

We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
1 John 2:1.



We have . . . a high priest . . . touched with the feeling of our infirmities.
Heb. 4:15.

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"Keep Yourselves in the Love of God"

DO you delight in the love, the fellowship and the continuous presence of the Lord? He delights in the love, the fellowship, and the presence of His redeemed. It was a joy for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus to have Jesus in their home at Bethany, and it was a joy for Him to be in a home where He was loved. It is written concerning the Lord that His delights are—with the angels? No, but with the sons of men—redeemed sinners. The Pharisees complained, "This man receiveth sinners—and eateth with them." He loved these sinners and came to make known to them the love of the Father—who so loved the world that He gave His Son to bring to it His plenteous redemption. And Christ so loved us that He gave Himself for us.

Had He forgotten that hospitable home in Bethany in that hour of great crisis when Lazarus was sick and then dead? No. He never forgets those He loves. And because He loves He allows them to be tested, knowing that the trial of their faith is much more precious than gold that perishes. In God's good time He came to Bethany, and then He did exceeding abundantly above all their thought and conception—raising the loved one from the dead after he had been in the grave four days. Rejoice even in the fiery trial that you may have to go through, that the dear Lord in His love for you is planning an exceeding abundant blessing—beyond all your thought or conception.

You say, "But look at John the Baptist. He was put in prison. Couldn't Jesus have procured his release?" John evidently himself got to the place where he doubted, for he sent his disciples to the Master asking, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" The Lord in His love had not forgotten him. At that hour when John's disciples brought that question, He did many remarkable miracles, so

that they could go back and report to John that the very things the prophets had foretold concerning the Messiah were being fulfilled, and he could be fully as-



Unoffended

"And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Matt. 11:6.

*Unoffended! Precious Master,
May this blessedness be mine;
May my heart be fully yielded
To each word and deed of Thine;
Thus I shall be quickly moulded
Into likeness, pure, divine.*

*When the clouds hang darkly o'er me,
And Thy face seems turned away;
When like John within his prison,
I am tempted with dismay,
Strengthen me with blest remembrance
Of Thy leading all the way.*

*Shall I question, Lord, Thy wisdom,
Shall I ever doubt Thy care?
Thou art full of sweet compassion,
Thou dost all my burdens bear,
And with love that never faileth
Thou wilt all my sorrows share.*

—By Carrie Judd Montgomery

sured that the One he had pointed out as the Lamb of God was God's true Messiah.

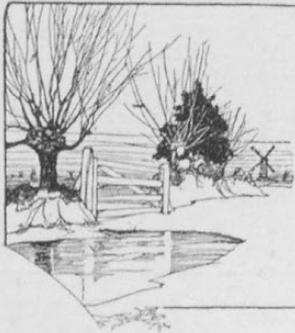
But was John released? No. Was he stumbled? No. And Jesus said, "Blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Not offended by His delay to come to Bethany until four days after the death of Lazarus? Not offended because they still have to stay in prison as did John! Not offended even though the abominable Herodias may demand your head and the wicked Herod send his executioners to perform that act?

If the Lord in infinite love allows His own to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, and to know experimentally what conformity to His death—a death by crucifixion—means, it is that they may know more fully the all-sufficient grace which it is His constant joy to impart.

Did He love Paul any the less because He allowed him continually to be buffeted, and would not answer his prayers for the removal of that messenger of Satan which was so sorely trying him? No. And because of the overflowings of the all-sufficient grace vouchsafed and heavenly strength imparted in the midst of his weakness, Paul declared, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

Jesus loved His disciples and loved them to the end—despite their frailties, their carnality, their pride in each wanting to be first; and despite the fact that He knew that at the last they would all forsake Him and flee, and that Peter would thrice deny Him. He said to them, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also." He loves to be with His own and for His

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A Suggested Remedy

J. Narver Gortner

It is quite generally agreed in religious circles that there is a great need of spiritual power in the churches, and that something ought to be done that this need may be supplied. Just what ought to be done the religious leaders seem to be at a loss to know. They agree that there is too much materialism and too little spiritual perspective. And this condition has been attributed to "the swift pace of modern life and the complexities of the machine age." What has brought it about is, however, of less interest to us than is the problem as to where a remedy can be found and how the remedy can be applied.

We have been told by some that it is imperative that Christianity be reinterpreted in the light of modern thought. This is only another way of saying that we must depart from that interpretation of the Word of God, and from those ideals that were held by the fathers, in the days when the power of God was in evidence, and the church was a mighty agency in turning men from darkness unto light and from the power of Satan unto God. We need not argue that this will not avail, for it has been tried, and has dismally failed. Perhaps we should not be far from the truth if we were to affirm that the very conditions, for which those who suggest this course as a suitable remedy have been brought about by that remedy. The destructive criticism and atheistic philosophy that Germany gave birth to a number of decades ago, which at that time was quite universally condemned by all evangelical denominations, has been bearing fruit to such an extent that there is scarcely a denomination anywhere that has not, in a measure at least, been influenced by it. Christianity has been reinterpreted in the light of modern thought, and has been by this misinterpretation, robbed of its virility and power.

A four-day session of the National Preaching Mission was recently held in Philadelphia. At this Mission Bishop James E. Freeman of Washington, D. C., made a novel suggestion. Almost every other conceivable suggestion had been previously made; so in order to attract attention it seemed imperative that a new one be introduced. The sug-

gestion was that a conference be held with President Roosevelt to discuss ways of insuring this country's future, it being taken for granted that the country is without an insured future as long as Christianity is without that vital element which has distinguished it from all other religious systems in the past. Bishop Freeman said that such a conference should include leading clergymen of the various sects. "President Roosevelt," he declared, "has called into conference the captains of industry. Now he should confer with a group of representative American clergymen to deal with that which is fundamental to the preservation of the American republic." He went on to assert that Christianity at the present time is in retreat before the forces of irreligion and that it will have to rally its strength in order to stop the advance of materialism. As to how enthusiastically the suggestion was received, or, as to whether or not it made any impression upon the ministers present, I am not aware. There are some in almost all denominations who are ready to accept almost any suggestion made, especially if it has been made by a man of prestige or prominence.

Another suggestion has come from E. Stanley Jones of India. Dr. Jones is one of the outstanding Methodists of today, and his books have been read quite largely in the more spiritual circles of the church of my fathers. Dr. Jones proposes that a new organization be formed, an organization embracing all the various denominations, and that it be called "The Church of Christ." This, he has told us, would result in "a larger expression of Christianity" all over the world; all countries would be affiliated, and in that way could act in a co-operative capacity in preserving and promoting spiritual values by injecting new life into religion.

I should like to inquire how these denominations, if they are impotent in their respective fields, being unable to bring about the results in those fields that they formerly possessed the power to bring about, can accomplish those desired results the world over by becoming more closely affiliated? If, in other

words, they have failed on a small scale, would not the result of their becoming thus affiliated together spell failure on a larger scale?

It does not appear to me that the great need, the crying need, is another organization, or, other organizations. The organized church is a mighty army, and is on the field of battle. It has banners aplenty; it has all the artillery it needs in order to make an effective onslaught, and it has an inexhaustible supply of ammunition. What it needs is that spark of divine fire without which the volunteers are helpless, the artillery useless, and the munitions of war of no avail.

If suggestions from a humble quarter are in order, may I be allowed to make one?

Since there was a time when organized Christianity possessed virility, and was the mightiest factor on the face of the earth in deterring crime and building good society, may we not conclude that if we inject into the Christianity of today that element which it possessed then but which it does not seem to possess now, we can look for the same results? Is it not a recognized fact or principle that cause produces effect, and that the same cause that produced a certain effect yesterday, will, under similar conditions, produce that same effect today?

Nothing is the matter with Christianity. It possesses just as much virility and power today as it ever possessed. The trouble is with those who represent it, or, profess to.

Suppose we take a brief journey into bygone days and look at the effectiveness of the ministry of a man who never thought of suggesting that a conference of leading clergymen be called by the President in order that present conditions might be diagnosed and remedies suggested. The man's name is Calvin Wooster. He was a Methodist preacher who, at his death, left on a fragment of paper, the following: "Born May 20th, 1771; convinced of sin, October 9th, 1791; born again, December 1st, 1791; sanctified, February 6th, 1792." The ministry of this man of God "was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Writing of him, Dr. Abel Stevens, that noted Methodist historian, wrote, "He was a man of Abrahamic faith, and his prayers seemed directly to enter heaven, and prevail with God. He carried with him an unceasing spirit of prayer. Often at midnight would he arise and call upon his God, while the inmates of the house where he made his temporary abode were awed by the solemn voice of his supplications ascending amid the silence."

It is said that when Calvin Wooster preached it was under a mighty unction of the Holy Ghost, and that few who were unsaved could stand before him

and resist his appeals. They would either flee from the room or fall upon their faces and seek the pardoning mercy of God. He spent three strenuous years in Canada, "preaching almost daily, and with a power seldom equalled in the history of the Christian ministry." Men who sat to listen, while Calvin Wooster preached, often fell like dead men upon a field of battle. Such was his holy fervor, such his devotion to God, and such his love for souls, that wherever he went he kindled a fire in the hearts of men and women.

Once when Calvin Wooster was in the midst of a powerful revival, his presiding-elder, a man named Dunham, entered the place of worship. People were falling under the power of God, and the presiding-elder thought it was all confusion. So he knelt down and began to pray to God to allay the excitement. Wooster made his way to the place where the presiding-elder was kneeling, and quietly kneeling by his side began to pray in a low but fervent tone, "Lord, bless Brother Dunham! Lord, bless Brother Dunham." He had not prayed long until Brother Dunham toppled over on the floor under the power of God, and God kept him there until such a marvelous work of grace was wrought in his soul that he went out from the meeting house to spread the revival flame all over the district.

Those were indeed marvelous days. Nathan Bangs has told us that a bitter opposer of the Methodists came into a meeting, hearing that his wife was at the altar, seeking God, and that he seized her and dragged her to the door. There, attempting to open the door, he was smitten down by the power of God. He was unable to rise. The people gathered around him, and prayed for him, and God kept him there until he turned from his sins. He was gloriously converted, and he and his wife went home rejoicing in a Saviour's love. He afterwards became an itinerant preacher, so that it was said of him as it had been said of Saul of Tarsus, "that he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed." Gal. 1:23.

It was not through physical energy or scholarly attainments that Calvin Wooster achieved results. Hear what one who knew him well wrote: "Under his word the people fell like men slain in battle. This was even the case when he became so exhausted that he could preach no longer, or his voice was drowned in the cries of the people. He would stand with angelic countenance and upturned eye, bringing his hands together, and saying in a loud whisper, 'Smite them, my Lord! my Lord, smite them!' And 'smite them' He did; for 'the slain of the Lord were many.'"

My suggestion, therefore, is, that what

ails the church today is a lack of that power which characterized the preaching of these staunch fathers of the early days, the power that characterized the preaching of Peter and Paul and James and John in the days of the early church. And my suggested remedy is that, instead of asking the President to call a meeting of church ecclesiastics to discuss ways and means whereby there can be a restoration of former moral and spiritual awakening upon which it is conceded the future of the nation depends may be brought about, the ministers of the churches go down before God, and call upon their people to go down before God, repent of their backslidings, put away their idols, acknowledge that what they need is the old-time power of God, and that all their efforts without it must be necessarily barren; and remain in the attitude of seekers until the Holy Ghost comes upon them, and they receive that endowment of power our Lord promised to send when He went away to the Father, an endowment without which the ministry of the brainiest and most eloquent men among us is bound to be an unfruitful ministry.

What the church needs today is what the church has always needed, and always will need until the great work of taking out from among the Gentiles a people for His name shall have been completed, namely, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and that Baptism not as a past experience but as a present possession.

Nothing can take its place. The programs may be well arranged, the decorations may be attractive, the architecture may be fine, the singing may be classical, and the preaching may be flaw-

less; but if the power of the Holy Ghost is lacking, calling the meeting a Pentecostal meeting will not suffice.

Machinery is good, but if there is no power to run the machinery, the most perfectly constructed machinery on the face of the earth cannot possibly accomplish the purpose for which it was made. All the preaching missions in the world, and all the conferences that may be held, even if the President calls them, are not going to help us very much. The only thing that is going to save the situation is a Holy Ghost revival, and there can be no Holy Ghost revival without old-time power.

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own to be with Him—despite all their frailties.

He knew not only what His disciples were, but what His grace would make them. He said to Peter, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." "But," you protest, "didn't Peter's faith fail?" In that hour of darkness Peter got a revelation of his own frailty, but at a later hour he realized that the prayer of the Master on his behalf had prevailed. Did his faith fail at that hour when he went into the house of Dorcas and raised her from the dead? Did his faith fail when Herod put him in prison and purposed that he should be taken out in the morning and executed? No. Just as the Master, knowing fully that a great storm would be coming, went to sleep in faith in the helm of that ship on the lake of Galilee, so Peter laid him down and slept in that prison in full assurance of faith that the Lord in His love would do that which was best.

What is true of the first disciples is true of His own today. Despite their many shortcomings, their carnality, and all that His all-piercing eyes can see, the Lord loves them. He ever liveth to make intercession for them, and He knows that through His blessed Holy Spirit so freely imparted, and through His Word made alive within them by the Spirit, they will be transformed and changed into His own very image. Some of the saints may look very unlovely—but wait awhile until the heavenly Potter has completed His work. A day will come when they shall be like Him who is altogether lovely. He will have them where He is—seated with Him in heavenly places, and He has promised to be with them always, even unto the end.

It is written of old, "Yea, he loved the people." He has not changed. He who said to Zacchaeus, and he knew all about him when he said it, "Today I

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Words of Counsel from Daddy Welch

Study and practice the presence of God.

Walk recklessly in the will of God and He will take care of you.

I would like to see a Tishbitish ministry in the last days.

Salvation gained by works is not taught in the Bible; but there is much about *how* salvation works.

You may fuss with the truth until it appears error to you; and with light until it appears darkness.

Resist not evil. Keep out of the fighting field; it is carnal, springs from pride.

We enjoy an anointed message because there is a manifestation or display of the Holy Spirit. He delights to honor Christ and we, being so closely united to Him, are involved in the demonstration.

United by Faith to the Promises

By Carrie Judd Montgomery

So many times in the early morning some special text is impressed on my heart, and this morning it was 2 Peter 1:4. Now this text is the key note of this little Bible study. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." "Whereby:" the emphasis, as it came to me this morning was upon the *result* of these exceeding great and precious promises. One of the results is that through them ye are made *partakers of the divine nature*.

Often when I see people who are professing Christians, and even real Christians, neglecting the Word, it makes me feel very sad. The Word in Heb. 4:2 shows us that we must be united, or linked, to the Word by faith (see margin). If we are not linked to the Word by faith it will have no effect upon us. You must say just what God says, because faith is an echo. Say to Him, "Thou sayest it, and I say it after You," and even if your faith does not seem very great, just say over and over what God says. For instance, God says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee," so your faith must say, "Thou ART the Lord that healeth me."

If you do not feel that you are linked to the Word by faith, ask God to link you up to it. *By faith* in the exceeding great and precious promises we must be partakers of the divine nature. What do you need this morning? You say, "I need healing." But what do you need more than healing? You need to be absolutely *in touch with Him* as a little branch is in touch with the vine, always drinking of the goodness and of the sap of the vine. As partakers of the divine nature, we may always drink of Christ. Verse 8,—"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye should be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." How? Through the Word. It is through the Word that we are made fruitful.

Look at Psalm 107:20. In the previous verses we read of those who are so very ill that they "draw near unto the gates of death," and it is then that they "cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses." You know how a mother runs when she hears her baby cry; so the Lord runs when He hears our cry. "He sent his word and healed them." How are we to be healed? Through the Word; always through being linked to the Word. Take a promise and ask God to link

you to it by faith. The devil likes to have us deal in generalities, but God deals with us individually, and brings to us such *individual promises*, and gives us *individual experiences*. It is "the manifold grace of God."

Sometimes when I have not been able to get healing, I would say, "Now Lord, I am going to wait on Thee." "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Then perhaps I am called away, but I go back as soon as possible, and tell the Lord that I am camping right there, waiting on Him, until He renews my strength. This is the place where the devil will try to make you faint, but like the importunate widow, do not go away. In her case the judge was so tormented that from purely selfish motives, he at last paid attention to her, but not so the Lord.

This is a parable of contrast. If the unjust judge would avenge the poor widow because of her importunity, what will not the just Judge, our Heavenly Father, do? "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, thought he bear long with them?" Who are His elect? Are you His elect? If you *cry unto Him day and night* you are His elect, and you will not be satisfied without God's help and comfort any more than a baby will be satisfied without its mother when it cries for her. You can never fool the baby. The devil comes around and tries to soothe us with false comfort, but God's own elect will cry for Him.

"Though He bear long with them." There is the secret. He has to *bear* with us in our unbelief, and in our foolishness, etc., but, Praise the Lord, He *does* bear long with us, and when He gets us to the place of complete surrender and perfect faith He can work for us.

"He spake a parable to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint." The Lord wants us to be full of courage, and not to faint. These are days of awful strain, and we must live up in the heavenlies, or our flesh and our heart will fail at the terrible things that are taking place in the world.

See Luke 4:32. "And they were astonished at His doctrine; for His word was with power." Now why is not His Word to us always with power? Because there is something in us that is not responsive to that Word, and that is why we have to get down before Him and let Him search our hearts. It is something in us that we have not discerned or understood. All of the pre-

vious promises are yea and Amen to us in Christ, if we believe. Ask the Lord to search out, and forgive everything in you that causes you not to believe. Always refuse the condemnation of the devil but throw yourself open to the searching of the Holy Spirit.

Turn to John 8:37. "Ye seek to kill Me, because *my word hath no place in you*." Notice that the words of Jesus found no place in these unbelievers. Do we give Him a deep place for His Word? Ask Him to forgive you that there is not sufficient depth of earth in your heart for His blessed, life-giving Word, and then He will himself deepen your life, and make more room for His precious commands and promises.

John 6:33. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." As you feed on God's Word more and more, and take it into your heart, the Holy Spirit will quicken your whole being—spirit, soul, and body through this Word.

Exodus 15:26. Now this is the covenant of healing in the Old Testament; "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and wilt keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee." In the New Testament the covenant is not given to works, but to faith. "The prayer of FAITH shall save the sick." James 5:15. How do the two harmonize? By faith we hearken diligently, and by faith we keep the Word, because Christ in us keeps the Covenant. He more our sins on the Cross, and He bore our sicknesses on the Cross. Matt. 8:17. He is our righteousness, and He is our health.

Lev. 26:15, 16. "If ye shall despise My statutes," etc., what is to follow? Read the list of ills, viz., consumption, the burning ague, etc. There may be a spiritual cause for every disease. For example, if you read in the Book of Proverbs, (18:8) you will see that "the words of a tale-bearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." Somewhere, away back in the past covered with the dust of years, there may be a wound that your talebearing made in the heart of another. But, the dust of years does not cover it; there is only one thing that can cover it, and that is the Blood of Jesus. Perhaps this very thing unconfessed, has caused a cancer or evil disease in your own body. I feel that there is more to our words than we know. We are to speak evil of no man. God tells us if any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. 1 Peter 4:11.

In Matt. 8:8, the centurion said, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." What kind of faith did that man have? The prevailing characteristic of his faith was that it *depended on the Word of God alone*. David says, "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13.

In Psalm 119:25 we have the prayer, "Quicken—thou me according to thy word." To quicken is to make full of life. How may I be quickened? By the Word of God, through the Spirit of God. Then in verse 28 we have, "Strengthen thou me according to thy word." In Proverbs 4:20-22, we read, "My son, attend to my words, incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Shall we not take God at His word, and trust Him to quicken and strengthen our physical being as well as the spiritual, and bring health to all our flesh?

In Proverbs 3:8 we also have a promise that the fear of the Lord and righteousness shall be "marrow to thy bones." So not only shall we find health to all our flesh, but also the marrow, or oil, required to keep our bones young.

In closing I will read 1 Kings 8:56, which I can surely give as my own personal testimony for many years along this line of renewal, and strength, and healing for my body; "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise which He spake by the hand of Moses His servant."

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must abide at thy house," will come to your house and make it a Bethany. Do not be like Martha, becoming so cumbered with much service, even though it be love service for Him, that you do not take time to sit at His feet and learn of Him. Says the apostle James, "Be not many teachers." James 3:1 margin. So many are trying to teach before they have been taught of Him. They need first to give heed to His invitation, "Learn of Me." He will come to the home where you dwell, and if you will give Him time and wait upon Him as did Mary, He will make known to you and will impart to you all that His loving heart longs for you to know. Then it will be a joy for you to render unto Him whom you have learned to so fully love, your rarest gift of love, your alabaster box of spikenard very precious, and you will be able to give to Him that which will be the most acceptable service.—S. H. F.

Can God Furnish a Table?

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There was an army of men, women and children in the desert. They were producing nothing, and yet they had to be fed. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness; against the two who alone had faith that the God who opened the Red Sea would open a way by which the redeemed people could be fed. Since God had brought them out of Egypt, surely He was capable of bringing them into the promised land and maintaining them in the meantime.

All around was an exhausted earth, barrenness, desert; but heaven was not exhausted. God could send angels' food, even for murmuring people. He did not send them enough to last for days and months. He was teaching them a lesson—they had to depend upon Him for a daily supply. Christ taught His disciples the same lesson, "Give us this day our daily bread." God's resources are inexhaustible, but He does not give us inexhaustible supplies for all times. There is a daily gathering of a daily supply for a daily need. God could preserve the abundance that came on the sixth day so that they had enough to tide them over on the seventh day. Faith was exercised on the sixth day for the seventh day's supply. Christ, the bread from heaven, multiplied the loaves in the wilderness and fed the four thousand and the five thousand.

Man is so limited, so poor, so bankrupt, that he limits God according to his own poverty. The scraps from the angels' table were more than enough to feed the millions in the wilderness. Man had angels' food. God had simply to allow a portion of the angels' food to drop in the wilderness to feed His people. He could sustain His people without food as He did Moses on the mount, or Elijah, when the food of one day was made to do duty for forty days. God's resources are more than man's need, or the needs of a million men.

Every blood-redeemed one from Egypt, everyone who had partaken of the roast lamb, typifying the Lamb of God, had a right to expect he would be provided for in the natural. Redemption out of Egypt entitled to preservation and protection on the journey to the promised land.

The living quail had to unite in migratory flight to meet the demand of a hungry people. The interim between Egypt and the promised land had all been provided for in the counsel of God. The commissariat department of heaven

was equal to the unexpected wilderness demand.

If God has redeemed you, if the divine blood has touched you and cleansed you, if you have been partaker of Christ and know what redemption is, can't you trust Him to provide in the interim from the Cross to the throne?

The Red Sea will open—if need be—heaven will open. The wings of the birds will open to provide for His own people. If Christ can provide for the soul, surely the body and its needs will not be over-looked. But there must be a daily dependence for a daily supply of a daily need.

He hath said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Who? The One who supplies the need of every living creature. If nature is teeming with life, God has teeming supplies, supplies for these teeming multitudes.

Oh, thou of little faith, wherefore dost thou doubt? God can even employ the ravens to be His servants to help His prophets. Have faith in God, not only for salvation, but for provision the short time you are sojourning down here. The man who dares most and trusts most, God will honor most.

Moses believed for an army to be fed and Moses had no visible supplies, but he believed God and God sent supplies from heaven. God's hidden supplies are more than the visible. Christ said, "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." If He can make stones into children, surely He can provide for His own.

But God wants us to have a daily dependence. The just shall live by faith—spiritually and physically. The worldly man is independent of God and he misses much. He misses the Father's care, the Father's thoughtfulness, and the delight the Father has in providing for His own. If God "spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" "All are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." The wilderness may be a desert, but dew can still fall on it, and dew can be turned into bread. Heaven is not bankrupt and God has still resources that man never dreamed of.

"Holiness is the losing of self and being clothed upon with the spirit and likeness of Jesus."

There is no surer path to spiritual degeneracy than spiritual pride.

The Sunday School Lesson

The Story of Abraham

Lesson for February 7. Lesson Text: Gen. 13:1 to 21:34.

Strife. How the Lord hates strife. He tells us, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all." At Corinth there was strife and they were actually going to law against one another, and that before unbelievers. Paul says to them, "Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?" The Master also has a very strong word against strife and bids His own, "Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man shall sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also." How free from strife He Himself was. When He was reviled, He reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously. Let us follow Him. In today's lesson we see that when strife arose, Abraham rebuked the same, saying to Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren." He was willing to concede the very best of the land to Lot in order that there might be peace.

A modern example. A month ago it was our joy to have Brother Lewi Pethrus of Stockholm with us. He told us an incident of their missionary work. In a certain land where their missionaries labored, a strong nationalistic feeling arose in the native church and there was a demand for complete self-government. In this crisis hour the missionaries asked Brother Pethrus to come and help them. He consented, and on the voyage he prayed much. One day at prayer it came to him to counsel all the missionaries to turn over the whole work to the native church, property and all, and to start pioneer work again in another part of the same field. He gave this counsel to the missionaries and they all agreed. The native church called a conference of their own, elected their own president and secretary, and proceeded to work on the line of promoting their own independent church. On the second day of the conference Brother Pethrus asked if he might speak. He told the assembled company that they had no desire to strive, but that they as a missionary body would quietly withdraw and work in another part of the land, leaving to the native church all the properties they (the missionaries) had paid for. This was a great surprise, and the natives were soon under deep conviction that they had gone too far in their desire for

complete independence. A great spirit of weeping came over them. Every difference was soon ironed out, and a spirit of love, unity and perfect harmony has prevailed on that field from that day—it was several years ago—until this. Weymouth translates Phil. 4:5, "Let your forbearing spirit be known unto everyone—The Lord is near."

Lot's choice. There was nothing covetous about Abraham. The Word declares, "Let your conduct be free from covetousness, and be content with what you have; for He hath

came a prisoner. If it had not been for Abraham who went to rescue him, we do not know what would have happened to him. There are weak ones who make wrong choices whom we must constantly seek to aid: "Others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire." Jude 23. After the rescue, Melchizedek the priest of the most high God came to Abraham (but apparently not to Lot) with bread and wine. As we fight the good fight of faith, He who is a priest after the order of Melchizedek will come and minister unto us, giving us the bread of life to nourish our hearts and the blessed wine of the Spirit to make us glad, enabling us to eat in Spirit of His own flesh and blood and become partakers of Himself. Abraham gave to Melchizedek tithes of all.

Let us not fail to honor our Melchizedek with our substance and the first-fruits of our increase, and the promise is given, "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Abraham spurned what the king of Sodom wanted to give him—he would not take even a shoelatchet. Abraham had the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, as his inheritance, and his affections were not set on things below.

Friend of God. Abraham was a friend of God. The Master says to His own, "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." He calls us to the closest intimacy with Himself. When He was about to bring judgment upon the wicked cities of the plain He said, "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do?" We can have like intimacy with the Lord today through the blessed Holy Spirit, for the Master said, "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

The secrets of the Lord. The Lord made known to Abraham in a special visit two great secrets—that Sarah in her old age should bear him a son, and that Sodom and the cities of the plain should be destroyed. What effect did the last revelation have on Abraham? He immediately became an intercessor. He did not start out to be a lecturer on prophecy with large charts. No, the revelation of things to come drove him to intercession. When the Spirit shows us the nighness of the sudden destruction that is surely at the door, it should drive us to our knees. We should pray especially for our kinfolk who are unprepared for the coming of the Lord and all that will accompany that event.

No looking back. Destruction came to Sodom, and so it will to this old earth. The Lord, in response to Abraham's intercession, (Continued on Page Seven)



said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5, Conybeare. Abraham had the Lord as his shield and his exceeding great reward, and real estate and property were not his great concern. He was quite willing for Lot to choose what was to all appearance the best. Lot's was the choice of covetousness, and when that wedge of evil once gets into the heart, then look out! The next thing we find Lot pitching his tent toward Sodom. Then we find him no longer a pilgrim as was Abraham, but a dweller in the evil city of Sodom. His righteous soul was vexed at all its iniquity, but he made no attempt to leave and separate himself from such.

Abraham rescues Lot. The pathway was not all rosy, however, for Lot. There were other eyes that were covetous of the things of that fruitful vale. In a war that ensued, Lot be-

The Passing and the Permanent

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

JAPANESE CHRISTIANS

The new Japanese parliament has nineteen successful candidates who are either Christians or have Christian connections, according to an *Associated Press* despatch.

AN OMNIOUS SILENCE

Reports *America*: "After loud applause had greeted the reading of each clause in the final draft of the new Soviet Constitution, adopted by the Congress of Soviets in Moscow on December 4, total silence was registered at the clause on 'religious freedom,' although it denies citizens the right even of religious education or instruction."

WEEPING IN BABYLON

A recent report from Bagdad states that the "anti-Jewish wave in Iraq (ancient Babylon) in connection with events in Palestine is growing." The Government has been obliged to send patrols to protect Jewish districts in Bagdad, following the attacks of Arabs, armed with knives, upon Jews returning from the synagogues. Many Jews were reported slain.

CERTIFICATES OF OPPORTUNITY

At its meeting this week the Jewish Agency allotted the 1,300 certificates granted by the Palestine Government for the six-months period ending April, 1937, to prospective immigrants from Poland, Germany and other countries. Six hundred permits were assigned to Jews in Poland, 300 to German Jews and 400 to Jews from other lands.

IF COMMUNISM COMES . . .

Writes Earl Browder, head of American Communist party (quoted in *Prophecy*): "Communists do not consider religion to be a private matter insofar as it concerns members in our revolutionary party. We stand without any reservation for education that will root out beliefs in the supernatural, that will remove the religious prejudices which stand in the way of organizing the masses for socialism, that will withdraw the special privileges of religious institutions."

THE JERICHO ROAD

That the Jericho road still preserves its sinister reputation (Luke 10:30) will be seen from the following *Palestine Post* report.

"Just before 6 o'clock yesterday evening when the convoy from the Dead Sea was approaching Bethany Village on the Jericho road, stones were thrown at the passengers, injuring two workmen, one in the chest and the second in the face.

The latter was admitted to the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem."

THE BLACK HORSE (Rev. 6:5)

It is an extraordinary piece of news, and symptomatic of the disturbed conditions of the world in which we live to read in the press of the precautions taken in Great Britain to guard the nation against famine in case of war. A department known as the Food Defense Plans Department has been organized, a survey taken of the possible needs of the country, and suggestions made that unused coal-mines might be made use of for the purpose of storing food."

WANTED—LABORERS

That there are 10,000 villages in America without churches, 30,000 without resident pastors, and 30,400,000 children under twelve who are receiving no religious instruction," reports *Religious Digest*.

DEAD SEA HOTEL

The "Kallia" Seaside and Health Resort Ltd., formed in 1932, is completing preparations for the erection of a new hotel near the present small structures at the Dead Sea. A bathing establishment for warm sea-water baths will be constructed as part of the new hotel.

LEARNING WAR

We learn from *America* that "Grade-school children in Moscow and other cities, are being organized into regiments, given military training and target practice. Boys of eight wear helmets, carry small guns. One small boy, seven years old, bayoneted a toy bear. 'I am fighting the Rebels in Spain,' he said. . . . Wives of Red officers are being trained for war, as chauffeurs, wireless and telegraph operators, parachutists, and sharpshooters; 56,000 are already qualified in some form of defense."

Questions and Answers

Where Paul says "A night and a day I have been in the deep," does he refer to the same "deep" that is mentioned in Rom. 10:7?

When Paul refers to the "deep" in 2 Cor. 11:25 he has reference to his shipwreck at sea. See verse 26. The "deep" mentioned in Rom. 10:7 is evidently the place to which the spirit of Jesus went upon His crucifixion.

Was it God's will that Jacob should deceive Isaac and steal Esau's blessing?

Esau, through despising his birthright, forfeited his right to the blessing, for birthright and blessing belonged together. It was not necessary, however, for Jacob and his mother to arrange the deception which they did in order to get the blessing. Had they trusted God to work it out, He would have done so in His way. Their trying to help God out, and stooping to questionable means to do so, brought upon both of them unnecessary sorrows. Jacob intended to visit his uncle for only a short while "until his brother's anger was passed," but instead remained many years. His mother, who thought she would send her son away for protection for only a short time, never saw his face again. Their stealing the blessing is a warning to us against self-seeking. If God has anything for us we can trust Him to bring it to pass without our adopting carnal means to try to help Him. The flesh is inclined to be restless and to try to help itself. It is a mark of spirituality when one can commit all things to God and trust Him to bring to pass those things which we believe He has promised to us, willing to lose them should they prove not to be His will.—E. S. W.

MISSIONARY WORK IN EUROPE

Evangelist Wm. Henry Nagel writes from Danzig: "The future of missionary endeavor in Eastern Europe is none too bright. Under a new law, every missionary must leave Yugoslavia by 1937, and right now in Hungary the Pentecostal work is being threatened to be closed. I found the assembly closed in Vienna. In Roumania the work suffers great persecution, etc. These indications of spiritual darkness inspire us to work our hardest while we still have an opportunity here for our Master. I learned, also, today that in Latvia the Christians are being terribly misused. May Jesus soon come."

THE ARAB VIEWPOINT

Nations today are tying complicated knots which only God can untie. Such a one is the Jew-Arab deadlock in Palestine. The following is from an Arab periodical:

"It is precisely the refusal of the Zionists to recognize the powerful existence of Arab nationalism which has produced the present revolt. There is indeed not room for two nationalisms in one country, and the Arabs have not only irrefutable priority of claim where nationalism in Palestine is concerned, but also the advantage of long exercise of national habits of thought."

And yet the promise of the land was made to Isaac's seed and not Ishmael's.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from Page Six)

was merciful to Lot, and he and his daughters were able to make their escape. The angel said, "Escape for thy life; look not behind thee." Lot's wife disobeyed that last command, and that pillar of salt in the wilderness became "a monument to an unbelieving soul." The backward look is fatal. No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God. "Forgetting those things which are behind," says the Apostle, "I press toward the mark for the prize." Says the Psalmist, "My soul followeth hard after thee." Is that your attitude?

Judgment of works. Contrast Lot the pilgrim with exceeding great substance in Genesis 13:6, and Lot the cave-dweller with nothing in Gen. 19:30. You say, "That was a judgment upon him for his carnal selfish choice." Let us examine our own hearts and see if we are not inclined to be selfish and covetous. There is a prayer in Psalm 119, "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness." There is a judgment ahead for all the saints, a day that will declare whether our work has been in the Spirit or not. "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." 1 Cor. 3:13-15. Says Peter, "Give diligence to make your calling and election sure . . . for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." After the judgment of the cities of the plain Abraham had abundance. Lot had nothing. This should be an eternal warning to every pilgrim.—S. H. F.

The Gospel in Foreign Lands

Send All Offerings to Noel Perkin... 336 W. Pacific St... Springfield, Mo.

PENTECOSTAL SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE IN INDIA

Hilda Wagenknecht

We thank God again at this time for His blessing upon the Pentecostal school here in Bettiah. When we first opened the school in 1924 there was the problem of securing good Pentecostal teachers, because there was no school where these could be obtained. We made it a special matter of prayer at the time, that the Lord would send us just the right teachers, who would be willing to accept Pentecost. God in a most wonderful way answered that prayer and, though we had to choose all of our teachers for other missions, yet within three months after they had come to us, every one received a most wonderful Baptism with the Holy Spirit when the Lord so wonderfully manifested Himself in the school.

During all the years when teachers had to leave for some reason, God has always supplied and given us those who were hungry for more of Him and who sought until they, too, were filled with the Spirit. Moreover the teachers who have gone from here have spread the light of Pentecost in other places. It has meant much in the training of our girls to have such consecrated teachers, who not only teach in the school but always pray with the girls and give them help along spiritual lines, as they are most desirous that each girl should receive the Baptism before leaving our school. With most of the girls this has been the case, and we have had very few graduate from the school without receiving the Baptism, so we thank God for His goodness to us.

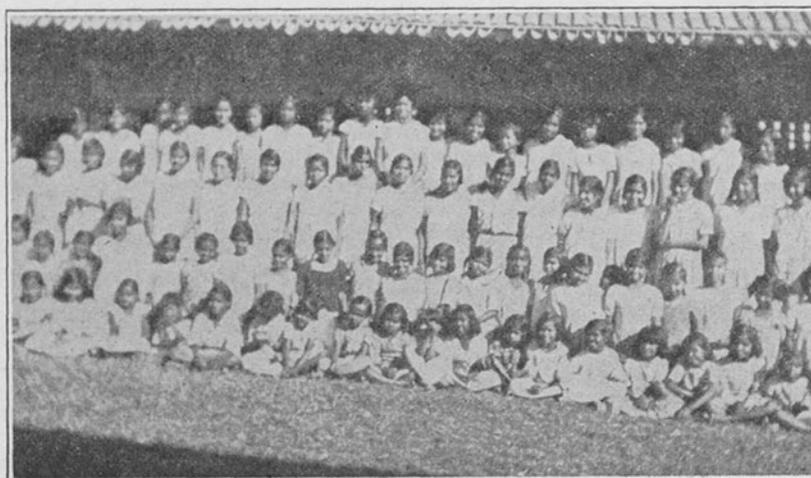
Our teachers also are very faithful in their work along every line and they do their work as unto God, knowing that He has called them here. A few months ago when the school was inspected by the government Hindu inspectors they gave us a very good report and ended by saying, "This school has maintained its reputation as a good and efficient institution. The discipline obtained here is excellent." We thank God for this report from a non-Christian man and we give God all the glory for the work that has been done.

This Week's Urgent Need!

During these years the financial burden has been a very heavy one, as these teachers must be paid sufficient to maintain themselves, and they have stood with us faithfully in praying for every need. We are praying much that God will lay the support of the individual teachers upon some hearts in the homeland and I am sure God will bless those who give of their means that these children out here in India may be trained for Christ. We thoroughly believe in training them for Him, for they will be the future workers in India, if Jesus tarries. Already a good number of our older girls are out in the work and the Lord is blessing them. We have received good reports from many of them and thank God for the privilege we have had of bringing them up in our Pentecostal school.

Note: Urging that we try to send help also to build a chapel on the Bettiah compound, the secretary of our North India District Council, M. L. Ketcham, writes: "The imperative need for this building has long been realized by all of us and we are most grateful to see that plans are under way for the construction of the same. We shall appreciate your special efforts toward the raising of the money required."

Funds for either of these needs should be sent to the FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. If you can send a special offering to help with the erecting of the much-needed chapel, please mention when sending in the money that it is for the Bettiah chapel, care of Miss Wagenknecht. Or if you would like to help in the training of these girls for future service by undertaking the support or part support of one of the teachers, just state that your offering is for a teacher in the Bettiah school. Their salaries range from about \$6.50 to \$25.00 per month. Any help toward their support will be greatly appreciated.



Above, teachers, and below, students of the Assemblies of God Orphanage and Girls' School in India. Support is needed for these faithful teachers in order that they might continue with the training of these, the future workers of the Kingdom in India.

TESTIMONY OF A LIBERIAN WOMAN

Sent in by Emily de Groat

Years ago as I grew old enough to think, the thought often came to me, "After death, what?" The older people could not help me for they did not know. We were without hope. When someone died we would wail, run about the town, calling the name of the dead one, prostrating ourselves on the ground.

I heard through some people who had gone to the Baroba tribe across the river that there were white people there. They were telling the people about God and His son. We had never heard that God had a son. We called God "Nysowa" but we believed that He lived in the sky and that He did not trouble about us. I wanted to go to Baroba to hear.

Many years later (1913) I took my small money (which I had received from some white men at the coast for palm nut kernels) to Baroba to buy rice. I was glad to go, not only because I would have some rice to eat, but also because I would get to

see the white people and hear the story about God. I heard them tell about God and it was the thing my heart was searching for.

One night I dreamed I climbed a ladder and that I saw a white man, who had an open book in his hands. I dreamed that I called my son to come. Many people were there who were trying to see, too. Soon my son did come from the Gold Coast, where he had gone to find money. He began to preach about God. He called the people to come and listen. I stopped smoking and put my pipe and tobacco away. After this when I tried to smoke it made me very sick.

When Miss de Groat came (1928) it was the first time a white woman had ever come to my country. She stayed a few days and promised to come back. After a while she returned to stay. My heart was very glad.

Many times during the year my people offer sacrifice to the devil. We are afraid of him because we think he brings all sickness and causes death. Every woman and child, even the babies have to eat of the sacrifice. Sometimes we offered a goat, sometimes a white chicken. The devil doctor and the town priest made medicine and we put it in the middle of our foreheads.

After the missionary came to stay, I learned to love God and I gave my heart to Him and wanted to do only what would please Him. One day my people made a sacrifice and called me to come and eat. I did not want to go there. All my people became angry with me and made palaver. They told me to go to the mission, as I belonged there. I came to the missionary and asked her to tell me what to do. I begged her to let me stay in the yard. She gave me a little house to live in and I was very happy. As I am old I cannot make a rice farm, but I do what I can and plant some cassava. Then my mother (meaning the missionary) gives me rice and lets me cut grass in her yard for a dress; she gives me soap, too.

The first Christmas convention I attended we went to Baroba. There were so many missionaries there; I had never seen so many before. They were all so happy and kind to us. One night while I was praying the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit and I wanted to be baptized in water, too. Now all I want to do is to study about God and to go to His country. I want all you people to pray for my people so that more will study about God.

GOD BLESSING IN LIBERIA

Another good letter has come from Miss Florence Steidel, telling of the many ways in which God is pouring out His Spirit and blessing in the girls' school and in other phases of the work. She says: "There is a fine spirit among the girls just now. They seem to be seeking the Lord with a new zeal. Twenty-five of the twenty-eight in the school have been saved and many have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"One evening recently after leaving evening prayers they continued to pray and praise the Lord until late in their sleeping room. The next morning in the prayer service the power of God again fell and

RETURNING TO CONGO



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nilsen hope to be able to return to their work in Belgian Congo early this spring. They feel that their furlough has benefited them greatly and they are now anxious to get back to the field which needs them so much at this time. They are lacking considerably in funds for their fare and would appreciate any help which their friends and assemblies may be able to give.

several praised the Lord in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Oh, our Lord is a wonderful Saviour.

"Another phase of the work which demands our attention each day is that of ministering to the many sick who come every day, numbering from seventeen to fifty. They came to have terrible sores and ulcers cleansed and dressed. About twenty of the patients have leprosy. Some are minus some of their toes and fingers from the dread disease. Some are surprised that I do not fear the disease, because it is so contagious but after many of them have walked far when they are hardly able, how can I turn them away?

"About ten days ago a poor man, having this terrible disease came late in the evening, having walked all day. His lower limbs were covered with sores. He is staying here in town now and I am putting clean dressings on his sores every day. Today he said, 'God is blessing me. If I had not come when I did, I should be dead now.' Truly God is blessing him for all his sores are healed, leaving only the scars, except three which become smaller every day. Please pray that his healing may be an example to others of the power of God. In Bible times this disease was considered incurable unless God undertook. It is the same today. I only clean their sores, apply palm oil so that the dressings will not stick and then tell them that I cannot do anything to heal them but that God is able. God is, I know He is working, for many of them are much better. I want Him to receive the glory for their healings.

"A native worker's wife came carrying their nine-year-old son on her back, his body covered with sores and he could not walk. We prayed for him along with the others and God has healed him entirely. Praise His Name! A woman came with deep sores on her forearm and thumb and it looked as though her thumb were ready to drop off. God has undertaken for her and she is almost completely healed. Sophie came every day to have a bad sore on her foot dressed. One morning she came and said, 'God bless me this time, for my sore

it finish.' I looked, and sure enough, her sore was healed over, leaving only a scar. She had had the sore for six months and nothing she did for it helped it, but she recovered quickly when God undertook.

Special Need

"If someone has old sheets that can't be used for anything else, I can use them for bandages to keep some of these running sores clean."

Those desiring to help Miss Steidel in this work for the Lord may send old sheets direct to her, packed securely in packages of not more than eleven pounds each, marked "Used goods for missionary use. Not for sale." Address the package to Miss Florence Steidel, Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa.

If some would like to help who do not have old sheets to send, we are sure that offerings would be very acceptable to help purchase bandages. These may be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "to purchase bandages for Miss Steidel."

BRIEF NOTES FROM FAR AND NEAR

Liberia—We are thanking the Lord for His blessing in our midst and upon the work as a whole. We have lately started a women's Bible class and we now have 23 women enrolled and more will be coming. They all seem greatly interested and we are trusting it will prove a real blessing to many women. We have had strange visitors of late; the old leopard came and tried to get into our fowl house. We set a trap and in a few days we caught it, but it caught a number of sheep and goats in the town before we were able to catch it. We also had driver ants visit us the other night and they killed and ate eight two-weeks-old chickens in just a few hours.—Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Elsea.

Argentina—There is a growth among our people and much encouragement. New gifts are becoming evident, more intercessors and most remarkable healings. Two more have been immersed and a brother has been raised up as a colporteur, who is doing a good and successful work. A new Sunday School has been opened in a private home in La Riestra. They meet under the trees. Some thirty attend.—Miss Alice C. Wood.

North China—Two women brought a man to meeting who was doubled up in great pain. He had been crushed between a big stone and a cart and had suffered terrible pain for a long time. We anointed him and prayed for him and the Lord delivered him. Instead of a look of intense agony on his face, he was laughing with joy. The on-lookers were amazed. Now he is a regular attendant at our meetings.—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bristow.

Alaska—During the past year sixty-seven souls have been saved in the Ketchikan mission and twenty-one backsliders have reconsecrated their lives.—Mrs. Josephine E. Gilmore.

COMING HOME

In a recent letter Stephen Vandermerwe states that they hope to be able to leave South Africa March 26. They are looking to God to supply the balance of their fare.

In the Whiten'd Harvest Field

HOMINY, OKLA.—In a recent revival conducted by Clara A. Grace, a number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. A great stir was felt over the city and the denominational churches shared in the uplift of the inspired Holy Ghost messages.—C. A. Lawson.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, Brother J. R. Goodwin and Sister Goodwin, of Dallas, in charge. Twelve prayed through to victory, and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. Brother Goodwin has a very timely message for these days, and we feel that we have been greatly benefited through his ministry.—O. T. and Mrs. Killion, Pastors.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Brother Lewi Pethrus and Party are with us all week, concluding their ministry next Sunday evening. The Lord is granting us His abundant blessing in the services. Brother Pethrus is bringing forth very helpful and inspiring messages from the Word. It is an uplift just to be in his company, as he has such a humble, Christlike spirit and speaks from long years of rich experience. Brother Howard Carter will be with us for a special Bible Conference beginning February 28.—Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—I felt led of God to go to Oklahoma. My first revival was with Brother Jim Murrell at the Morris Assembly. This revival continued 2 weeks, during which time 20 were saved, 16 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the church was built up in every department.

Then I came to the Bald Hill Assembly of God. We held a 2 weeks' revival here. Fourteen confessed Christ as their Saviour, and 6 were baptized in the Spirit. I have accepted the pastorate here for the present Council brethren passing this way are welcome.—J. C. Dove, Pastor-Evangelist, Route 2, Box 181, Okmulgee, Okla.

POCOMOKE CITY, MD.—The series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Evangelists L. W. and Eunice Martin assisted by Evangelist Pauline Shauger, all of Orlando, Fla., closed December 13. God has truly visited His people with a spiritual outpouring. Eternity alone will reveal the fullness of the benefit and blessing which we have shared during the 3 weeks of revival. The messages were inspiring, and the Word was expounded along all lines—Salvation, Healing, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and Prophecy. Special numbers in song and instrumental music were a refreshing part of each service. About 10 professed salvation, 4 were reclaimed, and 11 received the blessed Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God has been glorified and we have been edified. We were glad to welcome many visitors, some of whom were heard to say, "I want this wonderful blessing, too."—Maurice Q. Spencer, Pastor.

ALLEN, OKLA.—We have recently closed a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Bob Ashby and co-workers, Brother and Sister Mingo. Their special singing and musical numbers were enjoyed by all. Fifteen were saved, and 7 or 8 received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4.—Pastor and Mrs. J. S. Murrell.

NEEDHAM, ALA.—November 8, Elder and Mrs. Wm. A. Coxe Sr. began a revival meeting here which continued 3 weeks. The messages were inspiring and the Lord blessed. Then they began at Toxey, Ala., and continued to December 20. The church was wonderfully blessed, especially in the morning prayer meetings.—Alpheus Broadhead, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The old-time Pentecostal fire is still falling in this city. We have been pastor here for 2 years and in that time we have had many good revivals. November 5, Homer Burns, Washburn, Mo., came to us. His meeting lasted about 2 weeks. In that time 6 were saved, and 9 received the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly revived by the good gospel messages brought by Brother Burns. December 1, the Smith Evangelistic Party, composed of Buster and Babe Smith, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Marie Holden, of Wynona, came to us for a meeting which closed the 20th. Fifteen were saved, and 10 received the Holy Ghost. On the 20th we baptized 19 in Lake Belle Isle. The weather was cold, but the power of God was there and they were shouting in the old-fashioned way. Sunday night, the 20th, 24 were added to the roster. Since the revival and up to December 30, 8 have been saved in our regular services. We now have a membership of about 135. Council

ministers passing this way will find a welcome. Also those who are being transferred to Oklahoma City will find a hearty welcome and a live band of saints at the First Assembly of God, 1813 N. W. 2nd St.—W. E. Brannan, Pastor.

NELSONVILLE, MO.—We recently closed a very successful revival, Gladys Pearson of California and Margaret Plunkett of Newark, Evangelists. Twenty-three received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the old-time way, and 6 were at the altar for salvation. We continued on for 2 weeks longer after the evangelistic meeting, one week of what we termed an "Antioch revival," having different preachers each evening. The last week Paul Wharton of Newark preached for us. The Holy Spirit continued to move among us during the 2 weeks, and 2 more received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The night before the meeting began, we completed a new log tabernacle. We had the dedication service the fifth Sunday in November, Presbyterian Glenn Renick of Hannibal preaching the dedicatory sermon.—Fred J. Freeland, Pastor.

WORLD RELIGIOUS POPULATIONS

"Various calculations are found in different sections of the press, many of which are far astray from the actual facts," observes a writer in *World Dominion*. "The following is the most authentic distribution of the religious populations available. A striking fact is to be noticed, that the world's population has passed 2,000,000,000."

Christian Religions:	
Catholic	350,000,000
Orthodox	150,000,000
Protestants	230,000,000
	730,000,000
Non-Christian Religions:	
Confucianists	350,000,000
Hindus	245,000,000
Moslems	255,000,000
Buddhists	150,000,000
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Recommended Books

MOODY, WINNER OF SOULS

The above is the title of an inspiring new book written by A. Chester Mann. One hundred years ago, come February 5th next, a thing occurred in a Massachusetts village, more important and far-reaching in its real meaning perhaps, than the declaration of war that staggered the mind of the world in 1914 the birth into the world of a lusty baby boy. It is said that 500,000 persons professed salvation from sin and a birth into the kingdom of God through the instrumentality of that baby, grown to manhood's estate. Who, with all the pencils in all the stores could figure up all that that titanic fact means?

With special regard to the centenary of the birth of Dwight Lyman Ryther Moody this new book has been written and published. It is written in narrative style, in such easily bowing sentences as to be delightfully easy to read; and it is so packed with inspiring and entertaining facts about this mighty evangelist, that one reading it feels the movings of the Spirit of God in his own heart, stirring him to go forth also and win men. It is splendid for us older people to read, that we may be helped lest our own zeal run down; and it should be in the hands of all our Christian young people, as a pattern for them to have before them in laying out their own lives.

The independence of thought and the courage to act which characterized Mr. Moody throughout his life is indicated by the way he started to the city. Working one day when he was seventeen, chopping wood with his brother, he said abruptly, "I'm tired of this! I'll not stay. I'm going to the city." So without bidding his mother or any other member of the family good bye he started, without money and on foot to cover the one hundred miles to Boston. He had in him, developed to a high degree, the elements of success in whatever field of endeavor he might choose. He forged rapidly to the fore in a business way in Boston, and later, moving to Chicago, made a striking business success there.

Here are some interesting statements from the book:

"At the age of twenty-four, Moody, relinquishing an annual income of five thousand dollars, entered on 'full-time' Christian service, without any guaranteed salary. Of course, he possessed the seven thousand dollars he had been enabled to save during his comparatively brief business career, and this he determined to eke out as long as possible. To this end he began, at once, to live as carefully as he knew how, taking his meals in cheap eating-places, and, for a time, sleeping in the prayer-meeting room of the Young Men's Christian Association building. His thought, at this time was, that if, when his savings were exhausted the Lord desired him to continue in His service, the wherewithal for his physical sustenance would be forthcoming. Beyond this point, he planned for nothing, and that in spite of the fact that a more practically minded man than Moody never lived.

But he felt himself to be definitely called into Christian service, and never once doubted the resources of the Master he had elected to serve. His dependence was on God."

Speaking of his having received the endowment of power for service in his thirty-fifth year, while he was in New York soliciting funds to rebuild his Chicago church, he says:

"I was crying all the time that God would fill me with His Spirit. One day, while in New York—oh, what a day!—an experience such as I cannot describe and to which I seldom refer, came to me. All I can say is that *God revealed Himself to me*, and I was given such a manifestation of His love that I had to *ask Him to stay His hand*.

"I went back to preaching. So far as I knew, my sermons differed in no way from those I had delivered hitherto. I presented no new truths. Yet hundreds were converted to God. Today, I would not be placed where I was, prior to these blissful experiences even though by the way of compensation, I were given the whole world."

Speaking of the second meeting held by him and Ira D. Sankey in London, the author says:

"For the holding of the meetings of that truly wonderful mission, temporary buildings were erected, in the four quarters of the great city, on eleven different sites. During the progress of the campaign, Moody spoke (as a general rule), twice daily. Quite often, however, he addressed three, even four meetings. From early morning until late at night, he was almost constantly at work—preaching, working in the enquiry-rooms, taking part in conferences and committees, engaging in personal interviews with those who sought his personal guidance concerning their spiritual concerns. More than fifty years have passed since this great mission was held in the English capital. Yet it can be asserted without the slightest fear of successful contradiction that the intervening half-century has witnessed no sustained spiritual effort and success such as marked the Moody-and-Sankey meetings."

The passing away of this transcendently great man is recorded in the following words:

"To the world, Friday, December 22, (1899), was one of the shortest days of the year. For Dwight L. Moody its dawn ushered in that day which knows no night. After passing some restless hours, he fell into a quiet slumber from which he awakened saying, 'Earth recedes. Heaven opens before me . . . If this is death, it is sweet. There is no valley, here. God is calling me and I must go. This is my triumph—my coronation day'. . . Not long before the end, he turned to the partner of his years and said, 'This is hard on you, Mother. I'm sorry to distress you in this way.'

"A few moments later, he suffered another relapse, from which he recovered no more—in Time. His mortal eyelids closed in kindly sleep; his soul, freed from its earthly tenement, awakened in the immediate presence of his Lord, to go no more out."

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lishing House, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo., postpaid for \$1.10.—C. E. R.

A SIMPLE PRAYER

One night, after an evening of excitement among worldly people, my eye fell on this sentence: "Every soul not already won to Jesus is already lost." It was an arrow of conviction to my soul. An overwhelming sense of my lost and hopeless condition fell upon me, and my soul was hanging over the abyss. I had absolutely no plea but for mercy. Daily I had said my prayers since childhood, but that night, like Saul of Tarsus, I really prayed. The blessed Saviour placed upon my lips: "God, be merciful to me a sinner"! In my agony I uttered it with my face upon the floor. And God heard it. He always hears that prayer. That night He lifted me out of the miry clay and planted me upon a rock. He put a new song in my mouth, which I have been singing ever since, even salvation unto my God.—Dr. James Gray, late Dean of the Moody Institute.

LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL

Said a Jewish leader at a meeting for the appointing of a chief Rabbi for Palestine: "I know of hundreds of young people who come here steeped in orthodox religious tradition—of late they have especially come from Germany—who simply go astray. Before our eyes these youths change for the worse. They have not found that institution or center to which they can become attached.

"We must seek that man who as far as feasible in this generation can bridge our great past with that new world evolving around us which we must absorb and make Jewish.

"These are not only my views but those of tens of thousands of young and old people of both sexes, who await an answer to their query—where shall we find that giant on whom we can depend until we surmount our danger?"

HIS FINAL EDITION

"Arthur Brisbane, highest paid newspaper man, is dead," comments *America*. "He often scattered seeds of doubt. If Brisbane could write *Today* from wherever he is now, it might go like this: Many people in the world smile at the idea of heaven, hell, personal devils. On this side of the great divide, hell causes no smiles. Nobody over here doubts about heaven, hell, personal devils. Great surprises await many so-called learned men when they step off the earth. They will view reality for the first time. It will be different from their modern textbooks."

BROADCASTING ATHEISM

It is reported the Godless movement with headquarters at Moscow is making plans for the erection of a powerful radio station to serve atheistic propaganda exclusively, and to give support to strategic centers of atheistic propaganda such as is in Madrid, India, and China.

This is a challenge to aggressive evangelism on the part of the church, for the best way to beat Communism is to "beat Communism to it."

The Missionary Deputation

A letter mailed from Alexandria, Egypt, on December 24th from our General Superintendent E. S. Williams has just been received. The party have had a splendid voyage and are all well and happy. It was their pleasure to attend Pentecostal services in Marseilles, France, where each gave a short word. They also visited Naples, Italy, viewed the ruins of Pompeii and saw the smoking volcano Vesuvius. They also saw the island volcano of Stromboli in eruption.

They will appreciate the continued prayers of the saints that their every step may be ordered of the Lord and crowned with His blessing.

Forthcoming Meetings

CHICO, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 1518 Park Ave.; Jan. 31-Feb. 21; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.—R. J. Thurmond, Pastor.

NEWPORT, ORE.—Church of the Full Gospel; Jan. 10—; Don Mallough, Evangelist.—Lawrence A. Summers, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Faith Tabernacle, Oakland and Marburg Sts.; Jan. 31-Feb. 28; W. T. McMullan, of Oklahoma, Evangelist.—W. S. Barham, Pastor.

BAYARD, NEB.—Feb. 12, for 10 days; Guy S. Shields, Ft. Worth, Texas, Evangelist.—Raymond L. Sherman, Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—First Pentecostal Church, Pearson and Epworth Sts.; Feb. 7-28; Marie Wilson, Evangelist.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

MADISON, ILL.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 1200 Calhoun St.; Jan. 31-Feb. 28; Rogers and Renfrow, Evangelists.—M. M. Brewer, Pastor.

YAKIMA, WASH.—Full Gospel Tabernacle; Feb. 14—; Arne Vick, Alameda, Calif., Evangelist. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stenberg are the Pastors.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 626 North 26th St.; Feb. 7-28; Harvey McAlister, Toronto, Canada, Evangelist.—Adolph Petersen, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Bethel Temple, 1250 Bellevue Ave.; Jan. 29—; Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue.—Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor, 1108 N. Coronado Terrace.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, 1230 Leishman Ave.; Feb. 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Brother and Sister E. T. Quanabush, Belmar, N. J., Evangelists.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

JOPLIN, MO.—Assembly of God, 1508 Virginia Ave.; Jan. 31, for 3 weeks or longer; Fern Huffstutler and Verbal Eskew, Evangelists.—S. K. Biffle, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—The Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, near Danforth on Euston Ave.; Jan. 17-Feb. 14; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Howard A. Goss, Pastor.

SALEM, O.—Anniversary campaign, Jan. 31-Feb. 14; Feb. 11, special anniversary day with services 2:00 and 7:30. Bring lunch; coffee and a place to eat will be provided. D. W. Thorn, Amarillo, Texas, Evangelist.—M. R. Searles, Pastor.

LAS CRUCES, N. MEX.—Christian Workers' Conference, Feb. 16-21; District Superintendent A. C. Bates in charge. Local assembly will entertain the delegates.—Jesse B. White, Sectional Presbyter, Box 596, Lordsburg, N. Mex.

TULSA, OKLA.—Faith Tabernacle, 13th and S. Trenton; Feb. 1—; George Hays, of Houston, Evangelist. Broadcast over Station KTUL, 1400 kilos, week-days 6:30 a. m., Sundays 7:00 a. m.—W. F. Garvin, Pastor.

WILKES BARRE, PA.—Church of the Lighted Cross, 280 Parrish St.; Feb. 7-28; The Gunderson Evangelists. Broadcast Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a. m., Station WBRE, 1310 kilos.—Byron D. Jones, Pastor.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Second Quarterly Conference, Assembly of God, Bernice Ave. and Edwards St., Feb. 2-4. All District ministers urged to attend. Free entertainment to all Council preachers. Some very important open discussions are on the program.—James E. Hamill, Pastor and District Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 19th Annual Convention of the Rocky Mountain District Council will be held in Denver, Colo., at People's Tabernacle, 2th and Lawrence St., Feb. 9-12. C. A. Rally Feb. 9, President L. R. Faith in charge. Elder J. R. Flower, Main Speaker. Free entertainment to ministers as far as possible.—F. C. Woodworth, District Superintendent, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—C. A. Rally, Feb. 4, for North and Central Plains Section.

GREENSBURG, KANSAS—All-day C. A. Rally, Feb. 5; basket dinner.—L. D. Doss, Sectional Secretary, Box 146, Coldwater, Kansas.

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.—El-Bethel Pentecostal Church, 9 DuBois Ave., West Brighton; Jan. 28-Feb. 21; Young People's Rally Feb. 13. The Light Bearers' Quartet, San Francisco, Calif., in charge of all services.—Thomas R. Brubaker, Pastor.

ALTON, ILL.—Edwards St. Assembly of God; Sunday School Convention Feb. 2-5; Bible Conference to follow for 2 weeks. Sunday School officers and teachers of neighboring churches invited to co-operate in convention. Alvin L. Branch, of Central District, Speaker.—Everett L. Phillips, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—N. E. Sectional C. A. Rally, Assembly of God, 610 Lime St., Feb. 13; services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Bring musical instruments and special music. Basket dinner and lunch.—Leonard Palmer, Sectional Secretary, 218 W. 10th, Ottawa, Kansas.

WEST TERRE HAUTE, IND.—Southern Indiana Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, Road U. S. 40, Feb. 1; Archie Brown, Pastor. Services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:00. C. A. hour 6:00-7:00 p. m. Evening meal will be served. Bring special songs and musical instruments. Zella Anthony, Secretary-Treasurer, 503 S. Lawton St., Jasonville, Ind.; Marvin L. Smith, Chairman, 105 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington, Ind.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—Westchester County and Hudson Valley Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 8, at Full Gospel Church, 186 Maple Ave. 10:00 a. m., Prayer Service; 1:00, Preachers' Round Table; 2:30, Fellowship Meeting; 7:30, Preaching Service. Dinner served to ministers and wives, and supper to all out-of-town visitors. District Superintendent Flem Van Meter will be in attendance.—E. E. Shevel, Pastor, 23 Woodland Pl.

ASHTABULA, O.—Northeastern Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Assembly of God, Hiawatha and West 34th Sts., Feb. 1. John W. Roush, of East Liverpool, will speak 10:00 a. m. Ministers' business meeting 1:30 p. m. Round table discussion, "Why Does So Much Honest Effort End in Failure?" 2:30 p. m. Evening evangelistic service with special speaker 7:00 p. m. Luncheon and dinner served by local church. Leon Frank, Pastor, 425 W. 36th St.—Claude Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer, 1861 E. 34th St., Lorain, O.

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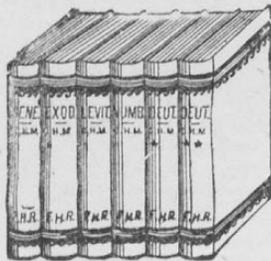
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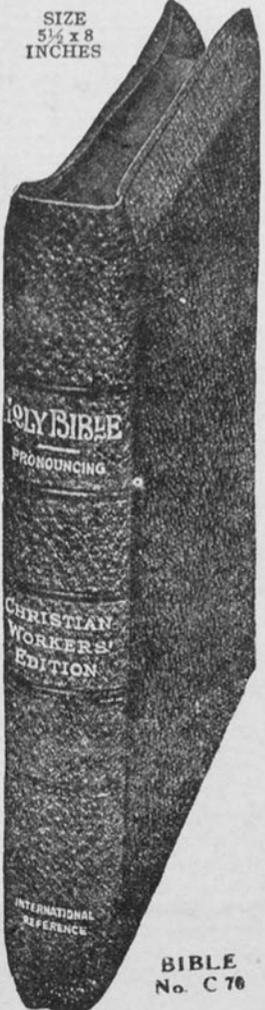
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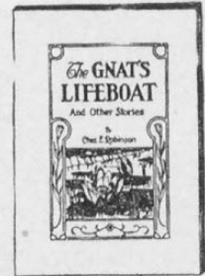
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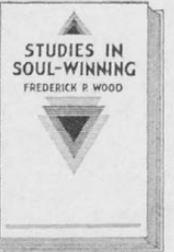
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