los Angeles. As I had had to leave my family in China with an empty rice bin and an empty treasury, I asked my Father to give me something to send back to them to encourage their hearts. At that week-end I was able to send back a draft for eighty dollars, without making an appeal for money but just in answer to prayer. The first letter I received from China stated that the Lord had laid it upon the hearts of some native Christians to give them fifteen bags of rice. Thus our Lord has cared for them and for me during my absence from China. Now I am returning, and I know He will continue to provide and care for us. I covet your prayers as I return to China in this present unsettled condition, for prayer changes things. Let us believe God for a mighty revival in that land which is so torn by the devil's power. As a soldier of the Cross I am not afraid to enter the enemy's camp. Why should I fear to go back when the Lord of Hosts is with me and the God of Jacob is my

Our sister, Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols, undaunted by the dangers due to the unrest in China at the present time, is sailing for Shanghai on the S. S. "Taiyo Maru" leaving San Francisco February 15th. The constraining love of Christ is a greater force than the fear of what men may do in their violence.

## TRIAL THE SCHOOL OF TRUST

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Psa. 56:3.

We shall never forget a remark that George Mueller once made to one who had asked him the best way to have strong faith. "The only way," replied the patriarch of faith, "to learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings."



We wonder how many of the disciples of Darwinism know anything about Prof. Charles Darwin's last days. The story of the visits of Lady Hope to Mr. Darwin written by herself, is not only interesting but enlightening. In Mr. Darwin's younger days he was a materialistic investigator of science; in his latter years he went back to the "Old Book."

Here is the remarkable story of that remarkable woman, Lady Hope, of Northfield, England, sent to us a few weeks ago from Edinburgh, Scotland:

"It was on one of those glorious autumn afternoons that we sometimes enjoy in England, when I asked to go in and sit with the well-known professor, Charles Darwin. He was almost bedridden for some months before he died. I used to feel when I saw him that his fine presence would make a grand picture for our Royal Academy; but never did think so more strongly than on this particular occasion.

"He was sitting upon a couch near a large window wearing a soft embroidered dressing gown of rather a rich purple shade

"Propped up by pillows, he was gazing out on a far-stretching scene of woods and corn-fields which glowed in the light of one of those marvelous sunsets which are the beauty of Kent and Surrey. His noble forehead and fine features seemed to be lit up with pleasure as I entered the room.

"He waved his hand toward the window as he pointed out the scene beyond, while in the other hand he held an open Bible, which he was always studying.

"'What are you reading now?' I asked as I seated myself by his bedside.

"'Hebrews' he answered—'still Hebrews, The Royal Book, I call it. Isn't it grand?' "Then placing his finger on certain passages, he commented on them.

"I made some allusion to the strong opinions expressed by some person on the history of the Creation, its grandeur, and then their treatment of the earlier chapters of the Book of Genesis.

"He seemed greatly distressed, his fingers twitched nervously, and a look of agony come over his face as he said:

"I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire. People made a religion of them. Oh, if I could only undo it.'

"Then he paused and after a few more sentences on the 'Holiness of God' and 'the grandeur of this Book,' looking at the Bible which he was holding tenderly all the time, he suddenly said:

"'I have a summer house in the garden, which holds about thirty people. It is over there,' pointing through the open window 'I want you very much to speak there. I know you read the Bible in the village. To-morrow afternoon I should like the servants on the place, some tenants and a few of the neighbors to gather there. Will you speak to them?' "'What shall I speak about?' I asked.

"'Christ Jesus!' he replied in a clear emphatic voice, adding in a lower tone, 'and His salvation. Is not that the best theme? And then I want you to sing some hymns with them. You lead on your small instrument, do you not?"

"The wonderful look of brightness and animation on his face as he said this I shall never forget, for he added:

"'If you take the meeting at three o'clock this window will be open, and you will know that I am joining in with the singing.'

"How I wished that I could have made a picture of the old man and his beautiful surroundings on that memorable day!" —Christian Witness,

#### AN ANGEL BODY GUARD

The Christians in different parts of China have had very trying experiences lately. A lady missionary writes: "During the awful night when looting was taking place and dangers surrounded the compound, which sheltered some hundreds of women and girls, not only were the praying band of Christians untouched, but a wonderful thing happened. The previous night she had been laid low with a very bad attack of malaria (fever), and for a time the onslaught of the enemy was terriffic.

"Those around said: 'What will you do when the looters come here? What about these promises you have been trusting to when firing begins and robbing in this compound?' and so on. She turned to the great Conqueror of the hosts of darkness, saying: 'Lord, I have been teaching these people all these years to hold on to Thy promises, and if they fail now I shall never be able to open my mouth again; I must just go home.' The next night she was up and among the frightened refugees and praying Christians. Awful things were happening all around. but the Mission compound was untouched. In the morning people from three different families of the neighbors asked, who were those four people, three sitting and one standing, quietly watching from the top of your house all night long?' When told by one and another that no one was on the housetop, they refused to believe this, saying: 'We saw them with our own eyes!' Then they were told that our God still has angel guards sent to protect His children in their hour of need."

The pride of learning is against the dependent humility of prayer. — E. M. Bounds.

#### BAD EYES HEALED

Several months ago I was anointed and prayed for at Faith Tabernacle, Binghampton, N. Y., for the healing of my eyes which were very bad. The Lord healed me and since then I haven't been bothered with them at all. Have been able to read any print at any time. I wish to give God all the glory for His goodness and mercy to me.—Frank Brenchley, Susquehanna, Pa.

## HEALED OF HYDROCELE

I want to tell you how God wonderfully healed our little boy. I love to praise Him for it. He had been afflicted for six months with hydrocele and the doctor finally said that nothing but an operation would do him any good. We had been reading the Evangel and we knew that God could heal him, so we asked the pastor of the assembly in Topeka where we were visiting, to anoint him and pray for him, and God did heal him. Within two weeks he was perfectly normal. We are so thankful that we can go to Him for healing as well as for salvation, and we want to serve Him always. Pray for us. —Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Corkill, 808 N. St. Francis, Wichita, Kans.

## THE STORY OF THE PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING

We are receiving many letters concerning the new book, "With Signs Following." We quote from just one: "I am in receipt of the new book. Praise God for it. While reading its pages I am conscious of a deep longing that the initial outpouring might be repeated, just as the early rain after a short dry season is followed in the Congo by the copious showers and floods of the latter rain.

"It seems to me that at the present time more and unanimous prayer is going up to God, just as before the outpouring in 1906, and we may confidently expect God to do a new thing in our midst. As I am writing these lines the joy of the Lord causes the tears to flow, and my whole being is thrilled with the presence of the Comforter.

"This book will be of immeasurable help to bring the light of Pentecost to many. It ought to be in the hands of every pastor and Christian worker. It would be a help to seekers and enquirers.—Mrs. Mathilde Stevenson, Yonkers, N. Y."

The price of "With Signs Following" is \$1.50. With renewals or new subscriptions for the Evangel we are letting the book go for \$1.00, (\$1.00 for subscription, and \$1.00 for book. Canadian friends please add 50 cents extra for extra postage on Evangel.) We will send the book free to those sending in five new annual subscriptions for the Evangel.

#### CANADIAN PENTECOSTAL TESTIMONY

The Canadian Pentecostal Testimony is the name of the Pentecostal paper published by our Canadian brethren. It is published monthly and has this year been enlarged to 20 pages. The price is \$1.00 per year. Send your subscription to the editor, Brother R. E. McAlister, 740 Queen's Ave., London, Ont., Canada.

#### MOTIVES

One blustering day my little boy said, "Would you like me to make a fire for you?"

"I surely would. It would feel fine," I replied.

He ran out, slamming the door. On his return he slammed the wood down on the hearth, shoved the andirons aside with a clatter, ran through the room, brought in a shovel of red coals and soon had a roaring fire. Returning to me he asked for another task. I told him that when he was rested and ready he might go to the post office for some stamps. Out he ran, slamming the door behind him.

A few minutes later I smelled smoke. The dining room rug was ablaze. After putting out the fire, I demanded to know who had been trying to burn up the house.

"Your boy," answered Cook. "He dropped a red hot coal on the rug. He ought to be thrashed."

"No such thing. I shall cover this with a bit of rug and don't any of you say a word to the boy. He was doing his best to help his father."

At dinner I put a big leg of chicken on his plate, added an extra large portion of potato, mashed it down into a nest and heaped on the gravy. In a few minutes the boy returned, breathless.

"Anything else you want me to do, Father?"

"Yes," I replied, "I want you to show me the bone on that chicken leg."

Presently the boy sniffed. Something's burned. Is the house on fire?"

I looked hard at the others as I replied, "No, Son, everything is all right. Eat your dinner."

"But, I want to know what's burning." As he pushed back his chair, he pulled the bit of rug with it and there was the hole

"Father, who burned the rug?"
"You did, Son."

As he came to me, with a cry, I put my arms around him and hugged him tight. He had meant to help me. I gave him a quarter.

"Paying me for setting the house on fire, Father?"

"No, Son, making you a present to show you how much I appreciate your desire to be a comfort to your father, in spite of your mistakes."

And that is just like God. He looks at the heart and rewards us for our desire to do for Him, though our service may even do more damage than good. And he goes still farther.

As I sat on the porch the boy called to me, "Father, please give me another quarter. Yes, I know you just gave me one, but this is business. I will tell you later all about it."

An hour later I was called into the kitchen where the boy was putting red hot coals into a patented covered shovel. As he swung it above his head, he said, "Now I am fixed so that I will never do that again."

This is just like God. He helps us profit by our mistakes. He sanctifies our souls so that we need not continue in sin. We will always make mistakes, They are not sins in themselves. God looks at the intention. If He sees there a desire to do right, if the heart is perfect toward Him, He forgives the mistakes in our service.

"The mistakes of my life have been many, the sins of my life not a few," but God will forgive my sins and cover my mistakes with His Blood, and help me to do better next time.—H. C. Morrison.

## FRACTURE MIRACULOUSLY HEALED

Pastor J. W. Brown and wife write from Yakima, Wash.: "We were called in May to take the pastorate of the assembly here. When we came Brother and Sister Garr were conducting a tent meeting in which God wonderfully blessed. The tent seated twelve hundred and was full every night for eight weeks. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. People from all denominational churches came into the light of Pentecost including Catholics and so-called Christian Scientists. God mightily poured out His Spirit and night after night when the altar calls were given hundreds came and cried out to God. God has continually added to the church. At least a hundred have been filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4) up to January first. Our Sunday school has increased more than threefold. To God be all the glory!

"We have just closed a three weeks' campaign with Sister Mamie B. Keel, in which 41 were saved, and 23 filled with the Spirit in the Bible way. Folks have been healed through the prayer of faith. A little girl fell one night outside the tabernacle breaking her leg, but in just a few minutes in answer to prayer she stopped screaming and ran outside to her father's car. God had set the bone, removed the pain, and completely healed her. It is now two weeks past and it has never given a bit of trouble. Praise the Lord. To-day the power of God is falling—Jesus is every day the same!"

#### WAS GOD IN THE EARTHQUAKE?

In 1921 there was an earthquake in Kansu, Western China. It occurred on the eve of a holy war which had been announced by Ma Shan Ren and his many Mohammedan followers. This earthquake caused the death of Ma Shan Ren by burying him alive in the earth. One hundred and fifty thousand Mohammedans lost their lives in the same disaster. The holy war was abandoned, and the door to Moslems in Northwest China remains open to the missionary of the Cross.—Alliance Weekly.

### EQUIPMENT

What equipment do you need in order to be a missionary? J. Hudson Taylor answers the question. "A life yielded to God, a restful trust in Him to supply your needs, a willingness to take a lowly place, adaptability toward circumstances, steadfastness in discouragement, love for prayer and study of the Word, some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home."—Sel.

#### THE QUAKER'S VICTORY

In his book, "A Handful of Stars," F. W. Boreham forcefully illustrates how the Quaker, William Penn, was Christianity's unanswerable argument to the Mohican and Delaware Indians. He writes, "Immediately upon his arrival he called the Indians to meet him. They gathered under the great elm at Shakamaxon-a spot that is now marked by a monument. He approached the chiefs unarmed; and they, in return, threw away their bows and arrows. Presents were exchanged and speeches made. Penn told the natives that he desired nothing but their friendship. He undertook that neither he nor any of his friends should ever do the slightest injury to the person or the property of an Indian; and they, in reply, bound themselves 'to live in love with Onas'-as they called him-'and with the children of Onas, as long as the sun and the moon shall endure.' 'This treaty of peace and friendship was made,' as Bancroft says, 'under the open sky, by the side of the Delaware, with the sun and the river and the forest for witnesses. It was not confirmed by an oath; it was not ratified by signatures and seals; no written record of the conference can be found; and its terms and conditions had no abiding monument, but on the heart. There they were written like the law of God and were never forgotten. The simple sons of the wilderness, returning to their wigwams, kept the history of the covenant by strings of wampum, and, long afterward, in their cabins, they would count over the shells on a clean piece of bark and recall to their own memory, and repeat to their children or to the stranger, the words of William Penn.

The world laughed at the fantastic agreement; but the world noticed, at the same time, that, whilst the neighboring colonies were being drenched in blood and decimated by the barbarity of the Mohicans and Delawares, the hearths of Pennsylvania enjoyed an undisputed repose. No drop of Quaker blood was ever shed by an Indian. So complete was the victory of the faith of William Penn!

## SEEKING THE TEMPLE SITE

One of the most significant items of world news that has appeared in recent months was tucked away in an inconspicuous place in the Jewish Tribune of November 19. Among the week's happenings the following startling statement was sandwiched in between two accounts of local happenings:

"A petition that the League of Nations intervene with the Palestine government to allot a strip of land on Mount Moriah, Jerusalem, for the purpose of reconstructing Solomon's Temple was tabled by the Permanent Mandates Commission at its session in Geneva last week."

This petition was presented by a group of orthodox Jews of Jerusalem. It is now on the table at Geneva, but it will not remain there. In God's own time and manner that request will be granted because the temple will be rebuilt as foretold by the prophets in the eternal Word.—Alliance Weekly.

## Children's Corner

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

There was once a happy little family, Chris, Arthur, Harry and Mary, who lived in the country, and kept, with the aid of mother and father and Aunt Catherine, a beautiful garden, their "earthly paradise," as they called it, and they loved every flower that grew there.

But, like many brothers and sisters, they sometimes quarreled; so, one Sunday afternoon, mother talked to them about the great love of Jesus, and how He commanded His disciples to love and forgive one another.

The children listened patiently, but at last Arthur, who was the eldest, asked his mother, "How can you make yourself love or forgive somebody, when you don't? Wouldn't it be only pretending, mother?"

To Arthur's question, mother gave a peculiar reply. I wonder what you will think of it. "Arthur, dear," she said, "we must obey Jesus, however we feel. If we act lovingly and forgivingly and are earnest in our desire to obey the Master, then we shall at last come to feel the love and forgiveness we are trying to show. Try it," she added, "and see what happens! Do first; feel afterwards."

Well, some days later a quarrel broke out in this happy little family. Harry upset little Chris very badly by taking some new toy-soldiers Chris had been given, and playing alone with them all the morning.

Chris was very, very angry and hurt, but he was a quaint, good-hearted little fellow. Presently Mary saw him go to the toy-cupboard and get out of it a brand-new lovely humming-top his uncle had given him. He was muttering to himself, and at first Mary couldn't catch the words. Presently, however, she heard: "Do's first, feel's aft'-wards."

The words puzzled her for a moment, but then she remembered mother's lesson. Up the stairs, pit-a-pat, went little Chris. Into the nursery he burst, still saying his motto to himself—"Do's first, feel's aft'-wards." He went straight up to Harry and thrust the humming-top in his hands, saying, "Mother said, 'Do's first, feel's aft'-wards.' You can play with my new top, Harry!"

You can guess how surprised Harry felt, and he was old enough too to be ashamed of his mean action of the morning. Presently, as the top spun round, it seemed to be saying to them both, "Do's first, feel's aft'-wards."

"We must obey Jesus, however we feel." But obedience to Jesus is always worth while, and if, for His sake, we will try hard to love people who seem to us unlovely, very soon we shall find them changing, and becoming quite lovable. If Jesus loves them all, there must be something lovable about them, must there not?

Let us stand bravely by His command to "Love one another," and we shall find it easier and easier to obey. Every one of His commands is only meant to make us, and all the world, happier.—Albert D. Belden in The Commands of the King.

## THE TONGUE OF FIRE By Evangelist A. P. Gouthey

(Continued from Page Three) yet carnal!" Thus, like physicians in consultation, Jesus, Paul and James have given us an accurate diagnosis of the backbiter's moral malady. HIS OUTWARD TROUBLE TAKES ITS RISE FROM WITHIN. His tongue shows plainly the condition of his heart.

#### IV.

## The Remedy for the Sin of Backbiting

Having thus ascertained the seat of the backbiter's trouble we can now move with accuracy in prescribing a remedy. One thing is clear: MERE OUTWORD APPLICATIONS WILL NOT CURE. The cancerous condition of the heart must be dealt with before we can be rid of the festering, eating sores of scandalmongering. "The very God of peace" must "sanctify us wholly" in order that we may abstain from a sin so prevalent. The body must become "the temple of the Holy Ghost" and every member of it an instrument of righteousness. The tree of character must be made "good" in order that the fruit of conversation may be "good."

The question sure to present itself is: may we hope for such a cure? Without doubt we may. If the words of the Prophet mean anything they mean that there is a remedy that will go as deep as our malady. "A NEW HEART ALSO WILL I GIVE YOU, and a new spirit will I put within you: I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." Here is both God's remedy and God's method. HE CORRECTS THE LIVING BY OPERATING IN THE HEART. The new heart soon filters its new life out through all the being. The spots are taken from the leopard's skin by changing his nature. The Ethiopian is made white, not with an application of whitewash, BUT BY MAKING HIM WHITE AT THE FOUNTAIN OF HIS BEING. The backbiter is saved from his vicious habit by making him Christlike in character. "I the Lord thy God will circumcize thine heart that thou mayest love." LOVE IS THE REMEDY FOR THIS MALADY! To love God with all the heart is to love our neighbor as ourselves-and "love worketh no ill to his neighbor." One could hardly imagine a mother telling abroad the sins, and failures, and bad habits of her own sons. Love mourns and waits and hopes. As Christians then we are not to "love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

It only remains now for us to find the condition on which the great Physician will take our case.

First. Let the person who is guilty REPENT. This involves confession and, so far as is possible, restitution. Confess to the person injured; then, by word and letter, repair the damage done just as far as it is possible to do so. No skimming over. Drive the plowshare of restitution as deep as it will run, and keep remembering as you do so that every sin unrepented of will live to trail the guilty person to the Great White Throne of judgment. Be heroic. Go to the bottom! "The heart is a deceiver above all deceivers" and will plead for an easier route, but we must hold ourselves to the operator's knife until HE pronounces the operation a success. "A heart from sin set free and full of love divine," is the world's only hope for deliverance from the sin of backbiting.

Second. Having thus obtained a clean heart, make it a habit of life to go to thy brother and there "BETWEEN HIM AND THEE ALONE TELL HIM HIS FAULT." As you would have others do unto you "do ye even so to them." Keep the other person's name and reputation as sacred as you would have them keep yours. Cultivate that love that "rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth." With David make a high resolve —"I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress"—"I will take heed—that I sin not with my tongue."

Having made this resolution the utmost vigilance will be required to keep it. As Mr. Wesley once said: "The very commonness of this sin makes it difficult to be avoided." If we are to succeed at all several rules must be diligently observed.

First—Keep the mind free from all suspicion. Evil speaking is suspicious thought it bloom. Just as a gardener must weed his garden in order to produce the choicest fruit and bower, so we must weed our thinking if we would produce the choicest character. "Whatsoever things" then, are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, GOOD REPORT, "THINK ON THESE THINGS." Never allow the mind to travel lower than this level.

Second—Refuse to keep company with talebearers. "From such withdraw thyself." They are spreaders of moral contagion. They are the worst foes of society. They are the moral scavengers of the universe. Avoid them as you would avoid the devil!

Third—Cultivate a deep hatred for this, as well as all other sin. What one hates one will instinctively avoid. Indeed, this is God's own method of protecting us. "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." In London an Anti-Scandal League has been formed. Every member is pledged to do all in his power to protect society against the ravages of this sin. Good idea! Let us emulate their example. From this moment "SPEAK EVIL OF NO MAN."

"The more we pray and praise, the more fully we are consecrated, the more we delight to give."

#### FREE TRACTS REPORT

Tracts sent out in the mo	onth of-
November, 1926	247,119
December, 1926	212,280
January, 1927,	
Received for free tracts	in month of
November,	\$546.09
December,	
January,	346.89
Cost of tracts and other out free in month of-	literature sent
November,	\$548.65

December, 377.06

January, 405.52

Total number of tracts sent out in the

Total number of tracts sent out in the three months 610,484.

Total cost of tracts and other literature sent out free in the three months, \$1331.23.

Total received for free tracts in the three months \$1,485.27.

There is now in process of preparation soon to go on the press a line of tracts for children. This series of tracts we have been talking about and praying over for months and now they will soon be ready.

We are using our best judgment constantly to send no more tracts to people than they will actually distribute. We try to send every one as many as they will use but not more. This policy faithfully followed enables us to suppose without violence to the probabilities that the 600,000 tracts sent out have all been given to people to read. Isn't it a great and amazing thing to realize that more than half a million persons have been reached in three months by our tract distribution enterprise? We are greatly gratified over the results thus far. Every bag of tracts sent to the post office is faithfully prayed over, with laid-on hands, that God's blessing may go with each little messenger.

We thank the donors and praise the Lord for the offerings received in this work thus far. May we have the joy three months from now of reporting that you have given more to the free tract fund and that we have been able to send out more free tracts.

In writing for free tracts, tell us just how many you can distribute. We will gladly send you all you require, but we do not wish to send more than you want.

### GLAD TIDINGS D. H. McDowell

God gave us a very gracious refreshing at both Sioux City, Iowa, and Cape Girardeau, Mo., during the month of January.

The situation at Sioux City was most trying and difficult in many ways and the enemy seemed determined to thwart all effort toward any kind of constructive work. But Prayer! But God! This is the answer to every trying and difficult problem. The Lord triumphed and there was a gracious anointing on the ministry of the Word and a breaking through to God that was pleasing indeed. The only trouble was that our time was limited and we had to close for other fields. The work there is being directed by our good Brother and Sister Pollard who have been active in the erection of a beautiful and comfortable chapel. The saints there are

standing nobly with them and the work is prospering. May the Lord bless these faithful laborers as they continue in this blessed work. I enjoyed my visit there with those hungry people and trust the Lord will greatly bless them as they strive for the faith of the Gospel.

At Cape Girardeau, with Pastor Waddel we were confronted with a serious ice storm which handicapped our efforts somewhat with lights being off part of the time. However, in spite of this and other difficulties we were helped of the Lord and there was a very gracious breaking through to God and quite a number were saved and some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Others who had left the church returned again and went down before God and got blessedly renewed. The meeting continued until 2 o'clock a. m. Monday and a great spirit of revival was resting on the saints. We are trusting and hoping for great blessing there in Cape Girardeau. The saints are contemplating a move to erect a more suitable place of worship as their present quarters are being crowded.

The Lord is moving and renewing that deep hunger which characterized the early days of the work and I am trusting that there will come a great awakening and a moving down toward God in prayer. This is our only hope. "If my people, who are called by my Name, SHALL HUM-BLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY, and seek My Face, and turn from their wicked ways; THEN WILL I HEAR FROM HEAVEN, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. Friends, God has never been known to refuse to answer the heart cry of His people when they HUMBLE themselves before Him. God cannot and will not move past the prostrate form of the intercessor. May we have more of prayer and fewer words and the results will be assured in a great awakening and coming to God before the glorious return of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

#### BLINDNESS HEALED BY PRAYER

After being blind for thirty years, Henry Salter, a seventy-three-year-old Newport man, has recovered his sight. Aided by a stick, Salter felt his way up the aisle of the Portland Street United Methodist Church, and pleaded with the pastor, Isaac Davies, that prayers might be offered for the restoration of his sight. The prayers were uttered, Salter was anointed with oil, and gradually his sight returned. Salter told a reporter that many years ago his eye was pierced by a thorn. Doctors advised him to have the eye removed, or he would lose the sight of the other. He declined, and later became totally blind. He was treated in various hospitals and infirmaries, but all in vain, and was too poor to try specialists.-London Christian Herald.

Wherever a work of sanctification breaks out the whole work of God prospers. Till you press believers to expect full savation you must not look for any revival.—John Wesley.

### GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to our ministerial list in the month of January, 1927:

Anderson, Harvey D., Goose Creek, Tex. Bamford, Annie, Glendale, California Dillon, Charles R., Los Angeles, Calif. Dillon, Helen Inez, Los Angeles, Calif. Ericson, Andrew G., Chapra, India Lewis, W. W., White Hall, Illinois Merian, Fred A., Lakhimpur, India Montgomery, James A., Bellflower, Calif. Olsen, John O., Chicago III. Opie, Earl H., Lindsay, Calif. Robertson, Cornelia J., San Francisco, Calif.

Tan Ditter, Meyer, East Providence, R. I. Vaughn, Lue, Kenedy, Texas.

The following names were removed from our ministerial list in the month of January, 1927:

Graves, Frederick A. (Deceased), Zion, III. Farmann, L. L. (Withdrawn), Seattle, Wash.

#### GIVING TO MISSIONS

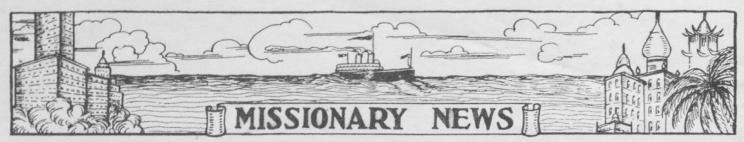
A venerable colored minister who had been pleading earnestly for foreign missions, closed with these words: "Bredren, I've heard of churches dat's dyin' of 'spectability, I've heard of a church where de souls of de people is all shriveled up with selfishness, and I've heard of lots of churches like a barren desert, with no livin' waters, no waters of 'freshment runnin' in 'em, 'cause dey refuse to do de Lord's will. But, bredren, who ever heard of a church dat was killed 'cause it gave money to foreign missions? Who ever heard of a church dat died 'cause it did what de Lord said? Neber! neber! bredren. Ef anybody would tell me of such a church in all dis wide universe, I'd make a pilgrimage to dat church. I would climb up it ivy-mantled walls, and to de top of de steeple, and lay dis black hand on de topmost stone of dat temple and say, 'Blessed are de dead dat die in de Lord.'

## GOOD MEETING IN MONTROSE

Pastor E. Chastagner writes from Montrose, Calif.: "We wish to report victory at Verdugo City, Calif. We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Evangelist Samuel Swanson, who is the Field Evangelist of the Southern California District Council, and the power of God was made manifest in the salvation of souls, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the healing of the sick. There was a mighty stir among the young people, a number of whom were saved and filled according to Acts 2:4. These meetings have also brought a wonderful spirit of unity among the saints.

"I wish to call especial attention to the fact that this assembly could not have met the expenses of a revival campaign, and that the coming of an evangelist to this assembly was made possible only by the provision of our District Council, which, I am sure, will be the means of building up the smaller assemblies."

Women all over the world are expected to join in a movement to make March 4, 1927, a day of prayer for missions.



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

#### CONVENTION IN TOKYO Gordon Bender

We just want to give you a report of the two days' convention which was held the 4th and 5th of January. At the December Prayer Meeting, we all felt that the Lord would be pleased to have us hold this convention. Each one prayed definitely for these meetings. The enemy was at hand to hinder in every way.

First. The Emperor died and because of the season of mourning we thought the meetings would have to be cancelled, but God undertook and it lasted only one week because of the holiday business and the closing of the year. Second. Mrs. Bender and I took poison from the Japanese stain. We had a double dose of it because we didn't know the cause of it. It looked as though we might not be able to attend but the Lord answered prayer. Praise His Name. Sister Wengler could not attend as a missionary was sick at her home. We were sorry for this. Laying aside all the hindrances this we believe will express our hearts' gratitude, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised and His greatness is unsearchable." Psa. 145:3. "And they cried, The Lord, He is the God; The Lord, He is the God." 1 Kings 18:39.

Our hearts exalt the greatness of our God. We gathered for the afternoon as they were for the workers and missionaries. We desired the Lord to draw us closer together for a larger work to be done this new year. Brother Munroe and Brother J. Juergensen brought the message from the Word. Topic, "Put on the whole armour of God" and "The Man of God." As we looked into the Word we felt our need of Him. Our prayers were, "More of Thee, O Lord." The cry went up for a revival in Japan and for souls. Oh, to see souls come to the feet of Jesus. The people seem so indifferent, therefore, much prayer is needed for them. . . . We looked forward to the evening services, expecting the Lord to meet every one present. Christians gathered from Akabane, Takinogawa, Fujimai and Tachikawa churches to the Otsuka Pentecostal Church for a feasting time with the Lord. Our hearts rejoiced to see the Christians, workers, and missionaries gather. The song services were conducted by Brother Munroe and were a blessing to all. The testimonies were inspiring and the messages which were brought by two of the native preachers were uplifting. The altar was filled with seekers praying for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The sick ones were also prayed for and we believe the Lord answered prayer. It was good to be there. We all

came away from the meetings refreshed in Him, believing that He is going to do greater things in Japan this new year. Let us look to the Lord for a lengthening of the cords and a strengthening of the stakes in the work of Japan. Brethren, pray for us.

# THE CROWNING OF THE VIRGIN OF ANTIPOLO B. H. Caudle

"What gay crowd is this? Why is the crowd gathering here upon the Lunetta? What is the elevated platform yonder used for? These questions might have been asked by a casual observer at the Lunetta in Manila, Philippine Islands, the great park of that city, on Sunday, November 28th, 1926. Bands are playing, student soldiers from the Catholic University are marching and miles of people are crowded along the streets awaiting anxiously the arrival of the virgin accompanied by her escort. She is to come riding upon a great automotive carriage, fitted with gold, silver and gay decoration

"We wait while the crowd grows until thousands gather to see an image crowned. We look upon the crowd but our thoughts are far away and upon another Coronation and one that is real, the crowning of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, when we shall crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords.

"An aeroplane is heard humming over our heads and out of it a captain of the Philippine constabulary is throwing flowers upon the path of the Virgin. Speeches of welcome are being made and after that the crown is being lifted high to be placed upon the head of the image. As the crown is placed rockets are fired into the air, horns are blown and all heaven seems to be filled with colored balloons and white doves are released with colored streamers tied to them.

"But what of the crown? Is it real? Yes, brother and sister, it is real. Its value is 50,000.00 pesos or \$25,000.00 in gold. It has seven large diamonds in it and in itself is quite beautiful as the world speaks.

"I was told when coming to these islands that the Philippine Islands was the only Christian country of the Orient, but dear reader, this is a fair sample of the Christianity (?) that Rome is putting upon the people here. I am happy to say, however, that the testimony of Jesus Christ is being preached. Reader, are you praying for these Islands? Do you know that there are many millions of people here that need the Gospel preached to them with power and in demonstra-

tion of the Holy Ghost? The Pentecostal message is yet a stranger to the Philippine Islands, but by God's grace it will not remain so long, for there shall be established in these islands a lighthouse of the Pentecostal truth where men and women can be free. Will you pray for us and that the Gospel will go forth in power to save the lost of the Philippines?"

## MALLAWI APOSTOLIC CONVENTION

#### H. E. Randall

The Apostolic work at Mallawi had been closed for some months following the removal by death of our beloved brother, Matta Mikhael, but in obedience to the call of God, Miss Schloss went there accompanied and ably assisted by Miss Dean, and made preparations for reopening the work by a convention. They had the meeting place transformed into a beautiful place of worship. The convention was held Dec. 3-5. Missionaries Post and Randall and pastors Habib Ishak of Fikria and Tawdaros Girgis of Tyaba were present. All were used of the Lord in bringing the messages to the hundreds of hungry souls who gathered. The attendance was even better than had been expected. In order to accommodate all a meeting for women was held each evening at 6 o'clock and one for men at seven and at every meeting there was a full attendance.

This report is written nearly one month since the convention and we can say that the work is very promising. A good attendance at the regular meetings has continued with increasing interest. A splendid Sunday school with about 50 scholars has been organized and the womens' work is especially encouraging. Brother Habib Shammah, a business man of Mallawi, is giving his whole-hearted services as interpreter and otherwise in assisting Sister Schloss. She needs the prayers of all in bearing the responsibility in that important field and center of work. Already calls are coming from some of the many villages surrounding where there are hundreds who want to hear the gospel of salvation.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that Brother and Sister Herman J. Mader of Chuchowfu, China, who are at present in this country on furlough, have been blessed of the Lord with another little member of their family. Evelyn Ruth was born on January 20th and we are sure will receive a hearty welcome by all.

#### WHY AM I A MISSIONARY? Geo. M. Kelley

In China to-day the missionaries are rather confused and are making an effort to discover just why they are here or in other words they are making a thorough search for their missionary credentials. The old ship of State, China, is being rocked to and fro upon the billows of a powerful gale-driven sea. You can imagine the confusion when it is understood -there are about 8,000 missionaries on board this ship-that represented here are men, women and children of every so-called Christian nation, and that these nations are represented by 133 denominations. These are further divided into "Old" and "Young," "Modernist" and "Fundamentalist" groups. But with ALL there is one question that is more than important (and that such a question must be settled goes without question), namely, "Where are my credentials?" or "Why am I a missionary?"

Over a hundred years ago students from China began going abroad for higher education so that they have gotten a close-up view of other nations at home. They have during these years become acquainted with every branch of science affecting modern nations. Then with a love and devotion for their "fatherland" not inferior to that possessed by other civilized nations of the world, they have come back home with a decision definitely made to bring about certain forms of reformation in national, city and domestic

That there is a well organized movement against Christianity in China cannot be denied for evidences of this appear on the surface and may be observed by

any casual observer.

"In this present crisis what are your missionaries doing?" is evidently the question which interests our people at home. One of our dear friends at home used to say, "We will do the best we can till we can do better." This is what we are doing. We have long since realized that the methods used in propagating the Gospel 120 years ago will not be practicable in the 20th century. Yet we know the Gospel is the power of God so it must be proclaimed. Consequently, we have given over to the Chinese the power to govern the church in this district and we are giving our time to ministering the Bread of Life.

The Canton Baptist Academy, the largest school in the South, kindly invited me for a week's service and I shall long remember the time spent there. From the first service the Lord was with us and though the school had done away with the compulsory rule of attendance on services the attendance was surprising and most satisfactory. Each morning several hundred students came to the services, the largest number present at one time reaching about 700. I fearlessly and faithfully declared the truth of the Gospel, resulting in the whole campus changing its attitude toward Christianity, especially toward the Pentecostal people and there was a beautiful response the last morning when about fifty students took their stand for Jesus. Many of these stu-

dents attend the assembly in Canton. Words fail to express the gratitude in my heart for the opportunity of preaching at this academy in this time of agitation against the foreigners.

About the same time that I received the invitation to preach at the academy, I got a warm invitation to speak for a week in the Presbyterian church in Canton. It was a beautiful structure with a constituency of about 1,000 members. I accepted and followed the other services with a week at this church (Chinese Presbyterian) with blessed results. One missionary asked rather ironically, "What is the nature of your meetings at the church?" I replied, "I am conducting a revival." "Umph, I never heard of the Presbyterian church holding a revival." The first two or three services were discouraging indeed. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon the people and there was a real breaking through. The choruses that had been translated from the English into Chinese were sung with enthusiasm. The crowds began to increase till we had about 650 people in the audience Sunday morning and the leader of the meeting said every denomination in Canton was represented. The song, 'Never Lonely' took with them and it was an inspiration to hear nearly 700 people singing with real life and spirit. The people gathered in private homes and sang these songs and had special prayer for healing and the

Now, we are plainning for a great Bible conference to be held in Canton at the Cumberland Presbyterian church under the auspices of the District Council of the Assemblies of God to last about 10 days or longer. The conference will be made up of all denominations in the city of Canton where there is reported to be a Christian constituency of 10,000. We earnestly ask your prayers for this Bible conference. One of our workers in Canton has just returned from a trip into the country where 100 people were seeking the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and 30 received the Baptism as on the day of Pentecost. Where are my credentials? Are not these blessed God-given revivals in this city my credentials? Yes, and the end is not yet. We are planning to have a Bible school started in Canton by February of 1927 and already have twenty prospective students. Are we downhearted? No! NO! The Lord bless

#### GOD'S DELIVERANCE IN CHINA J. C. Beruldsen

"The Lord's blessing continues to rest upon the Bible School and upon the students. His Spirit is working in our midst, taking the things of Christ and making them known unto us. We all find it a joy to dig out the treasures to be found in God's rich mine. 'Seek and ve shall find.' God's heart delights in those who are willing to search into His truth which, of course, necessitates diligent study and concentration upon things pertaining to Him.

"It is a great joy just to anticipate the future of each individual student and see in them the light that is going to be the means of lighting the way for those who are in darkness. As one gets accustomed to the prevailing conditions he almost loses sight of the great need on every side and of the spiritual darkness enveloping those given over to the worship of idols and evil spirits. These evil spirits or demons come in and take control of souls to such an extent that it is pitiful in the extreme to look upon the bondage they are in.

"One poor woman, having her feet bound with a chain was brought to the mission station about two weeks ago, those bringing her hoping she might find deliverance. We laid hold of God in prayer for her but saw no immediate results, yet we are confident that deliverance will come to this demon-tormented woman. It was necessary for them to bind her with chains because she was in the habit of climbing the trees in the courtyard and also onto the roofs of the houses. It was impossible to have her sleep indoors so she had to make her bed with the animals in the stable. We ask you to join us in prayer for this poor woman.

"We had another case of a demon-possessed man who had to be manacled hand and foot as he was of a dangerous character, seeking to kill people in his village. After commanding the demons, in the name of the Lord to leave him, he was at once delivered. Praise the Lord. He now attends the meetings Sunday after Sunday clothed in his right mind. Hallelujah! Such a wonder-working Saviour we have!

"We spent Christmas at a place by the name of Kaoyihsien (some 40 miles south of here) where we had the pleasure of holding two days special meetings, lending a helping hand to two lady missionarics who are faithfully holding the fort at that place. The Lord blessed us and we were all mutually benefited. While at the above place some of the northern troops under the Manchurian general were marching south to the Yellow River to make preparation for an attack against the Southern troops who are advancing northwards. These troops are an unscrupulous lot, striking terror into the hearts of the villagers wherever they go. They threaten to destroy and kill if their demands are refused. On first word of the troops coming the women and children prepare to escape to some distant village or to the mountains and on their return after the soldiers have passed through may find their belongings gone or destroyed. One day while the soldiers were passing the mission station one of the bolder characters approached an evangelist who was standing at the gate, drew his bayonet and pressed the point against the evangelist's body, saying 'off with your shoes,' so the evangelist had no other alternative but to do as he was told, otherwise he might have had the bayonet thrust into him. There were also two soldiers seen chasing a cyclist, but fortunately for him they were not able to overtake him."

"In all their afflictions He was afflicted and the angel of His presence saved them."

## In the Whitened Harvest Fields

#### REVIVAL AT FREDERICK, MD.

Pastor David Wilson writes from Frederick, Md.: "Just closed a 3 weeks' meeting with Evelyn Becker as evangelist. One saved and 2 baptized in the Spirit. A lot of prejudice was broken down and many nights the altar was full of Christians from different denominations who saw their need of the Baptism."

#### FRUITFUL NEW FIELD

Brother W. D. Haynes writes from Hamilton, Ala.: "We have recently held a revival for 1 week in my home 5 miles northeast of Hamilton. Brother L. M. Vaughan did the preaching and Brother Wiley McClann led the singing. Six followed the Lord in water baptism. Any Council minister will receive a hearty welcome here."

#### IF GOD BE FOR US

Pastor J. H. Runcie from Avon Park, Fla., writes: "We have just closed a 3 weeks' campaign held under difficulties. By petition we were forced to move the tent to the edge of town. In the time of the meeting we had an Italian opera, a show, and a county fair to distract the attention of the people, but even so of course the odds were for us—God. Eight were saved and 2 baptized in the Spirit. Please pray for us."

### PLANNING GREAT THINGS

Pastor Fred L. Snyder writes: "Here in Delano and throughout this San Joaquin Valley there is a great forward move for God and the revival fires are burning. Praise the Lord.

"Since coming here three months ago the Lord has enabled us to build a 40 by 60 tabernacle for His glory. He is sending in new people and increasing the hunger among the saints for Himself. We are expecting the Humphrey Evangelistic Party to be with us during the month of March, and we request that God's people everywhere pray for a real Holy Ghost revival to sweep over this district."

## LEAVENWORTH, WASH., THRIVES

Pastor A. S. Ellis writes from Leavenworth, Wash.: "We observed watchnight in confession and humility before God, and this seemed to be a turning point for the assembly. During the ten days of prayer souls were coming to the altar and conviction rested on many in the district. We felt it was time for special meetings and there being no evangelist available, we started preaching every night ourselves and had the joy of seeing several more saved at the altar. We are praising God for the souls saved and the revival spirit that now exists among the saints. Believe that many more are about ready to yield to God and God is still working in our midst."

#### FINE ARKANSAS REVIVAL

Pastor A. S. Peters writes: "Just want to send a word of praise from Cedar Grove, La., where we have just closed a 3½ weeks' revival with Brother Stephen D. Merwe as evangelist. God brought great conviction on the people so that quite a number were saved, 18 were baptized in the Spirit, 5 reclaimed, 7 baptized in water, with others to follow later. Praise the Lord."

#### HUMBOLDT, KANSAS, BLESSED

Pastor Oscar Davidson of Humboldt, Kansas, writes: "The greatest Pentecostal revival that Humboldt has ever seen is now going on at the Assembly of God church. We have had about 60 conversions since the first of the year, and the end is not yet. Brother Elmer F. Muir, formerly Baptist minister of Arkansas City, will be with us for a series of meetings, beginning February, 13, the Lord willing. We solicit your prayers.

#### GOOD WORK IN TULSA

Brother J. Edgar Freeman writes from Tulsa, Okla.: "I wish to report that I have just closed a two weeks' meeting at the Home Gardens Mission here and we had a total of 44 souls saved, all adults except 3. This little mission is a work only 4 months old which was started by Sister L. D. Stricker, the pastor, and God has wonderfully blessed ever since it was opened. We are rejoicing in the Lord and give Him all the praise for it was truly a prayed-down revival and old time Holy Ghost conviction was there all the way. Not a service without souls being saved and sick bodies healed. I feel sure that others should go out in the highways as this sister has done. Brother and Sister Faye Williamson of Denver assisted the last week."

## REVIVAL IN LOS ANGELES

Pastor Louis F. Turnbull writes from Los Angeles, Calif.: "The three weeks' special meetings at Bethel Temple, under the ministry of Evangelist P. C. Nelson and party were blessed of God in a precious way. The meeting continued Jan 2-23. Much time was spent in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon God's people everywhere, and those who entered into this spirit of intercession for others were conscious of new blessing and victory in their own hearts. In this meeting a number of men and women were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. A lady 80 years of age was healed of a cataract on her eye. She testified a week or more after her healing that the sight of her eye was perfect, so that she could thread a needle and read fine print. A number of others were healed of deafness and internal troubles. To God be all the glory.'

## FIFTEEN SAVED AT BYESVILLE

Writing from Byesville, O., Pastor J. C. Soules says: "God has been pleased to meet with us and give us a refreshing in the assembly here. Brother R. A. Babcock, the converted fisherman, and his wife were with us for three weeks. There were 15 saved and reclaimed, and 6 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Meetings are continuing in the power of the Spirit."

#### UPLIFT AT ANADARKO, OKLA.

Sister C. M. Humphreys, writes from Anadarko, Okla.: "Our pastor, Brother Colbert, began a revival Dec. 16 which was great help to the saints. Some got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting went on till the 27th when Brother Parton came from Ninnekah and continued the meeting a week. This was a wonderful help. Pray for the Lord to have His way here."

## WINTER GARDEN, FLA., REVIVAL

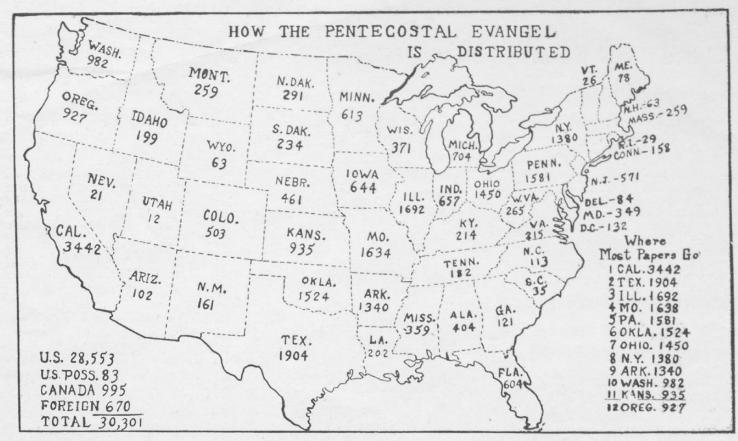
Pastor J. W. Hause and wife write from Winter Garden, Fla.: "We had a 4 weeks' meeting with Brother Wm. Emernegger as evangelist and Brother Loyd Hicks, musician and the Lord gave us a blessed time. We spent our holidays in the services and enjoyed the blessings of the Lord instead of rioting. Souls wept their way to the Cross and several believers received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. We are having a revival spirit in every service. Last Sunday night 3 found their way to heaven, thank the Lord."

## DANVILLE'S GREATEST REVIVAL

Pastor J. E. Lowe, 729 E. South St., Danville, Ill., writes that Danville's greatest revival is still going on and God is blessing in a wonderful way in saving, healing and baptizing souls in the Holy Ghost. Twenty-four have been marvelously saved, weeping their way through to salvation, 4 were baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance and the power of God is on a great number; many are touched by the healing power of God, and a great number wish to be baptized in water. Persian evangelist, Joshua S. Sarmas of Chicago is helping in the revival. Pray for the revival, and for the newly converted souls.

## MUCH BLESSED AT PERCY, ILL.

Evangelist Elsie M. Baker writes from Percy, Ill.: "We have just closed a meeting in Percy with Brother A. W. Kortkamp as evangelist. Our church proving too small we secured the opera house which was filled from night to night. The spirit of conviction was all over town. Men would go from the meeting and get saved before they could sleep. In six evenings about 35 were saved and we have had a good number added to the church. The last Sunday night both the Baptist and Methodist churches dismissed their services and came to the opera house. A beautiful spirit of co-operation was shown by the Christian people of Percy. To Jesus be all the praise."



The above shows the number of Evangels sent to each State in January. Owing to some not renewing, we are not sending so many papers out this month. We are sure that the circulation could easily be doubled in every state in the

Union. Will you help us to send more papers to your State? We shall be glad if each pastor will appoint some good brother or sister to secure new subscriptions in their assembly. At this time we are offering some worth-while books to

those who will send us in new subscriptions. See description of these on page sixteen. We shall also greatly appreciate it if many will send for bundles of Evanels to sell at 2 cents each. Some assemblies are taking 50 copies per week.

## HOLY GHOST FALLING AMONG THE INDIANS

J. D. Wells reports from Eureka, Calif., that the Lord is working among the Indians as well as among other nationalities. He writes: "Mrs. Wells and I went to Requa, a small town seventy-five miles north of here, and held a Wednesday night meeting in the Baptist Pentecostal church, to a house full of Indians; and three men and three women came to the altar for salvation. One woman received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"This church at Requa is supported by the Baptist people of San Jose, and has Brother Lord, an Indian who has the Baptism, as pastor. He has done a good work there and has a good sized band of saved Indians. However, none had received the Baptism until the night we were there.

"There was great conviction that night among the outsiders. One woman jumped up and ran out of the meeting and ran home. After the meeting had closed they sent for us to come to her house, saying she was dying. They had found her lying on the floor and had put her to bed. When Brother Lord and I got there, she seemed to be unconscious, but we prayed for her, and she was all right the next morning. Please pray for us in Humboldt County. We are off the beaten track but still in 'the narrow way.'"

#### PLOWING NEW FIELDS

Mrs. W. W. Spurlock writing from Barnett, Mo., says: "The saints of this place are coming to see their need of being set in order. Brother Leslie Gee and helper were here in a 10 days' meeting which was a blessing to all. We have since organized a Sunday school of 40 or more members. Several have been saved or reclaimed. Also pray for Excelsior, a new field where 2 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4 and others seeking."

### REVIVAL AT PE ELL, WASH.

Pastor Arthur Ellsworth and wife write from Pe Ell, Wash.: "In November and December, Sister Lillian E. Holm, evangelist of Centralia, Wash., labored here 4 weeks. God saved 8 or 9 and 9 received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, also 1 filled with the Spirit since the meetings closed. We thank God for a unity of the spirit and a possibility of more demonstration and manifestation of God's presence in our midst. Some gifts of the Spirit have also been received."

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## THIRTY YEARS U. B. MINISTER

Pastor J. E. Lowe, 729 E. South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "Enclosed find testimoney of a man who has been a United Brethren minister for thirty years." The testimony follows:

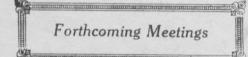
"Out of darkness into light! I want to bear testimony for Jesus. Looking from a street car window I saw a Pentecostal church, which I later entered. Finding a seat near the altar, I listened to the songs and testimonies. How I wished I had the joy those saints had. The power of God fell. I could only look from darkness, a sinful man. Several nights I visited that church, my head bowed down with sorrow. Two sisters and a brother in Christ talked to me. The power fell. I was bound with the chains of Satan. I could not move. I thought my time had come. Oh, the agony! But Jesus took me by the hand, bless His name. The chains fell off and I found peace, while kneeling at the altar. Bless His name forever. Once more the Holy Ghost entered my soul. I sang, I shouted, I talked in tongues to the honor and glory of God. Oh, that wonderful night! I am glad God showed me the light. When the gate of the vineyard opens I will answer the call to laber for souls as in days gone by. I have started for the kingdom. Glory to God."-Joseph A. Manning.

### FOUR WEEKS' FIGHT

Pastor Walter I. Shaklee, Keenesburg, Colo., writes: "Brother R. S. Peterson just closed a four weeks' battle, held at the Prospect Valley schoolhouse, where souls wept their way to the foot of the cross seeking salvation, and were made heirs to the riches in glory.

#### EAST TEXAS SECTION CONFERENCE

Pastor T. E. Rhea, writes: "The East Texas Section conference convened at Bascom church 5 miles east of Tyler, Texas, January 19-20. A fine spirit was manifested. Every one enjoyed Brother Cadwalder's Bible lectures, and seemed to go home with a greater determination to win the fight. Let us attend all of our quarterly conferences, as I feel that our souls need all the spiritual food they can get in these trying times.'



All notices of meetings should reach the Gospel Publishing House three full weeks before the meetings start. Our printers demand all copy to be in their hands fifteen days before the date shown on the paper.

Pray God's richest blessings on these meetings.

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

EUGENE, OREGON.—A. Watson Argue will conduct an evangelistic campaign in the Lighthouse Temple here starting Feb. 13 and continuing 3 or 4 weeks. This is a new tabernacle and has a scating capacity of slightly over 3,000.

AUGUSTA KANSAS.—The Morton Sisters trio will begin a 3 weeks' revival campaign on Feb. 13, in the Liberty Treater, Main St. For further information address, Earl W. McCorkle, Augusta, Kan.

EATON, O.—Evangelist-musician R. A. Bab-cock, the converted fisherman, will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God church, Franklin St., Eaton, O., Feb. 15-27, or longer if the Lord leads.—Elder E. O. Lockwood.

FRESNO, CALIF.—Brother P. C. Nelson and Party will begin a campaign at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno, California—Sunday, Feb. 13, 1927, which will continue two weeks or longer. All Assemblies in San Joaquin Valley invited to co-operate.—A. G. Osterberg, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CAL.—Mid-winter gospel campaign in special tabernacle to be erected at 12th St. and 25th Ave. Dr. Cras. 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.

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.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Elder David H. McDowell. assistant chairman of the General Council, will conduct a rally and revival with the Young Gospel Crusaders of the Full Gospel Assembly, 930 Pa. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Feb. 20-27. Reports of the forward movement of Pentecostal young people's societies on the Pacific Coast and elsewhere will be given. Planning better methods, personal work, prayer and strong evangelistic preaching will be the order of the meetings. Services every evening at 7:45; Sundays at 10:45 a. m., 3:00 and 7:45 p. m. A Special Fellowship Service will be held on Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22nd at 2:00 p. m., in which prayer, praise, testimony, music and song will be the order. Come, young and old for a new vision. Address Pastor Harry L. Collier, 930 Pa., Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL.—The next quarterly meeting of the New England District will be held in conjunction with a three days' convention at the new Pentecostal church on Hawthorn St., Cholsea, Mass. Rev. C. C. Garrett, pastor, Feb. 25, 26, 27. The business session will convene on Sat. Feb. 26 at 3 p. m. All assemblies of the district are earnestly requested to send delegates to assist in making arrangements for next summer's camp meeting and evangelistic campaign. For further information, address Rev. C. C. Garrett, 201 Park Ave., Revere, Mass. The church can be reached by way of the East Boston Tunnel from Sully Square, Boston.

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL.—"The Fifth annual session of the Illinois State Council, of the Assemblies of God, will be held with the Assembly of God, in Cairo, March 1-6, 1927. Those desiring license or ordination should be present with proper recommendations. Also those now carrying license from this District, who expect to have same renewed for ensuing year must be present, as no renewals will be made in the interim between sessions. Pastor W. E. Thurmond, 3401 Elm St., will furnish information concerning the free entertainment which will be provided for ministers and delagates. Come. Many good things in store for you."—C. M. O'Guin, Chairman.

#### CHANGE OF DATES

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Okmulgee, Oklahoma.—Dedication of our new church, located on 517 North Oklahoma Ave., will take place Sunday, March 6., at 2:30, p. m., in charge of Brother Gaston. The Presbyters of the District Council are calling for a fellow-ship meeting to be held in Okmulgee, for northeast Oklahoma. The order of services will be: 1. Dadication service March 6, at 2:30 p. m. Elder W. T. Gaston, in charge. Brother Henry of Tulsa, at the Piano. 2. Fellowship meeting, March 8. 9, 10, (Tues. Wed. Thurs.) Especially for workers. Ministers, Sunday school teachers, young people, saints who are unable to go to state-wide gatherings. 3. A definite Missionary program. One day will be devoted to this field of work for the Lord. 4. Young people's Rally, in charge of Brother Webb. A definite place will be given the young people during the fellowship meeting. 5. Day services, Bible teaching, and fellowship. 6. Revival services nightly, for three weeks or longer, Brother Henry of Tulsa doing the playing for us. Place, Two blocks from the site of the old tabernacle, 517 North Oklahoma Street.—Fred Eiting, pastor,

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I will be open for calls for evangelistic work after Feb. 1.—Evangelist B. B. Boland, 615 N. W. 2nd Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am open for calls anywhere for evangelistic or pastoral work; have had 12 years' experience; in full fellowship with General Council; references, Chairman Oscar Jones and Secretary James Hudsell, Oklahoma District Council.—Shelt Webster, Prue, Okla.

NOTICE.—The deacons of the assembly at Electra, Texas join in saying that our present pastor Lonnie E. Whitworth, whom we highly recommend, has decided to leave and is open for calls. This place when he leaves, which he plans to do on or before June 1, will be needing a pastor. Please write to W. H. Brouthertin,

OPEN FOR CALL to pastorate after March 1st. Have had nearly thirteen years' experience in the Pentecostal ministry. Am in full fellowship with the General Council: Am married and have a family. Have spent past three years entirely in evangelistic work. For reference write A. A. Wilson, Chairman, So. Mo. District Council, Dexter, Mo.—Leroy W. Clark, Rosebud, Mo.

WIFE LOST.—My wife, Viola Bishop, started to St. Louis for a visit with her sister before Christmas. She did not get there, and I have heard nothing from her. We had no trouble, and I cherish her dearly. Business matters too make it essential that she be located. Please write me if you know anything.—Harry D. Bishop, 3854 29th St., Detroit, Mich.

WANTED—some one to preach the gospel in Roby, Texas. Any one coming, write to G. W. Whitfield, Route A.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—We have resigned the pastorate in Trenton, N. J., to launch out into Evangelistic work. Mr. Scott plays a large xylophone. Also Mrs. Scott takes an active part in the meetings. Have held meetings throughout New York State and Pennsylvania. Calls accepted anywhere. In fellowship with the Council.—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. H. Scott, 316 Bert Avenue, Trenton, N. J.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am planning to take an evangelistic trip to Pennsylvania in my car and am open for calls in any of the Eastern states. I am in full fellowship with the General Council and have been in the ministry 7 years. Will be at Clanton, Ala., until March 1.—Rufus Z. Byler, Clanton, Ala., Route 5.

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