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The Baptism With Fire

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WHEN John the Baptist announced the coming of Christ he did so in these words, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me—shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

The fire promised by John was not a new demonstration of God's presence, unknown before. Similar manifestations have marked the activities of God among His people throughout the ages. When the high priesthood was established in Israel and the service of the Lord was inaugurated fire fell upon the sacrifice. Thus God testified from heaven His approval of the tabernacle service, the offerings of His people, the priesthood of Israel, and their worship of the Lord Jehovah. Again in the days of Solomon, when the temple was dedicated, after the different furnishings of the temple had been put in their place, as Solomon prayed the fire fell upon the altar. The fire signified that the temple, with its offerings and service, was accepted. When Gideon was spoken to by God and set apart for definite service, the angel of the Lord manifested his presence and a fire came up out of the rock. At the offering of Abraham, when he wished to ascertain the will of God, he took animals and divided them asunder and waited for the Lord. As darkness began to settle down upon him the lamp of the Lord moved be-

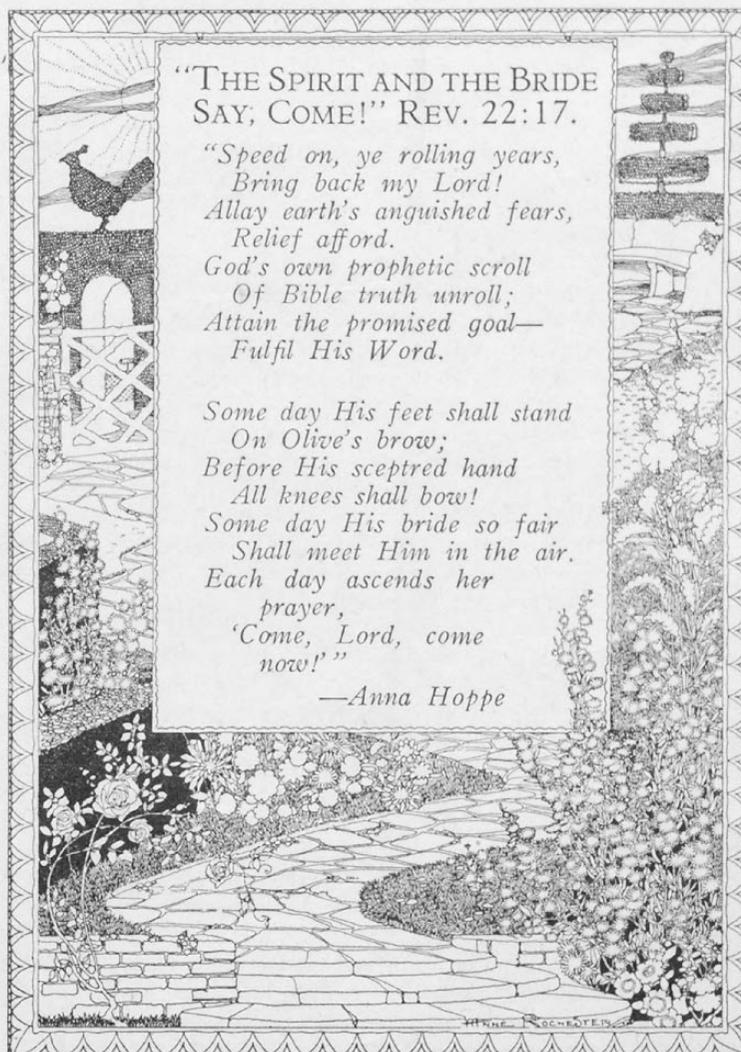
tween the pieces, and God spoke to Abraham. God came to Abraham, to Gideon, to all Israel in the wilderness, and again when they were established in their national life in the Promised Land

manifesting His presence to them in fire.

In each place where the fire of God was seen it manifested His presence and holiness bringing from His people deep and solemn worship. Do not think worship of God to be but a system, or that God is far removed from dealings with humanity. God is a living presence in the midst of His people.

When Moses led his flock to the desert, he was surprised to see a bush burning with fire, but unconsumed. He had seen many bushes burn, but none before on which the fire seemed to have no power. This fire was a manifestation of the presence of God. There is a difference between the fire of God and an ordinary fire. The ordinary fire is a fire of destruction. The fire of God is a fire of preservation. Those who reject the fire of God must be consumed in everlasting burnings. Those who accept the fire of God find it a fire healing and preserving. Unless we enter the fire of God's presence, the preserving, quickening, life-giving fire, we are in danger of suffering the vengeance of everlasting fire. We must all face the fire, either the fire of God's Spirit, which brings with it everlasting blessedness, or we must face the fire of everlasting destruction. Fire is certainly going to come.

When Moses had brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, they came to Mount Sinai. There the Lord descended to
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Holy Silence



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One of the greatest lessons we as the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ have to learn is "silence." We admire a person who has learned to keep silent. Even the world says, speech is silver, but silence is golden. All the servants of God who have borne eloquent witness to the truth had the gift of keeping silent. "Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord," saith the Scriptures. (Zech. 2:13.) It is an absurdity to want to be a Christian without trying to develop the grace of "silence." A true Christian must be as to the secrets of others as silent as the grave. If we wish to learn this art of holy silence we have the great privilege of looking to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. Jesus spoke mighty words, but He also could be silent. Let us inquire after the silence of Jesus.

1. *Jesus was silent about His service.* He wanted to remain hidden, to bless in stillness and go on. This trait we find recorded in the description of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ, "He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets." Matt. 12:19. This verse of Scripture is a quotation of Isa. 42:2. Never did He trumpet forth His great deeds which He executed in the service of love. On the contrary, once it says, "And He sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town." Mark 8:26. Again we read, "And He charged them that they should tell no man of Him." Mark 8:30. Let us learn to be silent about the things God in His goodness saw fit to do through us. If we *have* to tell some things let it be done under the discipline and leading of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God. Often it is necessary to tell those who were blessed by our service, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Mark 5:19. (Notice: The LORD, not the Pastor, or the Evangelist, or the Teacher.)

2. *Jesus remained silent about great personal blessings.* Mark 9 gives us the record of the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ. In the 9th verse of that chapter we read, "And as they came down from the mountain, He charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead." The world and the greater number of His disciples

were not to know anything about His wonderful transfiguration before His resurrection. He and His three inner disciples had to be able to keep quiet about it. It often happens that we also experience wonderful blessings in the Lord in the stillness of our hearts. Can we also keep to ourselves the wonderful hours of blessings spent with Him upon the Holy Mountain? About Mary, the mother of Jesus, we read, "His mother kept all these sayings in her heart." Luke 2:51. O, how many things of great spiritual value we lose, because we talk so willingly about our most intimate experiences. We are too boastful. We like other people to know that God is especially blessing us. Paul says, "If I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he seeth me to be, or heareth from me." 2 Cor. 12:6. R. V. When the Lord has allotted to us a special grace, when our souls have been blessed beyond measure and have been satisfied to the overflowing by His life in us, let us be silent till He permits us to tell of these blessed revelations of His divine grace.

3. *Jesus was silent concerning His traitor.* Yes, He dropped a few hints; but that was all. And Jesus knew from the beginning who would betray Him. He called Judas "devil" and the son of perdition; and yet neither by word nor by deed did He show His disciples the real character of His traitor. When the ten became much displeased with James and John, because they desired to sit, the one on His right hand and the other on His left hand, in His glory (Mark 10:41, 37), how easily the Lord Jesus Christ could have exposed Judas at that occasion. No, He would not do such a thing. In the same manner must we be silent in similar conditions. When God leads us to Golgotha by a Judas let us not talk about the human tool that works on our "way of the cross," nor refuse to submit ourselves, and even wash his feet. How glorious it is that we have power to bless those that revile us, and persecute us, and say all manner of evil against us falsely, for His sake. Even if you do "become a stranger unto your brethren, and an alien unto your mother's children" (Psalm 69:8), you can know that "in the time of trouble he shall hide you in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide you; he shall set you upon a rock." Psalm 27:5. Let us obey

the admonition of Paul, "Study to be quiet." 1 Thess. 4:11.

4. *Jesus was silent when He was falsely accused.* We read in Mark 15:3-5, "The chief priests accused Him of many things: but He answered nothing. And Pilate asked Him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled." Isaiah gave us a beautiful description of this scene, "He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." Isa. 53:7. Christ's lamblike life was characterized by silence. O, that we could learn to keep quiet in the session room of our fellow Christians. When brothers and sisters accuse us falsely, criticize us, misunderstand our doings and put the wrong meaning to our actions, let us take grace to be silent. This silence speaks louder before God than thunder. We have no business even to defend ourselves. Dear hearts, let us place our tongues under the discipline of the Holy Spirit. "Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honeycomb; honey and milk are under thy tongue; . . . a garden *in-closed* is my sister, my spouse; a spring *shut up*, a fountain *sealed*." Songs 4:11,12. Whoever allows himself too much liberty in the use of his tongue loses much valuable time. It is impossible to talk much without saying something that is useless or outright harmful. Too much talking exercises a harmful influence over our lives. Our mind and disposition get filled with vain and useless thoughts and cannot be wholly lost in God. Whoever learns to be silent, is thus helped to be meditative, hidden in God, always ready for prayer. *Outer* silence tends toward *inner silence*. Wherever inner silence exists, there you'll find inner soul rest as well. The excessive, eager efficiency, agitated by the natural life, stops. We become gentle and still.

Do you ask, "Must we not speak in order to do good? Must we not witness to the grace of God revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord, that the poor among men might rejoice in the Holy one of Israel?" Isa. 30:19. To this I would answer, We must do good by a wise alternation of conversation and silence. The Romans had a saying, "Cui bono?" That means, Will it do anybody any good? Let us keep this question before us continually, Will our talking do anybody any good? To be sure, to do this successfully our whole life must be and remain under the leadership of the blessed Holy Spirit.

The giving out in constant talking, without the taking in in silent prayer will mean a great loss to the inner life. Let us learn "holy silence in stillness."

Twenty Years in Africa

Marian Keller

My parents were strict members of the Church of England. At the age of eleven I was admitted to the confirmation class. With the light I had in my heart, I conscientiously followed my Lord, trying in my own strength to keep His commandments. A few years later I joined the choir and memorized nearly all the four hundred and thirty-nine hymns in the book. To this day those hymns are a great blessing to me as the Holy Spirit brings them to my remembrance. I memorized the whole Catechism, which formed a foundation knowledge of the Word in my heart.

At the age of fifteen I finished high school and took a school some distance from home. I started a Sunday school for children, and as the grown-ups came too, I began to preach to them. After going through Normal Training School I took a larger school. For at time I was ring-leader in their gaities, but I was dissatisfied and often would weep bitter tears of repentance. One day some evangelists visited the village, and of course it was proper for the teacher to attend. When they started the hymn "Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same," I was stirred to the depths of my soul. I wanted Him. I yielded afresh and oh, the joy and peace that flooded my soul. I promised to follow Him all the way. The message was on being buried with Him in baptism my immersion. I had to obey. The service was held at a stream of water about 200 yards from my boarding place. There was a sprinkling of snow on the ground at the time, but the Spirit was so real that I did not feel the cold at all. A letter from my parents which did not come until after I had been baptized, informed me that if I was immersed I would not be allowed to enter the home door; but the Spirit whispered, "When thy father and mother forsake thee, then the Lord will take thee up."

A few years later I received a letter from my older sister telling me how she had found the Lord in a new and real way by attending some Pentecostal meetings. The truths about the fullness of the Spirit and the Lord's return were new to me, but I was open for all God had for me. In 1909 I received the Baptism in the Spirit. I felt the call of God for foreign service so went to Elim Bible School for training. It was while in Bible school that I met my first husband, Karl Wittich. God, by many infallible proofs, showed us that He desired us for His service in Africa. In 1913, together with a young man, Clarence Gro-

thaus, we set sail. A month later we landed in a strange, foreign country and real problems confronted us. Permission was granted to work in a territory where no other missionary society had entered. The governor ordered forty men to erect a temporary mud hut for us. We took the few blankets and bedding we had to make the steamer trunks a little softer. We made a temporary wall for rooms with a sheet, and rested happily, although the lions and other animals were roaring all about us. The tropical rains which come down in torrents soaked through the grass roof like a sieve. Every day all our personal possessions had to be put in the sun to dry.

The cook proposition was a difficult one. We had to do all our cooking out in the open on three stones. Water had to be carried nine miles, and my husband and his comrade Clarence took turns carrying the water this long distance. But the hardships were received and endured with joy as we knew we were in the divine will.

About two and one half months after we landed Clarence said to me, "I am not feeling well." While I was trying to get some water heated, he began to sing. We thought he was feeling better, but suddenly all was silent. Upon reaching his bedside we found his spirit had taken flight. That night both my husband and I became afflicted with the same sickness—poison in the water—and my husband had to write a note to our only white neighbor—ten miles distant—to ask him to attend to the corpse as we were both too ill. He did not appear until the second day. We were both in great pain with a high fever, and he and the natives made stretchers and carried us to the railway station where he lived. But before we reached the station my husband went to be with the Lord.

I was taken to the government hospital two hundred miles distant. In the natural there was no hope, and I prayed for the Lord to take me to Himself; but a voice whispered to me, "Thou shalt not die but live, and declare the glory of God."

A family from America came to help me, and also two young men, one of whom we had known in the homeland, started, but war was declared while they were on their way out and they were not permitted to come to our station. For over four years we did not hear from them. During the war period we had some exciting times, but we proved that the Lord was indeed our helper.

After four years the Lord spoke to

me very definitely that I was to go on furlough. In the natural it was impossible as I had no money. But in a most remarkable way the Lord opened up every step of the way and I arrived in Canada, having traveled by way of China and Japan. After a happy time of witnessing for the Lord at home the call came again to return. At the close of 1918 I returned to Africa, spending three months witnessing in England.

In making my way across Africa en route home on furlough, I met Mr. Otto Keller, the young man who four years before had started to our station. As I had to wait for a boat for six months, Mr. Keller and I became better acquainted and engaged. We felt we wanted to prove that it was the Lord's will so it was decided I should go home on furlough first. When I returned to Africa Mr. Keller met me and in short time we were married, and then started right into the work He had appointed for us.

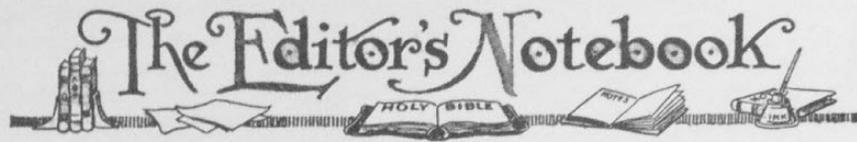
Twenty years of happy service in Africa! The Lord has been with us every step of the way. Just recently we have opened our twentieth branch church school. The last ten years have been full of joy and blessing as we have seen almost a continual revival going on in hearts around us. At the main station we have a dormitory for the training of young boys, a carpenter shop, and a training school which has a daily attendance of about 300 girls, women, boys, and children in different classes. Our Sunday school has a regular attendance of 400 children. The Sunday schools in the branch churches are also progressing nicely. In three and one-half years the offerings of the children amounted to \$150.

We do not know how many are real Christians who attend the services. We used to be able to count them, but not any more. God has the record. Perhaps a thousand are good, solid Christians. A thousand more desire to become Christians but the light has not burst in upon their darkened hearts. When they get saved we lead them on into the light of the Baptism in the Spirit, and many are filled with the Spirit. We have thirty native teachers and evangelists now, and many do voluntary work in the schools.

Pray much for us and our workers. We need you to stand with us as we endeavor to steer this great Pentecostal ship into the haven of God and "occupy till He come."

The above is a short digest of a most excellent new book that is just off the press. You will find it well worth while to get the book and read the whole of the story. "Twenty Years in Africa," costs 25 cents, add 3 cents for postage. Obtainable from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

The Editor's Notebook



God's Withholdings

There are times when God withholds what His children ask. Hannah desired and longed for children, but she was barren. She sought the Lord. Her heart was searched. Her spirit was contrited. Her soul was humbled. And in those days of withholding, God Himself was preparing a woman who should be the mother of a great man of God. Peninnah did not have to seek God, at least she thought she did not have to. She had the favor of God. She could despise this one who was barren. She was occupied with the gifts God gave her—children—and it was not necessary for her, she thought, to spend long hours in travail, in supplication, in prayer, in contrition, in repentance, in humility before the face of God. She could sneer at this woman who in her eyes was very evidently under the disfavor of God. Thus man judges. Man is full of superficial judgment. His thoughts are vain and not the thoughts of God.

Made Perfect in Weakness

God loved Hannah and her tears were not forgotten of Him. Those sighings, those longings, those petitions reached His ears. But God is never in a hurry to grant human petitions. He has His times. Infinite wisdom is back of His withholdings, and He withheld children from this woman of God until He had prepared her, a truly humbled soul, a truly contrited spirit, to be a fit vessel through whom He could send to earth a mighty man of God. If you watch you will see that God in His infinite wisdom and grace withholds that which many ask for. It is in His mercy, in His loving-kindness, in His wisdom that He withholds. The apostle Paul was greatly tested. He besought the Lord thrice for deliverance. But the Lord spoke to his heart and told him, "My grace is sufficient for thee." And He poured in His grace. He answered not the petition but gave such abundance of grace that Paul gloried in the weakness; for he realized that in his weakness God flooded him with such infinite grace and strength that he could say, "I will glory in my infirmities." He learned that when he was weak in himself and dependent upon God, the power of God was forthcoming.

Maturing the Worker

There are times when God withholds, but there are times when He gives bountifully. He met Hannah and gave to

her a son, Samuel, whom she gladly gave to God. Then He gave her that which her heart desired, children; children that were a heritage from the Lord, to bring them up for Him. And now as a woman of God, who knew God, she could bring up her children in a manner and way she would never have brought them up before. For now she knew God, and could teach and train and mould them in a way she could not have done had not God taught and trained and moulded her in those days of waiting. There are times when God would have His children persistent in faith and persistent in seeking for what they can see to be the will of God. There are these who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed. And they would see an immediate crop, they would like to see a speedy harvest. But they see not immediately that which their heart craves, and they pray and weep and cry to God. In those hours of delay, in those hours of God's withholdings, He is fitting, strengthening, maturing and developing the worker, that when in due time the harvest comes, the reaper is equipped and fitted and prepared of God for such harvest.

Keep Praying

Be not discouraged in your prayer life. Be not disheartened as year by year you make the same petition. Continue to pray. It is not the will of God that any should perish. You can pray for all. Be like the widow who came to the unjust judge,

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Do not have your concert *first*, and then tune your instruments *afterwards*. Begin the day with the word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.

Those who begin the day by feeding their souls well in the morning watch, those whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditate in His law day and night, such will be spiritually nourished and strong, if the Word is mixed with faith.—J. Hudson Taylor.

and came again and again, yet the granting of her petition was withheld. But at last the unjust judge gave her what she desired. You come not to an unjust judge but to a righteous One, to One who is compassionate, to One who has promised that if you ask anything in the name of His Son it shall be granted you. As you come continually, earnestly; as you pray faithfully, as you seek for a fullness of the Spirit that you may be enabled to pray in the Holy Ghost, be not discouraged with withholdings, for in due time you shall reap if you faint not. In due time, if you are faithful in your prayer life, He will answer you and give you the desires of your heart.

Honored of God

In the meantime He is developing and maturing you. Begrudge no time spent in praying for those who need your prayers. God's ears are open to the petition of His little ones and He delights to answer their prayers. But He waits to see if they really mean and really desire and really long for and are really concerned about the things they ask. For with many they are but words on the lips, there is no deep longing in the heart. With Hannah it was more than words on the lips. The words on her lips seemed as the muttering of a drunken woman, and Eli reproved her, for he could not hear an intelligent word from her lips. But God heard the cry of a broken heart, of a spirit that was deeply concerned, of a heart that longed for that which would glorify God. And God granted her petition and gave her more than she petitioned—a son that will be honored throughout eternity as a great prophet of God. And the mother who prayed for him will likewise be honored, for her name is writ large in the Word of God that will never perish. Learn from this humble woman, from this broken-spirited woman, that God's withholdings are backed by infinite love, by infinite wisdom.

Three Inscriptions

Over the triple doorway of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend, "All that pleases is but for a moment."

Over the other is sculptured a cross, and these are the words beneath: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance in the main aisle is the inscription, "That only is important which is eternal."

"A whole generation is going down to the grave. *What* we are going to do for our fellow-men of our generation must be done *while they remain to be reached, and we remain to reach them.*"—Pierson.

The Passing and the Permanent

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

Floods in Palestine

It is estimated that more than \$5,000,000 worth of damage has been caused by floods in various parts of Palestine. Hundreds of houses in Tel-Aviv and the Jewish colonies are flooded. A number of orange groves are seriously damaged.

Returning in Unbelief

The Jews are returning to Palestine in unbelief. In other words, the motive of their return is political rather than religious. And the danger is being recognized by some of their leaders. For example, Joseph J. Cooksey tells us that "Rabbi Schachter, speaking for the religious Jews of Palestine, warns his countrymen that 'the separation of the *Torah* (God's law) from nationalism forbodes the greatest danger to the development of that spirit of Israel."

Roman Empire

"The Roman empire as foretold (Rev. 17:8, 9) is slowly mounting up from its grave," writes Pantou in *Sunday School Times*. "The Italian ex-service Volunteers of the Great War express the heart of modern Rome: 'We believe in the universal mission of Rome for the salvation and greatness of human civilization. We believe in the fatality and in the pre-fixed return of the Roman empire. We believe in the Duce of Fascism as the realizer of the immense destiny of Rome.'"

Communism in India

"India is not escaping the Red terror which oppresses China," affirms *World Dominion*. "The Central Government has warned the provincial authorities to take swift and stern action, and Calcutta leads with mass demonstrations to strengthen the hands of authority. Calcutta Communists are especially virulent and their organ, *Review*, praises mob violence in Burma, Peshawar, Sholapur, Bengal and other places. The Sikh organ, *Amritsar*, calls attention to unmoral articles in *Review*, written by Indian girl communists. A more urgent, evangelical and evangelistic presentation of Christianity to meet India's present need is the subject of important articles in the Indian press."

Bidding for Youth

The youth of today will be the makers of history tomorrow. This is why "Russia, Germany, and Italy apparently intend to build a new Europe through national youth movements," states *World Dominion*. "The Russian *Oktyabryata*, the Italian *Balilla*, and the German *Jugend* movements start from a common

line at about seven years of age. Their training is progressively graded until they become regular soldiers. In Germany it is noted with some misgivings that many of the 6,000,000 children in training interpret loyalty to the Nazi State to permit complete freedom from parental restraint, with some serious results. The Catholic Youth Movement, with 1,300,000 members, stands aside from Nazi affiliation."

Questions and Answers

Was Melchisedec Christ?

Some think he was, but the Scriptures do not say so. They say he was "like unto the Son of God" (Heb. 7:3), and that Jesus was made a priest forever "after the order of Melchisedec." Heb. 5:6. There are mysteries surrounding the account of Melchisedec, but his being without father, without mother, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, are generally regarded, not that he was actually without parents or without beginning or ending of existence, but that he was without any genealogy as a priest. The Levitical priesthood had father and mother from which they could trace their priestly lineage, being descendants from Levi, and they had beginning of days and end of life as priests. But Melchisedec typified Christ who came of another tribe of which nothing was said concerning priesthood. Heb. 7:14.

Is it possible for demons of sickness to be in the bodies of saved people? How could this be if they are indwelt by the Spirit of God?

Our salvation at present is moral and spiritual. The Scriptures make it plain that demons do not inhabit the moral or spiritual part of the redeemed man for "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18. On the other hand we know that Jesus loosed one spoken of as a "daughter of Abraham" from her infirmity and said Satan had bound her "lo, these eighteen years." Luke 13:16. Also in the healings of Jesus it is said that He went about "healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 10:38. There is a difference between oppression and possession, and there is a distinction made in the Scripture between many healings and demon possession. Matt. 8:16. But there is no doubt that many sicknesses are the direct work of Satan.—E. S. W.

Move On!

That is practically what some governments are saying to the Wandering Jew. It is said that "In Roumania, about one million Jews are struggling against a rising tide of nationalism, and are considered by the government to be a powerful alien element which nationally is a source of weakness. To keep them down, or force them to emigrate is apparently the government policy. In Turkey the Jews are facing a similar situation."

Thus the movements of history cooperate with prophecy in turning Jewish glances toward the Land of Israel.

Speed

Writes Mr. Boughton in *Redemption Tidings*, "The increase in speed predicted as belonging to the latter days is seeing daily fulfillment before our eyes. Scott and Black have just flown from England to Port Darwin in Australia in 2 days 4½ hours. Seven years ago the record time was 15½ days by air. The steamer time to Australia is 35 days, and the fastest sailing vessel takes 84 days. 84 days to 2½ days is an astounding speed increase. The New Streamlined U. S. Wonder train has travelled 3,334 miles in 56 hours, the normal time for the journey being 84 hours. Sub-Lieut. Francisco Agelle, of Italy, has flown at 423 miles per hour and now claims to have travelled at 441 m.p.h."

All this is typical of the speed at which the world is rushing toward the great crisis of the ages.

Russia's Religious Soul

The following is an admission of a former G. P. U. Commissar of Soviet Russia who has been fighting hard against what he calls Russia's deadliest enemy—Religion. We take it from *World Dominion*:

"As to the *komsomolci* (Communist Youth Movement) it is supposed to be definitely anti-religious. As the youth join this movement full of the zeal of pioneers they wage war against any movement with the slightest semblance of religious or church activity. Yet, when they grow up and have served in the Red Army, we find that they turn against atheism. They join the believers. Thus all the effort expended on their materialistic training is lost. I observed all this and it nearly drove me mad. How could I continue to believe in the ultimate victory of communism and infidelity when I saw that it did not take root, and was only superficial. *The soul of Russia remains deeply religious*. Even those who had been trained from early childhood to accept atheism, and had been strictly kept away from any religious influence are now becoming deeply religious. Russia is incurably gripped by religion."

I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee

Testimonies of those who have proved Him

Acute Appendicitis Healed

Our daughter Grace, 14 years old, was taken with an attack of acute appendicitis, September 11, which drew her until she could not stand straight. We took her to Dr. Lewis of Garden City who said an immediate operation was the only hope. She insisted on going for prayer instead of going to the hospital. We took her to the Assembly of God pastors, John and Nancy Galbreath. As we prayed the power of God seemed to fill the room, and we all, about the same time, got the assurance of her healing. She has had no symptoms of the malady since.—Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Moody, Garden City, Kansas.

Ed. note: The above testimony was received by us a year ago. In January, 1935 Mr. Moody wrote us in reply to our inquiry, "Grace is still well. Never complained again after the Lord healed her. She is well and in school."

Life-Long Ulcers Healed

I am now fifty-eight years of age. When I was a girl I was taken to the hospital for ulcers of the leg. The second hospital I went to they said I had tubercular ulcers, and they spread all over my body. They came on my eyes and I was blind for months. Then I went to another hospital and they took off both breasts in a year's time. In 1932 I was taken to Long Branch Hospital for ulcers of the stomach. After they had taken five X-rays of my stomach they brought me home still suffering. Finally, in June, 1934 I was asked to attend the Mission in Union Branch. I went and they prayed for me, anointing me with oil and I was instantly healed, after forty years of sickness. I haven't taken a bit of medicine since then. I have had a wonderful healing.—Miss E. MacDonald, Cambridge Ave., Union Branch, N. J.

Ed. note. At Miss MacDonald's suggestion we wrote to G. W. MacDonald of Newark, N. J., her brother. He assures us that the testimony she has given is true, and that when he saw her about January 1, 1935, she seemed very well.

Healed, After Preaching to Cabbages!

I preached my first sermon when I was four years of age. It was an outdoor meeting. I had to carry my congregation to the pew, which was an ordinary garden bench.

The service was opened with prayer and singing, and then came the sermon. I exhorted my congregation to praise the Lord and let him have His way, but I

received no response to my earnest and somewhat energetic plea. I told them that they had best be at home if they would not let the Lord have His way, and the meeting was adjourned.

The devil caused the preacher to stumble and catch his eye on the corner of the pew, as he was sweeping the cabbages from it. Not only did the eye look bad, but it was feared that the sight of it was affected.

We were attending meetings in Kitchener at this time, where they believed that God could still heal by His mighty power. I immediately felt that I should go to the front, when the question was asked, "Will those who desire prayer for healing, come forward?"

However, I was not prayed for at that service, but we came back to the next, and when the same question was asked, I was up and out to the front like a flash. Just four years of age, but with faith enough to believe that he who loved me would heal me. I was anointed and prayed for, and the result was remarkable.

"Oh look!" I cried, as we were coming down the steps from the church, and as everyone looked, they saw that the scab had fallen from my eye, which was now perfectly healed.

Praise the Lord! He is just the same today as when, in person, He healed all who came to Him. But we so often miss the blessedness of being healed by the Great Physician because we have not the child-like faith to believe Him for it. Ex-

cept we become as little children, in faith, none of the great things that God has for us can be claimed.

Oh! Beloved, if we but had the faith and simplicity of a little child, what could not God do? All things are possible—

"IF WE BELIEVE."

"IF WE BELIEVE," the Lord will heal from sickness great and small; If we will take Him at His word, and listen to His call, When He has said, "Whate'er ye ask, in faith, ye shall receive"; Then we shall prove His healing power, for us, "IF WE BELIEVE."

—Pastor W. H. Moody, Brampton, Ont., Can.

The Baptism With Fire

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give them His holy law, and when the Lord came down upon the mountain "His presence was like a devouring fire in the presence of the people."

When Elijah the prophet went to Mount Carmel and gathered together the four hundred priests of Baal, he said, "the God that answers by fire, let Him be God." The priests of Baal called upon their god, crying aloud and cutting themselves until time of the evening sacrifice, but there was no fire. Then Elijah prepared his altar and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word." Then the fire of God fell. And when the children of Israel saw the fire of God fall, they cried: "The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God." And they bowed their heads before His presence and worshiped.

These manifestations of Divine fire which testified the presence of God, also testified the purging and purifying grace of the Holy Spirit from on high. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." With all Holy Ghost baptisms there must come purity. There is a distinction between the words "purge" and "purify." Were there a pile of rubbish that was polluting the atmosphere, the place could not well be purified until the place was first purged from the pile by having it carted away. Then the place could be disinfected making it properly purified. Some seem to wish purity when they refuse to purge themselves from iniquity. When God deals with the human heart He purges it, putting out the things not in harmony with Himself and purifying the place where these things have been. There must be a giving up and putting away of all that is evil before we can be purified.

Isaiah declared, "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a



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throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. And the house was filled with smoke." As Isaiah saw this he cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone: because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips." Then one of the seraphim flew with a live coal in his hand which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar, and laid it upon his mouth and touched his lips, saying, Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." It took the fire to purge Isaiah that he might be prepared to answer the call, "Who will go for us?" Not until he felt that purity which comes with the touch of fire from off God's holy altar was he fit to become God's messenger. The fire of God destroys that which ought to be destroyed and preserves that which ought to be preserved.

The Holy Spirit is spoken of as the Spirit of judgment and of burning. As the Spirit of judgment He searches out those things which need to be purged from the human life, all that hinders the will of God. He pronounces judgment upon those things which ought to be removed, and when persons are willing for this judgment, He comes with His glorious power. A lady was seeking the Baptism with the Spirit. As she tarried, the anointing came to her and she thought she was going to receive. Then the Lord asked her to remove a brooch from her. She answered that her husband had given it to her and she did not wish to remove it lest doing so offend him. The Spirit lifted. This occurred three times after which the Lord asked whom she loved most, her husband or Himself? Then she saw she must decide in favor either of her husband or her Lord. She removed the brooch and soon was filled with the joy of the Spirit. The Spirit of burning judges, purges, and demands surrender. Some try to get God's best without letting the Spirit search and judge, but it pays to let God do a thorough work. Not one thing worth being saved will He destroy; not one friendship worth keeping will He take from our lives; not one ambition that is holy, right, and good will He destroy. If He takes anything from us, He is purging us from only those things which He sees will be injurious to our best welfare and to our eternal happiness.

One other Old Testament scripture. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness." Only purified lives can offer a sacrifice in righteousness. There are those who, like Israel when they brought their lame lambs, goats, and

cattle, as an offering to the Lord, offer a sacrifice in unrighteousness. God is looking for that which has been purged, which is whole, which is complete, offerings which have met the scrutiny of the Holy Ghost, that are presented by Him "an offering of a sweet smell, a sacrifice well pleasing to God."

The Baptism with the Holy Ghost and with fire is not a manifestation to come only once. It is to be perpetual. The Spirit has been promised to abide with us forever, and God has said "the fire shall ever be burning upon my altar." John, who announced that He would baptize us with the Holy Ghost and with fire, also said, "His fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor." We are on God's threshing floor. We are the grain of the Lord. There may be considerable chaff, but He knows the wheat. We warn the sinner that the chaff will be burned up with unquenchable fire and warn him to flee from the wrath to come. Jesus also warns the sinner against the coming fires of hell. And another scripture says, "The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." The sinner is spoken of as chaff.

But there is another sense in which the chaff represents those things in believers which are not what God would have them to be. They are not all even sins in that grosser sense; they may be natural characteristics of our nature which hinder rather than help our progress in God. The Spirit has come that the chaff may be consumed. Here let me speak a word of encouragement. For those who are walking in the light of God the fire is ever burning upon the altar of your heart. There may be times when there is less smoke than at other times, but the fire is still there. Now let me speak a word concerning smoke. I speak reverently. When fresh fuel is put into a locomotive, or added in a mill or factory, volumes of black smoke are seen coming from the chimney. But when the smoke is largely gone the fire is still there in the fire box doing its work. I confess I like to see some smoke which we may liken to outward manifestations of joyful blessedness, manifest evidences of fire on the inside. And this is quite in harmony with Scripture. When God appeared in the fire of His glory upon Mount Sinai "Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire, and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace." When Isaiah saw the glory of the Lord "the house was filled with smoke." And it is asked, "Who is this that cometh up out of the wilderness as pillars of smoke?" Some believe the person here is the Bridegroom. If the person is the Bridegroom then wherever there are fresh revelations of Christ there will be fresh manifestation of His presence. The

Bride too will receive fresh infillings of courageous power—manifestations of divine blessedness. Thank God that from time to time He puts fresh supplies of fuel upon the altar fires of the Christian's heart and when He does the smoke thereof ascends before Him as the smoke from the evening sacrifice. Beware of belittling the smoke. Beware of seeking to smother it. Quench not the Spirit. When the church, or individual believers, cease having any smoke, any manifestations of the Spirit, the fire is burning low and is in danger of going out. The smoke is an evidence that God is renewing the fire, the energy of the Spirit within us.

Let us remember, however, that even when we may not be outwardly happy, there is still fire in the firebox and steam in the boiler. The fire that consumes the chaff is still there. When the Lord baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire He sets up something that is to be perpetual. "The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out." When the Spirit is come, He shall abide with you forever. As we believe in His abiding, and welcome Him to burn and consume all that ought to be consumed, He will burn up the chaff, and nothing more, with unquenchable fire. The fire of God never has, and never will, do harm to the godly. "He will thoroughly purge His floor" for God seeks a thorough work, but no wheat will be lost. "He will gather the wheat into His garner." Man is superficial. God is thorough. Man is chaffy. God is seeking only wheat. The great Husbandman is coming. May we welcome the fire, yield to the fire, and, if necessary, stay in the fire until all chaff and dross is burned away. Welcome the Holy Ghost—and fire.

Compromise

The following is an extract from John Wesley's Journal: "On Thursday I went on to Launceston. Here I found the plain reason why the work of God had gained no ground in this circuit all the year. The preachers had given up the Methodist testimony. Either they did not speak of perfection at all (the peculiar doctrine committed to our trust) or they spoke of it only in general terms, without urging the believers 'to go on unto perfection,' and to expect it every moment. And wherever this is not earnestly done, the work of God does not prosper."

Let Pentecostal ministers beware of letting down on the distinctive testimony God has given them to proclaim.

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The Gospel in Foreign Lands

HEATHEN PLACE OF PRAYER BECOMES MEETING PLACE OF CHRISTIANS

Writing from French West Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Smith tell these incidents of the spread of the gospel in the bush villages, where many have never before heard the name of Christ.

"Some time ago Wintegeda, the native pastor of Ouahigouya, made a preaching tour to some of the bush villages north of here. The first town he stopped at was Nodi. Here between four and five hundred gathered to hear 'God's News,' and he preached until after midnight. Some were so interested that they followed him to his host's house to hear more. They returned before daylight and Wintegeda preached again until about eight o'clock, when they had to go to their fields to cultivate. Five earnestly sought pardon for their sins. These had previously heard the gospel through a Christian who had been at Ouahigouya. Many more said they, too, wanted to follow the Lord, but Wintegeda felt that they did not yet understand sufficiently to make their decision at that time.

"From there he went to Pela, reaching this town about noon. The gospel had never before been preached in this place. A crowd came to listen and were evidently interested, as they sat in the midday sun to hear the message. Leaving Pela, he cycled on to Somnawa to see seven Christians who live in that village.

"On the return trip he stopped at Tangi. As is customary he went first to greet the village chief. The chief wanted first to hear what the news was that Wintegeda had to tell before he would consent to its being preached among his people. Wintegeda sat down and the chief, with about ten attendants, sat down some distance away, seemingly not much interested.

"As Wintegeda told the gospel story, he says, the expression on the face of the chief changed and he moved up a little closer. As the story went on the chief came still closer and closer, until, to use Wintegeda's words, 'He was taking the words out of my mouth.' When Wintegeda arose to go the chief said that that was good news and would not harm any man's kingdom. Thus another door is open for the gospel.

"Today Wintegeda returned from another trip to Nodi. Again many came to hear, and eight, who were formerly Mohammedans, asked pardon. Their prayer place has been turned into a meeting place for the Christians. Where once the lifeless forms of Mohammedan prayers were offered, the

praises of God are now ascending from hearts made new by a living message!

"While out this time he went on to another village, Tiou, where there was one Christian. Another asked pardon, so now there are two lights to shine in that circle of darkness.

"Little by little the bush villages are hearing of Jesus, their Saviour, and here and there are small groups of believers. We ask you to pray for them that they may stand true and become witnesses to spread the gospel light farther abroad."

"WON'T YOU COME?"

"This seems to be the cry of this whole district," write Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Crabb, our new missionaries to West Africa. They report many villages pleading for someone to come and give them the gospel, and many villages were visited where the Name of Jesus had never before been heard.

Brother and Sister Crabb go on to say: "After spending about eight days on the

"In one large village the king of the tribe came with the headman, bringing about forty of their young men, and said, 'These are only a few of our boys and they need God, but they have no one to teach them the way to God Country. Won't you come?'"

These incidents are only a few of many such calls from these hungry souls for the gospel of salvation. May these great and pathetic needs not only touch the missionaries who meet them, but stir us all to more earnest prayer and consecration that God may thrust forth more laborers into this great open door of West Africa.

900 SOULS WON IN CONGO

Mr. Axel Oman, one of our General Council ministers working in the Congo reports 900 new converts for the past year. At the time of writing Brother Oman had just returned from a visit to many of the villages where he found the new Christians steadfastly standing true. Twenty-two were baptized on this trip and many more are waiting to be baptized soon. Let us rejoice with Brother Oman in the splendid progress the Word has made in his territory this year.

NATIVES TO OPEN OUTSTATIONS

Encouraging reports of the work in French West Africa among the Mossi tribe continue coming in to us. Harold Jones writes of the local native convention at which time several of the more advanced young men were set apart for the work of the ministry among their own people.

The convention was a time of real praying and the spirit of prayer settled down upon the more than two hundred in attendance so that many prayed all day, and some all night.

During the meeting, Brother Jones relates, eleven boys who have been in the Bible training classes came, expressing their desire to go out to live in various villages to preach the gospel. If this can be arranged, seven new outstations will be opened.

The next section which Mr. and Mrs. Jones hope to open is Koudougou, the seat of government, of which Yako, their present location, is a subdivision. God has laid the matter on the hearts of two of the native workers, and as they will probably be instrumental in opening this new section of the country, they will need much prayer for wisdom and guidance.

Mr. Jones suggests that bicycles would be a great help for these boys who expect to go to these various places, and if someone would like to have a part in this enterprise



Native Mossi village near the Ouagadougou Mission Station, illustrating the primitive conditions in which these people live.

boat, we reached Sinoe, Liberia. There the Paramount Chief, who has served in this capacity for some sixty years, told us that his people have never had anyone to teach them about Christ. He begged us with tears running down his face to send someone to teach his people 'God-way.' Our hearts were moved to prayer as never before as we saw the need among these people so close to the coast and yet no one to lead them to God. We hope by His help to open a station among these people.

"Leaving the Sinoe district, we went back into the interior, going through many villages. It would be hard to imagine any country more primitive than this, and we found the people living in their mud or bamboo huts without the slightest trace of civilization. Many of these villages reported that no missionary had ever stopped there before, and they gave every evidence of appreciating our visit among them, begging us to return or send them someone to tell them more about God.

in a material way, send in your offering for this purpose designated for "Harold Jones, for bicycle fund." All offerings should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. We will then forward your offering on to Brother Jones, together with your name and address so that he can write to you personally regarding the progress of the work.

NATIVES BUILD OWN CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Shirer report: "There is a village seven miles east of Yendi which has been receiving regular visits for more than two years, and now there is a real spirit of inquiry among the people. The services are held under a large tree each Friday afternoon. The people sit around in the shade on all sides while the leaders stand near the trunk of the tree. After a song service and prayer a message is given and then any who want special prayer move forward. It is encouraging to see them earnestly seeking God. Several have taken a clear stand for Christ.

"At the close of the service a class of seventeen meets to learn to read the Scriptures. Some have made splendid progress and are able to help the others. They are now preparing to build a church of their own and are quite enthusiastic about it. We praise God for every evidence of His working in our midst."

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock write: "Nine have recently followed the Lord in the waters of baptism and another group will soon be ready. There is a stir among the people in general. The Christians are holding special tarrying meetings and God has already laid His hand upon some of them for service.

"Yesterday a funeral procession passed the house. The corpse, wrapped in a shroud, was laid on a pallet and carried above the heads of the people as they ran along the road. The mourning was accompanied by the beating of drums. As we realized that another soul had gone into a Christless eternity, we were reminded afresh of our tremendous responsibility to God for the salvation of this people. The idols and fetishes of Africa hold no hope beyond the grave but a certain fearful looking for of judgment."

URGENT NEED, ASSIOUT ORPHANAGE

Miss Lillian Trasher asks that we join her in prayer for a special need at this time. She cares for the 700 children in the orphanage on the policy of never going into debt for anything, so that when the money is not in hand for the next meal, she feels that she must go out and do what she can to collect it and provide food that the children might not have to go without a meal. Preparing such a large quantity of food takes considerable time, and Miss Trasher mentions that it would take a great load from her if she could have a little extra in hand so that food could be provided a day ahead of time. The Lord is able to send in all that is necessary to meet this need if we are faithful in prayer.

TYPICAL MOSSI VILLAGE MEETING

In order that our readers might have a glimpse into a gospel service in a Mossi Land village, we pass on to you a recent letter from Mrs. Vivian Smith, one of our missionaries to this tribe. She writes as follows: "A few evenings ago we went out to Gourega, the bush village where Dabanaga, one of our Bible Training Class boys, goes weekly to minister to the little group of Christians and to preach to the village folk.

"We found the women busy grinding grain for the evening meal, while the men and boys were sitting idly by. Dabanaga lit his lantern and got out his blackboard, and immediately a crowd of children gathered round to again try to get sense out of the queer white marks he was making on the board.

"While he conducted his reading class I went into the yard to greet the women. At first they were shy, but when they found that I could converse with them in their own language they came to greet me and called others from the surrounding huts to come. After greetings I told them to re-



Typical native train, French West Africa

turn to their work for I knew their husbands would scold if their food was not ready on time. This provoked a great deal of laughter among them. Then they told me they would listen while they worked if I would sit down and tell them 'God's News,' for they wanted to hear.

"As I accepted their invitation I sent up a prayer to heaven for the Holy Spirit's help in presenting the message in such a way that these darkened minds could receive it. We know that only He can awaken them to any sense of their need of a Saviour. While I was speaking there was considerable moving about, attending to babies, etc., until we came to the point in the message, 'And He still delivers from the power of sin today. He can set you free from the desire for tobacco, cola nuts, beer, etc.' Several inquired, 'Is it true? Tell us how,' for these are chains of sin that bind and from which many want to be free. I explained the way to them the best I could; then one responded, 'Pray for us.'

"We all knelt down, and every eye was

upon us two—the seeker and myself. One, who had particularly noticed my posture, called the attention of the others by remarking, 'Her hands are like this,' whereupon every pair of hands is clasped in the lap as mine were. Lifting my head, I explained that prayer has to do with a heart attitude regardless of bodily posture. As we again bowed our heads some began laughing, and again we had to explain the seriousness of praying and the reverence we should have for the King of kings. Again we prayed.

"Will you, too, pray that the Word which they have heard and do hear every week may bring forth faith unto salvation, and not only for these but also for all who are hearing the Word from time to time?"

"Knowing that class would be over by this time, I left the yard where the women were to join in the evangelistic service which followed. Mr. Smith and the native pastor had preached to a good crowd, for the most part attentive, except for one old man who persisted in assuring the speakers that he was following God, until he had to be asked to keep quiet. The crowd followed us to the car to show that they wanted us to return.

"Scenes such as I have portrayed above are not out of the ordinary, but there could be many more of them and hence much more accomplished if there were sufficient workers to reach the villages. Please pray with us for more laborers."

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

French West Africa

Our native evangelists have reached fourteen new towns this month where the gospel had never before been preached.—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones.

Sierra Leone

We have been having some real definite healings in our midst lately, some from paralysis and other ailments. For these things we give God all the glory.

Last week the power of God fell in our midst in one of the morning meetings so that many were slain under the power of God and one was filled with the Holy Spirit.

The following day one of the men on the church committee felt led to go and talk to a man about his soul. This man hated the name of Pentecost, but when the brother went to him the power of God seemed to take hold of him so that he wanted to get saved. They knelt to pray and God certainly did a work in his heart and when he arose from prayer he was praising God for his new-found joy. Now he is a happy man.—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Crabb.

French West Africa

Not less than a dozen people have been saved this past month (September) in Ouagadougou and the adjacent territory.—E. Chastagner.

Persia

We praise God for His wonderful ways regarding our meetings. Many Moslems, (Continued on Page 14)

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—We just closed a 2 weeks' revival with Sister Emma Taylor. The Lord blessed in a special way. A number prayed through to victory and the church was edified.—J. C. Green, Pastor, Full Gospel Church, 1510 W. Third St.

HOLLIDAY, ILL.—We have opened a new work here. We are at present in a revival in which souls are deeply convicted of sin and 11 have already been saved. We are having good crowds and interest is constantly increasing. The prospects for a wonderful work for God in this open field are excellent. We have organized a Sunday school which will be in full operation next Sunday.—O. L. Bost, Beecher City, Ill.

DALLAS, TEXAS—The Lord has been blessing our work, which consists of cottage prayer meetings and a Sunday school. In December and January there were 7 saved and 6 filled with the Holy Spirit. Three of these received their Baptism last Thursday night. The Lord is blessing each prayer service. The Sunday school was started only 3 weeks ago and has an enrollment of 73.—Andrew W. Macon, 5310 Lindsley Ave.

ALVERDA, PA.—For the past six months my co-worker and I have been engaged in evangelistic work in the Eastern District. In a meeting here several souls were won for Christ. We recently closed another revival in Barnesboro, with blessed results. Souls were brought to Christ and a sweet spirit was manifest among the members of the assembly.—Marie Griffith and Arlene McQuillan, Ebensburg, Pa. (Turner's Point).

DALLAS, TEXAS—At intervals in our evangelistic work, while in our own city this winter, we have been doing work in districts not especially reached by the larger churches. Souls are being saved or baptized with the Holy Ghost in every service. At one mission there is a newly organized Sunday afternoon Sunday school with about 78 in attendance. In this mission also the power of God is present to save the lost and baptize believers; and here God is especially blessing and using the young people and children.—Lorraine and Jennie Busby, 4317 Terry St.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—We are nearing the end of our second year in this city. The first year was mostly devoted to teaching the church, which consisted mainly of young converts. The second year was made up mostly of trials and tests. Our church burned, and many other discouraging things happened; but through all the church has risen with victory. We have been able to build a larger church 48x70, in the heart of the city, and God is again pouring out His Spirit. Since the first of the year there have been about 15 conversions and 5 or 6 have received the Holy Ghost. We expect soon to be in the evangelistic work.—N. H. Rhodes, 600 N. Fifth St.

COVELO, CALIF.—For the past month the Lord has been wonderfully blessing our efforts for His kingdom here. The church has been revived, and souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, as on the day of Pentecost. I have been asked to take charge of the work.—Joe Markham.

DOYLINE, LA.—We praise the Lord for His blessings on His work here. We have just closed a precious revival, J. B. Gray, Evangelist. Last Sunday we dedicated our new tabernacle to the Lord. There were 8 ministers present. The blessing and presence of the spirit were manifest in the service.—R. C. Ayres, Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, WYO.—Evangelist J. H. Syverson, Benson, Minn., has just been with us in a meeting. God was with us in mighty power from the first service. As the meetings continued many were convicted and came to the altar. Dec. 21 the power came down in old-time, Pentecostal fashion. The house was filled with praise as all rejoiced with "joy unspeakable." Again on New Year's eve the power fell and about 12 were saved, and many others were drawn closer to the Saviour.—L. E. Lamphear, Pastor.

MECKLING, S. DAK.—Evangelist and Mrs. E. Bartlett Peterson conducted a 5 weeks meeting here starting Dec. 4. God's presence and power were mightily manifested and souls were brought under deep conviction. About 27 knelt at the altar for prayer and received pardon from sin. One was filled with the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. Brother Peterson spoke under the anointing of the Spirit. Good crowds attended and these servants of His were surely used of God to build up the work. The revival still continues.—Fred Gottwald, Pastor.

ASHTABULA, O.—The Christ's Ambassadors of this assembly have just closed a week's revival, Glenn M. Horst, State C. A. President, Special Speaker. God set His approval on the meeting the first night by bringing deliverance to one soul. During the week 10 bowed at the altar and one received the Baptism, according to Acts 2:4. Neighboring assemblies were invited to cooperate and as a result a fine spirit of fellowship was manifested. The remainder of the church, as well as the young people were greatly benefited. Having the responsibility of the campaign resulted in our young people's feeling a greater burden for lost souls and the need of working in harmony with the pastor, Brother Frank, who conducted the song service. Miss June Cook, local C. A. President, had the opening devotions. Special music was rendered by the C. A. Chorus and also by neighboring assembly groups. A new interest has been created among the young people and the entire church.—Miss Ina Wagner, Secretary (pro tem).

ARP, TEXAS—Our work here is moving on nicely. We have recently had a good revival, Evangelist and Mrs. Ted Vassar, of Pawhuska, Okla., in charge. Several were saved and a few were filled with the Holy Ghost. Every department of the church is moving on to greater victory. Our building has become inadequate for our services. We are planning to rebuild in the near future. Council ministers passing this way will be welcomed.—Jas. M. Medley, Pastor.

ATLANTA, MO.—God has been present in power here at Bear Creek Church. We came here Oct. 29. Since then about 7 have come forward for salvation, some of whom are bearing fruit for Christ. We enjoyed an all-day meeting Thanksgiving Day. The power of God so prevailed in the meeting that it was impossible to preach. When an altar call was given one who had strayed from the Lord wept his way back to God. We have 17 C. A's. on the roll, and there is a good revival spirit among the saints. All are working together in harmony, with a desire to move forward for God.—H. R. Law, Pastor, Route 2.

OXFORD, O.—In the early spring of last year Brother and Sister Phillips came to Oxford to reorganize and establish a permanent work. We started a cottage prayer meeting and God began to work. Evangelist and Mrs. F. G. Maurer, Radio Gospel Singers, Elkhart, Ind., and Irwin W. Phillips, our pastor, began a special evangelistic effort Nov. 18. We felt God's presence nightly through the messages in song and from the Word. The convicting power of God was present and by His Spirit all former prejudice was swept away. The church has been brought out into a precious unity of spirit with one another and with God.—Henry Buttery, Sunday School Superintendent.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth, assisted by Evangelist and Mrs. James Salter conducted a most wonderful healing convention at the First Assembly of God, 3100 E. 31st St., Dec. 11-16. We had two services daily, except Sunday, when we had 3 great meetings. Large crowds attended every service and God was present to deliver men and women from all evil conditions in soul and body. Many very outstanding healings were witnessed. For the encouragement of sufferers we give these: A man with cancer on his face and hands was healed almost instantly. A woman with hernia of 17 years' standing was completely delivered. A man with asthma of 8 years' standing was saved and healed instantly. A lady was healed of deafness and afterward heard clearly. Several were saved, and the meeting proved a spiritual uplift to the entire work. These meetings will long be remembered, and we trust that these evangelists will return to us soon.—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

Peter Teaches Good Citizenship

Lesson 7, Feb. 17. 1 Pet. 2:11-17; 4:1-5.

The exhortations contained in our lesson-text were addressed to a group of believers in Asia Minor who were the victims of a popular persecution. Peter encourages them with the assurance that the best armor against unjust accusation and persecution is a good conscience and a consistent Christian life.

The Great War. The Christians are being assailed by natural enemies from without; but Peter warns them that their worst enemies are the spiritual enemies from within: "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts (desires) that war against the soul." These words remind us of that greatest of battles in which man is at the same time attacker, defender, and battlefield. See Rom. 7:8-25. In the beginning man rebelled against God; now his passions rebel against him. One part of his nature desires the good, another part of his nature desires the evil; and he finds himself in a civil war in which self is opposed to self, spirit to flesh, the law of God to the craving of the flesh. If he yields to his instincts he must pay the penalty—condemnation and death; if he struggles against them he pays dearly for the victory. Whether he yields or conquers there is no relief from that warfare. Other creatures have to struggle for their existence, but their enemies are from without; man has to perpetually struggle with himself, for he is the only creature divided against himself. And the tragic truth is that man, while fighting against himself may turn traitor to himself, and open the gates of his being to the enemy, and that in the hottest and most crucial moment of the battle.

In the strain of the conflict he cries out, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Rom. 7:25. Comes the inspired assurance, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." God sends an Ally—the Holy Spirit—who assists man's higher nature, so that he is able to "mortify (kill) the deeds of the body." But the duty of vigilance remains. "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."

Two reasons are given for holy living. (1) Their character as "strangers and pilgrims." Spiritually they are foreigners on the earth and should not practice the strange customs of the land in which they dwell. (2) Their influence. "Whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." Inconsistency is particularly noticeable in the life of a Christian. "The whole complexion of a negro is less noticed than the single stain on the face of a white countenance."

The Christian and His Government. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king as supreme; or unto governors." Cit-

izenship in God's kingdom binds a believer to be a good citizen of the country of his birth or adoption. What obstacle may there be to the performance of this duty? (1) The character of the government. Those whom Peter addressed knew that the Roman government was hostile to the church. But that circumstance did not dispense with obedience. Any kind of government is better than none; maladministration is better than anarchy. There was a law among the Persians that when their governor was dead there should follow a period of five days of lawlessness when everybody could do as he pleased. Needless to say the horrors of that period made people rejoice when the new government came into power. (2) The form of government. Whatever the form, government itself is of divine appointment. Water may be made to assume different forms, in fountains and cascades, and made to flow in different channels and aqueducts by the hand of man; but the element itself which flows in them is from God. In like manner, the form which civil power may assume and the person appointed to exercise it, may be the ordinances of man; but the authority itself is from God. (3) The spirit of lawlessness. "Am I not a free member of God's kingdom; why should I submit to an unfriendly heathen government?" a believer might ask. "As free and not using your freedom as a cloak for maliciousness," answers Peter. In other words, Christians are not free to break the law. The following notice appeared in a park; "Ladies and gentlemen will, all others MUST, keep off the grass." The "must" in the laws of the land will not apply to a believer who has a lawgiver (the Spirit), a judge (the conscience) and a policeman (a surrendered will) within him. (4) There is one valid reason for disobedience, and that is when the government exalts itself above God. Acts 5:28, 29. When does a government exalt itself above God? When it commands and attempts to compel a person to do that which is opposed to God's law. The state claiming to be the Lord of man's conscience—that is the politics of Antichrist. 2 Thess. 2:4.

Conformity to Christ. "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin." Christ armed Himself with the resolution to suffer rather than to betray His trust, and so was prepared when the ordeal came. In like manner His followers must resolve to suffer rather than to fail God. And when a person determines to endure anything rather than sin, he has made a clean-cut break with sin that lifts him above its power. "Use sin as Christ was used when He was made sin for us. Lift it up and make it naked by confession to God. And then pierce it—the hands of it in respect to operation, that it may no more work; the feet of it in respect of progression, that it may go no further; the heart, in respect of affection, that it may be loved no longer."

Past Sins and Present Opportunities. The believer must "no longer live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles." These words teach that the consideration of misspent time should be the incentive to a consecrated life. When a man who had been in the penitentiary applied to Henry Ford for employment he started to tell Mr. Ford his story. "Never mind," said the great manufacturer, "I don't care about the past. Start where you are." God has graciously blotted out the stained past and has said to the penitent, "Start where you are." But the memory of the wasted years should warn him that he "no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God." Those years should be to him what the mirror is to the auto driver—something to enable him to look back while going forward.

A fragment of a hymn used in the tabernacle during the time of Christ has been preserved for us. "It was sung in the temple by two classes of aged men; the "Chassidim," or those who, like Samuel, had served the Lord from childhood, and those who were doing penance in their old age for the sins of their youth.

Chassidim

"Oh joy that our youth devoted, sage,
Doth bring no shame on our old age."

Penitents

"Oh joy, that we can in our old age
Repair the sins of youth not sage."

In Unison

"Yes, happy he on whom no early guilt
doth rest,
And he, who having sinned, is now with
pardon blest."

Puzzled Persecutors. "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you." The heathen of Peter's day stared with astonishment at the strange sect which would have nothing to do with feasts and garlands, and winecups and lust disguised as worship, and with idolatrous worship. Their astonishment turned to irritation and hatred, and they began to speak evil of them, calling them "atheists," "enemies of the human race," and accusing them of worshiping the head of an ass, sacrificing children, and engaging in the vilest orgies during their worship. And so it has ever been; the world, first astonished, and then rebuked at the worldly conduct of individuals has pelted them with epithets and nicknames. It is not to be wondered at; a hog cannot understand the appetite of a sheep! Such situations afford Christians an opportunity to pray like Christ, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."—Myer Pearlman.

NEW ADDRESS FOR BLANCHE APPLEBY

Due to the recent Communist army invasion of the northern part of Holsien District it seems advisable for all mail for Blanche Appleby to be sent to her c/o Post Office Box 721, Hongkong, South China. Will all friends kindly take notice.

Miss Appleby writes: "We are praising God for His gracious protection of our lives, our mission station and food supplies during the recent war."

At Central Bible Institute

THE CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the vicinity of Springfield the students of Central Bible Institute are conducting a combined Sunday school of more than three hundred pupils. Some of the divisions of this Sunday school are located as much as twenty-five or thirty miles from the Institute, while the nearest is just a quarter mile up the road. Sunday morning at C. B. I. finds one group of students starting off on foot—Bibles under their arms. One of the young men pulls a wagon bearing a folding organ to use in the devotional activities. Others are filling cars in the driveway. In all directions these squads are going to fulfill their obligations in C. B. I.'s combined Sunday school.

If we should follow one group, we would find ourselves driving along a highway, northward. Then a side road takes us through such a series of curves and hills that it would be no surprize to find ourselves presently back at the place from which we started. However, after a great deal of jolting about, we reach the yard of a little country church. Here a group of people with real spiritual interest awaits us. There is always a time of blessing in the adult class, which comprises half of the Sunday school. Many have had a definite experience with Christ Himself.

Another student group has arrived at a little white church on a hill. First of all, there is a time of greeting in which every one is personally welcomed by each member of the squad. Then after lustily calling down to the spring, where a group of boys in overalls and sweaters are playing ball, the squad is able to gather the respective classes together.

"Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples . . ." Silence was the only response to the Superintendent's reading. Looking up questioningly, she found every eye turned toward a little group in the aisle. Two small boys in overalls were grappling desperately with each other. The one had decided that his little brother needed discipline and had proceeded to march him over to his mother for its administration. But the little fellow wasn't so sure of the necessity of this. Silence reigned. At length the mother put an end to the fascinating spectacle and the Sunday school in unison continued with the next verse.

In some of the visitation work which the teachers have found is very successful in gaining the attention of the community, some very interesting discussions have taken place. In some instances it has taken almost the wisdom of Solomon or the tact of Paul to successfully answer the queries of the people. One squad was quite astounded by being asked, "Who made God?" Another time the question was, "Do devils die?" But it is our desire to be "all things to all men," and we attempt patiently to unfold the mysteries of the gospel.

We find these places of worship in hill-side school houses, in peaceful little church houses at the curve of the road, and in private homes. There have even been attempts to hold gatherings in brush arbors when no

other meeting house was available. Many of the little meeting places are quite primitive.

There has been a real desire in the hearts of the people, although many are quite poor, to fulfill all financial obligations connected with their Sunday school. It is surprizing how many of these divisions are self-supporting. One Sunday school has even taken upon itself the support of a little boy in India, which amounts to \$5.00 a month.

Most of the squads testify that no matter how early they arrive, there is a company of people there awaiting them. This hunger for God is often displayed throughout the whole lesson. Several of our teachers have testified that in some of the more conservative communities they have seen eyes brimming with tears as there has been a witness in the hearts of the people to the truth of the gospel. In one community, a group of children were taught to pray who had never known what prayer meant. And now, every day they pray, having learned a lesson of great value in the Sunday school.

But the thing toward which we have worked as a goal is decisions for Christ. We are asking God to increase the number of souls that have been won in this way, for it is beautiful to see souls blossom and expand under the influence of the Word of God as He inspires His representatives in presenting it from week to week.—Adele Flower.

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

(Continued from Page Eleven)

mostly young men, are coming regularly to the meetings now. Some of them have raised their hands, requesting prayer for salvation. We hope to be able to do more when we have our own chapel finished, because there will then be no fear of interference from the government.—S. J. Kamber.

Forthcoming Meetings

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—Feb. 10—; Evangelist and Mrs. James E. Hamill.—T. C. Anderson, Pastor.

ELDON, IOWA.—Feb. 3—; Nellie R. Cox, Evangelist.—Elmer L. Simbro, Pastor.

KENNETT, MO.—510 Kennett St.; Feb. 10; J. N. Hoover, Evangelist.—H. E. Waddle, Pastor.

BARNSDALL, OKLA.—Feb. 17, for 4 weeks or longer; A. J. Willcox, Speaker.—S. M. Padgett, Pastor.

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—Now in progress—; W. H. Merrin, Evangelist; Broadcast Mondays, 4:00 p. m., KFJM.—Maurice H. Ness, Pastor, 903 Oak St.

GREENSBURG, PA.—51 East Pittsburg St.; Feb. 21-Mar. 10; J. Earl Douglas, Evangelist.—Charles Elliot, Pastor.

NORFOLK, VA.—Evangelist H. C. McKinney, 122 W. Thirteenth St.; Feb. 10-Mar. 3.—Charles B. Peters, Pastor, 113 W. Thirteenth St.

SMITH-WIGGLESWORTH CAMPAIGN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Temple, 1441 Ellis St., Jan. 29-Feb. 10; Brother Smith Wigglesworth and Brother and Sister Salter, of Africa, Evangelists. Great Revival Campaign. This is the only revival yet to be conducted on the west coast by the Wigglesworth Party.—H. Wesley Cooksey.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—11th and Westmoreland Streets; Feb. 10-March 3; C. S. Tubby Evangelist.—Benj. H. Cox, Pastor.

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church, 1600 W. Third St.; Feb. 27, for 3 weeks or longer; Meyer and Alice Tan Ditter, Singing Evangelists.—J. C. Green, Pastor, 1510 W. Third St.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Peak and Garland Streets, Feb. 14-24. Morning Meetings, Feb. 14, 15, 21, 22. Smith Wigglesworth, and Mr. and Mrs. James Salter, Evangelists.—Albert Ott, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Springbrook Ave.; Feb. 27-March 19; Mary Louise Paige, Girl Evangelist.—J. E. Jenkins, Pastor, 529 Minooka Avenue.

YORK, PA.—Duke and South Streets, Jan. 16-March 10. Speakers, E. W. Winand, Ralph M. Jeffrey, and others.—Robert T. McGlasson, Pastor, 728 S. Pershing Ave.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, North Capitol and K. Streets, Feb. 5 for 2 weeks; Guy Shields, Special Speaker.—B. E. Mahan, Pastor, 118 V St., N. E.

KELSO, WASH.—Columbia Gospel Tabernacle (formerly known as Pentecostal Assembly); Feb. 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Edward Gomes, Evangelist.—T. J. Silva, Pastor, 701 Cherry St.

CHANGE OF LOCATION INDIANA FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS AND C. A. RALLIES

Clay City, Feb. 18. Mishawaka, 315 E. Third St., Feb. 25 (Changed from Elkhart). No meals furnished. Bring basket dinner. Services all day starting 10:00 A. M. Ministers from neighboring states invited.—Herman R. Rose, C. A. President, 220 S. White St., Clay City, Ind.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—We recently leased for one year the Hungarian Reformed Church and commenced Pentecostal meetings Jan. 13. Sunday school 2:00 P. M., and services at 3:00 and 7:45, also Tuesday and Thursday evenings.—Henry P. Nicolai-son, 31 Noxon St.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

LAKE CHARLES, LA.—Feb. 21-28; District Superintendent David Burris in charge.—R. A. Work, Pastor.

WEST MONROE, LA.—Feb. 12-21; District Superintendent David Burris in charge; ministers, please attend; free entertainment.—E. L. Tanner, Pastor.

SEDALIA SECTIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS (State of Missouri)

Feb. 22, Sedalia; March 4, Jefferson City, 113 E. Dunklin St.; April 4, Lexington; May 4, Excelsior; June 4, Lee's Summit; July 4, Barnett; Aug. 4, Warrensburg; Sept. 4, Kansas City, 31st and Fontaine; Oct. 4, Clinton; Nov. 4, Pleasant Hill; Dec. 25, Marshall.—J. Lon Hale, Sedalia, Mo., Chairman, E. F. Sanders, Jefferson City, Secretary.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS FOR OKLAHOMA

S. C. Section, Ardmore, 519 Master St., S. E., Feb. 11-12; address W. S. Bragg, Presbyterian, Asher, or Ed Bice, Pastor, Ardmore. N. W. Section, Geary, Feb. 25-26, Free Pentecostal Church; E. E. Baker, Presbyterian, Sweetwater, C. J. Brown, Pastor, Geary; first meeting 7:30 p. m. Those wishing license or ordination must appear in person, recommended by an ordained minister of our faith. Rooms furnished to ministers as far as possible.—James Hutsell, District Superintendent.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION AND C. A. RALLY

DENVER, COLO.—1447 Lawrence St., Feb. 11-15; three services daily; bed and breakfast free to ministers, pastors, and one delegate from each church. Write O. L. Mabry, Secretary, Delta, Colo., about credentials. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, Main Speaker. C. A. rally Feb. 15, afternoon and evening. Paul L. Ferguson, of Longmont, President. Address H. J. Ketter, 3100 Wyandotte St., or Floyd C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, 2648 S. Lincoln St.

SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wichita Falls Section, Electra church, Feb. 26-27. San Angelo Section, Winters church, Feb. 28-March 1. Waco Section, Marlin church, March 5-6. Tyler Section, East Erwin Street church in Tyler, March 7-8. Greenville Section, Greenville Tabernacle, March 12-13. Dal-Worth Section, Boulevard church in Ft. Worth, March 14-15. Austin Section, South Austin church, March 20-21. Valley Section, Brownsville Gospel Tabernacle, March 23-24. San Antonio Section, Glad Tidings church in San Antonio, March 27-28. Yoakum Section, Port Lavaca church, March 30-31. Houston Section, West End Tabernacle in Houston, April 3-4. Beaumont Section, Port Arthur church, April 9-10. Lufkin Section, Lufkin church, April 11-12. All conventions open at 10:00 A. M. For renewal of license, licensed ministers will be required to meet the committee in the section in which they reside. Come prepared to stay through both days. Committee may not be able to pass those who come for one day only. Those who neglect to attend the convention may have trouble with their renewal. We urge all ministers and workers to attend.—E. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

BROADCAST
TRAFFORD CITY, PA.—Station WHJB Greensburg, Pa., Tues. and Sat., 10:30 to 11:00 A. M. "Gospel Joy-Bringers." L. T. Culp, Pastor, c/o Station WHJB, Greensburg, Pa.

BROADCAST
LONDON, ONT.—Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., each week we broadcast over CFPL, 730 kilos.—R. E. McAlister, 555 Dundas St.

BROADCAST—Hastings, Nebr., Sundays, 9:00 a. m.; Station KMMJ, 740 kilos. Will appreciate hearing from those who hear us.—G. H. Millard.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic
 Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. R. Shuss, 34 Lawn St., Rochester, N. Y. "We have resigned the pastorate here."

Misses Marie Griffith, and Arlene McQuillan, Ebensburg, Pa., Turner's Point. "Will answer calls in Central or Eastern District. Reference, G. F. Lewis, District Superintendent, or O. E. Nash, 2525 Gilbert Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O."

Evangelistic or Pastoral

Elmer E. Gore and Daughter, Ringling, Okla. "Have moved back to this state. Will answer calls in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas. I have been in the Council 17 years. Daughter plays guitar and piano, and sings specials. No place too small."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Crestview, Fla., J. B. Bauldree, Superintendent.

NEW ADDRESS—Belleville, Ill., Box 189.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Simms.

NEW ADDRESS—Toppensish, Wash., Southeast and Satus Streets, C. E. Shields.

NEW ADDRESS—Corpus Christi, Texas, 1641 Thirteenth St. "We have been called to the pastorate of Glad Tidings Tabernacle. Ministers in fellowship with the Council will find a welcome.—Pastor and Mrs. N. C. Whitlock."

NEW ADDRESS—Dallas, Texas, 515½ W. Tenth St. "We are pastoring the Bethel Full Gospel Church, corner Sunset and Tyler Streets. I am assisted by Mrs. Anderson and daughter.—F. R. Anderson."

WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

January 17-23 Inclusive

ALABAMA. Personal Offerings	\$ 1.51
Evergreen Megargel Assembly	4.53
Midland City Mt Zion Assembly	3.00
Whistler Assembly of God	5.00
ARIZONA. Phoenix A of G S S 11th & Garfield	5.20
Phoenix Bethel Assembly of God Church	3.82
ARKANSAS. Paris Assembly of God S S	3.30
Pine Bluff Assembly of God Church	2.90
Pine Bluff Assembly of God C A's	1.15
Siloam Springs Christ Ambassadors	3.00
Wesson Assembly of God	2.00
CALIFORNIA. Personal Offerings	156.00
Bellflower Christ Ambassadors	8.00
Brawley First Pent'l Church	1.00
Colusa Full Gospel Church	3.81
Delano Full Gospel Church	8.00
Escalon Glad Tidings Assembly	24.06
Fairfield Trinity Open Door Mission	5.00
Fresno Full Gospel Tabernacle	30.00
Gridley Assembly of God	5.90
Hayward Bethel Full Gospel Church	20.21
Hermosa Beach Gospel Tabernacle	16.75
Holtville A of G Church & S S	9.50
Inglewood F Gos As'ly & Women's Miss Soc	35.00
LaCrescenta Pent'l Church	16.32
Los Angeles Berean Assembly	20.00
Madera Pent'l Tabernacle	15.49
Manteca Glad Tidings Tabernacle	1.00
Maywood Full Gospel Assembly & C A's	63.85
Monrovia Full Gospel Assembly Ch S S	12.78
Morgan Hill Full Gospel Church	44.82
North Hollywood Assembly of God	8.00
Oceanside Gospel Tabernacle	5.00
Oroville Assembly of God	6.76
Pasadena S Calif Bible School Miss'y Society	65.00
Paso Robles Ch of the Full Gospel & S S	15.70
Pomona First Full Gospel Church C A's	4.00
Reedley Full Gospel Tabernacle	22.50
San Bruno Pent'l Full Gospel Mission	22.57
Santa Ana Full Gospel Assembly	17.00
Santa Cruz Glad Tidings Tabernacle	25.00
Selma Full Gospel Tabernacle	7.69
Stockton First Pent'l Church	22.50
Stockton Glad Tidings Mission	7.50
Tulare Full Gospel S S & C A's	12.00
Ukiah Full Gospel Mission	1.50
Vacaville Full Gospel Assembly & S S	6.50
Ventura Full Gospel Church	1.60
Watts Pent'l Sunday School	8.00
COLORADO. Personal Offerings	11.00
Ft Collins Assembly of God	37.00
Ft Collins Christ Ambassadors	3.00
Holly Pent'l Assembly of God	6.37
Las Animas Pent'l Assembly of God	2.00
Snyder Assembly of God	2.00
DNIT, COLUMBIA. Personal Offerings	25.00
Washington Full Gospel Assembly	92.00

FLORIDA. Personal Offerings	1.00
Orlando First Pent'l Assembly of God	11.00
Plant City Mt Zion Assembly	9.00
Port St Joe Pent'l Sunday School	3.69
GEORGIA. Columbus A of G N Highland	7.71
Columbus A of G N H'land Ladies S S Bible C	5.00
Columbus Pent'l Assembly East Highland	15.31
IDAHO. Personal Offerings	1.00
American Falls Assembly of God	2.25
Boise Assembly of God	7.02
Gooding First Local Assembly of God	28.91
Nampa Assembly of God	1.45
Weiser Assembly of God Mission	6.00
Wendell Assembly of God	1.00
ILLINOIS. Personal Offerings	7.00
Alton Gospel Tabernacle S S	35.95
Aurora Assembly of God Tabernacle	9.17
Chicago Full Gospel Assembly	60.00
Greenville Assembly of God	4.00
Hartford Assembly of God Church	5.35
Mounds Assembly of God	3.15
Robinson Pent'l Assembly	7.00
Staubert Pent'l Sunday School	3.11
Westport Assembly of God	5.00
Wood River A of G Church & S S	27.15
Zion Christian Assembly	286.33
INDIANA. Personal Offerings	10.00
Clay City Assembly of God	15.50
Terre Haute Assembly of God	25.00
IOWA. Personal Offerings	7.75
Melcher Assembly of God	1.50
Muscataine Assembly of God S S	3.06
Shambough Assembly of God S S	8.91
Truesdale Assembly of God	9.00
KANSAS. Personal Offerings	7.25
Bird City Assembly of God S S	2.30
Cleveland Assembly of God S S	2.74
Coffeyville A of G Church & S S	34.18
Goff Assembly of God S S	2.00
Jewell City Assembly of God	15.00
Kansas City Assembly of God	8.81
Kingman Assembly & C A's	3.50
Ness City A of G Church & S S	4.02
Pratt Turon C A Group25
KENTUCKY. London Pent'l Church	3.50
LOUISIANA. Personal Offerings	2.05
Allemando Assembly of God	1.40
New Orleans First Assembly of God	9.00
MARYLAND. Personal Offerings	5.00
Baltimore Full Gospel Church Inc	75.00
Evna Pent'l Church	7.56
MICHIGAN. Personal Offerings	25.80
Battle Creek Ch of the Four Fold Gospel	194.00
Detroit Dearborn Tabernacle	25.00
Grand Rapids Full Gos Tab C A's (Home Acres)	1.00
Ludington Pent'l Assembly of God	9.00
Oakwood Assembly of God S S	4.00
Oakwood Hungarian Assembly of God	4.00
River Rouge Assembly of God	55.00
MINNESOTA. Granada Gospel Tabernacle	14.74
MISSISSIPPI. Laurel Kingston A of G & S S	14.10
McComb Assembly of God S S & C A's	9.71
Vicksburg Sunday School Class	2.03
MISSOURI. Personal Offerings	94.25
Canalou Assembly of God S S	5.25
Des Arc Assembly of God	1.80
Elmer Pent'l Assembly of God	2.00
Elmer Assembly of God C A's	5.00
Herculeanum Assembly of God S S	4.00
Kansas City First Assembly of God S S	5.38
Kansas City Full Gospel Tab & S S	57.64
Nelsonville Assembly of God	3.75
Palmyra Assembly of God	2.60
Springfield Fairview Sunday School	6.60
Springfield Lighthouse Mission	3.65
Steelville Assembly of God S S	2.00
St Joseph Assembly of God	7.44
MONTANA. Personal Offerings	29.23
Deer Lodge Full Gospel Mission S S	7.20
Hamilton Full Gospel Church	11.50
Helena Assembly of God	9.15
Kalispell Calvary Tabernacle	25.66
Westby Assembly of God	10.25
NEBRASKA. Personal Offerings	8.00
Bridgeport Assembly of God	8.60
Lincoln Evangelistic Tabernacle	15.53
Milford Assembly of God Church & S S	11.69
Norfolk Madison Full Gospel Assembly77
Ord Assembly of God	10.00
Sidney Assembly of God Church & S S	2.10
South Sioux City A of G Mission	2.40
NEVADA. Reno Glad Tidings Church	17.35
NEW JERSEY. Personal Offerings	23.00
Atlantic City Grace Pent'l Church	25.00
Camden Calvary Tabernacle	25.00
Elizabeth Ebenezer Pent'l A of G	44.55
Elizabeth Trinity Pent'l Church	5.00
Freehold Fort Plains Mission	21.00
Newark Calvary Gospel Chapel S S	11.00
NEW MEXICO. Personal Offerings	8.63
Artesia Assembly of God	3.12
Roswell Assembly of God S S	13.00
Texico District Missionary Convention	21.00
NEW YORK. Personal Offerings	51.15
Binghamton Faith Tabernacle	6.00
Bronx Good News Tabernacle	6.00
Central Park Assembly of God	27.00
Cortland Bethel Pent'l S S	1.71
Dalton Pent'l Church	14.15
Hornell Christ Ambassadors	5.00
Glad Tidings Tabernacle	974.00
Stormville Farmers Mills Gospel Mission	3.40
NORTH DAKOTA. Personal Offerings	6.00
Beulah Full Gospel S S	4.75
Egeland Pent'l Assembly of God	3.00
Fargo Gospel Tabernacle	27.00
Grafton Gospel Tabernacle	4.25

Grand Forks Gospel Tabernacle	18.45
Minot Gospel Tabernacle & S S	12.87
Selfridge Gospel Church	9.00
OHIO. Personal Offerings	97.54
Ashland Pent'l Assembly of God	10.00
Bergholz Assembly of God	2.21
Byesville A of G Tab S S	2.45
Canton Bethel Tabernacle	46.00
Cincinnati Christian Assembly	21.75
Geneva Full Gospel Mission	4.68
Lima Peniel Temple	4.00
Medina Bethel Temple	4.77
Salineville Assembly of God	9.55
OKLAHOMA. Personal Offerings	11.00
Avant Assembly of God	3.00
Muskogee Assembly of God Tabernacle	2.85
Muskogee Christ Ambassadors	1.45
Seminole Glad Tidings Mission	7.00
Stillwater Christ Ambassadors	1.00
Wellston Assembly of God	4.80
Wynona Assembly of God	8.40
OREGON. Personal Offerings	26.00
Astoria Full Gospel Assembly & S S	5.25
Bend Full Gospel Mission	7.42
Hebo Full Gospel S S	3.00
Lebanon Full Gospel Assembly	4.53
Newberg Full Gospel Tabernacle	17.78
Portland Gospel Tab Young People's Rally	21.33
Roseburg Pent'l Church	3.40
Salem Evangelistic Full Gos Assembly & S S	20.56
Springfield Full Gospel Assembly S S	4.50
Willoway Assembly of God	2.00
Westport Pent'l Assembly of God	5.00
PENNSYLVANIA. Personal Offerings	90.25
Beaver Falls First Pent'l Church	8.12
Brave Assembly of God S S	3.25
Freeport Full Gospel Assembly	14.50
Lancaster Church S S & Y P	142.50
Mechanicsburg Pent'l Assembly of God	6.52
Midland Assembly	10.50
Monvue Sunday School	3.00
Pittcairn Pent'l Sunday School	25.00
Pittsburgh Bethel Pent'l Tabernacle	10.00
Pittsburgh Pent'l Gospel Mission	13.95
Trafford Full Gospel Church	35.00
Waynesburg Lighthouse Gospel Tabernacle	5.00
Windber Full Gospel Mission	9.06
Wrightsville Stone Church	20.00
York First Pent'l Church	26.00
RHODE ISLAND. Personal Offerings	3.50
Cranston Providence Full Gospel Church	13.00
SOUTH DAKOTA. Personal Offerings90
Clearfield Junior C A's	1.25
Meckling Full Gospel Tabernacle	11.50
TENNESSEE. Personal Offerings06
Kingsport Assembly of God S S	1.00
Union City Old Republican Church96
TEXAS. Personal Offerings	23.06
Bryan College Heights Assembly of God	2.80
Dad's Corner Assembly of God Church	2.50
Daisetta Assembly of God	5.60
Dallas Berean Class Peak & Garland	25.00
Edinburg Assembly of God	3.75
Electra Assembly of God Church	3.00
Greenville Assembly of God	1.81
Harrisburg Magnolia Park Christ Ambassadors	5.00
Hereford Assembly of God S S	9.14
Levelland Assembly of God S S	2.89
McCamey Women's Miss'y Council	1.00
Port Lavaca A of G Sunday School	4.00
Turkey Assembly Sunday School	1.20
Van Assembly of God	3.00
Wright City Assembly of God S S	5.00
VIRGINIA. Personal Offerings	8.25
Alexandria Full Gospel Assembly S S	18.60
Saltville Assembly of God	1.05
South Norfolk Bethel Assembly S S	4.35
St. Paul Pentecostal Assembly	9.50
WASHINGTON. Personal Offerings	24.00
Aberdeen Calvary Pent'l Temple	19.61
Aberdeen Calvary Temple S S	12.10
Anacortes Pent'l Tabernacle	24.76
Auburn Full Gospel S S	55.00
Battle Ground "Fellow Workers"	3.00
Cashmere Full Gospel Assembly	3.00
Chelan Full Gospel Assembly	2.56
Colfax Full Gospel Assembly	21.00
Coville Full Gospel Sunday School	5.00
Mossyrock Pent'l Assembly & S S	22.00
Seattle Fremont Pent'l Tabernacle & S S	170.33
Sedro Woolley Bethel Tabernacle	5.00
Selah Pent'l Church	20.00
Yakima First Pent'l Church	27.06
WEST VIRGINIA. Personal Offerings	1.00
Jere Shriver Mission	1.50
WISCONSIN. Berling Gospel Tabernacle	21.00
Green Bay Gospel Tabernacle	12.00
Milwaukee Assembly of God	2.25
Milwaukee Community Gospel Tab S S	10.00
Milwaukee Full Gospel Church	18.00
WYOMING. Wheatland Assembly of God	2.75
ALASKA. Juneau Bethel Pent'l Assembly	46.97

Total amount reported	\$5,372.09
Home Mission Fund	\$112.20
Office Expense Fund	78.61
Deputation Expense Fund	14.78
Reported as given direct to Home Mis-	
sions	33.50
Reported as given direct to Mission-	
aries	83.08 322.17
Amount received for Foreign Missions	\$5,049.92
Amount previously reported	12,483.31
Total amount received for Foreign Missions	
to date	\$17,533.23

The Way of Salvation

"Wait a While Longer"

A news dispatch from Copenhagen, Denmark, tells of the sudden death of Lillian Deitzel, who was considered the greatest gymnast of her time. She constantly performed under the big tent of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. In Copenhagen a net which suspended her in midair snapped. She fell upon her head and never regained consciousness. The very day she was killed her husband said, "Lillian, your act is very dangerous. I wish you would quit it. I am afraid for your future." She replied, "Do not worry about me, dear; only two more years and we will go to California and build our home and be happy together, and I'll quit this act forever." She did quit the act forever that very day. The California home will never be built. Death came suddenly, instantly, terribly!

The story is told of a Prince Imperial of France who lost his life in a campaign in South Africa. He had been sent out with a party to a deserted Zulu camp. One of the officers of the party said, "Let us return immediately. If we do not we shall be killed by the Zulus." "No fear of that," said the prince. "Let us make a cup of coffee and start in ten minutes." Before the ten minutes had passed a band of Zulus pounced upon them and among those who fell dead was the young prince. When his mother heard of his death she said, "That was his great failing from his early days. He never wanted to go to bed at night in time, nor to rise in the morning. When too sleepy to speak he would lift up his little hands and spread out ten fat fingers, indicating that he wanted 'ten minutes' more. On this account I often laughed at my baby boy and called him 'Little Ten Minutes More.'" Ten minutes' delay cost the Prince Imperial of France his life.

Many are putting off until "tomorrow" the matter of their eternal salvation. Christ told of a man who was purposing to tear down his barns and build larger, to whom God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Don't occupy yourself all the time with material things. Any day your soul may be required. And what if you have paid no heed to constant warnings to "prepare to meet thy God"? Today forsake your evil ways and your evil thoughts and come to the Lord and He will have mercy upon you, and if you confess your sin to Him He will abundantly pardon.

Emotion in Revival

Dr. G. B. Morrison, said in an address:

"April showers do not last, nor does anybody expect that they should last. But when the April showers have passed away there is a thrill of greenness along every hedge-bank. In seasons of revival, God uses the spur of the emotions as surely as the convictions of the intellect. Emotion is no more permanent than the fire upon my hearth that by nightfall may have sunk into its ashes. But while it lasts it leads. It laughs at obstacles. It leaps the parapet. And *that* is exactly what God wants." Iron softened in fire takes a shape which, when cooled, it can never lose.

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"Great men stand like solitary towers in the city of God; and secret passages, running deep beneath external nature, give their thoughts intercourse . . . of which the laborers on the surface do not even dream."

Jesus revealed the secret of His life and its hidden springs of power, comfort, and guidance when He said, "The living Father hath sent Me, and *I live by the Father.*" John 6:57. In the midst of all the surface tumult, storm, and persecution, His soul was ever dwelling deep down in the center of calm.

In Isa. 53:2 the prophet envisages the coming Saviour as "a root out of a dry ground." Like the palm tree growing in a barren desert of sand, kept alive by striking its roots deep down to hidden springs of water, His secret communion with His Father kept His spiritual life ever fresh and green.

And He Himself said of His followers: "So he that eateth Me even he shall live by Me." The secret of a life of power and victory is to *dwell deep* (Jer. 49:8), and to draw continually from the hidden springs in the Saviour Himself.

Superficiality is what hinders and cripples many a young life today. It was the curse of the Pharisees, who did all their good works to be seen of men. Matt. 23:5.

In contrast with them Jesus placed the publican with his humble prayer, "God be merciful to me, the sinner," thereby revealing *repentance as the cure for superficiality.*

"Of all acts, is not for a man repentance the most divine? The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none." (Carlyle). The church whose members spend most time at the altar will be the most spiritual and the most aggressive.

May the Lord help each one of us individually to feed more ravenously each day on the resurrection life of Jesus for spirit, mind, and body, and to find out the precious things of *the deep that lieth under.* Deut. 33:13.

A Three Minute Sermon

Limit Him Not

It is written, "Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Israel." Some of them limited Him, saying, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" He made the whole wilderness a table, and could have made the whole world a table and filled it with exactly what His children needed. At the end of forty years Moses was able to say to the people, "Your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy feet." They had no need of doctors or drug stores. The Lord provided for their health so that there was not one feeble person in their tribes. He provided rich encouragement in the way of promises, showing them He was taking them to a land flowing with milk and honey.

But some of their hearts failed. They lacked faith. Caleb and Joshua were full of faith and courage, and encouraged the people to go into the land, fearing nothing. The people were afraid of the giants in the land, but these two men of faith said, "They shall be bread for us." But the people drew back in unbelief.

It is written, "My God shall supply all your need." He sees your lack of faith and says, "Have the faith of God." He who died for thee is willing to come and live within thee and to provide for thee all that thou needest for every hour. Paul said, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God." The experience of Paul is to be the experience of each—Christ dwelling in thee and supplying all thy need. All the faith that thou shalt need thou shalt find in Him. He will expel fear from thy heart and put within thee courage. He will shed abroad His own love in thy heart. Fear not that thou shalt lack anything for thy journey. Limit Him not. He invites thee to call upon Him for great and mighty things thou knowest not now, things beyond thy conceptions, beyond all thy thoughts, beyond thy dreams, exceeding abundant above all that thou dost ask.

Dost thou lack the gifts of the Spirit? Ask of Him. He gives to them who ask, who earnestly covet. Those who seek find. To those who knock He opens. He purposeth that in everything thou shalt be enriched, that thou shalt be so filled that from within thee shall flow rivers of living water. Have faith in God. Ask that the Spirit of God shall give thee great longings for His glory. He will give thee all that thou dost ask and greater things. Thy God is great. Limit Him not.