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Honoring God by Simple Faith

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IN THE Lutheran church in Germany, of which I became pastor, the people had not been born again; yet they thought they were right before God. I began to preach about sin, about repentance, and about what it means to be born again. My sermons angered the people, they did not like to hear me preach, and the result was I had to preach to empty benches.

I myself had never reached the place of victory in the Lord Jesus that He offers to all His children, and so I was very unhappy. Often I would open my Bible and try to get comfort out of it, but at that time I did not understand how to take the Word of God and the promises of God and just accept them in simple faith, and so I found no comfort there. I wept and wept; the hot tears streaming down my cheeks seemed to be my only comfort.

But God was on the way to help me. He was allowing all this humiliation for He wanted to break my heart. No one can soar into the heights of faith unless they have first had a broken and a contrite heart. Humility is the soil in which faith can grow. Now I can thank the Lord for the years and years of deep humiliation while I was pastor of the Lutheran church. The Lord broke Jacob to pieces that night at the brook when the angel wrestled with him; after that he could not walk as he used to, for he was lame. Only the broken hearts can fully believe.

When I became desperate, when I did not know how to help myself any more, when I realized there was nothing good in me, when the Lord had brought me to the end of my own power and energy, and I felt my weakness, then I began to learn to believe the Word of God. Who was the greatest man of faith that ever lived? The Lord Jesus. All His earthly life was lived by faith. And by faith He went through the awful agony of the closing hours of His life. At the time of His greatest

Here It Is

What? Why a rare chance to preach the gospel in power even though you have never thought of yourself as a preacher. The Pentecostal Evangel has stirred the heart of many and many a sinner—religious sinners mostly—and turned them to seeking the Lord. All around you are people in the various churches, up to their necks in religion, almost smothered in religion, doing, doing, doing, but not saved. They have religion but they have never been born again. They mean well and want to do well, and hope to get to heaven, but if they do they must get saved. They must meet Jesus. They must become new creatures. Their old things must pass away and be succeeded by new things.

Such people are all about you. The land is filled with them. They have been gathered into the church without being converted, and they are often doing the very best they know to do. They are greatly to be pitied.

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Oh, let us all work together for the salvation of the lost about us. It is a dreadful thing to be lost.—C. E. R.

weakness, when He hung there on the cross, and even God seemed to have forsaken Him, He went through by faith.

The Lord Jesus fully depended on God in all the details of His life. He had no home, no provision for food or clothing; but He knew His Father would take care of Him. Thirteen times in the New Testament we read about the faith of Jesus. By faith He walked through this world; and we have to walk by faith even as He did.

Had I remained in the Lutheran church I might have become one of their influential men, but I am so glad the Lord led me out. For three centuries my fathers were ministers in that church. At the time Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island for twenty-five dollars my ancestors began to preach the gospel, and they continued to do so through nine generations. My grandfather had the courage to join the revival movements of his time, and was among the first to preach about the blood of Jesus. My father was converted as a boy and he also joined the revival movement of his time. Now I am so happy because I have joined the revival movement of this time, and I belong to the much despised "Pentecostal" church.

I am glad to be despised. I don't want to accept honors from men because that would destroy my faith. Jesus said, "How can ye believe which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?" We must seek humility. We must learn to rejoice when we suffer or are despised. One time a brother gave me sixty dollars. Later on he came back and said, "I gave you thirty dollars too much. Please give me back thirty dollars." I said, "Yes, dear brother," and I handed him back the thirty dollars. Then I found a sweet wonderful joy in my heart. Isn't it wonderful how God can take the things that the world hates, and from which they

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God's Conditional Covenant to Heal His People

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Text: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

The words of this text constitute a covenant between God and man. As with other covenants, there are conditions here. Yet the promise of God is definite and sure, that He will heal His people.

In order that we may see just what the conditions of this covenant are from man's side, let us turn to Exodus 15:23-26, and read the entire passage.

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, and said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do all that is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and will keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee."

It will be observed from this passage that God lays down two conditions to His covenant to heal. The first is obedience to the moral law: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do all that is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments." Deliberate disobedience to the laws of God—in other words, conscious sin—puts His children beyond the promise of this covenant of God to heal, and until the sin is made right, there can be no ground for claiming the promise.

The other condition that God lays down as a basis for His covenant promise to heal is that His people shall "keep all His statutes." A commandment of God has to do more with the moral life of His people. A statute has to do also with their physical welfare.

Let us look at this covenant promise of God to heal His people and the two conditions of such healing from man's side. As to the obligation of God's people—those who expect to be healed by divine power—to keep the moral law that He has laid down, there can be no question at all. The history of God's people as recorded here in the Bible is beyond controversy. Violation of the moral law—the laws which God has given directly from heaven in the ten commandments and the entire Scripture of truth which laws are also perfected in man's moral sense and consciences—down all of human history, has always resulted in loathsome and terrible diseases which have wrecked the individual, and through the influence of heredity blasted the race. When one gives himself up to the devil through disobedience to God, he has to pay the penalty. We have some of these fearful diseases which come as a result of disobedience to God's commandment listed in Deut-

eronomy 28:15-18. God tells us specifically that these curses will come upon those who disobey the moral law. It is a catalog of fearful ills there listed; and in the course of history, both among the Jewish people and others, these dreadful judgments have again and again and again been visited upon the race.

A "Common Sense" God

I wish, however, to turn to the practical side of this covenant between God and man connected with the healing of the body, for God makes clear to us in this scripture, and, in fact, throughout His Word, that He will call in the supernatural only as a last resort. To put it that way, God is a common sense God, and He ever seeks to inculcate common sense in His children upon the earth. Therefore from the beginning, and in the very light of His covenant, God laid great emphasis upon the possibility and the desirability of the *prevention of sickness and disease*. Though He was a God of miracle-working power, and could have bodily picked up the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt and carried them to the Promised Land, He did not elect to do so. God ever recognizes the right of human freedom and the value of individual and racial effort. God has safeguarded the race from becoming mere puppets or automatons by *emphasizing human freedom, responsibility and initiative*. God is like a wise parent; He will not do for us anything that He can teach and train us to do for ourselves. This great principle runs through all His revelation. Therefore He gave not only His moral commandments to keep His people from sin, but His sta-

tutes to prevent disease and keep wholesome and healthy conditions around His people.

Let us look briefly at the great natural laws which He has laid down for the prevention of sickness and disease for those who obey Him. God did not promise that it would be unnecessary to observe the ordinary laws of health. Instead of this, He instructed His people in these elementary laws of health, through Moses, His prophet, and gave to earth the benefit of the wisdom of heaven. In the statutes He ordained He laid down the great fundamental principles of right living, and put the nation of Israel on such a safe and secure basis of physical well-being that even the best modern science is only beginning to come up to these simple laws that God by *revelation* gave to His own people long ago.

This is another evidence of the true inspiration of the Bible, we remark in passing. Here are laws, as we shall see, that came not by the "scientific research" we boast so much about to-day, but by revelation from heaven—from God to the children of men. Yet our boasted "modern science" is only now coming up to an understanding of the fundamental principles God disclosed by revelation. We are familiar with the term "laws of health," and it is only right that we should refer to these great statutes God ordained as the laws of health sent down from heaven.

The Law of Diet

As man's physical life is sustained by food and drink, the very first provision God would make would be to tell His people what to eat and what not to eat. Therefore, we find a comprehensive and adequate set of laws to govern the eating of the people. In Genesis He said they were to take that which He named for food. He made provision from the beginning and told them what they should eat. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Gen. 1:29.

In the eleventh chapter of Leviticus we read, "And the Lord spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are upon the earth," and there follows a list of the animals that are fit for human food. Then the beasts that are not fit—not pure for human food—are listed. God tells His people what beasts are clean and what are unclean, and it is a most amazing circumstance that these animals that are listed as fit for food are now recognized by modern scientists as being clean and wholesome because of the purity of their own food and the wholesomeness of their flesh as a result of the food that they eat and their habits of life. It is equally amazing that this ancient scripture forbids as food the scavengers of earth and air and

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sea. Those animals such as swine, and fish and fowls of the air, which feed upon filth, and whose digestive organs are so crude and direct that this filth passes into their blood immediately and is deposited in their flesh, God rules out. The eating of flesh with poisonous filth thus deposited in it would inevitably poison the eaters of it. Hence God, for the protection of His children forbids it. Long before our boasted scientific age the wisdom of heaven upon these matters was given directly to the children of men.

We have in connection with these ancient rules of diet foregleams of what we call "Fletcherism," in the classification as clean of all animals that ruminant or chew their cud.

We also find in Scripture an anticipation of the modern scientific rules of rest while eating. That was anticipated in the habit of God's people in reclining at meal time—a far more wholesome habit than sitting bolt upright. We are too businesslike in our day to do it. The old saying is true that most men dig their graves with their teeth. It has passed down into a popular aphorism. Yonder, thousands of years ago, before our "scientific spirit" was even dreamed of, God gave us the wisdom of heaven about these matters; the severe sickness which often follows eating scavengers to-day is proof of the wisdom of what God gave.

"The Law of Sanitation"

sounds very modern, but it is all here in this ancient scripture. God gave His people, through Moses, the most specific and detailed directions about keeping their persons and camps clean. All fetid matter, all decayed matter and all animal excretions, were to be burned or buried. It is a striking fact that some modern armies on the march have adopted the same kind of implements to make such sanitation possible around their camps, as God provided for His people from the beginning.

"The Law of Cleansing"

was to prevent contagion. God directed that when any individual among His people even touched that which was unclean and diseased, he was immediately to wash himself, and the clothing, or vessels for eating and drinking which should come into contact with any form of defilement were to be purified either by washing or by fire. In such passages as Leviticus 11:32, 39, 40, and Numbers 19:11, antiseptic ideas were inculcated exactly in line with what modern science has found to be safe and necessary. There is scarcely a single thing of vital human interest that we have to deal with to-day that is not adequately dealt with in the Bible, and precisely along lines that modern learning is finding sound and necessary at the present hour.

Notice next

"The Law of Isolation"

applying to infectious diseases. In the thirteenth and fourteenth chapters of Leviticus, and in the fifth chapter of Numbers, God gave through Moses and Aaron explicit directions for the handling of infectious diseases. The priest, God's servant, was to examine the individual having a skin disease of any sort: and if they were seen to have leprosy, God gave a detailed test by which it could be identified. Then

certain laws were given for the handling of any one so suffering. They were to be put out of the camp:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell." Num. 5:1-3.

God was in the midst of His people, and therefore He demanded cleanliness, and God is still in the midst of His people. Hence the saying that "Cleanliness is next to godliness," has a sound and ancient foundation.

Now there were cases of the healing of lepers. All were not immediately healed by direct divine power. In answer to Moses' prayer for his sister Miriam, "Lord, heal her now," she was healed. The prayer was immediately answered. Yet notice the care with which God directed the isolation of infectious diseases. In all such cases God could have immediately healed by supernatural means, but because He knows how important it is for us to help ourselves and prevent disease, He directed the isolation of infectious diseases that they might not spread and that all might learn to prevent sickness.

Now the most scientific men to-day, the best of them, are coming to see and to know that these two laws, the law of cleansing against contagion, and the law of isolation against infection, if properly obeyed, would prevent and do prevent epidemics of smallpox, cholera, and other such plagues that have visited the human race.

It is amazing, and it stands as a testimony in history, that those millions of the children of Israel went for forty years through the wilderness without a doctor and without a drug store! God kept His covenant to heal His people. He promised so to do. And certainly we have no record that any awful poison from the sores of animals was taken and injected into the blood of little children, thereby poisoning them for the time, doubtless bringing evil effects to offset any temporary good that might supervene.

The Law of Exercise

God so ordered the lives of His ancient people that provision was made for wholesome exercise and outdoor activity. Every Israelite was a farmer to a greater or lesser extent. Because of their sedentary occupation, the priests and Levites could not occupy large farms, but every one of them even was given a suburban lot as a garden. God provided that those classes among His ancient people who were not directly and of necessity tied to the soil should nevertheless be in touch with it. He made provision that the priests should minister in the temple in course, one group serving for a term of weeks, and then that group going to their suburban garden homes, and another group coming in and serving for a term of weeks, etc. An opportunity was thereby given, through divine wisdom, love and foresight, to those who had sedentary and indoor occupations, for ample outdoor life and proper exercise.

We have in these provisions a justification for periods of rest for those who fol-

low sedentary and professional lines of work and those who preach the Gospel. There are many broken-down preachers to-day whose one sin has been their over-confinement in study and indoor work. They have sinned against their bodies and have failed to obey God for their proper care.

The physical breakdowns that I have had came to me because of overwork and neglect of health laws that a wise God has provided. I confess it with shame. Every servant of God ought to regard the teaching of the Word of God at this point. When I came to a time of supreme crisis, God graciously healed and strengthened me; but He also warned me then against the further neglect of my body and the violation of the simple laws of health. In obedience to these things I have enjoyed more perfect health than ever before. I wrecked my health by wrong diet, hasty eating, thoughtless habits and failure to exercise. I paid the penalty until I came to a supreme crisis. Then, as remarked, God graciously healed me and has kept me certainly in more wisdom than before. We should not allow the insane rush of modern life so to tyrannize over us that the wonderful bodies God has given us are neglected or destroyed by over-straining. So in the summer season I try to take it out in carpentry, gardening, boat rowing and swimming; and in winter in country tramping and horseback riding.

There is another sidelight here. God made provision for the proper exercise of all the people, not merely the priests and those who naturally lived in the country. He directed three times a year that every male at least should journey to Jerusalem. That meant either a journey by foot or on a beast of burden. Then, of course, they had to journey back home, three times a year. What a happy and wholesome habit!

There are indications here in Scripture too, that, in connection with some of the feasts, all of the people lived in leafy booths out of doors for weeks at a time. What a novel means for breaking the routine of life and giving healthful exercise to the people!

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Units of prayer combined like drops of water make an ocean that defines resistance. In the spiritual realm, as elsewhere, in such there is strength.—E. M. Bounds.

One sin mastered, one temptation resisted, one duty performed is dearer to God than the most costly sacrifices that were ever piled upon the altar.—F. B. Meyer.

We shall be glad if all our pastors and evangelists will speak a good word for the Evangel, and arrange for new subscriptions to be taken in their assemblies. Tell those who do not take the paper that they can have it from now until the end of the year for 25 cents.

Standing for the Pentecostal Testimony

Evangelist Jacob Miller

This Latter Rain Outpouring has disturbed the nation and the churches of this age until they are trying with their skill and training to explain it all away, but in spite of it, it is right here. Now it is strange but true that the first century church had the spiritual gifts, and the same church will have the same gifts in it now, but men are saying that it was just for the apostles. If that is true why are men getting the very same experience that the early church had? There is no sense in any man trying to fight any doctrine or experience unless he can take the Bible for his weapon, and if the thing is scriptural then any scripture that anyone will quote to try to offset it, the same scripture will defend it!

I have had some experience with folk along this line. I was over in northern Ohio a number of years ago while some of the saints there were conducting a street meeting in one of the small cities. I was a stranger in the town and crowded around the group to see how the people were taking the message. I overheard one man say to another, "If they will prove to me that one sentence of the Bible is true I will believe it all." So I touched him on the shoulder and said:

"What did I understand you to say?"

"If they will prove to me that one sentence of the Bible is true, I will believe it all!"

"If you're an honest man I'll prove to you in thirty minutes that the Bible is the truth," I said.

"You are the biggest fool that ever came this way," he said, but you know that an infidel doesn't believe anything, only what he can see or explain, so I said,

"Were you ever in Chicago?"

"No," he replied.

"Well," I said, "do you believe that Sears, Roebuck are in Chicago?"

"Yes."

"How do you know?"

"We have a way of finding out. We could get an order blank out of the catalogue and fill it out, inclose the amount of money demanded and in a few days we would get the very goods we had sent for. That proved we had found the author of the catalogue."

"That is splendid logic," I said. "Are you honest enough to accept the same logic?"

"Yes," he said.

The Rebuttal

"One time I found in God's catalogue a place where it said that if I would confess my sin, He was faithful and just to forgive me of all my sin. I took that promise and went to the altar and stayed there until that very thing happened, and then I KNEW that I had found the Author of the catalogue. Then one time I found in the catalogue where it said that if I would tarry at Jerusalem I should receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. I took that promise and stayed at the altar until the promise of the Father came upon me and the Holy Ghost spoke

through me as the Spirit gave the utterance—then I KNEW that I had found the Author again!"

By this time my friend began to get uneasy, so I continued,

"That is not all I found in the catalogue. It said that if there is any sick among you let them call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing with oil, and that the prayer of faith would save the sick and the Lord would raise him up! Now when I am called to the sick bed, and obey that scripture, and when the power of God comes down and the sick jump out of bed and run over the house shouting and praising God, then I know we have found HEADQUARTERS and all the demons in hell can't get around it!"

He stopped me here and said:

"Say, stranger, that is the best logic I ever heard. Where did you come from?"

"I am an Arkansas traveler, going through the land fishing, and I CAUGHT YOU!"

"Right well," he said, "That is the best I ever heard."

"That is not all," I replied, "there is another scripture that I found in that catalogue, and this is what it says: 'It is appointed unto man once to die!' Are men dying or not?"

He tried to reason around this, but I held him to facts.

"They are dying or they are not dying. Did you ever see a dead man?"

"Oh, yes."

"Well then, that scripture is the truth?"

"Yes."

"Then the balance of that verse is the truth. After this, the judgment."

So you see this Latter Rain outpouring is opening up the Scriptures so plain, that men can't get around real facts any longer. The very scripture that the Modernists take to offset the speaking in tongues, will cut their own heads off every time.

I have been preaching the Pentecostal message for ten years and have been telling the people in thirty or thirty-five states that I would take any scripture they would quote against the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, or Divine healing, the evidence of the Baptism, i. e., the speaking in tongues, and whip them with the very scriptures they quote.

The Challenge Accepted

I was waiting in an Oklahoma depot for a train one time and there was a nice little Christian preacher present. He saw me use my Clergy Certificate to purchase my ticket and followed me across the room. He spoke to me as if he did not know anything about my clergy rates.

"Is there any advantage in having those little books to buy a ticket?"

"Yes," I replied, and told what it was.

"Are you a minister of the gospel?"

"Yes."

"What faith?"

"The Assemblies of God." He was surprised at this.

"I have never seen any of them," he replied.

"Why there are lots of them scattered all over the world."

"I have never met them."

"You have read Hebrews twelve, twenty-three, haven't you?"

"Oh yes. But I have never met a people that called themselves by that name."

I could see he was perplexed, so I said, "I guess you will know us better by the 'tongues movement'?"

He was right at home, and replied, "Oh, yes, there are lots of them in our own town. But there is nothing to them!"

"Why so? Are they a mean people? Do they commit sin of any kind?"

"Oh no," he exclaimed, "but they claim they heal folks."

"That is not true," I said.

"Oh yes," he repeated.

"I have seen them anoint folks with oil and pray over them," I said. "That is just what the Bible told them to do, and then the Lord would heal them. Don't you obey the Bible? You are a preacher, are you not? How in the world can you be a preacher and disobey the Bible?"

"Well, there is nothing to those tongues."

"That is just your opinion." So I quoted Acts two and four.

"I knew that you would run back to Pentecost."

"That is the very place to run back to, for that is where we all came from. That is the very place to go back to, to prove who we are."

"They all got languages on the morning of Pentecost."

"What for?"

"To preach the gospel to other nations."

"Did Paul get the same gift that the other apostles got?"

"He did."

"Will you take Paul's testimony for it?"

"I will."

So I put Paul on the witness stand, and I said: "Paul, what do you say about these tongues? And Paul said, 'I thank God that I speak in tongues more than ye all.'" And he stopped me.

"Paul spoke a number of languages."

I told him to keep still until Paul finished his testimony. "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than ye all, yet in the church, I had rather speak five words, that by my understanding I might teach others, than to speak ten thousand words in an unknown tongue." So I said, "That is the very verse that you folks have been hiding behind all these years, and now Paul is telling you in his own words, that he is talking in something that he can't teach in at all."

The nice little preacher almost gasped for breath. He was so surprised to see how his own favorite scriptures had ruined him. You can see that the very scripture that our enemy takes to offset our doctrines will cut his own head off every time.

It is no use to fight any longer when you can not use the Bible for a weapon.

You had just as well come clean out from among them and believe that "Jesus is the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever," and that the promise is "for you and your children, even as many as the Lord shall call."—From Christ's Ambassadors Herald.

GOD'S LOVE LETTER

An authoress, Miss Manning, had loved and been loved in return. Her lover was going to India, and wished to lay bare his heart. He wrote her and asked her not to reply if she could not let him hope. If she sent no answer, he would take her silence not as giving consent, but denial. Miss Manning found no fault with the letter, but wrote her reply and sent it within the hour. It was a pouring wet day, and her brother undertook to take the letter to the post-office. Her lover never came, and she never saw him again. Some years after she heard of his marriage, and of his remaining in India, where he had an honorable and prosperous career. Five-and-twenty years after, the Manning family moved into a new house; and an old coat belonging to the brother was dragged into the light. When the pockets were turned out there the letter was, yellow and crumpled, but with the seal unbroken and the stamp untouched. The culprit was never told, and the lost lover never knew. *Let us see that, at all costs, God's love letter to the world, which He has entrusted to us, we do not leave undelivered.*

SOCIAL WORK

A curious evidence that gospel work is the only effective social work, and the only real civic salt, can be seen from the fact that Chicago's 30,000 criminals cost the city \$600,000,000 a year; so that each such criminal converted by the Gospel into a law-abiding citizen is worth to the city \$20,000 annually. For the last twenty-five years in New York city, 95 per cent of the white criminals and 99 per cent of the black, have never been in Sunday school or church.

"A FLOCK OF CRANES"

In view of the airship fleet which (apparently) conveys modern Babylon to ancient Babylon as on the wings of a stork (Zech. 5:9), this news item is singularly pertinent. "Sixty Italian Royal Air Force seaplanes, under the command of General de Pinedo, left Orbetello this morning at 6:30 for a mass formation aerial circuit of the Western Mediterranean. In twenty minutes the 60 planes were in the air, forming a vast triangle, enclosing seven lesser triangles, like a great flock of cranes—but much noisier."

FAMINE IN CHINA

Famine again rears its ugly head. In Shantung, whence several millions have been pouring into Manchuria in the greatest mass migration of the modern age, within an area of a hundred square miles a million souls are destitute, another million probably cannot be saved, and a third million must starve to death before help can come from anywhere. Roots of trees and blades of dried grass are the sole food; and the harvest seeds have been dug up and eaten by the starving millions before they could begin to sprout.

The Coming of the King

"Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords." The *only* Potentate! *Is*—not shall be, but is. Christ is now the blessed and only Potentate. Paul saw death under an earthly potentate. It made no difference; he believed that God in His own time would show forth Jesus Christ as the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

In the meantime the world is occupied by a usurper, who killed the servants sent by the King, and killed the Heir. But the fate of the usurper is certain. "He will miserably destroy those wicked men." How long did the husbandmen enjoy the vineyard after they killed the heir? Only until such time as the father saw fit to miserably destroy them. The word reached the Father and in His own time He punished the usurpers.

God is tolerating the situation now as far as His enemies are concerned—and on the other hand pouring out grace on those who desire to leave the ranks of the usurpers. It is armistice day all the year round.

The years are not unlimited. Their number is fewer and fewer. How few or how many is in the Father's hands.

"The dream is certain, the interpretation thereof sure," stated Daniel, and what Peter and Paul and John say is equally sure. Christ is coming as the blessed and only Potentate.

He will come in various capacities, finishing up His mighty—His stupendous work. He will come as the Straightener-out, the Readjuster, the Final Adjuster, the Rewarder, the Avenger; for raising up and putting down, despoiling the enemy, rewarding His friends; coming as King to receive homage from the bitterest enemies in the realm of kings and rulers, the Neros, the Roman emperors, Antiochus Epiphanes, yes, Pilate; all shall acknowledge Him as King of kings and Lord of lords.

He is coming to be admired in all them that believe, bringing full redemption for His saints, coming as the Rewarder for service. He will make the most of the least done in His name.

He is going to see of the travail of His soul and be completely, fully satisfied. It will be the day of the gladness of His heart, when as Bridegroom He possesses His bride, and the marriage supper of the Lamb is celebrated. The hallelujahs of heaven will gladden the heart of the Father. And the tragedy of sin, the centuries of misery, injustice, murder, and war will all have been forgotten, and will be fully compensated for in the fullness of the joy of the Father and the Son and of the redeemed, which will be realized in a lower degree by the heavenly hosts of onlookers and participants as far as rendering praise, homage, adoration, music, and song is concerned.

John saw the whole scene in vision by means of the Spirit. Pray that the Spirit give you like vision. In the meantime you are in heaviness through divers temptations and you will appreciate the deliverance all the more. Relief from pain brings a satis-

faction and a rest peculiar to itself, and the relief from all the heaviness, the sin and oppression down here will bring a satisfaction and a rest. It will be just as real as is relief from earthly pain.

Meantime the great Physician ministers in His own peculiar way to the needs of those who shall be heirs of salvation. In a hospital there are physicians, surgeons, orderlies, nurses, and attendants to relieve suffering. The Father has the same. The great Physician, the sympathizing Jesus, has hosts of ministering spirits who are ministering untiringly, ungrudgingly, freely, continuously, to those who shall be heirs of salvation, getting no thanks, no pay, no recognition (or hardly any) from the patients, from the inheritors of this salvation. Their reward is from their Creator, and they delight to do His will; that is sufficient. There are no incurables discharged from the divine hospital. Having loved His own, He loved them unto the end. Submit yourselves and voluntarily remain in the hands of the great Physician and His attendants, and He will see you through.

You can draw back unto perdition. "The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Will you not say with one of old, "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul"?

LUXURY AND APOSTASY

Modern Laodicean wealth, at least in New York, is enormous. In Fifth Avenue, the Church of the Heavenly Rest, is being built at a cost of \$3,500,000. The church in course of erection for Dr. Fosdick on Riverside Drive will cost \$5,000,000. The Broadway Temple is costing \$6,000,000. The Cathedral of St. John, which has been going up for several decades, will cost not less than \$30,000,000.

The Evangelical Church has spent sums still more enormous, but only in the circulation of the Bible and the world-wide embassage of the Cross. Wealth squandered on externals always keeps pace with ministerial doubt. A *questionnaire*, containing 47 questions, has been issued to 436 ministers of Chicago. Twenty per cent doubt or deny the Holy Trinity; 29 per cent the virgin birth of the Lord; 16 per cent His bodily resurrection; 38 per cent *our* bodily resurrection; 33 per cent that the Old Testament prophets could foretell; and 32 per cent that God ever performs a miracle. The only truth on which they are unanimous is that God exists.

A Christian without trials would be like a mill without wind or water. What place should we have for patience, meekness, ready to forgive, if we had nothing to try us?—John Newton.

Are there some in your assembly who do not take the Evangel? Tell them that they can have the paper from now until the end of the year for 25 cents. Offer to send in a subscription for them.

The Sure Word of Prophecy

By Frederick W. Childé

We are undoubtedly living in the "last days" of the Dispensation of the Grace of God, the Church Dispensation, which began with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and ends with the resurrection of the dead in Christ and the translation of the living saints to heaven.

This being true, how extremely important and necessary it is that God's own people should be thoroughly acquainted with prophetic truth, and have ability to "discern the signs of the times," not only for their own personal welfare, but also for the welfare of the unsaved and unprepared, as well, who should be warned of impending peril.

It is a sad fact that the majority of professing Christians of the present day are neglecting the study of prophecy. They are like those of old, as described in Isa. 30:8-14, "which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things." And those of New Testament times of whom the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, saying, "They will not endure sound doctrine; . . . but shall turn from truth unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:3, 4). What a terrific indictment against people of this sort is that which is to be found in Jer. 23:16-32! (Read this.)

The characteristic of the present age is a reckless, unreasoning optimism, which assures us that the Church and the world are marching on grandly to ultimate conquest and triumph. Those who differ with them on this are called "pessimists" and "calamity howlers," and "should be dealt with drastically," they say.

But God's prophetic word says that this present age is going to end up in apostasy, heading up in the Man of Sin, and in the utter destruction of the present imposing world-system by a sudden crushing blow!

That may sound "pessimistic" to some people, and not at all "smooth," but prophecy does not stop there. It goes on to give us a grandly optimistic view of God's final plans for this old world and its inhabitants.

Prophecy is history prewritten, foretold. It is "His Story!" That is to say, it is the story of Jesus, for the center and goal of all prophecy is Jesus! His two visits to this earth, first as the Man of Sorrows, going like a lamb to the slaughter, to redeem a doomed race of sinners by taking upon Himself their entire load of sin and nailing it to the Cross of Calvary; and second as the King of Glory, triumphing gloriously over His enemies and revolutionizing the politics of this world.

The entire history of Israel is in prophecy. There we have the story of their origin, their wanderings, their sufferings, and past history; their present condition, "scattered among the nations"; their coming tribulation and judgment, to be followed by their restoration and exaltation to the headship of nations. In fact the

great subject of Prophecy is, "God's Government of the earth in connection with the Seed of Abraham."

The history of the nations of the earth, the "Times of the Gentiles," this present age, its course and end; and the coming glories of the future age, when all the perplexing problems of the world, moral, social, and economic, will have their solution; all these are revealed in prophecy.

The greater part of the Bible is prophecy! And yet the professing Church of to-day, to a large extent, ignores and neglects to study it. No wonder we have such deplorable conditions in Christendom, such as infidelity and skepticism, "strong delusions," denials of faith, worldliness and indifference, and blindness to the awful conditions of the "last days"!

The present "world progress" in civilization, culture, education, commerce, and "great religious movements," are the very things used by Satan, the "god of this age," to blind the eyes of the people to the real conditions of the age.

The study of prophecy, and the knowledge of it, delivers the true child of God from this "snare," and any one who has "no use for prophecy" is in a bad spiritual condition, and in great danger as well. Prophecy is a "lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19), and we are told to use it as such "until the day dawns." It separates us from the darkness, and the things of darkness into a very blessed fellowship with God, and gives us a "love for His appearing." So the music of prophecy is always sweet to the ear of faith!

Just to show how exquisitely accurate is the Prophetic Word, take this for an example: It is the Story of the Significant Real Estate Transaction, as found in the thirty-second chapter of Jeremiah. We find there that just previous to the fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar, Jeremiah had warned the Jews of the soon coming Babylonian captivity which was to last for seventy years (see ch. 29:10).

Jeremiah's cousin had bought a piece of ground, which he knew would be absolutely worthless soon, because the Babylonian armies were beginning to overrun Palestine, and he was very anxious to get it off his hands for any price he might receive for it. He offers to sell it to his prophet-cousin, Jeremiah, and the Lord told Jeremiah to buy it, because the time would come when it would be worth having.

So Jeremiah bought the field, and paid over the purchase price to his cousin. The deed was properly signed and witnessed and recorded, and deposited in a place of safekeeping, to be kept there "for many days." Jeremiah was perfectly satisfied with the bargain because God had said to him, "For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land" (vs. 15).

Jeremiah, soon afterward, was driven out and rejected, and not allowed to en-

ter into possession of his property at that time. But some day that sealed deed would become of great value, and when Israel returned to their homeland from their captivity one could go into court and say, "This deed belongs to me; I am Jeremiah's heir, and I wish to obtain permission to break the seals and take possession of my property." (Note, by the way, how this explains the fifth chapter of Revelation!)

Now we come to the point of the story. In the month of January, 1918, that promise of God (Jer. 32:15) was literally fulfilled! I quote from the San Francisco "Bulletin," dated Friday, January 11, 1918: "Leopold Michels, the millionaire merchant, who recently purchased a 100-acre fruit farm in Palestine, near the city of Jericho, has received the deed for the property through his New York agents. The document is printed in Hebrew.

"Mr. Michel's orchard had three or four tenants on it at the time he bought the property and he has arranged to continue their leases for five years.

"This Palestine realty transaction is the first of its kind in which a San Franciscan, or any one on the Pacific Coast for that matter, has figured. It is one of the first, in fact, by a citizen of the United States. The purchaser paid at the rate of \$100 an acre for the land."

Take another example of literal prophetic fulfillment. Again I quote from newspaper press dispatches, this one from Jerusalem, and of recent date:

"Permission to bring a burnt offering to Mount Moriah, where the Mosque of Omar stands, is being sought by a small faction of Jewish zealots.

"They have asked their lawyer to endeavor to persuade the Supreme Moslem Council to allow the erection of altars where a Temple once stood in order to revive the sacrifices interrupted when the Temple was destroyed 2000 years ago.

"Several Hebron ritual animal slaughterers are suspected of conducting secret animal sacrifices in anticipation of a revival of sacrificial worship. These form a class of prospective priests who are being taught the performance of the sacred rites of the Temple sacrifices."

Is not this the beginning of the fulfillment of Ezek. 44:11? And so we might go on quoting prophecy after prophecy, and showing from current events their literal fulfillment. But enough has been said, I trust, to arouse the interest of our readers and to cause them to more diligently study the "sure word of prophecy" in these most significant days of the "end time."

HEALED OF ASTHMA

I had asthma for seven years and, although I was in the hospital three times, the doctors could do nothing for me, not even to relieve me. I had to sit up both day and night. But three years ago I was in Allentown, Pa., staying with some Pentecostal friends and with them attended a convention where I was prayed for and anointed with oil. The Lord entirely healed me and I have been wholly free from the trouble ever since, praise the Lord.—Mrs. Kate Fletcher, Brodheads ville, Pa.

A Parting Word

David H. McDowell, Assistant General Superintendent

Brethren:

It is rather hard at times to know just the best way to say some things. I find at this writing that this is one of the times in which it is difficult for me to find the proper language to write my little piece.

For some time past I have been considering the idea of severing my official connection with the General Council office to go back and take my place in the general work as in former years. After giving the matter prayerful thought I have tendered my resignation to the Executive Presbytery to take effect the 30th of September, this year. After talking the matter over, the brethren voted to concede to my desire.

In leaving the official position I do so with a feeling of regret in many respects, as this ministry has brought me in touch with a host of new friends as well as into a larger fellowship which I will not be able to forget. The kindness and hospitality with which I have been received over the country will linger in my memory as one of the Beulah spots in an otherwise difficult and trying ministry. I have enjoyed it all very much, for with the trials and obligations there has been that love and confidence always unsparingly manifested toward me in my work, by the brethren, that has made it a joy to work and serve with them. I desire to take this opportunity to thank one and all for every kindness and help shown me while in this office.

I am not fully decided what shall be the ultimate form of my future ministry. At the present, through the grace of God ministered unto me by the Holy Spirit, I shall go to Washington, D. C., to take up, with the interested brethren there, the effort of establishing a constructive, practical General Council work in the national capital. The territory is large and the opportunities are great for building up a work along the lines of the Council testimony and activities.

I wish to assure the brethren that in taking this step, I am in no way severing my connection with this great fellowship which has become so dear to all our hearts. I am heartily devoted to this testimony and fellowship. While the General Council proceeds along the solid, constructive lines we have been following, I will always find it in my heart to be a glad and willing helper in pressing the battle to the gates. In this respect permit me a further word.

First: Of all other Christian fellowships, all criticism to the contrary, the General Council of the Assemblies of God as a body stands for an unflinching witness to the entire Bible, and I fear no contradiction when I say that I believe this body to be the only truly fundamentalist fellowship representing such a large constituency as we do over the earth to-day.

Second: That this fellowship grants perfect freedom for the expression of various methods of conducting our work in general, with liberty for the development in local communities along lines adaptable to such

community. At the same time, through our idea of voluntary agreement and unity, we decide at points to sacrifice our personal interests and ideas for the benefit of the whole fellowship.

Third: I believe that God has raised up the Council fellowship for such a time as this. We are facing an apostasy to-day such as has never been witnessed in the history of man, the wholesale, unblushing denials of the sacred oracles of Holy Writ, to say nothing of the final attack on the "Foundation" and chief "Corner Stone," which is being ruthlessly cast aside by the modern pharisaical builders.

The Deity and character of the man



David H. McDowell

Christ Jesus is being attacked as the last line of defense. God's plan to defend the character and Deity of Christ, is the full Baptism of the Holy Ghost as at the beginning. To this the General Council fellowship is fully and uncompromisingly pledged. I am fully aware that individual cases may be cited in rebuttal. That may occur in any living organism, but to use an illustration of the physical body, God has given us in our fellowship sufficient of the vital, white corpuscles to gather in defense of any weak spot where the enemy may threaten the purpose for which we have been called.

While we have been severely criticized for standing on what we term "our distinctive testimony," I see no reason for feeling alarmed at such criticism. I rather welcome it for I am persuaded that when the Church was inaugurated on the day of Pentecost that God made some very definite distinctions. Again in these latter times when, in answer to the cry of a multitude of His praying saints, the Spirit was again dispensationally poured out in latter

rain fullness in the year 1906, a very definite distinction was made. It was this characteristic distinction that aroused the critical and questioning multitude in the beginning. Acts 2:12, 13. I do not hesitate to stand on distinctive lines where God has made the distinction, and especially in these days of modernistic tendency to slip by and please the multitude with a sort of "sob sister" testimony and palliate the pleasure-loving throngs with sensational evangelism.

The "tongue sign" that comes with the full Baptism of the Holy Spirit has behind it a revelation of the fullness and Deity of a crucified, risen, glorified, and coming Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ—the heart, the foundation and the chief corner stone, the all and in all to every true Christ-loving disciple, made known only by the wonderful infilling of the Holy Spirit as at the beginning. I am persuaded that where our fellowship stands firm and presents our message in clear, unmistakable tones, backed by a life of victory and praise, that God's purpose in raising us up together with Him will be fully accomplished. Let other bodies do as they may and work as they will; we are called under this revival of the full testimony of the Scriptures to stand on that platform in these days of modern "Babel building."

As I take my place back on the field among you I trust that I shall be supported by the prayers of all God's people that my ministry in His Name may be fruitful and enduring.

Mail will always reach me through the office. I will be here until the last of September, at which time I will locate at Washington, D. C., being in special services during the month of October.

The Lord continue His grace upon us all as we "occupy till He come."

THE FIRST KAREN CONVERT

The first Karen convert was Ko Tha Byu. He had been a member of a robber gang, but he had fallen out with his fellows and was in debt, and so was sold as a slave. A Burman Christian found him in the Rangoon bazar being offered to the highest bidder. As he knew that Dr. Adoniram Judson was anxious to get in touch with these people he bought him for twenty rupees. After several months of teaching by Dr. Judson, he accepted Christianity, but such had been his record that the Burman Church was not ready to admit him to baptism. Mr. Boardman was soon to move to Tavoy, and Ko Tha Byu went with him to that new station, was shortly baptized, and immediately asked permission to seek out the Karen villages hidden in the hills and spread the good news to them. At the time of his death, twelve years later, there were 1,275 members of the Karen churches, and probably three or four times that number waiting for admission, for in those days admission was not an easy matter. Now at the end of the first century, there are in the Karen churches 63,750 members.

Spread the Pentecostal message. It is worth spreading. The small sum of 25 cents will bring the Pentecostal Evangel to the house of those who need this message from now until the end of the year.

A Trophy of His Grace

A True Story for Young and Old

I remember a very degraded woman in a city in the heart of China. One day there were a dozen women around me, and, sitting at my feet, a woman I had never seen before, poor and degraded. I could see at a glance that she had lived a very sad life. Her hands were hard with toil, and she seemed stupid.

We were talking about the power of Jesus Christ, and how He even cast out evil spirits and delivered people who were tormented with devils. She had never heard of Christ before, never heard His name, and stopped me several times, asking, "Is it true?" I assured her over and over again that it was certainly true.

Toward the end she said one thing more. "Does Jesus Christ do those things now, to-day?"

What would you have said? There is nothing so wonderful as a present experience of the power of Jesus Christ, enabling one to assure those who never heard of Him before that these things are true.

She went away and gave her heart to Jesus Christ that night, and He wrought in her a most wonderful transformation. She came a few days afterward, and said:

"I know now that what you told me the other day is true."

"How do you know?"

"He has done it for me. . . . Are you going to another city where they have never heard of Jesus?"

"Yes."

"Are you going soon?"

"Yes, soon."

"Have you a servant to go with you?"

"No."

She said, "I am going with you, and I will do your washing and make shoes. I love you, and I love your Jesus."

The end of it was, she came. She was truly converted, but very rough. I felt, however, that there was a soul filled with love to Jesus, and I spent a great deal of time in teaching and praying for that woman. I taught her all I could of the life of Christ, and the way to present the gospel.

There came a day when there was a great fair, and hundreds of women crowded to see us. While I was speaking to them I lost my voice, and could not go on talking. The room was full, and this woman was sitting near me. She had been a Christian two or three months, and, turning to her, I said:

"You see I cannot speak any more, will you try and just tell the women the rest?"

She said, "I cannot preach, don't ask me to do such a thing."

"Well," I said, "if you don't they will have to go without hearing and perhaps never come again. The Holy Spirit can help you, and make you tell them far better than I can. Won't you ask Him?"

She bent her head in prayer for a moment, and I sat praying for her with intense earnestness, feeling that it was a crisis in her life, and might prove such for many souls.

Presently she raised her head, looked around, and I saw what had happened. Never shall I forget the light which shone upon her face as she began to try to tell the certainty of those things that she herself had known about Jesus. She forgot me, and the time, and everything and just poured out her heart before those women. If ever I saw anybody filled with the Spirit of God, it was that woman that day. She went on for an hour or two without a pause, and nobody moved. Many of them had never heard of Jesus. They had never had a missionary until two weeks before. A woman sitting in the room gave her heart to God, and still lives a consistent Christian life. Best of all, the preacher was saved from herself, and filled with the Spirit, and became from that time, such a preacher of the Gospel that I have never thought of speaking when she was there.

Men have often said, when she has preached half the day, "We don't want to go home, we never heard of anything like this before. You go to bed, and let this woman stay and talk; she can talk all night."

I have wakened in the middle of the night, and heard that woman in the dark, still telling of Jesus to those who were eager to hear. Sometimes they would ask her questions, and even go to sleep and wake up and ask more questions, and early in the morning would be listening still. The power of the Spirit in the life of that woman was simply wonderful. It left nothing to be desired—nothing. One could not wish for anything more reasonable, logical, clear, persuasive, tender, full of love and the power of the Spirit, than that dear woman's message to others.—Mrs. Howard Taylor.

HONORING GOD BY SIMPLE FAITH (Continued from Page One)

flee, and make them a means of joy and blessing to us His little ones. There is a certain amount of joy in getting a new automobile or a new dress, but it is an earthly joy. But when we joy in the cross of Calvary and in suffering with Christ, that is heavenly. And the heavenly joy is far deeper and sweeter than the earthly.

As a boy I learned to obey the Word of God. I read in the Bible, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you," and so I did not want people to all speak well of me. I did not want the honor that men give, I wanted the honor that God gives. I longed not only to obey some of the Word but to obey *all* of the words of God. Faith is nothing more than obedience to the written Word of God. If some one gives you a little piece of paper—a check for one hundred dollars—what do you believe? Why, you believe you have received the gift of a hundred dollars; and you jump around out of sheer happiness. You don't take it and throw it in the air and say it's nothing but a scrap of paper. Let me tell you something; here in this Bible are millions and millions of heavenly dol-

lars. If you will only believe, you can discover treasures in this Book, riches that will last through an eternity of eternities.

The Bible is a great book of faith. When the Lord Jesus reached the home of the ruler of the synagogue, whose little daughter was dead, you remember that Jesus said, "The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." And they laughed Him to scorn. When you begin to trust the Word of God many people will laugh at you. But Jesus had to suffer the same, so why not be willing to suffer what He suffered? The Book tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God. And it asks the question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" I believe that when Jesus comes His eyes will search our hearts to see if He can find faith there. And when He finds faith in a heart, oh, how it makes His own heart rejoice. It is an intensely sweet joy to the Lord Jesus to find faith in a heart.

When I was a boy I used to wonder what I could do to make my Lord happy, so that He would laugh and rejoice over me. Then I found that verse in the Bible, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." I said to myself, "If you want to give joy to the heart of your Lord, then you must honor Him by faith." And from that time I tried to believe God. We each have a little bit of faith, and by using what we have it will grow. I began to pray for the whole of Germany, and as I prayed I saw she needed to be humbled. One time in a Pentecostal meeting I prayed, "O God, humble Germany." The pastor was very much disturbed and said before all the people, "That was a very wrong prayer. We should pray that God would lift up our nation." After the meeting was over he said to me, "You should not pray like that because the police might come and take you to jail." God set me free from nationalism. I am neither German, nor American, nor English—I belong to heaven. Now since Germany has been humbled God can send revival.

I do believe the Lord answers prayer. We would see wonderful things happen if only we were simple enough, as simple as little children. Children have wonderful faith. They believe whatever you tell them. As God's dear little children, let us simply believe whatever He tells us.

As Pentecostal people we have not fully enough understood the depth of the fall of Adam and of the whole human race. We are a miserable people. To what did the deepest depths of the fall lead us? To unbelief in the human heart. It is an unnatural thing not to trust a father. We do not find distrust for the parent in the heart of the offspring of any other creatures. Have you watched little kittens or puppies with their mother? or little chickens with the mother hen? Is it not dreadful that human beings have so little confidence in their heavenly Father! Some day every one of us will shake our heads and say, "How was it possible that I, a child of God, did not trust such a Father!"

God loves every man, woman and child in the world. He loves the greatest sinner in the world. He loves the greatest criminal in Sing Sing prison. And the greatest pity is that they do not know it. If only we comprehended the love of God we should

go to a sinner, throw our arms around his neck, and say, "Dear brother, God loves you, Jesus died for you, and if you will believe He will save you." But we cannot learn about the love of God by our heads. Our intellect is much too small to comprehend the vastness of His love. I am a German theologian. For twenty years I studied and studied and studied. Greek and Hebrew and Latin had to be mastered. But at last I learned something better—I learned something of the love of God for us. The greatest wisdom we can ever learn is that God loves us.

When we have learned this lesson—that God loves us—we will want to shout. Some folks wonder why I shout "Hallelujah" so much. In derision they have named me "The Hallelujah Pastor." But I don't wonder why I shout and sing, and God does not wonder about it—He wonders why I don't shout and sing more often. When we get out of bed in the morning we should get out on the Hallelujah side. And when we come to the breakfast table we should say, "Good morning. Hallelujah!" And when we reach our place of business we should say, "Hallelujah! Glory!" God loves us all the time, and so we can rejoice and sing all the time. Of course the people around us will say we are crazy, they won't understand the source of our joy. There is a better university than Oxford, or Yale, or Cambridge, and it is the heavenly university, located in Canaan, where we learn heavenly wisdom.

One day I was on a train running from Frankfort to Berlin, and five university professors were in the same compartment. What do you think they were talking about for the six or eight hours of the journey? They were talking about their students. What do you suppose our Father in heaven and Jesus are talking about? They are talking about us, their students here on earth. They are delighted when we are learning our lessons of faith and love.

All the good that is wrought in the kingdom of God on earth comes through faith. I received my Baptism in the Spirit by faith. The Bible says, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" A little child comes to his father and says, "Please give me a dime," and the father hands out a quarter. Oh, these earthly fathers are fine; they love their children and give them more than they ask for. But I tell you an earthly father is nothing compared to our Father in heaven. His love is a thousand million times greater than any earthly father's.

By faith we can get all that is good. I believe the Word of God which said He would give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. I was reading Dr. Torrey's book about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and in his practical American way he gave very definite instructions on how to receive. I came to a place in the book where it said, "Now stop reading; kneel down and ask God for the Holy Ghost; and you surely will get the Holy Ghost if you believe. Don't think you must feel it; what you have to do is to believe it." I obeyed. I knelt and said, "O God, give me the Holy Ghost," then I got up and went on reading. The

book read, "If you have asked the Lord, now believe you have the Holy Ghost and one day you will see the answer. The Lord will let you see the answer in His own time, and His time is always the right time." So I said to myself, "Now I have the Holy Ghost; I have asked, and of course He has answered. I don't feel anything, but I do believe He has given me the Holy Ghost." I went on trusting and believing for ten minutes, then suddenly a wonderful joy, an unspeakable joy, filled me. I went to the piano and made a joyful noise unto the Lord, and I began to sing Hallelujah. That was the beginning of the Hallelujah songs the Lord has given me.

I did not know about tongues at that time (it happened twenty years ago), but I shall never forget what a wonderful blessing I then received. In that moment I seemed to catch a glimpse of the depths there are to faith, and all my later life has been a development of what I then received. It is not enough to be full of the Holy Ghost, we must also be full of faith. Stephen was a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, so also were Paul and Barnabas. Many dear people in the Pentecostal movement have the Baptism in the Spirit, perhaps they have the gift of tongues or of prophecy, but often there is something lacking. After you have received the Baptism you must go on praising and seeking the Lord until He fills you with faith. There is a great lack of faith in our midst.

I did not stop seeking for the Holy Ghost after I took the position of faith that God had given me what I asked for. Some people are satisfied to accept the Baptism by faith, but that is not enough. You must wait until you actually receive the evidence of it. I waited for six weeks. Then a sister who was ill came and said to two of us, "Now you two brethren who have the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, please put your hands on me and pray that I may be healed." The other brother had the evidence, the speaking in tongues, but I had not. I said to myself, "I cannot do this, for I have not the Baptism." Then I said, "Of course I have the Baptism, for I have asked the Lord and He surely answers." In faith I laid my hands on her head, and immediately the Holy Ghost came down on me and I began to shake. I said, "O Holy Ghost, don't touch my arms but touch my tongue."

When the sister had left, the brother said to me, "Go on praying." I knelt down again and suddenly the Lord opened my heart and showed me the glories of redemption, of salvation, of the blood of Jesus Christ; it was made real to me. It was too much for a human being, I seemed to break into atoms, I longed to praise God for this glorious salvation. But I could not do it in earthly words. The inability to properly praise Him caused a great pain in my physical heart. Suddenly the Holy Ghost came to help me and I began to speak in tongues like a torrent. I lost my tongue and all the rest of me, in the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. Now I want to go on honoring God by faith and obedience.

Send the Evangel to some of your friends. You can send it from now until the end of the year for 25 cents. Act to-day.

GENERAL COUNCIL ANNUITY BONDS

We have been requested by a correspondent who does not give his full address, to make a statement in the Pentecostal Evangel concerning the annuity bonds of the General Council. This correspondent asks, "Is it the custom of the Assemblies of God to receive a money gift for Pentecostal work on the understanding that yearly interest on it should be allowed the giver during his life time, on the ordinary annuity plan; and further, that the money, upon the receipt of the same, shall be deposited by the treasurer, with a reliable bank, or other reliable money institution, and shall not be available for Pentecostal use until the giver's death?"

To this correspondent, and to others who are interested, we say "Yes" to the above questions. The Assemblies of God are open to receive money on the annuity plan, and pay interest semi-annually to all annuitants. All amounts sent in to headquarters for annuity bonds are immediately invested in first class securities and not one cent of the money is touched until the death of the annuitant, at which time the money is released for the work of the Lord.

It is far better for those desiring to leave money for missionaries and other work to secure annuity bonds during their life time and receive regular dividends on their money, than to leave money in their wills to the work of the Lord. Past experience shows us that usually only about one-third of what is willed to the Lord's work is available, because frequently the will is contested and much is swallowed up in lawyer's fees and inheritance tax. But every cent invested in annuity bonds goes directly into the service of God at the death of the annuitant. The annuity bonds are not taxable and are not subject to inheritance or income taxes.

For the benefit of those desiring to know the rates of interest on annuity bonds, we append a table which will show the rate of interest paid according to the age of the holder of the bond.

LIFE ANNUITY RATES (One Person)

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| 30-34 | 4% |
| 35-39 | 4½% |
| 40-44 | 5% |
| 45-49 | 5½% |
| 50-54 | 6% |
| 55-59 | 6½% |
| 60-64 | 7% |
| 65-69 | 7½% |
| 70-74 | 8% |
| 75-79 | 8½% |
| 80-84 | 9% |
| 85-89 | 9½% |

Booklets dealing with General Council Annuity Bonds will be sent free on application.

REVIVAL IN SCHOOLHOUSE

Pastor A. J. Kennedy, of Kingsport, Tenn., writes: "At the close of our revival at church, the schoolhouse was open for us at West New Park, where I held a two weeks' meeting, 16 being saved, and 3 receiving the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. Brother W. B. Nicewonder of Bristol, Va., was with us in this meeting. On Sunday I baptized 6 in water."

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

REPORT OF ASSEMBLIES IN RUSSIA Beloved Brethren:

Realizing your love for the work of God in all the world, we are sure you will be interested to know of the progress made in this country, also; so we thought it would be good to send you a report of our ministry covering the last seven years.

Previous to the year 1921 our people had not heard of God's empowering people with the Holy Spirit during these last days, and needed instruction in the truth of the Baptism of the Spirit. The year 1921 was a period never to be forgotten among the Pentecostal people of Russia. In this year Brother Voronaeff and Koltovich with their families sailed from New York to bring the full gospel testimony to the people of Odessa. They arrived at a time when the country was passing through a period of great trial; many people were literally dying from starvation, while others were in the grip of different diseases resulting from improper nourishment.

The first Russian Pentecostal Assembly was organized in Odessa and consisted at the beginning very largely of hungry people from the denominations and the orthodox church who were seeking something to satisfy their souls. From Odessa the work has spread all over the country. Besides Brethren Voronaeff and Koltovitch, Brethren V. S. Pavloff, T. V. Krivolenke, D. S. Ponomartchuk, G. G. Pomisko, Sister P. V. Kushnereva and others took a very active part in the propagation of the truth.

During the seven years' ministry much has been accomplished. Perhaps no other sect has made such progress as the Pentecostal people during a similar period of time.

In 1926 the first general conference of the assemblies was held at Odessa. At that time Brother Voronaeff was elected chairman and V. S. Pavloff vice-chairman, while Brother G. G. Pomisko accepted the office of secretary. The second annual conference also was held in Odessa in 1927, and from September 22nd to 25th of this year we shall meet for our third conference.

Since Russia consists of a Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics we have organized the section under each government as a District, so that altogether there are fifteen districts in our conference with a total of 400 assemblies and about 20,000 members. We have seventy-two ordained preachers and thirty-two other permanent workers who are occupied largely in field work, visiting the various assemblies and District groups all over the territory of the U. S. S. R.

The government of our country proclaimed the com-

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plete separation of church and state, which is very acceptable to our Pentecostal people, since this gives each citizen the right to follow whatever religion he may choose with absolute freedom to preach such truths and observe such religious ceremonies as are according to the convictions of each individual person, so long as these do not interfere with social order or conflict with the rights of other citizens of the Republic. Because of this, we have liberty to organize our assemblies and preach the Word of God.

Further we are permitted to print one periodical, *The Evangelist*, as well as circulate the Scriptures. This year we have applied for permission to open a Bible Training School for workers in Odessa.

Such has been the development of the work, but it has also meant that great problems and responsibilities have arisen in consequence, which we feel unable to carry alone but wish to share them with the entire fellowship of the Assemblies of God.

To better understand what we wish to bring before you, it is necessary to take into consideration certain facts:—Our land area consists of 8,187,253 square miles. According to the last census (1926-1927) there are 146,304,931 people. Twenty-six million of them are city people and the remainder

live in the country. The religions represented among the people are divided as follows:—114 million belonging to the orthodox church, 14 million Mohammedans, 5 million who profess nothing and about 13 million who are adherents of miscellaneous religions. Out of this great number only about 20,000 are Pentecostal, or less than one third of one per cent of all the population. From these figures it is easy to see that the evangelization of the country has scarcely begun. In countless numbers of places there is no full gospel witness. Even in the city of Moscow with its two million inhabitants, people hardly know the Pentecostal testimony exists. The field, however, is ripe, since the Russian people are exceptional in that they are very responsive to spiritual matters, and are quick to recognize what is real. They are as a whole a God-seeking, God-fearing people. The current orthodoxy of to-day with its dry ecclesiasticism does not satisfy the people and there is a wide open field before us.

Besides the work among the Orthodox Russian people there is also opportunity to reach those of other religions, such as the Mohammedans, as well as the many who do not profess any knowledge of God at all. Our assemblies are also taking up work among the Jews with the promise of real success.

Along with the problem of evangelization, we have before us no less a difficulty to solve in that our people are largely uneducated. For long centuries the people have been obliged to contend with the woods and bogs in the country in order to prepare the way for a civilized state, and in the same way our ministry during the past seven years has been largely occupied in clearing away the spiritual weeds which have

grown up among the people, and draining the marshy swamps of moral corruption. It is natural that the converts hewn from the wild rocks or dug from the ditches are still in a very crude and unfinished state and need much teaching and training to bring them to the condition God wants them in. For this purpose we are in need of the help of our dear brothers and sisters in America who have been more richly blessed in material goods than we who are in Russia.

Pray therefore, that a building may be secured for our Bible Training School and that funds may be made available for the printing of the Scriptures and that the number of ministerial workers be increased.

We want especially to point out that the evangelization of our country is of world-
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The inscription above in Russian means: "Council of the All-Ukrainian Union of the Christian Evangelical Faith." The first two at the left are Sister P. V. Kushnereva and V. S. Pavloff, who are supported by the Russian and Eastern European Mission. The man in the center holding the book is J. E. Voronaeff, Chairman. (Printed by courtesy of the Russian and Eastern European Mission.)

NEWS FROM MANY LANDS

Kaya, French Sudan—Arthur E. Wilson

On June 28th we had our first baptismal service at Kaya. Four followed the Lord in baptism and we certainly had a time of rejoicing in our God. Out of these four we expect to get three native workers. The fourth is disqualified by age and poor sight. There are others who have made a confession, but we felt it best to wait and see how they held out before baptizing them. The following Sunday we had our first communion service and the presence of the Lord was real to all.

South China—J. E. Perdue

When we see with what success Russia has met in spreading Bolshevik literature in China it proves that "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." We possess the "Good News" of God's salvation and hide, as it were, our light under a bushel by not availing ourselves of the same method to acquaint others with this blessed hope. Our object to-day is to impart to the Chinese people an intelligent knowledge of God's Redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ by "Sowing China knee deep" as it were with Christian Literature.

The hope of China lies not in its land or resources, but in the people themselves. Only last week I had occasion to take a native river boat to Canton and in so doing came across a Chinese soldier busily engaged in handing out tracts which he had in a knapsack carried by his side, while at the same time he gave a "reason for the hope within him." Later I discovered that he was from Sainam, and after being in touch with our people there he was led to give his heart to the Lord and some time after this was filled with the Holy Spirit according to the Bible pattern.

Ningpo, China—N. Nichols

One great victory for our Lord Jesus was the complete deliverance of a man from demon possession. He had let the devil come in and so possess him that he was completely under his control and power. He was so bad that six or seven big, strong men could scarcely hold him down and at times he would run naked through the streets of the village where he lived, so that the poor frightened neighbors fled into their houses and barred their doors. Several Chinese Christians and myself went in a boat to his home to pray with him and to bring him here to our home for prayer. As soon as he heard the voices of some of our party who went on before he just raged. After several hours of constant prayer he was delivered sufficiently and was willing to come with us and even slept in the bottom of the boat. It was the Lord, and the people marveled when they saw him quietly going along with us. That night the fierce conflict began and for several days the battle raged. How grievously he was tormented and some of the demons cried with a loud voice as they came out of him. Finally full deliverance came. His wife came in from the country to minister to him and they both confessed their sins and asked each other's forgiveness, and it was a joy to see them return to their home in victory. Later the brother came to see us

and afresh return thanks to God for his wonderful deliverance. This is a living testimony to the power of God and of prayer in that place. Praise God. There seems to be so many such cases these days. Surely they are awful days and the power of the enemy is so strong. Praise God for our place of refuge, hidden 'neath the precious blood.

Each evening we are having special evangelistic meetings outside our front gate and crowds are attending and showing interest in the gospel message. Praise God also that the heathen workmen who are working on our new building attend the evening services each night and are learning some hymns. We are looking to the Lord for fruit from among them.

Nawabganj, India—Esther B. Harvey

About two weeks ago a young sadhu, a Brahman lad about eighteen years of age, came to the mission. He was wearing nothing but a loin cloth and carrying in his hand a sadhu's bowl and religious books. He had attended a mela or religious fair somewhere and bought a gospel. After reading this he decided that the Christian religion was the true religion and he wanted to follow Jesus Christ and asked us to baptize him. He comes of the highest caste and belongs to a good family and has been well educated. One of his brothers is a station master, and this lad was educated in Sanskrit to be a priest. He has read up to what would be B. A. in Sanskrit, but does not know English. Mr. Sugar had one of the preachers teach him for two days and he then baptized him in water. He gave a very clear testimony at the water when questioned about his faith in the Lord Jesus. He said, "Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I am ready to give my life for His cause if necessary." He seems really earnest and anxious to learn all he can about the Christian religion, and prays very earnestly. There was quite a stir in the bazar when he was baptized as he is the first Brahman to take such a step in this place. He had an encounter with the Arya Samaj people a short time ago. This is a sect of reformed Hindus who are bitterly opposed to Christianity, and do all in their power to hinder people from becoming Christians and to get young converts away from missions. Some six men surrounded him and began to talk to him, but before long they had all gone off because he told them some of the vile-ness of their religion and some of the things that he knew. If this lad keeps on, he will make a fine Christian worker, and we ask you to pray for him that he may become really established in the Christian faith and go on with God. We hope to send him to Bible school this fall with three of our other boys. The result of the revival, or one of the results, is that three of our boys who received their Baptism during the meetings are going to Bible school in September to prepare for the ministry.

Hungary—David Raroha

We had a blessed time in the village of Veszprem on May 27th, when twenty-four souls were buried with Christ in baptism. In the same village we celebrated a wedding on June 9th. The bridegroom's fa-

ther is the village judge and for a long time was bitterly opposed to our work, having beaten and driven his son from home because he was walking in this way. However, later the father invited the son to return home, and the latter humbly obeyed, so that when the wedding day approached, the father permitted the wedding feast to be held in the home while the marriage ceremony was celebrated at the mission. The father himself was present and as the Word of God went forth, he was touched by God's power and melted to tears. After the service we were invited to the wedding feast and for four hours we sang and testified to about 150 people who were gathered. As we were leaving the father came to us and thanked us for coming. We surely praise our heavenly King who gave us the victory through His dear Son.

TENT WANTED

Miss Marie Stephany of Shansi Province, China writes:—"I would like to buy a second-hand tent with a seating capacity of two or three hundred. As the freight is high the tent must be in good condition. We find that tent work brings better results than any other method of approach in this part of the country, so that although we have one tent in operation, we would like another in order that we may reach out a little further and bring the gospel to more souls who have not as yet heard the message."

SAILING FOR THE FIELD

Brother and Sister Leonard Bolton are planning to sail for China on September 15th. They are returning to their station in Wei Hsi, West China. Our brother and sister are also very desirous of obtaining a tent for their ministry on the field. Let us unite with them in prayer to this end that God may move upon the hearts of some to supply this need.

Sister Jarmila Kucera, who has recently received appointment as a missionary, will be accompanying Brother and Sister Bolton. Sister Kucera is a graduate of Bethel Bible School, Newark, N. J.

Sister Mae Mayo is planning to sail for the field in order to resume her ministry at Kiang Pu Hsien, China. She was obliged to leave her station in company with Sister Remacle a little over a year ago, because of the war reaching that locality, but things have now quieted down considerably and we are trusting that the work may proceed without further hindrance of this nature.

WEDDING BELLS

We have just received word announcing the marriage of Sister Ruth L. Weidman and Victor G. Plymire. The ceremony took place at Tientsin, China, on Wednesday, August 8th. Brother and Sister Plymire expect to leave for Kansu Province the end of August.

NOTICE

By mistake Sister Gerda Adolfsen was announced to sail October 29th which is the date of her arrival in Hongkong. She will sail on the S. S. "Empress of Asia" leaving Vancouver October 11th.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Fields

FIRE FALLING

Brother H. Birmingham and wife write: "The revival is on; fire is falling; souls are getting saved in the old-time way, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Two received the Holy Ghost the first night."

GOD WORKED WONDERS

Evangelist Norborni L. Wilson and wife write: "Just closed four weeks tent meeting at Escondido, Calif. God worked wonders among the sick, several were saved and some received the Spirit according to His Word. A mission was established in this meeting."

OLD-TIME REVIVAL

Brother H. G. Flickinger writes: "Just closed a wonderful meeting with Brother Harry Gillem doing the preaching. The old-time power fell. 41 saved, and 27 baptized in the Holy Spirit, 33 baptized in water. The saints are greatly strengthened and encouraged to go all the way. Praise God!"

ARKANSAS REVIVAL

Sec'y Lealyea Coyle, of Barber, Ark., writes: "Just closed a two weeks revival at Echo, Ark., with Evangelist Lucy Stickney, of Cushing, Okla., in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Large crowds attended. Two precious souls were saved, and several are still seeking the Baptism in the Spirit. Pray that God will fill these hungry hearts. Hallelujah!"

SEEING FIRE

Sister Lester Hayes, pastor Houston, Texas, writes: "We just closed a four weeks revival meeting, conducted by Sister Pearl Gilliland. One night while the altar call was being given, several of the saints saw a streak of fire come down from heaven in the shape of an arrow, and the glory of God filled the place. Many were saved, healed, reclaimed. Sixteen received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and the saints were encouraged to go on with God. We are enjoying blessed unity and fellowship. Ministers who are in fellowship with the Council have a hearty welcome in our Assembly."

OLD-TIME POWER

Brother H. E. Hardt, of Falling Waters, W. Va., writes: "We have just closed a very successful tent meeting in which 15 were saved and a number baptized in the Spirit. Praise the Lord. The meeting began on July 8, with Miss Knabenshue in charge. We were also assisted by Brother M. C. McClellan from Central Bible Institute, and the boy preacher Brother Homer Peterson of Arkansas. During the last two weeks of the meeting we experienced some old-time altar calls such as we used to have when the latter rain first fell. This work is only six months old, and is rapidly growing. Many are being saved in cottage prayer-meetings."

A NOTE OF PRAISE

Brother Joseph Sexton writes: "I just recently closed a revival at Independence, 6 miles west of Heavener, Okla. The Lord was present from the very first. I believe about 20 were saved, 8 or 10 restored, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 13 baptized in water. This place hasn't any pastor now, but Brother Wanibald has been doing a splendid work here holding the saints together, and God has richly blessed him for his untiring efforts."

OREGON CAMP MEETING

Pastor A. M. Shaffer, of Canyonville, Ore., writes: "Our Fifth Annual Camp Meeting has been a blessed time of refreshing to the saints here and to all who attended from far and near. One was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the altar was filled with other hungry souls seeking the fullness according to Acts 2:4. The fellowship was the sweetest we have ever witnessed. Several afternoons were taken up with Bible studies, which revealed to young and old the deep truths of God's Word."

SUCCESSFUL CAMP MEETING

District Supt. Chas. E. Long, writes from Des Moines: "Our District Camp Meeting has again become history. There were about 50 or 60 tents on the ground, and many people were in rooms. God met us in a wonderful way. Night after night the altar was full of folks seeking salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Brother Fred Lohmann, from St. Louis, Mo., was with us from the first day, and God blessed him in giving out the Word. His messages were enjoyed by everyone. Beginning Aug. 17, Elder D. H. McDowell our assistant General Superintendent, was with us. God blessed his messages in a wonderful way. He spoke to us regarding the World Missions Program, which is going fine in our district. We praise God for the spirit of unity felt in this camp."

REPORT OF ASSEMBLIES IN RUSSIA

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wide importance in the furtherance of the gospel. Russia is neither Europe nor Asia, but stands between the two great continents and if the fire of God can get hold here it will help lighten both the East and the West. To-day the call still holds, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." This Macedonian, representing the faces of many millions, stands with one foot in Europe and the other in Asia and calls to you American brethren, "Come and help us."

Pray that our workers may be increased in numbers, and their education perfected in spiritual truth, and may you be given Solomon's wisdom, Samson's strength, and the zeal of the apostle Paul in service.

Your brothers and fellow workers in His service,

J. E. Voronaeff, Chairman
V. S. Pavloff, Vice Chairman
G. G. Pomisko, Secretary.

REVIVAL IN EAST ST. LOUIS

Pastor John S. Bryan writes: "We are having a great Holy Ghost revival night after night. The big tent is packed. On many occasions twelve and fifteen hundred people are standing on the outside. Hundreds are being converted, believers baptized according to Acts 2:4, and scores and scores are being healed. Blind eyes are being opened, deaf ears unstopped, dumb tongues loosed and cripples are walking in Jesus' name. God is marvelously using Dr. Chas. S. Price in this great industrial city."

TIMES OF REFRESHING

Pastor Ben F. Smith writes from Santa Cruz, Calif.: "The meeting in Santa Cruz went over the top for Jesus in every way. Souls from all parts of the state were saved and baptized. For the first two weeks we had the child evangelist, Halcine Smith of Hollywood. God used her in a wonderful way. Among those that received the baptism was the pastor of one of the local churches. Brother A. G. Ward of Springfield was evening speaker for the last two weeks. We had five meetings daily, and God put His anointing on each speaker."

THREE PREACHERS BAPTIZED

Brother H. G. Flickinger writes: "Just Okla., write: "Just closed a four weeks meeting in which God blessed in a wonderful way. Twenty-nine were beautifully saved, and 32 received the Holy Ghost as those on the day of Pentecost. Fourteen were baptized in water. Among the number receiving the Holy Ghost were two Nazarene ministers, and a Methodist minister who had been preaching 30 years. Many precious hearts were made glad, many were healed. One sister was healed of pellagra when doctors had failed. A case of broken ribs healed."

A NEEDEY FIELD

Brother C. E. Shields writes from Phoenix, Ariz.: "I have been in Phoenix nearly three months, and in spite of the hot weather, we have had some blessed meetings. Brethren Chas. Salkild and Jack Slanker gave us three days meetings that were a blessing to us all. Some prayed through. Brother Oscar Berryhill has just given us three nights, and God used him in a blessed way to give out the Word. We have just closed a four-week vacation Bible school course, and, although this was the first year of the school, yet at one time the enrollment reached 65, and the average attendance was about 40. I have been in ministerial work for sixteen years, but I have never seen a needier field than Arizona. I don't think we have a half dozen active preachers in the state. Help me pray that God will send more laborers to Arizona. We would be glad to have any Council minister to stop with us in passing. The church is located at 11th and Fairfield, and meeting nights are Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday."

GLORIOUS VICTORY

Pastor J. Roswell Flower writes: "The Eastern District Camp Meeting held at Emmanuel Grove, Wescoesville, Pa., has proven to be the best camp meeting ever held in the District in many ways. The tabernacle comfortably seats 750 and it has been filled three times a day for the entire three weeks.

"It was the best in spiritual power and liberty. It had seemed to be a calamity that the brethren failed to secure special workers for the services, throwing the responsibility of the preaching upon the ministry of the district. But this has proven a blessing. From the very first the people began to seek God and the Holy Spirit was poured out and seekers began coming through to the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Praying was heard all over the camp ground, in the tents, in the cottages, in the tabernacle, at any hour of the day or night. The very atmosphere seemed to be charged with the spirit of prayer and of praise. Seekers came through to a glorious Baptism in the tents and in cottages as well as in the tabernacle altar services. Many of the altar services have run all night long, seekers coming through to victory in the small hours of the morning.

"The ministers of the larger churches in the district did not arrive on the grounds until the second week, when they were delighted to find a real old-fashioned camp meeting such as had not been experienced for many years. Brother Shreve did not arrive until the last nine days.

"On Tuesday of the last week, one of the ministers, sitting on the platform, fell into a trance and was carried into one of the cottages. As the saints gathered around the glory began to spread until at the night service, during the preliminaries, the power of rejoicing fell upon the people, and for one solid hour there was singing, shouting, laughing, dancing, the people abandoning themselves to praise and worship all over the tabernacle in one glorious spontaneous expression of delight in the glory of God. There was no preaching. A message in tongues, an impassioned appeal to seek the Lord and the altar was filled to overflowing. It was estimated that nine persons came through to a glorious Baptism that night. The service continued until morning."

RAIN IN A NEW FIELD

Evangelist Daniel Lewis writes from Caddo Mills, Texas: "Praise the Lord for what He is doing in our midst! We just closed a five weeks' revival in a Methodist church 3½ miles in the country, in which God blessed in a wonderful way. The second night of the meeting, 17 young people came to the altar seeking salvation, some praying through and going away rejoicing in the love of God. About the time we were ready to close the revival, the power fell, and in three nights about 30 were saved and 25 filled with the Holy Ghost. On a couple of nights we didn't have any preaching. A number of Methodists and Baptists were filled with the Holy Ghost, and others are seeking. We don't know the exact number saved, but 57 have been baptized in water, and about

35 filled with the Holy Ghost. We are now in a revival in town, where the Lord continues to bless in saving and filling with the Spirit. This is a new field for Pentecost, as there has not been a holiness meeting here in 40 years."

VICTORY!

Sister Edna M. Goodwin writes: "August 5 a successful campaign conducted in the tent in Glendora, Calif., closed. Evangelist M. P. Glassbrooke was with us the first three weeks. Six were converted, 4 baptized in the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 2 reclaimed. Mr. Percy Calhoun, formerly of Springfield, Mo., but lately of Baldwin Park, Calif., desires that his testimony be given that he was completely delivered from the tobacco habit. The last week of the meeting, Brother H. A. Barnett of Pomona, and the Williamson singers from Denver were with us, and three more were gloriously baptized in the Holy Ghost. Carl Hatch and his lovely orchestra were out one night and gave us a taste of spiritual music, played by spiritual young folk, on spiritual instruments. The meeting was really successful from every standpoint,—in attendance, in results, and in the manifest presence of the Lord. Hallelujah!"

NOTICE TO MINISTERS

ALL FELLOWSHIP CERTIFICATES

expire September 1st, and in checking up our list we find that a great many have not sent in the QUESTIONNAIRES which were mailed out to all ministers June 18th. Inasmuch as the list will close this year on OCTOBER 1st, we trust all who have not renewed will do so at once. We have also had a number of letters returned to our office from those who have moved and failed to advise the postmaster of their change of address. Kindly get in touch with our office at once if you are one of the above.

J. R. Evans, Secretary.

Due to the home going of our Sister Mrs. R. M. Stover, after a very brief illness, it will no longer be possible to maintain her home, at 2048 E. 89th St., Cleveland, Ohio, as a missionary rest home where missionaries and Christian workers might stop over when visiting the Cleveland Assembly. Brother Stover keenly regrets the necessity of this change, as it was the Stovers' constant joy to entertain the Lord's children. Our loving sympathy and prayers are extended to Brother Stover at this time of his sorrow and bereavement.

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Forthcoming Meetings

Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notices of meetings should be received by us three full weeks before the meeting is to start.

BROCTON, MASS.—Evangelistic campaign Sept. 5-30. Evangelists Meyer and Alice Tan Ditter will conduct services.—Mrs. B. Anderson, 83 Pearl St., pastor.

THE GOSPEL SCHOOL, Findlay, Ohio, begins Oct. 1, 1928, closes May 1929. For further information write Thos. K. Leonard, Supt., Findlay, Ohio.

FREDERICK, MD.—Tent meeting Sept. 5-16. Evangelist David Wilson in charge. Friends from near-by assemblies are invited.—Silas Richard, 27 Jefferson St., Frederick, Md.

MALVERN, ARK.—An old-time Pentecostal revival will begin Sept. 9, at the Assembly of God Tabernacle. Elder L. D. Parton in charge—P. F. Ramsey, pastor.

HILLSDALE, WIS.—Evangelist R. S. Peterson, of Pelican Rapids, Minn., will conduct a tent campaign, commencing Sept. 9th. For further information write Elder James Forehand, Box 209.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—Pastor Stephen Jeffreys will speak at the Central Gospel Tabernacle, Central and California Sts., Sept. 24 at 7:30, and Sept. 25 at 2:30 and 7:30.—Geo. A. Jeffrey.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Pastor Stephen Jeffreys will speak at the Pentecostal Assembly, 17th and O Sts., Sept. 26 at 7:30 and Sept. 27 and 28 at 2:30 and 7:30.—Chas. Opie, pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Evangelist STEPHEN JEFFREYS, of England, will hold services at the Glad Tidings Temple, 1441 Ellis St., September 29 to October 2 inclusive.—R. J. Craig.

RIVERTON, NEB.—Camp meeting Aug. 26, to Sept. 20. Evangelist Milton Smith, state superintendent, will preach twice daily. For information address W. B. Northrup, Riverton, Neb.

DETROIT, MICH.—Revival campaign at Berea Tabernacle, Corner Fourth and Forest Aves., September 4-16, inclusive. A. Watson Argue in charge. For further information write Pastor J. R. Kline, 14867 Fairfield Ave., Detroit, Mich.

NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.—We have started a tent-meeting here with Brother Norborne L. Wilson. It will run as long as the Lord leads. Come and give us a lift.—Herman G. Miller, Pastor in charge, Box 631, National City, Calif.

THE CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS of the "West Central Section" will hold their sectional Rally at Breckenridge, Texas, Sept. 8-9. We urge every assembly in this section to be represented. Everybody invited.

NUTLEY, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Assembly having been holding meetings in the Italian church, has moved to the "Nutley Sun Building," opposite post office, 390 Franklin Ave. Opening service will be held Sept. 1, 7:30 p. m., followed by 3 weeks' revival. Cars from Newark and Paterson pass this building.—Pastor O. Olsen.

CHELSEA, MASS.—First Pentecostal Church, 113 Hawthorne St., will hold special services Sept. 30 to Oct. 14. Eastern District Evangelist C. S. Cooke in charge. Services nightly except Monday. Sundays 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. East Boston tunnel cars stop at door.—C. C. Garrett, Pastor, 25 Barrett St., Revere, Mass.

CHANGE OF LOCATION, GLENDALE, CALIF. Pastor Stephen Jeffreys will hold special meetings in the Gospel Theater, N. Brand St., between Broadway and Wilson, from Sept. 9-23. On Los Angeles Pacific Electric Rly. Services every afternoon except Saturdays. Morning tarrying meetings at Bethel Chapel, on Chevy Chase.—A. W. Frodsham, 721 Wing St.

ANNOUNCEMENT.—A part of our subscription list for "The Gospel Review" has been lost or destroyed, and we failed to send same. If any subscriber will write us, we will refund the 25 cents or supply the paper. Any reader, please help us make this adjustment, and oblige, Thos. K. Leonard, Findlay, Ohio.

ADDRESS WANTED, of Brother John Hinkle of Hot Springs, Ark. He has been in Grand Junction, Colo.—C. S. Hockett, 501 No. Rowan Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic or pastoral work.—Edward H. Osborne, 72 No. 26th St., Kenmore, Ohio.

MASSILLON, OHIO.—A revival campaign beginning Sept. 9, and continuing through the month, will be held in the City Hall Auditorium. Evangelist R. M. Shearer will conduct the meetings. For further information address K. R. Snyder, 835 Tremont Ave., S. W.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL at Geneva, Ala., Oct. 23-25. All ministers urged to attend. Churches send their delegates and pastor prepared to take care of their own expenses. Elder W. T. Gaston will be with us. Those desiring license please bring a recommendation from local church. For further information write Supt. G. C. Courtney, Box 71, Geneva, Ala.

CAMBRIDGE, O.—Second annual camp meeting Aug. 2-Sept. 9. Evangelists L. B. Staats, of Blue Rock, O.; Chas. E. Roberts, Findlay, O.; C. A. McKinney, Akron, O., and other ministers and workers will be present. Tents for rent, and those who have tents will be furnished plenty of room free. For further information address, Pastor Delmar Johnson, 119 Clay Ave., Cambridge, Ohio.

THE POTOMAC DISTRICT COUNCIL, for the election of officers, renewal of all licenses, and consideration of other important matters, will convene at "The Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle," Virginia Ave., and South St., Martinsburg, W. Va., Sept. 3-5. Brother Joseph Tunmore of the Eastern District will speak at the evening services.

A CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLY will be held in Miami, Florida, Sept. 7-9, and we invite all of this district, and especially the young people, to attend, and to bring all their musical instruments. The young people will have charge of all the meetings. Arrangements for rooms will be made for all who attend. For any further information, write to the secretary and treasurer, Pansy Blossom, 163 N. E. 48th St., or the pastor, G. Smith.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Bible and Missionary Convention under the auspices of the Michigan State Ministerial Association of the Assemblies of God, will convene Oct. 2-5, inclusive at the Church of the Four-fold Gospel, 303 Maple St. An edifying program of Bible Studies, "Round table conferences," missionary and evangelistic messages will be provided. Elder O. E. McLeary, Findlay, O., will give special illustrated Bible studies. All missionaries, ministers and workers and cordially invited. All assemblies should send one or two delegates. For further information address, Pastor Alvin L. Branch.

SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS

for Texas and New Mexico

- East Central Sec.—Smithfield Tex., Sept. 15-16.
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 - South Plains Sec.—San Angelo, Tex., Oct. 2-3.
 - West Central Sec.—Haskell, Tex., Oct. 6-7.
 - South New Mex. Sec.—Artesia, New Mex., Oct. 10-11.
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