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...Praise Changes Things...

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Several years ago, Mr. S. D. Gordon wrote a booklet entitled, "Prayer Changes Things." It has gone around the world and the caption has been used for mottos, tracts, etc. Great blessing has attended this simple statement. We all know that prayer does change things, but, we also know that many times when we have prayed and prayed, the enemy has not moved an inch from his stronghold.

During a time of great pressure in my life I came into the possession of this secret, "PRAISE changes things."

One morning, during the summer, a missionary living with us, came in from the garden holding in his hand a lovely white pigeon. He said, "I found this bird beside the walk and there seems to be something the matter with one of its wings, as it does not fly." He became greatly interested in it, builded a cote from an old wooden box and carried food to it regularly, but the days came and went and the pigeon just walked around on the ground watching the others as they soared away up through the blue heavens. Poor little bird with a wounded wing!

We became greatly attached to the wee thing, for we too were prisoners and our hearts were knit in tender sympathy to it. Prayer had gone up from our hearts almost unceasingly, one long yearning cry, night and day for release, but not a rift in the cloud was to be seen. Our "prayer wing" was fully exercised, but still we were like the little bird, **bound**. We do thank God that throughout those crisis days we were kept from fainting, or giving up even when the way **seemed** utterly blocked!

Our attention was drawn at the time to an altogether new line of fighting—the enemy, and the Word of God so unfolded step by step, with such a revelation of the secret of victory that our prayer life has been transformed. We found that Prayer and Praise are the two wings that mount the soul upwards to God. Prayer asks, Praise takes, or brings the answer.

I fancy that someone is saying right here, "I have prayed but I do not feel like praising God. Praise in the valley of the shadow? Praise when my heart is bleeding and torn? Tell me rather to weep! HOW can I praise God at such a time!"

"Sacrifice . . . the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Psalm 107:22.

What is a sacrifice? It is an offering to God. A "sacrifice of thanksgiving" is to praise God when you do not feel like it, when you are depressed and despondent, when your life is covered with thick clouds and darkness, for it is acceptable to God, a "sweet smelling savor to your

Lord and King." While we are admonished to "pray without ceasing," are we not also commanded to "rejoice evermore"? "This is the will of God concerning you."

When shall I praise God? When I feel happy and everything is moving along with ease, not a trial to cross my pathway, not a burden to bear? It would be no sacrifice to praise God at such a time. Sacrifice hurts.

The book of Jonah throws a great deal of light upon this subject and contains a very precious truth. No one could have been in a place where the outlook was darker. There Jonah was in the whale at the bottom of the sea, "with weeds wrapped about his head." What a desperate situation! Humanly speaking, every ray of hope was gone and he said, "My soul fainted within me." But listen! In his trouble he said, "I will look toward Thy holy temple." He did the sensible thing, took his eyes off the discouraging surroundings, put them on the right place and began to pray. He then went a step further and determined to **praise without feeling**, saying, "I will sacrifice with the voice of thanksgiving." What a place for a praise meeting and what a song he sang! "Salvation (deliverance) is of the Lord."

As he sang and **praised**, the great whale began to rise toward the surface of the water and move out toward the shore, and soon Jonah found himself standing upon the land.

Praise has a wonderful **lifting** power, and we need not be anxious about the outcome of things if we will take the attitude of deliverance and begin to praise. When Jonah's soul fainted within him, he deliberately looked right away from his surroundings and said these wonderful words, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." Let us note this lesson: When Jonah was hemmed in on every side, everything that he could see that suggested disaster he called a

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JESUS FILLETH ALL

Is there in thy heart a lack?
Some unfilled and open crack?
Jesus keepeth nothing back:
Jesus filleth all.

Is there in thy mind a blank?
Untilled soil where weeds are rank?
Come, the God of wisdom thank,
Jesus filleth all.

Is there somewhere in thy life,
One small breach made in the strife?
Fly not! where the war is rife,
Jesus filleth all.

Is thy cup of gladness low?
Bring it to this ceaseless flow
Thou eternal joy shall know,
Jesus filleth all.

As the bright sun fills the room,
Dark as the overshadowed tomb,
Smothering sepulchral gloom,
Jesus filleth all.

Empty hearts are Satan's prey,
Sweep and garnish as we may:
But where Jesus comes to stay,
Jesus filleth all.

All thy being, all thy soul,
Place beneath my Lord's control;
Only He can fill the whole,
Jesus filleth all.

—William Luff

The Winepress of Wrath

War Preparations There are a number of thinking men of the earth to-day who are gravely apprehensive of impending troubles, and they are calling out in different lands for national preparedness. How do they suggest that the nations should prepare for the future? By days of national humiliation and prayer? Oh, no. The cry of most of them is, "Let us multiply munitions and build more submarines, dreadnoughts and airplanes for national defense." Their confidence in God is small; their trust in munitions is great.

Universal Hatred One of the last-day signs of the advent of the Lord in glory is, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, for looking for those things which are coming on the earth." It will not be difficult for us to prove that this last-day sign is with us if we will carefully consider a few quotations from outstanding men of affairs who know world conditions. James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany from 1913 to 1917, recently arrived in New York from a tour of Europe. He stated, "European relations are in an awful condition, because everybody hates each other." He told the reporters he believed there would be before long a war between Bulgaria and Jugo-Slavia; that the eldest son of the ex-crown prince Wilhelm will soon be the next ruler of Germany; and he also told them that Russia is training a great army with a view to attacking England through Afghanistan. This latter remark is confirmed by a statement in the Allahabad "Pioneer" which states, "For the past seven years the Russians have been pouring arms and ammunitions into Afghanistan. Taken in conjunction with the declared policy of the Soviet rulers, and their action in China, the reason is obvious. She pays Afghanistan an annual subsidy of \$500,000. The only difficulty that Russia finds is the unswerving devotion of the king of Afghanistan to his country's interests, which he knows are seriously jeopardized by the disturbance of his dearly won peace. But if more arms, munitions and airplanes with Russian personnel are poured into Afghanistan, the Russian influence may so pre-dominate that even the king himself will find it difficult to withstand the hateful effects."

Bolshevik Menace Colonel Saunders, the director of Military Intelligence in India, recently stated in a lecture, "In Afghanistan the Soviet is most active in preparing lines of advance and in endeavoring to obtain paramount influence. The Russians are giving large subsidies, mainly in arms and munitions, and their engineers are busily building roads and railways. An Afghan air force is being developed, with Russian pilots

and mechanics, with its main aerodrome at Kabul, and landing-grounds have been made at Kandahar and Jellalabad, and from their present aerodromes the Russians can easily bomb Peshawar, Kohat, and Rawal Pindi, and even down to Lahore. This penetration is a serious menace to the peace of India. Further east, in Chinese Turkestan, the same policy is at work, which, if successful, means that India will have in the mountainous area contiguous to its frontier 800 miles of Bolsheviks." Colonel Saunders quoted Zinovieff as saying that "the Achilles heel of the British Empire is India, and we, therefore, must make every effort to develop all possible lines of advance on India." Colonel Saunders described the extensive Bolshevik propaganda in Arabia, Iraq, Turkey, and Persia, and the disappearance of Bokhara and Khiva, which have been replaced by Soviet Republics.

Sore Places David Lloyd George, former Prime Minister of England, recently addressed a meeting of the League of Nations Union in London, and predicted another war yet more terrible than the last, unless the nations speedily disarm. He said, "Any one who contemplates seriously the existing state of Europe must feel that the world is under a shadow of dark apprehension and that unless some national steps are taken in time to avoid the catastrophe, the sanguinary struggle of 1914 may yet be renewed on an even more terrible scale. The smaller nations are genuinely frightened by the snarling sounds which disturb the nerves of Europe. Two-thirds of Europe is armed to the teeth with armies just as numerous as before the war, while the other third is helpless and at the mercy of the strong. In Europe to-day there are many nations who are sore because of the wrongs and humiliations suffered by them." His counsel is that the League of Nations shall compel the limitation of armaments in all nations. The nations will take about as much notice of his advice as the tigers of India would if you put up a number of posters in the jungle recommending them to follow a vegetarian diet in the future.

Billions for Munitions Signor Nitto, former Prime Minister of Italy, now an exile from that country because there is not room for Mussolini and himself, recently warned an audience in London concerning the peril of a new war. He said, "Is there any danger of war in Europe? Every optimist loves to answer in the negative. But we can say positively that the danger of war has never been so great. Even after the disarmament of the defeated countries, Europe, taken as a whole, has almost a million more men under arms than before the war, and spends for mil-

itary purposes \$2,200,000,000 annually. This figure represents almost exactly the same sum in gold values as in 1913, when war preparations reached their maximum. All the fine talk at Geneva can in no way alter the reality. The reduction of armaments is discussed, but all the same the arming continues."

Peace not for Long A series of articles has been appearing recently in the press, written by Milton Bronner, a very wide-awake American news correspondent who has been studying conditions in Europe. He recently declared, "All of Europe is arming. . . . Munition factories have found prosperity returning. . . . In the sky is a whirr of thousands of motors as air fleets take wing. Laboratories hide chemists working over test tubes that contain samples of new explosives and new gasses for the next war." He states that France has the greatest army on earth, but that Italy has the second largest army. Italy can put 3,500,000 men on the field, but France can call 4,500,000. These two countries are eyeing each other with great suspicion. He writes of the strength of Germany's army and navy, containing mostly officers, and their huge fleets of commercial airplanes, subsidized by the government, that could be turned into war planes at a few hours' notice. Great space has been given in the press of Europe of late concerning the invention by a German priest of a new and terribly destructive gas. He states that everywhere, with the exception of the Scandinavian countries, they are preparing for fighting. As he tells of the suspicion and enmity in the various nations, he says, "What all of this might forecast is highly uncertain. It hardly seems, however, that it forecasts a long peace."

Great Conflagrations Foreseen Lord Rothermere, the owner of the London Daily Mail, which has a daily circulation of two million, has recently been in this country and puts his finger on an especially sore spot in European affairs, the result of the Treaty of Trianon, imposed upon Hungary in June of 1920. By this treaty a large body of 600,000 Hungarian people, were given to Roumania; 1,000,000 to Czecho-Slovakia; and 400,000 to Jugo-Slavia. This action caused immense bitterness which is still very strongly felt. Lord Rothermere says, "Paramount with the Allies during the war was the desire that when peace came it should be permanent. Whatever else victory might bring, the men and women of the Allied nations wanted to insure that there would be no more Alsace-Lorraines to keep the war spirit smouldering. It was the professed aim of the peace conference, when it gathered at Paris in 1919, to rearrange the map of Europe on a basis of self-determination. But as its work went on, this principle faded from sight. The result has been that central Europe to-day is piled high with the materials for a new conflagration."

Fear in America Even in this country many are apprehensive of coming war. Arthur Brisbane, in his syndi-

cated articles that are read in practically every city in the country, constantly warns of aggression by Europe or Asiatic powers, and calls for adequate preparation for defense. The government's present program of spending the sum of \$750,000,000 on new battleships suggests that some folks at Washington are a little fearful of what may happen in the future. Thomas Edison, the famous inventor, recently told in an article in The Popular Science Monthly that "the fear of war is hanging over his gray head and is driving him frantic." He evidently thinks that the wealth of America's 29,897 millionaires, and especially that of the 228 whose income is over a million a year, is a plum that poverty-stricken Europe will be greedy to seize. He says, "A war of all Europe against the United States is bound to come. We may run along for years without it, but sooner or later the nations of Europe will combine against us, and the first thing they will do will be to cut off the rubber supply. With horses dying out, we shall be absolutely dependent upon tires for motors. I hope to discover a method by which rubber can be grown as an annual crop, so that within a year of war breaking out, we could be making tires from our own rubber." Even though the Scriptures warn us not to "stay on horses and trust in chariots," it is evidently all right, according to the great inventor, to put our confidence in synthetic rubber.

Significant News

Mr. Thomas Chalmers, who is one of the best informed prophetic students, recently wrote in the Jewish Missionary Magazine, "In the closing days of November came the report that a four-power pact is being formed in Europe, between Britain, France, Italy, and Germany, for the purpose of remedying the present fear and discontent among certain larger and smaller nations and of securing the peace of Europe. One of the terms is that France shall give her mandate over Syria to Italy. Germany is to recover the Cameroons in West Africa, and Spain give up her slice of Morocco to France. This seems to us the most significant item of news since the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. Will this open the way for Syria to get her king, who will later become the Antichrist? Or for an insignificant prince to gain control of Syria and of two other of the ten kingdoms of the revived Roman Empire, and thus advance by easy grade to the headship of Italy and of the Empire?" The world war brought about many remarkable adjustments in the old Roman Empire, and the next will doubtless prepare the stage for the last great act of drama and the bringing in of the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Warnings Unheeded

The warnings of these thoughtful men are for the most part drowned out by the optimistic statements that 1928 is to be a year of great prosperity. When Lord Curzon, former Viceroy of India, lay dying with a severe malady last May, he appealed to his physician to let him read his favorite newspaper; but they feared that if he read the published bulletins

concerning himself and saw the gravity of his sickness, it would go badly with him. At last they arranged with a great London newspaper to print a special edition of their paper, of one copy only, for their patient, in which there was a printed statement announcing Lord Curzon's recovery. This statement spoke optimistically of the "great improvement" in the condition of the marquis, and went on to speak of his cheerfulness, his bravery, and almost certain convalescence upon which he would soon enter. But right at the time the huge press turned out that edition of one copy, the end came! That one copy edition was never read by the one for whom it was published.

This age is nearing its end and a great catastrophe is imminent, but "physicians of no value" in pulpit and press are keeping back from the dying race the truth of its impending danger, prophesying unto it smooth things and talking of peace and safety. But God's Word declares, "When they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." It is written prophetically of Him who shall come, "Out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God." He is a wise person who takes heed to the Psalmist's warning, "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish in the way, for His wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all they that take refuge in Him."—Psalm 2:12, American Standard Version.—S. H. F.

"Following the line of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked."

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A FORWARD STEP

Brother W. T. Gaston in his report to the General Council meeting at Springfield last September, stated that the time had come for the Council fellowship to take a forward step in missions. He recommended that the office of Field Secretary be created for the purpose of bringing about a better contact and a clearer understanding between the home and foreign fields, by means of an educational campaign systematically carried out among our present constituency, and reaching out to untouched resources lying all about us.

The Council took action in the matter, adopting Brother Gaston's recommendation and established the office. The General Presbytery appointed Brother H. H. Moss to the new office. There has been a little delay in getting the work under way, but definite plans are now being formulated to launch a practical and helpful program. Perhaps a brief explanation of the purpose of this work will serve to forestall any difficulties and fears that might arise through misunderstandings.

The primary purpose of course is clear. It is to get the message of Pentecostal world-wide missions to both pastor and people. This, however, is not to be along the usual missionary lines but rather a setting forth of the practical side of missions as a whole so that all may know just what has been done and what is yet to be done in our missionary effort.

The Field Secretary and other representatives appointed by the missionary committee will be supported by the home office. This is done so that the small assemblies, which hitherto have been unable, because of the lack of finances, to have a missionary visit them, may enjoy the benefits of this new ministry. Assemblies that are visited may take either freewill or pledge offerings for missions. However, no assembly is to be slighted because it is poor, nor need any one feel embarrassed if they cannot do much financially. We want to reach all without regard to finances. All offerings received by any one authorized to represent our work, will be sent to the missionary treasurer and the assembly credited for the full amount of the offering.

This deputational work, we believe, will not only serve to enlarge the missionary vision and tend to stabilize the support of foreign missions, but will also benefit the local assembly visited. It is our purpose to consistently build up the home field as well, for only by this means can we enlarge our missionary effort. Those appointed to deputational work not only have a missionary message, but also a strong evangelistic message, and a passion to win souls.

The co-operation of the district officers and local pastors is essential to the success of this work, both in planning and carrying out the program. Brethren, we are counting upon you to help us make this forward step a success for the glory of God. We shall be glad to hear your comments, to receive your advice or to answer any questions relative to this work. Let us all get behind this thing and work together for the glory of God.

That Your Love May Abound Yet More and More

Pastor Ernest S. Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Philippian church was born in a storm. Almost the first thing that happened to the apostle when he came there was to be cast into prison and shamefully treated, an encouragement to us when we are tried. Even when one is moving in the will of God, it is not always that the way seems bright. But even though Satan may oppose, "if God be for us who can be against us?" The early Christians suffered for their religion, but it is pressure that drives us into God, and brings depth of spiritual grace into our hearts.

The earnest apostle Paul was never content with the present attainments of those who came under his ministry, but always sought their further development and advancement in God. Likewise we should ever desire more fervency, both for ourselves and for those with whom we associate in the Lord. We need to pray one for another, and while none of us knows what the future holds in store, God knows all things. If we walk in His fear, and love one another, He will hear and answer prayer. It takes Him to bring to pass, but it is our duty and privilege to pray.

Paul prayed for his converts at Philippi that their love might abound yet more and more. Love is a sentiment, it is a feeling. One might perform right acts from mere principle, and principle is a positive necessity in character. But God is asking that deeds be done from love. One might be as upright as a post, yet his spiritual life be cold as steel. Love is an emotion, but there is often a vast difference between emotion and commotion. Do not get the two confounded. We are to feel God, to share His love, to rejoice in His joy. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." Our joy in religion should be so deep, so full, that at times we would have to restrain ourselves. Paul got beside himself. In spite of the dark clouds which seemed ever to hang over him, the joy of the Lord overwhelmed him. But it takes pureness of love to bring pureness of joy, and fullness of love to bring fullness of joy. When the love of God fills the heart, it removes coldness from the inner being. When one is walking in the love of God, his character harmonizes, without his trying to make it do so. He does not have to think of the need of being honest, straightforward, or circumspect. His thought centers upon God's grace and righteousness, and the Christian virtues just naturally follow. And the more one loves the Lord, the less conscious does he become of his love, but the cry of the heart becomes, "Lord, help me to love Thee more."

All the commandments have an importance in our lives. But when the question was put to Jesus as to which was the first commandment, His answer was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy

heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; and the second is like unto it, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is beautiful to love God, but when one does, he naturally has a feeling of love toward his fellow-man, and love finds a practical way of expressing itself. "Brethren, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Love is active, it shows itself in deed. Hereby do we exemplify that we do love. If we love not our brethren whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen? If we love God, we will show it, both to Him, and toward our fellow-men.

Love God with all thy heart. Here is emotion. When our whole heart beats strong for God, we will love to be in His sacred presence, and in communion with Him. No time to waste in idle talk and gossip, we love God. Do we not, in the natural, desire to be in the company of those whom we love? And when we love God with the whole heart, we love His company better than that of any other, just love to get alone with God.

Love God with all thy soul. The soul is considered as the seat of affections. "Set your affections on things above." Our soul is filled with love, and this love moves it toward God. God wants our love, not our cold perfunctory acts. He feels our love, and when we are cold or lukewarm He feels that too. Every thing in our whole being should melt before Him in love. Our disposition becomes sweetened, even our temper. The whole being is to be lost in God. "Your life is hid with Christ in God."

Love God with all thy mind. The Bible speaks so much about the mind. "Ye have the mind of Christ," "Bringing every thought into captivity unto the obedience of Christ." What a workshop is the human mind! May God keep our thoughts pure. When one loves, his thought usually is, "What can I do for the one I love? What comfort and joy can I bring?" When we love God with our whole mind, our thoughts become stayed upon Him, and the things which would hinder our fellowship are excluded. Then is the soul at rest, for, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."

Then we are to love God with all our strength. Even our bodies, the soul's medium of expression, may become filled with the love of God. We can wrestle in prayer until our physical being seems poured out, because we love God and His cause. Gladly would we spend and be spent for the glorious gospel, and our fellow-man. But unless divine love exceeds self-love, this will not be so. Instead of a self-sacrificing devoted life to

God, there will be a vainglorious, self-seeking life after the flesh. How empty become gifts and talents when not sanctified by the love of God. Only one scripture describes it, "Behold he stinketh."

We should be continually growing spiritually. Some grow more rapidly than others, but those who grow in the love of God can never be dwarfs. It is possible to have big heads, but shriveled souls. Those who walk in the light, who resist the enemy, and who refuse to admit into their lives things out of harmony with the love of God, will grow spiritually. As we grow in the Lord, we grow in love. It is possible to grow in knowledge, yet not in grace. Let us beware of this. Intellectual knowledge alone is not sufficient. We must get down before God's presence, and ask Him to give us grace that His love may abound yet more and more. We are to live, and do, for God. If we earnestly seek His face, if our all is abandoned to His will, if our faith demands a life of love, the soul is sure to enjoy much sweetness, kindness, mellowness, and that gentle spirit of Christ. "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity."

SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS AND THE CAUSE

Dr. S. A. Kopf of New York comments on the great increase of tuberculosis among women from the age of fifteen to thirty, and gives the following, which he believes is the cause.

"1. The filmy modern dress of thin material, the sleeveless waist and short skirt, the low shoes and silk stockings worn in the coldest weather.

"2. The insane desire for a boyish appearance, causing intentional undernourishment.

"3. Too much night life, resulting in insufficient sleep and generally too many cigarettes and too much bad liquor."

IN ANSWER TO A FATHER'S PRAYERS

For forty years I had only been to church about once a year on the average, in that time attending about a dozen churches and finding no rest. My heart was in great distress. The old and cruel world looked very dark to me. There being commotion in the house and no peace in my mind, I went out not knowing where to go. I went into a church where there were funny people; I found afterwards they were called a peculiar people. Only a few were there. I placed myself behind the stove. A man gave me a song book. You know how much I could sing, the condition I was in. They looked at me. I sat there about ten minutes, then I got up and started home. On my way I passed a creek. It was dark and cold. The stars shone bright. Suddenly I stopped as if something had stopped me. Seemed as though a line had been drawn across me. There I stood. The old devil said, "There is enough water in the creek."

Suddenly I remembered my old father back home, how he prayed over his two boys and over our food, and I broke down in despair—put my hand out and cried, "My God," all alone. The grace of

God shot like lightning from heaven down into my heart, and I saw in a vision my burden roll away, and the glory of God shone in my soul. I knew something had taken place but I didn't understand it. But the dear Lord understood, and thanks be to God for His mercy. I went along for six or seven weeks when the dear Lord sent His glory in my heart again and took everything out—the bitterness in my heart, card games, moving pictures, cursing, and swearing—and made me a new creature in Christ Jesus. But I had an awful temper and I gave away to it a second time. I was troubled. But the dear Lord had started to clean house. I remembered reading that He would give supernatural strength. So that night when I went to bed I wished I would not be angry like I was, any more. My temper seemed to always come up in the afternoon, but when the next day it came up I said, "Nothing doing, I don't want to be mad to-day," and it passed away and I was glad in my very soul. I tried again that night and the next day I fought it away. I made my wish known to God the third night, but the next day it was different. That day the old devil put up a fight. I was in a little shanty and I got scared and ran out. A sound rang out, "It is the devil."

I ran out to the coal pile, put my two hands to my sides and thought, "You're going crazy. You're losing your mind." I did lose my bad temper for when I ran out I felt the devil take his hand off my head. And then the glory of the Lord shone in my soul and my soul jumped like a baby on its mother's lap. All glory and praise to the dear Lord Jesus. The heavens opened and I heard wonderful music above my head. I wondered, "What is that?" and the impression came over me that it was the angels in heaven rejoicing over a sinner come home. And the dear Lord filled me with His Holy Spirit, with the peace, and joy, and love that passes all understanding. I didn't understand it for I did not go to church. I told the blacksmith where I work, about myself and he said, "You are saved and sanctified." I asked him where he went to church and he said to the Pentecostal church. I went with him and found it was the same church I was in the night that the dear Lord Jesus saved my poor soul. They are the peculiar people.

Assemblies, watch your door that nobody go out without you speak to them, for you may save a poor soul like I was. Now I wish the dear Lord's blessing on all of you. I thank Him for the overcoming life He has bestowed upon me. The dear Lord has blessed me many times since then. One time I was on my knees in prayer and He came where I was and stood right before me, and His blessed face does outshine them all. The love that passed from the dear Lord Jesus' face to my heart passed all understanding. But when I reached out and would put my arms around Him He passed out of my sight.—J. C. Hauritz, Canton, Ohio.

"There is something peculiar about a trial. It begins to depart the moment you begin to welcome it."

Faith in Operation

"And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan." Joshua 3:7, 8.

Joshua had no precedent in his own experience to work upon, either in miracles or in power. His favorable report as one of the spies brought him into disrepute. But here he hears the word of God, he believes it, and he acts on it.

Strange commands, clear and explicit, what the people were to do, what the priests were to do, and what they were to expect. The ark of the covenant of the Lord was to be taken down to the river, and to be carried by men into the water of a river that was in flood. By this means a way, a dry way, was to be made for the hosts of God.

If Joshua had been trained in many modern schools instead of in the school of Moses, he would have had a whole catalogue of indisputable arguments to prove that the proposition was ridiculous. But Joshua believed God. Calculation, argument or reasoning did not enter into his soul. He knew that the Lord of all the earth had control of one of the rivers of the earth, and that one not one of the biggest either.

The people of Israel were marshalled, arranged expectingly, so that they could march over as soon as God began to work. Yes, and the priests were obedient to the faith. **But they had actually to put their feet into the water.** They had to taste of the flood. That act of faith was rewarded. Had they faith only in the word of Joshua? No. They had faith in the Presence of Him who was represented by the ark.

The Red Sea could not overwhelm it. They had confidence that Jordan would behave at the behest of its Creator as He wished. **The waters stood.** "Impossible!" says the materialist. "Impossible!" says the engineer. "Impossible!" says the skeptic in clerical garb. The waters stood. What was the barrier? No barrage! No beavers' dam! No concrete wall! What was it? The command of Joshua? No. The obedience of the priests? No. The resistance of their feet? No. **It was the presence of the Lord, the Creator.** "The waters were congealed at Thy presence." Stormy winds fulfilled His will, and rushing waters, too; the sea waves and rivers fulfilled His will.

He who had made that river had perfect control of that river. At the presence of its Creator (for by Him, Christ, all things were made and consist), that river obeyed a law which was its everyday law. You say, "Water finds its level."

That is man's way of putting it. Water finds its God-appointed way. And when God suspends that way, the water is suspended till the suspension is withdrawn.

His disciples once said to Him, "Master, carest Thou not that we perish?" And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, "Peace, be still." And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

It was the Creator speaking to His own handiwork. He willed that the waters should suspend their natural operations. And the people marched over on dry ground, because the waters toward the Dead Sea were allowed to continue their journey. On one side the natural law was suspended, and on the other side it was allowed to continue. There was a miracle in the division of the power.

"And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before." Joshua 4:18. When they brought out the ark, then the power was withdrawn.

Oh, the condescension of our God in allowing the symbol of His Presence to rest on the shoulders of men and to be borne and carried! It was so mighty, that Presence, that the river saw, and without a word from God, at the sight of its Creator, out of reverence, it stopped its course. This is a lesson, that Christ is in His church as He was with His people. He wants you to believe His word, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father"; and because the Spirit has descended and has taken up His abode in the temples of His people.

There must be a step forward in faith. The priests had to put their feet in the water. It was not until they ventured that the Lord began to work. According to your faith, so be it done unto you. They believed Joshua's word and they advanced in faith and their faith was rewarded. This opened the way for Israel to destroy their various enemies. So will the modern miracles, if priests will be faithful and stand in the river, so that other believers may march through. Amen.

We have no right to discount God's operations because they fall outside of our experiences, or even our philosophies, **if they yield the fruit of the Spirit.** "By their fruits ye shall know them."—E. Sisson

The Devil Doctor's Deliverance

By Grace Crawford, Luanza, Congo Belge

My heart is all aglow to-day for I have just been visited by one of Christ's trophies in the gospel, a former, powerful devil doctor, now living in the faith and fear of Christ; once hauling in big professional fees, now the humble servant of Jesus.

But before I tell you of his present service and his joy in it, let me begin where God the Holy Spirit began with Musokantanda (which means, "The Land Burner").

He was startled by the turning to God first of his wife and then his daughter. Was he missing something in life? But surely not! Was he not the great "medicine man" of the district? He would cling to his ancestral "manga," the witchcraft "medicines" and magical charms to ward off evil. One night, after setting his fishing nets in our lovely Lake Mweru, God visited him—whether in a dream or otherwise—he couldn't tell. First he saw all his precious "manga" ablaze, then a voice said, "See, your 'medicines' are burnt: now you alone remain to be burnt in like manner. Is your heart still with them?"

Early Sunday morning found him bringing in his nets and fish, but his thoughts were with his "manga," and he hurriedly climbed the steep cliff to get back and see if really they were burnt. Passing through Luanaza and starting up the hill, there came a message to his heart, "Return O Musokantanda, return that thou mayest believe!" He obeyed, and returning went into the gospel service just beginning. I need not tell of the silent prayers ascending from the surprised Christians for the notorious devil doctor in the audience. One vivid electrifying flash did it all. He saw Christ dying for him. Springing to his feet and raising his hands to heaven he exclaimed "O Saviour mine, I believe!"

However, as the service continued great fears beset him. "But my 'manga'! I dare not expose it, lest it requite me and I die." Then he consoled himself "Well, the great thing is I am a believer now, so what does it matter if I still keep it." But God said, "O foolish one, wouldest thou let two antagonistic forces drag thee in opposite directions? Know Christ only!" Silently he besought for power to withstand the evil influences striving against him, demanding the concealment of their arts.

And God in heaven heard the cry of His new born babe. He sent a loving man home with him, who talked in glowing terms of his new possessions, of joy and peace and life eternal, (but never a suggestion of the dread "manga" in his hut!) 'Twas the "word fitly spoken." Could he longer fear? No! Out came two covered baskets containing his diabolical decoctions and fetishes of great local value. Let the frenzied powers try their worst! Had

not God already shown him in the vision of the night how best to rid himself of his witchcraft wealth?

Hearing a noise in the village, out we hurried to see a strange open-air meeting, a dense crowd agog with excitement, and a blazing fire in the center of the ring, then a lane forming in the throng—people shrinking back in abject fear as the "borderland professional" approached—fear lest the contents of the baskets he carried would in passing cast their evil spell upon them. Picture him standing there beside the fire, erect with solemn face, realizing as we never could, the break he is making with the powers of the nether world, and from the clutch of "lying spirits," calling upon the fire to devour the old treasures of his craft, as he throws them in one by one.

See, there goes a wizard's horn packed full of nameless accessories; now the claws of the lion that killed so many of their tribe, and worth a chief's ransom to his profession; now to the flames the powdered frontal bones of powerful enemies, a potent "drug" of marvelous life-sustaining property; now the deadly "bululu" of the crocodile, responsible for many a mysterious death. All the while his running commentary is full of rejoicing relief that God has saved him out of the devil's priesthood. Look, there go the teeth of a poisonous mamba, an infallible snake-charm this; now the "misansankuva" that can protect the wearer from lightning, (deeply rooted is the belief that this is a dragon that ranges the heavens with eyes of fire and descends only to kill). Now into the fire he tosses a certain eagle's claws, which if worn round the sufferer's neck, will cure him of the death-giving disease caused by its passing cry of "Ko! ko!" overhead. See, now there go tiny portions of the "mazombwe," a rare weird insect of priceless magic; now more horns with their odious contents; now the amulets; and so on, and so on. Meanwhile he is earnestly exhorting the crowd to escape the other devouring fire which menaces all lovers of evil.

Thus did this brave man, **not two hours old in the faith**, sever himself from the devil's service, sacrificing his affluent living for Christ in a real apostolic blaze.

Such desecration of their "medicines" stirred up all the "doctors" of the district, who swore to take his life with the very fetishes he had disowned. Confounded was the whole countryside when no ill befell him.

Months passed. Then his special call came. It was the Macedonian cry for help from the lips of his beloved "Konga Vantu" (Dan Crawford's native name), for a volunteer for a far off district, lacking a single teacher of the Truth. His heart responded immediately. Off he went. This meant the tugging up by the roots all

his local interests and Christian ties, the leaving of his house, his flourishing manioc fields, his fishing industry—indeed his precious ALL, to live among strangers, that he might tell them of Jesus and His love.

And has he regretted this second sacrifice? Could you but see his radiant face you would get your answer as he tells of the little Bible school built, and of the services conducted therein, and of all the children who are learning to read God's Word in their own tongue, and oh! joy beyond words, the salvation of the first four men and one woman. And listen too as he turns at the door, and with earnest entreaty, begs for your prayers in the white man's land, that the chiefs may "subject themselves to the Lord," and that "abundance of strength" may be granted him to work unceasingly for his Master.

Don't fail him. The precious time for intercessory prayer will soon be over, so too the opportunity for the helping hand. The night is darkening on to the climax. **Then** the bright Dawn with the rewards for faithfulness.

But now, O now for the tribes yet untouched, whose hearts are the dwelling places of the blackest darkness. Alas! they spend their lives with their backs to God, deluded by their devil doctors and hugging their fetishes, knowing naught of the Saviour's redeeming LOVE. Can the church of Christ let them remain so? Did not our Lord die for them also? Can any sacrifice on our part be too great to send the Glad News to them, **while yet we may?**—Sent by W. J. Brown, Arcadia, Calif.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

At the beginning of April our paper, "Christ's Ambassadors," will appear in a new form and will be devoted entirely to the work among the young people. It will be published monthly as a 16-page paper with a cover on it. It will be edited by Brother Arthur Graves, the eldest son of the late Elder Graves of Zion, Ill., the well known song writer.

Brother Graves will be grateful for suggestions, reports and articles from young people. Things for the first number should be sent in prior to March 1st. The young people's topics which are now published in Christ's Ambassadors will be continued in this monthly paper. The price will be \$1.00 per year.

New Sunday School Paper

At the same time we expect to bring out a new Sunday school paper for adult scholars. The name of this will be Gospel Gleaners. It will be published monthly in 4-page weekly parts and will be the same size and price as "Our Pentecostal Boys & Girls," 60c per year, or \$1.00 for two years. For quantities of 5 or more to one address, 13c per quarter.

YOU CAN RUN

"But thou, O man of God, flee these things." 1 Tim. 6:11.

Harold Hunting quotes an old negro preacher as saying, "When you're lookin' at your neighbor's melon patch, bredderin, you can't keep your mouf from waterin', but you kin run."—Selected.

I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee

BLESSEDLY HEALED OF CANCEROUS ULCERS

About seventeen years ago I had a severe attack of acute indigestion from which I never fully recovered. I continued to have trouble with my stomach at intervals, growing worse as time went on, until for three years life became almost a burden to me. I had light on the full gospel and divine healing and received my Baptism in the Spirit about five years ago. Soon after this the Lord showed me it was my privilege as well as my duty to trust Him entirely and not lean on doctors or medicine. I had been healed of other afflictions and the members of my family had trusted God and had been permanently healed of various afflictions, but I kept growing worse in this way until I knew that something had to be done or I would die.

I did not want to leave my husband and so much desired to live to raise the three precious children the Lord had given us. I kept praying, but it seemed I could not get a clear answer. I felt as though I was being tried by fire. I suffered terribly with my feet and heart. My heart would throb and pound until I could not rest day or night. I told my husband that I could not endure it much longer, and then I asked Jesus what I should do. Should I keep on trusting Him or get medicine to help me rest? Quick as a flash the scripture came to me, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Next morning my husband sent one of the children to the drug store for the best medicine they had to quiet me and ease my pain, but I told him when he wanted me to take it that the Lord had showed me not to do it. So I suffered on until we decided I should go to Tulsa, Okla. On my way I stopped at Ponca City, where I had two brothers living. They were Christians but skeptical about divine healing. I grew worse and they became alarmed and insisted I have a doctor. I finally consented for their sakes. He came and examined me and told them I was likely to die any minute. He said I should go to a hospital at once, gave me a "hypo" in the arm, and left. It did me no good but seemed to make me worse. My sister had written me from Tulsa about Faith Tabernacle, and of a doctor there who believed in divine healing. I was determined to go on there. My brothers were afraid for me to start but my sister phoned from Tulsa that they would pray for the Lord to protect me, so I started.

I arrived on Saturday night and my sister took me to Faith Tabernacle where they anointed and prayed for me. My faith was very weak so they told me to lean on their faith. I received help immediately but not complete healing. Next day we went to Dr. Murray's office and told him we wanted to know what was the matter with me. He examined me and found I had cancerous

ulcer of the stomach, leakage of the heart, and other complications. He is a doctor of medicine giving medical treatment to those who do not have faith for healing, but he prays for those who have. He told me to stand, anointed me, and told those present to lay hands on with him and ask the Lord to heal me. He called mightily on God. After prayer he told me to reach my hands to the floor up and down three times. I did, then he examined my heart and told me it was beating as good as his. "The Lord has given you a new valve," he said.

He told me to talk to Jesus as though He was close by, not a long way off. He said it was our privilege to get answers to prayer quickly. Faith sprung up in my heart and as I started to sister's home I began to vomit. I sincerely believe I threw up those cancerous ulcers for I was healed immediately. My limbs were swollen terribly and my toes were bursting, but the swelling was all gone inside of three days. Since then I can eat and sleep and walk and feel no ill effects in any way. I was healed the fifth of August and have never suffered any since. To God be all the glory.—Mrs. Harve Ballard, Leoti, Kansas.

TUBERCULOSIS HEALED

My father and one brother died of T. B. and five months ago I had to give up work on account of the developing of the same disease. Three months ago I had to give up and go to bed where I lay for two months. On a Friday five weeks ago I had three sinking spells and was about gone when an old man named Walroth, a Bible agent, came along. He asked me if I was saved and I replied that I had been saved four or five days. He talked to me a few minutes and came around to the side of the bed. He asked me to get over nearer to him which I did. He knelt down and taking my two hands in his, prayed that God would give me one more chance. While he prayed I could feel the power go through my body. When he got up I told him I was healed. I got up and ate supper that night, went to bed and slept like a child, only waking once to get a drink. I have been feeling fine since then, eating and sleeping well. All signs of T. B. are gone. The Sunday after the brother prayed for me he and about ten others came and prayed for me and anointed me with oil, although I had already been healed two days before that.—Morris Orear, Seminole, Okla.

Editorial Note:—

The above testimony was written August 15, 1927, and was signed by four witnesses, among whom was Pastor L. R. S. McNeal. We held the testimony until now to see how permanent the healing would prove. We wrote Brother McNeal and this morning a letter came from him in which he says that Brother Orear is still healed and testifying to it.

DEADLY ABSCESS HEALED

Our daughter Glennie was taken very ill with an abscess, and although we prayed, she got worse. I called the best physician in Central Alabama Hospital to our town. He examined her but said it was too late. So we began crying to the Lord more earnestly and called for Elders Perry Mims and Dan DuBose according to James 5:14, and when they prayed God healed her body. But as she was still very weak we sent a handkerchief to Brother Arthur Bell, Mattoon, Ill., to be anointed and prayed over. When we laid it on her side the Lord came in mighty power and raised her up, so that she has been going ever since. She is healed and going to church every Sunday and Sunday night.—G. P. Thompson, Route 5, Clanton, Ala.

Editorial Note:—

To make sure that this healing was permanent we held the testimony out of the Evangel since July last when it was received. Lately we wrote Mr. Thompson, and this morning we have his reply in which he says his daughter is doing fine, enjoying good health, and going on with the Lord. We give God the glory and praise, and gladly print the testimony.

HEALED OF CANCER

Has God lost His power to heal? No. For many years I suffered with cancer of the stomach. Four doctors gave me up, saying they could do nothing for me. I had two operations, but they gave only temporary relief. I had given up hope, believing my time on earth was short, when in May, 1926, the Pentecostal people came to Plentywood, Montana, preaching the full gospel.

I had been a Christian since the age of seventeen, but I never knew the power of God in healing or filling with the Spirit. After seeking the Lord twice for the Baptism, I was wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit. Afterward I was prayed for according to James 5:14, 15. I did not get complete deliverance until August, 1926, when after being prayed for the third time, God gave me the victory. Every pain was gone and I never felt better in my life. Before I was healed, I could eat very few things—no solid food at all. I can now eat anything. Praise God!—Mrs. M. P. Jackson, Plentywood, Mont.

A DOLLAR A MONTH

How much does the average member of the Protestant Christian church give per week for the evangelization of the world? The answer is, about three and a half cents per week, each.

What are we doing in Pentecost? We are doing a little better than this, but not nearly as much as we should. Brother Noel Perkin, our missionary secretary, made the statement a few days ago in the Springfield assembly that if every person in the Pentecostal movement would give 25 cents per week, our missionary income would become three times as much as it is to-day, and we should be able to send out the large number of missionaries who are ready to go to the field.

We are sure that nearly every one who reads these lines could trust the Lord for this sum, and could give at least \$1.00 a month for missions.

A Little Girl and the Lions

A True Story for Young and Old

She lives in Africa, not far from Pakule, a lovely little paradise close to the spot where the Tropic of Capricorn dives into the Indian Ocean on the east coast. Her full name is Xidedevela Mtimasana (she-day-vay-lah M-tee-mah-sah-nah), which in English is Miss Watercress Little-black.

She was about ten years old when this story begins, delightfully black, and as full of energy as a buzzing bumblebee.

A few miles from her home a native Christian convert named Angilazi (glass) and his wife, Mabumbi (ear of corn), had opened a station where they were teaching "everything that the white man knew" so far as they understood it, and that was clear into the Kingdom of Heaven in one direction.

The children on this station went out two by two—in real Bible fashion—calling on all the people within five miles of the meeting house, and one day came to the Kraal where our small friend Xidedevela lived.

She was wide awake to all they had to tell and went home at once with them to see and hear more of what was going on. She saw that each of the station girls had a good denim gown, while she still wore only a suit of peanut oil and sunshine, but what impressed her most was the singing, praying, and all the lovely life of the mission school.

The music touched her so deeply that tears ran down her shining cheeks. The story of Daniel in the lions' den was just the thing for her, for she knew where the lions were, and still worse, they knew where she was. She was glad to learn that there was One who could make even the roaring lions behave themselves.

When she went home she told her mother that she was going to be a Christian and begin right away. But this announcement did not make the mother happy. If her little girl were a Christian she would never grind corn to make beer nor tend the still where strong drink was made; nor would she join the dance any more, nor be but the "one wife" of any man. And was it not the glory of woman to distill rum from plantains and whiskey from corn? Could she ever be anything if not chief dancer in the national game? And to be the first and only wife meant poverty for her whole family, where she would have all the work to do and her husband be known as "a man of less than grasshopper size."

Now the mother of Xidedevela, whose name as nearly as we can recall it was Mrs. Ignora Muss, believed all these things and was desperately in earnest to save her child from the "medicine" of the missionary. This foreign witch-doctor might be well enough for his own tribe and country, but not for Africa.

Meanwhile the little girl returned to the

mission and finally ran away and lived there. This aroused her mother, who went after her, brought her home and whipped her enough to drive out any sort of new spirits, she thought.

But as soon as chance offered, away went the brave child to the mission again; and again the mother brought her home—this time calling in the witch doctor, who whipped her well but in vain, as she would not consent to leave the station.

Then he tied her feet to the limb of a tree with her head hanging down, hoping that her religion might ooze from her mouth, but hers was not the oozing-out sort.

Following this he gave her dreadful doses of his medicine, calculated to destroy the "religious germs," but all in vain. Xidedevela lived, and by eating cornmeal mush seasoned with peanut gravy and thickened with powdered caterpillar, etc., she gained strength to make a safe rush to the mission station again.

She did not report the dreadful treatment of the witch doctor, nor her mother's unkindness until some time after her final tribulation, which she must now endure, for her mother determined on one last terrible resort to save her child for heathendom.

She appeared again at the station and took the little daughter home with her. Toward evening she prepared some bark rope, took Xidedevela to the forest, where with her own hands she bound the little arms behind her and then tied her to a tamarind tree, hoping that the lions would come and either frighten the religion out of her or, if the worst must come, that they would eat her up. Was it not better so than to have her lost to everything in the home, the tribe and the nation?

No one knows what occurred in the dark dismal forest that night, but one can believe that the little black martyr bound to a tree was not left alone.

In the early morning a small boy went out to pray, as is the usual custom on all the stations in these parts, and as he began his petitions Xidedevela heard him and knowing that it was the voice of a Christian at prayer, though she did not know who it was, she called to him. He heard her, came and untied the bark rope which bound her, and brought her to the station.

The teacher says that lion tracks were within fifteen feet of where the child was bound. Lions had lain down, sat down, stood and walked about till they had meditated their toothsome morsel at every point, with never a nearer scent than their fifteen feet of solid distance permitted.

Instead of scaring the religion out, the dark night had proved to be the greatest help to its rapid growth.

When questioned later as to her sensations within this den of lions, she re-

marked with all the confidence of a modern Daniel, "You taught that the Great God made the lions and that He also made me; and He would never let us eat each other up."

Who can think calmly of enduring such an ordeal? Let the philosopher try to explain if he will, but we prefer to believe that the angel who "shut the lions' mouths" in old Babylon was very near to Xidedevela that night in the African forest.—E. H. Richards in "John Three Sixteen."

This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. 1 John 5:14.

PRAISE CHANGES THINGS

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"lying vanity." If he had not taken his eyes off these lying vanities he would have forsaken the mercy that God offered him. We never get faith by looking at ourselves, or our surroundings.

We read in 1 Samuel 16, of Saul's being tormented by an evil spirit. David was sent for and the record says, "When David played upon his harp, the evil spirit left him and he was well." Is not this a splendid and effective way to get rid of the enemy when he comes with mental depression and oppression!

"The weakest saint may Satan rout,
Who meets him with a praiseful shout."

"When I cannot pray, I always sing," wrote Martin Luther.

It is said that there is not a despondent note in the New Testament.

There is a thrilling account in 2 Chron. 20 of how a battle was won through PRAISE. Jehoshaphat was told that a great multitude was coming up against him, from beyond the sea, and he realized the difficulty of the situation. He went to the Lord with his trouble and prayed this humble prayer: "We have no might against this great company . . . neither know we what to do. But our eyes are upon Thee." Not upon the greatness of the difficulty, but upon THEE. It was a crucial test and the Lord did not leave them in doubt about His will, but spoke through one of the young men with these words: "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle. Fear not, neither be afraid, for the battle is not yours, but God's."

Fear is a deadly enemy. Let us remember, when we are tempted to tremble, that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and of power and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7.

And then he appointed singers, who should go forth before the army singing, "Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever." All this they did, and not yet any visible sign of the promised salvation of the Lord! Right in the very face of battle, against an army mighty in number, they sang, "Praise the Lord!"

"When they began to sing and to praise," the Lord set ambushments against the enemy and they were smitten. Two of the allied opposing armies began to fight the third, and when they had de-

molished them, they turned upon each other until the valley was filled with dead bodies and "none escaped." They had **more than victory**, for we read that Jehoshaphat and his people were three days gathering the spoil, it was so great. So you see they were much richer at the end of the trial than at the beginning; they had added good they had never dreamed of and "the way of the wicked was turned upside down."

There are two songs in Jehoshaphat's great battle—the song of praise **before**, and the song of deliverance **afterwards**. We, too, shall have our song in the valley of Berachah (blessing) praising God for the fulfillment of all that has been promised; but it is more precious to have the song of praise before—praising Him without sight or feeling, and seeing Him set ambushments against the enemy and complete the victory. Shall we have both?

The marvelous experience which Paul and Silas had while in prison is but another example of the result of praise at midnight. They were bound in an inner prison, their feet fast in the stocks, because they had preached the old-time religion which stirred up opposition and brought persecution, which it always does when the enemy's territory is invaded. There was no earthly way of escape for them and it looked as if they would lose their lives the next day, but there is always a divine way out of difficulty, no matter how great it may seem. "**But God** . . . will with the testing, also make a way of escape." 1 Cor. 10:13. He makes ways where there are no ways.

Do we hear Paul and Silas complaining of the hardness of the way, grumbling, weeping, wondering **why** the Lord had allowed them to get into this peculiar predicament? Thank God! no sound of a murmur comes through those prison walls but they prayed. "If **two** of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for **them** of My Father which is in heaven." They believed the Word and began to praise God. I do not imagine they felt very happy in that uncomfortable position, with their backs bleeding from the wounds of the thongs with which they had been beaten, but they **praised without feeling** and offered unto God the "sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Methinks their duet was something after this fashion:

"His grace is sufficient for me,
His grace is sufficient for me,
My strength is made perfect in weakness,
His grace is sufficient for me."

And, as they sang and praised, the foundation of that old dingy prison began to tremble, the building rocked and swayed, the doors burst open and not only were they freed, but "**everyone's** bands were loosed." Thus the Lord takes the things that are against us, transforms them into blessings for ourselves and others, even using our enemies to fight for us.

Beloved, is it midnight with you and are you in some kind of a dungeon, your feet in the stocks and you are unable to move? Have you given up in hopeless

despair thinking that an escape is impossible? Begin to praise God. "Who-so offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving, glorifieth Me, and **prepareth a way** that I may show him the salvation of God." Psalm 50:23 (margin R. V.). As sure as God's Word is true He will send some kind of an earthquake and set you free from your bondage and "break every yoke." Isa. 58:6.

Habakkuk also knew this wonderful secret of victory and sang a song of praise in the darkest hour. "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines, the labor of the olive shall fail and the fields shall yield no meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stalls; **YET I WILL REJOICE** in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation." I fancy that when he got through praising he did what some real old-fashioned Methodists used to do, for he adds, "He will make my feet like hind's feet, and will make me to walk upon mine high places."

We read in Joshua how the walls of Jericho fell flat after they were compassed about seven days. God had declared that He had **given** them the city and faith reckoned this to be true, so they began their march around the walls using their only weapon, a ram's horn for a trumpet indicating triumph. Unbelief might have said, "O Lord, just make the walls totter a little or loosen a few stones so that it may be a sign that Thou art going to answer our prayer and **then we** will praise Thee"; or prudence might have said, "It is not safe to shout until the victory is actually won, for if the walls should not fall, it would be so humiliating, and the Lord would be dishonored before the people." But this would not have been faith at all. They acted on the authority of God's Word and shouted the shout of faith before there was a sign of encouragement and the Lord did the rest. It is **after** we make a full committal that "He will bring it to pass."

How many walls of difficulty would fall flat were we to simply march round them with shouts of praise! As we compass our "walls" with **praise**, the Lord has promised to "compass us about with songs of deliverance."

"Thou waitest for deliverance,
Oh soul, thou waitest long!
Believe that **now** deliverance
Doth wait for thee in song!"

Sigh not until deliverance
Thy fettered soul doth free;
With songs of glad deliverance
God now doth compass thee."

There is a legend of two angels that come from heaven every morning and go on their rounds all day long. One is the angel of prayers; the other is the angel of thanksgiving. Each carries a basket. Soon the angel of requests has his basket filled to overflowing. Everybody pours into it great handfuls of requests, but, when the day is ended the angel of thanksgiving has only two or three little contributions of gratitude in his basket.

"Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the **nine**?"

A missionary in dark China was living a defeated life. Everything seemed to be touched with sadness and although he prayed and prayed for months for victory over depression and discouragement, his life remained the same. He determined to leave his work and go to an interior station and pray till victory came. He reached the place and was entertained in the home of a fellow missionary. On the wall hung a motto with the words, "**Try Thanksgiving.**"

The words gripped his heart and he thought within himself, "Have I been praying all this time and not **praising**?" He stopped and **began** to praise and was so uplifted, that instead of hiding away to pray and agonize for days, he immediately returned to his waiting flock to tell them that **PRAISE CHANGES THINGS**. Wonderful blessing attended this simple testimony and the bands that had bound others were loosed **through praise**.

I wish to add my humble testimony to his. It was a dark, dark night in my life when the words, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion" (Psalm 65:1), were impressed upon my mind. I had been **waiting in prayer**, yes, my prayers and supplications had gone up to the throne, were piled up, as it were. Now, could not **I wait in praise**, before I saw the answer, or must I wait for signs and wonders ere I believed His Word?

God was waiting for this final step of faith and when **I began** to praise Him for the answer, to **wait in Praise**, to rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him, He **began** to answer, exceedingly abundantly, above all that I could ask or think, and the possession of the secret of victory has transformed my life and filled it with gladness.

It is said that when Sir Michael Costa was having a rehearsal with the vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the mighty chorus rang out with the thunder of the organ and ringing of horns and the clashing of cymbals, some man who played the piccolo far away up in the corner said within himself, "In all this din it matters not what I do," and so ceased to play. Suddenly the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands and all was still. Then he cried aloud, "Where is the piccolo?"

The quick ear had missed it and all was spoiled because he had failed to take his part.

Is your "praise note" missing from the heavenly choir, beloved?

Are you waiting, waiting, yearning, for God to answer your prayer? He is waiting to answer.

Try Thanksgiving. PRAISE changes things.

SATIN BOOKMARKS

We are glad to call attention to the artistic bookmarks made by Miss Susie M. Scott, 3066 W. Ave., 35, Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Scott has been a cripple for more than twenty years, and this work is her main support. She is glad to fill orders by return mail, at the above address.



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.

A CALL FROM NORTH INDIA

We are glad to report, that the last session of the North India District Council was one of much blessing and encouragement to all. Those who were able to attend have written to us regarding the blessed unity that prevailed in all the various meetings held, and we are persuaded that some real forward steps were taken.

Among other matters discussed was the need of caring for our native workers' children, since the government schools are not easy of access, and are invariably in charge of unbelievers, so that the environment is far from beneficial for those who are of tender years and possibly just entering into the truth of the Gospel.

Several good schools are now established by our missionaries and they have asked that we give them a grant of \$150 per month, to care for the children. This is the balance required in the District at the present time for this particular need. The bulk of the amount is being raised from among our missionaries themselves. Unfortunately we have had to refuse this request up to the present time, owing to the fact that our funds are absolutely depleted at the close of each month. We are praying that hearts may be touched in response to this appeal.

Our missionaries are also calling our attention to several other urgent needs, among which are the following:—

1. To repair and rebuild necessary parts of the bungalow at Nanpara, where Brother Beckdahl is ministering—\$1800.00 is required. If this money is not forthcoming, the only alternative will be to sell the building since in a short time, it will be beyond repair. Funds are required for this purpose at once.

2. Brother Merian and his collaborators at Lakhimpur have been waiting a considerable time for help to finish the houses of their native workers. The illustration shows the unfinished state of these buildings. In order to make these places habitable at least \$500.00 will be required.

3. Brother Frank Nicodem is doing an excellent work at Rupaiddiha in establishing a Boys' School, Industrial work and Bible School, but will require \$3700.00 for

a building to house the boys, if the work is going to progress.

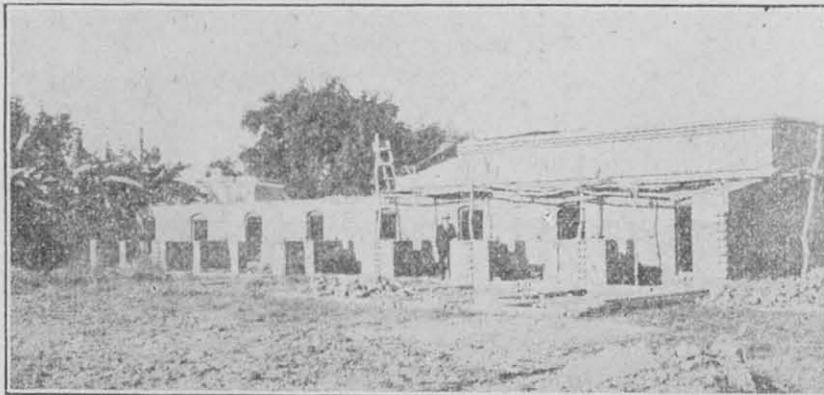
Will you pray with us for the supply of these needs. Any financial help that may be extended will be well invested and will be a substantial means of furthering the kingdom of God in dark India. The needs are most urgent and the time to help is now.

Missionary Secretary

INDIA VILLAGE WORK

Brother Niels Thompsen has set out for a period of village itinerary work, having left Mrs. Thompsen to look after things at the mission station in Cawnpore.

This phase of missionary effort is important and offers many advantages and results that are real and lasting. Brother Thompsen says: "I am sitting in a tent



Unfinished Workers' Houses at Lakhimpur, India

by one of the villages of the district. I have been privileged since coming here to baptize one convert and there are several other interested and honest inquirers. A recent letter from Mrs. Thompsen tells me of a clothing merchant who came to her saying he was tired of his religion and manner of living and wanted to become a Christian. News has also reached me from another outstation that a man there is now ready for baptism. Thank God for each one! How good it is to know the work is not in vain, but that God's Word is accomplishing that whereunto it is sent."

BLESSING AT LO PAU

A recent letter from Brother J. Perdue in China gives the encouraging report of God's blessing in the work there despite the troublous conditions in China.

Brother Perdue attended the annual

meeting of the Chinese church held at Fat Shan for a week. Mr. Wai, a Chinese pastor from northern China, was in charge of the devotional side of the conference. His ministry was inspirational and his messages both timely and rich in divine truth. After the conference, Brother Perdue and Pastor Wai journeyed together to Lo Pau where they held three days' special services. The Chinese were stirred for God and three of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Brother Perdue reports the war clouds thick, and that trains and other means of communication are sometimes blocked without warning by the sudden uprising while murder, robbery, and arson are carried on, causing great suffering among the Chinese people. The missionaries have gone through many trying experiences. A few of the Christians were arrested but

were released, praise God, without any difficulty. It is not unusual to see executions take place right on the street corner. Only the blessing of the Lord and the helping hand of foreign powers can heal this wound. Our brother says: "At the present writing all of our missionaries are safe and in no great danger. We trust the Lord to hold us all in right paths at this time, and to give wisdom in our going out and coming in. The Lord has promised to

help us and we feel sure in time of trouble He will protect us from dangers seen and unseen."

How sublime, yet how like God to bless in the midst of turmoil and strife! In the midst of chaos, God alone can speak and out of it, life and light and order appear. So in the midst of all these difficulties Jesus is still speaking and men are finding His voice holds the same emancipating powers that it did while He was upon earth, when at His word the dead were raised and the sick were healed, the sins of men were forgiven. While our missionaries hold the fort so gallantly at their end, shall we not back them up with more prayer and faithful support?

Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him. Deut. 7:9.

A NEW CHAPEL IN JERUSALEM

Sister Elizabeth Brown of Jerusalem, Palestine, gives an interesting account of the erection of a chapel in Jerusalem. She says:

"I am so glad to be able to send you the following report that you may join with us in gratitude and praise to God who both hears and answers prayer.

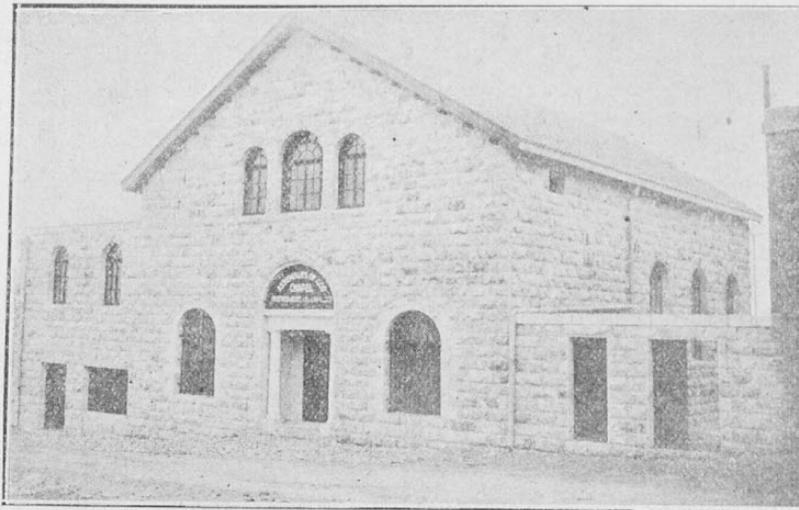
"Some years ago the Lord laid a burden of prayer upon my heart for the building of a chapel or mission station in Jerusalem. God seemed to seal this by sending in gifts for that purpose which amounted in all to \$739.00. Nothing seemed to move from then on for several years, yet the burden continued to rest heavily upon me, and I could only cry, 'because it is Thy will Lord, let Thy will be done.' Several times I was urged by friends to go to the states and raise funds from among the assemblies. But God always seemed to bring to my mind in answer to this suggestion, Nehemiah's words, 'I am doing a great work, I cannot come down.' I know by this I was not to go. It was not that I counted myself a great worker, but the Lord's call to win souls is great, and I could not leave it. He is a God that worketh for them that wait for Him.

"God began to move about two years ago. A letter came one evening, stating that \$20,000.00 had been placed at my disposal for the building of a chapel, and requesting that the donor's name should not be made known. We began at once to look in real earnest for a suitable property, seeking God's guidance. We found a place after considerable search that could be purchased at a price within our means. We took an option on it to hold it while we searched elsewhere, for it did not seem to us to be large enough to meet our need. Everything else that we looked at was either beyond our range in price or poorly situated. After much prayer, we decided to purchase the property being held for us. Every one seemed finally to believe that it was God's choice.

"New obstacles presented themselves in the refusal, by the building department, to grant a permit to build unless we had additional land in order that we might be able to comply with the sanitary regulations. But in this as before, God met us and caused the neighbor on one side of our property to be willing to sell us enough land to meet the city's requirement, and wonderfully supplied the funds to complete this need. Praise God, work was begun at last on the new building and proceeded rapidly.

"When the earthquake of July 11 struck Palestine, shaking Jerusalem and causing

such awful havoc throughout the land, God protected our building from the slightest harm. The only ill effect we felt from the earthquake was the difficulty in securing skilled labor, as the great damage by the earthquake kept them busy in repair work. The building has been completed and was dedicated to the Lord on December 17. God even provided a little extra for us, for which we are most grateful. Jerusalem has not an electric power plant as yet, so we had not expected to have electric lights. The Lord moved upon a friend who owns a private electric plant and they have given us the privilege of lighting our chapel from their supply. Now that God has so wonderfully given and equipped this chapel, I ask all who read this to join in earnest prayer that God will fill it with hungry souls and that many may find the Lord as their Saviour. God is not so concerned with buildings as He is in sending a real revival upon Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."



**The new Assembly of God chapel, Jerusalem, Palestine
Dedicated December 17, 1927**

ESSAULT, TRANSJORDANIA

Laura Radford

"This is a message of rejoicing to all who have been praying for the work at Essault. God is blessing the work here as well as that round about in this section.

"To-day we walked about a mile from Essault to visit some families living in caves in the mountains. We had a wonderful time giving the gospel truth as they gathered about us, eagerly drinking it in. Some of those present had never heard the gospel message before and earnestly appealed to us to stay longer and tell them more of the way of life. Their sincere appeal constrains me to ask God for more workers, especially men who could learn the Arabic language.

"Two workers now laboring with us were ordained during the dedication of the chapel at Jerusalem which Sister Elizabeth Brown was instrumental in building. The one is Brother Ray F. Whitman who has been a fellow-worker in this district for nearly three years. Brother Whitman has a very remarkable grasp

on the Arabic language which enables him to do most effective work. The other worker was Brother Barnaba Nauss, who came to us from Egypt, to help us for two months in the work here. He proved to be a keen soul-winner and having had several years' experience in evangelistic work, we felt to call him to this field. He accepted the appointment and God is blessing his ministry. Pray for us!"

A CAIRO LOVE FEAST

H. E. Randall

Words cannot describe to you the wonderfulness of the New Year's season in our assembly at Cairo. A supper, or better, a love feast, was set for the assembly on New Year's eve. All the members participated. The event was marked by spiritual visitation in testimony, prayer and praise. The blessing of God was so manifested that it was difficult to leave the place. The blessed atmosphere was reflected in the services on the following day. Two men were saved while sitting

in their seats and both rose and testified to the change in their heart. The tide of revival has been rising in Cairo for about a month. Many new faces are seen in the congregation and among them are some earnest seekers after God. Some of the members who were brought in during the early days of Pentecost said, "This is as it was at the beginning." There is a feeling that we have entered upon a new era of blessing in Egypt that we trust will be climaxed only by the coming of Jesus Christ Himself.

A PROFITABLE ITINERARY

Sister Anna M. Bukczynska

set out on a missionary journey through a part of Poland, stopping en route at a number of towns and villages giving out the gospel message. Sister Bukczynska says, "I had the great joy of seeing some souls weeping their way through to real salvation. An elderly woman in particular was so delighted because, as she put it, 'I had brought the glory of the Lord into her home.' She wanted to be saved so I pointed her to Jesus and then asked her if she would pray, and ask Jesus to save her. It was touching to see her cry out to the Lord for salvation. Presently there was a change and she began to praise God for the consciousness that she was saved. Her daughter also surrendered to Christ. At one of the villages, a young man, held a slave to the tobacco habit, was instantly delivered and fully saved while listening to the Word. He was wonderstruck at what had happened to him, for having been a heavy smoker he could not get over the sudden change that had taken place in his life. He said, 'I feel as though I am born again.'

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

ILLINOIS MEETING

Evangelist Louis Draper writes: "I stopped off at Decatur, Ill., on Jan. 8, and was invited by Pastor K. A. Auten to conduct a short revival at the Assembly of God church, 412 S. Broadway. The meeting began Jan. 11, and closed Jan. 22. Five souls were saved, 2 backsliders reclaimed and 1 filled with the Holy Spirit."

OKLAHOMA REVIVAL

Pastor Tom Ingle, Muskogee, Okla., writes: "We had been looking forward to the coming of an evangelist to conduct a meeting for us, but something hindered his coming, so we carried the meeting on ourselves. Nine were saved, 11 received the Baptism. Eight received the Baptism one night. We praise the Lord for His goodness."

REFRESHING TIMES

Mrs. B. F. Merritt writes: "Our assembly 6 miles east of Sturgis, Miss., has enjoyed a wonderful refreshing from the Lord under the ministry of Brother S. E. Hatcher. Five were saved, 2 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. We have called Brother Hatcher as pastor this year."

GRACIOUS REVIVAL

Evangelist Stella B. McKinney and workers write: "This finds us at Chandler, Ariz., in the midst of a gracious revival in which 45 souls have come to God. Nineteen followed the Lord in water baptism last Sunday. Deep conviction is upon the people. Friends may address us, General Delivery, Chandler, Ariz."

WEST TULSA REVIVAL

Pastor W. R. Brock, West Tulsa, Okla., writes: "We have just closed a 3 weeks' meeting. Brother Mattox of Sperry, Okla., did the preaching. Several were saved, one received the Baptism. Large crowds attended the services, and the saints are greatly encouraged."

CALIFORNIA BLESSED

Evangelist J. Edgar Freeman, San Bernardino, Calif., writes: "There have been several hundred souls saved and filled since we came to California, beginning at Modesto, then to San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles."

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Pastor-Evangelist Edna M. Goodwin writes from Glendora, Calif.: "God has been very gracious to us in Glendora, but never more than when He granted us the privilege of having the Fellowship meeting of the South California and Arizona District Councils in our midst. After much prayer, our sister church, the Methodist, granted us the use of their building all day on Jan. 2, and our Council brethren accepted the invitation. It being a holiday, we anticipated a crowd of five or six hundred, but instead, more than 1200 were present, and what a time of rejoicing and jubilee it was! Wonderful messages all day; and songs of rejoicing, heart-throbbing prayers and the manifest presence of God made it a never-to-be-forgotten time of refreshing and inspiration."

"Elder J. L. Isaacs, pastor of Whittier, Calif., assembly, and District Chairman,



Fellowship Meeting of the Council of the District of God, 4th District, S. Cal., Jan. 2, 1928.

A. G. Osterberg together with Brother Howard of Phoenix, Ariz., were the speakers of the morning; while Elders H. Y. Freeman of New Mexico and Jonathan Elsworth Perkins of San Bernardino, Calif., were the speakers of the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hatch brought an encouraging message in song: "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

"Just preceding the evening service, our daughter Carol Gwendolyn, was united in marriage to Warren Reed Graeber (both Christ's Ambassadors), Brother Osterberg officiating. Immediately following the ceremony, Gustav H. Schmidt and wife spoke on that subject so dear to their hearts—Russia, and a fitting close it was for so glorious a day.

God has wonderfully used this whole

day's service to stir the city who 'never saw it on this wise before'; and as we enter into our evangelistic campaign with Philip A. Megna evangelist, many, many are planning to investigate and see what is the cause of it all."

CATHOLICS SAVED

Evangelist Ben F. Smith writes: "The Lord is blessing in Santa Cruz, Calif., by saving, healing and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. The first 20 minutes in 1928, the Lord baptized a Catholic sister with the Holy Spirit. This week we have had 17 at the altar for salvation in our branch mission opened up in a small town 14 miles from Santa Cruz. Have had 49 seeking salvation since we opened our meetings in Boulder Creek. We hold meetings there twice a week in the Community Hall and the meetings are well attended. Most of our converts are Catholics."

A GOOD MEETING

Pastor Oscar Berryhill writes from Phoenix, Ariz., "Just closed a 3 weeks' revival. Viola Nettross, the 15-year-old evangelist of Miami, Ariz., doing the preaching. About 20 conversions and 10 were filled with the Holy Ghost."

IOWA CHURCH PROGRESSING

Evangelists James and Nellie Cox write: "We are glad to report victory at the country charge 17½ miles out from Albia, Iowa, where we have been going for about 2 months now. The Lord has saved a good number and about 13 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit coming through with good experiences—great joy and speaking with other tongues. Good crowds attended each service. About 12 are seeking the Baptism including a young Methodist minister. This work in the country was started last July with a tent meeting held by Miss Bessie Downing and Brother and Sister Crews."

REVIVAL CONTINUES

Sister F. Doud, Michigan City, Ind., writes: "Brother J. H. Griswold was with us 4 weeks, closing Dec. 30. God met with us in a remarkable way, blessing in every service. Five prayed through to victory, 4 received the Holy Ghost. One received the Holy Ghost since the special meetings closed."

IOWA REVIVAL

Pastor Minnie Steele, Creston, Iowa, writes: "Just closed our 3 weeks' campaign with Adolph Petersen as evangelist. God's blessing was upon his work. Fifteen were saved, among them a number of young people. Two received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Fifteen were united to the church."

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The twelfth annual session of the Eastern District Council convened at Lancaster, Pa., January 10-12. The first day was devoted to the ministry of prayer and spiritual edification. Messages of great profit were brought to the delegates by Brother Nimrod Park, Brother Ralph Jeffries of the Potomac District, and Brother R. A. Brown.

All meetings were opened with a devotional period, including a message from the Word. The ministry of the following brethren was much appreciated and enjoyed: Brother Harry J. Steil, of Newark, N. J.; Rev. Alexander Gibson, M. E. minister who has recently received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Brother Allan A. Swift, E. Orange, N. J.; Brother M. R. Richards, Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Marie Brown of New York.

Two changes only were made in the elective offices of the District: J. Roswell Flower being elected Secretary to take the place of Brother Harold H. Moss, who was appointed to the work of Missionary Field Secretary at the last General Council, and Brother M. R. Richards, elected to fill Brother Moss' place on the Executive Committee. Brother Joseph Tummore was re-elected chairman and Vernon G. Gortner, Treasurer.

At the Eleventh session of the District Council in Camden, N. J., the district had taken a forward step by drawing up a simple Constitution and By-laws (copies of which may be obtained from the Secretary, J. R. Flower, 825 Green Ridge Street, Scranton, Pa.) to guide the district in the conduct of its business sessions and to define its rights and prerogatives. Some minor changes were made in this Constitution this year.

The credential committee met and considered the applications of forty-six candidates for various degrees of ministry. On account of the great burdens placed upon the committee, it was decided to authorize the credential committee to meet three times a year between sessions of the District Council to meet and examine candidates for the ministry in the various sections of the District. This will greatly relieve the work of the committee during Council sessions.

Arrangements were also formulated for two ministerial meetings in the Eastern and Western sections of the District, to be held for discussion of ministers' problems, prayer and spiritual edification only.

The general consensus of opinion was that this Council was the best in many respects of any Council session that has ever been held. A sweet spirit of unity prevailed throughout; the altar services were much blessed of the Lord, and the local work was much benefited.—J. Roswell Flower, Secy.

GOOD REPORT FROM TACOMA

The past five months have been times of refreshing for the Assembly at the Pentecostal Tabernacle, South 12th & "G" Streets, Tacoma. We have had the able and inspiring ministry of a number of God's true workers. Evangelists Cecil

and Mollie Perks were with us in September, resulting in a real forward step on every line, with a goodly number added and a number baptized in the Holy Spirit. Later we were favored with a visit from Brother and Sister G. H. Schmidt, missionaries to Poland and Russia. We were greatly blessed and inspired listening to their messages, and were pleased to have them one week. They are true missionaries in spirit and message.

January first we had Evangelist J. N. Hoover and wife for a two weeks' meeting, which was especially blessed of God. Several were saved, a large number baptized in the Spirit, and on the last Sunday night, sixteen were baptized in water. Brother Hoover is a fearless and able preacher, and has a warm place in the hearts of the Tacoma saints. We desire to honor the Lord in all things and make His will the first consideration.—Frank Gray.

BIBLE CONVENTION

Pastor Thomas W. Wellard writes from Mishawaka, Ind.: "We praise the Lord for His goodness to us during our Bible Convention. From the first we realized His presence in our midst and were conscious of it throughout the entire 4 days; and with the poet we can sing, 'It lingers with us yet.' Souls were saved and baptized in the Spirit. As our district superintendent, Elder Flem VanMeter, and other ministers brought the messages 'our hearts burned within us' and there was born a greater desire for a closer walk with God. Every Sunday since the convention the Lord has done something for us. Last night a boy of 14 had a wonderful Baptism in the Spirit; a young man and his wife who were once in the ministry, dedicated their lives anew; the altar was full. We will have a one-day missionary convention Feb. 5."

TEXAS REVIVALS

Evangelist W. K. Aber writes: "In November the Lord gave us a good meeting in the Pentecostal Tabernacle, Moody, Texas. Several were saved and a blessed spirit of unity prevailed. We came to Waco, Texas, to assist Brother Marshall in a revival which has been greatly blessed of the Lord. About 20 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and 24 names were added to the roster. This church is located at 1801 River Street. Sister Coble was re-elected pastor for another year, showing appreciation of her work in the past."

A REVIVAL SPIRIT

Pastor Oscar Jones and wife write from Chickasha, Okla.: "We have had a revival spirit on for the last six months. We are going to have to add to our church so as to accommodate the people. We have accepted the pastorate for another year."

LIVE FLORIDA CHURCH

J. W. Hause and wife write from Winter Garden, Fla.: "We have a live-wire church—a soul-saving station; the Lord is saving, baptizing and healing. Last Sunday was a blessed day."

STRONG CANADIAN CHURCH

Evangelist A. Watson Argue writes: "When recently holding a campaign at the Evangel Temple, in Toronto, Ontario, I was much impressed with the strength of the work there. Brother and Sister Willard C. Peirce are the pastors. They have worked faithfully in that city for over three years and now God has given them one of the largest downtown churches. The church was to be sold for one hundred and forty thousand dollars, but in answer to prayer, it was secured for fifty-six thousand. An extra ten thousand has been spent on improvements. One man gave five thousand dollars and others have given large amounts.

This appears to me to be one of the real strong assemblies of the Full Gospel movement. The church seats 1600 comfortably and can be made to accommodate about 2000. The church is crowded Sunday nights and the other services are well attended too. Brother and Sister Peirce are certainly preaching the Full Gospel and God is rewarding by saving, baptizing and healing many."

YEAR OF VICTORY

Pastor Ernest R. Polhemus, Madera, Calif., writes: "We are praising God for a year of glorious victory during 1927. A number have been added to the assembly. Many have attended the services and heard the Word. The sick have received healing and believers have been filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Brother M. T. Draper, our district superintendent, was with us at the annual business meeting. The power fell and there was a great shout of victory in the camp. Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

REVIVAL—BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Glenn Millard, Oakwood, Okla., writes: "We thank the Lord for saving and filling 25 souls with the Holy Spirit in the revival of the past 2 weeks, Brother Clarence Gordon, evangelist. We feel that you would rejoice with us if you could meet the young people of this assembly—about 30 in number, fervent in spirit. We have a very good Sunday school. Brother Gordon will be with us for the next 2 months, and we will spend 2 hours 5 nights in the week studying the Bible."

OLD-TIME REVIVAL

Brother Fred Lohmann writes from Winnipeg, Canada: "An old-time revival is on in Wesley Church. The campaign opened last Friday night with more than 50 people at the altar seeking the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Large crowds are attending and every night the prayer rooms are crowded. A number have been saved and several filled with the Holy Spirit. People are here for the meeting for 200 miles."

A CORRECTION

The Full Gospel Tabernacle, Medford, Ore., at which the dedication service will be held Feb. 12, is located on the corner of West Main and Newton Sts., instead of Olive, as the announcement was first sent in.

AN AFRICAN PARABLE

These unconverted old men of Africa are the stock critics of missions and the very last to yield. But let one or two young folks in the town break with heathendom, and at once your aged monitors demand from them a Christianity in best apple-pie order, and when they do own up to the true conversion of a neighbor, the ring of their breezy frankness is refreshing. "Yes," said one such sapient old fellow, "that man is saved; and why do I know it? Why do I know it is day-break without even leaving my dark hut to see if there are streaks of dawn? I know by the singing of the sunrise birds. Their music gets into the blackness of my house without my bothering to get out and see if the east is reddening. So, too, a Christian and this new heart of his: I cannot get in, past bone and blood to inspect it, but the new heart comes out in song like the sunrise birds."—Dan Crawford.

Forthcoming Meetings

N. B.—Persons who want announcements of meetings to be in the Evangel in time to be of benefit should have the copy in our hands fifteen days before the meeting date, as the forms are made up two weeks before the date of the paper.—Ed.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—Evangelist J. Logan Stuart will conduct a 3 weeks' revival campaign at Faith Tabernacle beginning March 4.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Evangelist Charles A. Shreve of Washington, D. C., will conduct a revival campaign at Central Ave., and 13th St., beginning Feb. 5.

WATERTOWN, N. Y.—A. Watson Argue will conduct a revival campaign at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, starting March 7.—Pastor John B. Jacobs, 248 High Street.

ALVARADO, TEX.—Beginning Jan. 28, revival services will be conducted at the Pentecostal Assembly, Alvarado, Texas, by the Busby Sisters, evangelists and singers of Dallas. Pray that souls will be gathered in.—J. D. Banks, elder.

NOTICE.—Texas conventions will be held: At Saratoga, Jan. 28-29; Houston, Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Austin, Feb. 8-9; Frankston, Feb. 15-16; Cleburne, Feb. 22-23. Announcements for other sections will be given later.—District Superintendent Hugh M. Cadwalder.

HUNTINGTON STATION, L. I., N. Y.—Evangelist J. Clark Soules of Byesville, Ohio, will conduct a revival campaign at the Glad Tidings Assembly, opposite postoffice, New York Ave., Feb. 8-20. For further information address, Brother Theo. Johanson, 90 Landing Road, Glen Cove, N. Y. Telephone Glen Cove, 61-M.

MEDFORD, ORE.—The Full Gospel Church will dedicate the new temple, Cor. W. Main and Orange, Sunday, Feb. 12, 3:00 p. m. Brother Guy De Vries of Klamath Falls Temple will preach the dedicatory sermon. A campaign will follow conducted by Brother Ronald Crozier, the Canadian evangelist and Joe Elliott.—Pastor S. G. Icenhower, Ashland, Ore.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An evangelistic campaign will be conducted by A. Watson Argue, Feb. 12 to March 4, at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, North Capitol and K Sts. Services Sundays and every night except Saturday. The full gospel message and the ministry of Christian healing will be the features of the meeting. A limited number of rooms free to pastors; others can be obtained at reasonable rates. For further information address Pastor Harry L. Collier, North Capitol & K Sts., Washington, D. C.

TULSA, OKLA.—Sister Mamie B. Keel of Washington, will act as supply pastor at the close of her series of special services in Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fifth & Peoria Sts.

CALIFORNIA PROPHETIC BIBLE CONFERENCES.—Frederick W. Childe, Chart Lecturer on "Daniel & Revelation Compared," is holding meetings as follows: **Kingsburg**, Feb. 7-21; **Palo Alto**, Feb. 23-Mar. 11; **Santa Cruz**, Mar. 13-27; **Modesto**, Mar. 29-April 12; **Stockton**, Apr. 15-29; **Lodi**, May 1-13; **San Francisco**, May 15-June 3.

John H. Kennedy, Radio Gospel Singer, has charge of the music in these meetings, and renders special solo numbers. The meetings are held in the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Tabernacles, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

MEETINGS OF MINISTERS

A committee of three was elected by the Eastern District Council to arrange for and call a meeting for ministers and Christian workers only, and not limited to those holding credentials with the Council. This is a preliminary notice of place of meetings and dates. Western part of the district will meet at Pittsburgh, Pentecostal Church, March 27, 28, 29. Eastern part of the district, at Pentecostal Church in Wilmington, Del., April 3, 4, 5. Brother Will Cox, Brother Nimrod Park, and Brother Walter Palmer, committee. For further information write Brother Palmer, 216 Strawbridge Ave., Westmont, N. J. All ministers are urged to come to a time of prayer and spiritual edification.

SOMERVILLE, MASS.—The New England District Council will hold its next business session in conjunction with a 3 days' convention, March 2-4 at Bethany Pentecostal Church, Cor. Springfield and Armory Sts., Springfield, Mass., H. T. Carpenter, pastor. The business session will convene at 10:00, March 3. Arrangements for our coming camp meeting will be made at this time and matters of immediate importance to the District will be taken up. We trust that nothing will interfere with the presence of all ministers and delegates, as well as all affiliating brethren, at this most important meeting of the year. For further information address Elder H. T. Carpenter, 26 Gold St., Springfield, Mass.—R. H. Norton, sec'y.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—The Annual Midwinter Convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council, Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah, will convene, February 25 to March 2, at the People's Tabernacle, 717 Wheelbee St. Each assembly is urged to send its pastor and two delegates. All accredited delegates will be given bed and breakfast free. Meals will be served at the East Mountain Cafe at very reduced prices. There will be three services daily, 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Business sessions at 10 a. m. Ministers and workers in Wyoming and Utah are especially urged to attend. The Superintendent will be glad to hear from workers in these states. The Christ's Ambassadors Young People's Rally will be held in conjunction with this convention, Feb. 25 and 26. All young people are urged to attend and bring their instruments. For further information write Floyd C. Woodworth, Dist. Supt., 704 So. College, Ft. Collins, Colo., H. B. Garlock, Sec'y-Treas., 309 E. Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, Colo.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—I am now in a position to answer calls for evangelistic services in the Florida District. Pastors and others desiring my services may address me at R. F. D. 3, Box 117-B, Plant City, Fla.—Perry W. Hadsock.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—Aber evangelistic party (W. K., wife and daughter)—anywhere.—1725 McKenzie St., Waco, Tex.

OPEN FOR CALLS.—As evangelist. Fourteen-year-old girl. In fellowship with the General Council. References: Elders Harold McKinney, A. B. Cox, Delmar Johnson and T. K. Leonard.—Dolores Dudley, 122 N. 10th St., New Philadelphia, Ohio.

INVITATION.—Sister Freeda Macklin has accepted the pastorate of the mission at 517 S. 3rd St., Ponca City, Okla., and will welcome any of the Council brethren at any time they can stop over.

NOTICE.—The address of Brother C. L. Stratton is changed to Box 284, Booneville, Ark.

WANTED.—Pentecostal song books—used, but in good condition.—G. R. Townsend, Cedar Vale, Kansas.

WANTED.—If any one knows the whereabouts of Brother John Shalatax, a Jewish Pentecostal minister, have him communicate by wire or letter at once with Mrs. C. E. Yambert, 1715 Travis St., Houston, Tex.

NOTICE.—The address of Brother Flem VanMeter, District Superintendent Central District Council, is changed to 620 Geneva Road, Residence Park, Dayton, Ohio.

NOTICE.—Mrs. Christine Wooten, one of our General Council ministers, wishes to announce that she expects to leave for Finland in April or May to engage in missionary work. Until that time she may be addressed at Box 704, Eustis, Fla.

OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK.—Brother Daniel Lewis has resigned the pastorate of the Assembly of God mission at 226 E. 5th St., Roswell, New Mexico, to take up evangelistic work. His present address is Tyler, Tex., Route 7.

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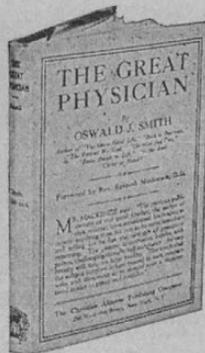
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