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Why Christians Get Sick and How They May Get Well

Ralph M. Riggs at the Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo.

SICKNESS is not an accident. At least for sickness among Christians, certain reasons may be found.

In Exodus 15:26 the Old Testament law of divine healing was laid down, in which statement was made that if they kept His commandments and walked in His statutes, He would put none of the diseases upon them which He had brought upon the Egyptians, for He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." This was repeated in substance in Deut. 7:12-15. Thus clear insistence was made upon the fact that their continued health depended upon their continued obedience. If they sinned sickness would be laid upon them. Sin was a cause for sickness with them, and we serve the same God today. In our eagerness to explain to sufferers that we do not feel that they have sinned, and thus are responsible for their sickness, let us not overlook the fact that they may have sinned and therefore sickness has been visited upon them. The Scripture clearly teaches that sin is one cause for sickness and, in a world of sin and sin-inclined natures, it could easily be that, more often than not, sin is actually the cause for our sicknesses. Let sufferers therefore first of all examine their hearts for any lurking sin, and come to Him who forgives sins as well as heals sickness. This possibility and need are confirmed in James' epistle in which he links forgiveness of sin with healing for sickness. "The Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults (the Revised Version says 'sins') one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." James 5:16, 17.

Sin as a cause for sickness is made all the more serious if the sinning one dares

to take of the Holy Communion with that sin unconfessed. "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the



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John 17:18

From the brightness of the glory,
"Go ye forth," He said;
"Heal the sick and cleanse the lepers,
Raise the dead.
Freely give I thee the treasure,
Freely give the same;
Take no store of gold or silver—
Take My Name."

Then I went as He had told me—
He, the Lord in heaven;
Went in power of the Spirit
He had given,
And the sick arose rejoicing,
Bore away their bed;
And in might of life eternal
Rose the dead.

And a light beyond the sunlight
Did the blind man see;
Loud and sweet the dumb sang praises,
Lord to Thee.
And the leper from his exile
Came Thy grace to own,
Falling low in rapturous worship
At the throne—

Where He sitteth, working wonders,
High at God's right hand,
More than when an outcast stranger
In the land.
From the throne in heaven speaks He—
Speaks, and it is done;
Thus does God delight to honor
Christ, His Son.

Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." 1 Cor. 11:29, 30. The Communion is the New Testament counterpart of the Passover feast (1 Cor. 5:6-8), and the Holy Spirit is insistent that all leaven of malice and wickedness be purged out before partaking of the broken body and shed blood of the Lord. Sin in the life could itself be the cause for sickness, and especially would that sin bring sickness if the sinning one presumed to partake of the Lord's Supper with that unconfessed sin in the life. "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."

But it cannot be said that conscious sin is always the direct cause for sickness, or that sickness is always caused directly by conscious sin. It is also true that sickness can be permitted of God to provide a crisis through which a Christian could come into a larger and more wonderful experience with God. The case of Job is the classic example of this. Job was perfect and upright, one that feared God and eschewed evil. And yet the Lord allowed Satan to bring great calamity and also physical sickness. Job was not able to understand but declared his confidence in God nevertheless. His beautiful resignation, expressed in the words, "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold," shows us the attitude which Christians should take if sickness has come into their lives in such a way. Out from this experience Job emerged still more perfect and upright, fearing God and eschewing evil as he had never done before. The sickness of Christians may bring them to this most desirable end. "He doeth all things well."

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The Lord's Healing Touch

A Broadcast Message by R. E. McAlister, London, Ont.



Brother McAlister writes us that he is broadcasting each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the noon hour from 12:15 to 12:45, Eastern Standard Time, from Station CFPL, London, Ont., 730 kilos.

I am to answer the question, Of what value is the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in Christian experience? The experience referred to in the question is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and there we find the only description of it in manifestation in the Word of God. In Acts 2:4 we read, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." In Acts 10:44-46, "While Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the Word, and they of the circumcision which believed were astonished because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts 19:1-6, "Paul . . . finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. . . . When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

Illustrative of the convincing nature of the miraculous speaking in tongues heard in Cornelius' house by Peter and his companions we read (Acts 11:17) Peter's words when he was called to account by his fellow disciples for his having gone to Cornelius as he did. He said: "Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?" Besides these three accounts of how people know when they receive the Holy Spirit in His fullness there is the account in the 8th of Acts where the nature of the miraculous sign is not stated, and the mention of Paul's having received the Baptism. As to this we may surely suppose he spoke in tongues as the evidence because he boasts to the Corinthians that he speaks in tongues more than any of them. My own experience, for me makes it sure that the Baptism is evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance for it was so done by me.

And now, let me deal just briefly with

one phase of benefit derived from this experience, namely: "Pastoral Visitation, among the sick and suffering." In November, 1934, I was called to visit a lady who, to all appearance, was about to pass over the border line into eternity. She was unable to speak. Her lower jaw had fallen. Her relatives were around the bed weeping. She herself believed that she was dying, and wanted me there to pray with her as she passed over the river. I dropped on my knees, thanking God that Jesus was the same, yesterday, today and forever, praying that the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus Christ might come into this body. She revived and began to speak, to the amazement of those present, and in a short time was up and going about.

A few days later I was called to pray for a lady who last winter was in bed a number of weeks with bronchitis and asthma. When I was called she was suffering from an attack of this old trouble and was confined to her bed. She was threatened with pneumonia. Pains were shooting through her arms, her back and her chest. They had been up with her three nights using hot applications as she was feeling a smothering sensation. Prayer was offered. Her pains immediately left. She arose and came to meeting that night, and has been coming regularly to all the meetings since.

Just a few days after that I received another phone call. I found a sister had been in bed three weeks with a bad heart attack. She was badly swollen, and the pain in her arm and shoulder was so severe that she could not bear the weight of a shawl. Prayer was offered. The pain left immediately. In a short time she was out of bed. She was at meeting last night and stayed in the prayer room until after 10 o'clock. These cases happened right here in London and anyone desiring may have the names and addresses of these three sisters. They will be glad to interview anyone, and will relate their experience as I have stated.

While Pastor in Ottawa, I was called to the Lady Gray Hospital to pray for a very wicked man who was dying with galloping consumption. He had been moved to the ward for incurables. He was propped up in bed with his chest packed in ice. He was having hemorrhages

had been warned not to speak. We had been warned in going to pray for him, that he must not speak as it was liable to bring on another hemorrhage and he was apt to pass out at any time. I went near his bedside and told him not to speak, that I would read the Word of God and pray, and if he would surrender himself to the Lord Jesus Christ that God would save him and heal him. About an hour after I left the room he recalled what I had said and he there and then made the surrender. He declared that the room seemed to be lighted up with the glory of God. He was conscious that Jesus Christ had become his Saviour and also his Healer. He called the nurse and told her what had happened, and told her he wanted to go home. The nurse called the doctors. He was advised not to go home. But he insisted, declaring that he was healed and asking them to call a taxi. After some hours they yielded to his demands and took off the ice packing and called a taxi. He went home and never had another hemorrhage. He came to meeting the next Sunday in zero weather, got up and testified to what God had done. He became one of my deacons and during a couple of years while I remained pastor in Ottawa was a faithful worker in our church and had no more attacks of his trouble. After his healing, he went back to the hospital and submitted himself to an X-ray examination, and was pronounced free from tubercular trouble.

On one occasion while Pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota, during my absence of a couple of days out of the city, a member of my assembly had fallen down the stairway, striking her temple. She was unconscious for 48 hours. The doctor had give up hope of her recovery. Her near friends had been sent for, as they expected her to die. I was called in to pray for her. We prayed for about half an hour without any apparent results, then we remained on our knees quietly for about five minutes. Suddenly, I felt something stirring within me, which I knew to be a spirit of prayer. The Spirit of God within me, with authority, demanded her deliverance. In less than half a minute she threw up her hand and said, "Praise God I am healed." I left the room. She arose and dressed, had supper and went to meeting that night. When I saw her in the meeting I called on her to take the hymn book and lead the song service, which she did, and apparently had no after effects of her fall.

I could relate many instances like this if time permitted. Now, I do not want to leave the impression that my ministry is a chain of the miraculous. That would not be true. But, repeatedly, people are healed. And during my ministry of 25 years with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, I believe I can safely say that I have witnessed over a thousand people who have been healed by the power of

God. Not all who are prayed for are healed. I feel quite unworthy of this gracious experience and I speak of these incidents of God's gracious blessing with deep humility and thanksgiving in my heart unto God. I realize that we have no merits of our own by which we may approach unto God. It is only through the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and His vicarious sacrifice for us that we have access into His presence.

In closing, let me state that we do not magnify physical healing out of its proper

relationship to other blessings. Far greater than healing is the salvation of a soul. And I also believe that the Baptism is more important than healing, and in all our ministry we endeavor to lead people to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ. We then exhort them to live a clean, holy, separated life. We endeavor to show them their privilege of being filled with the Holy Spirit, and then to take Jesus Christ as their Healer and trust in Him to supply all their needs according to His riches in glory.

There were three different times during this illness that the nurses could find absolutely no sign of life: no pulse or heart beat, the body rigid, the eyes set, the jaw dropped. At one time this condition lasted many minutes. BUT PRAYER! Praise God for the faith He puts in hearts at such times!

"She's gone," the nurse declared, but faith said, "She will return,"—and return she did.

To make a long story short, perfect deliverance did not come until the doctor was dismissed and all eyes were fixed upon the Lord only instead of any earthly resources. Then it was marvelous how quickly the Lord worked.

The doctor was dismissed on Friday, the 12th. On Saturday night she was able to take a little nourishment in the natural way for the first time since she was taken sick. She had no distress whatever.

On Sunday she ate a dinner of meat and potatoes and her stomach and bowels worked naturally, proving that the Lord Himself had performed an operation. All glory be to His name!

On the 14th she sat up and even walked a few steps.

The doctor, in the meantime, was expecting her husband to come anytime for the death certificate. Just imagine his astonishment when the patient herself on the 16th of February walked into his office with a smile and a glow of health on her cheeks!

He was so surprised that he just looked at her in silence. Could it be possible that this was the young lady whom he had left in a dying condition?

"How did it happen?" he finally questioned.

He had said that faith and prayer could do more than doctors and medicine for sick folks, and now he saw the proof of it.

"This is wonderful—wonderful—truly a miracle," was all he could say, as she told him of the Lord's healing power in answer to believing prayer. Although he does not claim to be a Christian, he believes that the Lord can do what the doctors cannot, and he doesn't hesitate to tell others of this miracle of healing.

I am glad to give this testimony to the glory of God, but I would like to add we have learned by experience that it is not always the Lord's will to restore the dead to life in every case. If He has a work for one to do, He will raise up that one as in the case of Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42), when Peter prayed.

Of ourselves we can do nothing, but the Holy Spirit makes intercession in our hearts according to the will of God and His prayers are always answered. Rom. 8:26, 27.—Ida Hitchcock, 2222 89th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Raised from the Dead

There is no mistake about it—facts are facts.

Mary Hoover died and was brought back to life again. She knew when the spirit left her body and she knew when her spirit returned to her body. What a weak, frail, suffering little body it was! The details of her illness are as follows:

She was taken sick February 4th, 1926. She had had a severe cold which settled upon her lungs and the symptoms were alarming. She began to spit blood and was so weak that the next morning she fainted when attempting to arise. She was not able to take nourishment of any kind and she could not even retain water. She had continual pains in stomach and bowels and had no rest day or night.

A physician was consulted and he had her taken to the hospital immediately for an X-ray, for he could not tell what was the matter with her. He believed her intestines were punctured. While there, the doctors decided she was too weak to move to have the X-ray taken and they pronounced her a hopeless case. Against their wishes, her husband had her removed from the hospital and placed under the care of a day and a night nurse in her own home. These nurses believed in prayer for the healing of the body. They followed the doctor's orders in artificially feeding the patient and giving her morphine hypos to relieve her suffering.

She complained of severe pain in the head and neck as well as in the bowels. An ice cap was kept on her head almost continually and her body was kept warm by hot water bottles. This was all that could be done for her comfort.

Tongue cannot express her suffering. Besides all the troubles mentioned, she was greatly distressed with nausea and frequent vomiting of green bile. On the eighth of February, hiccough commenced, sometimes lasting fifteen minutes at a time, then relief would come through prayer.

All during her illness, her temperature was far below normal. The highest that her pulse registered was 108 and the lowest, 28.

On the tenth of February, her pulse was very faint. Her face was of an ashen color and purple lines were about her eyes and mouth. She was very weak and nauseated, and was rapidly filling up with mucus which she could not raise. The death smell filled the room and the doctor gave her but a few hours to live.

Her father and brothers came from a distance to see her for the last time.

In the meantime, what do you think her Christian friends were doing? They were continually in prayer night and day, some of them not even undressing at night. They stayed on their knees. We are reminded of the Scripture in Acts 12:5: "Peter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

Read this chapter and see how marvelously Peter was brought out of prison by the angel of the Lord. Prayer changes things; prayer brings mighty results.

A Thought for Today

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth . . . that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. Joshua 1:8.

The words, "the law of the Lord," which we understand to mean the whole Word of God, are very suggestive. They indicate that the Bible is intended to teach us what God would have us to do; that we should not merely seek for the promises, and try to get all we can from God; but should much more earnestly desire to know what He wants us to be and to do for Him.

The Editor's Notebook



The Prayer of Faith

It is written, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." What kind of prayer will bring about physical healing? The prayer of faith. The context shows that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. How much? Sufficient to change the whole order of nature. The example is given of Elijah, a man of like passions, of weaknesses similar to those that all human beings have. But he prayed. How did he pray? *Earnestly*. There was nothing lukewarm or half-hearted about the prayer of this man of God. He prayed earnestly and the whole order of nature was changed. Palestine was a land with regular seasons of rain, but for three years and six months, in response to the earnest prayers of this man of God, it rained not on the earth.

God's Answer

Then he prayed again. How did he pray? First he made a declaration of faith, "There is a sound of abundance of rain." But the heavens were as brass and there was no sign of a cloud. But Elijah got alone with God, away from the crowd, with only his servant with him. He cast himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. After a while he sent his servant to see how the skies looked. But there was not a cloud. Was he discouraged? Did he say, "It is no use praying"? He went on praying earnestly, fervently. He sent his servant again. Was there no encouragement? No, not a cloud in the skies. What was the use of continuing in prayer? But Elijah continued to pray and prayed earnestly. Seven times he sent his servant. Then in response to the fervent, effectual prayer of this righteous man there was a small cloud seen in the sky, a cloud like unto a man's hand. In a short while the heavens were black, and there was a great rain.

God Changes Men

Jacob had a meeting with God at the brook Jabbok. The Lord dealt with him and asked him his name. He had to confess his name, to reveal his nature. What was he? Jacob, a supplanter. Yes, a man of like weaknesses as ourselves, of like passions, of like failures. One man cannot pride himself over another. All flesh is weak, all flesh is unprofitable, all flesh is a failure, all flesh is as grass, and

no flesh can glory in the presence of God. But Jacob had a persistence of faith, and wrestled all night through. He knew the One with whom he wrestled could bring him blessing, could bring a transformation, and he said to this One, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." Was the Lord offended by this attitude of Jacob's? No. He broke the very nature of the man who prayed that prayer. He touched the hollow of his thigh and Jacob was lame. But the touching of his flesh was just an outward and visible sign that his spirit was broken, his heart was contrite, that the Jacob nature was being superseded by another nature. And the Lord gave him a new name, a new nature. He gave him the name of Israel, a prince with God.

Transformed

What are you? Puny flesh, weak, full of ignoble passions, full of frailty. There is not a good thing in you. But know this, that all that you will ever require is in your Lord, and He would have you follow the example of this supplanter who met with his God and would not let Him go until he was transformed and changed. And though you may be a Jacob, a supplanter, having an evil nature, and conscious of your own frailty, God can transform you. The disciples were all frail. They all disputed who should be first. They all forsook the Lord, and the man who had most to say about his loyalty thrice denied his Master. Yes, you may have flesh like that, but you can go to God and say, "I will not let Thee go until Thou bless me." And He will give to you a new nature, a new name, and will make you a prince, and make you a pillar in the temple of God. Covet a princely nature, and do not let God go until He gives you not only a princely nature, but makes you a partaker of His divine nature, made like unto the Son of God, transformed into His very image, even by the Spirit of the Lord.

Changing Nature's Course

Hezekiah lay on his deathbed. The prophet said to him, "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die." But Hezekiah knew that God was merciful. He cried unto God, "I am oppressed; undertake for me." It was an earnest prayer, a fervent prayer, an effectual prayer. And the prophet was able to bring the king word, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee . . . I will add unto thy days fif-

teen years." And as a sign, the shadow on the sundial went back ten degrees. The whole course of nature was changed. And as the saints learn to prevail in prayer they need not be worried with courses of nature, with natural things. God can bring in a new order which will overrule the natural order and bring in a divine order for His own glory. Joshua was fighting against the enemies of Israel. The sun would soon be setting and the victory was not yet won. What could be done? A word of faith could change the order of nature. And Joshua in the power of the Spirit uttered a word in faith, commanding the sun to stand still and the moon also. And the order of nature was changed, a new order began. Israel was able to prevail, and the enemy was defeated.

Learning to Pray

Do you look at things merely from a natural viewpoint? Learn to look at things from another viewpoint. Learn that God changes natural order when it is for His glory. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man, even a man full of frailty, will avail much to change the order of nature, even to the healing of the sick. And the one for whom the prayer of faith is uttered, though he be in the death throes, shall be raised of the Lord, and his sins though they be many, shall be forgiven him because of the earnest, effectual praying of a righteous man. Do you know how to pray earnestly, effectually, fervently? Confess that you do not and ask Him who has had long experience in prayer, who ever liveth to make intercession, to teach you to pray, and He will give you lessons in prayer. He will teach you to pray the prevailing prayer, the persistent prayer, the fervent prayer—which will do what? Avail much. How much? There is no limit to the much of God. He invites you to call upon Him and He will show you great and mighty things which you know not now. How mighty? Beyond all your conception. Limit not the Holy One of Israel with small conceptions of what He can do. He is the God of all flesh, and there is nothing too hard for Him.

The Church failed God and went into apostasy when it substituted for a heroic evangelism the ignoble task of heresy hunting, and when it substituted the fires of the Inquisition for the fire of the Holy Ghost.

It was a sad day for the Church when she became more concerned with gifts from wealthy patrons than with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

No man honestly wants God and does not get Him.—Alex. Maclaren.

Signs and Wonders in India

The Lord is graciously pouring out His Spirit in India, and the signs are following the preaching of the Word. In the last issue of *Redemption Tidings*, the official organ of the Assemblies of God in Gt. Britain and Ireland, the story is told of large crowds, sometimes as many as 4000 gathering in to one church, to hear the Word preached from the lips of Brother Jeevaratnam, formerly a theater entertainer, but now a preacher of the Gospel. To quote from this story:

The sick came up in hundreds for prayer. It is difficult to keep any record of healings; people come and go away, many to surrounding villages, and often it is not until a long time after that we hear of glorious healings having taken place. One such was a woman, with the same disease as the poor woman who touched the hem of His garment long ago. Within two hours she was healed. A Hindu man, who had never spoken or heard, was healed, and people gathered round him afterwards to hear him speak.

Christians Cleanse Themselves

But even more wonderful than all the healings were the Gospel meetings every evening. How they listened, and how the "Christians" were moved, some to tears, as many of them realized for the first time that they had never been born again. Many young men were really changed. One evening, after the message, an appeal was given to "Christians" who would surrender themselves to God to be delivered of smoking, snuff and drink. A tray was passed round, on which they piled cigarettes, snuff, match boxes and notes pledging themselves by God's grace to give up drink. The presence of the Lord in these meetings was wonderful; once there was a silence that could be felt, when the Spirit of God dealt with souls; another evening one after another would pray.

Demons Silenced

Never have we realized until now what must have been the scenes when Jesus was thronged with a multitude of people—Eastern people—seeking healing. He lived in an Eastern country, and only they know how to crowd and press and throng—they will be there for hours and hours, and go without food and suffer crushings and pushings, but they will wait with a dogged perseverance that the Westerner knows nothing about! And then again, a great proportion of the crowd are idolaters, many of them demon-possessed, and one's Gospel message was sometimes punctuated with a yelling and wailing, as devils make their

presence known; sometimes the possessed one comes rushing up to the front. In one meeting a woman under the power of evil spirits began to scream out "Victory to Jesus Christ!" again and again. How it reminded one of the scene in Acts with the woman possessed with a spirit of divination! Our Brother Jeevaratnam stopped his message (he was speaking in great power on the Cross and its glory) and rebuked the demon and commanded it to be silent. After his message is finished he deals with these cases; until then he commands them to be silent, and they always obey him.

A Joyous Birthday

One of the men was a slave to smoking. He was a nominal Christian only, but his wife was a precious child of God. We were having a time of prayer all together one morning—it was the wife's birthday—and as we sang the chorus "Jesus breaks every fetter" this dear man began to weep. We gathered round him and prayed—how he wept! The Spirit of God came upon him and he cried out aloud for his sins and at this time the Lord showed Brother Jeevaratnam that he was bound to tobacco by demon power. He commanded the spirit to leave him, and immediately the man began to beat his own cheeks violently, crying out, and then fell back in his wife's arms, still weeping, but free! He took the pipe (which he kept under his pillow every night) and the matches and threw them on the floor, and we burned them outside. He has not had a desire for smoking since (I write this three months after) and he is a new creature in Christ Jesus. What a joyous birthday for his wife! He was a slave to smoking for over thirty years, and is a living testimony to God's glorious delivering power.

Delivered from Internal Trouble

Another woman had been sick for seven years with internal trouble, having undergone an operation, with no result. She had all the symptoms of demon-possession, but did not know it. While being prayed for, she came under the power of the demons, who spoke through her, saying they were three in number. After 35 minutes' mighty prevailing prayer and commanding them to go in Jesus' Name, she was gloriously delivered. We have seen her since on two occasions; she is quite well and happy. The Lord has given our Brother Jeevaratnam a very remarkable ministry of casting out demons.

There was one woman who was pos-

sessed by a demon for many years; she used to wander around and sometimes take off all her clothes and swing by her feet on branches of trees like a monkey. She came to the meeting and the demon was cast out of her in the Name of Jesus, and she is free.

Lawyer Astonishes Court

A leading lawyer testified before the whole Church that he was a changed man: his face was glowing with his new-found joy in Christ. In Court one day, when there was a point in his favor, this brother forgot himself and said, "Praise the Lord"—to the amazement of the European Judge! In his house a wonderful thing happened. His sister was sick—from the symptoms a clear case of demon-possession—and what a terrible case it was! We all stood round her, but she was like one half-conscious, and refused to answer any questions or say the Name of Jesus—and she a "Christian!" After a time of earnest prayer, the Holy Spirit came on Brother Stewart and he gave a message, to the effect that we were not to fear but be strong and remember that Jesus had given us power and authority over demons, and that He would give the victory in this case.

Setting the Captives Free

We resumed prayer, with renewed faith, and immediately the demon answered questions through the woman and gave the name of her grandfather, who was dead. He had been a wicked sorcerer it appeared, and we wondered if the evil spirit that possessed him had come into her. If this is so, can we not see how evil spirits impersonate dead relatives and deceive people who practice Spiritism? And in this country, among the heathen, it is a common custom for a person who has a grudge against another, to go to a sorcerer and get him to send an evil spirit upon that person. Until recently, we have wondered whether all this was Eastern folk-lore and imagination, but we know now that it is a terrible reality, and that wicked people serve demons and use them for their own purposes. But, to return to the woman's case, we continued in prayer and she now repeated "Victory through the Blood of Jesus" after us, and Brother Jeevaratnam commanded the demon to come out of her and return no more. There was a great change; the woman, who had been in a half-conscious state, apparently very sick, for days at a time, literally "came to herself" as the evil power left her, and for a while she lay on the floor in weakness, but soon she sat up, straightened her hair and talked to us quite normally, and praise God she has been quite well ever since. We saw her brother over two months after, and he said she was quite free. Praise our wonderful Jesus!

I Am the Lord that Healeth Thee

Testimonies of those who have proved Him

Incurable Creeping Paralysis Healed

In June, 1924, creeping paralysis began in my right hand. It became withered and numb to my elbow. I completely lost the use of my hand; so that I was unable to cut a slice of bread, pick up an object, or even comb my own hair. About November my condition became very critical. After examination by four physicians, of whom one was the leading physician and surgeon of the San Joaquin Valley—who refused to take my case because it was incurable—I was referred to a nerve specialist. This leading physician said he knew of no case of this type in medical history being cured. I had taken fourteen treatments by a chiropractor during this period, but grew worse. We were attending the Pentecostal church in Lindsay at this time. We went to Porterville to a Full Gospel meeting and I was anointed, but obtained no relief. The next morning, before breakfast, my husband, O. A. Miller, went to the home of the Lindsay pastor, P. E. Robertson, and brought him and his wife to see me. They spent three solid hours that morning searching the Scriptures with me on the subject of Divine Healing. On my part this research continued for three days. One Friday night in the month of November Brother Robertson called the whole church to prayer in behalf of my case. In the prayer room, as we were waiting on God, I received an instant touch of a warm current of divine power. I claimed my healing that moment. My right leg was one and one half inches shorter than the other, by physicians' measurements. God began a mighty work in my body and life. About two months after, in January, I gave my testimony in the public meeting, and the pastor verified my case with the doctor's statement, that the nerve under the cap bone of my elbow was completely dead, and unless my little finger—which was badly drawn away from my other fingers—could be naturally moved back to position, I could not claim to be healed. But the pastor said, "If Jesus could restore a dead man (Lazarus), most assuredly He can restore a dead nerve." So I asked the Lord, at home that night, to completely restore my hand, to make my testimony complete. The next morning my hand and my limb were completely normal, and have been ever since.

I have since worked for ten consecutive years in commercial fruit packing and canning. At that time we accepted the full gospel message. A few days

later my husband was sitting at home reading a testimony and sermon and was instantly healed of a double rupture of thirteen years standing. He immediately pulled off his truss, and notwithstanding the heavy work he has done in fruit picking and commercial canning, has never felt a trace of the rupture since. The power of God was mighty to us in those days. Shortly after this experience we both received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The power was falling in the meeting in January, 1925, while Brother Robertson was preaching, and my husband received his Baptism while sitting in the choir loft. We still love the Lord, and recommend His love, and healing and keeping power to all who will trust Him.—Mrs. O. A. Miller, Exeter, Calif.

As Sister Miller's present pastor I know the facts herein contained to be true as presented, and I am happy to bear witness to her complete healing.—John M. Achelpohl, Pastor Assembly of God, Exeter, Calif.

Healed of a Growth

For about eight years prior to April 22, 1934 I had a small lump in my left breast. For a long time it did not pain me; but finally became inflamed and painful. My husband wanted to take me to the doctor but I persuaded him to take me to Atco, N. J. to be prayed for. Here Brother and Sister H. F. Gerhart prayed for me and I was healed. I did not look at the lump until the next day, not wanting to be like Thomas who wanted to see before he would believe; but the next day I could show my husband that the lump had disappeared.—Mrs. Grace Pullaro, Berlin, N. J.

Ed. note. Appended to this testimony is a notation by Brother and Sister H. F. Gerhart, 6620 N. Gratz Street, Philadelphia, Penn., saying the testimony is true. In response to a late inquiry sent her from this office, Sister Pullaro says there has been no return of the lump in her breast; that all the evidence there is of its former presence is a little scar a little like a vaccination scar, but much smaller.

Healed of Ulcerated Colitis

For a long time I felt myself slipping and finally got down in bed very sick. Two doctors treated me, one after the other, without success and each gave me very little hope of life. That was in south Georgia. I was brought to Iowa and there the doctor after a careful examination of my almost lifeless body gave it as his opin-

ion that I had no hope whatever of life. Request was then sent to Edna L. Watson, Pastor at Le Claire, Iowa. She and some faithful friends came. She anointed me and they all placed their hands on me and, being agreed, they offered the prayer of faith. I had a sensation as of cooling water flowing over a fevered part, going through my body from her hand, and I felt a peaceful relief. My pain gradually subsided and the next morning when the doctor called I was propped up in bed smiling at him. I asked him if I could get up. He looked amazed but said I could get up a few moments. The next day I went out to the dining room to my meals. From having lain ten weeks in bed and through the loss of such quantities of blood I was as though partially paralyzed, but I gained strength rapidly. From emaciation and being at death's door in August (1934) to quarrying rock in the basement of our tabernacle to provide classroom space, is the record of what God has done for me. I now weigh 162 pounds, January 11, 1935, and am the picture of health.—Clyde A. Brown, Le Claire, Iowa.

Appended to the above testimony is the following from the brother of Clyde A. Brown. "August 23, 1934, my brother, C. A. Brown, came home, to die among his home folks, his disease being ulcerated colitis. August 24, not knowing the power of the Lord to heal, he had the doctor, who gave him no hope, but proposed to take him to the hospital August 27. Sunday afternoon, August 26 our pastor Miss Watson with others, including myself, went to see him. He was so weak he could hardly lift his hand to shake hands. Miss Watson talked to him and read James 5:13-15 to him. She asked him if he thought God could heal him. He said he did and she prayed while we all laid hands on him praying also. God answers prayer, for the next Tuesday he was sitting up in the living room. He kept on improving and today is back to his normal weight and completely healed.—R. E. Brown, Le Claire, Iowa."

A Rupture Healed

The Lord has been so wonderful to us since we learned to trust Him for all. In the six years we have trusted Him without medicines we have had some tests. Our oldest boy broke his arm but the Lord healed it. It was not set neither was it bandaged. It is healed and perfectly straight. Keith our youngest son, nearly fourteen, became ruptured over a year ago. It became worse and he suffered terribly at times. Last winter he got excused from Gym in High School on account of it. In the spring of 1934 our pastor, Brother Isom, anointed him and prayed for him, and the Lord healed him. About a month and a half later it

seemed to happen again, but Keith claimed the healing had been done, and in about two weeks it was completely healed. I believe that was in March, 1934, and no sign of its return has ever been felt. He is taking Gym in High School this year and can do any lifting he is called on to do, because he is healed.—Mrs. A. L. Fouts, 227 Peoria Ave., Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Evangel Friends: We can certainly vouch for the reliability of the Fouts family. Brother Fouts is a licensed minister. We praise God with them for the above described healing.—Pastor Cyril E. Isom, new address, Route 2, Box 346, San Antonio, Texas.

Various Blessed Healings

Praise the Lord for the Depression. My first healing was probably due to the lack of money to pay for treatments, and the lack of money was caused by the Depression. For years I had suffered with a catarrhal condition which finally settled in my ovaries. In March, 1931 I was prayed for by Mrs. Morris who was doing missionary work in Laredo under the supervision of Glad Tidings church at San Antonio. I was instantly healed.

In November, 1933 I had a very severe attack of "flu," which affected my lungs. For two months I felt that my condition was serious. Mrs. Morris mailed me a handkerchief over which she had prayed and, after I had reconsecrated my life to God and had been enabled to conquer fear, and rest quietly in the Lord's promises, I was healed.

My eleven-year-old daughter was near-sighted. She could not tell the time on a large Western Union clock fifty feet away. Also her new teeth were coming in crooked. Mrs. Morris prayed both for her eyesight and her teeth, and God answered. Her eyes are normal now and her teeth are straight.—Mrs. Irma Burr, 1602 Seymour Street, Laredo, Texas.

Ed. note. To the above testimony is attached a statement signed by the Mrs. Morris referred to in the testimony, as follows: "Mrs. Burr and her daughter were, to my knowledge healed, according to the above testimony.—Mrs. J. P. Morris, 220 Peck Avenue, San Antonio, Texas."

Why Christians Get Sick and How They May Get Well

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A last reason why Christians may get sick is in the words of the Scripture, "That the works of God should be made manifest in them," or "for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." John 9:2; 11:4. God has a right to do with us as He will, and if He allows us to be overcome by sickness, and we are assured that no other

cause of that sickness is to be found, then we can definitely believe that it shall work out to the glory of the Lord. This means that a marvelous healing shall be worked, and our God glorified thereby.

Parenthetically it might be observed here that God has a way of glorying in His work and in His children before the principalities and powers in heavenly places. Job's experience was for the purpose of demonstrating to Satan himself that the quality of his devotion to God was pure and true. And even now the Lord may work mysteriously in us "to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3:10. Of course we may not be able to see and understand what God is doing in such an experience, but it is deeply becoming of us to trust Him with all. We dare not fail our gracious Lord in such a test lest the adversary glory against God Himself.

The last reason why Christians get sick, namely that the works of God might be manifest thereby, leads us to a consideration of the wonderful healing works of God. There are ways whereby Christians may recover naturally from their sickness. But we do not refer to natural means or measures. We would shut ourselves up entirely to God's wonderful supernatural provisions, and we find a number of them.

The first way whereby a Christian may recover from sickness is by recognizing that within him there dwells the healthy, holy life of Christ. Romans 8:11. "The Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from the dead (dwelling within you) shall also quicken your mortal bodies." By an act of faith we may sing to that hidden life, "Spring up, O well, spring up," and Christ's life within us will drive out the poison of the sickness that has attacked us.

It is also possible to come to God by the simple pathway of prayer, and expect and receive deliverance from sickness. Every Christian of every denomination at least professes to believe that God answers prayer. In this way healing from sickness is possible for all Christians, even according to their own standard of faith and practice. God does answer prayer, and as we ask for healing we have Scriptural right to expect it.

A stronger way in which to receive deliverance from sickness is by recognition of the fact that healing is provided for us in Calvary's atonement. It is true that there are those who deny this, but an impartial examination of Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:17; and 1 Peter 2:24 reveals to us the glorious fact that He who took our sins carried also our sicknesses. This is also a most logical doc-

trine even from the standpoint of redemption from sin. Sickness is caused by the curse, which curse came to the human race as a punishment for their sin, and if sin is thoroughly atoned for and forgiven, why should not then this sickness be lifted? We cannot say that He forgives sin and punishes for it too, for wherein would there be the advantage of such forgiveness? Hell is the punishment for sin eventually. Who would maintain that sinners are forgiven for their sins and sent to hell nevertheless? Why should we receive part punishment for sin if we are not to receive all of it? Thank God, we may be delivered from every measure of the result of sin, and this includes sickness. Christ died that we might be delivered from sin and all its train of consequences, and thus our sicknesses, too, are taken away by the mighty power of Calvary's achievement.

In the 16th chapter of Mark (vv. 15-18), a definite promise is made by the Lord Jesus Christ that any of His saved ones who believe may lay hands on the sick that they may recover. He promised that when they so lay hands on the sick that the sick will recover. A wonderful, glorious promise upon which His believers may stand! Ask then your Christian brother or sister to lay hands upon you in Jesus' name for the healing of your sickness. Believe the promise of your Lord and accept your healing.

There is still another way that Jesus has provided whereby healing may come to us. The church is a divine institution, the very Body of Christ Himself, and in that Body there resides the power of the Healer Christ. He has ordained that the elders of the church may dispense this power through the simple ceremony of the anointing with oil. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church: and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up."

In this same Body of Christ, God has "set" certain ones with gifts of healings. 1 Cor. 12:28. These individuals themselves are gifts of God to the church and are available to those who need them. In the power which is given them by the resident gifts of the Holy Spirit they may speak the word of authority and sickness will obey them.

How wonderfully full and complete we find God's provision for the healing of His children. Surely earthly doctors do not carry so many kinds of pills in their satchels. We may be fully assured that it is the will of God that His children shall be delivered from the power of sickness that the Son of God shall be glorified therein.

At Central Bible Institute

A Gracious Healing

Students at Central Bible Institute are finding that tests come to those enjoying the richest of spiritual blessing. Satan strikes severely at those who are pressing on in the Lord for the highest spiritual attainments. But, praise the Lord, we are learning as well that our faithful Lord is ready to meet us in the most serious emergencies, and deliver in answer to our cry.

One of our number, a stalwart young man, apparently in perfect health, was smitten suddenly in the midst of a school day's activities and forced to bed. Severe sharp, shooting pains seized him in the abdominal region, localizing in one spot, indicating that the trouble might be appendicitis. He was short of breath and so sore that he could not bear anything to touch the affected part. He grew worse so that he could not move from his position flat on his back. Fever developed—then vomiting. In the meantime prayer had been offered and he had been anointed, yet there came no indication of improvement. He seemed to grow worse.

A friendly physician came and diagnosed the case as acute appendicitis. Under ordinary circumstances an operation would have been urged at once, but the physician, understanding our position of faith in God in such matters, consented to wait till morning before urging an operation, provided the young man remain perfectly still and keep ice packs applied all night.

Then the student body gathered to have special prayer again for our afflicted comrade. We had the promise: "Call and I will answer." So we called and, blessed be God, He answered. The patient got quieter during the night and fell into seasons of sleep. In the morning the fever was altogether gone and the pain and soreness were departing. By nine o'clock he wanted to get up and dress. As for the rest of us, our hearts and voices went out to God in abounding praise for another victory in the name of Jesus.

Hallelujah, for His gracious and wonderful dealings with us. Thus the Holy Spirit faithfully makes real to us the marvelous truth that occupies us day by day in study. We are crying to Him continually to make real and experimental the truths of His blessed Book that we so love. Over and over again we marvel to see Him doing just that. If our young people are to be effectual ministers of this glorious new Covenant, they must have rich experience in the truth they bear forth to a needy, perishing world.

We trust our readers will rejoice with us in the Lord's gracious working at Central Bible Institute, and will pray for its continuation in increased measure.—W. I. Evans.

The Way of Salvation

A Chinese Nicodemus

His father had been a scholar of some repute, but his life was wrecked by the opium habit. His mother, too, laid down the burden of her life while Mr. Keng was still in infancy. A childless widow adopted him as her son. As a lad he enjoyed the best of educational advantages. He manifested a scorn for idols and his companions remonstrated, "Are you not afraid?" "Afraid! Of what? That is only mud!"

He studied law, securing diplomas in two schools. But all his Chinese and Western studies failed to bring him the satisfaction he craved, or to remove the sense of sadness and loneliness of which he was constantly conscious. Why was he born? This was an ever-recurring question to which he could find no answer.

It was in this spirit that he presented himself at the mission door. Like Nicodemus, he came first at night, and continued coming for several weeks. He often said that as he came inside the mission doors he felt his sadness slipping from him as a garment, only to be enveloped by it again as he went out into the darkness. The missionary told him of Christ and His message to the "weary and heavy laden." Other conversations followed, and finally he discarded the character of Nicodemus, and began coming by day.

On many occasions, when free from duties, he came with an open Bible. The missionary tried to follow a systematic Bible study, but always some vital question of the moment would arise which would carry them off the tangent. His knowledge of Scripture grew along the lines of his need. One supreme moment was when reading Colossians 1, he came to the words, "Created by Him and for Him." Here at last was the answer to his persistent question, "Why was I born?"

His studies had prejudiced him in favor of literature in the classical style, but it was a copy of St. John's Gospel in the despised Mandarin dialect that dispelled every doubt, and as he read the wonderful story of Jesus he was constrained to exclaim, "Truly this was the

Son of God." And he knelt at the foot of the cross of Him who died for all, and yielded his broken life to an all-sufficient Saviour.

Within a month after his having passed from death unto life he traveled, in the depth of winter, to the north of the province to bring his wife and two of his children to the mission. Shortly after his baptism in water he went through a period of keen temptation, both physically and spiritually. Why be a fool and remain poor, when he might easily accept the bribes which the rich so willing pay for privileges they are not supposed to have? "But," said Mr. Keng, "when I pray the Holy Spirit says, 'Do not touch a cash.'" The Lord brought him through in triumph.

Some may think that Mr. Keng is an exceptional case. He repudiates the idea that his case is peculiar. He says China is full of dissatisfied, mourning, weary, and heavy laden souls. Not only China, but the whole world, is full of those who are dissatisfied with their empty lives. But the Lord Jesus came to bring eternal life and eternal joy to the sinner. He offers it now to you. Will you come, as did this Chinaman, bringing your empty life, your loneliness, your dissatisfaction to Him? Into your empty life He will bring His abundant life, forgiveness of sin, and peace.

The Bible and Science

There has been much talk about reconciling the Bible with science. The reconciliation should not be attempted for the simple reason that scientific positions are constantly changing. For example we read in a news despatch that "The world of science may have to rebuild the foundation stone upon which rest all its theories about the nature of the universe." Professor Pease of Mt. Wilson Observatory has recently been conducting a series of experiments that have lead him to believe that the speed of light is not constant but variable. The verification of this conclusion would demolish the Einstein theory of relativity, with the result that "thousands of deductions about the distant stars, the interior of the atom and the behavior of sub-atomic particles must be changed."

Theory and guess will pass away but God's Word abides!

Special Divine Healing Number

It will be noticed that the first eight pages of this issue of the Evangel are devoted largely to the message of the Lord's healing. A special eight page edition of this Evangel will be issued, the price of which will be: 25 copies, 25 cents; 100 copies, \$1.00; 1,000 copies, \$10.00. Please add 4 cents for postage on each 25 copies mailed to addresses outside of U. S. A.

The Passing and the Permanent

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

The Pittsburgh of Palestine

The *Jewish Daily Bulletin* jubilantly announced that Haifa is becoming "the Pittsburgh of Palestine," chiefly because of the new Palestine Foundries & Metal Works which will employ 350 men.

Giant Rockets

Keith L. Brooks quotes an authority who states that in military research laboratories they are preparing gigantic rockets to convey ten, twenty or forty tons of explosives hundreds of miles. The Scriptural expression, "Sudden destruction" is surely apt.

German Jews and Palestine

According to *Time*, Dr. George Landauer and Dr. Martin Rosenblueth announced that Palestine can absorb 40,000 German Jews a year if enough money is raised. On file are applications from 5,000 German families who wish to settle there during the next six months.

Capturing Youth

"No plot is more widespread, as a part of the propaganda of all present world movements, than the capture of youth, body and soul," writes Pantou in *Dawn*. "An Oxford Communist Club has a membership of 400; and a Federation of Communist Student Societies links up the activities throughout the English Universities for 'a new civilization which has done away with religion as a social mass symptom.'"

Oil in Palestine

At the cost of approximately \$50,000,000, a new pipe line has been built from the oil fields of Iraq, close to the border of Persia, to the Palestine port of Haifa, a distance of 1,160 miles. Already tankers are taking in large supplies of oil for the British navy. The pipe line has a capacity of 28,000,000 barrels of oil per year. Palestine is fast becoming a great prize for the nations of the North; and who knows how soon we shall see the conflict described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 taking place?

Dictator-Worship

Writes Evangelist G. D. Blomgren after a visit to Russia: "I was approximately eighty feet from the world's most powerful dictator. I could see his characteristics. I could study his hard face. I shall never forget that brutal countenance. Indeed he seemed to me to be a combination of fire and steel. I believe the people who were there were paying very little homage to the funeral in progress. They were most interest-

ed in watching Stalin. We worship Christ because He died for our salvation, and for what He has done for us. Russia has 160,000,000 people who worship Stalin, for fear of what he will do to them. His methods of torture have been similar to those of Nero."

Questions and Answers

Does John 3:5 mean that one must be baptized in water to be saved?

There are those who teach what is called "baptismal regeneration." Such claim that it is in baptism that one receives the new birth. We believe this is disproved by checking up on the converts which this doctrine turns out. If baptism were essential to salvation, and none were born of God except those who were baptized with water, then we should have to conclude that Paul's boasting, "I thank God that I baptized none of you but Crispus and Gaius" and "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel," was entirely out of order. 1 Cor. 1:14, 17. In John 3:5 Jesus is speaking with a ruler of the Jews who was familiar with Jewish customs, which included numerous baptisms, or washings. See Heb. 6:2. As a minister to the circumcision to confirm the promises made unto the (Hebrew) fathers (Rom. 15:8), Jesus would show Nicodemus that in addition to such washings one must be born of the Spirit if one is to enter the kingdom of God. The following references show the spiritual cleansings of which washings with water become an emblem. Psalm 51:7; Ezek. 36:25-28; Titus 3:4-6. That Simon the sorcerer was baptized without receiving the new birth is a warning that none of us be satisfied as to our salvation until "His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16.

Will Christian girls who wear overalls be ready for the rapture?

When Jesus comes He is coming for His own irrespective of the clothing which they wear. The Bible forbids a woman's putting on the apparel of a man (Deut. 22:5), which I would interpret as trying to make herself appear to be a man. In some work girls wear overalls for safety. It would be preferable were they to change to regular women's street clothes when they leave their place of labor as carelessly parading in overalls away from their work tends to create disrespect for them in those who see them. —E. S. W.

Palestine Boom

We learn from *Time* that the Municipal Council of the new, white all-Jewish City Tel Aviv (pop.: 105,000) took to rent-fixing to curb speculation. In New York U. S. Zionist Louis Lipsky said: "Palestine is building itself up and has all the symptoms of a boom." Begging for more idealism in Zionism, he reported seeing in Tel Aviv and elsewhere the same Jewish "brokers, speculators and profiteers that used to be seen in The Bronx during the building boom."

The World Becoming Jew-Conscious

"Jacob's Trouble" implies a worldwide persecution of the Jews. It seems that the stage is being set for this crisis. Writes J. C. Cooksey. "Herr Hitler is succeeding in making the world Jew-conscious. To be for or against the Jew is a live issue in many lands. Scattered all over the globe, everywhere touching the heights of prosperity or plumbing the depths of poverty, exhibiting the finest culture or the grossest ignorance, this restless people of some seventeen millions is today the touchstone of the world situation."

"Protocols of Zion" a Fake

From the *Literary Digest* we take the following: "The 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' an anti-Semitic book published in Russia in 1905, by Sergei Nilus, is a fantastic story of an alleged Jewish conspiracy to overthrow Christianity and to dominate the world. These documents have been declared forgeries, copied from an old book, and the Union of Jewish Communities in Switzerland have brought suit for libel to end forever the gruesome tale which has plagued Jews for sixty years. The 'Protocols' were re-published in London in 1920 under a title 'A Jewish Peril' and were discredited in 1921 by Herman Bernstein. In a booklet called 'the History of a Lie,' he traces the documents to a novel published in Germany by Herman Goedsche, writing under the pen-name of Sir John Retcliffe. An excerpt from this book was published in 1872 under the title, 'The Jewish Cemetery in Prague and the Council of the Representatives of the Twelve Tribes of Israel,' which recited the story of bearded Jewish elders conspiring, in a cemetery, to overthrow Christendom and to set up a Jewish universal government. Later editions of the lurid tale were published to help the Russian secret police foment anti-Semitic agitation. Bernstein's statement was confirmed by the lawyers for the Berne plaintiffs who declared that 'The Protocols' were originally based on an essay written in 1864 by Maurice Joly, a French author, called 'A Dialogue in Hades Between Machiavellie and Montesquieu.'"

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION STATIONS IN MANCHURIA

Progress of the Gospel in Port Arthur

A recent letter from Miss Inga Peterson gives a brief but very encouraging survey of the work done during the past year in Port Arthur, South Manchuria. She writes: "It is now a year since Miss Larson and I started the work here. It has been a great joy to minister to the people and to see their interest in hearing the gospel message. Throughout the winter, as well as during the opening meetings, the attendance has been good, and the seed which has been sown has borne fruit.

"As we learned to know the condition of this city and the people around us, we surely found that it is a place of much evil and superstition. There are many who are slaves to opium and seem bound for life, but, thank God, He can set them free if they will trust Him. Shortly after the opening of the mission here we started our Sunday school. The attendance for the year has been good, and at Christmas time several received prizes for their faithfulness in coming. We had a Christmas program in which quite a number of the children took part, singing and giving little recitations. Special invitations were sent to the parents, and the mission hall was overcrowded that night with children and their parents. As fathers and mothers heard the blessed story of Jesus from their own children, we believe many hearts were touched. Please pray for them.

"Early last spring a reading class for women was started and now quite a few are able to read some in their Bibles. They remain faithful in coming in spite of persecution and trouble in their homes. During the summer a number of our missionaries visited our new mission station here, and were made a blessing in the meetings. In August we had special meetings with Pastor Wang from Shantung. He is a Baptist pastor who has received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and is on fire for God. The Lord blessed his ministry in our midst. Many sick were healed and sinners were saved. At the close of these meetings we had our first baptismal service when eight were baptized.

"The fall work was also blessed of God. We have had street meetings in the different parts of the city and also in surrounding villages. In many of these villages the

people had never heard of Jesus and salvation through faith in Him. Thousands of Gospels were sold the past year and we pray that God may save many souls through the reading of His Word.

"We were glad for the privilege of having Pastor Yang, one of Brother Hansen's workers from Peking, with us during the winter. Many people delighted in hearing his clear-cut messages and a blessed work was done for which we thank God. At the close of these meetings we had another baptismal service at which time eight more redeemed souls followed the Lord in baptism. The accompanying picture shows the sixteen who have been immersed during this year. Mr. Lee is the very old man. He is a Lutheran who has known the Lord for years but he desired to be immersed according to the Bible pattern. The other fifteen have been in sin and heathen darkness until God graciously saved them in



The sixteen who have been baptized at the Port Arthur station since its opening about a year ago.

our meetings. Some of them have been wonderfully set free from opium, tobacco, wine and other evils. Now they have a joyful testimony and are a help to many others who come to our meetings. Our prayer is that many more shall be added to our number during this new year if Jesus tarries."

Sixteen Baptized in Harbin, N. Manchuria

Brother N. J. Poysti, one of our General Council ministers, working among the Russian speaking people in North Manchuria, writes as follows regarding the progress of the work there: "Three years ago without our intention to begin the Chinese work, God simply led us to give it a start. A young man by the name of E-Dju-Tziu, a graduate of a Chinese college, came to one of our Russian meetings. At the beginning

he understood nothing of what was being said, but finally he learned some Russian words. At one of the meetings he remained to tarry with some of our Christians. The Spirit fell mightily upon the praying people, and at last our Chinese friend cried out, 'God is here!' He was saved that night and a short time later was filled with the Holy Spirit. After this several other Chinese were saved.

"We thought it best to communicate with Brothers Kvamme and Wingard, who are working among the Chinese in Manchuria to consider coming to this part of Manchuria to encourage this work. Now we praise God that these dear friends (Mr. and Mrs. Wingard) who understand and speak Chinese have come to take over this work which has been started. God is blessing them in a wonderful way. Last Sunday they baptized sixteen precious souls, some of whom were filled with the Holy Ghost."



N. J. Poysti

Steady Progress in Mukden

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kvamme write: "We are thankful to report that the Manchurian work has made steady progress during the year, especially here at Mukden. Many souls have been saved and some of the Christians filled with the Holy Spirit. We have also had some very definite cases of heal-

ing. Two opium-morphine addicts, in dying condition, were restored to health and have found the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. A man who was baptized last week was raised up from a very serious illness through the prayers of some of the Christians. He is now well and happy in Jesus. Also a lady, baptized at the same time, had been delivered from demon possession and is now well and happy in her Lord Jesus. Many other cases could be mentioned, for they are all wonderful deliverances through the power of God.

"Brother Johan Yang of Peiping has been ministering to our assemblies in Manchuria for nearly three months. He has held special meetings at Anta, Harbin, Tungfeng, Mukden and now at Port Arthur. God has blessed his ministry among us and we thank

the Lord for this faithful witness. We held eight days of special Bible study and prayer here in Mukden. The meetings were well attended and the Christians greatly appreciated the truth brought forth from the Word of God.

"We want to express our thanks and gratitude to all the friends who have so faithfully stood by us throughout the year. Through your kindness and love we have been enabled to continue for the Master, not only to hold the work, but also to make headway. Our staff of native workers have worked harder during the last year than in any of our former years here. The outside work is no easy task but they have been faithful. In connection with the street preaching our workers have sold about 40,000 Scripture portions during the year in this district. Kindly remember the native ministry in special prayer, since they need much encouragement and renewing of strength to preach the gospel to their own people."

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

North China

Miss Grace Nicholson requests that we thank for her, the friends who sent funds for Sunday school cards. These are being used in the Pu Tsih work. The need now is for cards for the outstations. These may be the ordinary cards in English print, either new or used ones in good condition. These should be sent direct to Miss Grace P. Nicholson, Pu Tsih, Kiao Tsi Railroad, Shantung Province, China, marked "Printed Matter" to avoid extra expense.

South India

There is a very great opportunity and need in South Travancore. The people there are very responsive and hungry after God. The people in Annara (a recently opened section) are learning to read and write in the evenings by a light from a single lantern. Some can spell out the words and verses in the Bible. Where the gospel enters even ignorance must flee.—Miss Martha Kucera.

Szubin, Poland

Seventeen souls were saved last month, three were reclaimed and one received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.—Albert L. Clause.

North India

Some time ago one of the young men living near here became ill with a severe cold and fever. His condition became quite serious till last week he came to us, asking that we pray for him. He was so weak and run down that he could hardly walk. After prayer he steadily got better and has had no fever since. Yesterday he testified in the meeting, thanking Jesus for healing him, and gave Him all the glory.—Miss Mary Wagener.

Suva, Fiji Islands

Another young woman has been converted, eight baptized in water, over 100 average in the Sunday school, and the meetings exceptionally well attended.—Adrain M. Heetebry.

South India

We have just had a convention in a new place called Mapral among high-caste people. The meetings and attendance were very good, and there seems to be a possibility for a real good work in this place. One of the workers has started a new work

in Chinitala. Seven Hindus have been saved. Fifteen new converts were baptized in Kantamoodi recently.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burgess.

Egypt

For about two years work has been going on in Fashen, a market town, and just recently an assembly has been formed with a membership of reliable men and some women. One of our ministers visits them frequently from a near-by assembly. We also had a good baptismal service about two weeks ago when Brother Amir went from Assiout to one of the villages and baptized thirty-five men in the River Nile.—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Randall.

THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

The advice of one old heathen Mossi chief, who has opposed and severely persecuted the Christians of his village, is as follows:

"Do all you can to get the Christians to turn back from following God before they learn to read and are baptized. If they once get God's Book, you can't force them to leave God's road."

We think this a fine testimony to the power of God's Word in the lives of these people.

A Call From Liberia To Return



Miss Florence Brisbin

We wish to bring before our Evangel readers the need of our sending back to Liberia as soon as possible Miss Florence Brisbin who has already put in two terms of faithful service on the field, but now is delayed in returning owing to the fact that the friends who formerly supported her are unable to do so any longer. Urgent requests have come to us from Liberia to send more missionaries as in many places the natives are actually pleading to have someone come to them who can teach them about God. We are happy to consider new recruits but do feel that those who have already been on the field and have made full proof of their ministry should have our first consideration. Will you not pray with us that God may open the way to our Sister Brisbin to return to this needy field, and if the Lord should ask you to help in her support let us hear from you. We would be glad to receive offerings either for her support or return fare. Here is an opportunity for some assembly to have a missionary of their own or at least to have a share in supporting one. Miss Brisbin is at present located in Newcastle, Pa., and would be glad to visit any assembly which would like to have her give a missionary talk, providing the assembly is not too far away.

NEW BRANCH OPENED IN INDIA

Miss Hettie Steffen writes of a new branch of the gospel work which has been opened in North India. She says: "We have recently launched out a little farther into the work of the Lord in this district and have opened English services for the Anglo-Indian people, both here and in Samastipur, a town twenty-seven miles from Laheria Sarai. The Lord laid this work upon my heart while I was in America but, owing to the earthquake, we were unable to begin the services earlier.

"This is a new phase of work which needs much prayer, and I trust the friends at home will remember these needy ones before the throne. Since these services are held in the evenings they do not conflict with our vernacular work, but we do need to be held up before the Lord that He may give more strength for our heavier duties. Since this work began in August there has been a continual increase in attendance. The full gospel message is very new to them so we need wisdom in presenting the Word that it may bring forth the best results among them.

"For the last two or three months we have not found the hungry hearts in our vernacular work which we had for the first few months after the earthquake. Calamity does make people think of God, but as they forget the calamity they also forget God. We have had several Hindus and Mohammedans ask for baptism but we do not believe in baptizing until we are sure they have felt a definite touch of God upon their lives.

"During the last few months we have opened more than fifty new zenanas besides daily visiting some of the old zenanas. These dear shut-in souls are in much need of our prayers, for all the light of the gospel they receive is what we take to them in their seclusion."

South India

We are beginning to build a meeting place in Oolloor with the offerings which the people are able to give. This, of course, will not be sufficient to finish it, but we will do what we can now and trust the Lord to supply the rest.—Miss Martha M. Kucera.

Word has just been received from Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Holleman, new missionaries who sailed for India late in November, of their safe arrival in Bombay, December 21. They report a happy time on board ship although the water was a little rough most of the way. They traveled in company with Miss Anna Tomaseck who has returned to resume her work in North India after a period of furlough in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Holleman will probably locate in South India.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Miss Mary Marsh asks us to convey her appreciation to the many, all over the United States, who sent her gifts and steamer letters at the time of her sailing for Africa. She will be writing to each one a little later.

All offerings for missions should be sent to FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

STANBERRY, MO.—We have begun a revival in this new field, and find people hungry for the Pentecostal Baptism. In 2 weeks some have accepted Christ. The few who have been following Christ are eager to become affiliated with the Assemblies of God.—Evangelist and Mrs. Conn Gumm.

ALAMOSA, COLO.—The Lord is blessing in the work here. We have just closed a 7 weeks' revival, with 13 conversions. Five have been filled with the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. Eight followed the Lord in baptism. Evangelist Harry Sherman conducted the revival.—Adolf Shaffer, Pastor.

PORT ANGELES, WASH.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' meeting with Blanche Brittain, Evangelist, and Mildred Westlund, Pianist and Singer, both of Cavalier, N. Dak. There were 7 conversions and the church was greatly revived. The messages both from the Word and in song were highly appreciated.—T. S. Winey, Pastor, 830 W. Eighth St.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—We have just closed a 2 weeks' meeting in the Holy Evangelistic Church here. Some were saved and the saints were strengthened. The work is in charge of Brother J. L. Rish. Council ministers are invited to stop, if passing, and give them a service. The church is located on the corner of Hugar and Senate.—Alma Buff, Evangelist.

CALDWELL, KANSAS—We praise the Lord for the way He has been showering His blessings on us here with Pastor Rima. A number were saved and the saints were greatly encouraged. After we had been with them for 3 weeks in the revival the pastor asked me if I would consider taking the pastorate. He said he had been desiring a change for some time. So I consented to take charge of the work. Since that time God has given us a few souls, the Sunday school has doubled in attendance, and we have had a wonderful time of fellowship.—Oscar Davidson.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Our annual Bible convention has just closed. This has indeed been one of the best we have had. Brother Williams preached with unusual freedom and power. We were also blessed in having with us District Superintendent E. L. Newby and a number of other ministers and workers from over the District. Our revival campaign with Evangelist George Hayes, of Houston, began at the close of the convention. These services drew an unusually good attendance for this time of year, and every message seemed to be sent straight from God. A fine number were saved and some who have been seeking the fullness of the Spirit were gloriously filled.—Albert Ott, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—Evangelist Marie C. Wilson, of Quakertown, has just been with us in a fine meeting. Miss Wilson is a graduate of Central Bible Institute. She came to us with a full and victorious message. The meeting broke open right from the beginning and souls were saved from the first night. Some who have been on the prayer list for a long time got to God and found victory. Some received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and all the way through the Lord gave us a time of refreshing.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—We have been having blessed meetings at Boulevard Assembly. We closed the old year out with some of the best services we have had for several months. Brother Guy Shields came to our church for 10 days preceding Christmas and the Lord blessed the church in many ways. The lost were saved; believers were filled with the Spirit; the sick were healed; and the church was wonderfully revived and drawn closer to the Lord, especially through the lessons each morning from the Sermon on the Mount. Then from Christmas Day until Jan. 1 Brother William B. McCafferty, of Southwestern Bible School, Enid, Okla., was with us. The soul stirring sermons on the "Second Coming of Christ" and other prophetic messages brought rich blessings to the hearers. A Nazarene minister who was pastoring a church in the western part of this state came to this revival to seek the Baptism, and was wonderfully filled, as in Acts 2:4. The Lord continues to bless in the service. We are now in a few days' meeting being conducted by Evangelist J. A. Sport. We invite Council ministers and workers when passing this way to visit us.—C. L. Stewart, Pastor.

WITH THE LORD

Awire has just been received from Mrs. J. B. Gordon of Elyria, Ohio, telling that her husband went to be with the Lord on Feb. 7th. Brother Gordon has been a faithful minister of Christ, and it could be said of him as it was of Barnabas, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and faith." Many have doubtless read the tract written by Brother Gordon telling how God multiplied the loaves for him. In response to their united faith, God gave to Brother and Sister Gordon a beautiful Healing Home in Elyria, Ohio. We pray that great grace may be given to Sister Gordon at this time.

SECOND PINK WRAPPER NOTICE

Did your Evangel come in a pink wrapper last week? If so, it means that your Evangel subscription expires with this issue of the Evangel. Please send in your renewal at once and you will not lose a single copy of the paper. You will receive as a free premium the new book by the Editor, "Wholly for God."

CHRISTIANSBURG, O.—In September we opened a campaign here and from the first, real interest was shown. Many were hungry for God as He is revealed in the Pentecostal message. The attendance was good and 3 came forward for salvation. Assisted by the workers of Dayton Bethel Temple we have since been holding services 3 nights a week. The attendance is increasing.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Werner.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—We have just been in a blessed 2 weeks' revival with Pastor Paul H. Perry, at Gospel Tabernacle. The power of God was present in the meeting from beginning to close. Several wept their way through to salvation and the saints were encouraged to go deeper with the Lord.—Earl and Lola Davis, Evangelists, Red Oak, Iowa, 309 W. Second St. (formerly of Long Beach, Calif.)

MIRANDO CITY, TEXAS—We have just closed a successful revival with the Phoenix Evangelistic Party. The Lord met with us in power, and the saints were encouraged and greatly revived. About 37 were saved and reclaimed, 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 18 united with the assembly; and 12 received Christian Baptism. The Christ's Ambassadors were also blessed and their number was increased. We have now about 40 Ambassadors working happily under their new leader, Mrs. E. R. Winter. The Juniors were organized and are working under the leadership of Mrs. Lenora Jenkins. Following Brother Smith's boosting plan the Sunday school more than doubled in attendance. All the assembly has a bright vision for the future.—E. R. Winter, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—We just closed a 3 weeks' campaign, at North Highlands Assembly. Pastor Courtney took charge of this church just a few years ago when it had very few members. It has now increased to about 400 members, all of whom gave splendid cooperation during the campaign. About 30 new members affiliated with the church during the meeting; about 75 or 80 answered the altar call for salvation; and 25 or 30 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Night after night the spacious church was filled to capacity and on Sunday nights many more were turned away who could not find standing room. One special feature of the meeting was Mrs. Webb's work among the children. She established a children's church. Scores of children attended and many were saved and baptized in the Spirit. Preparations to continue this work have been made, with over 100 children in actual membership. A baptismal service was conducted the last Sunday afternoon, in the church baptistry. We are happy to note the thoroughly New Testament operation of the gifts of the Spirit and the substantial character of the churches in this section.—Evangelist and Mrs. Bert Webb.

The Sunday School Lesson

Peter Unmasks Falsehood and Hypocrisy

Lesson 9, March 3. Acts 5:1-6; 8:18-24.

The evil is often a close neighbor of the good. The counterfeit exists side by side with the genuine. Where the Lord sows wheat the enemy sows his tares. But the separation will ultimately come, and the hidden things of darkness shall be brought to light. Such is the lesson suggested by the stories of Ananias and Sapphira and Simon the sorcerer.

I. A SPURIOUS CONSECRATION.

"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price." What brought about the downfall of Ananias and Sapphira?

A Besetting Sin. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," said the Lord Jesus. He did not say "should not," but "cannot," because it is impossible for a person to be ruled by God and gold at the same time. Ananias and his wife found it so. They thought that they could give part of their money and obtain credit for entire consecration, while they retained a portion for "a rainy day." This attempt to serve two masters naturally led to a double life and a divided heart, and there is no peace in such a condition. It is much easier to be a genuine Christian. "Half the trouble that people take to be smooth and worthless impostors in religion would make them genuine Christians," said Henry Ward Beecher. "It is actually harder to be a successful hypocrite than it is to be a successful Christian. In the one case God is helping us, in the other case God is hindering us, and all the time exposing us to exposure and disgrace. To be a true Christian is a constant joy; to seem to be one when we are not is to wear a galling yoke of bondage."

An Unbelieving Attitude. They may have reasoned as follows: "What if the community of goods should be exhausted—how are we going to live? And if the movement should fail and come to nought we shall be left penniless and homeless. We must exercise prudence and foresight in this matter." As faith is a root of all virtue, so unbelief is a root of all sin.

A Hypocritical Profession. They admired the generous character of Barnabas (Acts 4: 35-37) and craved the esteem and praise connected with his self-sacrificing act. They desired to appear good without paying the price for being good. And that is the essence of hypocrisy. The word "hypocrite" means literally, "an actor." Appropriately so, for a hypocrite is a person who is deceitfully acting a part that does not represent his true character. By their actions Ananias and his wife claimed to be bringing all their wealth to the apostles; in their hearts they knew they were bringing only a part. In Venice one may see a statue that illustrates this truth. The part turned toward the spectator is beautifully chiseled, but the portion turned toward the niche is rough and unfinished. It is a true revelation of the sculptor, who was banished from Venice for forgery. Hypocrisy is spiritual forgery.

The Terrible Punishment. Peter, as he mouthpiece of God's Spirit, denounced the sin; and the Giver of life, cooperating with the human instrument, withdrew His support from the physical frame of Ananias, who then ceased to live. Why so severe and so sudden a judgment in this case, when God spares so many others who are guilty of similar spiritual dishonesty? In the tender childhood of the church it was necessary that it should be kept clear from corruption; God therefore made an example of Ananias and his wife that all might learn that the church of Christ was a holy institution where no unreality would be tolerated. Notice that people were very careful about joining a church like that! Acts 5:11, 13.

Writes Dr. Joseph Parker: "Ananias and Sapphira can do more mischief in the church than all the atheists that ever declared the heavens to be untenanted space. You uttered an unkind speech about your brother: that did more than all the atheistic publications that have been poured from the press of infidelity for more than a century. You, a preacher, a member of the church, a professor of Christianity, did a mean trick: that had a deadlier effect than all the denunciation possible to the feeble eloquence of unbelief."

II. A SPURIOUS CONVERSION

Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ; the signs followed, people believed, and there was a mighty spiritual awakening. Among the converts was a noted magician named Simon who was impressed with the supernatural manifestations. When Peter and John came to pray that the converts might receive the Holy Spirit his true character was exposed. Where God's Spirit is truly working, glaring inconsistencies and base counterfeits will come to light.

Unreality Manifested. "And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apos-

ties' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me this power that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost." These words suggest that Simon regarded the apostles as skillful magicians, cleverer than himself and influenced by the same motives. He therefore desired to purchase, as an addition to his stock of magical tricks, the power of imparting the Spirit. "I could clean up a fortune," he may have said to himself, "if I can get the power to thrill people with that joyous ecstasy and make them talk in the language of heaven." The same discernment that penetrated the dishonesty of Ananias "X-rayed" the heart of Simon. Peter flashed back, "Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money." Two lessons may be briefly suggested: (1) Simon, according to the pagan notion, thought that spiritual gifts could be received apart from moral qualifications. As long as the soothsayer could perform his supernatural stunts, what mattered it how he or his clients lived? So the pagans reasoned. But the Holy Ghost is a holy gift from a holy God imparted in response to a holy desire! (2) There are some things that cannot be bought. For example, Who can buy sound judgment? eloquence? wisdom? salvation? spiritual power? courage? But the words, "gift of God" suggest that there is a "Poor Man's Market" where these things may be obtained. See Isaiah 55:1, 2; James 1:5; Luke 11:13.

Unreality Denounced. "Thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thy heart may be forgiven thee." Peter was not content with only denouncing Simon; he showed him a way of deliverance. To merely denounce people is to discourage them. It is weakness simply to abuse, to denounce, to "skin." Let the preacher blaze away at sin; but let him be careful to clearly point a way of deliverance for the sinner.

Simon was living a double life. Intellectually he believed the gospel and was convinced of the reality of the gospel miracles; but his heart had not followed his convictions. In this respect he resembles another magician Balaam, who led the double life of a prophet of God and a heathen magician—servant of God and servant of mammon. Read Num. 23. I believe that Balaam one day received a revelation of the one true God and a call to higher service. "But how am I going to make a living if I give up my soothsaying," he must have reasoned. "I know what I'll do—I'll try to handle both jobs." And when Balak requested Balaam to hold his soothsaying meeting against Israel, and enclosed a substantial offering, there began in Balaam's heart a see-sawing between God and mammon. 2 Peter 2:15. As Peter withstood Simon, so the angel of the Lord withstood Balaam, saying, "Thy way is perverse before me."

Peter stated the remedy for a double life. "Repent . . . and pray to God." When a person lays his heart bare before God, confesses his innermost desires, ambitions, and sins, and earnestly prays for forgiveness, he has begun to walk the path of reality.—Myer Pearlman.



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CAIRO, ILL.—Gospel Tabernacle; March 11, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. L. E. King.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—Calvary Gospel Chapel, 504 S. Orange Ave.; Feb. 20—; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—Lottie Roessner, Pastor.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WISC.—March 3, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Middleton.—J. A. Westman, Pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Grace Pentecostal Church; Feb. 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Nimrod Park, New York City, Evangelist; Chas. Eyer, Pastor.—N. P.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—Feb. 24—; Stanley Comstock, Evangelist.—Luster Sherlund, Pastor, 1007 Fourth Ave., S.

PITTSBURGH, PA.—Bethel Tabernacle, on Chatham St.; Feb. 24, for 3 weeks or longer; H. E. Hardt and Son, Evangelists.—C. L. Fox, Secretary.

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

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

LAKELAND, FLA.—Idlewild Assembly; Feb. 25—; District Superintendent C. C. Garrett.—Fred A. Voight, Pastor, 324 W. Arianna St.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y.—Faith Tabernacle, High Street and Conklin Avenue, March 3-24; Charles M. Shaffer, York, Pa., 13-year-old Evangelist.—John Kellner, Pastor.

CHANGE OF DATE

MILES CITY, MONT.—March 17 for 3 weeks; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—W. H. Boyles, Pastor, 603 Orr St.

AKRON, O.—Bethel Assembly, Fourth Avenue and Chittenden Street; Feb. 26-March 10; Guy Shields, Evangelist.—Alvin L. Branch, 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.

MOOSIC, PA.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Spring Brook Avenue; Feb. 27-March 17; Mary Louise Paige, Evangelist.—J. E. Jenkins, Pastor, 529 Minooka Ave.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—Eighth and Quincy Streets, Feb. 26—; E. Bartlett Peterson, Evangelist; special invitation to Black Hills Sectional assemblies.—W. J. George, Pastor, 730 Quincy St.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—Seventh and River-view; March 3; Dr. Otto J. Klinc, Evangelist; W. E. Long, Pastor, 209 N. Seventh St.—D. W. Husted, Acting Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Faith Tabernacle, 13th and S. Trenton; Feb. 26-March 10; Smith Wigglesworth and Mr. and Mrs. James Salter, Evangelists.—W. F. Garvin, Pastor, 2003 E. 12th Place.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Lighthouse Church, 73 Himrod St., Feb. 24—; Frank M. Boyd, Evangelist and Bible Teacher; March 2 (evening) Bible Students Reunion; March 14-17, Young People's Convention; Alexandria Wasilawska, Main Speaker; young people from various assemblies in charge of services.—Nicolas and Martha Nikoloff, Pastors, 701 Macon Street.

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Evangelistic or Pastoral

David C. Plake, 851 North Birmingham Pl., Tulsa, Okla. "I will be giving up the work in Tulsa April 7. Have been in Assemblies of God ministry 13 years, 10 in pastoral work. Reference, James S. Hutsell, District Superintendent, Slick, Okla.; A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., 2930 Bales St.; or S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, Dexter, Mo."

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Sorento Assembly of God and S S	7.86
West Point Assembly of God and S S	11.05
INDIANA. Personal Offerings	12.00
Covington Full Gospel Tabernacle	2.58
Hammond Full Gospel Tabernacle	50.00
Indianapolis Laurel Street Young People	5.00
IOWA. Personal Offerings	7.00
Jefferson Assembly of God	2.00
Linn Grove Assembly of God Church	8.37
Monroe Assembly of God	5.50
Newton Assembly of God	11.42
KANSAS. Personal Offerings	28.00
Attica Pent'l S S	2.68
Cedarville Assembly of God S S	2.50
Cunningham Assembly of God S S	3.38
Edna Assembly of God	3.95
Fredonia Assembly of God Ch & S S	.50
Garden City Assembly of God	16.00
Glade Lockwood Assembly	.81
Hutchinson Assembly of God Church & S S	30.18
Lawrence Assembly of God S S & C A's	8.00
Medicine Lodge Assembly of God	3.06
Oswego Assembly of God Busy Bee Band	1.31
Pittsburg Assembly of God	23.01
Pittsburg Assembly of God C A's	4.52
Waterville Assembly of God Church	1.61
KENTUCKY. Personal Offerings	.35
Raceland Assembly of God S S	5.50
LOUISIANA. W Monroe Assembly of God S S	10.62
MAINE. Personal Offerings	2.23
MARYLAND. Personal Offerings	13.50
Cumberland N Cumberland As'bly S S & C A's	35.85
MASSACHUSETTS. Personal Offerings	8.00
MICHIGAN. Personal Offerings	7.00

Bad Axe Christ Ambassadors	3.00
Bellevue Christ Ambassadors	2.00
Benton Harbor Pent'l Assembly Y P Society	5.25
Central Lake Gospel Tabernacle C A's	5.00
Clio Christ Ambassadors	3.00
Dearborn Christ Ambassadors	2.00
Detroit Christ Ambassadors	5.00
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Lansing Christ Ambassadors	10.00
Lansing Hungarian Pent'l C A's	4.00
Lansing Pent'l Tabernacle & S S	46.57
Michigan State Christ Ambassadors	24.77
Muskegon Christ Ambassadors	2.00
Muskegon Gospel Tabernacle	3.00
Plymouth Christ Ambassadors	1.00
Pontiac Assembly of God	6.68
Pontiac Christ Ambassadors	1.00
Saginaw Christ Ambassadors	5.00
Schoolcraft Christ Ambassadors	2.50
Ypsilanti Christ Ambassadors	1.00
MINNESOTA. Personal Offerings	10.00
Brainerd Maple Grove Full Gos Tab & S S	6.35
Faribault Faribo Gospel Tabernacle	10.00
Marshall Full Gospel Mission	10.00
Mentor Gospel Tabernacle	4.00
North Central Dist. Council	10.00
Pillager Glad Tidings S S	6.77
MISSISSIPPI. McComb A of G S S & C A's	12.22
MISSOURI. Personal Offerings	16.80
Atlanta Bear Creek Assembly	2.36
Bismarck Assembly of God S S	6.78
Brimson Assembly of God	4.00
Brimson Christ Ambassadors	1.00
Campbell Assembly of God	1.00
Carthage Assembly of God S S	5.00
Hannibal Assembly of God	5.20
Hannibal Assembly of God C A's	3.01
Knox City Assembly of God	1.50
Milan Assembly of God	1.00
Mokane Trinity Tabernacle	1.00
Monterey Edgehill S S	1.00
Newark Assembly of God	1.00
Springfield Assembly of God C A's	10.00
Springfield Faith Mission	3.65
Springfield Student Miss Band C B I	50.00
Trenton Assembly of God Ch & S S	9.06
MONTANA. Personal Offerings	15.50
Great Falls Gos Tab S S & C A's	7.97
Sonnette Full Gospel Church	11.00
NEBRASKA. Chappell Pent'l Sunday School	1.00
Norfolk Pierce Full Gospel Assembly	.51
Thurston Assembly of God	7.95
NEW JERSEY. Personal Offerings	57.39
Long Branch Pent'l Church	5.00
Neptune Full Gospel Ch & S S	26.19
NEW MEXICO. Personal Offerings	17.00
NEW YORK. Personal Offerings	61.00
Buffalo Riverside F Gospel Tab C A's	5.00
Carthage Calvary Evang Tab S S	20.00
Corona Free Gospel Church Young People	3.00
Hamburg Aurora Gospel Tabernacle	6.15
Norwich Pent'l Tabernacle	5.00
NORTH CAROLINA. Morganton F Gos A	4.05
NORTH DAKOTA. Personal Offerings	4.50
Fargo Gospel Tabernacle	19.34
OHIO. Personal Offerings	14.00
Cuyahoga Falls F Gos Tab & Jr Church	30.00
Findlay Ash Avenue Bethel Temple	25.00
Johnsville Assembly of God	6.74
Massillon Peniel Chapel	30.00
Ohio State C A Organization	107.14
Salineville Prayer Band	25.00
Toledo Wolly's Assembly	200.00
OKLAHOMA. Personal Offerings	15.60
Aiton Assembly of God	1.88
Anadarko Assembly of God S S	3.64
Barnsdall Assembly of God	2.20
Broken Arrow Assembly of God W M C	1.00
Duncan Christ Ambassadors	3.00
Enid Assembly & S S	23.77
Guthrie Pent'l Assembly of God S S	3.35
Hammon Assembly of God S S	1.72
McAlester Assembly of God S S	1.39
Miami Long Assembly	1.61
Poteau Assembly of God Church	2.00
Sayre Assembly of God S S	4.23
Sparks Sunday School & C A's	2.56
Tulsa Assembly of God N Peoria & Haskell	15.50
Tulsa Full Gospel Church C A & S S	90.79
OREGON. Personal Offerings	7.20
Friend Assembly of God	1.30
Heppner Pent'l Tabernacle	11.50
PENNSYLVANIA. Personal Offerings	165.50
Anita Gospel Mission	4.90
Columbia First Pent'l Church	13.00
Freeport Full Gospel Assembly	14.50
Gardners Aspers Mission	10.00
Hyndman Pent'l Church	8.00
Jeanette Pent'l Church	68.00
Kinzer Pent'l Lighthouse	5.00
Lebanon First Pent'l Church C A's	3.00
Saxton Full Gospel Mission	3.30
SOUTH CAROLINA. Greenville A of G	9.00
SOUTH DAKOTA. Personal Offerings	1.00
Edgemont Gospel Tab Ch S S & C A's	10.00
Wewela Pent'l Church and S S	5.00
TENNESSEE. Munford Pent'l Assembly	1.22
Ripley Whitefield Tabernacle	1.41
Union City Old Republican	1.15
TEXAS. Personal Offerings	19.65
Amarillo A of G Church Shield of Faith School	48.39
Blue Ridge Callis Assembly	1.00
Borger Christ Ambassadors	3.25
Daisetta Assembly of God Church	5.01
Dallas Bethel Full Gospel Church	9.15
Dallas Christ Ambassadors Peak and Garland	40.00
El Paso Full Gospel S S	13.00

Frankston Assembly of God S S	2.27
Freeport Ladies Miss Council	1.60
Greenville Assembly of God	1.46
Harlingen Assembly of God	2.50
Houston White Oak Mission	3.65
Jewett Little Brushy A of G S S	.56
Kilgore Assembly of God S S	5.00
Longview Assembly of God	8.25
Newcastle Assembly of God S S	4.21
Pt Arthur Assembly of God S S	5.50
Port Lavaca Assembly of God	4.50
San Antonio Glad Tidings Church	6.30
Smithville Assembly of God S S	2.00
South Austin Assembly of God	2.50
Yoakum Assembly of God	1.19
VIRGINIA. N Tazewell A of G	7.00
WASHINGTON. Personal Offerings	13.00
Castle Rock Mission	7.11
Everett Bethany Temple	30.12
Latah Pent'l Church	10.75
Puyallup Pent'l Tab and S S	256.69
Spokane 1st Pent'l Church S S Penny Fund	24.05

Walla Walla Pent'l Assembly of God	10.36
Wenatchee Pent'l Church of God S S	8.64
Yakima First Pent'l Sunday School	25.00
WISCONSIN. Personal Offerings	2.00
Adams Gospel Tabernacle	5.30
Kaukauna Gospel Tabernacle	5.00
Milan Gospel Mission	10.00
WYOMING. Personal Offerings	.25
CANADA. Personal Offerings	1.50
Toronto Evangel Temple	18.00
Total amount reported	\$3,988.34
Home Mission Fund	70.80
Office Expense Fund	60.86
Deputation Expense Fund	9.67
Reported as given direct to Home Mis-	
sions	172.02
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Forthcoming Meetings

CALDWELL, KANSAS—Feb. 26—; Dr. Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Oscar Davidson, Pastor.

JEANNETTE, PA.—Feb. 24-March 17; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

BRADENVILLE, PA.—Feb. 22-March 10; E. W. Winand, Evangelist.—R. J. Volk, Pastor.

WINNSBORO, LA.—Feb. 23—; Israel Deitsch, Evangelist.—Jos. L. Armon, Pastor, Route 4.

NEWCASTLE, TEXAS—March 3-31; Clyde C. Gorec, Evangelist; assisted by E. L. Whitney and others.

NEPTUNE, N. J.—Fifth and Ridge Avenues; March 5-24; Young People's rally March 11; Stanley Cooke, Evangelist.—Irving H. Meier, Pastor.

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

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 1230 Leishman Ave.; Feb. 24, for 3 weeks; Joseph Terlizzi, Evangelist.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

WATERTOWN, S. DAK.—Feb. 3—; Wesley R. Hurst, Evangelist.—P. B. Thompson, Pastor. Fourth Avenue, S. W. at 2nd St.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

CLIFF, N. MEX.—Feb. 27; Dinner served by local church.—Jesse B. White, Presbyterian, Bayard, N. Mex.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

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

Y. P. FELLOWSHIP MEETING

CHICAGO, ILL.—Lakeview Assembly, 3142 N. Racine Ave.; Feb. 23; Pastors Geo. Firmern, B. M. Johnson, and O. R. Keener will speak.—Carl J. Frizen, Chairman.

SECTIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

GALESBURG, ILL.—March 4-5; opening 2:30 p. m. Monday; Everett Phillips, Pastor.—Arthur Bell, District Superintendent, Box 133, Belleville, Ill.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AND C. A. RALLY

HIAWATHA, KANSAS—City auditorium, March 7. Basket dinner. Assemblies and pastors in Nebraska also invited.—E. J. Hance, 921 New Hampshire, Lawrence, Kansas.

CHICAGO MINISTERS ATTENTION

CHICAGO, ILL.—Pentecostal ministers have organized a Ministerial Association in Chicago. We urge all local and visiting ministers to fellowship with us. Second Monday of each month, 10:00 a. m., Bethel Temple, 1901 Washington Blvd.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Secretary, 4647 N. Monticello Ave.

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.

C. A. RALLY

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—Feb. 22; 10:30 a. m.; prayer service at First Pentecostal Church, 280 Parrish St.; 2:30 and 7:00 p. m. at First M. E. Church, N. Franklin Street. Speakers: J. E. Jenkins, District Vice-president, and group representatives. Over-night accommodations for those coming from a distance. Bring C. A. song sheets. Broadcast, WBRE, 1310 kilos, 9:00 a. m.—Byron D. Jones, Pastor.

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.

TRI-STATE FELLOWSHIP MEETING AND C. A. RALLY

PITTSBURG, KANSAS—March 4, Three services.—V. Lenzy Hertweck, Secretary, 115 Joplin St., Galena, Kansas.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

MEDINA, O.—226 S. Court St., opposite post office; March 4, all day. Meals served.—Warren V. Lewis, Pastor; Alvin L. Branch, Chairman, Marvin L. Smith, Secretary, 925 Garden St., Warren, O.

SECTIONAL MEETINGS FOR OKLAHOMA

S. C. Section, Ardmore, 519 Master St., S. E., Feb. 11-12; address W. S. Bragg, Presbyter, Asher, or Ed Bice, Pastor, Ardmore. N. W. Section, Geary, Feb. 25-26, Free Pentecostal Church; E. E. Baker, Presbyter, 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.

KANSAS DISTRICT CAMPS

Eastern Kansas, July 11-21. Woodston, July 25-Aug. 4. Attica-Sharon, Aug. 8-18. Otto J. Klink, main Speaker.—Fred Vogler, Chairman.

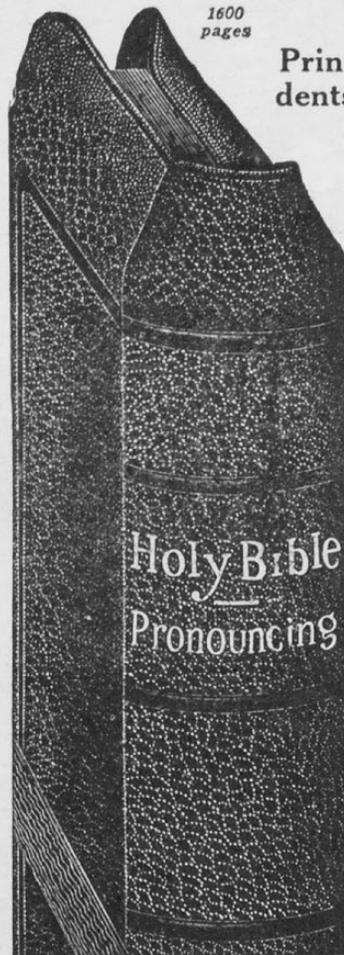
NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—April 9-12; first 2 days devoted to District business; Thursday, foreign missionary program; Friday, Sunday school work and problems; Elder El S. Williams, main speaker. Rooms furnished for ministers and delegates.—A. M. Alber, 634 South Denver, Hastings, Nebr.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

DAYTON, O.—104 Buckeye St., April 30-May 3. Applicants for credentials must meet committee personally. Applications for credentials must be mailed by April 15, to A. B. Cox, 347 Verona Drive, Residence Park, Dayton. Rooms free to delegates and ministers, as far as possible. Ernest Williams, General Superintendent, is expected to speak.—James D. Menzie, Secretary.

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2² I thought it good to shew the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me.

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