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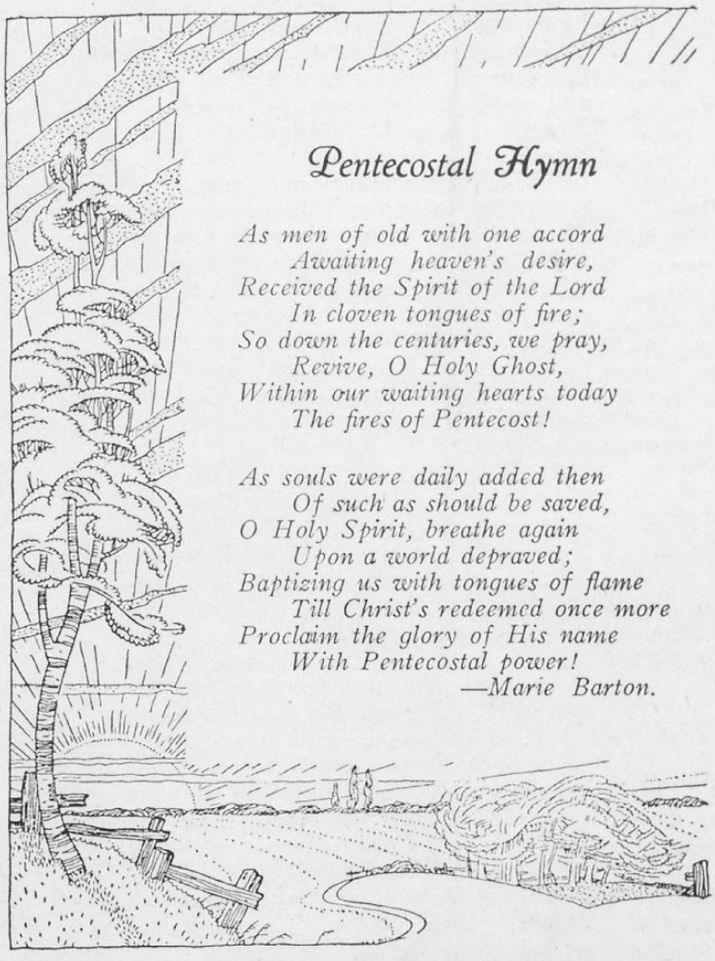
EVANGELISM has its origin in the public ministry of Jesus Christ, who came preaching the glad tidings of salvation, commanding men everywhere to repent and prepare for the kingdom of heaven. Prophets and priests announced His coming, and John the Baptist had the honor of introducing Him.

Jesus Christ did not come courting the praise of those whom He served, but to do the will of Him that sent Him. He did not seek to be the "big preacher," or the promoter or some popular ecclesiastical machine. He was more concerned in bringing sinners to repentance than playing to the galleries. The success of His ministry did not depend upon the endorsement of religious dictators, or even the opinion of the general public, but upon the blessings of His heavenly Father.

The Evangelist

The one who devotes his time to preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ is an evangelist, whether he be a pastor or a missionary. The one who is telling of his conversion and exhorting sinners to repentance is an evangelist. Jesus Christ specialized in soul-saving, indeed soul-saving was His business, His profession. Specializing in religious work has its value as well as specializing in commercial activities. The disciples, Paul, and others, specialized in evangelism, for they went everywhere preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Public evangelism or private evangelism is the same, whether the proclamation be to a congregation or to an individual. The minister who does not seek with all his spiritual and physical power to evangelize his community has failed in his profession and is unworthy of the high position which he seeks to fill.

Many so-called evangelists have never caught a vision of the world's need or experienced a real burden for lost souls. Some evangelists of today, are more concerned about finances, popularity, and getting their program across, than they are about the effects such a meeting will have upon the pastor and assembly after they are gone. Such evangelists need to be evangelized themselves, need a real anointing of the Holy Ghost, before they attempt to evangelize others. The best way to win souls is to keep your eye on Jesus. It is not a big tabernacle, nor an attractive company of musicians however helpful these things may be, that the evangelist needs, but he does need the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, he does need a real burden for lost souls, without which, his messages, however interesting, will be as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The evangelist who will lay his all upon the altar of God for service in Jesus' name, will soon become "a worker that needs not to be ashamed."



Pentecostal Hymn

As men of old with one accord
Awaiting heaven's desire,
Received the Spirit of the Lord
In cloven tongues of fire;
So down the centuries, we pray,
Revive, O Holy Ghost,
Within our waiting hearts today
The fires of Pentecost!

As souls were daily added then
Of such as should be saved,
O Holy Spirit, breathe again
Upon a world depraved;
Baptizing us with tongues of flame
Till Christ's redeemed once more
Proclaim the glory of His name
With Pentecostal power!

—Marie Barton.

The Pastor

There is no better institution for the Christianizing of a community than the local church, and the pastor should be the local evangelist. There is something wrong with that church where converts are uncommon. Such a church needs

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Fevers

Ida Blanche Hitchcock

In Luke 4:38, 39 we read that Simon's wife's mother was taken with a *great fever* and they told Jesus about her condition. He stood over her and rebuked the fever and it left her. Immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

"He touched her hand and the fever left her,"
He touched her hand as He only can,
With the wondrous skill of the great Physician,
With the tender touch of the Son of man.
And the fever pain in the throbbing temples
Died out with the flush on brow and cheek,
And the lips that had been so parched and burning
Trembled with thanks that she could not speak.
And the eyes when the fever light had faded
Looked up, by her grateful tears made dim,
And she rose and ministered in her household,
She rose and ministered unto Him.

"He touched her hand and the fever left her";
Oh, we need His touch on our fevered hands,
The cool still touch of the Man of sorrows,
Who knows us and loves us and understands.
So many a life is one long fever,
A fever of anxious suspense and care,
A fever of getting, a fever of fretting,
A fever of hurrying here and there.
Ah, what if in winning the praise of others
We miss at the last, the King's "Well done,"
If our self-sought tasks in the Master's vineyard
Yield nothing but leaves at the set of the sun.

"He touched her hand and the fever left her";
Oh blessed touch of the Man divine!
So beautiful then to rise and serve Him
When the fever is gone from your life and mine,
It may be the fever of restless serving
With heart all thirsty for love and praise;
And eyes all aching and strained with yearning
Tow'rd self-set goals in the future days.
Or it may be a fever of spirit-anguish,
Some tempest of sorrow that dies not down
Till the cross at last is in meekness lifted,
And the head stoops low for the thorny crown.
Or it may be a fever of pain and anger,
When the wounded spirit is hard to bear,
And only the Lord can draw forth the arrows
Left carelessly, cruelly rankling there.

Whatever the fever, His touch can heal it,
Whatever the tempest, His voice can still,
There is only joy as we seek His pleasure,
There is only rest as we choose His will;
And some day, after life's fitful fever,
I think we shall say in the home on high,
If the hands that He touched but did His bidding
How little it mattered what else went by.
Ah Lord, Thou knowest us altogether,
Each heart's sore sickness whatever it be,
Touch Thou our hands, bid the fever leave us,
And so shall we minister unto Thee.

As I read the lines of this beautiful poem, the Lord brought to my mind a number of Bible characters who were smitten with as great a fever as Peter's wife's mother.

There was Ahab, the King of Samaria, in the twenty first chapter of 1 Kings, who was overcome by the "fever of getting" when he coveted the vineyard of Naboth. It was near to his house and he thought it would be so nice to possess it for a garden of herbs. When he said to Naboth, "Give me thy vineyard," the latter replied, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."

Ahab went home heavy and displeased. The fever of getting took hold of him so strongly that he had to lie down upon his bed and turn away his face and eat no bread.

You might say, "Why, King Ahab, is it possible that you with your kingdom, power, and glory, could not be satisfied unless you possessed this little old vineyard of Naboth?" Strange as it may seem, such was the case and we see this big king pouting and sulking like a child, because he could not have what he wanted.

When Jezebel, his wife, found out why he looked so sad and would not eat, she said unto him, "Dost thou not govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise and eat bread and let thine heart be merry. I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were dwelling in Naboth's city. She told them in the letters to proclaim a fast and set Naboth on high among the people and have two men, sons of Belial, bear witness against him, saying, "Thou didst blaspheme God and the king." Then they were to carry him out and stone him to death.

The elders and nobles did as they were instructed to do in the letters. Then they sent word to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is stoned and is dead." When she heard this she said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth for he is not alive, but dead."

What a wicked plan this was to kill an innocent man in order to possess his vineyard! Alas! for the day that Ahab, the King of Israel, went down to the vineyard of Naboth to take possession of it, God sent Elijah to meet him with the voice of judgment, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood even thine." And of Jezebel also spake the Lord, saying, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel."

Who would ever think that the desire to obtain earthly possessions could lead to the committing of such an awful crime! No wonder the Lord had to pronounce such terrible judgment upon Ahab and upon his wife, who stirred him up to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

See how our Lord Jesus warns us in Luke 12 to "beware of covetousness, for a man's life consiseth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." He spoke a parable about a rich man who had much goods laid up for many years and he said to his soul, "Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. Luke 12:16-21. Therefore let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Heb. 13:5. We can be contented with the things we have because we have Jesus who satisfies our whole being with Himself.

The Holy Spirit said to me one day, "Jesus did not come *to get* but *to give.*" May we live the same life of sacrifice on this earth that He did, for "Love seeketh not her own." 1 Cor. 13:5.

Another fever that takes hold of people is one of fretting. We learn about the "plague of fretting leprosy" from Lev. 13:51. It is called a "fret inward," verse 55. I believe there are many today who have this same affliction, inasmuch as they fret over every condition that arises and such folks are not very pleasant to live with.

I remember an aunt who lived with us for a time when her husband went to New York on business. She was never satisfied but was always fretting; she fretted if she did not receive a letter from her husband every day or two; she fretted because she thought that among her many dresses she did not have a suitable one to wear to church; she fretted because her surroundings were not exactly what she was accustomed to. Thus her life was a series of frets accompanied with tears, and we were much relieved when the time came for her to be with her husband again. There is not anything worse than this "fretting leprosy" to make one miserable.

I don't believe the Lord could answer Hannah's prayers for a son until all the fretting left her spirit. Her adversary provoked her sore to make her fret and "as he did so year by year when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat." 1 Sam. 1:6, 7. But praise God, He did a wonderful thing for Hannah when she ceased fretting and gave herself to earnest prayer. She prayed

through to victory and the Lord gave her Samuel who became a mighty prophet.

Let us take heed to the exhortation in Psalm 37: "Fret not thyself because of evil doers." If you fret you will be an evil doer according to verse 8. Instead of fretting to do evil, "trust in the Lord and do good; delight thyself also in the Lord and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart; commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass; rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him: fret not . . ." May everyone who reads this article be completely cured from the fever of fretting.

Another fever common to man is the fever of anger. The Lord brought to mind a number of such cases in His Word, but I will only speak of two of them. Read the story in 1 Samuel 25 and see how angry David became with Nabal because he would not supply his men with provisions, but railed upon them when they sought his favor.

David and his four hundred men girded on their swords and were ready to avenge themselves to the point of bloodshedding if Abigail, Nabal's wife, had not intervened to prevent this course he was taking.

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19.

Because David gave heed to the words of Abigail and sought not to avenge himself with his own hand, the Lord smote Nabal so that he died. May we learn the lesson from this chapter not to give way to anger which leads to wrong doing, but let the Lord handle every situation. He knows how to deal with every individual and He never makes a mistake. "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7.

It was because the children of Israel angered Moses at the waters of strife, that it went ill with him for their sakes; they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. Psalm 106: 32, 33. It is difficult to realize that Moses, the meekest man on the earth (Num. 12:3), who had communion with the Lord face to face (Exodus 33:11), and was so consecrated to His service as leader of the people, could be stirred by the enemy to speak angrily to his congregation in such words as these: "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" Then he lifted up his hand and smote the rock twice instead of speaking to it as the Lord had commanded. The water came forth in abundance and the congregation drank, but hear the solemn words that the Lord spoke unto Moses: "Because ye believed me not to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Num. 20:7-12. Thus the fever of anger so controlled his spirit that he disobeyed the Lord's command and spoke words that grieved the Holy Spirit. This one incident hindered him from entering the promised land. This proves that it was not a small thing in the sight of the Lord for him to give way to harsh words and actions.

Servants of the Lord hearken to the voice of His Word: "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools." "The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." Eccl. 7:9, 8. "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Prov. 16:32. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice." Eph. 4:31. The Lord will put it all away from you if you will yield to His Spirit and let Him do it.

Another fever that is very prevalent is that of fear. It was the fever of fear that caused Abram to make Sarai say she was his sister instead of his wife so that his own life would be preserved. He had this fever twice in both the 12th and 20th chapters of Genesis and much trouble came to others as a result of it. Even Isaac caught the same fever from his father in Gerar, for he feared to say that Rebekah was his wife lest the men of that place should kill him for Rebekah, because she was fair to look upon. Gen. 26:6, 7; fear caused Elijah to take to his heels when Jezebel threatened to kill him. 1 Kings 19. How much better it would have been if each one of these individuals had committed himself into the hands of the Lord for protection! Truly "fear hath torment" and leads to much foolish action in the flesh. We need to go deeper into God's love, the "perfect love which casteth out fear."

The devil wants to keep us all in the place of fleshly activity. I could mention other fevers such as the fever of hatred and of envy as we see in the brethren of Joseph (Genesis 37), and the fever of planning and scheming as seen in Rebekah, (Genesis 27) but I will only picture one more case—that of Martha, Luke 10:38-42.

Martha had the fever of anxious service. She was serving Jesus, but according to the Lord's own words she was "careful and troubled about many things" and He had to rebuke her for it. What a lesson this is to Christian workers who so feverishly in their own energy try to get souls saved, healed in body, or baptized with the Holy Ghost. We can only render effectual service for the Lord and do that which is pleasing in His sight as we pray and wait quietly upon Him for guidance. What a contrast Martha was to her sister, Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and heard his Word and only moved at His bidding! John 11:28, 29. Jesus commended Mary for this by saying this was the one needful thing to do and that Mary had chosen the good part which shall not be taken away from her. May we all cease our activities in the flesh and learn to take our orders from the Lord. When the priests entered the gates of the inner court, they had to wear linen garments instead of wool (Ezek. 44:17, 18), which might cause perspiration. We learn from this that the God of unruffled peace wants us to worship Him in a calm, collected, reverent spirit, and not with the sweat of the creature—no hurry in spirit, in mind, or in word. How can we speak to the Lord in a reverent way, if we are in a feverish perspiration? "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few." Eccl. 5:2. "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts." Col. 3:15. "In your patience possess ye your souls." Luke 21:19.

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When the fever is gone from your life and mine."

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Lovers of Pleasure

Russel Taylor Smith, in a radio talk quoted by the *Wonderful Word* presents the following statistics: in 1926 there was spent for amusements in America, $890,753,049. In 1929, $106,000,000 more was spent for pleasure than the total contributed to all churches.

We are told that "in the last days men shall be lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." 2 Tim. 3:4, 5.

The Editor's Notebook

The Central Figure

When the last great world's fair was held in Chicago, D. L. Moody gathered together a large company of evangelists from different countries to take part in a great evangelistic campaign. Among those invited was a Russian Jew, Rabinowitz. One day they were having a season of fellowship and Mr. Moody said, "Brother Rabinowitz, tell me how many of the Psalms are Messianic?" Mr. Rabinowitz replied, "The whole one hundred and fifty of them." This spiritual Jew had been able to discern His Lord and Saviour in every one of the Psalms. Did not the Saviour Himself, speaking of the Scriptures, say, "These are they which testify of me;" and did He not after His resurrection unvail to His disciples the things written in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the *Psalms,* concerning Himself? Luke 24:44. I have seen a handwritten copy of the constitution of the United States, so arranged that it forms the face of George Washington. To the eyes anointed with heavenly eye salve, the blessed face of our Saviour Lord can be seen in every part of the written Word.

A Blessed Secret

In Psalm 110 we have the major part of the book of Revelation summarized into two sentences: "The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the nations; He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; He shall wound the heads over many countries." It might be asked, "And what will be the source of His strength, to enable Him to win these mighty victories?" The Psalmist tells us, *"He shall drink of the brook in the way; therefore shall he lift up his head."* What is this wonderful brook? Is it not the same as that spoken of in the 46th Psalm, "There is a river the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High"? What is this river that brings gladness to all the inhabitants of the heavenly Zion?

Christ's Proclamation

Let us turn to the 7th chapter of John for there we have an explanation. It was the season of the Feast of Tabernacles, the time when the children of Israel dwelt in booths, in memory of the days of their tent life in the wilderness. During the first seven days of the feast a priest would bring water in a golden vessel from the pool of Siloam, march with a jubilant procession to the temple, stand on the altar and pour out the water. This ceremony was supposed to symbolize the water flowing from the smitten rock in the wilderness. It was on the last day of this feast that the Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed: "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." What were these rivers of living water? The apostle tells us, "But *this spake he of the Spirit,* which they that believe on him should receive." Before them, unrecognized, stood the Rock of which the rock in the wilderness was but a shadow. At Calvary the Rock was smitten, and out from His side there came forth blood and water—blood for our pardon and for the washing away of all our sins, and the water of regeneration, of refreshing, of life.

Christ's Dependence on the Spirit

Samuel Chadwick, writing in his *The Way to Pentecost,* states, "The indwelling Spirit is the key to both Christ's personality and work. When He became man He emptied Himself of all the prerogatives and privileges of Deity. He himself was unchanged, for He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, but He laid aside all that belongs to His exalted state and submitted to the limitations of our nature and our lot. But God gave to the self-emptied Son the fullness of His Spirit, and our Lord was in all things dependent on the Spirit. His body was prepared for Him by the Spirit. He grew in wisdom and stature under the guidance of the Spirit. His teaching was given to Him by the Spirit, and His miracles were wrought in the power of the Spirit. At the last He offered himself to God through the eternal Spirit, and it was the Spirit that brought Him again from the dead." To this might be added that even in His risen life it was "through the Holy Ghost" that He gave commandment to the apostles. Acts 1:2. And in His coming to execute judgment on the ungodly and bring in His everlasting kingdom, even then we see from the Psalm we have quoted that He shall drink of this heavenly brook, the blessed Spirit.

Vouchsafed to Us

Before He left His disciples the Lord Jesus had much to say concerning the coming of the Comforter. After He had risen He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the promised Spirit. The Spirit had meant so much to Him, and the same Spirit of God would mean everything to them. On the Day of Pentecost a stream of living water came gushing from the smitten Rock in the glory. It came to where the hundred and twenty were sitting, and they were deeply immersed in this stream. It flowed through these channels, and three thousand more in Jerusalem became channels through whom the Spirit could flow. Thank God, this river is still flowing out from the sanctuary on High. Thank God, the words of Him who is the Rock still stand true, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." Faith in Him will bring rivers, rivers of blessing, rivers of salvation, rivers of power, rivers of life, rivers of healing, rivers of fruitfulness. It is not the thought of the Lord that any of His children should be stagnant pools; but that they should be channels, ever connected with the living stream in the glory, to bring life and refreshing and blessing to all with whom they come in contact.

Fruitfulness

I was one time on a ranch in the Santa Clara valley in California when they were irrigating. Water was being pumped from a well into deep ditches that had been prepared, and every tree on the ranch had its roots thoroughly saturated with the water. A few months later I was on the same ranch and every tree was heavily laden with fruit; in fact it was so heavy on some branches that more than a hundred of them had to be supported lest the weight of the fruit break the branch. Do you want to be fruitful? The river of God is full of water and there is sufficient for you. Do not be satisfied with a meager amount. Drink to the saturation point.

Constant Drinking

In 1 Cor. 12, the chapter which deals with the manifestations of the Spirit, the apostle tells us, "In one Spirit are ye all baptized into one body . . . *and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."* I feel the danger is that some are satisfied with being baptized in the Spirit and do not see the necessity of *continually drinking of the Spirit.* I like Weymouth's translation of Eph. 5:18, "Do not over indulge in wine—a thing in which excess is so easy—but *drink deeply of God's Spirit."* And then he shows how this gladdening stream will affect us. It will cause us to praise God in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord, and to give thanks to the Lord always for all things. We shall fail God if we drink only sparingly. Let us drink deeply. The same source of power which Christ had is available to us. May our eyes be opened to the marvelous possibilities there are to a life of continually drinking of this heavenly brook.

The Source of All We Need

The armies of the Philistines were gathered against Israel. In their ranks was a mighty giant who defied the armies of Israel. But there came to the camp a shepherd boy who had faith in God. He knew that the Lord was with him, for he had been enabled to destroy both a lion and a bear that had attempted to devour some of his flock. And he knew this giant would not be able to stand against the power that was available in his Lord. The doughty shepherd boy rejected the man-made armor of the king. Where did he go for ammunition for the conflict with the mighty foe? You remember he went *to the brook,* and out from that brook he procured his ammunition—five little stones. One of those stones was more than enough as it penetrated into the brain of the boasting Goliath. True, we are weak and unlearned and powerless and base and poor and ignoble. *But there is a brook from which we can get all that is needed in the conflict.* It is the source from which our precious Lord got all that He needed. There are five little stones in that brook, the ones He spoke about when He commissioned the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel, saying, "These signs shall follow them that believe, In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Constantly drink from the brook. It comes from the sanctuary, and the Lord sitting on the throne sees to it that the brook is never dry. It is an ever-deepening river. There is fertility and fruitage wherever this river runs.

The Menace of Hollywood

A London Judge, when protesting against the entrance of American films to Great Britain, said, "Filth has become in most of our picture houses and many of our theatres, the hall mark of amusement, and self control the brand of a coward. Film producers are fouling civilization. The highest idea of romance is infidelity; marital loyalty is the hall mark of imbecility. They exhibit human love as something disgusting and after they have debauched the human mind our courts and hospitals are left to clean up the litter, while money bugs clear off with the money bags. I do not hesitate to say that Hollywood is earning a distinction next only to Gomorrah."

The mention of Gomorrah reminds us of the Lord's prediction that the condition of the world just before His coming would be compared to the days of Lot. Luke 17:28-32.

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The Explosive World Situation

The following summing of the world situation illustrative of "wars and rumors of wars" is quoted by Keith L. Brooks from the *Pathfinder;*

"We have the following wars actually going on: Bolivia vs. Paraguay; Peru vs. Colombia; Japan vs. China; and France vs. desert tribes. We also have the following powder kegs with the matches already lighted and causes designated: Germany vs. Poland (Polish Corridor); England vs. Persia (oil); England vs. India (independence); England vs. Ireland (independence); France vs. Germany and Italy (fear and jealousy); and of the Balkan States against almost any of the others (general meanness); Russia vs. Japan (Manchuria); U. S. vs. Japan (control of Pacific); Moros vs. Tagalogs in Philippines (religion); Finland vs. Russia (communism); Poland vs. Russia (hatred); Poland vs. Lithuania (jealousy).

Jewry's Plight in Germany

During the Middle Ages, Jews in Germany and in other countries were compelled to wear a distinctive mark upon their garments so that all might recognize their nationality. They were also compelled to live in a walled enclosure known as the Ghetto. They were frequently the victims of plunder and massacre.

Today in Germany, history is being repeated. According to a despatch from Berlin Jewish stores will be obliged to hang out black placards with yellow print announcing that they are owned by Jews. This is part of the national boycott plan. The Jews have been victims of cruel violence. According to a reliable Viennese journal, "one of the best known personalities in Germany" gave the following details of Nazi cruelty: "I spent fourteen days in cells in Spandau fortress and then a night in a cell in Berlin police headquarters with sixty-two other prisoners. These men, mostly workingmen and Jewish passersby, had been beaten half to death. I saw men whose eyes had been gouged out. The teeth of most of them had been knocked out with rifle butts. Their hands had been burned. All the Jews had been thrown on the floor, and Nazi storm troopers had jumped on them, until they fainted."

The Jews are the only people whose history has been written in advance. The Bible that predicted their persecutions also prophesies their restoration and the divine vengeance upon their tormentors. But their rebirth as God's chosen people must be preceded by the birth pains of tribulation. Jer. 30:6, 7.

Russia's New Religion

Says Norman Bentwich, a Jewish scholar, (italics ours): "Atheism in Russia is fostered with an enthusiasm equal to any that a new spiritual revelation has known. There is the beginning of a cult at the tomb of Lenin in the Red Square at Moscow. The mummified features of the author of the revolution, shown with every aid of modern lighting, are gazed on each evening of the year by hundreds and thousands. The sayings of Lenin are set up everywhere as saving dogmas, while his pictures and statues, fixed inexorably in the minds of the people, take the place of religious images in every public building. *It is like the deification of the Roman emperors from the time of Augustus Caesar, which formed the principal religion throughout the Roman Empire for 300 years."*

The end of the age will witness a revival of the Roman empire, and also a revival of the religion of that empire—the worship of the emperor as a divine being, as a representative of the State. His image will be worshiped. Revelation 13.

Geneva and the World Crisis

Mr. S. D. Gordon, the well known writer and Bible teacher, wrote a book entitled *Quiet Talks on the Crisis and After.* This was seven years ago when there was no talk of a crisis. This author after a visit to the assembly of the League of Nations found his predictions concerning the world crisis verified. He says:

"Sitting in the press gallery, looking down on the Assembly there, this autumn, in its thirteenth annual gathering, made one's pulse beat quicken decidedly. Fifty-eight nations there, in their official representatives, with experts, secretaries, and substitutes, made an interesting study of geography, races, languages, religions, and deep-seated hatreds and prejudices.

The temporary chairman, De Valera, in courteous language says the League is a failure, and a very extravagant failure. It is carefully avoiding main issues. It does nothing about Japan invading Chinese sovereignty, contrary to treaty obligations. It shuts its eyes to France and Germany glaring threateningly at each other across the Rhine. When the day's program tells that the French Premier is to speak, the head of the German delegation takes the first fast train to Berlin to avoid listening. The leading statesmen of Europe frankly confess, when no reporters are present, that there is a world crisis now impending, which they are doing their utmost to prevent."

Molten Lava

Zelma Argue

Each new spiritual movement, fresh from the heart of God (whether early Methodism, the early days of the Salvation Army, or others including our own), has been in the nature of a new eruption from the volcanic heart of God's power and love. Like liquid streams of molten lava, and with a momentum that naught could stop, its tides have flown freely, seeking out the hearts of the lowly and flowing therein. As long as the stream continued at molten heat, so long did its tides continue to flow and move in all directions. As time proceded, the ultimate tendency of former movements has inclined towards losing that original heat and fire, and with this, the molten stream no longer pours so freely in every direction, but begins to settle down, then harden in a fixed position.

We are at a great and awful hour. With the British Premier having just visited ancient Rome for conference, and the ruler there stating that soon once more it will be correctly stated that, "All roads lead to Rome," we see the prophetic final form of world Gentile government tending to take definite shape. The time of the church's witnessing is almost expired.

Yet a great opportunity is opening before us. An entirely new field is white to harvest. Outside the circle swept in the past quarter century by a mighty Holy Ghost visitation arises everywhere a new "crop" of disillusioned men and women, questioning about God and His Word.

For multitudes, former ambition and pride have turned to dust and ashes in the mouth. God's judgments are in the earth, and there is anew a company who now desire to learn righteousness. Many want spiritual help. People until recently occupied by the bridge table, and other similar vanities are now questioning to know what the Scriptures teach about the day in which we live.

God is interested in this last hour harvest. He means to reach out for all who want Him. Who will be the channels? Coveted privilege!

Are we as a people still in a sufficiently molten form to reach them? Are we still a people of sufficiently white-heated love to flow into newly opening opportunities and reach them? Are we still a people on the march for God? Are we still shunning to be at ease in Zion? Are we still a ministry rightly described by the words found in the book of Hebrews as, "flames of fire?"

"Sons of Thunder" was the name by which some of the witnesses for Jesus in apostolic times were known. Of such it was said, "They that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Surely the church age will terminate with hearts whose zeal will in some measure answer to that which beat in those of that apostolic period, and that found expression in the unremitting labors and ever more far-flung journeys of the Apostle Paul.

Our movement was born at this white heat. Messengers aflame bore from city to city, from town to town, the message of the hour. No journey was too long, no hour too late, if God was working. Are we retaining this early character? Are we remaining sufficiently fluid in character for use in this last hour ingathering?

Momentum! Born-of-soul travail! Carrying sweeping victory in each new direction, and probably not without an accompanying persecution. Are we retaining it? If we settle down, new channels must be found. If we continue at molten heat, perhaps to us will be permitted the last hour ingathering.

The Book and the Cross

F. M. Lehman

The morning after the earthquake of March 10, 1933, the pastor of a large congregation in Long Beach, California, found that their church-building had been but slightly damaged. When he unlocked his study door he saw that his library had slipped to the floor in one promiscuous heap—*with the Bible lying on top.*

A second glance revealed that a small cross, worked out and inlaid with the pear-side of a conch-shell, had slipped from its place and *stood upright beside the pile of books.*

What the preacher saw made his heart leap within him. He remembered when that other strangest of earthquakes shook the world that dark afternoon some nineteen hundred years ago; when as by an Unseen Hand the temple veil was torn from top to bottom; when the rocks rent and the Cross, upright still, stood there with its arms of mercy and justice extended to a world that might "look and live."

The atheist's pen, dipped in vinegar and gall, has failed to sour or make bitter that tragic but sweet old story. The historian's quill sent forth a volume that ever has topped the world's most prized book collections. The Rugged Tree has never been shaken down by the heaviest convulsions of hell. Both Book and Cross are safe—the one pointing to escape from danger and death, the other to an inheritance of liberty and life.

Friendly traveler through this vale of time, when everything the world so highly prized lies shaken into a shapeless jumble we shall find the Book on top of the debris, its leaves untouched and untarnished, still bearing balm for the weary and health for the nations. When the world stands crushed and crying over its broken toys and bitter disappointments it may still lift its eyes to the Cross that hell tried but failed to shake down; and live, and sing:

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers 'round its head sublime."

Some Thoughts on Truth

John C. Nelson

I once read, "Your tongue can undo everything you do."

I also read, "He who has not a good memory should never take upon himself the trade of lying."

And this, "Another good thing about telling the truth is, you don't have to remember what you say."

Living truth is very rare these days even in the religious world. Amos 8:11.

Untruthful people *must* have family ties with the father of lies.

Some folk that want you to *prove* the truth will believe a lie on *hearsay.*

A preacher that stoops to willful exaggeration (lying) to gain an imaginary point will have the approval of Satan.

It will take all that you are to be a true Christian, or it will cost all that you have to be a false one.

Scriptural truth that one generation suffers for, is often lightly valued by the next.

People will usually grow in grace and truth or grow in error and falsehood.

No one will ever be lost that follows the truth of the gospel message.

Most people think very little of breaking their word, but God magnifies His word above His name. Psa. 138:2.

Many church people in these days would rather have a comedian amuse them with falsehood than have a preacher instruct them with truth.

God has reserved one place for all deliberate story-tellers, exaggerators, fibbers, pretenders, false accusers, *etc., etc., etc.,* whether they be in the pew or in the pulpit. Rev. 21:8.

Haman's Ghost

Under this heading a writer in the *Jewish Chronicle* pictures the return of Haman's ghost to this earth: "If Haman's ghost came up from the shades and walked the earth this Purim, (the feast that celebrates Israel's deliverance from their enemies, as recorded in the book of Esther), what would he think of it all, and what would his feelings be? When he called in Berlin, he would hear

the voices of a familiar agitation, and if he moved on to Warsaw or Bucharest, the same chatter would pursue him. Everywhere Jews—and nearly everywhere modern copies of his own personality, mouthing his own ideas of over two thousand years ago. His first thoughts, I imagine, would be that he could not have been such a complete failure and incompetent ass as he thought, when he found himself dangling from Mordecai's gallows. If he could not get rid of the Jews, neither has anybody succeeded in doing so since! His next reflection would probably be—Could anyone get rid of the Jews? Ancients did not. Moderns could not, rant they never so wildly! There must be something uncanny in this death-proof nation. Then, I fancy, the ghost would begin to feel annoyed. What an unoriginal lot these new Persians were! Just gabbling the identical things he said thousands of years ago, and Pharaoh before him. . . . 'Behold the children of Israel are more and mightier than we. Come, let us deal wisely with them.' . . . Why, what had he himself told his king?—'There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws; therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed.' . . . Hitler and the rest of them. . . . Spouting 2,000-year-old doctrine. Not an idea of their own in their empty skulls!"

Hitler and others will discover like Haman that it does not pay to attempt to destroy an indestructible people. Jer. 31:35-37.

The Reproach of Judah

The Princess Hotel of Bermuda has issued circulars announcing that Jews are not accepted as guests. It is stated that the policy of this hotel is "to avoid the patronage of Hebrews and all persons not socially accepted."

Jews everywhere are making strenuous attemps to fight this type of prejudice; but only He who has permitted them to become a "proverb and a byword among all nations" (Deut. 28:37), can lift the reproach of His people. When the nation returns to God, then shall be fulfilled the promise, "Neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more." Ezek. 36:15.

A Remarkable Answer to Prayer

Our Sister E. A. Brown of Jerusalem, Palestine, writes of a remarkable answer she had to prayer in the supplying of funds for the finishing of her mission building. Our sister started making alterations in faith before the money was in sight and we must confess we were a little fearful as to where the money was coming from. God has however honored our sister's faith and we rejoice with her in another evidence of the fact that our Heavenly Father answers prayer and although money is scarce, yet God has control of the silver and gold and He can supply when human aid fails.

Soul-Winning Evangelism

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an evangelistic pastor, and such a leader she must have or lose her influence for good in the community. Two sermons on Sunday do not represent all of his God-given task. The pastor should keep the revival fires burning, especially in his own soul. He should make his church the center of religious activities six days in the week. Not a social service program but a soul saving station.

There are today 200,000 Protestant ministers in the United States, and if each one of these ministers should win one soul for Jesus a month, there would be 2,400,000 souls saved each year. What an opportunity! What a challenge! What is the matter with our pastors?

The average minister in the pulpit is largely responsible if there are no converts, and if there is a lack of spirituality in his congregation. Black robes and beautifully worded sermons will never convict sinners. Formalism in church services is blasphemous and skeptical. Here we find our modern theology in action. Modern theology, while retaining an outward appearance of Christianity, not only rejects every thing of a supernatural nature but casts the Bible aside as the infallible Word of authority. No wonder there is so much disturbance and divisions in organized Christianity. It is always midnight where the Holy Spirit is crowded out.

When the man in the pulpit is willing to leave out of his public worship the non-essentials and walk humbly before his people, he will not only be evangelistic in his ministry, but souls will be saved and his church become a power for good in the community.

Modern Methods

Since the days of Martin Luther we have had continual change in evangelism. Doubtless the passing of the old evangelism is largely due to the times in which we are now living. Every generation has its own system of operation. While this seems to be inevitable, it must be remembered, the gospel of Jesus Christ has never changed. Men and conditions change, but God and His plan for the redemption of man remains the same. Great union tabernacle evangelistic campaigns, with their "card signing," and "saw-dust trails," are rapidly becoming things of the past. This method of gospel preaching was in the beginning greatly blessed of God, until certain spectacular performers began to commercialize the system and certain evangelists became more interested in popularity and money than in the salvation of souls. Pastors and churches finally began to grow skeptical, until today, they are slow to enter a union evangelistic campaign, because of the after effect such a meeting has upon their church and community. But the evangelist is not altogether to blame for the passing of this system of evangelism, for the average pastor has become so dry and cold and formal in his public work until he has lost the desire for an old time revival meeting and considers the average evangelist a religious enthusiast, a disturber of peace and a radical fanatic.

Denominational evangelism has no higher aim than to increase her church activities. Oh, the sin of selfishness. Christian evangelism does not confine itself to denominational activities. Denominational lines grow indistinct in the light of gospel publicity. What is known today as modern theology is not Christian evangelism.

I have read of a pastor who was trying to evangelize his church by increasing his membership. Three of those who promised to assist him in the work gave the following report. "The man I was assigned, will join church next Sunday. It took three cigars to get him, but I finally succeeded." The other two reported, "We have gotten three to join next Sunday. We will not be there, however, as we have a golf game on." Such a system of evangelism is thoroughly un-Christian and is doing more to interfer with the progress of Christainity than all the picture shows. Such propaganda, operating under the divinely exalted name of Jesus, is not only a blasphemous misrepresentation of facts, but an undeniable evidence of the spirit of the Antichrist.

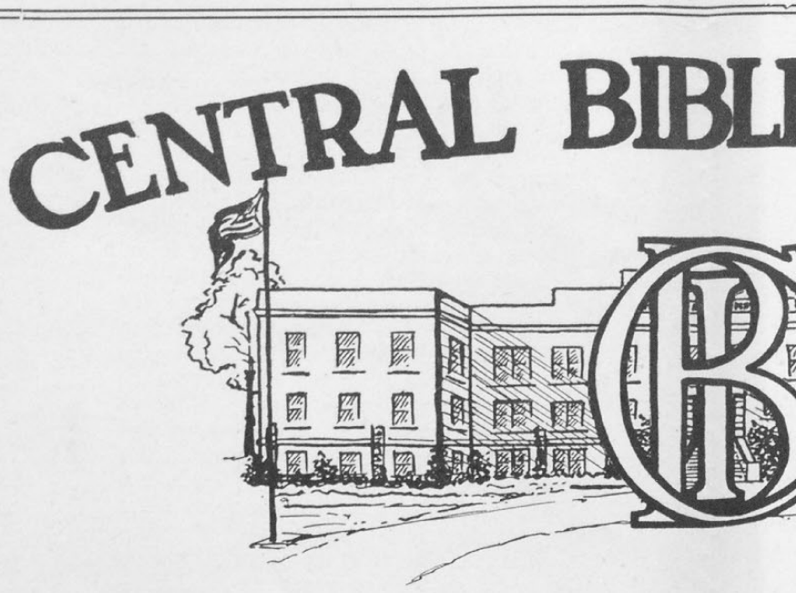
Religious education is being urged by some as an acceptable substitute for evangelism. But religious education is not always Christian. We are not redeemed out of a life of sin, and brought back into fellowship with God through the operation of a well organized system of Christian education, but by faith in and obedience to the divine plan of regeneration through the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

The religious need of today is an old time revival in the local church, and this holy enthusiasm must necessarily begin with the minister in the pulpit; and with the aid of an evangelist filled with the Holy Ghost, he can bring his congregation into a personal experience of salvation and into the joys of a life divine. When the pastor and evangelist lose their desire for popularity, take their eyes off of money and are willing to sacrifice and suffer like Jesus, they will become winners of souls and a spiritual blessing to the community.

Music for God

WHO CAN MEASURE the power of music? Who can fathom the depth of its penetration? Who can discern the end of its influence? Given by God as an endowment to man that he might praise his Creator and that he might be stirred to burning zeal by its gripping, emotional power, music was stolen by Satan, the deceiver, to be used for deluding and alluring fallen mankind into his foul kingdom. Thus through ages have sweet melodies been Satan's bait to the unwary. Right now by his syncopating, pulsating, nerve-racking, brain-maddening jazz the arch-fiend ensnares our unwatchful youth and plunges their souls into eternal doom while gleefully tantalizing them with sickening strains from perverted, diabolical tunes. Cannot we, as some of God's faithful ones in history have done, of whom David is outstanding, wrest this power back from the devil and use it again for praising God?

It is with this end in view that the Central Bible Institute has provided a course in music. Besides the regular Bible classes this course includes studies in Sight Singing, Ear Training, Music Appreciation, Hymnology, History of Music, Harmony, and Composition. If you could imagine a situation in which you were called upon to lead a meeting only to find that no pianist was present you would understand at once why the Sight Singing and Ear Training class is valuable—to say nothing of starting choruses, singing on the street, in jails, etc. In the class of Music Appreciation the student learns the history of ancient music, the Bible records of music, and about Christian music up to modern times. He studies the great productions of recent composers so that he can distinguish and name them. The great hymns and hymn writers are discussed in this class also, which in-

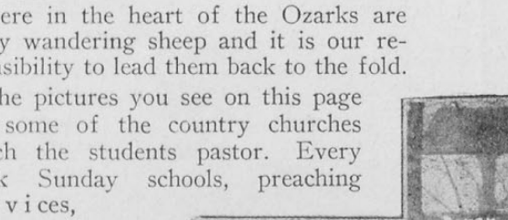


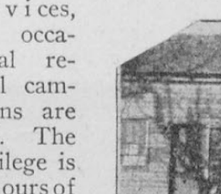
Seeking for the Lost

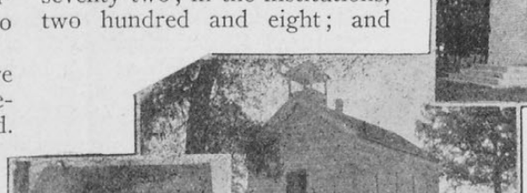
A striking picture of Jesus as our Great Shepherd is portrayed in the parable of the lost sheep. As He wanders over the rugged mountain crags, hills, and deep valleys of this poor lost world, I can almost hear Him calling to us, His undershepherds, "Go ye into the highways and byways and compel them to come in!"

Here in the heart of the Ozarks are many wandering sheep and it is our responsibility to lead them back to the fold.

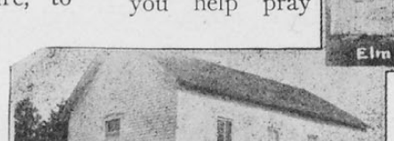
The pictures you see on this page are some of the country churches which the students pastor. Every week Sunday schools, preaching services, and occasional revival campaigns are held. The privilege is also ours of working in the Pythian Home, Poor Farm, Children's Home, Girls' Factory and the T. B. Sanatorium. You will be interested, I'm sure, to know the average number of people to whom we minister weekly. In the Sunday schools the average is one hundred and seventy two; in the institutions, two hundred and eight; and in the evening services, two hundred and sixty. These make a total average of six hundred and forty.

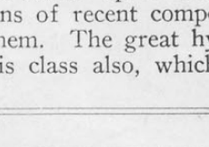












You might say, "Do you have any results; does it pay for you to spend your money and time?" By all means, Yes! Souls have been saved, many are under conviction and some have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Praise God! We are not discouraged and are earnestly praying for a mighty revival. Will you help pray with us?—M. S.

Special Features

The evangelistic work is splendid training for the tent work in which many of the students will be engaged in the summer. They learn to work together and to do good team work—one of the most important lessons Christian workers have to learn.

One of the special courses of the school is that of Personal Evangelism. In this course every student learns by heart all the most important gospel texts, so that he is enabled to give the most appropriate scriptures to souls who are seeking God.

A feature of this out-station work is personal house to house visitation in each neighborhood. The students thus get into heart contact with the people of their locality as they invite them to attend the meetings.

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ion is a fine background for song leading. C. B. I. also Harmony and Composition, a class in which music ction is dissected and analyzed and then reassembled into original melodies. Who knows but that a hymn writer sult from such a class. But the most practical class of he Conducting class, in which one learns to pour all his raining, and personality into the song service. This class only a study about conducting but is a class where actual eading is practised by each student before others.

esides the regular work, there are private lessons in evan- piano playing, voice, violin, trombone, flute, trumpet, have not mentioned the hardest part of all hours and hours of practice.

Ve have already seen the result of much of ffort here at C. B. I. The twenty-five piece tra has proved a great inspiration in the t meetings and in local revival campaigns. sort of sister organization is the Harmonica which also boasts of a piano accordion, a , a mandolin, a song whistle, and a kuzzoo. e always delighted with its quaint medley of s in praises to God. From either the or- a or Harmonica Band several instruments nosen occasionally for special solos, duets, quartets (such as a Reed quartet) or an en- e. It has also been a pleasure to hear the quartet, the ladies' quartet and octet, render ful vocal offerings.

efore we leave the C. B. I. studio we must a moment in the General Music hour right dinner on Friday, when all the students in the chapel to form into a large choir, g inspirational songs, or to contentedly list- one or more of the students render special ers. This is a time of blessed refreshment a week of hard study.

As students we feel just a bit proud of our al course and of our directors. In spite of work involved we are gratefully willing to hard that we may be found "approved" nen in Jesus' service and may "work heart- to the Lord." Col. 3:23.—E. Y. O.

From an Angelic Viewpoint

IF WE HAD the eyes of an angel and could behold the camp of the C. B. Ites, I believe we should discover strange things going on that the natural man fails to see. I can picture the spiritual warfare that is taking place while a little band of students pray. All around are the powers of darkness filled with hateful demons trying to frustrate the work of God and hinder the answers to prayer. But, thank God! His soldiers pray through to the throne of God! As victory is won glorious angels and ministering spirits of God hasten to bless and strengthen as others hurry away to answer our prayers. This is especially true when the Spirit moves upon us, and we spend whole mornings in prayer or praise and occasionally whole weeks are devoted spontaneously to the working of the Spirit among us.

If a stranger should wander from the fields of sin into the corridors of C. B. I. he would discover something strange about the atmosphere. It is the power of God which is the result of real earnest prayer. Praise God the students are a consecrated, praying band of people! Missionary prayers, outstation prayers, all kinds of prayers ascend daily as incense before the throne of God. I believe a sinner would go away convicted of sin or longing for God and a Christian would go away feeling that it was good to have been here.—M. S.

Needy Students

A number of our consecrated young people here who are studying God's Word in preparation for gospel ministry are sorely pressed financially. This provides an opportunity for some of God's faithful stewards to lay up treasure in heaven. Investment in one of these whom God has chosen for service will bring eternal reward. Address all gifts to Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., and state that they are for the Needy Students' Fund.



FROM OTHER LANDS
From Left to Right:
1. **Ellen Esler —Ireland**
2. **Martha Schoonmaker —India**
3. **Willard Waggoner —India**
4. **Rosa M. Reinecher —Germany**
5. **Marguerite Jansen —Canada**



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Waiters
Waitresses
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LEARNING TO SERVE!

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

Among the Lisu People, S. W. China

We asked the Lord for a New Year's verse and He gave us these: "Behold I have set before thee an open door"; and, "They offered themselves willingly unto the Lord." Praise God that the door for preaching the gospel is still open for willing workers and we know not if this year will bring back our King when our willing service will be finished down here.

It has been some time since we last wrote but we know you have been faithfully praying for us and God has answered your prayers in our long trip down to Indo-China and back. We were conscious of the presence of the Lord day by day and in so many ways the Lord prepared the way before us. We stopped at various mission stations and ministered to them the Word of life also prayed for the sick with the Lord present to heal. Praise His Name. Whilst in Indo-China, we preached several times to the Annamese and our hearts went out to them who are without God and we felt led to pray the Lord to send Pentecostal missionaries into this vast country ruled by the French with its twenty or more millions of people without one missionary with the Pentecostal testimony.



David, native evangelist in Wei Hsi, S. W. China, baptizing converts from among the Lisu tribes people

While in Yunnan-fu, the capital city of Yunnan, we were able to buy supplies for our missionaries, and also to bring the horse loads up with us, twenty days' journey. This once robber-infested road which years ago was so dangerous, we could hardly get through without an escort of hundreds of soldiers, now is quite safe and they are even making a motor road so that we could come three days journey in a half day sitting in an old truck on our bedding. The road was so rough, we were shaken together in a heap and glad to get out; but praise the Lord for this rough trip for it will be some years to come till we ride again in a car like this. The next day we started out over the high mountains on the mule's back and arrived home just before Christmas as we had promised the natives to be here for our yearly convention. We were so pleased to see our baby Irene whom we had left with Mrs. Lewer, three months before, looking so rosy and plump.

We pitched the big gospel tent in our compound but the snow hindered quite a large party from coming over the high mountain pass; however about a hundred Lisu people came, some walking over forty miles carrying their babies on their backs. A number of old men came; some could hardly walk the distance of ten or fifteen miles but they said maybe this would be the last Christmas they could attend and how happy they were, rejoicing in the Lord, ready to go and be with the Lord. One old man had a hard struggle last Easter to give up his tobacco pipe but when Mrs. Lewer preached that we need to be clean and how we cannot of ourselves give up things, but by the power of God we can overcome, and told the story of my brother who ploughed his tobacco pouch under the ground several times and then went and dug it up again before the Lord took the real desire away so that he has never touched it again, this man got the victory. Praise the Lord!

A number of people came from the high mountain district I visited last year. How blessed it is that these wild people can have the opportunity of hearing the gospel and praise the Lord, many are saved.

Then a few days after New Year's, we had a Christian wedding here of Ruth's younger brother. The little bride looked very pretty. She is one of our Sunday school girls from the time she was six years old. It meant something for her to take her stand for the Lord; but she was true and would not go and bow down and worship her ancestral tablets or their idols. They also wanted her to bow down before her brother and mother which is custom before she is sent to her husband's house, but she would not. She also did not cry as is the custom when she leaves her mother's home, and they all laughed at her. Many came to the wedding—about a hundred guests—and they were rather amused at the marriage ceremony but they both assented to the Christian marriage vow and we praise the Lord for another Christian family here in Wei Hsi.

In about a month's time, we are opening our Bible school again for the Lisu and trust many will come to study the Word of God. This time of the year they are not so busy, so can come and study. Then they will be sent out to the different districts, preaching what they have learned. In one of our Lisu districts, the fire seemed to burn low these last few years, but still there were a few faithful ones. One man was so ill that he thought he would die, so he told his family to be true to the Lord, that he was going to heaven, but strange to say from that time, he improved and was soon perfectly well. Then others in the village who had backslid called him to pray for them and they confessed their sins, came back to the Lord, and were healed. Now there are quite a few earnest families there. One surely does need discernment in this land. There was a a girl in this same village who they said received the Holy Spirit and she got

every one to serve her, wanted the best of food and clothes and talked incessantly night and day. Finally they got frightened and came and called for David. We were away at the time. He went there and they told him about her and he said it could not be the Holy Ghost for He only exalts Jesus and not self so when he went to where she was and found them all bowing to her and she telling them that she was a Jewess and was going to be their queen, David told them not to pay any attention to her but all get on their knees and cry to God and he rebuked the demon in the name of Jesus and the Lord delivered and brought her back into her right hand, although she was left weak in body; but they say since then she has been all right and she even came here to our Christmas gathering. It is no wonder the enemy in this land tried to counterfeit the Spirit of God as he has held sway for thousands of years in the hearts and lives of these people but Jesus is the mighty Conqueror.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bolton.

Gleanings from Far and Near

On March 26th we closed our series of missionary conventions in the state of Kansas. God graciously blessed and many were the expressions to the effect that a new missionary vision had been kindled. Some who had never realized their responsibility for the unevangelized millions stated they were now going to contribute regularly by prayer and in the giving of money so that the gospel might continue to go forth. Missions is the mission of the church and when we fail in this we are missing God's great purpose in allowing us to share in His joy in bringing redemption to mankind.

Brother Fred Vogler, District Superintendent of Kansas, kindly assisted us in arranging conventions at Coffeyville, Topeka, Pittsburg, Hutchinson, and Arkansas City. We were glad for the able and spiritual ministry given by Brother W. I. Evans, principal of our Central Bible Institute and our dear "Daddy" Welch. Also the ministry of Brother and Sister Carl Hatch, directors of music at our Central Bible Institute, helped in making the meetings a success and were much appreciated wherever they could attend. In our last few conventions Brother John G. Warton of Persia, gave us a direct touch with the foreign field and enabled us to visualize the pitiful conditions existing in the Mohammedan world. Our brother has a large heart and while representing Persia, which he naturally knows best, yet he appeals for world-wide missions.

In April, the Lord willing, through the co-operation of our Brother Roy Scott, District Superintendent of the West Central District, we plan to have representatives touch some points in that territory.

Everywhere we have gone our hearts have been moved by the love of the brethren and their willingness to share in the burden of the work that others may learn of our blessed Lord and His great salvation. The pastors in every plave have given unstintingly of their time and means to make the meetings a success.

We were also very grateful to receive missionary offerings from so many different places in Nebraska where our General Superintendent has been ministering through the co-operation of Brother E. White, District Superintendent of Nebraska. We feel, in reviewing the situation that, like Paul, we can thank God and take courage.

The summer months are before us when customarily offerings are lower so we trust our Prayer Band warriors will ask largely of the Lord so that funds may be forthcoming and our missionaries' needs be supplied.

The Voronaeff Sons in America

We should have announced before that three of the sons of Brother J. E. Voronaeff, who has been in prison in Russia for the past three years, are now in New York. We are sure that those who made it possible by their contributions to bring these young men out of Russia will be happy to know of this.

The edict has gone forth from Stalin that "God must be out of Russia inside of five years," according to the *London Morning Post,* and the *Sunday School Times* states that "by May 1, 1937 there must not remain on the territory of the U. S. S. R. (Union of Socialistic Soviet Republics) a single house of prayer to God. In the capitals of Russia all churches and prayer houses must be closed by May 1, 1934." However, in spite of all this God is continuing His work and there are more Pentecostal Christians in Russia today than when the persecution began.

We are needing at least one thousand dollars to secure the release of Brother J. E. Voronaeff from prison and we trust that earnest prayer may be offered that this may be forthcoming in order that our brother and the rest of his family may be set free.—Missionary Secretary.

Native Church Grows in Lan Ping, Yunnan

A note of praise comes from Brother and Sister J. C. Morrison together with an interesting report of their work. They write: "Our evangelist, Paul, whom we sent to the Irriwaddy Valley over two months ago on a preaching tour, has returned. He has brought the good report that the eighteen families there who became Christians last year are all standing true to the little light that they have and have built a small chapel in which to worship. While he was there thirty-three more families turned to the Lord and many more hearts are very hungry for the gospel.

"Paul brought back with him a young lad from the Irriwaddy Valley to study in the Bible school, which we expect to have. This lad is the brother of the young man who came from the Irriwaddy last year and begged us, with tears running down his face, to send some one to their country to tell them about Jesus. He and his family are all Christians now. It will probably be six months or a year before we can again make the trip across and tell them more about Jesus."

Converts in Greece Desire to Preach

Brother Harry Mamalis writes from Athens, Greece: "We are having very sweet meetings lately and the Spirit of God is working in many hearts. We see that our God is already beginning to prepare workers out of these converts. We ask you to pray for them that God may fill them with the Spirit and send them forth to preach the Word in this needy field.

"I had a letter from a brother who is asking me if I could help him a little so that he might give his whole time to the gospel work. I have not promised him anything yet but we ask you to pray that God may undertake for him according to His will."

God Blesses in New Field in South India

Encouraging news comes from Sister Constance Eady who is now laboring in North Malabar. She writes: "We have been having some special meetings here lately, and the Lord has blessed wonderfully. Many have been saved. At one meeting there was weeping and confession of sin. In one house the wife, a sister, and brother of one of the members, whom the Lord baptized in the Holy Ghost a short time ago, were all saved one morning. This dear brother has indeed labored in prayer for his household. Truly, the Lord is working blessedly in our midst and we praise Him."

Sister Ethel King Home on Furlough

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival home of our Sister Ethel King after her second term of service in India. We did not have the funds to give our sister for return fare so she looked to God and the need was met. Of course the Lord uses His servants in meeting such needs and we are glad that He has those who are responsive to His voice and who will give when the Spirit impresses them. Sister King's address is Box 126 Walkerton, Ontario, Canada.

In the Whitened Harvest Field

ROCK BOTTOM IN ROCKY FORD

Pastor E. M. Calhoun, Rocky Ford, Colo., reports: "Leland Faith, boy evangelist, of Sidney, Nebr., has just closed a successful meeting here with us. About 30 were saved and reclaimed and several received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4."

IN HEAVEN'S HARMONY

Pastor S. B. Drew writes from Earl, Ark.: "Evangelist and Mrs. Blake have closed a 3 weeks' meeting here. Notwithstanding the bad weather, we had a good revival. Fifteen were saved and 8 received the Holy Ghost. The Spirit was wonderfully manifested among the saints and the revival closed with good interest."

PRICELESS GIFT DISPENSED

Herbert E. Burgess reports from Cleveland, O.: "We are praising God for His grace manifested at Hesler, Ky., where we have just closed a 10 days' meeting. Six came for old-time salvation and 2 received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Many others are seeking for the blessed infilling of the Spirit. On the closing day 5 received Christian baptism."

SINNERS REPENTANT, FIND ARK

Pastor and Mrs. R. J. Renfroe, Sidney, Ia., report: "God has been faithful in speaking to the hearts of the lost and bringing men and women into the 'ark of safety.' Inez Ferrias, of Nebraska City, conducted a 2 weeks' revival for us, and during that time about 21 knelt at the altar for salvation. Of that number about 14 showed the fruits of salvation, and 6 were filled with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4."

SPRINGING INTO LIFE ETERNAL

Pastor Taze Sikes, St. Cloud, Fla., reports: "We praise God for the wonderful interest shown here; 8 months ago the church was set in order, with 30 members. Since then we have had 28 additions. Florence Knowles came up the first of the year and preached from her hand-painted charts, beginning at the Creation age, which began in the Garden of Eden, and ending with the Church age. Some are being saved and others filled with the precious Holy Ghost in our regular services."

GOSPEL A CONQUERING FORCE

Marie Halfman, Tribune, Kans., reports: "Revival meetings closed at the Cactus Schoolhouse, Friday evening. A. R. Farley, pastor of the Assembly of God at Garden City, was with us the last few weeks. The gospel was sent forth in the Spirit's power. We greatly appreciated the music rendered by the Garden City people. Many came from miles around to hear the gospel. Sinners were convicted of sin and a numer were saved; also a few were baptized with the Holy Spirit. We appreciate the co-operation extended by the Free Methodist people. The assembly is moving on victoriously."

UNIQUE EXTENSION PLAN

Dr. C. C. Self and family, Siloam Springs, Ark., report: "The first of the year we began meetings at Gentry, Ark. It was requested that each pastor in the District hold a meeting in a new field and try to establish a new work. We secured the Christian Church for a part of the time, but now we have to worship in dwelling houses. We are working and praying for a building. There are about 35 who are baptized with the Holy Ghost at Gentry. We shall be glad to correspond with any good evangelist in fellowship with the Council about holding a meeting there."

WORD UNSEALED BY THE SPIRIT

Pastor J. E. Tacy, Madera, Calif., reports: "We praise the Lord for one of the best revivals Madera has seen in a long time, under the ministry of W. A. Anderson. During the 3 weeks' meeting 2 services were conducted daily. The morning Bible study and prayer service which began at 10 sometimes lasted until 2, and the evangelistic service at night often continued until 11 and 12. We could not keep track of the number saved and reclaimed. Nineteen were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 13 between 10 and 65 years of age were buried with Christ in baptism. Many bodies were touched with healing power. The church has advanced in faith and power, and the revival still goes on."

SELF-ABANDONMENT REWARDED

Pastor and Mrs. Morris Prunty, Camden, Ill., report: "Have recently closed a meeting in a schoolhouse where as a boy I went to school. With much prayer we put ourselves in the hands of the Lord, and He gave glorious victory and a rich harvest of souls; 38 found pardon at the foot of the Cross. As the Word was preached in the power of the Holy Spirit conviction rested heavily upon the people. Hardened sinners came to the altar and with uplifted hands wept their way through to God. Tobacco and cigarettes were thrown away as these praised God for the 'life more abundant.' The Lord has also blessed in our 8 months of service here at Camden."

MANY HEARING, RECEIVE

Ed. Williamson and evangelistic party report: "We are in a glorious revival here at Ft. Smith. Ark., in the Dodson Ave., church, C. A. Lasater, Pastor. The Lord is abundantly blessing. We are now in the sixth week; numbers have prayed through to salvation and the Holy Ghost Baptism. We have not kept an accurate account of those receiving definite experiences. Some nights there are 25 or 30 at the altar seeking God. The blessing of the Lord was so marvelously present some nights that we could not minister the Word, so we just gave an altar call and many hungry hearts were filled. This is the church where Mrs. Williamson and I were saved and received the Holy Ghost more than 17 years ago."

DEFINITE TOUCHES OF GOD

Pastor Jack Heinrich, Chambersburg, Pa., reports: "We have closed a series of successful services, in charge of Milton W. Richards, in which a goodly number were saved. One outstanding conversion was that of a man who had not attended church for nearly 25 years. His wife had prayed for him for 19 years. In the divine healing services a number received definite touches from God. Much interest was manifested by folks of other churches. Almost every service was so well attended that we used all available space to place extra chairs. On the last two Sundays we used the high-school auditorium. The first Sunday the attendance reached around 850 and the second Sunday almost 1,000. The timely messages were a great help to both saint and sinner, and the church has received great and lasting benefits."

TREE OF LIFE IN DESERT LONE

Pastor and Mrs. Bert Roberson, Erick, Okla., report: "We came to this place in October and found the little church without a pastor. We started a meeting with a good interest from the beginning, but closed down a while for the cotton-picking season. Since that time we have been called as pastors, and have had 2 revivals. The last revival was conducted by Henry Smith, of Girard, Tex. During the 3 weeks of meeting there were 26 saved, 17 were filled with the Spirit and 22 were added to the church. Brother Smith had just closed a meeting at Pioneer, 6 miles from Erick, where 17 were saved, 11 received the Holy Ghost and some were received into the church. In all about 67 have been saved and 34 have been filled with the Spirit since we came to Erick, and the church, Sunday school, and Ambassadors' band are growing. We have also organized a Woman's Home Missionary Council with about 20 active members."

"THERE—WHEN THE FIRE FELL"

Kenneth C. Pyne, Secretary, Everett, Mass., reports: "We have just concluded a most successful revival campaign with Loren B. Staats of Blue Rock, O. From the outset it was evident that the tabernacle would not hold the crowds. So an up-to-date microphone system was installed, making it possible to seat the people on both floors of the building, but even then there were times when many were turned away. We praise God that His presence was also manifest. No effort was made to count the number of seekers, but 25 or 30 were born again, others were filled with the Spirit, and about 20 were immersed in water. Every phase of our work was strengthened, notably the young people's department. The Sunday school jumped from 135 to 195, and then to 275. On the Tuesday following the campaign, about 65 young people gathered to worship the Lord and 'the glory of the Lord did come down.' The following night the first seekers' meeting was held, and the prayer room was crowded. Financing the meting was easy; no begging was done; and, despite the bank holidays and the lack of cash, every expense was met."

TRANSFORMING FAITH BRINGS VICTORY

Pastor S. K. Biffle, Joplin, Mo., reports: "We have just closed a successful meeting, with Paul Boyer, of Tulsa, Okla., in charge. About 50 were saved, 25 received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and 44 were baptized in water. On the last Sunday of the revival we had 218 in Sunday school."

GLAD RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

John Halfman, Sunday school superintendent, Tribune, Kans., reports: "The revival at Cactus Assembly has closed. A. R. Farley, of Garden City, had charge of the last 3 weeks of the meeting. The old-time gospel message went forth in power and in truth. The Garden City people took charge of the music. People came for miles around. Sinners were deeply convicted of their sins and a number were saved. Three were filled with the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. We greatly appreciated the fellowship of the Free Methodist brethren. We are praying that the revival spirit will abide with us continually."

CURRENTS OF HIS WILL DIVINE

Clyde C. Goree, of Amarillo, Tex., reports: "I have for the past 2 years been in evangelistic work in and out of the state. Recently I held a meeting at Amarillo where 39 found pardon for their sins and 25 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Word was confirmed with signs following and the meeting closed with a blessed visitation of the Holy Ghost. E. R. Foster is pastor. I am now in Shamrock. Great crowds are filling the building each night to hear Brother and Sister Burchfield sing the gospel message. Pungent conviction is seizing many hearts. Thirteen have already found their way to the cross. J. J. Grubbs has the oversight of this flock."

HOURS EFFECTIVELY SPENT

Earl A. and Beula O. Clark report from Orville, O.: "We have just closed our revival efforts in Chippewa Lake where God gave glorious victory. About 42 professed salvation, and there were several outstanding cases of healing. Last night we began services here at Orville. God visited us with a mighty deluge of His power and glory. One was sweetly filled with the Spirit and many others were seeking the Lord. In the first service we were able to get 23 hours of prayer pledges daily during this meeting. This is unusual, for in some places where there are hundreds of members we have not always had such a generous response for prayer. The house was filled to capacity and a real old-time revival is being prayed down. We enjoyed several days of precious fellowship with the Mallet Creek saints. We have a prayer list of 3,000 names. If you wish to join this send your request to Orville, O."

GLORIOUS CONFERENCE CLIMAX

Pastor and Mrs. Harry E. Shaw, Monticello, Ark.. report: "The sectional Bible conference convened here Feb. 21-26, with a goodly number of visiting ministers and workers present. Brother Burris, our Superintendent, brought inspiring lessons from the Word, and Sister Stokes gave helpful Sunday school and Christ's Ambassadors talks. On the second night a Baptist sister received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and from that time forward the revival tide was on. The Sunday night after the conference we began a revival, with Morris Kullman in charge. The Lord mightily worked, saving and filling with the Holy Ghost. Since the beginning of the conference about 17 have been saved, and reclaimed and 7 have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Many in the town including those from other churches came out to hear the Word and expressed great appreciation. The church has been greatly strengthened and all are determined to go forward. Our Sunday school is growing and our new church is almost finished."

UNIQUE PLAN FOR THE OUTCAST

Mrs. E. A. Sweet, Auburn, Wash., sends in this interesting report: "Although somewhat different from other revivals, yet God has given us a precious revival here in our Pentecostal mission. Homer J. Pontius is pastor; God led him to conduct meetings among unemployed men who travel on the railroad from place to place and stop in Auburn between trains. As they go into the large lumber shed near the tracks to warm and rest, Brother Pontius and his workers go 3 nights a week and give the gospel to a company of men ranging from 5 to 100 in number. As many as 26 men have held up their hands for prayer in one service, and one night 18 knelt in a circle to pray for salvation. In this way we have taken the gospel message to between 2,500 and 3,000 men, and each has received a tract, as well as sandwiches. More than 60 men and boys have followed us to our little mission, and kneeling at the altar have given their hearts to God. It has afforded us great joy to see these outcast and homeless men, though hungry and but half clothed, find Jesus as their friend and Saviour. These include men from all walks of life; some are colored, some Filipinos; some have returned months later and testified that they are still enjoying salvation. Not so many stopped during the bad weather, but we still count it a great privilege to lead even a few men to God. These do not remain long enough to be taught in the Word, but we trust that the seed sown may bring forth fruit pleasing to God."

"FAITH STILL HAS ITS OLIVET"

Pastor G. M. Haight, Olivet, Kans., writes: "God has wonderfully blessed in a revival just closed. The work is about one year old. When we came here about 6 months ago we found much ground to be 'possessed,' and the church began to pray in faith that God would help us. Sister Steinle was led to come Feb. 1 and assist us. Many attended the meetings, and on the last night numbers were turned away for lack of room. A sweet spirit of unity and fellowship rested upon us, and Christians of other churches stood shoulder to shoulder with us in the battle against sin. The meeting closed with the glory of God upon His people and a shout of victory in the camp. The revival has spread to surrounding towns; God opened a way for a meeting in Lebo, a new field, and on March 15 Sister Steinle began services there. We kept no record of those saved at Olivet, but it was a goodly number."

WITH CHRIST

Sister Lydia E. Brelsford, for many years gospel minister and missionary to Egypt, has finished her earthly pilgrimage and has joined the company of the redeemed in glory. We rejoice with her on having "finished the course," but we extend our deepest sympathy to the loved ones left behind.

PRAISE, TEARS, AND DEVOTION

"On Sunday, March 26, we concluded a remarkable 3 days' convention with the Italian Christian Church, 44 South Main St., Pittston, Pa., Antonio Baglio, Pastor," writes District Superintendent J. R. Flower. "Brother Baglio and his church are coming into fellowship with the Assemblies of God. We found a large group of Italian Pentecostal saints, numbering around 250, meeting in a third-floor hall. The room was filled in all three services. Only a small per cent have yet to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Their singing, reverence, order, and spirit were an inspiration to us.

"One young girl opened her heart and was filled with the Holy Ghost in the Sunday school. Sunday night we witnessed a remarkable communion service. These Italian brethren consider this service seriously. It was a real worship, praise, tears, and devotion. One elderly man, with his wife, walked up the aisle and with hand upraised and tears coursing down his cheeks, gave his heart to Jesus and asked for communion. It was unusual and created quite a sensation. Then a young man, who had been under conviction, said he wanted to give his heart to the Lord and take communion. He was in earnest as all could see. So he accepted the Lord Jesus simply, bowed at the altar, and was served with the communion. We shall not soon forget the precious days we spent with these dear Pentecostal Italian people."

"THE CHURCH IN THE VALLEY"

Pastor and Mrs. R. G. Turns, Reidmore, Cornellsville, Pa., report: "On Sept. 25 we opened a little mission in one room of our home where about 8 who were baptized with the Spirit gathered to pray for God to save the lost in our neighborhood and to remove sin and hard feelings from the hearts of the people around us. We began work among the children, but soon the grown-ups started to come. God answered prayer for one man for whom we were particularly burdened, and saved this man and filled him with the precious Holy Ghost. Now almost all his family are saved and some of them are filled with the Spirit. This man had not been in church for 18 years. As the Lord began to work the crowd increased, and the one room was filled; so we took out the partitions and made it into on large building and dedicated it all to the Lord. There have been about 70 saved and 25 baptized according to Acts 2:4. We have also had some wonderful healings performed by the Lord. One sister, who had not walked for 13 weeks, and who the physicians had said would be a cripple for life, when she was anointed in the name of the Lord stood up and danced in the Spirit and forgot all about her crutches. She is still walking and praising God. A brother lost his hearing, and we had to write everything we wished to tell him. He came to the altar and was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord, and he left with his hearing restored. A number of others were healed. God has made this church a blessing in this valley. Instead of hatred there is love. The work is deep and effectual, and God is leading on to greater victory."

EDITION EXHAUSTED.—We greatly regret we could not fill all orders received for April 1st number.

The Sunday School Lesson

The Lord Jesus Christ Rebukes Self-Seeking

Lesson for April 23: Mark 9:33-43.

The Unanswered Question. "What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace; for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest." Just before this time the Lord had solemnly predicted His sufferings and death—a prediction that had filled the hearts of the disciples with sorrow. But this emotion soon passed, giving place to the spirit of ambition and the desire for pre-eminence. Christ's question and the disciples' silence on this occasion suggest the following lessons: (1) Christ's knowledge of His servant's faults. The purpose of the question was not to secure information but to produce conviction and the cessation of their wrangling. "He needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man." John 2:25. As the Psalmist said to Jehovah so we may say to Him, "O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me. . . . Thou understandest my thought afar off. . . . Thou art acquainted with all my ways." Psa. 139:1-4. (2) The compassion of Christ seeks to cure the sin that He sees. His perfect knowledge is blended with perfect love. Otherwise how could we face Him? Psa. 130:3. He did not stop at rebuking the spirit of ambition: He planned to cure it. (3) The test of evil. The tongues that had been loud on the road were silenced by conscience. Many of us say things that would be unsaid if we realized that Christ were listening to our conversation. The consecrated Christian will be careful to say nothing that he would not have his Lord hear. (4) The method of cure. The living presence of Christ in the church will end sin and strife.

The Measure of Christian Greatness. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." This statement contains two thoughts—humility and service, two ingredients that compose Christian greatness. One will not be complete without the other. A humility too humble to do anything for others, and a service that is tainted with pride, are equally incomplete, and neither constitutes Christian greatness.

A Christian is great in the measure that he puts the welfare of others first and self-interest last; for to be first in the kingdom of God means a readiness to be first in sacrifice, first in humble service, first to face danger. The late Dan Crawford, a missionary to Africa, supplies the following illustration of this principle. Traveling in Africa is often difficult because the trail is lost beneath the thick matted tangle of grass thirteen feet high, which in the dawn is heavily covered with dew. It is the negro custom to make the children queeze through first. The "human brooms" as they are called, have to run the first risk of being pounced upon my wild animals; they also catch the shower of dew upon their naked shivering bodies. Because of this custom an explorer like Livingstone is described by the natives as a "dewdrier" or a "pathfinder." The Christians in Russia would understand the meaning of this title, for, in that country the leader of a congregation is the first to be arrested, exiled or put to death.

The Law of Greatness Illustrated. "And he took a child, and set him down in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of these children in my name, receiveth me." These words convey a twofold illustration. (1) *The child as an illustration of humility.* Small children are characterized by simplicity, frankness; absence of pride, prejudice, and worldly ambition. In these respects a child is a picture of what a disciple of Christ should be. The apostles had the wrong conception of greatness; they were dazzled by the hollow prosperity and worthless splendor of the proud and oppressive rulers of their day, who demanded the service and honor of others. Our Lord taught them by the illustration of the child that sincere faith, honesty in word and deed, and simplicity of life so exalted a person that he became a representative of the Son of God Himself. Verse 37. (2) *The child as an illustration of service.* The child was an example of one half of the law of service, being "least of all." Verse 35. But how could he illustrate the second half of the law since his little hands could do only small services? "Jesus with the child held to His bosom," writes Dr. Maclaren, "is the living law of service, and the child nestling close to Him, because sure of His love, is the type of the trustful affection which we must evoke if we are to serve or help. It is as if the Lord said, 'Look! This is how you must serve; for you cannot help the weak unless you open your arms and hearts to them.'"

A Warning Against Intolerance. The Lord's words concerning the receiving of humble believers (verse 37) must have pricked John's conscience, for said he, "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not with us: and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us." He wondered whether the man they had silenced was one of Christ's "little ones." Christ's answer was "Forbid him not," for (1) The fact that the man was using His name showed that he had some faith in Him. (2) The man was not speaking evil of Him. Let the disciples forbid those who are speaking evil of Him. (3) In those days when Christ and His cause were being opposed by the leaders, this man would not use His name unless he was for Christ. "For he that is not against us is on our part."

This incident would warn us not to despise or hinder any who are working in the name of Christ and doing His work, simply because he does not belong to our particular church, or even because he is independent and belongs to no denomination at all. We shall thus avoid the delusive belief that our particular church has a "monopoly on the grace and power of God." A person may be united to *Christ,* even though he is not united to our company.

The Sin of Stumbling Christ's Little Ones. Verses 41-43. These verses continue the thread of thought that was broken at verse 37. Humble believers are so close to Christ and so precious in His sight that the smallest kindness to them will not go unrewarded. Verse 41. On the other hand, woe to those who deliberately do anything that will cause them to stumble and hinder them in the path of duty. The same relation to Him which makes kindness to them so worthy of reward, makes harm to them worthy of punishment. Compare Acts 9:4; Matt. 25:44-46. The Lord knew that the same spirit of ambition that was causing the apostles to seek the highest place would ultimately lead them to oppress and mistreat those under them. See Luke 12:45, 46. To make them feel the serious character of such conduct the Lord warns them that it were better for them to be dead than unloving, and that it would pay them to go to the utmost lengths of self-denial rather than suffer the penalty of injuring a precious soul for whom Christ had died. Verse 43; compare Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:24; Col. 3:5. This warning is based upon the teaching at the foundation of the doctrine of redemption; namely, each individual, is so precious in the sight of God that He sent the Lord Jesus to seek and save him. Matt. 18:11-14. From this teaching concerning the value of the individual follows Christ's law of love. Since the Christians' supreme duty to man is that of love, then the greatest of sins against man is that of lovelessness. Against that sin the Lord Jesus solemnly warned the future shepherds of His flock.—M. P.

FROM AGGRESSIVE BATTLE LINES

Pastor A. W. Kortkamp, Moline, Ill., reports: "God is pouring out His Spirit in a wonderful way up here in these tri-cities of Moline, Rock Island, and Davenport. During the last 2 months, in the regular tarrying service on Monday nights more than 100 have received the Baptism with the precious Holy Ghost. Wonderful manifestations of the Spirit are taking place in these meetings. As many as 7 or 10 in one night have come through speaking in tongues, 'as in the beginning.' At every service the prayer room is filled with the hungry seeking the fullness of the Spirit. We are not having a special revival campaign, but each Sunday night the temple is filled and the altars are lined with sinners seeking God for salvation. Even in the midweek meetings many are finding Jesus as their Saviour. Our membership is now over 1600 and our Sunday school attendance is from 700 to 800 every Sunday."

BRIEF MENTION

Evangelists Earl W. and Beula O. Clark, Orrville, O., report: "God is outpouring His Spirit here in a mighty way. Several have received their Baptism and many are being saved. The hall is filled at every service."

Hobart M. Halsey, Mize, Ky., reports: "We have just closed a series of meetings at the Methodist Church at Ezel. Many in this church believe in the Pentecostal message. God was present to bless with anointing and victory."

Jesse B. White, Bayard, N. Mex., reports: "At Hurley, N. Mex., we held a sectional fellowship meeting on the eve of March 2, for 2 days. The absence of our District superintendent, also the death of one of our members, hindered the progress of the meeting; but on the second evening God poured out His Spirit on our services; 12 were at the altar seeking the Lord and 11 of these claimed salvation. I am pastor at Hurley, living at Bayard, an adjoining village."

Forthcoming Meetings

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

CUMBERLAND, MD.—Christ's Ambassadors rally, Easter Monday, April 17. Pentecostal Church on Elder St. Services 3:00, 7:30.—Hartley Wigfield, President.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Special meeting, April 30, at Bethel Temple. Emma Van Dalen Jones of Seattle Washington will be evangelist.—Harry Long, pastor.

HOUSTON, TEX.—Wm. Burton McCafferty, of Ft. Worth, Tex., will conduct a revival meeting May 1-14, at West End Gospel Tabernacle, Patterson and Eli Sts., under a big tent.—F. G. Eiting, Pastor.

HORSEHEADS, N. Y.—Evangelist Nagel, of Schenectady, will conduct special meetings April 19-30, at the United Pentecostal Assembly—Ernest A. Schink, Pastor.

LEWISTON, PA.—Revival April 28-May 20, Masonic Hall or Temple, Monument Square. Each evening 7:45. Nimrod Park, Evangelist.—H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—Anna C. Berg, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Author of "Jungle Trails," will begin a 2 weeks' revival campaign in the Fergus Falls Gospel Tabernacle April 18.—Christian Hild, Pastor.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O.—L. T. Stewart, of Kitzmiller, Md., will conduct a campaign at the Pentecostal Church, W. 8th St., April 18, to continue indefinitely. Each night, 7:30.—John W. Roush, Pastor.

VINELAND, N. J.—Evangelist H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., will conduct a revival in the Full Gospel Assembly, 6th near Park Ave., April 19-May 7. Neighboring assemblies please co-operate. —Leo S. Starner, Pastor, West and Chestnut Ave.

ASHLAND, PA.—Special Easter convention, April 9-16, in First Pentecostal Church. H. E. Hardt, of Falling Waters, W. Va., Evangelist in charge. Week days, 7:45 each night; Sundays, 10:45 and 7:45. Neighboring assemblies invited to fellowship with us. —Wm. Pocock, Pastor.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Charles Sheall, of Topeka, Kans., will begin a revival April 16, to continue 3 weeks. Church at Oak and Whitcomb. Surrounding assemblies kindly co-operate.—R. A. McClure, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, N. J.—Joseph Terlizzi, of Columbus, O., will conduct a campaign April 25-May 14. at Irvington Pentecostal Church, 58 and 60 Prairie Ave. Every night, except Mondays, at 8:00. Sundays at 10:45 and 8:00.—Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Old-time revival at Pentecostal Mission, N W corner 11th and Westmoreland Sts. April 9-23, every night except Mondays, 7:45; Sundays 10:30 and 7:30, Nimrod Park, Evangelist.—Benjamin H. Cox, 542 Magee Ave., Lawndale, Philadelphia.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Revival meetings at First Pentecostal Church, 645 S. Broad St., April 21-May 14. Evangelist and Mrs. Meyer Tan Ditter in charge. Every night except Mondays, 7:30. Sundays 10:30 a. m. also. Neighboring assemblies kindly co-operate. —Adolf Gritzmacher, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, O.—Special revival service in Lincoln Theater, 1193 N. High St., April 9-May 15. Bring the sick for healing. Will broadcast Tuesday and Friday over WAIU, Columbus, 9:00 to 9:15, a. m. Services by Earl W. Clark evangelistic party, son and daughter assisting.

PHOENIX. ARIZ.—Evangelist and Mrs. Arne Vick, of Bellingham, Wash., preachers and musicians, will conduct revival meetings at Assembly of God Church, 11th and Garfield Sts., for 3 weeks or longer, beginning April 16. Every night except Saturdays, 7:30.—Samuel J. Clarke, Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—Albert E. Steurnagel, Bible expositor, of San Diego, Calif., will be speaker at the spring convention, Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church, 4741 Hudson Blvd., April 12-30. Each night except Mondays, 7:45, also 3:30 Sundays. Co-operation of assemblies in vicinity appreciated.—J. E. Kistler, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Beginning April 2 and continuing through 3 weeks, Brother Terlizzi, of Columbus, O., will conduct a full-gospel campaign at Pentecostal Tabernacle, 23d and Pine Sts. All-day fellowship meeting April 10. Meals furnished. All ministers and workers expected if possible to come.—M. W. Richards, Pastor, 3118 N. Harrison St.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

WOODRIVER, ILL.—The 11th annual session of the Illinois District Council May 2-5. All regular business will be transacted. Those desiring license or ordination should make application to the superintendent or the secretary at once. Room and breakfast free to the ministers of the District. Write Pastor M. D. Hartz, Woodriver; or Arthur Bell, District Superintendent, Belleville.

CALGARY, ALTA., CAN.—Evangelist A. H. Argue and Miss Zelma Argue will open a 3 weeks' evangelistic campaign in the Pentecostal Tabernacle, commencing April 9.—Claire Scratch, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Dr. Charles S. Price will conduct a city-wide campaign at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, corner of Peak and Garland, beginning April 23. For further information address the pastor, Albert Ott, Box 25, Dallas, Texas.

LAUREL, MISS.—Pastor W. E. Thurmond and his church will open an old-time revival in Warsaw addition to Laurel, in toy factory building, about April 15, to continue as long as the Lord leads. Broadcasting over Station WMAL each Sunday, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Neighboring assemblies are invited to cooperate.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Loren B. Staats will conduct a revival in Full Gospel Tabernacle, North Capitol & K Sts., April 16-May 14. Services Nightly, 7:45, except Saturdays; Sundays, 11:00 and 7:30. Divine Healing service Thursday, 7:45 p. m. Rooms at reasonable rates near Tabernacle. For information write Pastor Harry L. Collier.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLY

FREDERICK, MD.—Three days' rally of Potomac District Christ's Ambassadors, April 26-28. All young ministers and workers urged to attend. Missionary pageant and offering, April 28. Entertainment for young people as far as possible. Please write.—Evelyn D. Becker, Pastor, Box 27.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN C. A. RALLY

DENVER, COLO.—Rocky Mountain District Christ's Ambassadors, April 26, 7:30 P. M., April 27, 10:30, 2:30, 7:30. At Pentecostal Assembly, 1447 Lawrence St. Entertainment free as far as possible. All assemblies within reach, kindly co-operate.—Paul L. Ferguson, District C. A. president, H. J. Ketner, Pastor.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Perry, Ia. April 7-9, Truesdale, Ia. April 10-12, Sioux City, Ia. April 13-16, Emerson, Nebr. April 17-19, Leon, Ia. April 21-23, Ft. Madison, Ia. April 30-May 7. It is expected that in most of these meetings there will be representatives from headquarters and also Brother John G. Warton of Persia. For further information write Roy E. Scott, District Supt. Mercer, Missouri.

GREENFIELD, MASS.—Revival April 2-May 21. Speakers, April 2-16, Alfred Wight, of New Haven, Conn., District Chairman; April 17-May 5, Wesley O. Fritz, of Bridgeport; May 8-14, H. L. Ettinger, of Bridgeport, H. T. Carpenter, Springfield, Frank Stalter, Brattleboro, Vt. Meetings nightly 7:30 except Mondays and Saturdays. Young people's rally, I.O.O.F. Hall, 7:00 p. m. Glad Tidings Chapel, 362 Deerfield St.—J. T. Reed, Pastor.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—New England District Council meeting, Full Gospel Church, cor. Potters and Prairie Aves., May 2-3. First day devotional services, 9:30, 2:00, 7:30; second day, business session, 9:30, 2:00; evangelistic service, 7:30. All ministers will be taken care of. Expenses met on freewill offering plan. Bring musical instruments. Please attend and send delegates.—H. T. Carpenter, Secretary.

TEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—The second annual Council of the Texico District, in city auditorium, April 19-21. Two meals daily on freewill offering plan. Rooms furnished at low rates. All churches requested to send offerings in cash or in food. The District presbyters will meet at 10 a. m. in the local church, April 18. We ask that all pastors in the District call a day of fasting and prayer for this meeting, that God will give us His mind as we counsel together. Our general superintendent, Ernest Williams, will be with us, also other speakers. Write Pastor B. R. Minton, 708 W. 13th St., Plainview, or A. C. Bates, District Superintendent, Box 48, Clovis, N. Mex.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

Clarence Love, Koshkonong, Mo., in full fellowship with General Council, write at once.

Naomi and Rosalie Mooney, 300 S. Vine St., Jefferson, Ia. "Pianist and special singing with guitar. Reference, Ivan Carper, Lineville."

S. G. Shields, Shield of Faith Institute, 901 N. Pierce St., Amarillo, Tex. "Having resigned the pastorate of the Amarillo Assembly I shall be open for calls anywhere in the United States; am conducting revivals in California and will be available for other meetings about May 1."

Evangelistic or Pastoral

W. O. McDonald, 405 E. Boston, Yale, Okla. "My term as pastor here will soon expire. Will then be free to accept calls in United States or in Canada. References: James Hutsell, Slick, Okla., C. A. Lasater, 1900 South R St., Ft. Smith, Ark.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE OR USE.—New tent 42 x 64, will sell for $250, poles and pins complete, or will use if wanted. Can answer any call; prefer going northwest or northeast. Have done pioneer work for number of years and some pastoral work.—H. G. Rodgers, Route 3, Jackson, Tenn.

WANTED—Good literature, books, and Bibles, for free distribution.—D. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 143, Jacksonville, Fla.

WANTED—Discarded or unused song books; can use "Evangel Songs," or others, and will pay postage.—C. B. Glover, Pastor Pentecostal Church, Ellington, Mo.

FOR SALE—Tent 40 x 60 with platform, seats, electric wiring, and switch box, and 4 gasoline lanterns, all in first-class condition. Price $150.00. Call or write Pastor J. L. Price, 1446 Lawton St., Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTED—Spirit-filled young man, single, singer and musician to do new field work with pastor evangelist. Must be willing to trust God for finances. Give references and state qualifications in first letter. —Bennie H. Lewis, Box 33, Mesquite, Tex.

WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

March 24-31, inclusive

All personal offerings amount to $1473.91

.61	Christ's Ambassadors Port Angeles Wash
.88	Junior Church Springfield Mo
1.00	Christ's Ambassadors Carthage N Y
1.00	Assembly of God S S Boynton Okla
1.00	Pentecostal S S Ava Ill
1.00	Young People's S S Class of Gospel Tab Oceanside Calif
1.00	Pent'l Assembly of God Aransas Pass Tex
1.00	Assembly Cannelton W Va
1.00	Junior C A's of Full Gospel Assembly Grand Rapids Mich
1.00	Assembly of God San Angelo Texas
1.07	Sunny Slope Assembly of God Proctor Colo
1.16	Assembly of God S S Pearl Ill
1.20	Pentecostal S S Fort Bragg Calif
1.25	Assembly of God S S Anadarko Okla
1.50	Assembly of God S S Hereford Texas
1.50	Assembly of God Sand Springs Okla
1.50	Assembly of God Brimson Mo
1.51	Full Gospel Assembly Clearfield S Dak
1.55	Assembly of God and S S Frankston Texas
1.55	Assembly of God Church Oraville Ill
1.75	Assembly of God Plymouth Ill
1.85	Assembly of God S S Archer City Texas
1.91	Pent'l Church Dorchester Nebr
1.95	Assembly Bazine Kans
2.00	Full Gospel Church Del Norte Colo
2.00	Mehida Pentecostal Mission Canaan Center N H
2.00	Assembly of God Myrtle Point Ore
2.00	Spring Valley Gospel Mission Matawan N J
2.22	Sunday School Moreland Okla
2.24	Bethel Temple Hoquiam Wash
2.35	Assembly Senath Mo
2.40	Assembly of God S S Sharon Kans
2.41	Ladies' Miss. Council Bruni Tex
2.50	Assembly of God Nacogdoches Tex
2.50	Bay City and Tillamook Assemblies Tillamook Ore
2.85	Assembly of God S S Arcadia Kans
3.00	Junior Glad Tidings Church Pueblo Colo
3.00	Full Gospel Assembly Orrville Ohio
3.00	Christ's Ambassadors Ft Collins Colo
3.00	Magnolia Park Chirst's Ambassadors Houston Tex
3.00	The Berean Class Ewing Mo
3.00	Gospel Tabernacle Berlin Wis
3.00	Assembly of God Bay City Ore
3.00	Christ's Ambassadors Miami Okla
3.00	Christ's Ambassadors Fairview Okla
3.00	Pentecostal Assembly S S Toppenish Wash
3.10	Sherman Assembly of God S S Kane Ill
3.15	Assembly of God S S Kaw City Okla
3.23	Assembly of God Pent'l Gridley Calif
3.30	Bethel Full Gospel Church Hayward Calif
3.50	Gospel Tabernacle Freehold N J
3.50	Assembly of God Shidler Okla
3.55	Assembly of God St Joseph Mo
3.68	Assembly of God Ponca City Okla
3.75	Assembly of God S S Highlands Tex
3.86	Assembly of God Turkey Creek Mission Seminole Okla
4.00	Oak Park Holiness Church S S Tampa Fla
4.00	Sunday School Willowbrook Calif
4.50	Costa Mesa C. A. Costa Mesa Calif
4.51	Assembly of God Church Miami Okla
4.60	Assembly of God S S Eureka Springs Ark
4.76	Pent'l Assembly of God Cestos Okla
4.77	Assembly of God Greenville S Car
4.80	Full Gospel Assembly S S Lebanon Ore
4.80	Evangelistic Tabernacle Lincoln Nebr
4.89	First Pentecostal Church Beaver Falls Pa
4.95	Assembly Winfield Kans
5.00	Evangelical Assembly Newman Calif
5.00	Assembly of God Church & S S Covina Calif
5.00	Farmers Mills Gospel Mission Stormville N Y
5.00	Full Gospel Tab Maricopa Calif
5.00	Pent'l Church Assembly of God McMinnville Ore
5.00	Pentecostal Tabernacle Norwich N Y
5.00	Trinity Pent'l Church Elizabeth N J
5.00	Gospel Tabernacle Grafton N Dak
5.00	Full Gospel Mission Hollyburn B. C. Canada
5.00	Assembly of God & Christ's Ambassadors Monroe Ia
5.00	Bald Hill Assembly of God Haskell Okla
5.00	Pent'l Sunday School Kitzmiller Md
5.00	Calvary Tabernacle Waynesboro Pa
5.00	Home Gardens Assembly of God S S & Christ's Ambassadors Tulsa Okla
5.00	Assembly of God S S Miami Okla
5.00	Pleasant Grove Christ's Ambassadors Durant Fla
5.50	Pent'l Prayer Band Bangor Pa

5.77 Full Gospel Tabernacle Newberg Ore
6.00 Calvary Full Gospel Church Inc. Freeland Pa
6.00 Glad Tidings Tabernacle Hornell N Y
6.20 First Pent'l Church & Young People Lebanon Pa
6.50 Assembly of God Sweetwater Okla
7.00 Pentecostal Sunday School Auburn Wash
7.00 Full Gospel Church Hamilton Mont
7.25 Full Gospel Assembly Freeport Pa
7.25 Full Gospel Church Delano Calif
7.50 Glad Tidings Assembly Newburgh N Y
7.50 Full Gospel Assembly Vallejo Calif
7.50 W M C Assembly of God Okmulgee Okla
7.60 Pent'l Full Gospel Assembly and S S Albany Ore
7.73 Pentecostal S S Heppner Ore
8.00 Pentecostal Assembly East Liverpool Ohio
8.00 Full Gospel Assembly S S Chicago Ill
8.60 Full Gospel Assembly and C A Los Angeles Calif
8.74 Full Gospel Church Los Banos Calif
8.85 Assembly of God Collinsville Okla
9.25 Pentecostal Mission Fontana Calif
9.75 Glad Tidings Tab S S Gilroy Calif
9.83 Gospel Tabernacle S S Harvey Ill
10.00 Calvary Tabernacle S S Centralia Wash
10.00 Full Gospel Church Sacramento Calif
10.00 Full Gospel Church Morgan Hill Calif
10.00 Assembly of God Highgrove Calif
10.23 Gospel Tabernacle Fort Morgan Colo
10.52 Pentecostal Assembly Heppner Ore
10.67 Mehida Pentecostal Mission Canaan Center N H
11.10 First Pentecostal S S Wilmington Del
11.14 Assembly of God Church Fort Collins Colo
11.55 Pentecostal Assembly of God Dinuba Calif
11.66 Full Gospel S S & C A Tulare Calif
11.74 Assembly of God Church and S S Borger Tex
11.90 Assembly of God Joplin Mo
12.00 Assembly of God S S Seminole Okla
12.34 Highway Pentecostal Assembly Sunnyvale Calif
12.58 First Pentecostal Church York Pa
13.00 Pentecostal Tabernacle Eureka Calif
13.50 Pentecostal Tabernacle Madera Calif
13.70 Pent'l Assembly of God Church Denver Colo
15.00 Gospel Tabernacle Hermosa Beach Calif
15.02 Fellowship Meeting Ponca City Okla
15.25 Assembly of God Chico Calif
16.00 Assembly Chambersburg Pa
17.13 Assembly of God Kansas City Kans
18.43 Gospel Tabernacle Sioux Falls S Dak
20.00 Christ's Ambassadors Springfield Mo
20.00 Full Gospel Church Trafford Pa
20.00 Bethel Pent'l Tabernacle Pittsburgh Pa
20.63 First Baptist Church Egg Harbor City N J
24.30 Bethel Tabernacle & S S Watsonville Calif
24.75 Pent'l Full Gospel Church Fredonia N Y
25.00 Edward's Street S S & Church Alton Ill
25.00 Grace Pent'l Church Atlantic City N J
25.00 Gospel Tabernacle Oshkosh Wis
26.05 Full Gospel Tabernacle Miles City Mont
28.00 Pleasant Grove Assembly Durant Fla
30.00 Assembly of God S S N Hollywood Calif
30.00 Southern Calif Bible School Miss Society Pasadena Calif
30.26 First Pentecostal Church San Bernardino Calif
35.00 Pent'l Tabernacle Buffalo N Y
35.00 Kansas District Council at Topeka Kans
36.00 Full Gospel S S Morgan Hill Calif
36.70 Assembly of God S S Russellville Ark
39.00 Pentecostal Prayer Band of Assembly of God Allentown Pa
41.93 First Pentecostal Tabernacle Wilmington Dela
45.55 Trinity Full Gospel Church S S, Y P & Sister Wilson's Class E St Louis Ill
49.18 Full Gospel Tabernacle Sacramento Calif
50.00 Bethel Temple Church Dayton Ohio
55.00 Bethel Mission Arkansas City Kans
60.00 Bethel Temple St Louis Mo
67.26 Gospel Tabernacle Gary Ind
68.00 Convention Hutchinson Kans
75.00 Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada London Ontario
82.40 Bethel Tabernacle Canton Ohio
110.00 Elim Tabernacle Rochester N Y
124.33 Pentecostal Assembly of God Scranton Pa
130.55 Pentecostal Tabernacle & S S Tacoma Wash
160.00 Glad Tidings Tabernacle New York N Y
186.28 Assembly of God & S S Springfield Mo
317.00 Bethel Tabernacle Milwaukee Wis
500.00 Central Gospel Tabernacle Long Beach Calif
515.00 Pentecostal Church Cleveland Ohio
901.00 Glad Tidings Tabernacle New York N Y

Total amount reported $6284.27

Home Missions fund	$ 75.70	
Office Expense fund	17.82	
Deputational Expense fund	16.47	
Reported as given direct to missionaries	272.33	
Reported as given direct to home missions	22.94	405.26
Total for foreign missions		5879.01
Amount previously reported		10821.07
Total for March		16700.08

PENTECOSTAL PAPER IN ITALIAN

The Italian branch of the Assemblies of God publish a Pentecostal paper in Italian, the subscription price of which is $1.00 per year. The same can be obtained from Pastor R. Santamaria, 360 S. 10th Street, Newark, N. J.

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