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["Ask Ye of the Lord Rain"]

ASK that shepherd, "What is your greatest need?" He will tell you that his greatest need is green pastures for his flock. You ask him, "Shepherd, tell me, how can you produce these green pastures?"

He will tell you, "Only as the rain comes down from heaven can there be bountiful pastures for my sheep." And he will further say, "In the days of drought, my sheep are undernourished. They droop. They die. But when the heavens are opened and there is abundance of rain, the pastures spring up and then are my sheep fed. And as they eat they are strengthened. The little lambs skip for joy in the plentiful grass that springs up after the coming of the blessing-laden showers, the bountiful rains that fall from heaven."

It is written, "Thou, O God didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. . . . Thou O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor." Psalm 68:9, 10. Our Lord is a Shepherd. His saints are called "the sheep of His pasture." Does He know what His sheep require? He knows that they require abundant pasture, and

that above all they need the rain of His Spirit. He has promised this, declaring, "I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing." Ezek. 34:26.

It is a sure promise that in the last

days He will pour out the rain of His Spirit. But He would have the saints to co-operate. He commands, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain

(Hebrew, *matar geshem*; literally, rain of plenty; pouring, heavy, torrential rain), to every one grass in the field." Zech. 10:1. You have your part in praying the Lord of the harvest for the rain. In response to prayer He will send the rain of plenty; the pouring, the heavy, the torrential rain, so that there shall be "to every one grass in the field," abundant pastures for all His hungry sheep.

Everywhere there is need in the church. People hungry. People lacking so much. People dying. There is much preaching. There is much literature. What is the need? The outstanding need is the fullness of the Spirit of God. The church needs that which God alone can send, and that which in response to the prayer of faith of His saints surely He will send—the blessed rain, the mighty showers, the gracious outpouring of His blessed Spirit. The promise is sure, "Fear (Cont'd on Page Five)



Men Ought Always to Pray

*The hour is growing very late,
The need is overwhelming, great,—
What can we do—but pray!
God's gracious ear is open still,
We can touch heaven if we will,
O brethren, let us pray.*

*A closer union would we know,
A fuller glory daily show;
To realize this—we pray.
To us the sanctuary lies
As open as the vaulted skies.
How enter in?—just pray.*

Lititz, Penna.

*The holy seed defiled we see,
God's children lose their liberty;
To help them—we must pray.
Upon our knees the fight is won,
Alone with God the work is done;—
God moves men as we pray.*

*For dying souls who hesitate
To enter God's still-open Gate
The Spirit's urge is—Pray;
Unchanged His wondrous saving pow'r
E'en though it be the midnight hour,
Awake, O Church, to pray.*

—Alice Reynolds Flower



Be Strong in Confidence

By Zelma Argue

Cradled 'neath the swaying rushes,
Hidden safe by mother-love,
Baby Moses slumbered sweetly—
Woke and wept—while above
His God watched there.
—Nellie M. Leonard

Of all stories of great confidence, there is one that seems to stand out alone. That is the story of Jochebed, the mother of Moses. Both she and her husband were of the priestly tribe of Levi, but now, in Egypt, under the sting and lash of Pharaoh's task-masters, they toil and suffer with their kinsmen.

All male children born to the Israelites, so read the edict of the King of Egypt, were to be killed at birth.

With what daring Jochebed hid her lovely infant for three months! With what mixture of delight and heartache must she have looked searchingly into that tiny countenance and perceived that he was indeed a "goodly child."

Through the long night hours she must have lain awake and pondered as to what course of action God would guide her to take. Worry, apparently she did not, for God inspired her heart with true faith. "Not afraid," the Biblical account states! *Confidence!*—and amid what perplexities! "They saw he was a proper child, and were not afraid of the king's commandment."

But he grew too large for hiding. No longer could they be sure their secret was secure.

"And when she could no longer hide him she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink."

Confidence! It has been said that while great women are generally the daughters of great men, great men are the sons of great mothers.

Moses, the majestic, solitary figure accomplishing deeds of heroic mold and unparalleled proportions, standing alone in all history in the accomplishments of his later life—surely Moses was the true son of such a noble woman. Through her early deed of faith, so signally honored of God, was he not being prepared for his amazing and unique exploits of faith,

in later leading perhaps two millions of his own people, not one hoof being left behind, through a forty-year journey in the wilderness fastness, with bread, water, and raiment never lacking for any one? Ah! confidence in God is never misplaced.

"Nothing with God can be accidental."

Thou camest not to thy place by accident:

It is the very place God meant for thee.

—Longfellow

As any mother might have felt, Jochebed must have been deeply distressed by being forced into circumstances that made her know she must place her darling child beyond the shelter of her own hovering watchcare. But she looked beyond *chance*—and by faith saw *God*. And what unfathomed blessing the trial of her faith, coming out much brighter than gold, has proved to all succeeding generations.

Hard and bewildering situations similarly present to us opportunities to prove God.

Moses' natural heart would have quailed, when, in maturity, God sought to place upon his shoulders the heavy burden of leading His people out of Egypt. Repeatedly he pleaded with the Lord that someone else might be the one and not he. But God gave him grace to submit and faith to trust; so that he, too, has passed down to us eternal proof of the surety of God's faithfulness in impossible situations.

"Had Moses failed to go, had God
Granted his prayer, there would have been
For him no leadership to win;
No pillared fire, no magic rod,
No wonders in the land of Zin;
No smiting of the sea, no tears
Ecstatic shed in Sinai's steep;
No Nebo with a God to keep
His burial; only forty years
Of desert, watching with his sheep."

One summer my father and I were resting between revival campaigns with friends in a mining section in northern Ontario, a country that is lonely, wild, and rocky. One day we had motored in from the mines to the tiny village for supplies, when a little Free Methodist

woman timidly approached the car, and said to my father, "I have a fifteen-year-old daughter, very frail, her life simply fading away. I have taken her to specialists in Detroit and elsewhere. They have been able to do nothing for her, so I have just recently brought her back home with no hope held out for her recovery. I hear you pray for the sick. I should like to ask you to come and pray for her, but I am unable to do so, as my husband is an unbeliever, and would object. What can I do?"

My father replied, "It is true the Scriptures say to call for the elders of the church to pray with the sick. But since in this case that is impossible, there is another scripture you can take. It is, 'These signs shall follow them that believe: . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.' You are one who believes, consequently you are entitled to stand upon this scripture. I would suggest that you go home, go to your daughter's bedside, kneel down, and in faith lay hands upon your daughter, asking God to heal her."

The quiet little Free Methodist mother, in her great distress and need, went home and in childlike confidence knelt down, placed her hands upon her child, asking the Lord to restore health to the young girl. It was a case we followed with great interest and later with great thankfulness, as we were privileged to hear through our hostess how from that hour the young girl began to improve, and was restored to normal health and vigor. It was a wonderful reward for this mother's confidence and obedience in a time of deep distress.

He leadeth me, oh, blessed thought!

Oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

In Granite City, Illinois, during a campaign, I found I was to stay with a very dear lady, formerly from Virginia, Mrs. George Dykes. Shortly after the meetings started, she came to me in confidence, and asked me to unite with her that her husband might be converted during the campaign. So we were praying and believing. Then came something well suited to shake our confidence. Mr. Dykes, foreman at a great iron foundry, came home with the news that he was moved from the day shift to the night shift. Each afternoon he would be obliged to eat dinner at about four o'clock, then leave for work, missing of course the meetings. It seemed to shut off all chance for prayer to be answered.

Then one day an odd thing happened. Leaving for work, he asked his wife to help him find his hat. A thorough search

followed, but no hat appeared, so he wore his cap. For several days he was obliged to go to work wearing the cap. Then one afternoon towards the end of the week his wife appeared as he was leaving and offered him his hat.

"Why, where did you find the hat?" he asked her.

"In an odd place," was her reply. "I found it in the basement. However could it have gotten there?"

At this she observed an odd smile creep into his face. "I guess I'll tell you now," he said, "although I had planned to wait until Sunday, and go to church and tell it. When you folks were praying for me, I knew it. Then when I was moved to the night shift, I was quite pleased, knowing that then I could not be expected to go to the meetings. However, the first of this week, when our coal supply for fall was delivered, I thought I would go down and look at it, although we are not yet burning our furnace. When I got down there, it was so very quiet, something seemed to come over me, and

the first thing I knew, I knelt down near the coal pile and began to pray. I must have taken off my hat and laid it down. I truly gave my heart to God that day in the basement, and have just been waiting to tell you and surprise you."

So the mystery of the lost hat was solved, and God had answered prayer in a miraculous way. Brother George Dykes has long been a Spirit-filled pillar in his home assembly.

Whether in ancient days, or in our own, wise is the man who puts his confidence in God!

O lonely tomb in Moab's land!
O dark Beth-peor's hill!
Speak to these curious hearts of ours,
And teach them to be still.
God hath His mysteries of grace—
Ways that we cannot tell;
He hides them deep, like the secret sleep
Of him he loved so well.

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Praying for Healing

Chas. E. Robinson

Let us suppose that I am sick. The trouble started in my stomach. Then it became hard to breathe. The doctor says I have asthma. He says too that my liver is in bad shape. I have had to go to bed. I have been doctoring for quite a while, but I do not get better. I am told that God will cure me. I am to pray. That is all. I shall not need any medicine. That is what I am told. It sounds good, but I wonder—is it so? I am going to think about it. Where is my Bible? Yes. Here.

God told the Jews, I recall, that if they would be careful to do as He said He would keep them from being sick. He told them this when Moses was leading them out of Egypt where they had been slaves. It was easy for them to believe this because God had just done a wonderful thing for them. He had made every feeble one strong. "There was not one feeble person among all their tribes." Psalm 105:37. When they were at Sinai He told them again that He would take sickness away from them. Ex. 23:25. That is, He would if they did as He told them. If they did wrong and got sick, He said He would heal them, no matter what kind of sickness it might be. Psalm 103:3. He can do this because of the stripes that were laid on Jesus. Isa. 53:4.

When Jesus came He healed everyone that asked Him, and God's record said He did it to carry out what God

had said in Isaiah. Matt. 8:16, 17. The people Jesus healed had been made sick by the devil. Acts 10:38. The crooked woman He healed was made crooked by Satan. Luke 13:16. Jesus came to the earth to undo what Satan had done. 1 John 3:8. And so He healed everyone who asked Him for healing. That was undoing what Satan had done. I begin to see. Jesus is the Son of God, and God has declared unto the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." Heb. 1:8. As God He is perfect. So Jesus cannot change. If a perfect thing should change it would not be perfect any longer. Besides, God says that Jesus never changes. Heb. 13:8.

So it is plain that God is willing to make people well. I knew all of the time He *could* do it, and now I see that He is *willing* to do it. But am I the kind of person He will cure?

I want to look into this a little, for it is very important. I want to know whether He will heal *me*. Jesus says, in substance, "If you live in Me and My words live in you, I will do anything you ask Me to do." John 15:7. That is fine. It is wonderful, but do I live in Him and do His words live in me. If I live in Him I do not live as worldly men live. I am very careful to do as He wants me to. If His words live in me it is because I read the Bible and think about it a great deal, and do as it says. Then, He says, if I am living

in Him I am made all over new from what I used to be. 2 Cor. 5:17. I *am* all made over. I was there when He did the work. I do not find it hard to do as He says, for I do not like the things I used to love so well. I do as He tells me to, so I feel that I am ready to meet Him. He says when anyone is that way he will get what he prays for. 1 John 3:21, 22.

As it pleases God to make sick people well, and as I am in Him and His words are in me, I am going to ask Him to cure me. He tells me to step right up boldly when I need anything, and ask for it. Heb. 4:16. I am going to ask Him, "Father, Jesus has borne all that I suffer, so I need not bear it. So will you please heal me. Amen."

I do not feel any better. Did God hear what I said? I am sure He did because He is willing to do what I asked. He says He hears such a prayer, and gives what is asked. 1 John 5:14, 15. So I am well. God cannot make a mistake and He can not lie. I wonder why I do not feel any better?

Maybe the Lord wants me to show I have faith by the way I act and talk. When He told the ten men who were lepers to go to the priest, they went. Because they were lepers they were in quarantine. They were going to show the priest they were healed, so he could lift the quarantine. They were covered with leprosy. It surely seemed strange to go to the priest that way. But they believed it would be all right so they went. On their way to the priest they noticed their leprosy was gone. Jesus had wanted them to *act* like well men. They did it, and when they did it they *were* well men. Luke 17:14.

I begin to see. I am healed. God says so. I do not feel any better, but what does that matter? I am healed. Praise the Lord! I do thank God for healing me! Wife, get my clothes, please. I'm getting up. God has healed me. I'm going out and split a little kindling. Observer's note. He fills the room with constant praises for healing. His strength improves. He uses it, thanking God for perfect health. He refuses to go to the mirror to see how poor he is; he will not feel of his wrist to count his pulse. He walks back and forth across the room, praising and loving God. His strength increases constantly. He goes to the table and eats the things he used to like before he was sick, but which he has not eaten for so long. He thanks God for every bite, and swallows it in the name of the Lord. It tastes good and he feels fine. His wife quits treating him like a sick man. Everything around him is tuned in the new key—the man of the house is well again.

"The last carnal affection to die out of the heart is the love of prominence."

Miraculously Healed by the Great Physician

Of double curvature of the spine and other serious internal injuries, caused by a fall

At the time of my injury I was employed in a lawyer's office as a stenographer, and as I was a little late getting to work that winter morning I was walking rapidly and not aware of an icy place on the sidewalk where I was passing, until my feet suddenly went out from under me and I was thrown heavily upon my spine.

The fall took place in front of a physician's residence, and his wife and a servant, greatly excited and frightened, ran out to assist me in any way they could.

I was suffering much in the region of my spine; also internally, but had a great deal of power and through that, and the assistance given me, I was enabled to reach my place of residence.

I was not absent from the office long, because I was determined to retain my position if possible. Though very miserable in body I continued for some time with my work, often wishing I had never been born. Like Job, I felt like saying to God, "Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!"

The reason why I was so determined to keep employed was this. Although mother owned the home where we lived, my salary was about all the support we had. However, the time came when I could keep going no longer in spite of a strong will, and I was obliged to go to bed and remain there.

Prior to this I had submitted to examination by several physicians, and while their diagnoses differed somewhat, they all agreed upon the following—very serious internal injuries, uterus partially doubled upon itself and calloused, adhesions; a curvature in the central part of the spine; end of spine (coxyx) doubled upon itself. (I wish to add here that a part of the spinal curvature had been caused by previous falls.)

During my illness I was treated by six physicians and nearly all of them advised an operation, but this I would not submit to. Like the woman mentioned in Mark 5:26, I suffered many things of many physicians, spent much money and was no better, but rather grew worse. My heart, stomach, kidneys and whole system were more or less deranged. I became greatly emaciated in body and was nearing the grave.

Dear friends and neighbors, who visited me often, after my healing told me that they thought I would soon pass

away. My precious mother, who faithfully stood by her child through the whole sickness, said that the entire length of my spine had become purple in color and was swollen over every vertebra. Inflammation had set in in dead earnest, and O how it ached and ached! I lay upon my right side a great deal on account of this; also because my heart action was very weak.

The sixth physician used static electricity upon my spine, also electrical treatments internally, and it seemed, everything else that he thought might benefit me. The electrical treatments appeared to give only temporary relief. This physician was a very kind, conscientious man, considered one of the very best of his profession in our locality.

After he had treated me two years or more, he said one day to me: "I have treated you as I would my own sister and have tried my best to bring you out of this, but I don't see that you are any better for it, and today I just felt I must tell you." (That is not the exact wording, but as near as I can recall.)

Tears rained down my face, because I had more confidence in this physician than in any other from whom I had taken treatment, and I believed that he could in time bring me deliverance. Quickly he added, "I will continue to come and do what I can for you, if you wish me to." But I replied, "O, no. If you cannot help me there is no need for you to come."

I wish to state right now that after my miraculous healing this physician examined me and thought it wonderful what God had done for me. He told my brother, Will, that something had been done for me that no human could do.

A week or so before this some saints of God, whom we had never met before, called and talked with mother. They told her how miraculously they had been healed by the Lord when all other help had failed, and gave her a number of Bible references on the subject of the Lord's being the healer of His people. Mother read these references carefully and became interested, and after this sixth physician had said what he did to me, I too became interested and requested mother to bring my Bible so I could read the references.

Here they are:—Exod. 15:26; Psalm 103:1-3; Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matt. 8:16, 17 and verses 5-15; 2 Chron. 16:12, 13; 2 Kings 5, and James 5:13-19.

Before I had read all the references I felt convinced that if I met God's conditions laid down in His Word, He would heal me. The words in James 5:15, 16 fastened themselves like barbed wire in my mind, for I knew my heart was not right with God.

Neither mother nor I was saved, although we had been members of a denominational church for some time, I for six years and she for over thirty years. I had been rather active in the church, leading young people's services, singing in the choir, presiding at the organ, etc. Ida A. Rush, a Full Gospel evangelist, called at our home one day and about the first question she asked was, "Are you saved—born again?" Mother and I replied that we were members of a church, mentioning its name. Then she replied, "But have you been born again?"

Well, we knew nothing about being "born again" and she was fully aware of it, so she went on to explain this wonderful "born again" experience which the dear Lord purchased for every one who will believe unto obedience for it. We become so hungry to be saved that when she called us to prayer, we both were ready to give our hearts to the One who died for us, and we really experienced the new birth. O, what joy and peace were imparted to us! We had never known anything like it before this.

Mother and I had been baptized into the church by immersion, but we were not saved and so had gone down into the baptism dry with unconfessed sins upon us and come out of it wet with unconfessed sins still upon us, just as thousands of other church members have done. After we were saved and I had received my healing, we felt led of God to be again baptized; we obeyed, and God's added blessing rested upon us for that act of obedience.

I often think of Jesus Christ, our Great Commander, who humbled Himself and was baptized by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. Something wonderful took place at that time. Read Matt. 3:16, 17.

Mother and I were plainly shown when we were saved that in order to please God we must confess and ask forgiveness of all people whom we had in any way wronged and could reach personally or by letter, and *we did it*. He showed us that sin of any kind is an abomination to Him and that what appeared to us as small sins were just as large to Him as the sins which appeared big to us.

As we went on obeying God, added joy and peace were imparted to us and O how we loved to sing:

"Sin no more, thy soul is free,
Christ hath died to ransom thee.

Sing the message o'er and o'er,
Christ forgives thee, sin no more."

Also the song, "There's a deep settled peace in my soul." It just seemed that every thing and every one was or should be praising the Lord, when that great joy and peace took possession of us. Even the rustling of the leaves on the trees seemed to say, "Praise the Lord!" We had a fine black Minorca cockerel and when he crowed it seemed just like "Praise the Lord!"

Before I received my healing I promised the Lord that I would do whatever He wished me to do.

When God's conditions are met faith springs into our hearts to believe for what we are desiring of Him, and so it was with me. When all hindrances were out of the way I believed I should be healed any moment. One night, about two weeks after I had started to trust the Lord for my healing, I was awakened about twelve o'clock feeling the presence of God. I also had a vision of God the Father hovering over my bed; I saw the shape of His head and His white hair, but over His face a veil seemed to be drawn. I believed this was my Heavenly Father then, and ever since that revelation the Father and the Son Jesus Christ have been very real to me as two personalities and yet one in thought, purpose, and power.

The power of God swept through my suffering body like electricity and I knew I was healed from head to toe. I arose from my bed and found myself free from all suffering, and I praised the Lord for my healing.

The first thing the Lord led me to do after my healing was to destroy all remedies, dry and wet, which were in our home. I had not used any remedies or other means of help which physicians and others had advised after I started to trust the Lord for healing, but these remedies and helps were in the house and I was directed to get rid of them, so I proceeded at once to do it. I dumped the dry remedies into the living-room heater, then went to the kitchen and poured out all the liquids.

We had a six-room home, and mother was awakened by my moving about in the different rooms. She afterward told me she thought I had lost my mind, for although she knew I was trusting Jesus to heal me she had never seen anyone divinely healed and was nearly overcome by this great miracle right before her eyes. I kept saying, "Mother, the Lord has healed me," and she soon came to the realization that it was true. Faith in a goodly measure was imparted to her also, so much so that in the morning she was willing to take our medicine chest out to the back alley, where we together broke all the bottles, and the medicines were poured out upon the

ground. Mother had for many years kept a lot of remedies in this chest and the neighbors knew just where to come when they wished something in this line in a hurry.

I wish to state also that a godly man who was used in praying for the sick had been written to for prayer, prior to my healing. A short time after I received my healing, I received word from him that he had prayed for my deliverance the very night that I was healed. Had I not obeyed God and measured up to the conditions laid down in His Word, faith would not have been imparted to this man to pray for my healing, and faith would not have been imparted to me to believe for it.

How wonderful it was to be able to walk and even to run, without suffering! Often on the street I would unconsciously take a little skip; then check myself.

Mother and I testified over and over again of our "born again" experience and of my wonderful healing, and we opened our home for services. Near friends were much influenced by my healing and often came to us to pray for them. Some of our church friends turned their backs upon us, although I was a living witness right before their eyes to the miraculous healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ. However, such treatment did not worry mother or me, for we were saved and happy in the Lord.

I believe God *permitted* this fall which resulted in serious injury to my body for the following reasons: The morning I experienced this terrible fall my mind was pretty much filled with thoughts of "making a mark" in the world along the musical line, which He might have seen would prove a hindrance to me in a spiritual sense. A vocal instructor who was considered one of the best, if not *the best*, in our locality and upon whom I had called the morning of my accident, had tested my voice and exclaimed, "You have a wonderful voice, but it needs to be trained"—words to that effect. "Within a short time you can take solo parts in our church (a leading church in that city)." I had sung in public quite a bit prior to this and many compliments had been bestowed upon my voice, so that I was feeling rather elated over it. Pride regarding my voice and what I might attain by it caused me to be blinded to the ice on the sidewalk

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where I fell. God's Word says, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." However, through this injury much benefit spiritually and physically resulted for mother and myself and many others who were helped by our testimonies, so I can say wholeheartedly, "He doeth all things well."

Since I have been a Christian and have been engaged in the Lord's work, I have been afflicted many times by the enemy, and have been delivered by the Great Physician, from leakage and neuralgia of the heart, gastritis, ulceration of the stomach and bowels, tapeworm, cancer, tumors, terrible hemorrhages, tubercular trouble, rheumatism, infection of nose and eyes, and other afflictions. Truly, "many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:19.

I believe God is leading me to write a book regarding my wonderful deliverances; also containing sketches of my life and miraculous answers to prayer along other lines.—A. Ravilla Faith, 1210 North Cedar St., Colorado Springs, Colo.

"Ask Ye of the Lord Rain"

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not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things." Joel 2:21. What will He do? *Great things!* He will send the rain from heaven. He will pour out of His Spirit. Upon whom? Upon a limited few? Nay, "upon all flesh!" Joel 2:28. But He would be inquired of to do this for us. Ezek. 36:37.

When the Lord was in the garden of Gethsemane He asked His disciples to pray with Him, and they dismally failed. And He has bidden His disciples of today, "Ask ye of the Lord rain," and they have dismally failed. But He would have us stir ourselves up, and remember to obey His command, "Ask." Has He not said, "Ask, and it shall be given you . . . for every one that asketh receiveth"? See what a heritage is ours if we will but pray without ceasing.

We shall see, as we pray, the copious showers of the Spirit from heaven. We shall see the green pastures spring up. We shall see the church, the people of His pasture, nourished, fed, and flourishing. Pray then for rain. Ask for the Spirit, not merely for yourself, but for all flesh. The need of all flesh is for the Spirit of God. He alone can convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Words, songs, and all labor apart from the Spirit of God are in vain. Only that which is unctonized and under the power of the Holy Spirit will have any effect. Therefore pray for rain, the mighty rains of God's Spirit, that all you do may be in the power of the Spirit.

The Passing and the Permanent

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

THE LAST HINDRANCE TO ANTI-CHRIST'S APPEARING

Victor Webb, converted English Communist, quotes Stalin as saying to him that the only obstacle to the success of a World Soviet moved us to a holy war on this nation which its predominating power in the world. "That power must be broken and removed." "And ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time." 2 Thess. 2:6.

FACES TURNED TOWARD ZION

Dr. Stephen Wise, America's outstanding Jewish leader, made the following statement (quoted in *Prophecy*):

"It is because we recognize that the potentialities of Palestine are still virtually untapped and that it can easily make room for hundreds of thousands of additional Jews that we now call upon the Jewish community in America to give its greatest consideration not only to the achievements but to the possibilities of Palestine. We have it within our power to save a maximum number of the harried and tortured Jews of Europe by providing for their settlement in Palestine."

IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD

An American reporter quoted in November *Readers' Digest*, writing of Mr. Joe Louis, the destined world's champion of pugilism, and who is reputed to be a great Bible reader and a church-goer, says:

"To date, the boy's behaviour has been above reproach. But I simply cannot bring myself to believe than any man who in the ring is capable of showing the cruel, relentless, calculated ferocity that Louis shows, can, by the simple process of pulling off a pair of stuffed leather mittens, backing through the strands of rope and climbing from the ring to the floor, suddenly become a sweet and gentle character."

Comments a writer in *Elim Evangel*, "Evidently the world can't see the two mixing together—the Bible and fighting, and neither can we."

PALESTINE NEWS ITEMS

Thousands of Jewish children throughout Palestine celebrated the traditional New Year of Trees (15th Shevat) on Sunday. Trees were planted throughout the country and the day was regarded as a semi-holy day.

The new Government budget provides for \$1,000,000 for the construction of civil airports at Lud and Haifa.

Of the twenty-two policemen who graduated at the Police College in Jerusalem, sixteen are Jews.

The Phoenicia Glass Works at Haifa have now commenced full operations with the Haifa Bay plant, which is the most modern in Asia. It is expected to meet all Palestine's needs with these works.

About 50,000 caes of Palestine oranges will be allowed to be imported into Hungary.

About 2,100 Jewish immigrants entered Palestine during the month of January.

The new water system of Jerusalem has been turned on, and after 2,000 years of water shortage, the newly built reservoir began to fill.

THE MARTYR SPIRIT

A compilation recently published by a German pastor reveals that of 83 pastors still remaining within the boundaries of Soviet Russia, 47 have been suffering for years in concentration camps, on the White Sea or in Siberia, according to the *Alliance Weekly*. Two were recently condemned to death, and since then others have been forced to stop their work. The same writer relates how two Christian colporteurs were preaching the gospel in a village. One crumpled up suddenly, struck by a bullet. His comrade, instead of fleeing, took the Bible from the martyred man, and continued preaching to the frightened listeners. His heroism made such a profound impression that a revival broke out in the village which extended beyond its borders.

CONVERSION OF A MILITANT BOLSHEVIK

A French evangelical paper, quoted by Ernest Gordon, tells of a young Bolshevik militant, a "without-God," Varia by name, who was converted to Christ, and for this reason only, sent to Siberia. From her place of exile she writes: "Our work is heavy, and as the health of Sister X is very bad I work both for her and for myself. We work twelve or thirteen hours daily. The food is very scant. My heart praises the Lord for His goodness to me, a great sinner. Now that I am in His way my life has a purpose. I know whither I go and for whom I suffer. Who can separate us from the love of God? Though they punish me and impose extra work because I must tell all that the Saviour has done for me, I cannot keep silent. With Him one possesses liberty everywhere. The Lord reveals Himself to me daily more and more by means of His Word. I am nineteen and the past Christmas was the first I ever celebrated. The persecution I have to endure I consider a special grace, and I thank the Lord for it."

NATION'S "HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR"

In a recent speech Mr. Lloyd George, British statesman, revealed one of the dominant emotions that produce war—*fear*.

"There are in Europe at the present moment two great countries which are apprehensive of encirclement, a fear which had a good deal to do with the War of 1914, the fear of Germany that she was being encircled. There was Russia, and France and Britain—and Germany talked of 'a ring of iron.'

"Germany is frightened of encirclement by two immense military powers, the most tremendous military powers in the world in their skill on the one hand and in their resources and virile man-power and infinite courage on the other (France and Russia).

"Russia is frightened of Japan. Germany and Russia, two of the most formidable military nations on earth, which have been making war for unknown centuries, with war in their traditions and war in their instinct and blood, are both frightened. A courageous animal which is frightened is a most terrible beast when aroused. What is to be the result?"

EXPANSION

Punch, popular British journal, publishes under the heading, "The Expansionists," a cartoon picturing three frogs, bearing respectively the flags of Japan, Italy, and Germany. Standing together on the top of the world they are saying, "Come on, boys, let's make ourselves as big as bulls." Had the cartoonist been reading his Bible concerning three frogs that are yet to rise? Rev. 16:13. Concerning Expansion, it is well to remember Nebuchadnezzar's testimony, "Those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

"THE FOOL HATH SAID . . ."

Nina Kaneva, young blond Russian girl holding the world's record for "delayed" parachute jumps says: "I have flown high in the air, made many jumps, and I never saw any God or angels."

Comments Arthur Brisbane, "That was better said long ago by an agnostic astronomer: 'I have swept the heavens with my telescope and find no sign of a God.'

"A fish two miles down in the Pacific ocean might say, 'I have thoroughly explored these waters and see no sign of Pike's Peak, therefore there is no Pike's Peak.'"

PENTECOST AMONG THE HUGUENOTS

Brother Donald Gee, writing in *Redemption Tidings*, describes a service he held among the descendants of the French Huguenots, those French Protestants who suffered much persecution for the faith.

"The evening meeting was the most interesting of all, and marks an innovation since the revival. We gathered once again in the hall at 7:30 p. m. This meeting was entirely for Fellowship and Prayer, and was devoid of any preaching or formal singing of hymns. Bread and wine were placed on a small square table in the middle, and the believers knelt at chairs in two circles, one inside the other, all facing towards the table. The meeting lasted fully 2½ hours.

"After some prayers, in which all were free to take part, a sister began to prophesy, and there were probably six or seven such prophecies altogether, intermingled with prayers, during the meeting. About the middle of the time, the pastor began the simple ordinance of the Lord's Supper, the bread and wine being passed from one to another while still kneeling. There followed some rather beautiful singing in "tongues," usually in duets. The assembly as a whole kept very quiet all the time, and the prophecies seemed to have little emotional effect upon the worshipers. Indeed, they were given out in a very level tone of voice, and seemed devoid of much outward display of any deep feeling, though obviously very sincere. Through being in French, I could only catch the general drift of the meaning.

"At the close of the meeting the whole company formed a ring round the wall, joined hands, and sang (in French) 'Blest be the tie that binds.' Then the pastor, asking me to accompany him, went round and bestowed a parting blessing upon each individual personally. The men received a 'holy kiss' upon each cheek, and hands were placed upon the heads of the women. It was very impressive and solemn, though strange to British temperament. All separated quietly and reverently, with hardly any gossip."

Questions and Answers

Joshua 4:9 says Israel took twelve stones which they put in the Jordan while verse 20 says they took twelve stones out of Jordan and erected them outside the river. Are these not a contradiction?

The people did just what is recorded. They took twelve stones from along the bank of Jordan and put them in the river-bed while the waters were held back. They also took twelve stones from the river bed which they erected on the river's shore.

What Scripture have you for teaching that Jesus will come for the Church seven years before the end of the tribulation, three and a half years before the tribulation begins?

We believe the Church should be looking for Christ as Bridegroom at any time. It is made clear that Christ's coming for the Church will take place at least seven years before the age ends. See Dan. 9:27. The following points may be considered.

1. Concerning Israel dates are given. To them the period of the Gentile dominion from the time when they were to be privileged to restore their worship and city under Cyrus was to be seventy weeks, or sevens, which was to be divided into seven weeks, sixty-two weeks, and one week. See Dan. 9:24-27. Concerning the Church no dates are given. We are to "watch and pray for we know not when the time is."

2. Concerning Israel, they can know from the Scriptures that from the time when a covenant is made with the Roman leader there will be but seven more years until the present age will end and in the midst of that week the covenant which has been made will be broken. Concerning the Church the promise is, "Pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man." "For ye know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh."

3. A long period of time has taken place since the sixty-two weeks were fulfilled in the "cutting off of Messiah" and the last week has not yet begun. Something has happened during this long period. Paul tells us it is the New Testament mystery of the Church. Eph. 3:3-6. If the mystery of the Church period comes between the sixty-two weeks and the last week then the Church must be caught away before the last week begins. This church mystery time is an undetermined period during which the Church is to ever watch for the Lord. When it is finished and the history of Israel in connection with this age is resumed, then dates will again be in order—the seventieth week.—E. S. W.

HEALED OF A BROKEN SHOULDER

A few weeks ago I was suffering from a broken and dislocated shoulder. The ligaments were torn loose in my arm and shoulder, and my hand was paralyzed so that even the doctor could not open it. The best he could say was that I might have a hand again some day. After taking an X-ray, he set the shoulder and placed a steel brace down my back and across my shoulders.

Later I went to the church very discouraged,

although I knew what God could do. Brother Biffle anointed me and began to pray, the saints praying also. They prayed for about three quarters of an hour. The feeling began coming back into my hand, my thumb began to move, and the power of God was very real. Saints were rejoicing in the Spirit, dancing and singing. My hand began to open and soon all the swelling was gone. I took my arm out of the sling and found I could use it as well as the other one. I took off the steel brace and carried it home in the hand that had been useless.

I went and was examined by the doctor who said my shoulder was perfect, and he admitted that it was in direct answer to prayer. The next day I was able to sweep my house and sew. I have been able to do all my housework ever since and do my own washing and ironing; drive the car, and never feel any different from the way I felt before my shoulder was broken. My hand is perfect.—Mrs. Dave Duniphin, 1712 Grant Street, Joplin, Mo.

Ed. note. The above testimony was sent in by Pastor S. K. Biffle, 2221 Sargeant Street, Joplin, Mo., with the following statement: "Sister Duniphin is a member of my church. The healing took place on June 19, 1935. We prayed about forty-five minutes before the Lord completed the healing. She comes to almost every service, and her arm and hand are perfectly healed."

RECLAIMING EDOM AND MOAB

According to *Wesleyan Methodist*, Dr. Nelson Glueck, Jewish archeologist, declares that large parts of Edom and Moab could be made fertile again, as ample water is available and the climate healthful. There is far more arable land in Transjordan than in Palestine and but a third of the Arab population. He thinks that if Jews should go into Transjordan they could develop again the ancient trade with Arabia. In fact, the Jews' future in Palestine lies not in obtaining Western markets but in reopening the Eastern world and restoring its ancient fertility and wealth. He believes the Jews are the natural persons to do this.

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Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"For just as the human body is one and yet has many parts, and all its parts, many as they are, constitute but one body, so it is with the church of Christ." 1 Cor. 12:12 (Weymouth).

There are many members, so there is plenty of work for all; all have not the same office, so there is plenty of scope for all varieties of ability and adaptation.

There is neither room nor reason for an unprofitable life, for God has provided for each a place of service.

All are alike necessary, though not all alike important; so that none can afford to be neglectful.

All are mutually dependent. None therefore can work alone, but in cooperation with all the rest.

All are assigned to their respective places by God, so there is no room for boasting, envy, or discontent.

All receive their powers from the Head; hence none need despair of success, or can afford to be self-confident.

All are united to the Head, hence all share the same dignity, honor, and privilege.

All belong to one body, so that weakness in any one is supplemented by the strength of others, and by the vital force that pervades the whole. (Pierson).

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

We feel the following suggestion might be of help in assemblies in increasing the circulation of the Pentecostal Evangel and spreading the Gospel throughout our different cities.

The pastor has appointed an Evangel Secretary who obtains the names of those interested in this plan. The individuals pledge themselves to purchase as many papers as they wish to distribute weekly in their neighborhood. These are stamped with the assembly notices. Our first week following this plan has increased our subscription by 45 Evangels.

We are now looking forward to placing Evangel boxes in railroad and bus stations, hotel lobbies, and other public places wherever possible. This will mean a much larger subscription when this is developed. It has come to our observation that apostate religions of this day are using this method of spreading their poisonous doctrines. We feel that we should awake to our opportunity and place this message before the public.

If each assembly would endeavor to adopt this method by having at least ten people to pledge themselves to take at least five Evangels a week and distribute them as mentioned, one can readily see what a profitable ministry we could have along this line.

Boston W. Turner, Pastor,
First Pentecostal Church,
New Castle, Pa.

LONGMONT, COLO.—The Lord was with us in a recent 3 weeks' revival here, Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor. Although the weather was cold and disagreeable, large crowds attended each service. About 23 found the Lord as their Saviour, and 21 were filled with the Holy Spirit.—Clyde C. Goree, Evangelist, 2124 W. 21st St., Ft. Worth, Texas.

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

GREAT MEETING IN EL SALVADOR

Ralph Williams, missionary now home on furlough from Central America sends the following report, taken from a letter sent to him from Brother Francisco Arbizu of El Salvador:

"Beloved Brother, feel unable to write you of all the blessings of the Lord experienced at our conference, held this month. The brethren gathered from Honduras, Guatemala and Salvador. The Holy Spirit fell so mightily upon us that even hardened sinners were moved by His power. Some fled from the place in fear—others with loud crying came to the altar seeking the Lord for the forgiveness of sins, some of whom were immediately baptized with the Spirit.

"It was impossible to direct the service in its usual order and there was no preaching—we were wholly taken up with receiving the sinners who came seeking the Lord. During the service while some sang and testified, others laughed and cried; some just shouted.

"It was impossible to tell for sure how many were saved but we counted up to forty-one and there were eighteen who received the Baptism with the Spirit. Afterward we heard of others who received the Promise on the roadsides as they journeyed home. Everybody, even to the children took part in this great outpouring.

"A number of notorious characters have been converted lately—murderers, spiritists, and some known as wizards. In all these parts people are speaking of the revival. It seems that this revival, of the outpouring of the Spirit is going to continue mightily."

INDIAN VILLAGE SCENES

By Katherine Cooke

If you could see the people who surround my tent every day and those who follow me about in the villages, your heart would bleed for them; they are so full of sin and so filthy and blinded by superstition, and such terrible sores and sicknesses afflict them. It would seem impossible for the light to penetrate their darkened souls, but nothing is impossible with God and nothing is impossible with him that believeth and I do believe and know that the Lord will do marvels. There is such a great need and so few to fill it.

About a week ago a two-year-old girl was brought to me with both hands in a terrible condition. She had fallen into a fire and burned them about two weeks before and her mother had plastered the little burned hands with cow manure, for the

people of India worship the cow. Of course, the little hands did not get better so they came to me. I cried when I saw those little hands. The flesh was just rotting. I did not know how to begin to get the filth off them and the child cried and screamed when I attempted to touch her.

I cried out to the Lord for these little hands, made a simple poultice and tied them up. The next day I found that most of the dirt had come off, leaving the flesh raw and the fingers stuck together so that they could not be separated. All I could do was to pray again and wrap them up as before. Now the Lord has marvelously answered prayer and the rotten flesh has come off and yesterday I was able to separate the fingers and wrap the hands properly. Yesterday morning the people, who have watch-

had to leave their stations along the Tibetan border are now planning to return. Miss Daechert requests prayer for their safety as they go back along the roads and through the sections which have so recently been the scene of terrible massacres. She also asks prayer that the country may be kept in peace so that doors may remain open to the gospel.

NOTICE

We wish to announce that the revised edition of our Missionary Manual is now off the press and will be sent free of charge upon request. Since we do not set a price on this book, we should appreciate small offerings to help cover the cost of the printing and postage. Write to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

VASSARS SAILING IN JULY

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vassar announce that they plan to sail from New York July 3 for South India. Our brother and sister expected to sail in February but were hindered because of the illness of their child. We should be glad if those who have pledged toward the support of these workers would try to keep up their offerings, since some is still lacking for the outfit which they will need in India.

NEW WORKERS REACH CHINA

From Hong Kong Brother and Sister Glenn Dunn write: "We enjoyed our visit with Brother Barth very much in Japan. In Shanghai we met the Misses Jewel, Sister Emma Daechert and Brother and Sister Plymire and David. They took us to a Chinese wedding. Arriving in Hong Kong we received a hearty welcome from Brother Williamson, Brother Ledbetter, Sister Ledbetter, and Brother and Sister McKinney. We also met Brother and Sister Morrison just before Sister Morrison sailed for America. Since then we have met the Wagners from Yunnan of their way to Europe.

"Our address while studying the language will be Box 721, Hong Kong, China."

GOOD NEWS

Harold Jones writes from Mossiland, West Africa, that they have just returned from a six-day trip to Ouahigouya and report that thirty-five were saved or reclaimed in the meetings. Ouahigouya is the new station which Brother and Sister Vivan Smith opened shortly before returning to America for furlough.

Send 25 cents for Sample Packet Tracts.



Some of the Pentecostal believers in Guatemala, Central America. Picture sent in by F. Arbizu.

ed me day after day exclaimed when they saw how the hands were healing. Today they are so much better that they do not need any bandages. It surely is a miracle!

Every day I dress such awful sores as are only seen in India and one wonders how the sores ever heal up when one sees their filthy clothing. They are too poor to afford soap and too poor to let the village washerman wash their clothes, so they just put them in water and stamp them on the village well coping, getting some of the dirt out, then put them in the sun to dry. Some are too lazy to do even that and just wear the cloth until it falls to pieces with dirt and grease. I believe the reason they are so lazy and lethargic is because they do not get proper food or enough of it. Most of them eat only once a day and that the poorest kind of food. It is not everyone that can afford even rice every day.

REOPEN WEST CHINA STATIONS

Good news has come from Miss Emma Daechert, one of our West China missionaries, that war conditions seem to be sufficiently settled so that the missionaries who

BLESSINGS IN FAR-AWAY SYRIA



Miss Yumna G. Malick

Many and sore have been the testings and trials of every kind during the past year, but many also were the blessings and glorious victories which have brightened our path and encouraged our hearts to press forward in the Name of our Captain, who goes forth conquering. Many were the desperate prayers that were answered and the deliverances

wrought through the ever mighty Name of our Lord Jesus, and as we drew to the marking line between the old and the new year, many were the heart-searchings and humblings before Him, and He who knows the intents and secrets of the heart looked upon us with His smiling face and reminded us of His promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

You will be glad to know that the Lord is answering prayer for revival here. We have already heard a going in the tops of the mulberry trees and a sound of abundance of rain. Our hunger and thirst for the Lord and for fellowship with one another led us to hold a convention the last three days of the old year, during which time the presence of God was realized in our midst in a very precious manner, and we felt drawn closer to Him, and our souls were refreshed. Friends from missions in Beirut and other places were invited, and all present enjoyed a Pentecostal convention and received fresh courage and a blessing from the Lord.

Watch-night service was the most blessed of all, as one after another came forward to be prayed with and made their decisions before the Lord. Some were seeking the Baptism in the Spirit. God alone knows how much this convention may mean for eternity. Already two new Mohammedan villages are being touched by it.

Continue to pray for us, please. Pray for the work in Beirut among the people from Hauran. The Lord is working with blessing here. It has been on my heart for a long time to start a mission in Hauran right on the border of Arabia. Also there is no Pentecostal work in the large and ancient city of Damascus, where Paul received his commission from the Lord, had his sight restored and there and then was filled with the Spirit. We owe this place a debt which can be paid only by carrying the gospel message to the thousands of inhabitants who are living in darkness and in the shadow of death. Another mission station should be opened in Beirut at the opposite end of the city to that in which we have our Bedouin work. This, too, is a great need.

For the starting and carrying on of this work a good bit of money is required, but I know it can be done. Shall we limit our God or our faith and ability, or shall we come with the report that "the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work"? Let us pray about it.

I wish to thank every one of the dear friends who are holding our work up in prayer and by their means. Your loving co-operation is very much needed and surely appreciated. Such

privileges of service here on earth may not be of long duration, for "in such an hour as we think not, the Son of Man cometh," and at the sound of the trumpet the scene will be changed.—Miss Yumna G. Malick.

TROOPS TAKE MONGOLIA CITY

Word has just been received from China that the city of Chang Pe Hsien is in the hands of the Japanese. Manchu troops marched in December 30, but the change of government came without any fighting. Our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hindle are reported safe. The mission property has not been confiscated but meetings can be held only in the afternoon. Attendance at the services is greatly hindered because of fear.

MISSIONARIES DESIRE PASTORATE

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock write from Gold Coast that they expect to start home on furlough soon and should arrive in America sometime in April. They state that they should like to take a pastorate for a while so that their two children could be with them while attending school. The children came home some months ago so that they have been separated from their parents. Anyone wanting to get in touch with Brother and Sister Garlock my do so by writing the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

SAILED FOR BORNEO

Word has been received that Mr. Kenneth Short, one of our General Council ministers, left Los Angeles February 1 to engage in missionary work in Borneo. He expected to spend a short time in Honolulu with his mother, then go on to Japan, where he was to join several other missionaries bound for Borneo. They are scheduled to arrive in Java April 18. Mail will reach Brother Short addressed to him at 57 Embong Malang, Sourabaya, Java, D. E. I.

NEW RECRUITS FOR INDIA



Clarence T. Maloney



Mrs. Doris Maloney

We are pleased to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Maloney have been approved for missionary appointment to India by our Missions Committee. Both are graduates of Central Bible Institute, being members of the class of 1932. Since finishing school these young people have been actively engaged in the ministry in the East. Their home is in Wilmington, Delaware.

CORRECTION

In a recent issue of the Evangel we announced that Miss Amy Ausherman had returned home on furlough from Palestine. We should have said from Canary Islands.

MISSIONARY RETURNS TO CHINA



Lula Belle Hough

We are happy to announce that Miss Lula Belle Hough plans to return to China, sailing from San Francisco March 6. Miss Hough has been spending her furlough period with relatives in Ohio.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL HOME NINGPO, CHINA

At three o'clock Christmas morning Mrs. Dzing (our matron) and I armed with flash light and boxes of gifts made ready to surprise the kiddies. We first went to the third floor where our older girls sleep. As our Convention meetings had just closed, a number of our married girls who came in from the country for the meetings were still here and our girls had given up their beds for them to sleep in. Not knowing just where the girls were sleeping, it was difficult to find them for they were all sleeping with their heads under the covers. By the time we had frightened two or three of them out of a years growth we had placed each package in the right place and tiptoed out and down the steps. On the second floor we met with better success. We knew each child's bed and we managed to place each package without the children knowing it.

We then started over to the men's building with a large box of gifts. In Bo-Bo's room (where the smaller boys sleep) we opened the door and stepped in only to find that one little fellow was waiting for us with a broad grin as much as to say, "I fooled you this time." After telling him to keep quiet and not to wake the other boys we placed the gifts at each little bed. We next went to visit the older boys in their dormitory.

On Christmas afternoon we had our family service in the chapel. At that time gifts for each one on the compound were given out. The gifts were each wrapped in a nice Chinese hand towel, and piled up in front of the pulpit, looked like a mound of snow. The children had part in a little program arranged by the teachers and students in the Bible school. As the children sang so sweetly of the wise men and the star our thoughts went back to that Christmas day so long ago and we could picture that darling little Babe in the arms of His mother. What if Jesus had never come?—there would have been no happy Christmas day for our little ones, there would have been no peace in our hearts, no glad tidings of a Saviour for us to proclaim. We rejoice because we know He has come and dwells in our hearts by faith. Hallelujah! "He comes to make His blessing flow, far as the curse is found."

In the evening one of our brothers in the church had a Chinese feast brought in and with a number of beloved Chinese brothers and sisters we ate our Chinese Christmas feast with joy and thanksgiving in the Lord. It was the end of a perfect Christmas Day.—Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols and Miss Eva L. Bloom.

The Sunday School Lesson

Jesus Explains the Kingdom

Lesson for March 29. Lesson Text: Luke, chapter 13

When Jesus gave the parables recorded in Matt. 13, the disciples asked, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?" He answered, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." These mysteries are hid from wise and prudent ones, but revealed unto babes, His bairns, His born-again ones. It is the joy of His bairns to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him.

I. GROWTH

The Mustard Seed. The kingdom is likened unto a tiny grain of mustard seed, which becomes a great tree. When it is grown the fowls of the air find lodgement in it. The kingdom of which Christ spoke had a small beginning—in a Bethlehem stable. The Son of God gathered to Himself a band of lowly disciples. After His death, resurrection, and ascension, He poured forth His Holy Spirit upon them, and then how rapid was the growth of the kingdom.

The Fowls of the Air. What is the meaning of this figure? In explaining the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, Jesus gives us His own interpretation concerning the fowls, "then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown." Early in the history of the church there came in "the fowls" sent by him who is called "the prince of the power of the air," "false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." Paul says, "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." 2 Cor. 11:14, 15. We heard a preacher say: "If you want good mustard, grow it fresh every year. So in the spiritual, we must constantly have new revivals. But alas for the way we see things happen! God sends a gracious revival. After a few years a great ecclesiastical tree is grown; the fowls of the air, a lot of scheming political-minded professors of religion crowd into the branches and you see a great apostasy. But God will always have some fresh mustard growing, a new revival in progress. See to it that you are always in God's latest revival."

A Parallel. There is a close parallel between the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom described here. Abraham was called alone, and what a man of faith he was. But later, when his seed became "as the sands of the sea" Moses spoke of them as "a very forward (crooked, perverted) generation, children in whom is no faith." Deut. 32:20. Apostasy had developed in a few generations. The early disciples were men of great faith, great grace, great piety, and great power; but in the last days we are seeing in the churches men who are as Paul foretold, "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud . . . lov-

ers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." 2 Tim. 3:2-5. There are plenty of "the fowls of the air" in the branches.

II. CORRUPTION

The Leaven of Malice. The kingdom is here likened to leaven or yeast, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. What is the meaning of leaven? Everywhere in Scripture this figure typifies corruption. When the passover feast was instituted, the children of Israel were instructed to put away all leaven from their houses. That night they were to be for ever done with the leaven—the corruption of Egypt. And since Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us we must keep the feast, not with that which was outstanding in our old life in Egypt—the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with that which should characterize our new life in Christ—the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. He bids us, "Purge out the old leaven." The souls who refused and did not purge out the old leaven on that first passover night were to be cut off from Israel. What a solemn warning to us!

The Leaven of False Doctrine. Our Lord bade His disciples, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." They were made to understand that they must beware of the doctrine, i. e. the teaching of these sects. In Revelation 2, we see a woman described as "that woman Jezebel" coming into the church with her false teaching or corrupting leaven. Ahab, the king of Israel, added to his many other sins by taking to wife Jezebel, daughter of the king of the Zidonians who stirred him up to work wickedness. She sought to corrupt all Israel, and to bring the whole nation to the worship of Baal. She slew the prophets of the Lord and would have destroyed Elijah had not God preserved him. But God meted out a terrible judgment to Jezebel and she was eaten of dogs. 2 Kings 9:30-37.

God's Separate Ones. It may be asked, Will the whole church be corrupted? Praise God, No. Mark the well chosen words of the Master, "in three measures of meal"—a certain portion. Jezebel sought to corrupt all Israel, but Jehovah reserved to Himself seven thousand who bowed not their knee to Baal. In Revelation, we see the harlot woman who "did corrupt the earth" with her much evil. We see also the judgment that will overtake her, for just as Jezebel was devoured of dogs, so this evil woman is made desolate and naked; and her flesh eaten. This unchaste harlot is contrasted with the pure bride of Christ—His seven thousand who have not bowed knee to Baal, those who are truly "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible."

The Cleansing of the Kingdom. The final mystery of Matthew 13, is that of the net which was cast into the sea and gathered

fish of every kind. But a separation is made. The good are gathered into vessels and the bad cast away. The Master warned us of the separation that will surely come, when all that offend and all that do iniquity shall be purged from His kingdom: "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." An atheist admitted that at times he was very miserable. If the Bible were true, what a terrible fate there was for him ahead! Wailing and gnashing of teeth!

III. SEPARATION

The Solemn Question. The question was asked, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" The answer can be found in Matt. 7:13, 14. There is a wide gate, and a broad way, that leads to destruction, and MANY are going that way. There is a strait gate, and a narrow way, that leads to life, but FEW there be that find it. The Master's word to this inquirer and to every one of us is this, "Strive (literally, agonize) to enter in at the strait gate: for many . . . will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." How is this? The context plainly shows—they come too late. The door is closed. God's time is today, but man is so occupied with his own petty, selfish schemes that he puts off all thoughts of eternity. He says, "Oh, I mean to get saved some day, but not today." But the Holy Spirit plainly says to us, "TODAY if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." "I am too busy to attend to it today," said a merchant one Saturday to an insurance man, "but come around Monday and I will let you fix me up a policy." That merchant was opening up a new store and putting his new stock on display. That night he was burned out—without a cent of insurance. "Not tonight," says the sinner, "I will get saved tomorrow." But tonight the word comes, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee!"

An Awful Awakening. All Jews looked forward to a great kingdom in which they would have fellowship with the great patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jesus showed that many would come from the four corners of the earth and sit down in God's heavenly kingdom, but these who were rejecting the word God was giving by Him would be "thrust out." There are many whose names appear today on church rolls, regular attendants at the sacraments, proud of their clean, moral lives, who presume they will have a place in heaven. But one day they are going to have a rude awakening. Hear these words from the Master's lips: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." See that you are a doer, as well as a hearer of His Word.—S. H. F.

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MISPLACED VERTEBRA HEALED

When a child I was victim of infantile paralysis which left me partially paralyzed below the waist, and with a weakness in the spine from which I suffered agonies. At fourteen I was saved. Reading the Bible I wondered why I could not be healed as they were in Bible days, but was told these things were not for our time. In 1930 I obtained employment in Colorado Springs, Colo., the work being heavy and calling for me to be on my feet for from eight to twelve hours a day on concrete. At night when I would lie down the pain was almost unbearable but I had to live so I stuck to the job.

A chiropractor gave me some relief but he warned me that it was only a matter of months until I would not be able to walk or perhaps even to stand unless I got off my feet and stayed off. He said that six months or a year or maybe two years in a cast might put the dislocated vertebra in place, but he would not guarantee it. But I had to eat, so I kept at work.

After that in the fall of 1930 I came in contact with the Pentecostal people. I left off going to the chiropractor, but still did not have faith to be healed. Finally I knew that unless the Lord undertook the time the doctor had told me of was at hand. There was no possible position in which I could rest. Every movement of my body caused me excruciating pain. One night in July, 1932, after Bible study I asked the pastor, Howard Davidson, to pray for me. He anointed me with oil, laid hands on me, and prayed, others praying with him. Instantly the pain from which I had suffered so for thirty years ceased. A few weeks later the bones had moved fully one half the distance back toward normal, and now the place where the displacement was, can scarcely be found with the fingers. The cessation of pain which occurred instantly has proved permanent, as it has never returned, in these now more than three years, although I continued at the hard work I have mentioned for nearly a year after I was prayed for.—Mrs. Addie B. Baker, Route 1, Pryorsburg, Kentucky.

Ed. note. We wrote to Miss Ruby Finley, 913 South Conejos Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, about the above healing and she replied verifying what Mrs. Baker says about her sufferings, and says that from the time she was prayed for until the present Mrs. Baker has been able to sleep at night free from that intense pain. She says, "I believe it to be a miracle."

A BLESSED HEALING

On July 26, 1935, I was bitten by something. I do not know by what, but it felt like a bee sting. I began to swell and in a few minutes lumps appeared all over my body. My face and lips swelled so that I was a fearful sight to behold. Mother prayed for me, but I kept getting worse until I was unable to stand or speak. The pastor was away so I was carried to the car by my brother and taken to a sister's home. When we arrived there they prayed for me

and when they saw me changing to the color of death they thought I was dying.

I felt a feeling of tightening all over my body from my hips up to my neck which began to swell, and then I felt my jaws go tight together, clamped immovably. Then the sister anointed me with oil and they prayed again for me. Thereupon my jaws unlocked and the power of God came on me. I claimed the victory through the precious blood of Jesus. I remained in the sister's home until the following night, under the power of God which would sweep over me from time to time as I went about household duties. At such times I could feel the poison leaving my body. This continued until I was completely healed on the 29th of July.—Mary Darrigo, Newburgh, New York.

Ed. note—Some months later Miss Darrigo, in answer to an inquiry we sent her, wrote that she had never had any ill after-effects of the poison. When the testimony was first sent in it was accompanied by a statement of William Van Dam, Pastor Glad Tidings Assembly, 4 Avoca Street, Newburgh, New York, in which he said, "The above testimony is true. A number of the saints witnessed the miracle."

HEALED OF ECZEMA

For twenty years I suffered from eczema. It would get better and then break out again. Each year it became more chronic and less susceptible to remedies. I was under doctor's care for months at a time. Everything that could be thought of was done for me. I went on milk diet and for weeks ate no solid food, only a little raw fruit, but this brought no relief. The disease grew steadily worse. Then I had smallpox and they told me I would have no more eczema, but it came back worse than ever.

In endured terrible suffering during those trying years. It became so bad that the palms of my hands looked as if gashes had been cut in them. My finger nails festered and came off. Then I heard of Jesus the Healer. I plunged in, was saved and then anointed and prayed for. For three months thereafter I was tested. At the end of that time I was asked to play the piano for a revival meeting. I made a renewed consecration to God, and, ignoring the pain, played the piano with my sore hands. When the meeting closed my hands were healed. That was seven years ago and they have remained free from eczema to this day.—Mrs. Fern Wilkers, 846 East Dale Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Ed. note. To the above testimony is appended the confirmation of the testimony by her pastor F. T. Curry, 812 East San Rafael, Colorado Springs, Colorado. He says: "She was brought to our home by friends of the church. We anointed her and prayed for her. After a time of testing she received her healing. That is seven years ago. She is a member of our congregation at this time, and that healing is still good today."

HEALED OF TUBERCULAR COUGH

In 1918 I had flu with double pneumonia. Every winter since that I had bronchial trouble. I would cough until I would spit up blood. I would have to sit up night after night. The doctor's medicines gave me only temporary relief. In January, 1935 Evangelist Harold Carlbloom and Pastor Elizabeth Buckland prayed for me. I felt no change. Then the evangelist laid hands on me and they prayed again and told me I was healed. I began to praise the Lord and victory came. From then until now I have never had a cough. The doctor told me before I was prayed for that I'd better have a check up on my lungs. In the middle of July after I was healed I decided to do this. The doctor asked me to go to Healthwin Sanitarium for an X-ray which I did. The report read that at one time I had had T. B. infection on my left lung but that it had healed over. The X-ray showed the scar. I told the doctor of my healing and told him I had not taken a drop of medicine since the day I had been prayed for.—Mrs. Leona Worth, 127 East Ohio St., South Bend, Indiana.

Ed. Note. The above testimony is verified by Pastor Elizabeth Buckland. We held it nearly four months and then wrote her, Mrs. Worth. In February, 1936 she replied, "One year has passed and I have never been bothered once with coughing."

A HOPELESS CASE HEALED

My seven year old boy was taken sick in my absence. On my return September 1, last I found him in immediate need of an operation. At the hospital Dr. Wright said, "Without an operation there is no hope at all, and with an operation he has one chance in a hundred." The operation showed a ruptured appendix, gangrene, blood poison, and peritonitis.

The doctor, after the operation, said he had no chance to live. I went and got Brother Tanner and Brother Lindsay to pray with me. My faith was gone; I could only cry and complain before the Lord that I was having more to bear than I could stand. Finally the Lord spoke to me through the thirty-seventh Psalm. I was enabled to commit my way unto the Lord, rest, be patient in Him, and even delight myself in Him. I found the third verse contained the key—to do good. I received a great blessing and restoration to grace.

At the time I thus prayed through (I was in the church) my boy at the hospital fell asleep and slept for thirty-six hours. When he awoke I was by him, and he said God had healed him and that he wanted to go home. He had to stay a few days until the tubes could be removed from his side. Then we took him home, but the doctor said we would have to bring him back for another operation as hernia always developed in such a case and would have to be operated on. But when we took him back, the doctor found to his amazement that no hernia had developed. He was well. The doctor said it was a miracle.—Jos. L. Armon, Calhoun, La.

Ed. note. Brother Armon is one of our ministers. He sent in the above testimony in September. We wrote him some months later about the case and he replied that the boy is well.

In the Whitered Harvest Field

SHAWNEE, OKLA.—A recent 3 weeks' revival, conducted by Henry R. Sample, of Okmulgee, Evangelist, was a very profitable meeting in many ways. Brother Sample's soul-stirring messages were enjoyed by all who heard him.—H. T. Owens, Pastor.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—We begin a 15 days' meeting January 29, Fred Markum, of Ft. Worth, Evangelist. God blessed in a wonderful way in bringing the unsaved to the altars. Nine received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Radio programs were given each week in addition to our regular program each Sunday afternoon at 4:30.—Mrs. Natalie F. Dawson, Pastor.

WEST FORK, ARK.—Since May 20, 1935, when Omer Jarrell became our pastor, we have paid the debt on our church and the Lord has surely blessed. We had a fellowship meeting here the first Sunday in February, with a large attendance. Several ministers were present. All enjoyed the meeting, and left feeling good in their souls. Our Young People's meeting has grown in the last 2 months, and the Sunday School attendance has increased.—Loy E. Sample, Secretary and Treasurer.

WHITNEY, NEBR.—The Lord has recently given us a precious revival, Evangelists Ronald and Alice Nichols in charge. Eleven prayed through to a definite experience of salvation; a like number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; and a number were reclaimed. Brother and Sister Sheets, who have been acting as pastors here for the past five months, left us at the close of this revival to re-enter the evangelistic field. Their consecrated labors will long be appreciated among us.—Jacob Zieg, Church Secretary.

FLORENCE, S. C.—The Knight-Hamilton Evangelistic Party came here in October and erected a tent. God was with us right through the 5 weeks of meetings. Souls were saved and miracles of healing were manifested. On account of the cold weather we later moved into a building. Many who became interested during the tent meetings are now supporting the work, and they desire that we establish an assembly here. Fifteen have received the Holy Spirit, others are seeking, and many interested people are attending the services.—Paul S. Knight, Evangelist.

BRAWLEY, CALIF.—Truly we are rejoicing in the Lord for the recent revival, Roy K. Reed, Sherburn, Minn., Evangelist. One dear little girl gave her heart to the Lord on the first night. From then on the crowd grew, and souls were saved throughout the 9 days Brother Reed and his party were here. Every message was a timely one. People who had not been in our church before came to the altar seeking salvation. The revival spirit still continues and people are hungry for more of God.—Pastor and Mrs. R. Perryman, First Pentecostal Assembly.

WILLS POINT, TEXAS—We recently closed a revival, Robert Q. Hankins, Evangelist; E. G. Belt, Pastor. God wonderfully blessed in spite of the severe freezing weather. Seven or 8 wept their way through to God, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and 5 united with the assembly. The faithful group of saints were stirred and uplifted in many ways.—Mrs. Robert Q. Hankins, Star Route, Fairfield, Texas.

HARTFORD, ILL.—The Lord has given us a very precious 4 weeks' revival meeting, Stanley Miller in charge. About 40 were saved. In one case a young man was saved, and a little later 18 of his relatives came to the meeting and together sang a song. Most of them were saved during the revival. People came for miles around, and on the last night of the meeting we borrowed about 60 extra seats to accommodate the people.—Francis Pope, Pastor.

NORTH SEMINOLE, OKLA.—The Lord was present to bless in the revival just closed, Earl F. Davis, Evangelist and State President of the C. A's., in charge. Fourteen were saved and 4 received the Holy Spirit Baptism. Our Sunday School record attendance is 210. During the revival we had several snow storms and a lot of cold weather, but the Sunday School attendance was never below 150. The Lord is wonderfully blessing this little assembly in every way.—W. V. Drake, Pastor.

JONES CREEK, MD.—A few years ago we began to have home prayer meetings. Then the Lord opened the way for us to meet in the community hall. Now we have a membership of 25 or more, and also a large Sunday School. A little over a year ago we moved into the new church. A little later, Brother Staudt came down from Baltimore and set the church in order. We thank God for sending us a new pastor, Brother B. B. Brickley. Souls have been saved, believers have been filled with the Holy Spirit, and sick bodies have been healed.—Mrs. F. J. Miller, Sparrows Point, Md.

INGLESIDE, TEXAS—Since taking over the work here in June, 1935, we have had 2 very successful revivals. August 4, Bennett Jones and Party began a meeting. The power fell in the old brush arbor; many were saved, and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The meeting was concluded in Aransas Pass with an all day fellowship, August 8. During our regular services people have continued to find the Lord as their Saviour and Baptizer.

We have just closed a 35 days' revival here at Ingleside and Aransas Pass, E. R. Winter Evangelistic Party, of Coleman, in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Thirty prayed through to old time salvation, and 8 were filled with the Spirit. Our assembly was wonderfully edified by the teaching and preaching of the evangelist.—N. F. Blanscet, Pastor.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Last Sunday night we closed a revival, Lura Johnson, Evangelist. The meeting continued 3 weeks and during that time approximately 35 were saved, 19 were filled with the Spirit, and 18 joined the church. One woman testified that she found the light on the Baptism in the Holy Ghost through reading the Evangel. In spite of snow, ice, and cold weather, we had a good revival. Many were healed in answer to prayer.—Mildred Cudd, Secretary; N. H. Rhodes, Pastor.

QUINCY, ILL.—Last summer we began to pray the Lord to send us a Holy Ghost revival, and to send us an evangelist. Edith Mae Pennington had been invited to come in God's time, and she gave us a meeting in the fall. Many times the glory of God fell so that the evangelist could not preach. She would give an altar call, and souls would come to God. Many were saved and delivered from the power of sin, many were filled with the Holy Spirit, and the church was taken deeper in Pentecostal power. And best of all, the revival is still going on.—V. R. Jackson, Pastor.

CORINTH, TEXAS—We are glad to report that God's blessing is still resting upon Corinth, which is a new field. On July 3, 1935 Evangelist and Mrs. M. B. Netzel, of Galena Park, with Evangelistic Party, conducted a 4 weeks' revival here, after which Edna Henson was in charge of the last 5 weeks of the campaign. Four or more were saved, and 19 were filled with the Holy Spirit. God also manifested His miraculous power by some wonderful healings. In August we organized a Sunday School and Young People's work which God has been blessing. At the close of the revival, September 7, we began our weekly services. Four have been saved and 4 have been filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord has also blessed us with a new parsonage.—Edna Henson, Pastor.

MAUD, OKLA.—The first C. A. rally in the South Central Section met here February 13, at 8:00 p. m. There were about 15 churches represented. After an estimate of the groups from the different assemblies, there followed special songs and reports from the various groups. Then all the pastors were asked to stand; after that, the evangelists. Brother Eiting, of Dallas, Texas, was present, and he was asked to speak. His subject was "Receive the good from everything." Then Brother Fullerton, the young minister who is to sail for South America before long, gave a talk. A message from heaven followed, the interpretation was given, and the entire congregation rose to their feet and praised the Lord. Then followed a song in the Portuguese language. Just before Earle Davis brought the closing message, Brother and Sister Greene sang the Christ Ambassadors' song. Brother Davis' message was brief and to the point, he urging the C. A's. to move forward for Jesus.—B. L. Greene, Sectional Representative.

A Correction. In the article, "What is Bolshevism?" in the Evangel of Feb. 8, 3rd page, 1st column, 3rd paragraph, 27th line, instead of the "masses of the saved Russian people," read "masses of the unsaved Russian people."

Forthcoming Meetings

CLAY CITY, IND.—March 23—; E. C. Sumrall, Springfield, Ill., Evangelist.—Herman R. Rose, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Calvary Pentecostal Church; March 8—; Mac Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.—By Evangelist.

DAYTON, O.—March 3-29; Evangelist and Mrs. E. A. Schink, of New York City.—Howard R. Schlemmer, Pastor.

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.—Gospel Tabernacle; March 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. F. Pepper.—A. H. Hostvedt, Pastor.

MECHANICSBURG, PA.—March 15—; Charles B. Peters, Evangelist; neighboring assemblies invited.—W. R. Murlatt, Pastor.

NORRISTOWN, PA.—Calvary Gospel Tabernacle, De Kalb and Marshall Sts.; March 19-22; Mrs. J. R. Flower, Evangelist.—Wilbert D. Schock, Pastor.

GALENA, KANSAS—April 26—; Dorothy M. Hoppie and Party; neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—V. Lenzy Hertweck, Pastor.

KONAWA, OKLA.—Assembly of God Church, W. 3rd, 1st Bk.; May 10—; Florence Bowcher and Tina Griffin, Evangelists.—James Plant, Pastor.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—United Pentecostal Church, 285 Wilmot Ave.; April 5-26; Estella Mafet, Canton, O., Evangelist.—H. L. Ettinger, Pastor.

ASHLAND, O.—Bethany Assembly of God, 151 W. Main St.; April 14-May 4; Peter Jepsen, New Haven, Conn., Evangelist.—Ida M. Stuart, Pastor.

C. A. RALLY

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.—214 D St.; March 23, 7:30 p. m.—Vincent Alexander, Pastor, 502 Earl St.

HAVRE, MONT.—March 8-29; Anna C. Berg, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Evangelist.—Louis O. Rynning, Pastor, 513 4th St.

BREMERTON, WASH.—9th and Veneta St.; March 8-29; Evelyn Olson, Evangelist, of Vancouver, B. C.—Karl Leonard, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, O.—Pentecostal Church, E. 55th St. and Lexington Ave.; March 1-29; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist; neighboring churches invited to attend.—D. P. Holloway, 4102 Spokane Ave., Pastor.

MARSHALL, MO.—March 15—; Griffin and Hull Evangelistic Party.—Raymond Phillips, Pastor.

ELDON, IOWA—March 8—; E. E. Templeton, Sedalia, Mo., Evangelist.—Elmer L. Simbro, Pastor.

SECTIONAL C. A. AND S. S. RALLY

CHICKASHA, OKLA.—209½ S. 5th; March 29; all day; W. C. Gilbert, Pastor.—Earl F. Davis, C. A. President, Jones, Okla.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

STONY POINT, NEAR SPIRO, OKLA.—March 22; everybody invited; bring basket lunch.—M. W. Johnson, Pastor.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle, 2112 Miller St.; April 5-May 3; Otto J. Klink, of Florida, Evangelist; meetings every night.—Thomas Paino, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Berea Tabernacle, 4th and Forest Aves.; April 12-May 3; Guy Shields, Evangelist. All neighboring assemblies invited.—J. R. Kline, Pastor, 14867 Fairfield Ave.

DEARBORN, MICH.—Gospel Tabernacle, Schaefer Road at Warren Ave.; March 10-29; Evangelist Harvey McAlister, of Toronto, Special Speaker.—W. Daryle Webster, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—Denver Church; April 5-26; Murray Brothers, Singing Evangelists; near-by assemblies are invited to attend.—J. C. Anthony, Pastor, 6415 Corpus Christi St.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Highway Tabernacle, Market St.; March 8-29; Evangelists J. D. and Mrs. Saunders, Los Angeles, Calif., Special Speakers.—L. A. Hill, Pastor, 109 W. Dewey Ave.

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NEWARK, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, Fourth and Dickerson Sts.; March 15-April 12; Watson Argue, Evangelist; strivices every night except Mondays, 7:45; Sundays, 10:45 and 7:30.—Ray S. Armstrong, Pastor.

VINELAND, N. J.—Full Gospel Assembly, 6th St., near Park Ave.; March 15-April 12; Mabel Willetts, Midlothian, Md., Evangelist; meetings nightly except Saturday at 7:45; neighboring assemblies invited.—H. E. Hardt, Pastor.

LORAIN, O.—First Pentecostal Church, 1829 East 31st St.; March 15-April 12; Irma E. Kleinfeld and Verda Mauer, Evangelists; every night except Saturday 7:45; Sundays 10:45 a. m.; special music.—Claude Weaver, Pastor, 1861 East 34th St.

NEPTUNE, N. J.—Full Gospel Church, 5th and Ridge Aves.; April 5-19; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist; services every night except Saturday; Sunday 3:15 and 7:30. Young People's Rally April 10, 7:45.—Irving H. Meier, Pastor.

SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 903 Ventura St.; March 8, for 3 weeks or longer; Georgia Lewis, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist; meetings every night except Saturday 7:30.—S. W. Squier, Pastor, 104 Wilson Court.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

MIDVALE, N. J.—Gospel Assembly, Cor. Cross St. and Ringwood Ave.; March 25-28; Bible Studies each evening; 3 services on Sunday; John W. Follette, Teacher.—Frederick D. Pettet, Pastor.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETINGS

Liberal, Feb. 18-23; Pratt, Feb. 25-March 1; Greensburg, March 3-8; Coffeyville, March 10-15; Arkansas City, March 17-22; Wichita, March 24-29; Hutchinson, April 7-12. All day convention at Parsons, March 13.—C. E. McCarrell, State Sunday School Secretary, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING (South Georgia)

PELHAM, GA.—Mt. Olive Assembly, 8 miles south of Comilla, 6 miles west of Pelham; March 29; services, 10:00 and 1:30; S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, in charge.—S. W. Noles, 1302 20th St., Columbus, Ga.

DISTRICT SECTIONAL CAMP MEETING

GOULDS, FLA.—April 9-19; Harry J. Cossey Evangelist; other ministers assisting; dormitory space provided, with cooking facilities; also limited number of rooms; bring bedding, linen and other accessories. For further information address N. A. Bell, Secretary, 1907 N. B St., Tampa; or Pastor C. C. Hansberger, Box 43, Goulds, Fla.

QUINCY, ILL.—Bethel Church, 12th and Jefferson; March 22—; P. A. Megna, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Evangelist.—V. R. Jackson, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

LEWISTOWN, PA.—April 21-24.—Walter I. Palmer, District Secretary, 233 Atkins Ave., Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Pearson and Epworth Sts.; revival meetings, March 8-29; services each night except Monday.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

McCOOK, NEBR.—April 7-9; E. S. Williams, General Superintendent, Principal Speaker. Inquire of Glenn A. Reed, 811 East C, McCook; or A. M. Aiber, 634 S. Denver, Hastings, Nebr.—A. M. Aiber, District Superintendent.

22ND ANNUAL DISTRICT COUNCIL (Southern Missouri District)

ST. LOUIS, MO.—8658 S. Broadway; April 21-24; Elder E. S. Williams, General Superintendent, Principal Speaker. For further information write E. L. Hance, Pastor, 831a S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.—S. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, Dexter, Mo.

CONVENTION NOTICE

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church, 4741 Hudson Boulevard; March 22-29; Robert Cummings, of New York City, Bible Expositor, Speaker at Special Meetings for Christian Fellowship; each night except Monday, 7:45; also Sundays, 3:30. Co-operation of assemblies appreciated.—J. E. Kistler, Pastor.

ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION (West Central District)

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NOTICE OF SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS TEXAS DISTRICT

Lufkin Church, March 24-25; Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall, Beaumont, March 26-27; Houston Section, Smith Tabernacle, 2711 Jensen Drive, Houston, March 31-April 1; Yoakum Section, Port Lavaca Church, April 2-3; Valley Section, Harlingen Church, April 7-8; San Antonio Section, South Side Church, San Antonio, April 14-15; San Angelo Section, San Angelo Church, April 16-17.

All conventions start 10:30 a. m. All ordained ministers required to fill out questionnaire. All licensed ministers required to renew certificates. Each minister will attend the convention in his own section and report to the Sectional Committee. Those desiring license will meet the Committee in their own Section.—F. L. Newby, District Superintendent, 2621 W. 26th St., Fort Worth, Texas. Phone 62833.

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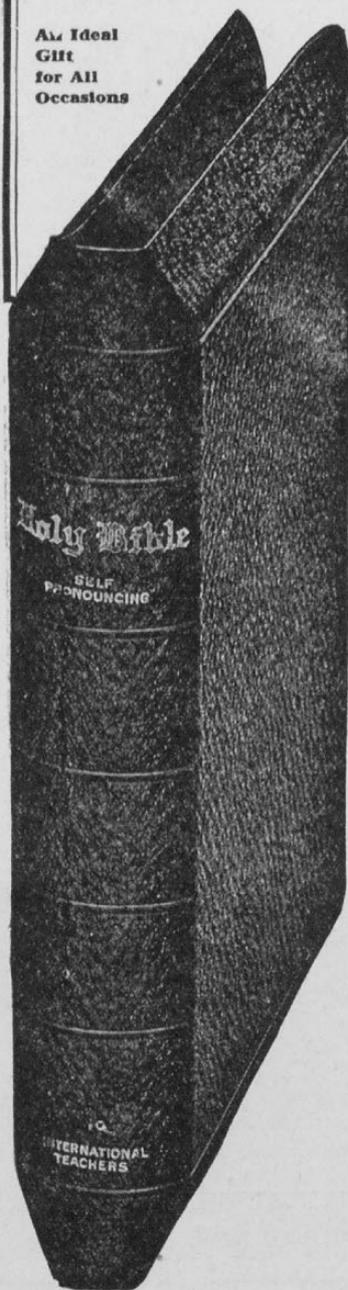
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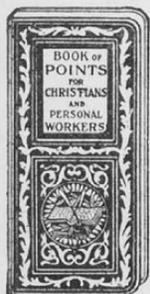
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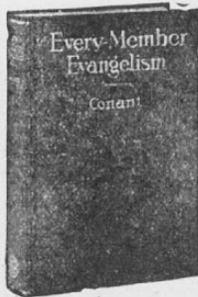


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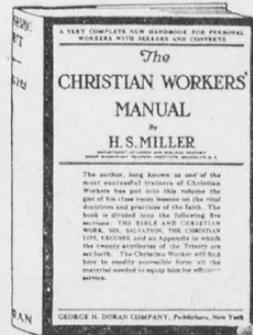
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