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The Marks of a Christian

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PAUL wrote, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Gal. 6:17). The Greek word rendered "marks" is *stigmata*, the plural of *stigma* which means a mark or brand. The word has been brought without change from the Greek language into the English language, and with little or no change has been transferred to other languages as well. It was customary for masters in the days of Paul to brand their slaves as the owners of cattle in many sections of the country brand their cattle today. The branding was usually done with a red hot iron, and the brand was called a *stigma*. The word is now used as a word of reproach. To stigmatize one is to brand him in some way, the word being used in a figurative rather than in a literal sense. And very few people like to be stigmatized; the natural man revolts from it. But to be stigmatized as a Christian is indeed an honor. Peter wrote, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified." 1 Peter 4:14.

Young people joining the young people's society of a well known denominational church a few years ago were required to take a solemn pledge: "I will seek for myself and endeavor to help others attain the highest New Testament standard of experience and life." More than this can scarcely be required of any one, and to fall short of this is to fall short of God's plan and purpose. The Lord Jesus died upon the cross that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. He rose from the dead, and is living today, that we may be overcomers

of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and that after a while we may share His throne, the throne of the kingdom of the Son of man, as He now shares the throne

of His Father in the glory. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." Rev. 3:21.

I was taken to task recently for teaching that the saints are not scheduled to go through the tribulation. The sister who thus took me to task thinks it is absurd for us to teach that the Christians of this Laodicean age who, having imbibed the spirit of the age, have grown lukewarm and worldly, and have lost their zeal for God and for souls, and are living in a careless slipshod manner, will go up when Jesus comes and will share the throne of the Conqueror during the golden age when men "shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." She thinks that tribulation is needed to purify us and get us ready to reign with Christ. Christ is not going to have a bride who is not like Himself, and it is only through tribulation that the bride can be made ready for the coming of the Bridegroom. Paul declared "that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22), and Paul knew, for he lived upon terms of intimacy with his Lord, and preached and wrote as he was moved by the Holy Ghost.

There is much in the sister's argument that is good. But in the first place she takes it for granted that we teach that every person who professes to be a Christian will go when Jesus comes and be a member of that mystical body that will constitute the bride of the great Bridegroom. We teach no such thing. Many will be disappointed in that day. Recently a sister said to me, "I had a dream

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Our Heart's Cry

"Come, Lord Jesus"
The days are darkening!
Kingdoms all are shaking!
And more and more we see
Earth is not home:
Full many evils o'er the world
are breaking,
And thus our hearts would cry
"Lord Jesus, come!"

Come quickly, Lord!
Cut short earth's night of
sorrow!
Come quickly, Lord, and catch
Thy Church away!
Then haste that glad, that
blessed, golden morrow
When Thou shall reign with
undisputed sway.

—J. Danson Smith

Strength for the Journey

"ARISE AND EAT, FOR THE JOURNEY IS TOO GREAT FOR THEE." 1 KINGS 19:7.

By Zelma Argue

We face a New Year.

We face it amid circumstances without precedence or parallel in the history of the world.

Around us the established order has been breaking up, and just what lies ahead for each one, no one is able to foresee.

The journey looms before us. Just when it is most ominous we need the touch of an angel of the Lord, saying to us, as the angel said to Elijah when he had fled for his life to the stream Cherith, and was praying God to take away his life, "*Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for thee.*"

The journey is too great. We, like the prophet beneath the juniper tree require supernatural resources, for we too are in a time of extremity. And in this time of extremity we are called upon to boldly proclaim the testimony and Word of the Lord.

Elijah had a friend, Obadiah, who also believed in God, only he took care that they would not find it out, and he had gotten into no distress. But Elijah had dared with flashing eyes to face the reigning Ahab. Elijah had dared, on Carmel's mount to even have some humor at the expense of the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. This reminds us that one day God will laugh at His adversaries, and have them in derision, so we need not be utterly dismayed now. Elijah had prayed with his face between his knees for a burning sky to yield clouds and rain, until indeed the cloudless heavens became black with clouds and wind, giving a great rain. But now a reaction had set in, and he besought God to take away his life. God knew better than to answer that prayer, and the prophet who prayed to die, has *never died yet!* He became a symbol of the Spirit-filled saints who, after praying down fire upon the deserted altars of the Lord, and praying down rain upon the dry and parched ground, should be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. So there is an encouraging outlook, after all.

Then, God has His resources of the depths!

The lowest spot known in the world today is also the richest. The Salt Sea, or Dead Sea, in Palestine, is thirteen hundred feet below the level of the Mediterranean Sea. Yet this, the deepest depression known upon the face of the earth, holds the greatest wealth of the world today—sufficient to pay off all

the war debts of the great nations of the world. For long ages the Jordan has brought its riches from the northern heights, and deposited them there. The moisture evaporates, while the riches remain.

Only now are men learning how to

when I was still going to school, we all began to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For four weeks we prayed and tarried, and nothing happened. But on the closing night of the fifth week, Friday night, the power fell, and five received the Holy Ghost. One of that five is one of our fine missionaries in China today, Brother J. R. Spence. Another one of the five is today an evangelist's wife, in active soul-winning work. Moreover, the power continued to fall all winter, literally hosts pressing their way in, and being saved and filled with the Spirit. Ah, if we can get down low enough, we can tap in on God's rich supply.

And we *need* God's best! The hour demands that we be at our best for God, rich in His supply. Rich in victory! Rich in joy from the Lord! Rich in strength, with our cup so running over, that the faint hearted around us can partake. The journey is too great for us, and we need to sit often at the Lord's table. We need to eat of Him until we are well nourished and strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

"I do not want to be grasping," said a wise Christian worker to me recently. This is a great lesson to learn, from the material standpoint, but in spiritual things we may covet earnestly the best gifts. We may thirst ardently after much of God, that we may have an overflow sufficient to be able to encourage others to enter into all God has for them, without wavering—whether that be salvation, or the filling of the Spirit, physical strength, or personal victory over temptation's snare. There is plenty in God!

"Arise and eat," bids the angel sent to the expended Elijah. The fearful prophet, daring to look, beheld a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. "*And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights, unto Horeb, the mount of God.*" Eat! with what delight does the Bible employ this most gracious command in the most impossible situations. It is in the wilderness God sends manna from heaven. It is in extremities God sets a special table. "*In the presence of mine enemies—thou preparest a table before me.*" It is after a fruitless night of toil, catching nothing, that upon the shore is perceived a radiant Form, beside a fire of glowing coals, with fish laid thereon, and bread, and above



My Portion

*On Christ, the heavenly Bread,
My soul doth freely feed;
Oh! rich indeed my portion,
When He satisfies my need.*

*For He becomes my Life,
My soul-sustaining meat;
I am made strong in every part
With heavenly manna sweet.*

*Earth's richest portion fails
My soul to satisfy;
Feed me, Thyself, O Lamb of God,
My portion from on high.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower

draw out this immeasurable wealth, and it means undergoing terrific heat at that depressed location, to be able to do so. It means also going down, down, down, to its level, thirteen hundred feet below the level of the sea.

In Christ are hidden all the treasures of God. He came from the heights, and for our sakes He plumbed the depths, that His fullness might fill all things. And if we can go down low enough, and stand the heat of fervent praying, unabated, we can tap in on the resources of His unbounded supply.

No matter what our needs may be, there is sufficient in Christ to meet them. I remember years ago in our home city,

the sound of the waters is heard ringing out the blessed call, "Come and dine!" It is when the situation is absolutely beyond our powers, that the angel is sent even the second time, repeating the kind invitation, "Arise and eat;" and it is this second time that the words of instruction are added, "Because the journey is too great for thee."

It is when the mourners have gathered, and have begun to weep and to wail, that Christ is heard to say, "Why make ye this ado and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth." Then, taking her by the hand, He bids her, as the angel had bidden the grief-prostrated prophet, to arise. This arising out of our stupor is very important. "Awake," cries Paul, in an exclamation full of apostolic majesty, as he seeks to stir the Corinthians to shake off their lethargy. "Awake to righteousness, and sin not!" Then when the young damsel had arisen, we see Christ look towards her parents, and He commands that they give her something to eat. It is wonderful to observe that the word "commanded," is actually used. He commanded that for her returning strength, she be given something to eat.

Eat! Eat for vigor. Eat for strength. Eat to gain strength and heart for the journey. "Come and dine," invites the risen Lord, and as He invites, He spreads at table.

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." The speaker here is the prophet Jeremiah, tender of heart, sensitive of soul. He is prophesying a hard and an unwanted message of coming judgment, and amid it God has spoken a gracious promise for himself and the faithful remnant. No wonder he "ate" the good words of the Lord, for he surely required and needed all the encouragement they gave.

This reminds us of the fact that the very scriptures, especially those in the Thessalonians, that are filled with warning regarding what is coming upon the earth, such as, "When they say Peace and Safety . . . then sudden destruction cometh upon them . . . and they shall not escape;" these very scriptures emphasize that for those who are ready, events of comfort shall come. "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." "Wherefore comfort yourselves together." We can learn the "comfort of the scriptures," and the "comfort of the Holy Ghost." Then shall we be richly able to fulfill the exhortation to, "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people." God thus comforts us, "that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God."

I recently heard an outstanding soul-winner tell the story of a great trial through which he was called to pass, when he was much maligned. He went to his closest friend, a fine business man, and said, "I'm through. I'm going to quit. I can't stand it, the reproach upon my children, and my wife. In my youth I studied law, and now I'm going back to it, to make my living." His friend, he said, listened until he was through, then quietly said, "I don't blame you, and I understand why. Only—when I saw your altars full last Sunday night, then saw you baptize thirty or forty in water—well, *why worry?*"

O the resources of God in the lowly places!

Such comfort! "What did I do?" asked this man of God. "What could I do but go into that pulpit the following Sunday morning, and preach it all out. Preach as I never did before. O, to go into the garden alone with Jesus, beyond the others, on to where He falls on His face, and get your hands all wet in that crimson stream: then to go back, and bring what you have gained—to the people!" In the garden angels came and ministered unto Christ, and to those who dare to go into the garden with Him, the angels still come and minister.

"We are going somewhere," recently remarked an observant business man in our hearing, "and no one knows where we are going." That an hour similar to that hour of midnight darkness when the destroying angel passed over Egypt, looms again upon the horizon is agreed by many.

For that dark, dark night, two great provisions were made for the children of Israel. First, protection was assured to all who availed themselves of the sprinkling of the blood of a slain lamb.

No judgment fell in the blood sprinkled dwellings.

A second great provision was made for that unparalleled hour. Roast with fire, the lamb was to be eaten by every member of that sheltered home, for strength for the journey that lay ahead. Unleavened bread, along with bitter herbs, completed the simple but strengthening repast. Each individual needed to be well nourished for what lay ahead.

We, too, need both the constant shelter of the Blood, and also the fullest possible nourishment, by partaking abundantly and constantly of the Lamb of God who has endured the fires of trial to the uttermost. With the unleavened bread from heaven, and the bitter herbs that are to be included, we need to partake of Him. It was to be a very full feast. All was to be eaten that night, and nothing left to eat in the morning. The morning of God will bring its own provision, but in the night hour, we are to partake to the very utmost of His strength. The journey is too great for us, otherwise. To be well nourished does away with discontentment; it refreshes and invigorates.

"Take, eat," bids Christ as He welcomes us to His table; He the Lamb of God who endured through the fiercest fires of the oven of affliction. Of Him, we are to eat. Generously are we to partake, if we are to be sustained. He who fed the five thousand from a little lad's lunch still says, "*I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst!*"

George Muller's Testimony

In old age George Muller, who built five great orphanages and maintained them by simple faith in God, gave this testimony. "I was converted in November, 1825, but I only came into full surrender of the heart four years later, in July, 1829. The love of money was gone, the love of place was gone, the love of position was gone, the love of worldly pleasure and engagements was gone. God, God, God alone became my portion. I found my all in Him. I wanted nothing else. And by the grace of God this has remained and has made me a happy man, an exceedingly happy man, and it led me to care only about the things of God. I ask affectionately, my beloved brethren, have you fully surrendered the heart to God, or is there this thing or that with which you are taken up irrespective of God? I can say from my heart that God is an infinitely loving Being. Oh! be not satisfied until in your inmost soul you can say: God is an infinitely loving Being."

In the midst of the greatest calamities and the most chaotic conditions God is at the helm quietly controlling every agency both of good and evil.



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The Editor's Notebook

Man's Choice and God's

The mole is not a far-seeing creature. It delights to grovel in the earth. It has no delight in the things of the heavens. It does not come out to admire the stars, but grovels deep into the earth to seek that which it may devour. Its one concern is for its stomach. So it is with the men of earth. They are blind to heavenly glories. They live more or less in the realm of the sensual—what shall we eat? What shall we drink? and how shall we amuse ourselves? But the Lord would not have His children thus. He desires to train His own not merely for the years of time but for the endless ages of eternity. He has their eternal welfare in view. Thus He is training, and thus there may come into the lives of His own many things which their shortsightedness would not desire, but that which He in His infinite wisdom sees is best.

God's Training School

Man seeks to abound. He seeks comfort. He seeks ease. His purpose is to have enough so that he may retire and live more or less in idleness, having sufficient to eat all he wants, to drink all he wants, to have a nice home, and every luxury around him. And that is the end of his vision. But God ever has a higher in view. His children are the children of the day, and the day of the Lord is a wonderful day. What is the purpose of God concerning His sons? When that day comes, in which the Lord returns, they shall be like Him, they shall be like the Lamb. David was one after God's own heart. He was chosen, he was anointed, and he was trained of God. He was not sent to the highest colleges in the land just to study, to pack his brains with information which man considers very important in these days. No, his training consisted of being hunted as a partridge on the mountain. In his training there came the necessity of seeking God continually for guidance that his soul might escape from the snare the enemy had prepared for him. And thus he got to know his God, and thus he proved his God, and he had joy in God who delivered him from all fear. He got to know his God very intimately, and he said to his men, "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

The Right Attitude of Heart

In due time God raised David to the throne, but he was not yet through with his training. For a while he abounded, and then God caused him to be abased. See him in those days of Absalom's

rebellion, walking up the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went. What was his desire? He was willing, if God so required it, to go back to the throne he had occupied. But the attitude of his heart was expressed toward his God when he said, "But if He thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him." In the place of abasement he wanted but one thing—that God should choose for him. He did not clamor for the death of his son. He did not ask for the destruction of his enemies. In his humility he knew not what was best, and he left the choice with God, saying, "Let him do to me as seemeth good unto him." The will of God was sweet to him even though it meant destruction that night. God could be trusted though the abasement should go deeper. And though it should mean death, he would be willing. All could be left in the hands of the Lord who loved him. God would work things out right in eternity, and the gracious promises He had made would not fail. But in due time God overthrew those who would overthrow David, and he who was abased was once more exalted.

A God-Controlled Life

Look at the great apostle Paul. He went bound in spirit to Jerusalem, and everywhere the word came through the Spirit that bonds and afflictions awaited him. Agabus showed him that he would be bound; but none of these things moved him. People tried to persuade him not to go, but he would not listen to their counsel, and so they said, "The will of the Lord be done." It is well to be ever in the place where you say, "The will of the Lord be done." Paul moved on even though afflictions and bonds did await him. But there in his prison in Jerusalem Christ appeared to him, and He never left him. Testings and trials that went deep into his soul, came to him, trials of patience, the trial on the boat, the shipwreck, and long days of imprisonment in the dungeon." "Ah," says someone, "Paul made a great mistake." Man is shortsighted. God was controlling that life which was wholly yielded to Him. God had a vessel that He was shaping for eternity. And know this—the deeper the abasement that comes in the will of God, the greater and more wonderful the exaltation which will surely come in the will of God.

Abasement and Exaltation

When man is tested and tried and sees

abasement ahead, he contrives by every carnal contrivance, often by lying, often by misrepresentation, often by deceit, to avoid that which would be a humiliation. And he may avoid the abasement, but he does so to his eternal loss. But if he takes the attitude of David in that abasement, when all the nation was against him, when his own son Absalom and his counselor Ahithophel had taken up the sword against him, "But if He thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him," leaving the whole matter in the hands of God, God will see him through. Joseph was slandered. We know not what defense he made, but any defense he made was useless. The will of God was that he should be abased, and that his soul should be tried in iron. The iron was not only on his body but there came iron into his soul, and God made him an iron pillar. And after the abasement came the exaltation.

Crucified With Christ

Do you seek to shun abasement? Do you seek to shun humiliation? Do not. Do you not know that he who suffers with his Lord shall reign with Him? Was it not the prayer of the apostle Paul that he might know Him, the Lamb who had suffered, the just for the unjust? Was it not his prayer that he should know the fellowship of His suffering? Yes, and God answered his prayer. Was it not his heart's desire that he might be conformed unto his death? He longed to be in every way like his Lord, and God answered his petition. The man who is a crucified man, who enters into deep fellowship with Him who suffered at Calvary, will partake of the consolations of the Lamb, and He will partake of the reward that awaited Him who willingly, *willingly*, WILLINGLY suffered. Ah, man seeks an easy way without suffering, but it is in the depth of suffering that there is revealed the heart of God.

Eternal Reward

What is the purpose of God in letting men suffer? If we had the eternal outlook then we would see that it was abundantly worthwhile, for in those hours of suffering God is shaping a vessel meet for His service in an endless eternity. Do you think that David will be abased throughout eternity? Nay, the Book shows that he shall be the shepherd of his people, Israel. Ezekiel 34:23. Do you think that Paul will be abased throughout eternity? No, God will have a throne for him. And if you are abased in time know that you shall be exalted throughout all eternity to a place of honor, to a place of blessing, to a place of eternal joy. And in the measure that you have drunk the cup of sorrow, you shall drink the cup of eternal joy.

The Passing and the Permanent

A Review of Current Life and Thought in the Light of Scripture

A Generous Giver

Baron Edmund de Rothschild, who recently passed away at the age of 90, gave some ten million dollars during his lifetime towards the reclamation of Palestine, and towards the foundation of the various Jewish colonies there.

Large Increase

Public Opinion states that the population of Palestine has increased 20 per cent during the past 12 years. This little land, the place of the greatest scenes in human history, is being prepared for great events in days to come.

Doing the Devil's Work

A godly Jewish Christian recently said to the Editor of the *Evangel*, as he pointed to a certain Fundamentalist paper bearing on its front page a bitter attack against the Jews, "This is the sort of thing that turns the Jew away from Christianity and Christ."

A Shocking Blasphemy

According to *London Times*, Herr Rosenberg, who has charge of education in Germany, recently stated that "Jehovah is just a desert demon of the Jews." Through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah Jehovah says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22. In verse 24 of this chapter we read a solemn warning to blasphemers, "All that are incensed against Him shall be put to shame." R. V.

A World-Wide Plot

Psalms 83 reveals a world-wide Gentile plot to destroy the Jewish people. They say, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." But at the close of the Psalm there is a solemn prayer of the Holy Ghost against these who would harm Israel, "Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; that men may know that thou, whose name is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

Millionaires Increase

We read in a Washington despatch, "Those who would distribute the nation's wealth differently found new stimulus today in the treasury figures showing an increase in the million dollar income class in 1933 and a sharp decline in the number of persons with net incomes up to \$5,000."

To those who yearn for the time when "every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree" James says, "Be patient therefore brethren unto the coming of the Lord."

Revival

God continues to build up His kingdom in spite of the Enemy's attempts to tear it down. Earnest Gordon, in *Sunday School Times*, quotes the following report from a South India missionary: "Peddarikatla surrenders to Jesus Christ. This is a village for which special prayer has been offered for eighteen years, and only recently the flood-gates of the Spirit's power were opened wide. The total number of baptisms for the year reached 4,776."

A Record Palestine Immigration

From the *Jewish Chronicle*: "The Annual Report of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency states that 36,654 authorized Jewish immigrants entered Palestine during the year 5694 (from the fall of 1933 to the fall of 1934). This number includes 2,789 tourists who were registered as permanent residents. The figures indicate the greatest Jewish immigration to Palestine on record. In the previous year, there were 20,938 entrants. In the year 1925, a record year in Jewish immigration up to the present, there were only 33,000 immigrants."

Anti-Jewish Hatred

Keith L. Brooks quotes from a recent issue of the *New Masses* that "a web of anti-Jewish hatred has been woven around this country during the past two years . . . an almost incredible array of men and women plotting, smuggling, spying, to weave the web of hate against the Jew." Men would do well to remember that word of the Spirit of God to the Jewish people, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye." Zech. 2:8. God promises that He "will render vengeance to His adversaries, and will be merciful unto His land, and to His people." Deut. 32:43.

The Protocols

Says the *Quarterly Review*, "In no previous tribulation in the history of the Jewish people have they been exposed to such concerted and venomous attacks of such wide-spreading area. . . . Nazi agents are spreading the noxious *Protocols* in countless editions in numerous countries." Says Lawyer Chas. E. Robinson of our staff, "What is being submitted as 'proof' that the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is a genuine Jewish document, revealing a world-wide Jewish plot to destroy the Gentile world, would not be permitted to be introduced as evidence in any court in our land. It is only worthless hearsay and hearsay can never be brought forth as evidence. The names of the authors of the hearsay are not even given."

A Jewish Denial

The *American Hebrew*, recently published the results of an examination of the charge that Jews are responsible for Communist activity in the U. S. A. The inquiry showed that less than three per cent of the American Communists are Jews. Outside a few big cities the Jewish Communist is conspicuous by his absence. Among the two million Jews of New York this paper says that only 2,000 Jews are in the Communist ranks—one in a thousand; and in Philadelphia, with its 265,000 Jews, Communism cannot muster a hundred Jewish supporters.

Catastrophe

Lord Cecil, noted statesman, wrote the following words to an English daily:

"Let us tell ourselves the truth. Europe is, and for months has been, drifting towards war—not immediate war, I grant, but still war, eventual war, with all its incalculable horrors. What it will be like none can accurately say, but we know it will be worse, more sudden, more destructive, than the last war. For it will be largely waged from the air, and war from the air will be more pitiless, more indiscriminating than anything we have yet known; and against it, by the admission of all, no adequate defence has been discovered. It is no exaggeration to say with Mr. Baldwin that the next war will mean the destruction of our civilization. Yet to that catastrophe we are steadily moving."

What inspires the world with pessimism should inspire the Christian with optimism. "And when these things begin to come to pass," says Jesus, "then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

All That Remains of Sennacherib

Ernest Gordon writes in the *Sunday School Times*: "A brick has recently been unearthed at Tell Yarah in Mesopotamia with this inscription, 'Palace of Sennacherib, the great king, the mighty king, king of the universe, king of Assyria. The palace which has no rival, for the dwelling of his lordship in the midst of Nineveh, he has built anew.' This brick from Sennacherib's palace in Nineveh breathes the haughty, braggart spirit that marks his message to Hezekiah. 'Thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands.' One can but think of the contrast—a brick from Sennacherib's palace, with its empty pride, and Jerusalem almost three millenniums later entering into a new period of history which is to be its greatest. Truly, as the prophet Isaiah said to Sennacherib: 'The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward,' when all that remains of Sennacherib is a boast in baked clay."

What Will the Year 1935 Bring to Us?

Grant Barber, Davenport, Iowa

What will this year bring us? We have been passing through some very stormy years. Is the storm abating, or is there just at present a lull, only later to break upon us with greater intensity? Some prophets tell us there will be another great war during the coming year, basing their statements upon the terribly uncertain conditions of the world economically and politically. Others say we will either have recovery or a revolution within our own country. A more optimistic person tells us we are now definitely on the way to recovery and the coming year will be brighter than any of the previous three years. Others are certain that during the coming year the Lord Jesus will return to this earth and establish His reign, or at least catch away His Bride. Well, we are willing to leave the foretelling of future events to the prophets or would-be prophets. Frankly, we are willing to admit that we do not know.

We are living in very trying days. Our best leaders seem to be uncertain as to the outcome and are confused as to the direction to take. We are hopeful that the coming months will bring better days. But we are not so much concerned about whether they will be better or worse. That is, we will not be dismayed if they are worse, nor will we be swept from our feet if they are better. We are confident that there is only one safe refuge for us whether it be continued depression or prosperity. That is a hope and confidence in the Lord that assures us that He is able to take us through whatever the year of 1935 may bring.

In times like these we think of one of the great worthies of other days. He was God's messenger to the kingdom of Judah. Uzziah had served as king for fifty-two years. Now he had died. His son Jotham was to succeed him on the throne. This filled the mind of the prophet with anxiety and forebodings. What will the new king bring to us? That was the question which now perplexed him. With this burden he prostrated himself before the Lord in the temple. But while his mind was occupied with the empty throne of David, and the anxiety of having a new king troubled him, God pulled aside the curtains of the invisible world and enabled Isaiah to see that the Lord was still sitting upon the throne.

Back of the empty throne of Judah was the occupied throne of God. We know of the mighty experience that this vision brought to the prophet. But let us

learn the lesson that Isaiah here learned. That is, it makes little difference whether we are in the midst of a depression, with man doing all within his power to bring about a recovery, or whether there will be wars or rumors of war, or whether the Lord Jesus Christ will return. The Lord Jehovah still sits on the throne and is well able to order the affairs of this world and to take care of His obedient children. What will 1935 bring? It matters little, if we are confident of God's rulership and of His abiding presence within our hearts. Let us enter the New Year with confidence in Him and assurance of His ability to keep us regardless of what changes the year may bring.

The Marks of a Christian

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last night, and I must tell you about it. I dreamed that the heavens above me suddenly burst asunder, and the glory of the Lord shone through, and I beheld Jesus descending, and my soul was rejoicing; I felt sure I was ready, and that He was coming for me. I waited with glad expectation, expecting every moment to be caught up and caught away. He came nearer and nearer, as I waited, and suddenly the vision changed into an automobile, and it dashed past me, and did not stop to pick me up. It was gone, and I was left." And she said to me, "I am afraid that many of us will be left behind when the Lord comes." The sister's fears are well founded. A great host of nominal Christians, and many who are not regarded as nominal Christians, will be left in that day. It is doubtless true that many who attend our services and sit under our ministry—yes, and many of our ministers—will not go up in the day when "the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." But this does not prove that the saints are scheduled to go through the tribulation.

It is wrong, too, to teach that tribulation in itself has cleansing properties. Tribulation is not able to cleanse anybody. If it were able to cleanse people surely the great sufferers we read of in Revelation during the time of unprecedented trouble which is yet to come would all be cleansed, but they will not be. We read in Rev. 9:20, 21, "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should

not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts." In the midst of unprecedented tribulation they will remain as stubborn and rebellious and impenitent as ever; the tribulation will be without cleansing properties; it will not cleanse them.

Tribulation is not able to cleanse people, but it very often drives them to their Lord; it often helps people to see the folly of clinging to the things of earth; it constrains them to cry to God, to call upon His name, to seek His face. It is doubtless true that there will be a great multitude of tribulation saints, "a great multitude which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues," but while they will have come out of the great tribulation, they will not ascribe their cleansing to the tribulation into which they will have gone and out of which they will have been ultimately brought; they will ascribe it rather to the precious blood, the blood of the Lamb. "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Surely every one is ready to concede that the Blood has just as much power today as it will have after the storm of the tribulation shall have burst upon the earth. It may be necessary for some people to go into the tribulation in order that they may be driven to seek for that cleansing that can be found only in the blood of Jesus, and into the tribulation all such will doubtless go; they will be left behind when the Lord comes, and many of them, having made their peace with God, will seal their testimony with their blood, dying as martyrs, under the reign of Antichrist. But there is no reason why God's people who have seen "the cleansing stream," and have plunged therein, and have been cleansed, should go into the tribulation, if after having been cleansed through the precious blood they "walk in the light" so that the blood continues to flow over them and keep them from being contaminated by contact with an evil world.

A Christian is one who knows Christ, and serves Him. Paul was a Christian. He bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Everybody knew he was a Christian. He had been stigmatized as such. He had been brutally scourged, and on his back were the scars. If anybody doubted his loyalty to his Lord he could point to those scars, and say, "I was scourged for Him. I could have escaped the scourging had I compromised, had I not been true, but I chose to suffer for Him who had suffered so much for me. I bear in my body the marks of

the Lord Jesus." At no time was he ashamed of his Lord, or of what his Lord had done for him. At no time was he unwilling to suffer for Christ. When he was warned by a prophet not to go to Jerusalem, when he was told that there the Jews would bind him, and the disciples who loved him besought him with tears not to go, he said, "What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready, not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." Acts 21:13. Paul was a real Christian. And to be a Christian today is to be what Paul was. He pressed toward "the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He was not satisfied with his present attainments; he was continually pressing on. He said, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

Yes. To be a real Christian is to be what Paul was. Paul was "in Christ," and to be "in Christ" is to be in victory, and to be in victory is to be an overcomer, and all overcomers will go up when Christ comes. They will not need the tribulation to purge them; the blood of Christ will have done that. Christ will see in them His image, and He will claim them for His own.

When Christ shall come "the dead in Christ shall rise first," and then all the living "in Christ" will put on immortality, "for this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:53. Happy indeed is that soul who can say with the prophet, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels." Isa. 61:10.

Such an one is a real Christian, and is ready to meet Jesus in the air. He may never have been scourged as Paul was scourged; his feet may never have been in the stocks; he may never have been imprisoned: nevertheless he has the marks of a real Christian. He has been clothed and adorned, and is therefore fit to be numbered among those who shall sing throughout the eternal ages the songs of the redeemed in the glory.

Healed of Divers Afflictions

June 1931 I had a nervous breakdown. Was in bed two months. It left me with blood that tested 50 instead of the normal 80. My heart was so weak that the least little thing out of the ordinary (I could not even read a verse in the Sunday school class without shaking all over and my heart beating so fast and hard) would send me off into a sinking spell from which my loved ones would not

expect me to rally. Such a spell would end in a nervous chill and a week or so in bed. I had to be so careful as to what I ate because of indigestion, and had to take stimulants because of the gas around my heart. I could not sleep without medicine; and I would have spells of crying that would take sometimes four hypodermics to quiet. In the time until I was healed I had seven doctors, and none of them did me any permanent good. I was a member of the Baptist church.

In November 1933 I attended a Pentecostal revival conducted by J. W. Sitton of Ft. Worth in which I received the Baptism. I was anointed and prayed for and was miraculously healed. The next week I was doing all of my work including my washing and ironing. I feel better every day and am trusting God to keep me well, strong, and happy. I have not taken one dose of medicine since I was healed. I have never had a feeling of faintness but work nearly all day every day, and attend services through the week. I eat anything I want without any harmful after effects.—Mrs. D. L. Garrett, 415 South Miller Avenue, Breckenridge, Texas.

Ed. note. Attached to the above testimony is the following: "This testimony is true. Sister Garrett is a strong, well woman; is a good worker in the church; visits the sick even gathering up their clothes and washes them for them. She has no trace of her disease.—Pastor and Mrs. Oscar Jones."

The testimony reached us some months ago. In response to an inquiry by us Sister Garrett wrote us later, "My healing still holds good. I am stronger than I have been in years. I have gained 12 pounds."

Restoration

A merchant in Melbourne grew cold in his Christian life and service. He allowed business cares, as well as riches, to choke the seed. One day he came to the church, and cast himself on the floor in a paroxysm of agony. "Such awful soul distress," says the minister, "I have never witnessed before or since: all I could say only flung fresh fire on his grief. His base ingratitude and his deliberate turning his back upon God seemed to tear his very heart out."

Next day his groans had turned to full-throated hallelujahs. He rose and said, "Fellow townsmen, it has been my ambition to get on, but not get up, and I have largely succeeded. Now, by the grace of God, it shall be the greedy, grasping merchant no more: I hope he is gone for ever. The Cross now covers my sins: the past is under the Blood: and I lay my business, my house, and my life at His feet."

One day his little two-year-old clam-

bered on his knee, saying, "Sing glory, Dada"; and he sang the children's hymn, "Around the throne of God in heaven." He went away to his work. The little one went out to play—a cart came dashing round the corner—a lifeless little body was carried into the house. As the father bent over the little bleeding form, a voice seemed to come back to him—"Sing glory, Dada"; and he sang it.

A Miracle of Healing

In May, 1934 I became very ill with gall stones. The X-ray showed the doctors at the hospital that I must be operated on; but they declined to do it, saying I would have but one chance in five of living through the operation. For seven days, and until I was prayed for, I vomited, except when I was under opiates. When I was given up by the hospital my children called Brother J. W. McClellan to pray for me and anoint me with oil. Brother McClellan brought a visiting evangelist, F. C. Cornell with him. When they prayed and anointed me with oil I was instantly touched. My vomiting stopped. Several people have been saved through my healing.—Mrs. Iva E. Darby, 1006 Welch, Houston, Texas.

Brethren: Sister Darby is a fine Christian woman, and received a marvelous healing. She has been in good health ever since—over two months. Her healing is very definite and has resulted in quite a number's turning to God.—J. W. McClellan, Pastor Central Assembly of God, 2310 Keene Street, Houston, Tex.

D. L. Moody's Testimony

I suppose that if all the times I have prayed for *faith* were put together, it would amount to months. I used to say, "What we want is faith; if we only have faith, we can turn Chicago upside down," or, rather right side up. I thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, "Now faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible, and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.—D. L. Moody.

Scoffers

If scoffers come, *so will the Advent*. A man once attempted to divert a company by ridiculing the Scriptures. "As to the prophecies," he said, "they were all written after the events took place."

A minister in the company, who had been silent, then said: "Sir, I beg leave to mark an exception. 'There shall come in the last days scoffers.' I must leave to the company to decide whether this prophecy came *after* the event or not."

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The Way of Salvation

Only Believe

Joseph Sutcliff had a loving, praying mother, but both his parents died early and the boy went to live with his grandmother. For four years he heeded his mother's dying wishes—that he should never leave the Sunday school, never neglect reading the Bible, and that he should meet her in heaven.

One Sunday his teacher, a very young man, struck him on the forehead because of a small offence. He struck back and was dismissed from the school. He stayed away, feeling miserably that both he and the teacher had been wrong, and from that time he neglected his Bible and prayer. Some months later his teacher met him, and asked him back, saying that he was sorry to have struck him, but Joseph was moving to another town.

For six years he led a wild and dissipated life. When a Christian friend found him he was staying in a lodging house, too ill to work. His coughing disturbed the other workers, and the landlady gave him a room in the backyard. There God sent another messenger, a little girl, whose mother pitied the lonely lad, and sent him a bowl of soup. The girl asked permission to read to him, and receiving it, read the 103rd Psalm. This Psalm had been his mother's favorite, and it brought poor Joseph to tears. "Where is your mother?" asked the child. "Gone to heaven." "And if you die, will you go to heaven?" The question remained unanswered.

Later he said to an older friend of his, "I have very little faith in death-bed repentance. It has long seemed strange to me that sinners should with their eyes wide open go down to destruction knowing that every step they take brings them nearer and nearer, and when they get within a few steps of hell cry for mercy. It is miserable trifling with God's goodness, and often a mockery, for many that have been restored to health have proved worse than before. How can I hope for pardon now? It is against reason."

"Almost all you say is true, Joseph," his friend answered, "but your reason leaves you hopeless! Salvation depends not on reasoning, but believing God has said, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.' 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' By your reasoning you have shut heaven's door against yourself, but believing will throw it wide open, and through the shed blood of Jesus Christ you may enter. Did the thief on the cross reason, Joseph? Did the publican reason? Did poor sinking Peter reason? Look to the middle

cross, Joseph. Look to Jesus, and hear His dying cry, 'Father forgive them.'"

At that moment his friend was called away, and when he came again Joseph was a new creature in Christ Jesus. "All night I prayed and sought mercy," he said, "I repented of my sins and I looked to the middle cross and saw my dear Saviour bleeding and dying for sinners, and all at once I believed from my heart He would save me. That moment I felt an unspeakable joy in my soul. O the depth of God's love for sinners!"

Reason will say, "You are too much of a sinner to be saved." But God says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." He came to save sinners.

Questions and Answers

In 1 Peter 3:3 where Peter speaks against plaiting the hair, etc., does that have any reference to women of today having permanents, marcelles, etc.?

Peter and Paul gave advice to the women of their day against worldliness of dress. Although styles change the principle never changes. There is without doubt too much worldliness manifest among many of our women.

Is the word "spiritual pride" mentioned in the Bible?

We believe not, but its presence is held up for exhibition and censure in the Bible. Take for example the Pharisee who "prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men." In making broad their phylacteries and enlarging the borders of their garments, and for a pretense making long prayers the Pharisees showed their spiritual pride. Spiritual pride soon leads to hypocrisy.

Please explain Matt. 5:23 and 18:15. According to Matt. 5:23 is it not the guilty brother who should go to a brother who has been offended? In Matt. 18:15 does it not state that the one who does the going is innocent?

Matt. 5:23 would clearly indicate that if one has offended another such an one ought to seek forgiveness and reconciliation before presenting his worship before the Lord. But it might also be well, even if innocent of any known wrong which he has done, if one learns that another has ill-will toward him, to go to such and seek to explain and have love and peace between them. Matt. 18:15 makes it clear that the one to whom the brother should go seeking reconciliation is the one who has done the wrong, or who harbors hard feelings, as, unless he will be reconciled, the brother who goes is to take one or two more, and if he will not hear them, the church is to judge the matter, and if he will refuse the advice of the church he is then to be disfellowshipped.—E. S. W.

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"Those who need advice don't heed it; and those who heed it don't need it." Is this true?

God has given us some startling facts about refusing good advice. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that *hearkeneth unto counsel* is wise." Prov. 12:15. Are you among the fools or the wise?

"Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice make war." Prov. 20:18. This is a wise plan to follow when we are preparing to start out in the good fight of faith.

Jesus is our Counsellor (Isa. 9:6); and if we *wait for His counsel* (Psa. 106:13) we shall avoid the mistakes made in Josh. 9:14; Isa. 30:1-3; 2 Chron. 10:8; 22:3,4.

We are wise if we ask advice from those who know the Lord and have passed along the same way before us; for "in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Prov. 11:14; 15:22; 24:6.

Some have decided to go by *their own counsel*; which ends in disaster, as we see in Job 18:7; Psa. 5:10; 81:12; Isa. 47:13; Jer. 7:24; Hos. 10:6; 11:6.

The wicked take counsel together and plan to destroy the work of God; but "He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. He taketh the wise in their own craftiness; and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong." Job 5:12, 13.

If we remember the Lord, like Nehemiah, and lean only on His mighty arm, we shall be able to say of all the plans laid against us that *God brought their counsel to nought*. Neh. 4:14, 15. See also Isa. 54:17.

Hudson Taylor's Testimony

Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission, wrote concerning many privations:

"Did we know our God more fully, and walk more constantly in intimate fellowship with Him, we should less frequently be perplexed with the mysteries of His providential dealings. The great enemy is always ready with his oft-repeated suggestion, 'All these things are against me.' But oh, how false the words! The cold, and even the hunger; the watchings and sleeplessness of nights of danger, and the feeling at times of utter isolation and helplessness, were well and wisely chosen, and tenderly and lovingly meted out. Our God hath done all things well."

He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. Sit and listen to hear what God may have to say to you.

The Sunday School Lesson

Peter's Lesson in Humble Service

Lesson 3, Jan. 20. John 13:1-17; 1 Pet. 5:5.

In his letter to the Christians of Asia Minor Peter wrote the following words, "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble." Our lesson describes the event that stamped this lesson on the apostle's own heart.

I. THE DARK BACKGROUND

(John 13:1, 2)

The Darkness of Human Sin. The Lord Jesus faces His darkest hour. His own relatives misunderstand him; His own church has excommunicated Him; the nation as a whole are blind to the real meaning of His mission; He knows that one of His own apostles will betray him, another deny Him, and the rest forsake Him. And then Calvary! Worst of all, His disciples are not in condition to partake worthily of His last solemn meal with Him and to hear His last words. For they are defiled with false ambition, pride, and bitterness one toward another. Those who should have known better are so blinded with a worldly conception of God's kingdom that at this, the eve of His atoning sacrifice, "there was strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." Luke 22:24. This condition is reflected in their faces, and more sharply still, in their attitude; for the first time, not one of them, in the spirit of humble service, has volunteered to perform the duty so necessary in those days—washing the feet of their fellows. The reason is obvious: none of them desired to be a servant—they all wanted to be served.

The Brightness of Divine Love. In spite of the knowledge of His coming sufferings, Jesus is absorbed, not in His own welfare, but in that of His followers; in the face of their carnality, He is not inspired with loathing. For the beloved disciple tells us that "having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." A little boy described a friend as "a person who knows all about you and loves you just the same." Jesus was, and still is, a real Friend. But the same love that bore with their selfishness and pride moves the Lord to take severe measures to purge it from their souls. He must do something drastic to shock them into shame and repentance, so that they might partake worthily of His last supper and their first Communion. And that purpose explains His action that follows.

II. THE DIVINE CONDESCENSION.

(John 13:3-11)

Christ's action typifies or pictures two great Christian facts: (1) The Incarnation of the Son of God. (2) The purpose of the incarnation—deliverance from sin.

The Incarnation Pictured. Notice what Jesus did in the full knowledge of His perfect Deity. "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that he was come from God and went to God; he ariseth from supper, and laid aside his garments and took a towel and

girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded." John's gospel is the profound gospel; behind the deeds and miracles there shine divine meanings. Keeping this scene in mind let us listen to Paul's inspired commentary on the act (Phil. 2:1-8): "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (compare John 13:14-17 and Phil. 2:1-4); who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God (John 13:3): but made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant (Jesus laying aside his garments and taking towel and basin): and being in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (pictured by the washing of the disciples' feet)."

The washing of the apostles' defiled feet was symbolic of the cleansing of their souls from the dust of pride and selfishness. The lesson for us is this: the washing of our souls from sin involved the humiliation of the Son of God. And every time one of His followers asks forgiveness for sins against light, if he has eyes to see, he will behold the Lord of glory stooping to wash his soiled feet. We may be sure that the pride of the apostles melted away in the consuming fire of shame; for it is always true that man's petty pride and vision shrivel away before a vision of the meaning of Calvary. That is why one day strong Martin Luther was found sobbing like a child, moaning "For me, for me." Gal. 2:20.

The Purpose of the Incarnation Pictured.

The shock of the disciples (Jesus intended to shock them) is reflected in Peter's gasped-out question, "Lord, dost THOU wash MY feet?" Answered the Master, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter (verses 12-17)." From these words we may learn to let Christ do to us what we do not for the moment understand; He will explain later, if not now, then in HIGH school—heaven.

The feeling of the apostles is further reflected in Peter's well meaning but thoughtless refusal, "Thou shalt NEVER wash my feet." These words lacked real humility, for the first requirement of discipleship is implicit self-surrender. The Lord answered, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." The lesson is: No one can be a Christian—a "Christ-one"—unless he yields himself to the cleansing ministry of his Lord.

Loyal-hearted Peter, alarmed at this threat of expulsion goes to the other extreme; as he had withdrawn all his body from the touch of Christ so he offers all his body. "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." In other words, "Lord, if my belonging to you depends on being washed, then give me an entire bath!" Peter wanted to go through with the Lord at any cost! Christ answered, "He that is washed (that is, bathed) needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean (bathed)." Wrote D. L. Moody, "I never understood the full meaning of the

Lord's words in John 13:10 until I beheld the better sort of East Indian natives return home after performing their customary ablutions. As they return to their habitations barefoot, they necessarily contract in their progress some portion of dirt on their feet. When, therefore, they return, the first thing they do is to mount a low stool, and pour water into a small vessel to cleanse them from the soil which they have contracted on their journey homewards; if they are of the higher class, a servant performs it for them, then they're 'clean every whit.'" The true Christian is he whose soul has been completely-bathed through "the washing (bath) of regeneration." Tit. 3:5. But as he journeys through this sinful world he may become defiled with sin, in which case he must hurry to the throne of grace to yield himself to the Lord for cleansing. "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

III. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

(John 13:12-17)

The Command. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet: ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done unto you." As the Lord said to Peter, "If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me," so now He says in effect, "If ye wash not one another, if ye refuse to serve one another in love, ye have again no part with me." There is no gainsaying the blessing received by those who literally practise this injunction by performing feet-washing as a ceremony. However, I believe the Lord's words are to be taken deeper than the letter. He as much as says, "Like your Master you ought to be willing to lay aside your dignity and rights and, girding yourself with the garments of humility, be willing to stoop to serve and help your brothers."

The Blessing. "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." There are two parts to the learning process: IMPRESSION, or the hearing of the truth; EXPRESSION, or putting the truth into action. The Lord commands His disciples to express in action what He has expressed in words. Note the threefold blessedness upon those who practise Christ's teachings: (1) They have the joy connected with the accomplishment of an arduous task. (2) They win the approval of their Master. A TEACHER is pleased when his pupils understand the lesson; but a LORD is pleased only when his servants do his bidding. Christ is both Teacher and Lord. (3) They escape the guilt of unimproved knowledge. The following is an inscription on the Cathedral of Luebeck:

Thus Speaketh Christ, our Lord to us:

"Ye call me Master, and obey me not;
Ye call me Light, and see me not;
Ye call me Way, and walk me not;
Ye call me Life, and desire me not;
Ye call me wise, and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair, and love me not;
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not;
Ye call me mighty, and honor me not;
Ye call me Just, and fear me not;
If I condemn you, blame me not."

Myer Pearlman.

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

EIGHTY-SIX PRISONERS BAPTIZED

The account of an unusual occurrence is reported to us by Miss Anna Ziese, one of our missionaries in North China, that of eighty-six prisoners accepting Christ as their Savior and following Him in water baptism. Miss Ziese writes: "We had another baptismal service in the prison, when five women and eighty-one men followed the Lord in water baptism. The meeting was very precious for the Lord did manifest His presence and caused our hearts to rejoice.

"Of course, it is hard to say just how deep an experience each heart really has, so these prisoners need much prayer, for our God is able and also willing to reveal Himself to all who will call upon His name. But even the step of being baptized means much for them in the midst of so many hundreds of unbelievers.

"Last week we had our meeting in the women's department. Two women, one nearly seventy years of age, came up to me and told me how happy at heart they felt since they had believed on the Lord and had been baptized two years ago. They also told that their health was good now, whereas they used to have to take a great deal of medicine. It is truly wonderful what God has done for them. In the natural they have not much to rejoice in, for they have life time sentences, but some day the prison doors will close for them and heaven's gate will open, all because of His wonderful love and bountiful grace.

"Please pray much for us, also for the work here, and that many precious souls may come into the fold before it is too late."

MISSIONARIES ARRIVE IN AFRICA

A very interesting letter comes to us from Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Johnson, telling of the safe arrival in Africa of the party which recently left for the Gold Coast. The party was made up of Miss Pauline Cox, Miss Louise Hackert, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and baby. Brother Johnson relates the trip as follows: "We thank and praise the Lord for the good and safe journey which He gave us coming out here. We left New York on the 30th of August, and ten days later we had the great joy of seeing our family and friends in Sweden. The Lord opened doors for us to preach the Glad Tidings while at home, and in the old home church, the Swedish Covenant Church, we found many who were eager to hear the good news. On October 6 we sailed from Hamburg on the S. S.

Usaramo and a few days later, in Southampton twenty-six missionaries boarded the steamer, all bound for various parts of Africa. A precious fellowship prevailed throughout the trip, and we had both morning and evening services together.

"While the boat stopped in Freetown, Sierra Leone, we hastened ashore to greet our friends, Brother and Sister Dewy Crabb. Brother Crabb being absent on a trip down the Kru Coast, we met with Sister Crabb and many of the native Christians in Freetown. Having praised the Lord together, we joined the ship again. Among the native crew which the ship took on were five native Pentecostal boys, very happy in the Lord, and glad to hear of a Pentecostal missionary on the ship. One evening I had a meeting with them, and quite a number of the others

which is their natural condition after one of Africa's hot days, and come together to pray. They really know the value of prayer."

NEW OPENINGS IN CONGO

Of the progress in the Congo work J. W. Nilsen says: "The prospects for the work are brighter than ever before. Abindima (one of our native evangelists) has just returned this week from the bush. He reports that the people in the villages which I visited a few weeks ago are still talking about the good meetings which were held there. The decisions made for Christ on that trip were 270 and he found them happy, praising the Lord for the words of God that they had heard and believed.

He reported that he found the people in the villages very busy building good houses for their white teacher. When I was out there I had to sleep in the native huts, and since they enjoyed the meetings so much, they have decided they must build a proper dwelling house for me.

"One of the chiefs who heard the gospel has been greatly helped by it. He used to fear the witch doctors, but now God has taken that fear out of his heart. We can praise God for the wonderful liberty and power that He gave us in preaching His Word in every village. I hope to be spending more time out in the

bush villages from now on.

"On my last trip out I came to a large village (the largest in this territory) which has been visited only twice before by missionaries from this station. Now we have a teacher there by the name of Mbunzu, and a chapel is under construction. Mbunzu has been there only three weeks and already he has an average of 85 out to his services."

Please pray for this new awakening which seems to be coming to Congo, that a great revival will break forth and many souls be saved.

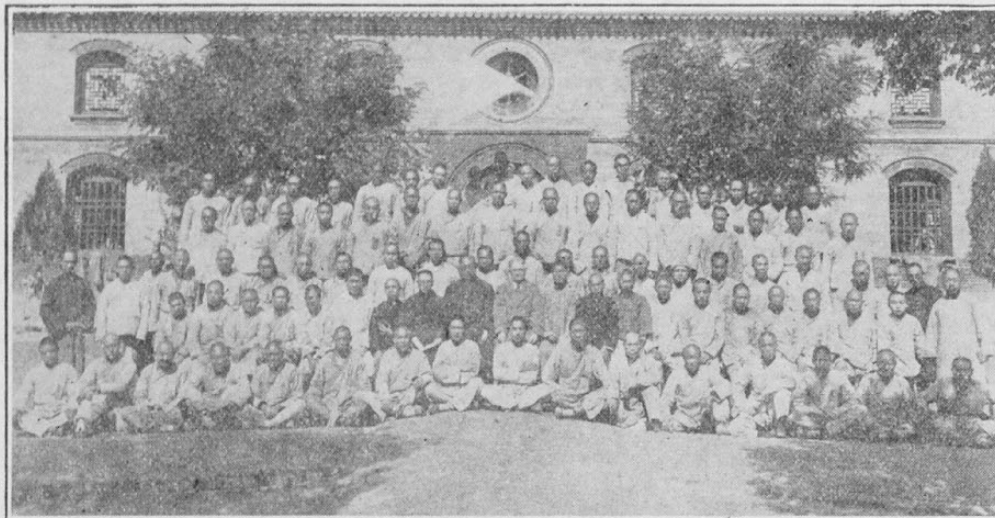
PRAYER WARRIORS IN AFRICA

Miss Jennie Carlson says in one of her letters: "As I am writing I hear sounds of prevailing prayer, worship, and praise from two different places on the compound. Boys and men are gathered in the prayer room, while the girls and women are in the girls' house.

"It is good, here in the jungles of Africa, to find a people who, when the bell is rung for prayer, leave whatever they are doing, arousing themselves from their drowsiness,

MANY TOUCHED IN WEST CHINA

A letter comes from Miss Emma Daechert, one of our missionaries in West China, telling of a recent tour among the assemblies to the north and east of Minchow, the main station. Going first to the aid of another missionary who had met with an accident, Miss Daechert and Miss Ma remained a month to help her, and there held prayer meetings every night. The children were first to break through to receive forgiveness of their sins, and soon the men and women



Prisoners who were baptized in North China. Picture sent in by Miss Anna Ziese.

followed, crying out earnestly for salvation.

Leaving this place, the party journeyed along the Tao River for some distance, crossing many high mountains and having to be carried over the rivers. At one town, where the party spent a few nights, the villagers had killed two Chinese men a few days before. This place was noted for its robbing and killing, but God protected the missionary party. Miss Daechert with her guitar attracted a large crowd on the street and preached the gospel to them.

In Titao the backslidden father of one of our former school girls wept his way back to the Lord, and his wife was saved at the same time. In one place God wonderfully protected his own from bandits by causing the rain to continue so that they could not leave the place where they were. They later learned that the robbers were only a short distance away.

In Lomen the town chairman heard the notes of Miss Daechert's guitar and asked that he might come in, whereupon she had the opportunity to give him the gospel message. Since that time he has been attending the meetings there. Please pray for his salvation. Two girls were saved in Tienshui, and began seeking earnestly for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. In Wusan four were saved, five were baptized in water, while many made a real confession and took a new stand for the Lord.

Pray for all these new converts and those who really want to go on with the Lord, that they may be strong and true witnesses for Jesus in their towns.

REVIVALS IN CENTRAL CHINA

A letter from Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols tells of the blessing of God falling in many of the mission schools of various denominations as she and some of the students of the Bible school have been called to hold meetings in these different places. From her letter we quote: "The past two weeks we have had calls to hold meetings in some of the mission schools in this city (Ningpo). Last week the meetings were held in the Union Girls' High School, where there are about 200 students. Some girls of our own Bible school ministered the Word daily to the students who were not Christians, while our dear pastor gave the Word each night to the Christians. There were more than 60 decisions for Christ during this week's meetings. The Christian teachers and students were revived also.

"This week the meetings were conducted at the Baptist Boys' School, where more than 200 students are enrolled. Here the men students of our school assisted in the afternoon meetings for those who wanted salvation. It has been a wonderful week for both students and teachers. Conviction rested heavily upon all present and confessions just poured forth from many. There many decisions for Christ, and testimonies from the new-born babes were precious. Some of them are now seeking the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"We hope to go to the Baptist Girls' School next week for similar meetings, and to another school for boys the following week. Later in the month our pastor and I expect to go to Hangchow for several days of special meetings in a large Baptist Boys'

School of over 1,000 students. When we return we are scheduled to hold meetings in two other towns. How important it is that these young students be truly saved and consecrated to the Lord for His service.

"The Sunday school and cottage prayer meetings are also being much blessed of God, and many souls are being reached with the gospel message as well as being deepened in Him. Please remember these various meetings and places in prayer."

CALLED HOME



Joseph Sugar

Mrs. Sugar was born in Chicago, Illinois, June 9, 1900, and accepted the Lord as her Saviour in March 1916. Two years later she received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and entered the Beulah Heights Bible School to prepare herself for missionary work inasmuch as she felt the call of God on her life for service in India. It was in the year 1918 that our sister, who was then Amy Struck, was married to Joseph Sugar, and the young couple sailed for India in November 1921 under appointment of the General Council. The large part of Sister Sugar's years of service in India were spent in co-operation with Mrs. Esther Harvey at Nawabganj, where Mrs. Sugar and her husband went directly after their arrival in India some thirteen years ago. The last year has been spent at Lakhimpur, the Mission Station under the supervision of Brother F. Merian, from whence she passed into the presence of the Lord.

Our sister is survived by her husband and two sons David Daniel, age fifteen, and John James, age twelve. Our sympathy goes out to the members of the family in their bereavement, and we solicit the prayers of God's people on their behalf that they may be comforted in their sorrow by the Holy Comforter Himself.

NEED OF RECRUITS

Mr. J. W. Nilsen, superintendent of our Belgian Congo work, sends an earnest appeal for a married couple for that field. In view of the fact that he and Sister Nilsen will soon have to leave the field for a much-needed furlough, it is necessary that someone be thrust forth soon. We trust someone will hear the call of the Lord and respond to this need.

We deeply regret to report the passing away of our sister, Mrs. Joseph Sugar, who entered into the presence of the Lord December 23. The cable message received from India was as follows: "Amy Sugar passed away suddenly last night heart failure," signed, "Merian."



Mrs. Amy Sugar

NORTH INDIA ANNUAL CONVENTION

Charles E. Woolever

The Annual Convention and Conference of the North India District Council was held at Moghul Sarai, the station occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barrick, October 23 to November 1. More of our missionaries were present than usual in addition to other Pentecostal missionaries and still others who were hungry for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The sweet atmosphere of fellowship as we gathered was wonderful. We came together with hearts filled with expectancy and a longing for a fresh vision of our Lord and a new blessing from His own hand.

A good number gathered in the little assembly hall, which used to be an opium factory, but now is a lighthouse for poor lost souls. Brother Barrick brought the message the first night. As the days went on God wonderfully spoke to our hearts through the splendid messages brought forth by the various speakers. Much time was spent in prayer, and through it all there was a broken spirit and a spirit of praise. In one meeting the speaker was unable to bring any message because of such a blessedness which came down among us as we were singing and testifying.

The annual reports were very encouraging. There were reports of blessed revivals in several places. Many have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit in our different mission stations in the past year; and in places where there has not been any outward show of the people's accepting the Lord, there is "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." Every report expressed a spirit of expectancy. We are looking for a revival in India this coming year.

Sunday was a special day of blessing. In the morning we communed with our Lord at the table which He prepared for His disciples. In the afternoon a good number of the Indian brethren of Moghul Sarai gathered with us in a Hindustani service. In the evening the Railway Institute was opened to us and quite a number of the European railway employees joined with us in a meeting there. One raised his hand for prayer.

The spirit of love and fellowship followed over into the business session, but little time was required for business.

We all gathered for a parting meeting in the afternoon of the last day. I am sure there was a desire in the hearts of many to stay on longer as the disciples desired to remain on the mount of transfiguration, but the Lord called back to the work that must be done in the ripened harvest fields.

SAFE ARRIVAL

Word has been received from Lula Belle Hough of her safe arrival in America for furlough after her term of missionary service in South China. Her home address is: 1435 Wisconsin Boulevard, Dayton, Ohio.

HEDVIG HANSEN IN U. S. A.

Miss Hedvig Hansen, on furlough from India, recently arrived back in the United States and may be reached by mail at c/o Mrs. N. Jensen, 520 Howard St., Alhambra, California.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

DAYTON, WASH.—A revival has visited our city, Albert Dollarhide, of Portland, Ore., Evangelist. About 15 surrendered to Christ; 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost; and 25 received Christian baptism. We have been going now for 6 weeks and the fire is still falling.—Wesley H. Banta, Pastor.

MORLAND, KANSAS—We have just closed a 3 weeks' meeting, Brother Sheets, of Nebraska, Evangelist. A number were at the altar for salvation and 14 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. The saints are also revived and new interest is being manifested. God was present in old time power.—Pastor and Mrs. H. Shelton.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—I came here recently from Colorado Springs, and have just closed a 4 weeks' meeting in which all have witnessed a real manifestation of old time power. Sinners have sought God for pardon of sin, and many Christians have been restored to their first love. I have accepted the pastorate for the coming year and may be reached at 1306 Arizona Ave.—Dalton Johnson.

DENTON, TEXAS—We began a tent campaign in August. Large crowds attended each service. About 40 professed salvation and 7 or 8 were filled with the Holy Ghost. A little later we accepted the pastorate. A good revival spirit constantly prevails in the services. Evangelist J. B. Smith and Party, of Quinlan, are now with us in the fourth week of a revival. About 17 have been converted and 3 have been filled with the Holy Ghost.—M. E. Edmundson, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—We have just closed a revival in the Carbondale community, Evangelist and Mrs. L. E. King in charge. The Lord was present in power and many were the shouts of victory for sins forgiven and for the Baptism in the Spirit which a number received. The church is growing and everyone is working wholeheartedly for the furtherance of the gospel. The church has been in its new location for about 3 months, and has doubled in size since the move. We praise the Lord for His blessings upon the work.—W. B. Sowash, Church Secretary.

VALLEY PARK, MO.—August 3 we began a meeting here. About 16 were saved and reclaimed. Two received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. As there was no pastor I agreed to remain until they could secure one. October 24 a prayer revival was opened, M. Helen Bradbury in charge. After 1½ weeks we called Miss Dorothy V. Brooks, for a week's evangelistic services. Some 8 or 9 knelt at the altar for salvation. Miss Lura Johnson then conducted a 2 weeks' campaign when 7 or 8 more sought the Lord; some of these had never been converted. I am now ready to move out into evangelistic work for a time. All departments of the church have been built up.—C. Frank Ingley, Evangelist.

RIO HONDO, TEXAS—A 2 weeks' revival closed Sunday night, Agnes Grayson, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist. About 5 were saved or reclaimed, and the saints were encouraged to go forward. The church responded splendidly in testimony, song, and prayer, and the Pastor, Jack Ransom, worked faithfully to help make the meeting a success.—Peter J. Larsen, Secretary.

AURORA, ORE.—In November and early December we had a 3 week's revival, Elmer Keitzsing, of Eldora Springs, Evangelist, assisted by Robert Landers, of Nevada. Ten were saved; 2 or 3 were reclaimed; and 3 received the Holy Spirit Baptism. Our work is gradually growing, also our Sunday school. Some of our workers are doing home missionary work.—Mrs. Wanda Lane, Church Reporter.

NEWBERN, TENN.—The writer has recently closed a meeting here in which 16 persons were converted, and a new church was set in order with 27 charter members, by District Presbyter, George Presler, of Dyer. The young people have organized a Christ's Ambassador's class, with 30 charter members. I have accepted the pastorate, and also have charge of the church at Trimble.—A. H. Simpson, 620 Butterworth Ave., Dyersburg.

FORKS, MONT.—We praise God for the definite results of a revival conducted by the writer and Brother and Sister Dune. A number were saved and some were baptized in the Spirit. One sister who had gall stones when prayed for, arose from her bed and later attended the meetings every night. On the last night amid praises and triumph the Spirit was poured out without measure.—L. A. Estnes, Evangelist.

MONTICELLO, ARK.—We have just closed a 4 weeks' revival, conducted by Evangelist H. B. Laws. The power of the Lord was manifested in the meetings, and the entire church was built up spiritually. People came 8 and 9 miles from country districts in wagons and trucks, even when the weather was very disagreeable. Nine were saved or reclaimed; 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost; and the assembly was greatly strengthened.—Harry E. Shaw, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The fortieth Thanksgiving convention in Highway Mission Tabernacle closed last night with a wonderful service. The convention, announced to close Dec. 2, due to the great interest manifested was continued to Dec. 9. Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue were used of the Lord in this great meeting. About 60 knelt at the altar for salvation, and about 23 were baptized in the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. The Evangelists' work in connection with our Sunday school was a great blessing, the attendance being 475 on the last day, an increase of more than 200 over the regular attendance.—Flem Van Meter, Pastor.

LIVINGSTON, MONT.—We have just closed a 4 weeks' campaign in the assembly where D. R. Miller is pastor. Several sought for salvation, 5 received the Holy Ghost Baptism; and the assembly was greatly blessed. One young married woman who had never been in church before in her life, sought salvation.—Blanche E. Brittain and Mildred Westerlund.

KIOWA, KANSAS—The Christ's Ambassadors have undertaken by God's help to carry on the work here. We have given up our church building and are meeting in the home of one of our members. We have no pastor at present, but we invite all Council ministers coming through or near Kiowa to stop and give us a service.—Joe Menefee, Secretary, 406 Campbell St.

GALENA, KANSAS—G. P. Hertweck, Pastor Baxter Springs, has just closed a 6 weeks revival here. God marvelously worked, reaching hearts before untouched by the gospel message. About 60 were saved and 5 received the Baptism. Large crowds were attracted and a spirit of victory characterized the meeting all through.—V. Lenzy Hertweck.

PERRY, IOWA—Perry has been mightily blessed of the Lord in a recent 4 weeks' revival, conducted by Evangelist Russell E. Griffin and party. About 36 came seeking salvation and 23 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The pastor, Ralph McCulley, has resigned, to take the pastorate in New Sharon, and we have accepted the pastorate here. Our former pastorate was at Creston.—Floyd Buntentbach, Pastor, 1215 Lucinda St.

MANNFORD, OKLA.—We have had a blessed 5 weeks' revival, in which about 60 wept their way through to old time salvation and 12 were baptized in the Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. Twenty-eight followed the Lord in Baptism. Among these was a man 82 years of age who had attended church but very seldom for years. A shout arose from the saints as he came up from the water. A good number have been added to the C. A. workers. The Sunday school has grown from a small number to 160.—Mrs. L. Taylor, Evangelist.

(Near) LONGVIEW, TEXAS—The Beaumont Assembly, near Longview, has just enjoyed a 2 weeks' revival, L. L. Stewart, of Thornton, Evangelist. Six were saved and 5 of these received the Baptism, according to Acts 2:4. During the 5 months this work has been here the members have increased in number from 8 to 28; 22 of these are Spirit filled. We have a Sunday school attendance of 50. We distribute 25 Evangelists each week. The Lord has given us a new church building. Council brethren passing this way will be welcomed.—A. Ross Aman, Pastor, Route 2, Box 132.

The Scrap Book

OUR WARFARE IN THE SPIRIT

A Suggestive Outline of Ephesians 6:10-18.

Our position. In the Lord. v. 10.

Our power. The strength of His might. v. 10. See Luke 1:80, "waxed strong in spirit." Also Rom. 4:20, "strong in faith."

Our attitude. Able to stand "against" the wiles of the devil. v. 11.

Our foes. Principalities, powers, world-rulers, wicked spirits in high places. v. 12.

Our conflict. We wrestle "against" these evil powers and wicked spirits. v. 12.

Our equipment. The whole armor of God. v. 11.

Our action. Take unto you. v. 13. Put on. v. 11.

The tactics of the foe. Wiles. v. 11. "Withstand" implies conflict. v. 13.

Our triumph. "Having overcome . . . stand." v. 13, R. V. margin.

Our armor. Armor to protect (1) the mind, (2) the heart, (3) the feet. Loins girt with truth. See 1 Peter 1:13. Also the breastplate and shoes. v. 13, 14.

Our armor for the "evil day" of onslaught. (1) Shield, (2) helmet, (3) sword. The shield for the fiery darts. The helmet for the head (for the protection of the mind.) The sword to withstand as Christ withstood the enemy with His, "It is written." Matt. 4:4, 7, 10.

The emphatic need in the conflict. Prayer and watchfulness. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." v. 18. All are in the battle and so all constantly need our prayers. We need also to be always on the watch.

FROM JOHN WESLEY'S JOURNAL

22nd June 1739. In the afternoon I preached at the Fishponds. While I was speaking, one before me dropped as dead, and presently a second and a third. Five others sunk down in half a hour, most of whom were in violent agonies. "The pains" as "of hell came about them; the snares of death overtook them." In their troubles we called upon the Lord, and He gave us an answer of peace. One indeed continued an hour in strong pain; and one or two more for three days. But the rest were greatly comforted in that hour, and went away rejoicing and praising God.

7th July 1739. I had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Whitefield of those outward signs which had so often accompanied the inward work of God. I found his objections were chiefly grounded on gross misrepresentations of matter of fact. But the next day he had an opportunity of informing himself better: for no sooner had he begun, in the application of his sermon, to invite all sinners to believe in Christ, than four persons sunk down close to him, almost in the same moment. One lay without either sense or motion. A second trembled exceedingly. The third had strong convulsions all over his body, but made no noise, unless by groans. The fourth, equally convulsed, called upon God, with strong cries and tears.

From this time I trust, *we shall all suffer God to carry on His own work in the way that pleaseth Him.*

GOING DOWN TO GO UP

Mark Guy Pearse tells of a man whom a manufacturer proposed to take to the top of a lofty shot-tower, that he might "have the world under his feet." He reached a passage where he saw a stone staircase going winding up into the darkness, and began to mount the steps. "No," said the manufacturer, "you are going wrong. It is down here." "But I thought we were going to the top of the tower." "That is the old way, and you would find at the top only a door which is nailed up. This is the way," and the manufacturer pointed to some steps leading down. "Going down is a strange way to get up," said the visitor. Descending, he was asked to sit on a bench. "But I can never get up by sitting still, surely." Nevertheless, the two began to rise, for they had entered an elevator, and soon they stepped out high above the city, to find the world under their feet.

ELEVEN FACTORY CHILDREN SAVED

Eva Louise Bloom, one of our missionaries in Ningpo, China, tells of a very pathetic and interesting incident as follows: "Not far from our compound is a match factory where many children, seven or eight years of age, are employed. As early as five o'clock in the morning we hear them passing our station on their way to work. This, during the winter months, is a most pathetic sight. They work every day in the week, including Sunday, and for only a few coppers. We have been praying for years for an opportunity to reach both these children and the adults who are employed in this factory with the gospel message.

"Recently during the Sunday afternoon evangelistic service our children's meeting was well in progress when a group of these children on their way from work came into the service. The Sunday school teacher called on one of our own little girls in the orphanage, who has had a wonderful experience of salvation and infilling of the Holy Spirit, to give her testimony to them. She proceeded to give them the gospel and was under a real anointing of the Spirit. The teacher then gave an invitation to those who wanted to believe in Jesus and be saved. Eleven of these match factory children raised their hands and knelt down in prayer.

"Our hearts rejoiced in Him for this answer to prayer, and we believe He will some day make it possible for us to get right into the factory and preach the gospel. Please pray with us that this opening might be arranged."

N. TRANSVAAL, S. AFRICA

Since I last wrote you we have had the annual Missionary Conference here at Levubye. Sixteen missionaries were present. We had a nice conference, but the thing which brought the greatest joy to me was the blessing it brought to our native people here at Levubye. There were evangelistic meetings every evening during the week, and the spiritual tide reached its highest when ten received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit on Saturday night. What a joy to see those come through to this experience for whom we have labored and prayed.—Ada H. Reitz.

FIFTH ANNUAL C. A. CONVENTION

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Dedication services for Full Gospel Tabernacle were held

Thanksgiving Day at the C. A. convention. September 8 Pastor and Mrs. Joel A. Clark opened a mission in a tabernacle 30 x 40, with sawdust floor, located in the knitting mills section. In these few months they have received over 100 members; the power of God has been manifested in almost every service; and they now have a new tabernacle valued at above \$12,000. On the above date the church was filled to capacity by 6:30. Willis Taylor, Circuit Clerk, and Mack Cameron, Chancery Clerk, made addresses, and D. P. Holloway, Pastor of Crichton Assembly, brought the evening message, from the text, "I am set for the defense of the gospel." M. T. Hayes, District Superintendent, remained over a week, ministering to the church. The convention, dedication service, and week following have all contributed much to the upbuilding of the work. The C. A. band has been an important factor in the building of our church.—Mrs. J. A. Clark, Church Secretary.

NORFOLK, VA.—We have just closed a revival, Betty Howard, Girl Evangelist, of San Jose, Calif., in charge. She preached nightly for 6 weeks; God opened the windows of heaven and sent us power from on high. The opening night found about 700 people in the tabernacle. The crowd the second Sunday was even greater. The first Sunday night 28 hands were raised for prayer for salvation and about 13 came to the altar. During the campaign around 45 were saved or reclaimed. Seven received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire. In the closing week we had a joint baptismal service. The two local ministers participating were John Slye and Edward Garnes, of Windsor. The Lord came down in blessing as 17 were baptized. Seventeen were received into membership and the church has been wonderfully built up. The Christ's Ambassadors in the 2 or 3 weeks following the revival had 2 or 3 days and nights prayer. Their deep consecration is evidenced by the way they are winning souls to Christ, praying with those who yield until they receive something from God. They have been a great help to the pastor in every department of the church. New families have been added and the Sunday school is growing. Since the revival the meetings have taken on new interest with breezes from heaven constantly blowing upon us.—Charles B. Peters, Pastor.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS.—Recently our District Superintendent A. C. Bates, co-operating with the pastor, A. W. Harris and the church body, opened the way for the further progress of this work. Brother William Panos, of Crane, then gave us a 2 weeks' revival. The presence of the Lord was manifested in each service. Several were saved and some were filled with the Holy Ghost. Almost every night many were healed. A man who had been walking with a cane was healed of rheumatism and he left his cane. A boy whose arm had been severely burned, was healed. A woman who had worn glasses for 19 years and could not see to read or work without them was given good eyesight. Many other wonderful miracles were performed. On the last night numbers of children were dedicated to the Lord. The revival spirit is still in our midst.—Mrs. Pauline Derington, Church Secretary.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNG CONVERTS

By E. S. Williams



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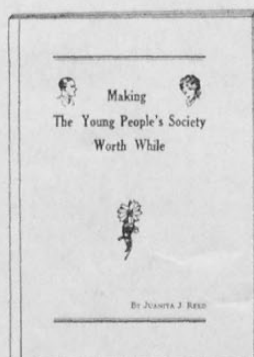
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EUROPE AND TURMOIL

By J. J. Schaumburg

When we remember that Europe is the territory on which operated the fourth beast of Daniel 2, and where the "Dragon" works (Revelation 12 and 20), we can readily see that the trouble over there is that the nations there—as elsewhere—do not want God in their program. And once nations lose God out of their order, they are headed for a fall. And the fall is *imminent*. The right-ful Ruler is on His way to make a great change.

Forthcoming Meetings

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

AVON, N. C.—Jan. 15—; Homer Peterson, Evangelist.—P. A. Wells, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—Jan. 6-20; Marie Wilson, Evangelist.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

ROCKLAND, IDAHO—First Congregational Church; Jan. 13—; Evangelist and Mrs. Guy Peacock.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 13—; Oda B. Teets, Evangelist.—Olan Knotts, Pastor.

ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 1; 3 weeks or longer; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Louis O. Rynning, Pastor.

SASKATOON, SASK.—Elim Tabernacle, Avenue A and 25th Street, W.; Jan. 6-27; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—W. A.

LANCASTER, PA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, W. Orange and Concord Streets; Jan. 5—; Ruth Cox, Evangelist. Walter J. Palmer, Pastor, 1131 Maple Ave.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Fourteenth and Rhode Island Streets, Jan. 27—Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley McPherson.—E. J. Hance, 921 New Hampshire St.

TRAFFORD CITY, PA.—Full Gospel Church; Jan. 13, for 3 weeks or longer, Evangelist C. S. Tubby.—L. T. Culp, Pastor.

MECHANICSBURG, PA.—Jan. 6-27; J. Earl Douglas, Evangelist.—W. R. Murlatt, Pastor, 133 Royal Terrace, Harrisburg.

AKRON, O.—North Howard and York Streets; Dec. 30-Jan. 27; Evangelist and Mrs. J. D. Saunders.—C. A. McKinney, Pastor.

BISMARCK, N. DAK.—Jan. 6, for 4 weeks or longer. Stanley Comstock, Evangelist.—Herman Johnson, Pastor.

ENID, OKLA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 312 E. Cherokee Ave.; Jan. 13-Feb. 10; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Carl W. Barnes, Pastor.

CAIRO, ILL.—Gospel Tabernacle, Elm Street; Jan. 6, for 3 weeks; Evangelist Harry Miller.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

LEWISTOWN, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 108-110 Logan St.; Dec. 30-Jan. 20; H. E. Hardt, Evangelist.—H. A. Christopher, Pastor, 74 Central Ave.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Pentecostal Tabernacle, Lincoln and South Main Streets; Jan. 13-Feb. 3; Vera Hoar Spencer, Evangelist.—Chas. Sheall, Pastor.

PITCAIRN, PA.—Pentecostal Church, Brinton, Ave. Now in progress, closes Jan. 27; Mary Louise Paige, Girl Evangelist.—E. O. Leeper, Pastor, 440 Third St.

RICHMOND HILL, NEW YORK CITY.—Calvary Gospel Tabernacle, 8641 122nd St., near Jamaica Ave., Dec. 30-Jan. 20 Stanley Cooke, Evangelist.—Vernon G. Gortner, Pastor, Box 100, Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Calvary Church, Odd Fellows Building, Tenth and King Streets, Jan. 6, for 3 weeks; H. C. McKinney, Evangelist.—R. P. Hughey, Pastor, 805 W. 22nd St.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH

LUMBER CITY, GA.—Feb. 3, all day; S. W. Noles, District Superintendent. Clifton Brighurst, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—Glad Tidings tabernacle, 610 Flori-braska Ave.; Jan. 2—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ralph Byrd; I. J. Bolton, Pastor.—R. L. Bartlett, Secretary.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, 3100 E. 31st St.; Jan. 15-30; J. N. Hoover, Evangelist.—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

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South Florida District Council at Lakeland	25.00

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New Smyrna Full Gospel Church & S S	3.25
Tampa Balast Point Faith Assembly	4.18
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GEORGIA. Columbus E Highland Pent'l Assembly & Sunday School	17.13
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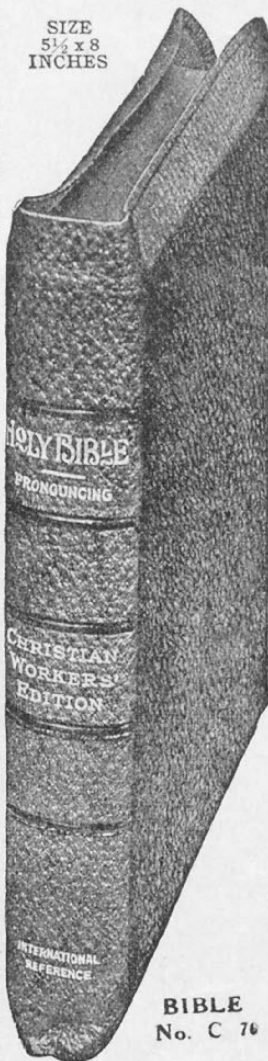
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Deputation Expense Fund	12.96
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And He will also keep the hearts of those that are His so that their hearts shall be filled with love, with love to Him who is altogether lovely, with love for those that are His, with love for poor sinners, and for those who know not the gospel. He will make your heart a holy heart, a pure heart.

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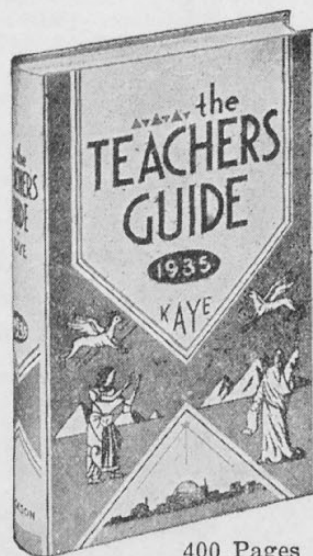
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