The Lord found Ethan Allen in the days when the doctrine of Divine Healing was in its infancy. Although a poor consumptive and unfit for hard labor, he was superintendent of a poor farm in one of the New England states. Here were housed not only the indigent but also the feeble-minded and the harmless lunatics.

A Methodist class meeting was being held in a country school house nearby, and God, knowing the possibilities wrapped up in that simple-hearted poor master, drew him hitherward. The testimonies and prayers were fervent, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in power.

At the close one of the leaders said to him, “Brother Allen, don’t you think it is time for you to seek religion?” He was deeply impressed and went forward and accepted Jesus as his Saviour. Great joy filled his soul and there was much rejoicing.

Then in the enthusiasm of his newfound joy he said, “Brethren, if you will pray for me I believe this mighty power that has come upon me will heal my lungs.” For a moment the class leaders were staggered. Such a thing was unheard of. Then one spoke up and asked, “Does it not say ‘They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover?’” They had read the scripture many times but they had never known anyone to take it literally. At the suggestion of some one to “Try it” they prayed, and to the astonishment of all but Ethan Allen, he was instantly healed.

Back to the poor farm he went and in his simplicity prayed for the sick under his care. He always quoted Mark 16:17, 18, as a basis of authority for praying for the sick and casting out demons. He early learned that epileptics and lunatics were possessed and controlled by demon power and in the All-prevailing name of Jesus delivered many an afflicted one in that institution.

He heard the Lord calling him to this ministry in an audible voice, saying, as He did to Peter and the apostles, “Behold, I give you power over all the power of the enemy,” and with childlike simplicity he accepted the gift, using the words and methods employed by the Lord Jesus Christ when on earth. He believed that all sickness was either directly or indirectly the work of Satan, and invariably cast out the evil spirit before he prayed for the healing of the sick one. Some, he claimed were expelled while others were obstinate.

He was a living exponent of God “choosing the things that are not to bring to naught the things that are.” In the ecclesiastical world he belonged to “the things that are not,” the “things which are despised,” but through the Name of Jesus he brought to naught sickness, insanity, epilepsy, and many incurable diseases. A minister who was well acquainted with him said he never knew him to ask God for anything he did not receive. Yet he did not pray for people simply because he was asked to do so. He always endeavored to ascertain if there was any hindrance and if there was he would not pray for healing though it was his own flesh and blood.

On one occasion a grandchild lay at the point of death. The grandmother in her concern laid the child on his knees and begged him to pray, but he refused, feeling it was the “chastening rod of the Heavenly Father.” The father of the child (his son) had backslidden and was living a careless life, far away from God. Finally, as they were insistent he said, “Well I will lay my hands on the child and if God gives me a burden I will pray.” He did so but the child died. He felt sure God would not heal in the blackslidden condition of his father, and said, “I knowed it was the rod.”

To him the devil was very real, and he had many fierce conflicts with this unseen force; but he was fearless, having all confidence in the all powerful name of Jesus. It was characteristic to hear him talk—first to the devil, then to the Lord, and Lastly to the sick person. To the devil he would sometimes say, “Oh yes, you have had a fine time, haven’t you? Yes, a fine time; but I am here now, and I’m going to put the Name of Jesus on you, and you cannot stand that.” Then he would say reverently, “Blessed Jesus. You know me. You know that I stand on the Old Commission (meaning Mark 16:17, 18). Then turning to the sick one he would say, “Now I am going to heal you in the Name of Jesus.” He expected the healing to come then and there, and if it did not he simply renewed his efforts.

There was one case of a man who had been poisoned and was badly swollen. “Father” Allen, as he was familiarly known, had a great deal to say to the devil on this occasion, praying for every part of the man’s body except his feet. The next day the man returned well, the swelling completely gone except from his feet. “Father” Allen was deeply stirred. “There,” he said, “you...” (Continued on Page Six)
Mantle Christians

“How and, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem, until ye be endued (clothed, or mantled) with power from on high.” Luke 24:49.

Whenever we read of a mantle in God’s word, we find that it means a covering, an enveloping, a protection. A certain delicate little mantle was used in the days before we had electric light. When put over the gas jet, and listened to, would give a very brilliant light. However, it was so sensitive that if you should handle it the least bit roughly, it would lie crushed in your hand. That is like the blessed Holy Spirit whom we can so easily grieve.

We do not know just when Elijah received his mantle, but we know that he was told “to go forth and stand upon the Mount before the Lord”—in the “Cleft of the Rock,” where, after the terrible experience of the wind, the fire, and the earthquake, God spoke to him in the “still small voice.” As that divine voice came to Elijah, he wrapped his face in his “mantle” and listened to what God had to say. While the fulness of that message has not been revealed to us, we do know that Elijah was commanded to go and anoint Elisha to be prophet in his room.

Upon finding Elisha in the field plowing with his oxen, Elijah touched him with his “mantle”—but the power of that mantle was so great that Elisha dropped his plow, dropped everything and ran after Elijah, who turned to him and said, “What did I unto thee?” Elijah had not spoken a word, but the power that emanated from the mantle of Elijah brought to Elisha a definite call to the ministry of the Lord in prayer intercession and prophecy. The mighty Spirit, whom this mantle typifies, rested upon Elisha. When God speaks to an individual today, it is like the touch of Elijah’s mantle. Elisha could not get away from that call. It took him from plowing in the field to the Chamber of the Prophet.

Elisha started upon a most important journey, a journey that was to take him through Jordan. Elisha went with him. Elijah, however, did not hide from Elisha the hardships he would encounter along the way, but bade him if fearful or afraid to tarry at Gilgal, at Bethel, at Jericho. Even the “sons of the prophets” tried to discourage Elisha, but he had been touched by the “mantle” and his answer was, “As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee!” Elisha would not linger! Gilgal had no charms for him; there was no stopping even at Bethel, the place that stands for the manifestation of God’s power and blessing; he must not linger at any of these places—and so, “They two went on!”

If you and I ever get the double portion of the Spirit, it will be when, like Elijah and Elisha, go on. Multitudes today are standing still, marking time, as it were. There are many in Pentecost who have received at “Bethel” this wonderful anointing and blessing, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and there they have tarried; satisfied to stay along the shore in shallow water, rather than launching out into the depth of the fulness of God, where signs and wonders should follow in the Name of the Holy Child Jesus. No power will accompany our ministry except we cross Jordan and receive the “mantle,” which means being submerged, enveloped, covered with the Power of God. This is the mantle that Jesus is waiting to bestow upon His Church today—but, how many are loitering along the way. They may have passed Gilgal, but have stopped at Bethel; they may have passed Bethel, only to stay awhile at Jericho; they may even have reached the Jordan, but there their journey ended.

Jordan means judgment and death to all our ambitions that are contrary to the will of God. The one great cause of failure among God’s children, is drawing back from the life of being crucified with Christ.” God is longing to do something definite and real for you and for me, and that is why He is bringing His Church down to the chilly waters of the Jordan; but, beloved, when you and I come to that place, we will never have to cross Jordan alone! We will pass over under the covering of the Mantle.

Elisha was willing to follow on to the goal that Elijah was making for—the Chariot of Fire which was awaiting him. “They two went on”; God had overpowered the waters of the Jordan and had made for them a path on dry land. If we too reach the place of obedience, willing to walk in the path that the Lord makes for us, God will never suffer us to be overwhelmed by the storms, the darkness, the trials, and test that come to His children to purify them as fine gold; He will make for us a through path. What were these two going on for? The “chariot of Fire” and the “double portion of the Spirit.” They had something in view; they were not taking this journey for nought! Brether sister, told you, you will never make a sacrifice for God for nought! We are not “going on” simply to fill in time and space, that we might know the heights and depths that are in Jesus Christ. As these two went on, they communed together; and Elijah must have opened up his heart to Elisha and told him that this journey was going to end in that glorious rapture, that he was going to be where Enoch was.

The men and women who are “going on” will find their hunger for God increasing, but the ones who are tarrying by the way will soon lose that hunger and die. These two crossed the Jordan, nothing would satisfy him but more, and still more, of God; and when Elijah asked him the question “What shall I do for thee before I am taken up?” he had only one desire,—not for more of this world’s goods or its ambitions, but for a double portion of the Spirit that Elijah had. Beloved, from the time he burned his plow and left all behind him, there was no stop in the life of Elisha.

God is taking His little flock down to the Jordan, where a work is being wrought that will enable the power of Jesus Christ to come forth in greater measure than ever before. Jordan’s waters are opening up a great vision to God’s children today; but if our eyes and hearts are filled with criticism, murmuring, and looking back to past experiences where we got blessed at Gilgal, Bethel, or Jericho, instead of “going on,” we have lost the vision God has for us.

Elijah told Elisha he had asked a hard thing, but, nevertheless, “If thou shalt see me taken up, the mantle is yours.” In other words, if you continue to keep your gaze upward, away from the things beneath and about you, when your chariot comes and you see me go, the mantle is yours! Do you think that there was any power or demonstration, any person or thing, that could have turned Elisha’s gaze at that moment to the things of the world? No! If you and I want a double portion of God’s Spirit, our gaze will have to be lifted heavenward and our heart in tune with His.

“They two went on.” Suddenly, there was the sound as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the place where they were, just as it filled the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost. Elisha saw the chariot and horses, and a great cry burst forth from his heart: “My Father! My Father! The chariot of Israel and the horses of your strength!” As the chariot ascended and he stood gazing up, the man of God rent his mantle and said, “He rent his own mantle—He rent his own works, all his past experiences; when he received the “double Portion,” they became as filthy rags to him. He left everything of the past, for something still greater had come into his life; he knew he was going on with God, that the separation and death to his carnal nature in judgment at the Jordan, entitled him to his inheritance of the Mantle of Power.

We find the experience of Elisha when he came back under the power of the double portion of the Spirit, was quite different from that of the first cross section that had crossed the Jordan. The Sons of the Prophets looked and said, “The mantle of Elijah has fallen upon Elisha.” They could see it, as well as feel it. The Holy Ghost means Power. People today are looking for power to follow our ministry and life, and they have a right to have it. What is the matter? We have not gone down to the Jordan and offered the right sacrifice and made a thorough separation that we might follow Him on, and on. God is no
Having God’s Approval on Your Life

Ordination Message by J. W. Welch at Southern Missouri District Council

COUNT it a joy to stand here, although it may be my last message to the District Council of Southern Missouri.

I remember when as a young man I felt urged into the ministry. I gave up everything I had in the world and started out. I was poorly prepared but pressed by some urge that just drove me to it. I went out and spent a year, and during that year I became more and more conscious of my lack of preparation and effectiveness. I made a good record. Some said I was a go-getter. But I realized I was ill-prepared to preach, and I prayed desperately to God about it.

He put me in the background for years and when it came God’s time for me to enter the ministry He had to push me out. I just surrendered to HIm and told Him He would have to make every provision and arrange every detail. I didn’t do anything about it but to surrender, and He fixed it all up and then it was so different.

In the first place I had an urge in myself; I couldn’t wait, I had to go and get busy and make a record, and I did. Then after the years of waiting on God, serving in a very humble way, it was a different position. God was the Preacher and I was a worker. I learned to stand on the street and witness for God, and to witness in gambling houses and brothels and wherever I got the chance. I was never considered a preacher, but from that day to this I have been in the ministry.

I remember how I refused ordination for a number of years. My friends and fellow workers said I should be ordained. I said, “No, I do not think so; I am not worthy.” I thought I could work without being ordained. I held a meeting nearly every day for years before I was ordained. I saw many souls saved before I was ordained. Ordination appeared to me a very serious step. From the time I took upon myself the obligation and responsibility of an ordained elder in the church of Jesus Christ, I knew I had to live a separated life. I knew I could not expect to have an ordinary experience. I was in for an extraordinary experience. I knew if I didn’t live it straight I couldn’t preach it straight. It came to me without much mental process but with tremendous conviction in my soul, that the character of a man might mean a lot more to the success of the gospel than his ability to speak the words of truth.

I was at a convention in New York, and a brother met me in the lobby of the building where I was staying. He said, “There are some brethren among you who would like to have you come up.” I went and found eight ministers. I did not understand. I was acquainted with only three of them, I think. But they said, “Brother Welch, we have gathered here and asked you to come in with us for a conference because we feel that you should be ordained. And unless you refuse it, we intend to ordain you.”

I remember how I felt. I gasped, and said, “Well, brethren, I will never say no to anything that seems to come from God.”

So that day they ordained me to the ministry, after they had examined me and I had answered their doctrinal questions satisfactorily.

Through all the years since then I have felt the pressure of that responsibility, and I have deployed most bitterly every energy of my life. Here is a question I should like to ask you now. Will you be downright sorry for every failure you make? Will you acknowledge it? And will you pray that God will strengthen you unto every good work?

Two things are on my heart especially to discuss. One is preparedness to rightly divide the Word of Truth. You will never divide the Word of Truth as God wants you to divide it without a background. Every servant of the Lord on any line needs a definitely established background. There must be positive Christian character back of service for God. When it comes to the matter of handling this truth, this sacred truth, this eternal truth, this living truth, this vital thing that holds in itself and carries the favor of God Almighty, as well as that verdict against sin, you need a background, and the stronger the better. Study, study, study, to see that you have God’s approval and that there is nothing in the world that is going to make you confused and confounded and ashamed. Then rightly divide the Word of Truth.

The pith of the matter is this—there must be the responsibility of preparing yourself to develop character and developing knowledge of the Truth. I know what I am talking about. I had a glib tongue myself. After I got over being afraid of the people, I could say things, one thing right after another. But I was not so very much a divider of the Word of Truth.

There is no offence in the Word of God. You can preach all the truths to all the people all the time without offence, if you do not add offence to it. You can’t preach anything at the people without offence, however. You may drive them and get them to move on man-made conviction, but such conviction is not worth much.

What the people need is Holy Ghost conviction.

Now I have tried to do the work of the Spirit many times, but I have never succeeded in doing it. It always had certain earmarks that designate its source. My efforts, the thing I did, always had a peculiar sort of kink to it. The Spirit of God does not come of a man’s life and designate the fact that he is not a sanctified vessel.

Did you ever notice that there are two orders of cleansing in the Bible? One is washing, and the other is purging. Paul says there are a lot of things that may hinder tremendously. They are foreign in their nature to the things of the Spirit of God. And they are inside a man. Purging is internal cleansing. Paul is telling Timothy to get those things out. Any man who will get them out and will be rid of them can be a

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The Pharisees brought to Jesus an adulterous woman. They said, "This woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned: but what sayest Thou?" Jesus stooped down and with His finger began to write in the dust. He knows our frame and remembers we are dust, formed of the same frail material in which Adam and all his seed are made. He who made the first creation out of such frail material, is ready to make all frail creatures of dust into a "new creation" like unto Himself—a rock.

The Pharisees vehemently pressed their question and He said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

Once more He stooped to the unresisting dust and wrote. How wonderful it is when He who is the living Word writes His law into our hearts, making us living epistles of Christ, known and read of all men.

These men who were filled with the spirit of him who is "the accuser of the brethren," has sought to tempt Christ in order to accuse Him, but one by one they shrank away like darkness before the light.

When they had all gone, Jesus spoke: "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" She answered, "No man, Lord." Then He who was shortly to bear all the sins of this poor adulterous woman in His body on the cross, and to bear in full the condemnation due not only to her but to us all, said, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

In Leviticus chapters 4 and 5 we have the pictures of the sin offering and the trespass offering. The trespass offering was made for all transgressions of God's holy law that the offerer had made. At Calvary Jesus was "delivered for our offences" (Rom. 4:25), the many things in which we have offended against the holy law of our holy God.

But the sin offering goes yet deeper than this. It deals with what we are—creatures full of sin. "If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8. It was because of what we are, as well as what we have done, that Jesus suffered, and bled, and died.

When a man brought his sin offering he laid his hands upon it. That act was equivalent to his saying, "I am an unworthy sinner deserving death, but I transfer my sin to this substitute to receive the penalty that I deserve. It will bear the judgment that should be mine, as well as what we have done, that Jesus suffered, and bled, and died.

Then the priest killed the sacrifice before the Lord. Its blood was poured out. Wondrous picture of that river of blood that flowed from the veins of our precious Saviour, that carries away all our sins into the vast ocean of God's forgetfulness.

The fat was burned upon the altar—a picture of Christ's acceptance before God, for He was altogether unblemished when He made Himself an offering for sin, and His offering was accepted of God.

But after this the carcass of the beast was dragged to a place outside the city. Bearing the sin of the offerer it was a thing of reproach and could have no place either in the temple or in the holy city. Its place must be outside the camp. Outside the city it was burned, not upon an altar, but upon a pile of wood. So Jesus our sin-bearer was thrust outside the city and suffered there upon the head of the cross, bearing the fire of God's wrath that was due us hell-deserving sinners.

O blessed Lamb of God, we should have received such treatment as this as a due reward for our deeds, but Thou hast done nothing amiss! As we gaze at Thee who died the just for the unjust, we each are constrained to cry, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom."

And he who was cast out that we might be brought nigh assures us, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." He says to us as He did to that woman, "Go, and sin no more," and imparts to us His own holy, divine and eternal life.

Paul realized that all he needed was in Christ. His one desire was to know Him and the power of His resurrection. He wanted to enter into the fellowship of His sufferings and be conformed unto His death—made like unto Him in every respect. That too should be our desire, to know this loving Christ who takes our sins and gives us His righteousness. We should look to Him to impart to us each day His own risen life and holiness. We should be ready to go with Him without the camp bearing His reproach. As He was dead to the world and the world dead to Him, so should it be our glory to be crucified to the world, and to have the world crucified to us.

Our place henceforth is not the city where our Lord was crucified, which is called Sodom and Egypt (Rev. 11:8), but God has prepared a city on high, the heavenly Jerusalem. There we meet our loving Father and our precious Christ, who assures us that He is alive for evermore, and because He lives we shall also.

When the word of the Lord came to Saul to slay all the Amalekites, he failed to fulfill the divine commission. In consequence he was rejected. The day will come when a greater than Saul will have the word given to Him to slay utterly all the seed of the serpent—the accuser of the brethren that inspired those Pharisees who brought the woman to Christ. This greater King will not fail in His commission and He will be accepted as the eternal King, and reign for ever and ever.

Saul spared Agag, but Samuel in his zeal for the Lord took the sword and destroyed him. Our Samuel will not fail to cast him who will be at the head of the serpent's brood into the lake of fire.

There will be with this One whom God will set as King upon His holy hill of Zion, a company who have been redeemed from sin by His sacrifice at Calvary. They have been washed in His blood. We see them as a company of called, chosen, and faithful ones. They have suffered with Him, bearing His reproach outside the camp, but now they are about to reign with Him eternally. And what a mighty victory they will see as they follow Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

These have all been weaklings of dust, made of the same material as that adulterous woman, but they have heard His word of pardon and peace. Now He has formed them to be like unto Himself, more than conquerors. Will you be among that company? You will be if you follow all the way this good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep.

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respecter of persons; the same power that He gave to the early Church He is waiting to manifest through His disciples today, but the Church must go on!

Brother, sister, we are limiting the Holy One of Israel. Go through the New Testament and see the wonderful "mantled" men of God there. They believed His precious Word and did not allow signs and wonders followed their ministry, but such power rested upon them that the people would bring the sick and afflicted out in the streets, if they could not be reached personally, so that even the shadow of Peter might fall on them and they be made whole.

Aren't you hungry for a deeper revelation of Christ? We want to say that this mantle that is put upon us is the Spirit of God's power; we need to keep it and cherish it, for He is "easily grieved" and is just as sensitive as the little mantle on the gas jet which sheds forth radiant light. When we have the "mantle" on, when we have the real power in our lives, we shall know it and the people will know it. May God help us to be clothed, enveloped in this mantle, that we may rise up to our privileges in Jesus Christ.

Some years ago, in an earthquake, the inhabitants of a village, panic stricken, asked an old Christian the secret of her calm and joy. "Mother," they said, "are you not afraid?" "No," she answered; "I rejoice to know that I have a God who can shake the world."
The ministry of Philip at Samaria, recorded in the 8th chapter of Acts, is unique.

Almost any true servant of God would gladly welcome a revival like Philip had at Samaria. The Lord was so pleased with his ministry, that when He wanted to send the gospel to the African continent, He let Philip be His ambassador to convey the glad tidings concerning Christ to the Ethiopian eunuch.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard of the revival Philip had at Samaria, they sent Peter and John, that they might pray for these new converts that they might receive the Holy Ghost, “as for yet He was fallen upon none of them.”

In the midst of a Pentecostal revival in our home city, the pastor of a large church called a special meeting to prove that the Baptism in the Spirit was received at conversion, and that the Pentecostal people were wrong in looking for a subsequent experience. There were a number of pros and cons offered. I was in the audience. Suddenly the Spirit flashed Philip’s revival before me, and I arose and asked this pastor if he were willing to go on record that he believed those Philip baptized were not saved, for it clearly states that they had not yet received the Holy Ghost. This was a hard question for him to answer. Finally he said no. Immediately the audience arose and dispersed, after this reluctant admission.

If we will preach Christ, making Him the center of attraction, revivals similar to Philip’s will follow, and if needs be of those Philip baptized were not saved, for it clearly states that they had not yet received the Holy Ghost. This was a hard question for him to answer. Finally he said no. Immediately the audience arose and dispersed, after this reluctant admission.

Every one of us is called to be a witness for Christ by both word and life. If we fully realized this, what a change it would make in our world. Our pastorate would call for a closer fellowship with God, and that would greatly help to eliminate many of our troubles. Many of the saints that have felt there has been little for them to do, would find places where they could witness to individuals, pass a tract or Gospel of John, or do house-to-house evangelism (Acts 5:42), do work among children, or give a hearty handshake with a “God bless you!”

Once while holding a campaign in the city of Washington, D.C. I visited the White House and shook hands with President Coolidge. As I did I said to him, “God bless you!” and he bowed and thanked me most graciously. I have greatly appreciated even that privilege of witnessing for Jesus.

Andrew was not as prominent as some of the other apostles, yet it was he who first found his brother Peter, and brought him to Jesus, John 1:41. What a ministry God gave Andrew in bringing Peter, who became a great soul-winner. A Sunday School teacher witnessed to Dwight L. Moody in a shoe store in Boston, and led him to Christ. Moody became one of the world’s great soul-winners.

A tract in the hands of J. Hudson Taylor was the means of his conversion, and he became one of the greatest of all missionaries, establishing about one thousand mission stations in Inland China.

A business man, who had a large number of men employed, as he entered his place of business in the morning would salute them, saying, “The name of the Lord be praised!” It was a witness for Christ.

If you want anything done, get a busy man. Moses was busy with the flock (Ex. 3:1-10) when the angel appeared to him (as the angel appeared to Philip) and said, “I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth My people . . . out of Egypt.” Gideon was busy threshing wheat when the angel of the Lord said to him, “Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites.”

David was busy attending sheep when God called him. God does not want us to be lazy, slothful and lukewarm, but followers of the noble examples set by men of faith of old.

The Pentecostal movement has reaped much from the great harvest of souls won through the efforts of the various evangelical and holiness movements, and men like Moody, Torrey, Chapmen, Sunday, General Booth, and others that were faithful in preaching Christ. Today we need to put forth a strong effort for a great harvest of souls. If the Spirit-filled people fail in going forth and witnessing, who will?

It is said that one of the powerful nations of Europe is on the wane, because of the low birth rate. The same will be true of any religious body that fails to preach Christ in a way that the new-birth rate or born-again experience will not be on the increase. May the Spirit-filled saints of today not wait time contending for certain phases of doctrine that sooner or later fade into the background, but rather use their energy in witnessing for Christ.

“The gospel . . . shall be preached in all the world (note) for a witness, and then the end shall come.” In Rev. 20:4, John said, “I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God.” This company gives God and reigned with Christ a thousand years. God will not fail to compensate us for faithful witnessing. Will He be able to say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant?”

Doing the Impossible

Far up in the Alpine hollows, year by year, God works one of His marvels. The snow-patches lie there, frozen into ice at their edges, and through that ice-crust come, unscathed, flowers in full bloom.

Back in the days of the bygone summer the little solidanella plant spread its leaves wide and flat on the ground to drink in the sun-rays; and it kept them stored in the root through the winter. Then spring came and stirred its pulses even below the snow-shroud. And as it sprouted, warmth was given out in such strange measure that it thawed a little dome of the snow above its head.

Higher and higher it grew, and always above it rose the bell of air till the flower-bud formed safely within it; and at last the icy covering of the air-bell gave way and let the blossom through into the sunshine, the crystalline texture of its mauve petals sparkling like the snow itself, as if it bore the traces of the fight through which it had come.

And the fragile things ring an echo in our hearts that none of the jewel-like flowers nestled in the warm turf on the slopes below would wake. We love to see the impossible done, and so does God—Lilias Trotter

Never Too Old

A sister ninety-five years old sends in thirty cents for tracts which she desires to distribute. She tells us that she finds the names of ministers in various religious papers and mails them these tracts, believing God will make them a blessing to them.

Every one can engage in a similar ministry in mailing Gospel papers to those to whom they may be a blessing, also mailing tracts with the message of Salvation, Healing, the Soon Coming of Christ, and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

We can make it very easy for busy people to do this, mailing issues of the Pentecostal Evangel to addresses that are sent to us. If you will send us 50 cents we will send 50 tracts to the person from July 10 to January. Why not send us one, two, ten, twenty, or 100 names today? In sending out the papers at this low price we are sending them at less than it costs to produce them. That is our part of the sacrifice. And if you will sacrifice also, God will bless you for your part in getting the gospel out to those to whom it may prove a blessing.

Important

The Committee that is responsible for finding rooms for those who attend the General Council in Springfield in September would greatly appreciate receiving a card from all who expect to be present. This will help them to provide accommodations for all who will be coming. Write to the Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

We are anticipating the largest crowd that has ever attended the General Council. The Texas brethren, who have chartered a special train, expect to have a thousand in their delegation. In view of this, it might be as well if many who could secure a trailer in which there are sleeping accommodations, avail themselves of such. Parking facilities will be provided for these.
"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Jesus?" Rom. 8:1. Never listen to the accuser of the brethren, for he will ever endeavor to get you to limit the Holy One of Israel. Ever be looking to the limitless expanse of God's mercy and grace. Abundance of grace! Grace to swallow up all condemnation!

Do not spend all your time examining yourself in analytic introspection. Keep looking unto Jesus. If God be for us, who can be against us? If you and your house are trusting in the blood of Christ, the destroying angel cannot touch you.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you, and resist him not only for yourself but for the Church of God. The devil is the accuser of the brethren, and if he cannot accuse them of actual sin he will bring up imaginations.

Look in our adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith. One of the subtleties of the enemy is to endeavor to make you believe that all your morbid introspections are from God. Don't measure God by your own petty feelings. He is infinite in wisdom and strength and boundless in grace. Get a vision of God and His infiniteness. When the enemy reproaches you and says to you daily, "Were thy God?" cry out to your soul like the Psalmist, "Why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him!" Praise defeats the foe. The living creatures in the Revelation cries not day nor night in their praise, and God would have a people ever doing the same.

The enemy seeks in every way to come in, but we are not ignorant of his devices, for we are not of the night but of the day. Never yield to the temptation to measure God by the devil's rule. He limits God all the time. "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" He often wondered about "Father" Allen's words of castin' out and whether in this case they had failed. Five years later he held a service in that same city and a portly woman came and shook hands with him whose name he could not recall. He learned that it was the same woman whom he left in a dungeon. "Tell me about it," he said.

"There is nothing to tell," she replied. "All I know is that I awakened one morning to find myself in perfect health." She herself had no faith and apparently no one else had faith for her, but God could not deny His servant who had such childish faith in Him.

At one time he had on his check-hone an open sore which was pronounced cancer. He fasted, said hands on it, he did for others, prayed and believed. The growth was checked but the sore was still there. After a time a brother said to him, "Brother Allen, the cancer seems to persist in its work." He replied, "Oh yes, I have not had time to attend to it," meaning that he had had so much to do for others that he could not take time to fight the devil and fast and pray until victory was manifested. Someone else, after this same man met him and his face was fair and spotless. In speaking of it, Mr. Allen said, "It dried up like a coat button held in place by a shank. One day I picked it off the floor, where it had dropped. It had a fiber coming out of the cheek attached to it like the shank of a button. Oh, I knew it had to go!"

Into the Home for Incurables it was his joy to go, bringing deliverance to those for whom there was no earthly help. Miss Musgrove of Troy, N. Y. wrote in 1924 of her remarkable experience when this humble instrument in God's hands was used in her healing. She had been a terrible sufferer for four and a half years, and had had many of the best physicians, but the verdict of all was that her entire body was so completely worn out that recovery was impossible. She was taken to the Home for Incurables in Brooklyn, N. Y. in the early summer of 1881, with a letter to the matron saying that she might live until fall, but God gave her the assurance that she should again engage in Christian work. Two Christian women who were acquainted with Father Allen's very frail and ministry in behalf of the sick wrote her, asking if they might send him to pray for her healing. She prayed that if this were God's will to lead a woman of faith in the Home to acquiesce, and when this woman read the letter she said, "I believe this is God's will." When Ethel Allen was asked to go, he inquired of the Lord what he should do, and His answer was, "Go. I will raise her up for My glory."

He arrived at the Home about supper time and was asked to eat his supper before praying for her. His reply was characteristic: "No, the Lord has important work for me in this Home. I shall neither eat nor drink until it be accomplished." Then going at once to the sick woman he asked re-
garding her Christian experience. When he asked, "Do you believe that God is willing to heal you now?" she said "Yes." And as he laid on hands he told the Lord he believed on the authority of His Word she was healed. As they praised the Lord for healing new life thrilled and thrilled through her entire being. "The forty-two years since that hour have proved the healing permanent."

"Father" Allen's fast was not then over. He still refused food on the ground that the Lord showed him there were other cases in that Home, and also outside for whom he would pray. But, while this special season of ministry lasted for several days, his fast continued, and it was remarkable that when the fast was ended he seemed as fresh as at the beginning.

One case in particular was remarkable, that of a very amiable young lady. When he commenced to pray for her he stated that hers was a case of demon possession. Some of the inmates of the Home were angry that he should make such a statement, but he repeated it and obtained her permission to work with her on that ground. As soon as he commanded the evil spirits to leave her—tormenting her to depart she became violent, even using physical force against him—the onlookers at the same time upbraiding him. He was unmoved and continued to command the evil spirits to leave. At last she fell back on the bed as though dead, insomuch that some cried out, "He has killed her!"

"She is dead!" But soon she awoke and said, "I am healed.

Hanging solidly for a separate life for the ministry."

 Mrs. Carrie Judd Montgomery of Beulah Heights, Oakland, Calif., was well acquainted with Ethan Allen. He prayed the prayer of faith for Mrs. Edward Mix when she was healed. Mrs. Mix prayed the prayer of faith for Mrs. Montgomery. And so he called himself Mrs. Montgomery's "grandfather." Ethan Allen stayed for some time at Montgomery's Home of Peace in Oakland.

Having God's Approval on Your Life

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vessel unto honor, sanctified, and fit for the Master's use, ready for every good work.

I was talking to Brother Williams not long ago in his office and we were looking over the situation. Brother Williams is a very godly man and he knows things; he has his eyes open wide as he travels all over the field, and he knows the Pentecostal ministry. He loves you all and is watching you, because of his love for you and his anxiety for the movement and the success of the work of God. His position is a wonderful place for a man to occupy as it gives him a viewpoint that is peculiar. We were talking lovingly, sympathetically, about the conditions that are in the movement, and this is one thing that came out in the discussion.

Out of his heart he said, "Brother Welch, there isn't enough of us now who are standing solidly for a separated life for the ministry." An unsanctified ministry will be to blame for an unsanctified people. In the interests of the people who are now saved, and those who are coming under your ministry, and people who may be saved in the future—in the interest of the movement of which you are a part, and in the interests of the kingdom of God—I charge you to be members of a sanctified ministry.

I have almost finished my course and I told the people it was right to do that, and I had it to do later.

After I had had wonderful healings under my hands, God checked up on my own life and my own consecration. He let me go down into the valley of the shadow of death, and I came coming exactly fifty miles in an hour and a half. I went out beyond all consciousness. Some of my brethren were praying by my bedside crying to God. "Oh, I wish they would stop," I thought. "It isn't any use. I am in God's hands. Hallelujah." And that was the last conscious breath; I used it to praise the Lord, and I did not feel a bit afraid. God healed me and it was unconnected with food. I have not been hungry since that hour. I know what it means to trust God out beyond all consciousness. I do not want to frighten you, but if you go and tell the people a lot of things you are likely to have some experiences yourself. Do you want them? Yes, then all right.

To be a sanctified vessel requires that two things be definitely real to you. A sanctified vessel is a clean vessel. A sanctified vessel belongs to God. It always belongs to God. You go back in the Old Testament and find those sanctified, devoted things were marked for God alone. Away back in the Old Testament men were stoned to death for fusing with the sanctified devoted things. Achan and all his house lost their lives. Thirty-six innocent men died at Ai because Achan had taken something to himself that belonged to God. I challenge you—dare you accept the challenge? In ordination you are devoting yourself to God Almighty. He is to direct your life, not you.

KEEP YOURSELF WHERE GOD CAN PUT HIS APPROVAL UPON YOUR LIFE. Remember He sees you in the dark. He sees you when you are all alone. He sees you when you are at home and He sees you in public. He will grant you His approval if you will live an exemplary life. Keep where God's approval can be on your life, and where you can rightly divide the Word of Truth. You need always to study not only your Bible but to study also the situation between you and God.

Remember that you are not called to an ordinary experience. You have actually gone so far that it is up to you to bear one hundred-fold fruitage in your life. You are not a thirty-fold fruit-bearer. That is not your place. You are not a sixty-fold man, either. You have deliberately taken upon yourself the responsibility of being a hundred-fold fruitage man.

You have my love and my sympathy. I know a lot of troubles that may be your troubles. I wish I could impart to every young man who comes to this point in life some of the experiences I have had, but I cannot do it. You have to go through yourself. You have to take it on and go through with God. And you will, won't you? I know you will. I am going to pray for you as long as I live. I do not know what the Lord will let me do over yonder. I wonder sometimes how it will be over there, but we shall know when we get over there.

I want to drop this suggestion. It comes out of long experience and a wide observation. If God really calls a man to the ministry, there will be a place for him.
Solomon Builds and Dedicates the Temple

Lesson for July 16, 1939. Lesson Text: 1 Kings 5 to 8.

To the heart of King David had come the longing to build a permanent dwelling place for Jehovah, and though forbidden by God to carry out his design himself, he was given the encouragement that the task would be the work of Solomon, his son. Our lesson tells how Solomon took advantage of a time of national peace and rest, to accomplish the great undertaking with which his name is associated.

The building of the temple is not only of real historical and spiritual significance to the Israelite, but is also a beautiful type picture of what God Himself is now doing—building the redeemed members of His church into a spiritual temple in which He will dwell eternally. It is with this in mind that we approach the lesson. Eph. 2:20-22.

I THE ERECTION OF THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 6 and 7.

The foundation. “And the king commanded and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the house.” 1 Kings 5:17. These huge stones were taken from the quarry, carefully chiseled and squared, and laid deep in the earth so that they would resist the force of time and easily support the vast superstructure of the temple. So God’s spiritual temple, the church, is built upon the unsearchable, we of the foundation, and shall abide forever. 1 Peter 1:23. And Jesus Christ Himself is the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20. “To you is given the message of eternal salvation through faith in His resurrection.” 1 Thess. 2:13. The divinity of materials used. Gold, silver, brass, iron, wood, and all manner of precious stones were gathered and used in the great building. 1 Chron. 29:2. Even to the heavens above! Now being built is composed of people of different races, colors, personalities, temperaments, and mentalities. Yet all fit perfectly into the building—unity in diversity—of the chief characteristics of all God’s works!

The method of building. “And the house when it was building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither.” 6:7a. The building stone, hewed out of their native rock, chiseled and polished carefully, were brought to the site of the temple; then without sound of hammer (1 Kings 6:7b) slipped silently into place fitting perfectly into the structure. What a beautiful picture of redemption! We in our natural state were rough, unshaped, unfit for use, incapable of receiving ourselves from our native rock of sin. But there came One to us where we were, who by the birth from above hewed us out of our native rock. Now by His loving Spirit, He is putting us through the chiseling and polishing process until one day as stones “made ready” we shall silently be put in our place in an eternal temple, 1 Peter 2:4, 5. Knowing the glorious future shall we shrink and murmur at the chiseling process?

Slow but sure. “And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, was the house finished. So was he seven years in building it.” 6:38. Slowly, but very surely, and quietly the house had been built. The world had gone on his way, struggling, striving, but uncertainly; but slowly, surely, and silently God works on, doing His unseen work in the hearts of men, building the heavenly temple that shall not pass away!

II THE PRESENCE IN THE TEMPLE

8:1-11.

For God’s glory. “And the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto His place . . . to the most holy place . . . and it came to pass that when the priests were come out . . . that the cloud filled the house . . . so that the priests could not stand to minister . . . for the glory of the Lord had filled the house.”

What made the temple sacred and wonderful? Not its outward beauty and splendor but the holy presence of God Himself. Little wonder that the priests could not minister! Paul speaking to the redeemed says, “we also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit” (Eph. 2:21), and again, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?” 1 Cor. 3:16. How solemn! How awesome! We, as believers, are not only stones in the temple, but also individual temples made to house God’s glory—the indwelling Christ! Col. 1:27; Gal. 2:20. “What manner of men ought (we) to be in all holy conversation and godliness?” 2 Peter 3:11.

III THE DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

8:12-61.

The dedicatory prayer. Now that the temple is completed and God has set His approval upon the work by manifesting His presence, Solomon rejoices in the joy of a good purpose successfully accomplished, then offers one of the greatest prayers in Scripture, a model prayer of dedication containing marvelous depth of truth and spirituality. In his prayer Solomon realizes the real purpose of the temple is not only that it shall be the dwelling place of God to the blessing of Israel, but that because of the glory of His presence, it shall be a great revelation of God to all the earth that may know that the Lord is God.” v. 60. And that is the purpose of our lives as individual temples and as stones in the heavenly temple—that we may be mediums through which the glory and power of Almighty God may be revealed to the world! —J. Bashford Bishop.

JACOB WILL NOT LET GO!

How have the Jews been affected by their recent set-back in Palestine? The answer is a drive to buy more land there. Dr. Chaim Weitzman, Zionist leader, says, “We go on with our work.” A Zionist appeal reads, “We protest not in words but in deeds. We buy more land.”

THE THREE R’S

An Episcopal minister was converted as a result of the prayers of his gardener. Then for the first time he began to preach the need of a born-again experience. This resulted in a great revival sweeping the community, and also stirred up intense opposition. His preaching the three R’s—Readmed by the blood, and Regenerated by the Spirit—had been so obnoxious to a schoolmaster who went from house to house in an effort to set the people against the pastor and his preaching.

When people tell the pastor they cannot help making a noise, whereas they see only a picture of a house burning they are not excited. The schoolmaster could not understand why Chris ts—wonders—out say, “If they saw people going on in sin. He did not realize that it was because they sensed the sinners’ danger while he did not. He however continued to listen to the preaching. The pastor often said, “The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice, and praise God with a loud voice, and for all the mighty works they had seen.” Luke 19:37. He said further, “We are told over and over in the Psalms to ‘praise God with a loud voice,’ and to ‘shout.’ ”

One Sunday he preached on, “Cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?” After the sermon when the pastor got into the prayer room he found the schoolmaster there on his knees, weeping. “Oh, I fear there is no mercy for me—the sentence is surely gone forth against me, ‘Cut him down! Cut him down!’ ” He howled aloud in his distress. The people prayed for him and filled the house with their shouts and thanksgivings. “The temple of God, in the midst of the tremendous din, to which he had been contributing his full share, the master suddenly found peace.

So the pastor was the lowest shouter of the whole crowd. He became a very earnest Christian and took much pains and interest in the religious instruction of the children. Do you know that since you came into Christ you have nothing to do but to be?” (Col. 3:23)? Or that if a man is not born of the Spirit he will be damned in hell? If you do believe those things you believe the first of the three R’s. Do you believe that Jesus Christ came “to give His life a ransom for many?” (Matt. 20:28)? That He was “delivered for our transgressions” (Isa. 53:3), having been “delivered for our offenses” (Rom. 4:25); that He died “for our sins according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3), and “His own self bear our sins in his own body on the tree”? (1 Pet. 2:24)? Do you believe that the second of the three R’s, Redemption through the Blood.

Do you know that since you came into Christ you are “a new creature” (2 Cor. 5:17)? That you have passed from death unto life? (1 John 3:14). If you know this, you have the third of the three R’s for you have been Regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, “Ye must be born again,” that is, Regenerated (John 3:7), because, “Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3. Thus we have it plainly stated that if one is not regenerated he will be shut out of Christ’s kingdom. “He that believeth not shall be damned.” Mark 16:16. Which shall it be with you, dear?—C. E. R.
INFALLIBLE

Said Count Grandi, Italian Ambassador to England: "Fascists do what the Duce tells them. The Duce is always right."

YOUTH AND SIN

The King's Business quotes a letter of a sixteen-year-old girl, a victim of the marijuana habit—a weed so many are smoking these days: "These preachers—standing around and telling us how fine and splendid we young people are! They either do not know, or else do not care what we do. Some day I'm going to kidnap one and take him on a part of his next sermon would be about SIN. And that's what we need."

GOD AND GOVERNMENTS

Said Bishop Otto Melle, German Methodist leader, speaking in Kansas City: "What I should like to do is to show you that we as Christians should find a higher level from which to look down upon political events, for these changes in government are not so threatening as people sometimes think. Political events change, and Christians must know that above these human things there is One who has all power in His hands, and with­out His will nothing can happen on this earth."

BACK TO THE BIBLE

The World Missionary Council at Tambaram, at which 69 different countries were represented, called upon all Christian people everywhere to return to the Bible. "If the Church is to repossess its faith in all its uniqueness and adequacy and power, one indispensable condition is faith standing upon the Bible today is the continuous nourishing of its life upon the Bible. We are bold therefore to summon all Christians to a deeper and more consistent study of the Bible, instructor and sustainer of the Christian faith throughout the ages."

THE GODLESS ARE HEARTLESS

Communist philosophy declares faith in God is unnecessary and harmful, and teaches that love for humanity is the true way of life. But theirs is a faith without works. Laments a Jewish leader: "The Soviets refuse refugees. They had loudly proclaimed themselves to be the friends of man, but theirs is a new and most significant thing. Italy is Communistic philosophy dedaned from faith in God.

Faith in God gives man a heart of compassion and is therefore the true basis of benevolence.

RELIGION ON BROADWAY

Religion has been the dominant theme of most of the stage hits and prize-winning plays presented on Broadway during 1938-39, according to an article by Joseph T. Shipler of the College of the City of New York, entitled, "Broadway Tries God," appearing in the April issue of the American Mercury. Mr. Shipler points out that "if the living theatre, and in America that means the Broadway theatre, is a mirror of men's minds, it is evident that we are in the midst of a period frantically searching for a faith."

HEART HUNGERY IN ITALY

H. H. Pullen, of the Spezia Mission for Italy, says, "The real concern of multitudes in Italy today is revealed in the crowded congregations of the Spezia churches and halls, and the eager demand on every hand for the Word of God, and for books and tracts which show clearly and simply the way of salvation. This concern is a new and most significant thing. Italy is Catholic and superstition-laden, scornful, skeptical, indifferent. It is a remarkable sign of the times—this new, strong concern for things which make for the soul's eternal salvation."

GOING BACK

D. M. Panton writes in Dawn: "More than half a century ago Spurgeon, on the ground of deepening error, led the Metropolitan Tabernacle, of which he was pastor and the Pastors' College out of Baptist Church. Within the last few weeks—when the departure from the truth is far deeper and graver—the Pastors' College, following the Metropolitan Tabernacle, has rejoined the Union. What would Spurgeon say?"

THE RED PERIL

According to America, Stalin has recently convened 16,000 Red war veterans from Spain to the frontiers of America. In Mexico, the transference was effected under the charge of the French Communist leader, Andre Marty. It is a transference which gives point to another saying of Lenin. "Russia, Spain, then Mexico, then the United States."

Proved the official organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union once declared, "The world nature of our Program is not mere talk but an all-embracing and blood-soaked reality. Our ultimate aim is world-wide Communism, our fighting preparations are for world revolution."

"THE DEVIL'S SMOKE SCREEN"

The Presbyterian has some interesting comments by Dr. G. W. Arms concerning the Temple of Religion at the World's Fair in New York: "The Temple of Religion is the devil's smoke screen to hide from the people the Cross of Christ. It seems to be the anti-god war. 'We stand for tolerance and religious freedom,' whereas it means indifference to the truth, a spineless morality, no sure standard of righteousness and a condition where every man may do as he pleases. The truth will not allow a gospel service within its precincts such as saved America in the revivals of '57 and under the preaching of Whitefield, Finney, and Moody, without which revival as a people we are lost."

ARMAMENTs

Reports Time: "In 1933, the last effective year of the Versailles and Washington Nations system, the world's armies numbered 7,000,000 men, its navies totaled 3,000,000 tons, its military planes were 14,000, and $4,000,000,000 was spent to keep the men and machines of war. Pacifists considered these figures pretty horrible. As it turns out they were small potatoes. "In 1938, the year of Munich, armies had increased to 10,000,000 men, naval tonnage had jumped to 8,000,000, military planes had possibly trebled in number and $17,000,000,000 went slithering down the gullet of the hungry god of war—to be used to meddle in world politics, 2 Chron. 35:20-23."

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE NATION

Writes Dr. John Stuart Conning: "Dislike of the Jews dates back far beyond the Christian era. In the Persian period we read of Haman's plot to destroy the Jews of that far-flung empire. Both Greece and Rome had difficulty with the Jews. Bloody anti-Jewish riots occurred in Alexandria, Antioch, and other Greek cities. Roman writers, like Horace, Seneca, Juvenal, Cicero, and Quintilian pour scorn upon the Jews. So, even before Christianity began its career in the world, the Jews were a despised and persecuted people. They are not Christian, like Tunis, Tripoli and Morocco, Jews are the object of hatred, insult and oppression. The Jews are preserved because they have a God-appointed future."

THE KING'S VISIT

The recent visit of England's king and queen added another strand to the tie that binds together the two great English-speaking nations. It was indeed a triumphant entry on the part of the majesties, whose warm humanity andWinsome simplicity won the hearts of thousands. Many who had viewed their coming with indifference or suspicion were finally constrained to cry, "God save the King!"

Our minds are naturally carried back to the city of Jerusalem 1900 years ago, when another King made a triumphant entry of peace and victory on earth and good will toward men, and whose purpose was to cement a bond of fellowship between God and His people. While Pharisees scowled and Romans mocked, thousands of Israelites chanted the Old Testament royal anthem, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

Then were fulfilled the words of the prophet, "Be­hold, thy King cometh unto thee." And we who have gained by Israel's rejection and loss accept the words for ourselves. We hail Him, the Son of God who came from heaven to earth to win and remake the hearts of men."

King George, accompanied by the President, laid a wreath on the tomb of George Washington. The leader of a one time rebel nation and the ruler of a one time dominant nation sealed their friendship for all time in the Father of our country. May the time come when all nations shall meet at the Cross and there become one.

In recognition of the Christian character and work of the United States, Majesties fervently pray, "God save the King!" In realization of the inability of the best of rulers to turn earth's wilderness into an Eden we look to heaven and pray, "God send the King of kings!"

SPIRIT GIVEN PRAYERS

Heart Disease

In Jeremiah 17:9 we have God's X-ray of the human heart: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Leerer translates this, "Deceitful is the heart above all things, and sick."

Knowing that the Lord is a heart specialist, Jeremiah sent up a prayer, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for Thou art my praise."—S. H. F.
Good Report from Manchuria

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wingard send greetings from Harbin, Manchuria, and praise God for His working there. During the month of April, six received the Holy Spirit, and many more were either saved or refilled. Attendance has been very good.

The Wingards went to Anta Chan to hold dedication services. A large place has been bought, providing an ample preaching hall which may be expanded, and plenty of rooms for living quarters. This place was duly set aside for the Lord and dedicated to His service.

The Lord blessed in a wonderful way during the nine missions held in Anta. Several were saved, one brother was refilled, and seven received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

SAFETY IN THE BLOOD

"In these troublous times," writes Glenn Horst from Southwest China, "we praise God that there is a safe place under the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"A few weeks ago this city was bombed again but we were kept from all harm. They tell us now that it is not safe to be here, for we shall undoubtedly be bombed again. There is no denying that we feel a natural fear in times like this; but, in the midst of fear, God gives us His children peace. We take all the precautions we know, then place the rest in the hands of the Lord.

"Here we live every day as though that day might bring us into the presence of the Lord. This thought keeps one constantly on his face before God, making sure that there is 'nothing between my soul and the Saviour.' It is precious to note the grace which the Lord gives in times like these.

"Every day is a miracle. These months, just before the rains, have always been cloudless—not one small cloud through all the long weeks. This year, almost every day, the clouds hang low; mountain tops are hidden from view. We feel that we are under a heavenly canopy of protection, all praise to God.

"Soon we will take our second language examination; then we hope to go to some outstation to begin our work for the Lord in this needy land."

A "HOLY MAN" DIES

The old Sadhu had lain all night long where he had fallen in the evening. Sometime in that long East Indian night he had died.

The people called him "holy," and because of that, they took up a collection to give him a funeral befitting a priest. Every possible honor was secured—a flag, a band, decorations for the stretcher. The procession wound down the road to the river.

I asked an old man where the Sadhu had come from. He replied that he did not know. I asked where he had intended to go. Still he couldn't tell.

"Where has his soul gone?" I asked. Of course he didn't know, and I told him the old, old story of redeeming love and the way to heaven.

Multitudes of these priests spend their lives on the road as religious beggar-preachers, "blind leaders of the blind." They compel the village folk to give them food and a place where they can lie down at night; or perhaps they sleep under the stars. The villagers are afraid to refuse them lest some curse be placed upon them. Many gladly offerings, hoping thus to gain merit with the gods. For these are "holy" men!

In the end, many of these roving priests die on the roadside, alone, unloved—"Without hope and without God." And their souls go—where?

"We do not know," say the natives. "Lost, lost, lost," says the Word of God. May God help us to carry the message of life to India, to villager and priest alike, that souls may be saved and hope brought to the hopeless.

—Beasie Gager

TO ALL WHO WILL HEAR

"We are so glad," writes Beatrice Hildebrand from LuLiang, Southwest China, "that the gospel message brings life to everyone who will hear, whether he be man of war or a common little Chinese housewife.

"At one service recently we began teaching the people a new chorus. We sang it again and again, and the native evangelist finally had to tell the crowd to go on home and practice the song as they went. As they left, we could hear them singing in Chinese, 'Step by step, step by step, I would walk with Jesus. Every day, all the way, I would walk with Jesus.'"

To Village Women

"After the service three women of a neighboring village came to us to tell us they understood the message of the gospel even though it was the first time they had ever heard it. We know God will meet these hungry hearts, and the many others like them, praise His blessed Name!"

And to Soldiers Alike

"Lately two officers of the army who are stationed here received the Lord in full salvation. One had been a backslider but came to the chapel and was reclaimed.

"The other was a man who had been wounded in battle, so that for some time, his mind became as a child's. Upon recovery he realized the helplessness of man, and how he himself needed God, and began to consider the gospel he had heard preached some time before. He came to the chapel several nights, and at last surrendered to the Lord.

"This man is a man of influence, and has testified to his men from the very first. Through his aid, our native helper was able to speak to three hundred soldiers and give them Gospel portions. We praise the God who can meet our every need, and pray that He will continue His work in these lives."

TEN YEARS IN HILO

"Today," writes Bernice Strickland from Hilo, Hawaii, "it is just ten years since I left Honolulu to come to Hilo the first time. Many things have happened in these ten years. The children who attended my children's meetings then are now young men and women. Some, thank God, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, are faithfully working with us today.

Looking Forward

"But it is not back that we must look; like Paul, let us forget those things which are behind, and press on to victories ahead. We praise God that, though we have nothing electrifying to report, yet God has steadily worked in our midst. For some time we have been holding services at Onomea, about eight miles from Hilo. We used to have to gather the boys, but now we always find twenty-five or more awaiting our coming.

At first it seemed difficult for them to get much of the message, but interest has been constantly on the rise, and many have raised their hands for prayer. We're looking to God for real victory here.

"The young Japanese girl of whom I have spoken before shows every sign of having accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour. She testified to her school companions concerning her belief, and told them to read the Bible. She has shown definitely that her mind is on Christian matters. We pray that she may make a complete surrender, even though her family are Japanese Buddhists.

"We are now considering buying land on which to build our church. Please pray with us that God will enable us to know His perfect will in this matter, and to accomplish it to His glory."

WHERE THERE IS NO ONE TO TELL

"There is urgent need," writes Mary Martin, "here in Liberia, of an enlarged missionary force. We earnestly beseech your prayers and support for at least six new missionaries for this field.

"Recently I made a preaching tour into a section where missionaries have not been working for several years. There is nothing more lonely and desolate than a deserted mission station—tumbling down, undermined by white ants, with weeds and jungle claiming the once well-kept yard. But, without help, there will be more of these deserted stations."
Scattered Sheep

"As we traveled from village to village, we found varying conditions. In some, where the natives had been more firmly grounded or had been fortunate in having local leadership, there are still chapels with fine little groups of believers. We held services in such villages, and the Lord was gracious in blessing at these times.

"In other villages we found the believers scattered, some having returned to their heathen ways. But even here, when the meeting was announced through the village, the remaining members of the flock would gather to hear the Word.

The Sick Are Healed

"In one place an old man came in saying that his daughter was very sick, and asked our prayers for her. We found her terribly ill, beyond hope in the natural. We prayed and left there without seeing any change, even though she had confessed her sins. Some days later, after returning from our tour, a young woman came to Feloka and spoke to me. At first, I did not recognize her, but it was the sick girl—completely healed and desiring only to live for God from then on, praise His marvelous name!

The Captives Made Free

"At another village we were attracted by a girl about ten years old—such a bright little thing! We learned that she was to be sold to a man who already had several wives. This child had seen a few Christians and had heard enough to awaken her heart to a keen desire to be a Christian, too. We spoke to her father about allowing her to come with us. He consented to have her learn the Christian way, and he seemed ready to listen, though not consenting at once.

"What could we do with her? The Bible school is overcrowded already, and there wasn't sufficient money for her support. But could we refuse to take her in—allow her to be sold into bondage? We decided to trust God for her support, hoping that some one will take this child, Tosa, upon their hearts.

"On our return journey, we stopped again at this village and received the father's consent to take Tosa with us. How joyful she was! She was the very best of Jellopar kings! Of course! But help for her support is still needed, and we pray that God will send it in."

FIRST-FRUiTS IN LAVRAS

Lawrence Olson writes joyfully of the accomplishments of eight months' work in Brazil. Although the Olsons have been occupied with language study chiefly, yet a new work has been opened, and God has blessed through the efforts of a native evangelist.

"At the end of April," writes Brother Olson, "it was our joy to make a week's visit at Lavras and baptize the 'first-fruits' of this new field. During the week, seventeen followed our Lord through water baptism. Besides these, there were six others already baptized who wished to unite with us, thus bringing our membership to twenty-three, praise the Lord.

"One of those baptized is a young wife who was a Catholic. After accepting Christ, she took the images and pictures of the saints, crucifixes, and all such objects, and turned them over to the evangelist, who promptly made a bonfire of them.

"The believers meet in a pleasant little hall in the center of the city. All seem very happy in the Lord, and are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us all join in prayer that a real Pentecostal outpouring shall visit them before long."

BRIEF NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

North India

One more has been baptized in water in Chapra—Munshi Hussain's mother. Another, a man who recently walked ten miles every Sunday to attend services, still does not feel ready to submit to baptism. Let us pray that he and others will wholly surrender. While we were in camp, one old man walked over seven miles one way to worship with us on Sunday. Praise God for hungry hearts!—James Modder.

Brazil

May 15 was our first anniversary in Sao Caetano, Brazil. Since coming here, forty have been received as members.—F. J. Stalter.

Lawrence Olson with thirteen new believers, the first-fruits of eight months of ministering in Lavras, Brazil.

North India

Two women, wives of British soldiers, recently accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. We praise God for these, and pray that He will honor them, and His angel will still further the ministry of house-to-house visitation among the military people in the hills of North India.—Bessie V. Gager.

Home on Furlough

Word has just been received from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burgess of their safe arrival in Los Angeles, after a long journey. We trust the Lord will lay His hand upon them during their furlough period and strengthen them to return in due time to their work on the mission field. Their home address while in America will be 646 Hill Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan.

A Special Need

A fine young native minister, Joseph Perriere, working under the supervision of Carl F. Graves in Ceylon, has suddenly been left without support owing to the inability of the faithful sister, who has supported him for several years, to continue her help because of severe and prolonged illness. Knowing that this will greatly handicap Brother Graves and the good labor for us to send all missionary funds to those for whom the money has been designated at a regular time each month. On the last day of the month we close off our books and mail the checks to our missionaries just as promptly as possible.

There is always a need of undesignated money since perhaps fifty per cent of our missionaries do not have sufficient money sent in, designated for them, to cover their needs; and some have no money sent in designated for them, therefore depending entirely upon our undesignated funds.

It is therefore a great help to us to receive some undesignated money from every assembly, so that we can help meet the personal needs of our missionaries who lack, as well as have some balance to provide furlough fares, to help needy native preachers, to assist in the erecting of missionary bungalows, Bible school buildings, and many other needs which are constantly before us.

A Suggestion

If you do not have a weekly missionary prayer meeting in your assembly, we suggest that this would be a splendid thing to start; and if any would like to receive our monthly prayer pamphlet in quantities for a local prayer group, just write the Missions Department, 336 W.
Are you praying and working to the end that we will reach our goal of 1250 new Sunday Schools by General Council? Of that number, 750 already have been opened. We're not so much concerned in numbers or goals, but we are deeply interested in Full Gospel Assemblies being established in every section of our land.

Are your class members faithful in attendance? In a prison camp, Mr. Head teaches a class of 24 men. Of these members, absences average less than 2 per Sunday. Hats off to the prison boys—they're more faithful in attendance than we are. "It is required in Stewards that a man be found faithful."

This week 46 certificates showing the completion by students of one or more of the textbooks of Systematic Bible Study Courses have been issued. Of this number, 29 were issued to members of Brother William Pickthorn's class of Memphis, Tennessee.

Jacob H. Spears, Elmhurst, New York writes concerning our Systematic Bible Study Courses, "The 'Worker's Course' is marvelous to use in winning souls to Christ, and showing them the error of former beliefs. Most of the members of my class are converted Catholics and they eagerly devour the Word."

Wm. H. Campbell, Woodman, Colorado, a new member of our Two-Books-A-Month Club, writes, "These books are what I have been looking for for a long time. I just can't read these worldly magazines any more. They disgust me. But these books, my! a month is too long to wait for them."

K. A. Berlin, Silverhill, Alabama, another club member, writes, "I am receiving a great blessing out of the first two books I have received."

You, too, may become an enthusiastic Two-Books-A-Month Club member if you will write us saying, "Tell me more about your Book Club." Ninety-three new members have been added to the club recently.

Thank you! The Sunday School Man wishes to thank the Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers, and other workers who assisted in making the Sunday School rallies a success at Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Lawrence and Kansas City, Kansas. It was an inspiration to us to look into your faces and meet many of you personally. We pray that our labors in the Master's service will continue to be blessed of Him.

**Picking the Winners**

"Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and held, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus. . . . Him would Paul have to go forth with him; . . . and they went through the cities. . . . And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

Judge Norton, of Indiana, was a successful stockman. His services were much in demand at state and national live-stock shows. It was said of Judge Norton that he had the gift of "picking the winner." His skill at "picking the winner" was not confined to the show-ring. He could pick the prize pig, calf, or colt when it was two or three weeks old. While it often is not difficult to "pick the winner" in a show-ring, it is quite an accomplishment to do so when it is on, what they call, "the way up." The Judge was able to "pick the winner" before it had had time to show development.

Judge Norton's son, William E., employed by a banking institution in the East, inherited the trait of his father. He was made personal director. The junior Norton was gifted with the ability of selecting a business executive when he was on "the way up." William E. interviewed many hundreds of applicants for business positions, and he had the insight which enabled him to pick those who would be successful business men or women.

Paul, with his natural ability and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, was also able to "pick the winner." We note how wisely he chose young Timothy. This young man Paul selected as a co-laborer and set him at the glorious task of preaching the gospel and establishing churches, so that "they increased in number daily." Acts 16:5.

Let every pastor and superintendent learn to "pick the winner." In every assembly and Sunday School there are young Timothys who will be real winners, winners of souls. Challenge your Timothys to open up new Sunday Schools in your community.

A great challenge has been made to our Christian leaders through the GREATER THAN EVER Summer Extension Plan. Delegate responsibility to those who might otherwise remain inactive during the summer, thus missing an opportunity to lead men and women to Christ, and of knowing the joy and blessing which comes to one who faithfully gives of his time to the service of the church and Sunday School.

Much has been written concerning the Summer Extension Plan through the columns of The Pentecostal Evangel, Our Sunday School Counselor, Sunday School Quarterly and papers, and different pamphlets and folders. We trust our workers have read these suggestions, that they have received a burden for lost souls, and have determined, by the help of God, to organize bands of workers and to send them forth in search of those in the community whom the Sunday School has not yet reached.

Canvassing the community will probably reveal the fact that at least 10 per cent of the people are not attending Sunday School. Because of this there are drunken fathers and mothers; boys and girls in sin and crime. Court records show that 97 per cent of the criminals today have never attended Sunday School, and most of the crimes are committed by those under nineteen years of age. With these facts before us, it surely behooves us to do all we can during summer months to catch men, women, boys, and girls for the Sunday School, and lead them to Christ. Temptations are unusually strong in summer.

We have printed 8,000 copies of our new folder, "Bringing in the Sheaves of the Summer Campaign." Ask for your free copy. As the name sug-
Greenburg, Kansas—The Lord gave us a good revival in May. Evangelist B. H. Armes, Hot Springs, Ark., was with us for 3 weeks, and we had a good revival for our days. We had a fine service on Pentecost Sunday. The Assembly of God was well represented, and the Lord gave us a good testimony. The Lord is still here, so ever more have been saved. The old-timers were stirred up and saved. We continue to pray for revival.

FORTUNA, Calif.—We recently conducted 3½ weeks of special meeting with William T. Vaise as our evangelist. We are praising God for the great results that were accomplished. Souls were saved, believers filled with the Holy Ghost, and sinners healed. Some of the gifts of the Spirit were stirred up and were in operation in our midst, and we have a new vision—C. F. Rowe, Pastor.

CANAANIAUA, N. Y.—Sunday night we closed a very successful 4 weeks’ campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. Earl E. Hart, of Lyons. Brother Hart preached the old-time gospel message, with messages for the church as well as for the unsaved. Brother and Sister Hart are both accomplished musicians, and their singing and music are very much appreciated by the people. Our assembly was greatly refreshed and encouraged by their singing. The Lord’s presence was manifest in each service—Ralph C. Braman, Pastor.

Kingfisher, Okla.—We came here July 11, 1938, and we are here on the 15th of July. The Lord has been blessing us with great services. We have a fine Assembly of God work here. Council brethren passing this way are invited to stop and visit us.—Leesie Moore, Pastor.

A woman was gloriously saved and has received a great measure of the Spirit. Her husband has given his heart to Christ. After this meeting closed, the five saved during the revival united with the church. The Spirit of God is moving upon the church in a wonderful way.—Mrs. Isto Hisserich, Pastor.

Texas District Council

The 24th annual session of the Texas District Council met in Tyler, Texas, June 6–9. The meeting was well attended, with 1,000 registering. General Secretary F. D. Davis, of Spring- field, Mo., was the main speaker. F. D. Davis was re-elected superintendent, and E. B. Crump Secretary-Treasurer. The Woman’s Missionary Council held their session the same time.

The session of the Texas District Council was truly a time of blessed fellowship and the glory of God rested heavily upon the meeting. Twenty-nine ministers were ordained to the Full Gospel Ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by E. S. Williams.

A special train is to be run from Texas to the General Council in September. The train will be chartered and designated as the Assembly of God train of the Texas District Council. About 1,000 will travel on this train, leaving Dallas, Texas, on the afternoon of November 3. Special singing will feature the entire trip.

It was announced that the State C. A. Convention will meet in Houston, November 29–30. Leonard Norville will be in charge.—E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, Texas District Council, Wichita Falls, Texas.

New York City, N. Y.—We are preparing for the General Council in this city. May 21 we began a series of special meetings with Evangelist William A. Cote and his son, Paul. Although each message was given through an interpreter, this seemed no obstacle in carrying out the divine plan for a real Holy Ghost revival. From the first these was a steady increase in attendance, and pronounced interest was shown. On Saturday evening, the power of God hovered over the assembly in such a glorious way that the only thing that seemed not to be fitting was standing in beautiful spiritual fellowship and with uplifted hands let the praises roll to the King of kings.

June 3 we celebrated a joint baptismal service, four of the Spanish assemblies about us participating, and approximately 30 candidates were buried with Christ in baptism. We have kept no exact record of those professing salvation, but several came forward. Among them was the unsaved husband of one of our sisters, and he came through to a bright and definite experience of salvation. With him came his only son. Two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. An unusually large number of ministers and visitors, who have given most convincing testimonies to definite experiences of Divine healing, Paul Cote was made a special blessing, both to the church and to the young people, through his messages in song and his work among the young people.—Frank Fisk, Missionary of the Latin-American Pentecostal Church of God.

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 16 days before that date.

Haskell, Okla.—July 2, for 3 weeks or longer—John Williams, Compton, Calif. Evangelist—P. D. Byrd, Pastor.

Gallup, N. Mex.—Tent meeting in progress; James D. Bell, Evangelist—W. A. Vannust, Pastor.


Crawfordville, Fla.—Pastor.

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DALLAS, TEXAS.—Assembly of God Fellowship Church, Mayo, Florida, 728 p.m., Station KRLD, 940 kilo, by-press announcements, all week. Under the direction of Rev. J. B. Johnson, President, and Rev. J. B. Johnson, Secretary.

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CARIBOU, ME.—17th Annual Summer Convention, Central Pentecostal Church, Mt. Holly, N. C. July 9, 9 a.m.—3 p.m., at Camp Byron, about 10 miles south of Red Deer. For information write Mrs. M. Carter, District Secretary, 246 Oakland Ave., Osage, Wis.

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FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. AND C.

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—Joint C. A. R. O. K. Assembly, July 7-12, 118 E. Main St., Bentonville, Ark. For information write Pastor M. Carter, District Secretary, 246 Oakland Ave., Osage, Wis.

SULLIVAN, Mo.—Assembly, July 9, at First Baptist Church, 600 S. Main St., Sullivan, Mo. For information write Pastor J. B. Johnson, Secretary.

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Word of Praise

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