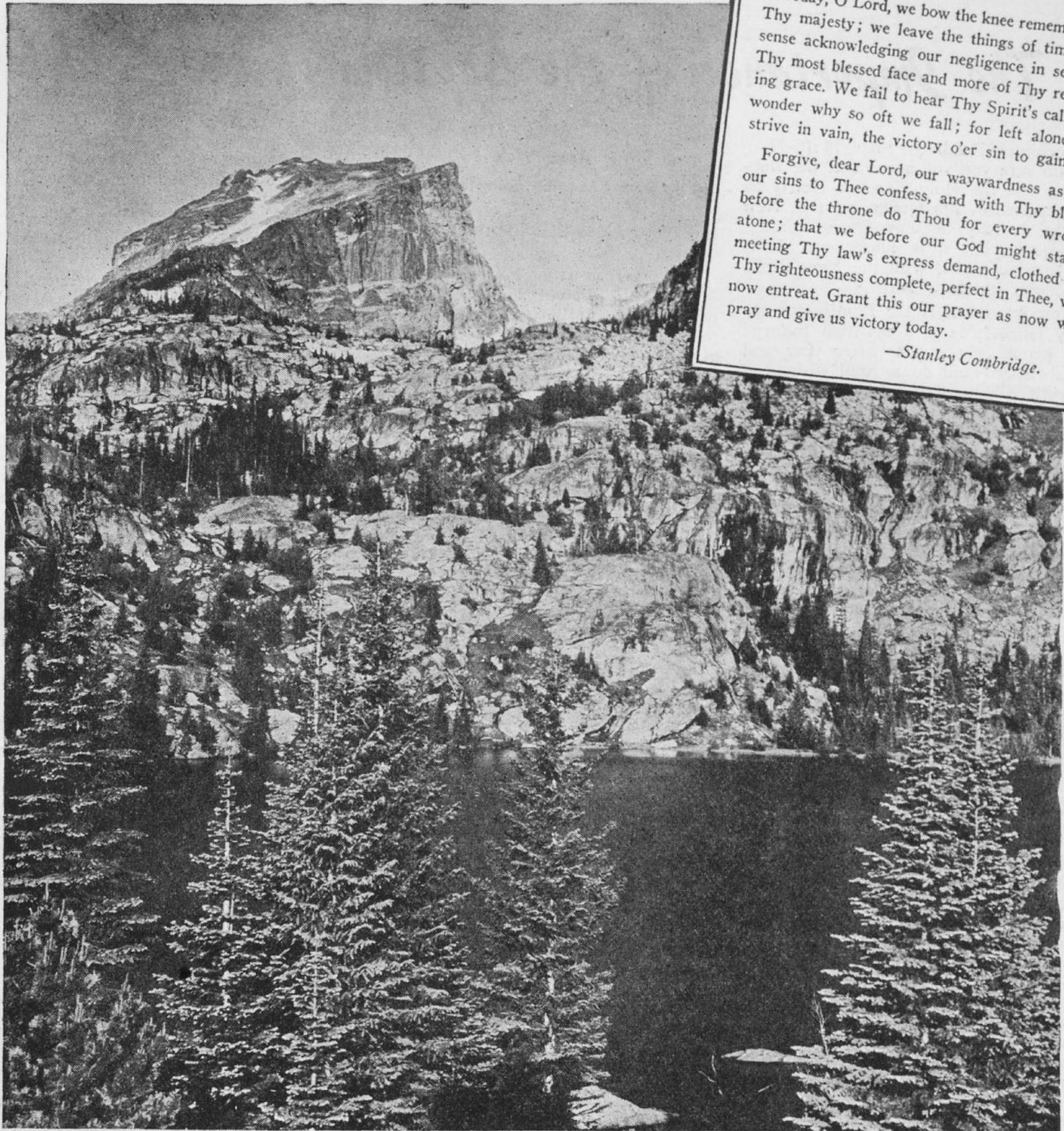


A PRAYER

Today, O Lord, we bow the knee remembering Thy majesty; we leave the things of time and sense acknowledging our negligence in seeking Thy most blessed face and more of Thy renewing grace. We fail to hear Thy Spirit's call and wonder why so oft we fall; for left alone we strive in vain, the victory o'er sin to gain.

Forgive, dear Lord, our waywardness as we our sins to Thee confess, and with Thy blood before the throne do Thou for every wrong atone; that we before our God might stand meeting Thy law's express demand, clothed in Thy righteousness complete, perfect in Thee, we now entreat. Grant this our prayer as now we pray and give us victory today.

—Stanley Combridge.



NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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The Importance of the Baptism of the Spirit

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-17.

I am sure you will agree that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is clearly an experience subsequent to the New Birth. It may be only fifteen minutes subsequent, but it is subsequent. It is not to be confused with the New Birth. It follows the New Birth.

How important is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? Is it a spiritual luxury? Can people go on year after year and be Christians and do as well without it as with it? Is it an afterthought with God? Is it some appendage that the Almighty put on the tail-end of His scheme of things? Is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost a very definite, clear part of the New Testament Christian experience? We want to secure God's answer and not just my opinion, because I'm likely to be prejudiced.

If tonight I could establish clearly, without controversy, that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost was in the mind, plan and purpose of God centuries upon centuries before anyone ever received it, before the day ever came when it should be given, would you then believe it?

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost had been in God's plan, in His written blueprint, for centuries before Jesus ever came. Instead of being some casual afterthought of God, it is clearly shown to be one of His great forethoughts, an advance provision for His church to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Out of a wealth of material I would like to confine myself to two Old Testament types and two Old Testament prophecies, followed by a few New Testament statements. Surely Old Testament types are valid, authentic, admissible evidence when it comes to the proving of God's truths. Jesus believed in Old Testament types as corroborative of New Testament doctrines. He says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." That's why God caused Moses to do it; it was the foreshadowing of the Son of God on a cross centuries later, on Calvary. "As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly, even so must the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Jesus drew on an Old Testament type to substantiate the doctrine of His resurrection. The Old Testament foreshadows the New, and the New Testament interprets the Old. They are not two Bibles; they are one Bible, made of two component parts in the wisdom of God. So, let me remind you of two Old Testament types that the New Testament declares are symbolic, typical

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and allegorical of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

First, I read from Exodus 13:21,22: "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of the fire by night, from before the people."

To understand this as significant for the New Testament believer, I turn to 1 Corinthians 10:1, 2. If I had taken upon myself to suggest that the passage I read to you from Exodus 13 was a type of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; if I had no further authority than my own opinion and supposition, I would be laughed out of court; I would be ridiculed; all the critics from the high to the low would



heap their abuse upon my devout faith. I'm glad that I don't have to declare myself the authority for this statement. A far greater than I has said it before me. Here Paul, writing under divine inspiration, says, "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

Mark you, he uses the word "baptized." If the blood upon the doorpost and the lintel was a symbol and type of the precious blood of Jesus that should save us and deliver us from our spiritual Egypt, and if the crossing of the Red Sea was typical of our separation from the world unto God, then the apostle Paul says that the glory cloud that overshadowed Israel, in which they were literally enveloped ("baptized" is Paul's word), is a type of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, for that cloud that overshadowed Israel was the glory of God. It was His veritable presence and Israel's camp was enveloped and swal-

lowed up in this glory cloud. "They were baptized in the cloud." What could it typify or symbolize other than the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? I don't say they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am simply speaking in a figurative sense as the apostle is here.

We turn but a couple of pages in Exodus and in the seventeenth chapter we encounter a second striking incident which finds New Testament interpretation. Israel had been marching on her journey in the wilderness and there was no water for themselves or the children, and they were about to kill Moses. Moses cried to God, "What to do, Lord?" God told Moses, "Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

We turn again to 1 Corinthians 10:4 to get the New Testament interpretation of this and we read, "They did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ." The apostle Paul says that is what it means, that as surely as the rod of God smote the rock and supernatural waters gushed forth and two million people were made to drink thereof, so surely on Calvary's hill the Rock of Ages was smitten. Isaiah even uses the very language, "He was smitten of God and afflicted." When the Son of God was smitten on Calvary, the day of Pentecost was one of the products thereof. Of course, He brought our salvation; of course, His blood avails for the atonement of our sins: but the secondary product of the smitten Rock was the gushing forth of the waters of life, a type of the Holy Ghost. The day of Pentecost was made possible by the day of Calvary.

If there had been no Calvary, there would have been no Pentecost. Jesus said this before it ever happened. He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away." Utterly essential. Absolutely necessary. Why? "If I go not away, the Comforter cannot come to you; but if I go, I will send Him unto you." When Jesus talked about going away, there was only one thing He meant. There was only one exit for Jesus from this earth, and that was via Calvary. He could go only that way. They tried to kill Him other ways. They tried to throw Him over a cliff. They tried in vain to take His life. He was appointed unto one death, the death of the Cross, to bear the curse of all sinners. So He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away," but what He indicated

was, "It is necessary for you that I go to Calvary, for if I go not to Calvary, you can never be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Comforter cannot come. If I go to Calvary, I will send the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, to you."

Think this through. It becomes clearly established, I believe, that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is as much a provision of Calvary as the forgiveness of our sins. I did not say it was of equal importance. I said it was just as much paid for on the cross as was the salvation of our souls, and healing of our bodies.

Then, how can you be a Christian and refuse anything that Jesus bought for you on the Cross? Answer that to God, will you? If you're a Christian, you want all that the Master paid for on the Cross by His death, including the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Let us go back about 700 years before Christ. The prophet Isaiah was God's man in the world at that time. One day under divine prophetic anointing and unction, the Spirit of God mightily upon him, this major prophet found flowing from his pen these strange words from the heart of God. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little: For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

Seven hundred years before Christ these words were given of God through Isaiah to Israel. Seven centuries of people were born, lived and died and they never understood Isaiah 28:11. Jews by the tens of thousands lived well-pleasing lives upon the earth in that seven-century span, and they read it and pored over it and meditated upon it and wondered, "What did God mean? What strange words are those, 'For with stammering lips and another tongue will I speak to this people.'" Seven centuries of people lived and died and never understood it because God's time hadn't come yet.

I turn again to the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 14:21 and we find God's man, Paul, under equal anointing with the prophet Isaiah speaking by just as divine inspiration. Look, seven hundred years after that time the apostle Paul is writing a wonderful exposition and treatise under God concerning the gifts of the Spirit and the operation of the Holy Ghost in the local church and the believer's life. Under divine inspiration the apostle Paul reaches back seven hundred years and seizes Isaiah 28, and incorporates it into the 14th chapter of 1 Corinthians, saying, "In the law it is written, With men of

other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me, saith the Lord." That's Paul's quotation of Isaiah. He goes on, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." It was very clear to the apostle Paul that the stammering lips and other tongues that Isaiah prophesied should come were but the manifestation and the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the New Testament believer's life. The apostle Paul explains Isaiah to that very end.

Let me digress a little. There may be someone here of that group of sincere people who insist that they believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as much as anyone, and who insist that they have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, but are equally insistent upon saying that they did not speak in other tongues, nor do they think it necessary. This position is widely taken among the Holiness people. They are sure that they are baptized with the Holy Ghost. They are in-

sistent upon the fact that they do have the New Testament Baptism of the Spirit, yet they didn't speak in tongues. They say they don't believe that's part of it.

Tongues are not the Baptism. They are the evidence of the Baptism. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the coming of the Spirit of God in His fullness. It is something that Jesus does. He baptizes the believer in the Holy Ghost, and God's chosen evidence that this work has been done is this divine phenomena of utterance, foreign to the speaker, coming by the Spirit's prompting and impulse as the Spirit gives utterance. Tongues are not the Baptism. I think tongues are to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, what the deed is to your home.

Suppose we get into conversation down on the Square one of these days. We stand there looking at one of the nice buildings, and you would say to me, "See that office building over there? I own that building, Brother Vick." "You what?" "That building is my property." "It is? Well." You would insist that that property is yours and I would manifest some excusable and understandable cynicism perhaps, and I would press the thing a little further and say, "You tell me that property is yours?" "Yes, that's right." "Well, excuse me, but I'll just ask one more question. Do you have the deed to that property?" "Well, no, Brother Vick. I don't have the deed. You see, I just took it by faith." Shall I elucidate further, or are you way ahead of me? You can go around claiming all the buildings in town, but the law wants to see the deed. The deed isn't the property, but it is proof that the property is yours. Speaking in tongues is the believer's deed to his property. It is the God-given proof that he has received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. It isn't the property, it's just the deed to the property.

If you don't think seven hundred years are enough, let's go farther back into antiquity—eight hundred years. God's prophet to Israel at this time was Joel. Under divine, prophetic inspiration one day, God gave him these words, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit." Again I say, generations of Jews were born, lived and died who walked under the stars at night and pored over their Scriptures by candlelight; they pondered and puzzled and meditated, trying to figure out what this thing was that God had promised everyone. I am sure that the more devout among the Jews of those eight hundred years longed, yearned and

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Twelve Reasons

Why We Believe In SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. Because Christ mentioned it among the consequences of Faith. Mark 16:17.
2. Because the accompaniment of the Baptism of the Spirit in each outstanding case in Acts was so signalized. Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6.
3. Because the greatest apostle, the illustrious Paul, spoke in tongues and that more than any one else. 1 Cor. 14:18.
4. Because the portrait and experience of a New Testament Church is not complete without it.
5. Because it is one of the nine gifts deliberately chosen by divine wisdom as the full equipment for the church. 1 Cor. 12:10.
6. Because, when the gift of Tongues was in full operation, all the other gifts were manifest too. 1 Cor. 1:5-7.
7. Because the first members of the finest church in the New Testament spoke in tongues when filled with the Spirit (Acts 19:6) and the members of that church were said to be all sealed with the Spirit in that way. Eph. 1:13.
8. Because, by the authority of God and by our own experience, it is edifying. 1 Cor. 14: 4, 5.
9. Because it is set in the church equally with teachers. 1 Cor. 12:28.
10. Because it is by the Holy Ghost's declaration a convincing sign to unbelievers. 1 Cor. 14:22.
11. Because it is the point of the overflow of the Spirit. Acts 2:4; Eph. 5:18, 19.
12. Because it is accompanied by a larger vision of God. Acts 10:46.

Pentecost Repeated

THE Lord sent the angel Gabriel with a wonderful, mighty, new message. Mary received the startling word, "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS . . . The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:31, 35.

The angel brought a message the like of which had never been given before. It told of the third Person of the Trinity overshadowing a human being to bring about the incarnation of the second Person of the Trinity, to make possible for the first Person of the Trinity to be manifested. Thus would the prophet's message be fulfilled: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel"—"God with us." Isa. 7:14.

By Mary's believing it was possible for God the Spirit to work, for Christ the Son to be born, and for God the Father to be manifested. The belief of one woman brought the eternal Trinity down to earth. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Ghost, declared: "Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." Luke 1:45. Mary believed the word of the Lord, and through her faith what untold blessedness has come to the world!

God has again spoken a promise: "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Joel 2:28. In the case of Mary it was with one Person, the Holy Spirit, working on one person. She believed, and it was brought about. God has spoken: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon"—not on one woman, but—"all flesh . . . your sons and your daughters . . . your young men . . . your old men . . . and on My servants and on My handmaidens." Mary *believed* and it was possible for God to fulfill His promise. God wants believers today who *believe* that He will fulfill His word, and He will assuredly fulfill His sure word of promise.

Men say, "History repeats itself!" God

will repeat Himself by pouring out His Spirit, not on one woman only, but on all flesh born of woman, if they will believe His word. It is said about our Lord Jesus Christ when at Nazareth that "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. 13:58. Pray not only for an outpouring of God's Spirit, but pray for deliverance from unbelief. It is right to pray for an outpouring. It is right to pray for the removal of hindrances, and for the removal of unbelief particularly.

We have seen the earnest of the promise in Joel on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit coming on the one hundred and twenty, reaching forth to the three thousand, reaching forth to the five thousand, spreading to great multitudes, spreading to the great company of priests, spreading through Jerusalem, spreading through Judea, spreading to Samaria, spreading to Rome and Greece, so that the world was turned upside down.

God is waiting now to pour out, not the latter rain only, but the rain, the former rain and latter rain in one month. Joel 2:23. Pentecost repeated on a scale commensurate with the size of the world and the need of the world! The greater the population and the more flesh there is, the more the Spirit will be poured out. A man will not plant a ranch greater than he can irrigate, and God has not created more flesh than He can saturate with the outpouring of His Spirit. He says to us, "As ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." Zech. 10:1. *Are you asking?*

God has declared: "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." Mary believed the message of the angel. Are you believing the word of the Living God? Will you believe God's declaration, "I WILL"? "In the last days I WILL pour out of My Spirit upon ALL flesh." The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Isa. 40:5. The word of the Lord has gone forth, and no demons in hell can frustrate the fulfillment of the word of the Living God.

Before God makes war upon the earth, He is going to call away His ambassadors. That is always the first thing that is done before any war upon earth is declared. The Lord will call out from the world His own people.—*A. Lindsay Glegg.*

A young Christian cried, "Lord, fill me to overflowing. I cannot hold much, but I can overflow a great deal." What a good prayer for all to make!

Wanted: Men of Prayer

All great soul winners have been men and women of prayer. I have known nearly all the great evangelists of this generation, and many of the last. All were men of intense prayer.

One man moved my soul tremendously when I was a young unconverted journalist. He was staying with a Presbyterian minister, and I said, "I would like to see Mr. So-and-So." The minister spoke of him with awe in his voice and something wonderful in his face, and said, "I have never had such a man live in my house. I do not know when he sleeps. When I go to his room at night to see if he is comfortable, he is in prayer. I saw him go into the church early this morning and he has not been home for meals."

I found the church. . . I crept in lest I would disturb him. It was in the tropics of Australia. I found him divested of his coat and collar. He lay prostrate at the communion rail. I could hear the agony of his voice and the tears in his voice as he pleaded with God for that great gold mining city, that he might lead souls to God. He had been praying all night. And he had fasted and prayed all day.

I crept up to where he lay. I knelt by his prostrate form and put my hand on his shoulder and it was wet with sweat. He had never seen me before but he looked up for a moment and said, "Pray with me, brother. I cannot live if this town does not turn to God." He had been there about three weeks without conversions. . . I knelt with him and prayed with him and he opened his heart to God and pleaded as I never heard a man plead. I went back to my office awed, humbled, trembling. . .

That night I went to the great church where he preached. No one knew he had no food all day, and no sleep the night before. But when he rose in the church I heard several say, "What an unearthly light is on his face." It is true. He was a great Bible teacher but not an evangelist. But that night as he preached, something happened, and the whole place broke beneath the power of God. That was the first great ingathering of souls I had ever witnessed.—Lionel Fletcher.

Seven Reasons Why God Chose Tongues

Carl Brumback

ONE distinctive doctrine of our Pentecostal movement is that speaking with tongues is the initial, physical evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Most of us are quite well assured on this point, because of our examination of the Scriptural record and because of our own experience. Still, in the minds of many there may have arisen the question, "Why should God choose tongues?"

In order to help you to be "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you," we wish to submit the following seven reasons why we believe God chose tongues as the immediate, outward manifestation of this wonderful experience:

1. It is an external evidence.

Even in this the most spiritual age certain outward symbols have been given to the church, viz., the Lord's Supper and water baptism. The very presence of the two ordinances in the hour that now is—when the Mosaic ritualism is done away, when the true worshipers worship in spirit and in truth, when we walk by faith and not by sight—is proof that we still need somewhat of the external.

Chrysostom gives us a splendid reason for an outward evidence of the reception of the Spirit: "Whoever was baptized in apostolic days, he straightway spake with tongues; they at once received the Spirit; not that they saw the Spirit, for He is invisible, but God's grace bestowed some sensible proof of His energy. It thus made manifest to them that were without that it was the Spirit in the very person speaking."

As a matter of fact, every aspect of God's work in the human heart is manifested outwardly in one form or another. The inward, by its very nature, must express itself outwardly. Faith and works, the inner cause and the outer effect, are inseparable elements in the entire spiritual life.

Myer Pearlman said: "The Baptism with the Holy Ghost in apostolic days was an experience in which the Spirit of God made such a direct and powerful impact upon the spirit of man that a condition of ecstasy resulted, and in that ecstatic condition a person spoke ecstatically in a language he had never learned. When the Spirit of God makes the same impact upon us today that He made on those early disciples, we too will experience the same ecstatic condition and the same ecstatic utterance."

2. It is uniform evidence.

The promises in Joel 2:28, 29 and Acts 2:38, 39 reveal that the Baptism with the

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Spirit is available to all believers, regardless of their varying mental, emotional, and spiritual capacities. It is only natural to expect the differences in temperament and capacity to cause different reactions to the Gift of the Spirit. Thus, there is a need for a uniform evidence by which the experience of all, educated and uneducated, emotional and unemotional, mature and immature, can be authenticated.

How ideally this need is met by the speaking with tongues! Think for a moment of the group of disciples assembled in the upper room. Each one was a separate and distinct personality—Luke, the scholar; Peter, the fisherman; Thomas, the skeptic; John, the beloved; Mary, the mother of Jesus; Mary of Magdala. Yet, when filled with the Spirit, every one of them spoke with tongues! We know of no other evidence which can be manifested by anyone (even the mutes speak with tongues when receiving the Spirit's fullness!) at any time, and anywhere, as conclusive proof of this experience.

3. It reveals the personality of the Spirit.

Absolute speech does not come from a mere influence, an energy, a power. It is the function of a person. When we, like the early disciples, begin to speak words not previously framed in our minds (for we know not the language), then it is that we realize as never before that the ever-in-

visible Spirit who giveth us the utterance of those words is not a vague influence nor a phantom, but a person!

4. It is a symbol of the Spirit's complete control of the believer.

Not only is the tongue the last member to yield to man, but it is also the last member to yield to the Holy Spirit. Hence it is an accurate indicator of the extent to which the believer has submitted to the control of the Spirit. How reasonable to expect the Spirit Himself to indicate His possession of the believer by making the stubborn tongue speak forth whatsoever He bids it, even in unfamiliar languages. At the very entrance of the Spirit-filled life, then, the believer is given a remarkable illustration of the submission of his tongue, a submission which God intends to characterize the whole life.

5. It manifests the Holy Spirit as the believer's source of truth and utterance.

The Lord Jesus sought constantly to impress upon the disciples their need to rely, not upon their own understanding, but upon the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13, 14).

How vividly this was sealed upon the hearts of the disciples, when on the day of Pentecost they began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. This temporary suspension of their normal intellectual processes undoubtedly made them very conscious of the necessity of looking to the Holy Spirit as the Source and Revealer of truth. How impotent their own wisdom and speech must have seemed to them! Not that this phenomenal utterance caused them to believe that a Spirit-filled life would make them mere mental automatons. On the contrary, the Spirit would grant them full exercise of every faculty.

Nevertheless, there would come times when eye would not be able to see, nor ear to hear, nor heart to receive; then they must turn to God for a revelation by His Spirit, "for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor. 2:9, 10). There would come times when they were to take no thought how or what they should answer, or what they ought to say (Luke 2:11, 12).

Thus, this miraculous speech, this creation of the fruit of the lips (Isa. 57:19) is symbolic of the entire life of the Spirit-filled believer, who trusts not in the excellency of man's wisdom or speech, but in the wisdom and words which the Holy Ghost teacheth.

6. It signifies the honor which God has placed upon human speech.

Speech is representative of all the privi-
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How Pentecost Came to India

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THE Welsh revival was at its height. The wonderful news reached mission stations in India. A hunger for a visitation of God's Spirit was already in the hearts of many of God's people. One was a young missionary.

The spirit of prayer was upon her. "There is a sound of abundance of rain," she said, "and I'm going to wait on the Lord till the rain falls. I am not going to the villages; I am going to give my whole time to prayer."

"Not going to the villages? What have you come to India for? You have plenty of time to pray without neglecting your work," said her friends in the Mission. "There is a sound of abundance of rain!" she repeated. They did not like it. "A sound of abundance of rain! What does she mean?" The phrase suggested to them that she was setting herself up to know more than others; but she persisted, "There is a sound of abundance of rain!"

The rain fell! It fell at Pandita Ramabai's school for orphans and widows. They were glad, exceeding glad, for they had been praying and preparing for revival.

Many in that school were anointed by the Spirit for special intercession, and a Band was called to our Mission to revive the Indians. For it had been unanimously decided at the annual conference of the missionaries that the Indians stood in great need of revival. "They will have to confess their sins," thought the young missionary, "for they are so wicked." The Inner Voice spoke, "And you—what about you? You will take up the stumbling block out of the way of My people." "I?—I confess my sins openly? Never! I would rather die." "I died an open shame, and that is what I am wanting you to do." Away she ran to her special friend. "I have to confess my sins. Oh! do pray for me."

The Spirit of God was working, and the special friend was up before she was, confessing her sins in the afternoon meeting. This was a great offense. What will become of the Mission? The Band prayed on regardless of the missionary's feelings or of missionary prestige. "Repent! Repent!" they cried. They wrestled in prayer with strong cryings and tears, and down came the rain—the rain of repentance. People were struck from off their seats and writhed in agony till confession was made; others were on their feet, confessions pouring out of their mouths like water. All were too occupied with their own sins and shortcomings to pay much attention to the confessions of others, save a few who sat open-eyed and open-eared leaning against the wall. These went

away unrepentant. They had been "put back years in their spiritual life," and they said it was through the confessions.

The young missionary sat on the floor in the middle of the room with the Bible woman. She took a prominent place because she determined to get all that God had for her. Up shot the Bible woman from her side. She swayed backwards and forwards under the power of the Spirit, and then poured out her heart before the Lord. The missionary had never thought her Bible woman could do such things, but she knew she was on the right track. "Oh, look!" she cried, "she is getting in before me," and down came a bolt from heaven. "I've got the Baptism," thought the missionary, but it was the spirit of repentance. A mighty Hand descended on her with the words, "I will surely purge away thy dross and take away all thy sin." Her body swayed to and fro under that mighty Hand. The people sitting with their backs against the wall saw it and were sore displeased. "We called them to revive the Indians, and the missionaries are confessing their sins! Let the Praying Band be withdrawn."

That night the youngest in the Prayer Band saw the Lord come into the meeting. He had a bunch of keys in His hand. He was looking

very sorrowful. There was no room for Him at Headquarters. He was not wanted, so He went away.

The missionaries returned to their stations, and two of them took the Prayer Band with them. What though they had to forfeit their hot season holiday? Days passed—solemn days of heart searching, and of putting crooked things straight—preparing the way of the Lord.

Then the Spirit came on one of the Prayer Band. She rose up and said, "Today Cashlbai and Rungabai (names given by the Indians) are going to receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost." The prayer warriors gathered around the missionaries; each tucked the flowing ends of her sari (native dress) into her waist band. They meant business. "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent taketh it by force." Their prayers were like sharp lashes, and down went one of the missionaries. The Spirit worked mightily and soon she was speaking in tongues.

"I don't want tongues," she cried. "What use are they? They are only a reproach." Then the Lord spoke most solemnly. He reminded her: "At the beginning of the revival did you not promise that you would follow Me all the way?" "Yes, Lord." And He reminded her that many had gone back offended with Him because of the confessions, and many were going back because of the speaking in tongues. "Are you willing to follow Me all the way?" She hesitated. The Voice went on: "I want to have all My way with you; and if I cannot, then you will be a despised vessel in whom I have no pleasure." She yielded; "Lord, anything, but don't let me be a despised vessel."

That evening the newly baptized one was told to go and pray for her fellow worker. "I can't," she said, "she is so much better than I, such a woman of prayer." She had a long prayer list. "Do as I tell you," said the Spirit, so she went and knelt by her side. She opened her mouth to pray, but a great shout came forth. The missionary went down under the power of God. The Praying Band rushed in and ere long she too was baptized in the Holy Ghost speaking in other tongues and praising the Lord.

Today that Praying Band is no more; many have passed on, and now see Him face to face: but the missionary is one with them. They are in heaven, she on earth, and together they sing:
*Worthy the Lamb who died,
 they cry,
 To be exalted thus,
 Worthy the Lamb, our lips
 reply,
 For He was slain for us.*

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CHRIST JESUS

But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:35

The Outpoured Spirit

IN WESTERN CHINA

H. A. Baker

A CERTAIN section had a bad reputation as the breeding place for robbers. Although there had never been a real outpouring of the Spirit upon these believers of about a year, they were zealous and built a thatched church in a week's time. Being still in the transient stage with no real understanding of salvation through the Blood, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit not well grasped, they were not as well grounded as were those upon whom the Spirit had fallen in power. When I arrived on Sunday the church was well filled with these members of the Bee Yoh tribe. I at once suggested that we all pray. As they bowed their heads praying as they were able, a Spirit-filled student from the central school began to pray under a mighty anointing of the Spirit. Naturally quiet, he now prayed in a loud voice in a strange language, though the words were very clear and distinct. The people were greatly impressed when they saw that the God whom they had so recently come to believe is a living God who can speak through His people. After the service I baptized nine.

The next night I visited a near-by village whose people attended the church I have mentioned. Here ten more were baptized. After we started on our day's journey two boys came hurrying along saying that twelve persons were waiting to be baptized at the church we would pass. The people had already gathered for a service as they knew we were to pass that way. At the conclusion of the service the school boy formerly mentioned again prayed in some very clear language. This was followed by interpretation in which the way of salvation, the glories of heaven, the coming judgments of the world, and the main truths of God's grace were made known.

I think it was the day before this meeting that the boy had gone into the church to pray at three o'clock in the morning and never stopped until after seven. By daylight his loud praying had brought most of the villagers into the church to join him. He spoke in tongues with interpretation; he prophesied and he preached; he had a vision of Jesus. As he described the broad and the narrow ways, he did not know that he was addressing those present in prophecy.

On the broad way—a very broad way—were hurrying travelers of every description, people riding, people walking, some carrying loads, others driving loaded horses, and some driving herds of cattle. Farther down at the end of the road he saw the travelers one by one falling into the abyss in which an almost colorless flame was roaring, "like that of the furnace where they melt iron to make plows." All kinds of worldly persons and earthly activities seemed to be there. In response to the persuasions of two Christians in white standing by the cross at the crossroads, the travelers, with only now and then a rare exception, after a look at the narrow way, replied that the narrow way was too hard to travel and too unpopular. "Not interested," they said, and hurried on down the broad way toward the fire.

I did not suggest a service before I should leave the next morning, because the women would all be busy preparing the morning meal. Soon after daylight—I had already washed and shaved—the young man in the home asked me to go with him to the church to pray. Two or three others soon came in. As we prayed the Holy Spirit came upon this young man. Another who had entered the church also received the Spirit, and then another. And then the women, one by one, came as they heard the loud praying in the church. As they came in and joined the standing group, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, shaking them under His power. In the course of half an hour nearly everyone in the little village had gathered in the church, leaving breakfast and other duties to care for themselves. Together we prayed and wept and rejoiced.

Among those present that morning were a man and his son from a pagan village. After hearing the gospel in this place, they decided to become believers in truth, return to their own homes, and throw away their idols. I noticed that the son had come forward and was standing near the others praying and praising God with upstretched arms while shaking under the power of the Holy Spirit. At first, while trying to pray, he saw the Holy Spirit fall upon him like a ball of fire more than a foot in diameter. The Spirit filled him and sent his arms into the air praising God. The next day at his heavy work making iron plows he felt tired and, as usual, took a little wine. His stomach was no longer a place for wine. The young man vomited. That was the last of wine for him. To his unbelieving friends he testified that he now had no desire for wine or tobacco but all the time kept thinking of Jesus.

I shall never forget the inspiration brought by a young woman of the Bee Yoh or Lo Lo tribe. Coming late to the meeting in one of the homes where the room was packed out, she managed to get just inside the door. After my talk as

we prayed together she praised the Lord in some beautiful, clear language. Then she sang in this beautiful unknown tongue and later sang the interpretation in Chinese. Her voice was low, but sweet—so sweet. That sweet voice, that wonderful singing! How shall I describe it? I can only say I never heard a more beautiful song nor do I expect to hear sweeter singing this side of heaven. At times the singing gave place to a beautiful spoken language followed by interpretation in excellent Chinese.

On the first night of the general convention, at the very conclusion of the service, this prophetess under the anointing of the Spirit sang in prophecy in the manner I have just described. In a miraculous way she set forth the love of Jesus for sinning men, and so tenderly brought us to the feet of the bleeding Christ on the cross that our hearts were melted and broken. All over the house the people were weeping. I could not help thinking: "My, if I could preach under such an anointing of the Holy Spirit and in such a tender loving way as did this prophetess, and if native preachers could preach this way, what wonders would be performed among these or any other people." This woman was busy during the day carrying water and doing other work at the convention. Of course, the Lord knew how to keep her from becoming puffed up; He did not anoint her in this manner in every service. He did, however, use her to bring the people nearer to Him than did all my preaching, and to show us what blessings in Christ may come to men under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In the six weeks I was in this section I baptized one hundred and seventy. The people and myself were refreshed and encouraged, and we feel that fires were kindled that will continue to burn and spread.

Two days of travel brought me back to the border of Ka Do Land, my own people. Here again in many places young men and women spoke in prophecy or through tongues and interpretation, and stirred the people present to tears at the foot of the cross, or led them to rejoicing as the one in the Spirit was rejoicing in paradise. Such messages direct from heaven put the seal of God on all I preached and gave me great joy in seeing how it is by His Spirit alone that Jesus saves and keeps men. —*Adullam News.*

Announcing . . .

THE SEVENTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

A number of General Council Executives and members of the General Council Sunday School Committee met recently to consider the advisability of conducting further Sunday school conventions on a national scale. After carefully weighing the matter, they decided that a Seventh National Convention should be held in the Shrine Mosque, Springfield, Missouri, on March 6-10, 1949. In addition to the Shrine Mosque, three nearby auditoriums will be provided for separate conferences and departmental group meetings.

During the following year there will be four Regional Sunday School Conventions, in place of the national gathering. Steps must be taken immediately toward planning these, and the Sunday School Department solicits invitations from the field for these four Regional Sunday School Conventions in 1950. The invitations should come from regions where Sunday School leaders of different districts have met together and decided upon location, date of meeting, auditorium, and other details of the proposed convention. The four Regional Conventions will require much greater effort than a single National Convention; it is imperative, therefore, that steps be taken immediately toward planning these gatherings in 1950.

Relief Goods Bring JOY

Harlan Park, China

WE were very happy when Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker Hall returned to China a short while ago. Their coming was a great blessing to many for they brought with them the large shipment of clothing sent from Northern California by friends of China.

It is difficult for folks at home to realize with what joy and gratefulness old clothing is received by the people here. We were a little perplexed as to how the Chinese would be able to use the highly colored garments in the first shipment that we distributed (for as a whole the people here wear very conservative colors). We were surprised though at how they were able to make such good use of them. Not a scrap was wasted.

In distributing the material, it became necessary to devise a way whereby everyone would have a fair opportunity to obtain the better garments. Of course, we take into consideration individual needs and try to help accordingly.

When a shipment arrives, we announce in the services that a distribution of old clothing is to be made. Those in need are asked to hand in their name and address on a piece of paper. The cases are then screened as to their eligibility to receive help. On the day of distribution those eligible for help are given a slip of paper with their name and their sex. When all are present, a drawing of numbers is made. The clothing has previously been sorted and made up into bundles as equal as possible. Each bundle is numbered. Another set of slips with corresponding numbers are put into a bag. As the names are called out the man or woman as the case may be takes his slip with his name and draws his number. Then the numbered bundle corresponding with the slip is secured.

It was an interesting sight to see them as they took their bundles. Everyone was anxious to see what he had received. There was a grand opening of bundles all over the church.

To date the Hong Kong area has been the beneficiary of this shipment. A portion is yet to be distributed interior. The Hong Kong Tabernacle had their distribution on January 28, and Lula Bell Hough, at Fanling, had hers on February 2.

Three women from the Hong Kong Tabernacle acted as representatives and gave a word of testimony and thanksgiving. Mrs. T'aam said: "Praise God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ that He helped Brother Hall to bring the clothing from America to Hong Kong for us people. I want to represent us in thanking all the Americans for the many gifts. Praise the Lord."

After Sister Hough had finished giving out the things at her place in Fanling, a number there came to me individually and expressed their great appreciation in much the same tone as those mentioned above. The things were appreciated and will be of help to many.



Top, The Chinese at Fanling Mission, Hong Kong, who received parcels of used clothing from the relief shipment brought to China by A. Walker Hall.

Center, Lula Bell Hough is distributing some of the relief goods to needy Chinese at Fanling Mission, Hong Kong.

Bottom, The group who sorted the relief goods at the Tabernacle in Hong Kong and distributed it there.

A Firm Foundation

Earl and Ruby Wilkie, Bolivia

GOD has done great things for us in this past year. The beginning was not encouraging because of the number that would profess salvation, and then the few who would remain true. During the past year, about one hundred and fifty professed salvation, and we have with us today around thirty-five Christian adults. Though some that are not with us are still going on in another town, or perhaps in some other church nearer where they live, we feel that the major part of these were like the nine lepers, they never returned to give glory to God.

On New Year's Eve, the Lord continued His blessings. After a few songs, we got all of our baptized members seated together in the front of our building, and organized our church. This was the great thing that we had been waiting for from the beginning. It was not a large group, fifteen baptized members, and about twenty beginners, but we felt the presence of God sweetly through the whole service. As we finished the old year, all of us knelt around the altar, and partook of the Lord's Supper. It was our first time here in La Paz. It was a very precious season as the Lord's death was again made real to us.

As we dismissed the service, one of our new converts came to us and said "these folks want to get saved." It was a couple that he had brought to service, so our New Year began with souls seeking the Lord as their Savior. And this couple is still coming out very faithfully to the meetings, and testifying as to the great change God has wrought in their lives.

Since the New Year we have reorganized our services some, so that now we have a Sunday School teachers' meeting, and also a meeting for workers, as well as the other regular services. In May of this year, we plan to start our Bible School. We expect to have it in Cochabamba, where there are good facilities for the school. This first year we are planning for about fifteen students. The Bible School will be the life of our work, without it, the work would go forward very slowly. It may be that some of you would like to help in establishing the school. Money could not be better placed than giving toward Bible School work, it brings such rich dividends. If you should feel led to help in this, you may send the money to Noel Perkin, Secretary Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo., designating it for "Bible School, Bolivia."

A WORD OF WARNING

We have printed notes of warning in the Evangel a number of times, advising against answering letters of appeal that frequently come from other lands requesting Bibles, Testaments, clothing and food. A number of these letters are coming from Nigeria, from Europe, and others are coming from the Philippine Islands.

There are, of course, people in need in all of these countries, but unfortunately, there are some who are taking advantage of the generosity of the American people by trying to get these things, not so much for their own use as that they may be sold for a profit. Since we printed the last warning, we have received letters from friends here in the United States which they have received from abroad. We have found that there were at least four identical letters signed by the same person asking for Bibles, but sent to different addresses in the United States.

We feel it is much better to have all such appeals referred back to the missionaries on the field, since they are in touch with the people and know who is in need. We would advise against sending money, clothing or even Bibles to those who are unknown. It is better to have those located on the spot investigate such cases and those who are worthy can then be given assistance.

Outpouring at Singapore

Mrs. Neighbour, Singapore

ELIM Church—a place of refreshing. It was thus named in faith by the missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. McKinney in pre-war days, that it would become a place where the refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord could be outpoured.

Our hearts have been heavily burdened because, although the blessing of the Lord has been manifested in our midst, yet we seemed to still be in the desert rather than enjoying the refreshings which should be ours in the oasis! Only one in pre-war days had been filled with the Holy Spirit and when we returned we found that one backslidden. A woman who had been filled with the Holy Spirit while living in Java was the only other one in the church who had the Baptism.

Our hearts were encouraged about two months ago when a Chinese woman, Mrs. Yeo, was baptized in the Holy Ghost during a prayer meeting. We felt that was the beginning of blessings, but became rather disheartened when no others were filled as the weeks passed by. It was then decided that every Wednesday those who desired to would fast and pray with us for God's blessing and for a much needed revival. From that time on there has been signal blessing and we are beginning to now feel the revival fires burning in our midst.

One of our young people, a Chinese girl, Mollie Chan, who was saved shortly after the liberation, was marvelously filled with the Holy Spirit last week and was a vessel used mightily of God that night. After she had been filled, she prophesied that God was going to send us a revival and the sick would be healed. God grant that we shall be channels so that this may come to pass. Most of the people who had come to the prayer meeting had already gone home having spent about three hours in prayer. A few of the young people were still outside the church when Mollie was led of the Spirit to go out and tell them to return to the church and God would send the refreshing upon them. One by one they were brought in and as they came the power of God came down in a marvelous way. There were groanings, cryings and praising heard as new consecrations were made. Soon three more of the young people were filled with the Holy Spirit and the rejoicing continued for two more hours.

The following evening when returning home from visitation we heard the sounds of praise coming forth from the church. We found that a group of the young people had come to the church—none of them knowing that the others were going to be there. They started praying and another one of the young Chinese men was filled with the Holy Spirit. This is that which we have been waiting for and we believe it is but the beginning of that which He is going to do in Singapore. We are looking to Him to stir not only our church but this entire land of Malaya which is so steeped in heathen darkness and unbelief. Pray with us that the revival fires shall burn on and on!

Christian Weddings Abroad

IN INDIA

Esther B. Harvey, India

IT was the most beautiful wedding I have seen in India. The bride was one of my children who had been taken into the mission when two years old. She was born in prison. Her mother had been sentenced to be hanged for murder, but through a flaw in the court proceedings and the influence of certain people the case was thrown out of court. The mother was sent here with her four children.

Gloria is a beautiful Christian young lady now, filled with the Spirit and on fire for God. She was married to one of the older boys of our school who was taken into the baby fold of Barabanki when very small. He, too, is a real Christian, baptized in the Spirit, and deeply interested in the work of God. They will live near the Pentecostal church in Lucknow and we trust the Lord will use them for His glory.

Gloria's half-brother from Cawnpore was very kind to her and bought the wedding sari, a beautiful piece of white silk with a silver border. The wedding was to have taken place at three o'clock in the afternoon, but the brother and friends with him missed the train in Lucknow and telegraphed that they could not arrive until the four-thirty train. This upset all the plans but we made the best of it. We had the wedding tea in the church compound before the wedding. All of the family and guests who had come for the occasion were present except the bride and her two bridesmaids. They were in my bed room and could see all from the door.

As soon as the brother and friends with him arrived and were ready, we went into the church for the wedding. One of the bridesmaids wore a light-green sari and carried a lovely bouquet of roses tied with a huge bow of pink ribbon. The other was Doris Barrick who wore a pink sari with a bouquet of roses tied with blue ribbon. The bride carried a huge sheaf of beautiful big

white rose buds, the prize roses of our rose garden. There were some twelve or more of these and I have never seen roses in America to compare with them. No bride has ever had a more lovely bouquet. The five missionaries each had a lovely corsage of roses in different colors to blend with their dresses and tied with a lovely ribbon. The men had button-hole bouquets of roses. Mrs. Barrick played the organ as the bridal party marched up the aisle. Doris Jean sang a wedding prayer and Miss Schmidt and Mrs. Barrick sang a duet. Our hearts swelled with pride, not over the beautiful wedding, but with joy that the Lord has allowed us to have a part in molding these two Christian lives and in bringing them together. There are tears and sorrows in Mission work but there is also joy. What would these lives have been if they had not been touched by the Mission and the love and salvation of the Lord.

IN ARGENTINA

Alice C. Wood, Argentina

A most unusual occurrence here was the marriage of our native helper to one of our good Spirit-filled girls. Our hall was draped with white. There were six immense bouquets of callas and other white flowers. One remarked that the mission was never so pretty. Kermit Jeffrey officiated at the ceremony.

After the service, some of us went to the home of the bride's parents where some twenty-five partook of a sumptuous meal. We were a happy Christian company. After dinner, hymns were played and sung. Then, we all went a block away to see the new little home of the bride and groom. The place is well suited to them and they will be able to have a garden and some chickens. Praise the Lord for bringing these two Christians together to form a godly home.

News Flashes

James Vigna sailed for China on April 24.

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Miss Florence Bassett arrived home from Liberia in April.

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Gladys M. Stock reached New York on April 16 after a term of service in the Belgian Congo.

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Floried Elizabeth was born April 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weigel in Jubbulpore, India. Congratulations!

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Congratulations are also due Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pipkin on the birth of Janice Joann born February 8 in Peiping, China.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grossnickle arrived in the States on April 27 from Santa Clara, Cuba.

Ida M. Stuart is conducting classes for underprivileged girls and women in Kowloon, South China. She is also holding regular Sunday services at the YWCA building for both children and adults.

Please send all of George Wood's mail to Kweite, Tsinghai, China.

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The Foreign Missions Department is in need of some 120-bass accordions. Anyone having an instrument to contribute or to sell, please write to this department, stating price and condition of the instrument.



James Vigna
Northwest China

The Passing and the Permanent

BOOTLEGGING TODAY

The repeal of Prohibition did not end bootlegging, by any means. The Internal Revenue Bureau reports that 6,416 bootleggers were arrested in 1947. With the end of sugar rationing, the moonshiners are using bigger and better stills.

ARE ARMY CHAPELS CONSTITUTIONAL?

The Supreme Court has ruled that the use of tax-supported school buildings for religious teaching is a violation of the American Constitution. How can this be, asks a thoughtful editor, if it is constitutional to use tax money to erect army chapel buildings destined exclusively for religious services?

HYMNS PREFERRED

The American Music Conference sent questionnaires to 4,537 American families asking what kind of music they preferred. The returns indicate that 60.8% (three fifths) of the families prefer religious music, and particularly hymns, above every other kind, so it would seem that a much greater portion of religious music on the air would suit the public.

FREE RIDE TO CHURCH

Ex-G.I.'s operating taxis in Columbia, S. C., have agreed to haul individuals to any church within the city limits free. During the first two months, their minimum load was 200 riders, and on rainy or stormy days the number was larger. The young men felt that having fought and been willing to die for the principles of our nation they ought to live for them.

WHEAT FOR THE WORLD

As of January 1, America had 795 million bushels of wheat on hand, the Department of Agriculture reports. During the current crop year, 260 million bushels had already been shipped abroad, and the goal of 450 million bushels by July 1 seemed certain to be reached. Our nation is doing much to satisfy the hunger of the people's bodies in foreign lands. May we do as much to satisfy the hunger of their souls.

"IS PROTESTANTISM SLIPPING?"

Writing in the *Atlantic Monthly*, Reinhold Niebuhr affirms that liberal Protestantism "has been inclined to sacrifice every characteristic Christian insight if only it could thereby prove itself intellectually respectable." He further announces that liberalism "finds itself unable to cope with the tragic experiences of our day." He sums up his accusation by saying that the liberal element in Protestantism has tended to "move up one rung in the social ladder and to step down one rung from prophetic vitality." This sentiment is nothing new to Pentecostal preachers, but it is important news when it comes from a man like Mr. Niebuhr who has been recognized as one of the outstanding liberals of his time, politically and socially. The admission is an indictment so significant that *Time* reviewed the article at considerable length.

RADIOS IN THE U. S. A.

There are approximately seventy-three million radios in the United States, or one for every 1.9 persons, reports the Federal Communications Commission. What an opportunity to broadcast the gospel when there are so many receiving sets where the people may listen if they will!

LIQUOR AT CHURCH!

"What will happen next?" asks *Herald of Holiness*. "A State Senator in New York Legislature has introduced a bill allowing a one-day permit for the sale of alcoholic liquors so that churches can benefit by the profits of such sales. I don't know of any Protestant churches that would want such an indulgence. Possibly some of our readers might guess who would want this special legislation!"

DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION

According to *Protestant Voice*, the Assyrian and Armenian people, who have been nominal Christians since the dawn of the Christian era, are doomed to destruction by the Moslem rulers of the Middle East. The Moslems are determined to stamp out the Christian populations of their kingdoms, either by massacre or by removal to desert regions where they cannot but starve to death, and neither the American nor the British governments will protest, it is charged, lest they offend the Arabs.

REVIVAL IN STUTTGART

From John Lindvall, one of our European workers, comes word of a wonderful Pentecostal revival in Stuttgart, Germany. Brother Lindvall attended the Easter conference there, conducted by Sister Gassner and her co-laborers in the "Internationale Volksmission." Sister Gassner is a real prayer warrior, he says, and the Lord has given her many souls. At Easter 230 people were baptized in water. This brings to over 600 the number baptized since June, 1947. As many as 1,500 people were present for the large afternoon meeting, and scores responded to the invitation to accept the Lord Jesus as Savior. The after-service, he says, lasted several hours. Praise God for the revival He is sending here and elsewhere in Germany.

THE SCHOOL-BUS QUESTION

Last year, in the New Jersey case, the Supreme Court ruled that public school buses may be used to carry children to parochial schools. This year the same Court, after considering the released-time case at Champaign Ill., ruled that the use of public school buildings for religious teaching is a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State. "Our Supreme Court had better get together with itself and be consistent," comments James De F. Murch. "Change one word in Justice Black's majority opinion of March 8 (substitute *buses* for *system*) and it reads like this: 'It is beyond all question a utilization of the tax-established and tax-supported public school buses to aid religious groups to spread their faith.'"

STRONGER ATOM SMASHER

Men's probing into the secrets of God's universe goes ever deeper. Columbia University soon will have the most powerful cyclotron yet made. Though smaller than California University's (only 2,300 tons, compared with California's 4,000 tons), Columbia's cyclotron will have a magnet containing 150 tons of copper. Physicists hope that it will smash not only atoms, but also the protons and neutrons of which atoms are constructed.

"WE HATE CHRISTIANITY"

The spirit of Communists is revealed in a statement made by Lunacharsky, when Commissar of Education for Moscow. Said he: "We hate Christianity and Christians; even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They preach love of one's neighbor and mercy, which is contrary to our principles. Christianity is an obstacle to the development of the revolution. Down with the love of one's neighbor. What we need is hatred. We must know how to hate; only thus shall we conquer the universe."

HARD TIMES IN CHINA

The price of rice, China's staple food, reached its peak at the end of March, states *Alliance Weekly*. A hundred catties (133 pounds) cost some four and a half million dollars national currency (\$9 U. S.), with no prospect of a decline. At the same time, United Service to China announces that five million refugees from war areas have placed an impossible burden on relief facilities, which are carried on in many localities. Cheeloo University reports that tuition is four million dollars a term, but that students are paying their tuition fees in flour, two fifty-pound bags covering the cost for Spring, with two extra bags for dormitory and other costs.

A JEWISH GOVERNMENT

Amid all the stories of bloodshed and chaos in Palestine comes news that the Jews already have set up a 31-member Provisional Council of Government and a Cabinet of 13. "The Jewish State already is a fact," they claim. David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, has been named head of the Cabinet as Premier. So the Jews have a government with a David at the head of it—but it is a far cry from that time which is foretold in Hosea 3:5, when the children of Israel shall "return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his goodness in the latter days."

THE ATOMIC ERA

One gets a good idea of how the age end has been brought nearer by reading the following summary of what the discovery of atomic energy has done to the military and political situation. Here are a few of the points mentioned by R. M. Hutchins, Chancellor of the University of Chicago:

1. The new weapon puts a premium on military surprise, attack without declaration of war.
2. It puts a premium on sabotage and fifth-column work, hostile operations within a country with which you are nominally at peace.
3. It gives a great advantage to totalitarian government, which can go to war without talking about it and which can operate whole armies of fifth columnists in other countries without accounting to public opinion at home.
4. It has produced a world which must live in perpetual fear.

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Eighty Miles Cross Country By Dog Team

Helen L. Teeter

Four hours ago we arrived home after a wonderful four-day journey by dog team. Now as we sit by the table under the comparatively feeble glow of the gas lamp—tired, with aching muscles and sore spots in general—our hearts are happy in the knowledge that we have contacted a number of isolated people who otherwise would not have heard (except by radio) the wonderful story of love. We have lived among the natives and enjoyed it! We have eaten native foods and asked for more. We have slept in native beds and our sleep was peaceful! In short, for four days we were practically natives ourselves! I'm writing while the fire of inspiration is still aflame.

Four days ago a lone Stinson Gullwing, flying leisurely over the snowy terrain, wagged his red wings over an equally lone column of what appeared to be ants. Swooping low for a better look, the pilot grinned as he counted the "lay-out"—seven huskies, three adults and one papoose. What he couldn't see was one accordion, a "brace" of Sunday School literature, flannel-graph material, and a few dozen other items peculiar to interior travel—snow masks and gladdes, and candy bars (frozen solid). The pilot's grin became a shrug when he remembered his weather report of the morning—39 degrees below zero.

The loaded basket sled slipped nicely along as the steel runners sang their peculiar *swish-swish* song over the hard trail. The tepid interior sun did its best to warm us, aided and abetted by our approximately eight layers of clothing. The day was beautiful, and we praised the Lord, the Creator of the universe, as we traveled along, reveling in the beauty of His handiwork.

Perhaps you are wondering how seven dogs could pull such a load as we had. There is no trick to it when one does it the Sourdough way, and that is the way we travel. With Mr. Teeter on skis between the dogs and the sled, and with our little Mac securely trussed in canvas and sleeping bag in the sled, and with myself at the handle bars, it becomes a simple matter to travel many miles cross country in a day.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME AT TAKOTNA

Last week on our trip to Takotna, a small village tucked away in the heart of the hills, we were most happy to have led eight or ten natives into a definite experience of salvation. This week, when we arrived toward evening, they were ready for a service, bathed, brushed

and fully clothed. Our converts had made nice progress during the week, and were reading their Bibles, and singing songs out of our hymnals. One young couple had stayed up till three o'clock in the morning to read the Bible and to sing. How it thrills our souls to see the fruits of our labors! What a change in the village! What a transformation of the human heart! They beg us to come again and again. They plead for a church building. They are hungry for God!

Our Eskimo hostess, upon our arrival, served a most sumptuous meal—beaver roast with all the trimmings. How hungry we were, and how good it tasted! Beaver meat is amazingly good; and prepared native style, it just can't be beat. The natives soak it over night in salt and soda. To cook it, they brown it well, and then into the oven it goes, thoroughly spiced with onion and garlic. Thus fortified, we entered a rousing evangelistic service to which the entire village turned out, except for those few who found it physically impossible to come. That night our beds were hard and damp, but we were too tired to care.

OFF TO OPHIR

But this is only the first lap of our journey. The Takotna thermometer read 25 below zero the next morning as we prepared for the second lap of the journey. Our load was somewhat lighter by our leaving Mac and the accordion behind. Reaching the first summit, we stood still and beheld the wonders of the Lord. There are times when the beauty of nature is almost too much for human emotion to assimilate.

Early in the afternoon we arrived at a trapper's cabin. The grizzled, elderly Sourdough greeted us with great gusto, inviting us in for coffee and a bite to eat. The place was filthy, but the coffee was good. After resting the dogs for an hour, we were on our way again. The north wind across The Barrens was bitterly cold. We huddled forward into the wind and sped on. We were told upon arrival at Ophir that the mercury that morning has registered 46 below.

The village lay nestled complacently on the banks of the meandering Innoko River. Blue smoke spiraled leisurely out of the chimneys until whipped into oblivion by a brisk wind that cut like a knife through our furs. Our arrival caused no little excitement. Every dog in the village set up some plain and fancy howling. People tumbled out of cabins to see what



"Roast beaver is delicious," says Mrs. Teeter, "when served Eskimo style." The Eskimo holding the beaver by the tail was their host at Takotna. At right is a stretched beaver skin.

Has it Been Announced

It will soon be time to receive the semi-annual offering for the aged ministers of our fellowship. Sunday May 30th, is the date set for this benevolence. We would like to urge all of our pastors and church workers to give publicity to this need so that there may be a maximum response on the part of our constituency.

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it was all about. Word spread quickly that the preacher from McGrath had arrived at last.

We did not hold a service that night, but visited the people in their cabins. These were white people; by moving carefully, we believe a good work can be accomplished for God in due time. That night we piled into beds, muscles sorer than ever.

THE RETURN TREK

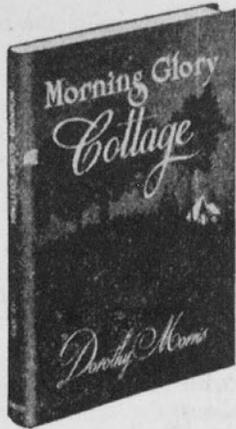
Two more days on the trail! The wind blew great drifts in our way, at times obliterating the trail completely. Our lead dog picked his way gingerly over the encrusted snow. At sunset the second day we arrived safely home. Now as I write under the feeble glow of the gas lamp, we feel that our mission was successfully accomplished, and our hearts are glad.

This is Alaska, and we love it!

P. S. As a postscript I want to tell you that last Sunday one of our Takotna converts came over the trail to McGrath and attended church. Entering every one of his former places of amusement, he left a glowing testimony of God's saving grace. Old friends pressed upon him from every side to drink at the bars, but he steadfastly refused, and continued to tell them all of his recent experience with God. His wife and entire family have also been saved. Freddie and his wife were two of the notorious carousing, drinking, fighting young natives of the valley. Now Freddie sings hymns, attends church, and carries a Bible in his pocket. Our other converts in Takotna are doing very well, too, and growing in grace.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

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sighed and said, "O God, maybe in my lifetime the prophecy you gave us through Joel might come to pass. O God, that mine eyes might live to see the day when your Spirit should be poured out upon all flesh." They longed for it and yearned for it, but never did they see it because God's time hadn't come. There laid God's promise dormant, unfulfilled, unrealized generation upon generation, century upon century, until it began to look as though God had forgotten His promises.

Then one glorious day, recorded in the second chapter of the book of Acts, D-day in heaven came to pass. God's clock struck the hour and one hundred twenty believers in the Lord Jesus Christ were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the multitudes ran together trying to discover the cause for this incredible display. The burden rested upon the apostle Peter to explain all this and make some sense out of it. While thousands of people were milling around, the one hundred twenty speaking in other tongues, the apostle Peter got up under divine anointing, and if ever a preacher stood on his feet under the hand of God, certainly Peter did that day. He explained what this was, and God directed Peter to reach back into the book of Joel, take Joel's prophecy, carry it across the centuries and hold it up before the people in Jerusalem on that day, and say, "This is that, which God promised us through Joel eight hundred years ago." We know that what we have is that too because it resembles it exactly. As someone has said, "If this isn't that, what is this, and where is that?" I'm so glad this is that.

I'd like to have a courtroom scene here. I have some witnesses lined up tonight, whose opinions I believe you'll respect. If you believe God at all, if you believe His Word, if you reverence the Book, you'll respect the opinions of the witnesses I'm about to call. I'm going to ask them all the same question, "How important in your estimation is the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?"

The first witness I'd like to call is John the Baptist. "John, I'd like to ask you as to your convictions about this doctrine and experience called the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We know that you were the great forerunner of Jesus

and He paid you tribute such as He paid no other living man. He said that none born of women was greater than you. Now, in your theology what place do you give to the truth of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? Do you think it's something that is to be soft-pedaled, and relegated to the back room? Do you think it is something that is only for the select few, the ultra-holy people? John the Baptist, what do you think about the importance of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?"

His answer is not difficult to ascertain. He gave it long ago on the banks of the Jordan. In Matthew 3 he said, "I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance." There's almost a derogatory note in that statement; at least, he minimizes his own importance and ministry. "I do have a ministry, it's true. I do baptize you in water, but compared to the ministry of the One who is coming after me, my baptism is inconsequential. I indeed baptize you in water, but He that cometh after me shall baptize you in the Holy Ghost and fire."

Mark you, John the Baptist didn't have to say that about Jesus. He never lived to see anyone receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost; he lost his head before it ever happened. Think of all the things that John the Baptist could have said about Jesus. He could have stressed that "He that cometh after me is greater than I. He shall cleanse the leper. He shall heal

the sick. He shall even raise the dead." He could have said that, but he didn't. He could have said, "He that cometh after me is mightier than I. He shall walk upon the water. He shall break a few loaves and feed five thousand people therewith." He could have dwelt on Jesus' miracles one after the other; but John the Baptist brushed aside all other phases of the ministry of Jesus and he exalted Jesus as the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost. Of course, he first exalted Him as the Lamb of God, and then the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost and fire. I think John the Baptist thought the Baptism with the Holy Ghost was mighty important, don't you?

The second witness I'd like to call is the man whom our Catholic friends say was the first Pope, the apostle Peter. If Peter were the first Pope, I wish every Catholic would listen to their first Pope. They'd all be in Pentecost before morning. "Peter, what do you think about the Baptism of the Holy Ghost? Are we over-emphatic on this thing? Is it important?" His answer is in Acts 2:38. On that great day of Pentecost after he preached his message and thousands cried, "What shall we do?" the answer of God was poured through Peter and it went like this, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." He didn't have to add that, did he? Couldn't he have said, "Repent and join the church"? Wouldn't that have been enough? Couldn't he have just said, "Repent and be baptized in water"? No, that wasn't enough. It was all in one package. In Peter's theology it seemed that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost played a prominent part. It is my contention that every New Testament Christian was a Pentecostal Christian. You may be sure every New Testament church was a Spirit-filled church.

I'd like to call the apostle Paul for a witness. You'll say, "The apostle Paul doesn't say much about seeking the Baptism in his epistles. If it is so important, how come he doesn't stress it?" The answer to that question is simple: all the people to whom Paul wrote his letters already had the Baptism, and it would have been utterly superfluous for him to take up time and space in his letters encouraging people to tarry for and receive the Holy Ghost when they already had the Spirit. It looks to me as if in New Testament days there wasn't a great gap between conversion and the Baptism, such as happens in so many lives in our time. It looks as if people received the Baptism as soon as they were saved.

Look at the meeting in the house of Cornelius when the Holy Ghost fell on them while the Word was still going forth. As far as we can learn they were just getting saved as they sat in their seats, and they received the Baptism right away after they were saved. So, why should he dwell on seeking the Baptism? No, the epistles don't say very much about getting the Holy Ghost, but they say a great deal about walking in the Spirit, and in the way of the blessed Holy Ghost.

One time when Paul was on a trip to Ephesus, the meeting seemed very dry. Paul was really concerned about this meeting. He was disturbed. Before he took his text, he said, "Before I bring you my message, there's one thing I must settle in my own mind. That is, did I by any chance get into the wrong church to-

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night? Have you folk received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" He asked them point blank. There must have been something in the meeting that provoked that question. There must have been something un-Pentecostal about that meeting. "Have you people received the Holy Ghost? You couldn't be this dead if you had ever had the Holy Ghost." They looked at him with amazement and they said, "We never heard of it." "Well, come right along, we'll have an altar service just now." He laid his hands on them and prayed for them and their ignorance was cured instantaneously. The Lord baptized them with the Holy Ghost.

I think the apostle Paul asked that question in more than one place. I think it was near to his heart. "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" It was important in his theology. It was important in his estimation that people be baptized with the Spirit.

Let me conclude with one more reference. This one you will respect and revere above all. Here is the Master Himself speaking to His disciples just before His departure to heaven. Acts 1:4, "Being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Get the full impact of that. One of their last meetings. What did He say? Did He say, "Brethren, perhaps it would be better if you did not leave Jerusalem until you receive the promise of the Father." No. Did He say, "Brethren, it would really please me better if you wouldn't be in a hurry to leave Jerusalem. Stick around a while and I think maybe you'll get something worth while." He did not. What did He say? He *commanded* them. He didn't give them any local option on the project at all. He commanded them, "Wait in Jerusalem. Do not leave until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost, until you receive the promise of the Father." In other words, it is a command of Jesus that every believer tarry to be filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. The first verse I read to you tonight said, "If you love me, keep

my commandments." It is a command of Jesus to every believer to be filled, to tarry, to wait until he is filled with the Holy Ghost.

If I could say more, what could I say to people who have tarried, who have been disappointed, discouraged, disheartened? What could I possibly say to awaken faith in your heart tonight? Let me assure you again that the time element is not important; the whole thing hinges on your attitude of heart. If you come to the altar by the grace of God, saying, "Lord, tonight is my night," tonight will be your night. As you pay the price, assuming that your heart is clean and your motives are right, God will meet the hungry heart. He promised to do so.

There was a farmer who got light on the Baptism and he got so hungry to be filled with the Spirit that he tarried and tarried. He would be the last man to leave the altar, and he felt ashamed to stay so long. He said to his wife one day, "I'm ashamed to stay. I keep the preacher there and the caretaker, but I'm so hungry I must have the Baptism." He said, "I've made up my mind I'm going to get the Baptism at home if I can't get it at church. I've taken care of everything around the place. I have enough groceries in for a week. I have enough chicken feed for the chickens for a week, enough hay for the cow for a week. I have everything fixed for a week, and I know

you'll get along all right without me. I'm going to get the Baptism of the Holy Ghost if it takes me a week." He meant it. He had chosen the attic for his place of tarrying. His wife climbed the stairs with him and bade him farewell, not expecting to see him for a week. She started back down the stairs, heard him fall on his knees and begin to cry to God. She hardly got down the stairs before she heard a tremendous commotion. Back upstairs she went and there he was flat on his back under the power, speaking with the tongues of men and of angels.

Let's get the idea of penance out of our minds. You can't work for the Baptism. You can't perspire for it. Your contortions, your pains, and your sore knees don't buy the Baptism. It isn't doing penance. It's all by grace. You can get baptized as quickly and easily as you can get saved. A man can be saved fast because it is all by grace. That's how we get the Baptism. Come with open hearts, believe in God. "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

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twenty, thirty, or forty years, I'm saying that God has made provision that every believer in this New Testament age shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

SEVEN REASONS WHY GOD CHOSE TONGUES

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leges and powers which are man's prerogative Made in the image of God, man alone received the power to co-ordinate thought and tongue in intelligent speech.

Although the speech of the unsaved is a terrible power for evil (James 3:5, 6, 8), the speech of the Christian is greatly honored of God. With the mouth confession is made unto salvation; the praise which ascends from the lips of redeemed men far surpasses angelic praise; the salvation of the lost world is dependent upon the tongue, since God has decreed that only by man shall the unsearchable riches of Christ be proclaimed.

Is it not fitting, then, that the Holy Spirit should single out this most important faculty of man as the initial, physical evidence of the infilling of the Spirit? Did not the Lord indicate how closely related were the endowment of power and human speech—"Ye shall receive power . . . ye shall be witnesses"?

It is a marvelous tribute to man that God is mindful of him and desires to speak to him; but how much more marvelous is it that, at the filling of the Spirit, God actually speaks through man! This significant act most certainly shows His esteem of speech, the highest accomplishment of His highest creature.

7. It is an earnest of heavenly speech.

Sin has brought more than a mere multiplication of languages; it has brought deformity to human speech itself. No longer does man possess the perfect articulation of Edenic days, or even of pre-Babel days. This gift, like all other gifts, has been corrupted from its original

purity and power. Even we who have the first-fruits of the Spirit groan within ourselves, waiting for the completion of our redemption, when we shall receive not only glorified bodies but also glorified speech.

Then, when that which is in part, that which is subject to earth's bondage, is done away, and that which is perfect is come, all the saints of God, from north and south and east and west, shall understand one another, for all shall speak one pure and mighty human language. Together we shall proclaim the glory of the Lord who hath redeemed us from every kindred, tribe, and tongue.

Why should it be thought strange or unreasonable, then, that God should grant a token of that coming hour by substituting other tongues in the lips of those receiving the fullness of the Spirit, an experience which brings so near all the glories of heaven?

Among the Assemblies

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Fremont Tabernacle, 25th and Fremont N., has enjoyed a very precious 4-week revival meeting under the ministry of the Erickson-Seavert Evangelistic Party of Wenatchee, Wash. God moved especially among the HI-CA group. It was wonderful to see the young people among the first to get into the prayer room and the last to leave. About 50 were filled with the Holy Spirit and a number were saved.—Russell H. Olson, Pastor.

GALT, CALIF.—Evangelist Raymond L. Neal, formerly of the Rocky Mountain District, recently completed three weeks of outstanding revival services here. Sinners found salvation, believers were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and sick were healed by the power of God. One was healed of rheumatic fever; another suffering from cancer was raised from the deathbed and allowed to attend services. We are believing God for his complete healing. The entire assembly was moved and stirred by the wonderful working of the Lord.—Vernon H. Ragsdale, Supply Pastor, Bethel Temple.

RAMONA, OKLA.—Report comes of a 4-week revival meeting with Wilbur Weygandt of Collinsville as the evangelist. "Each week was successful and our Sunday School attendance record was broken. Many prayed through to a definite victory in Christ." E. M. Roberts is the pastor.

GALT, ONTARIO—We are happy to report a 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Slavens of Kansas City, Kansas. Crowds were the largest in the history of the church. Many were healed of all manner of diseases, and several were saved.—Robert Norcross, Pastor, Galt's Revival Center, 71 Ainslee St. N.

CLEARWATER, FLA.—Evangelist T. Don Carlos of Petaluma, Calif., has just closed a 6-week meeting here. His spiritual ministry resulted in souls being saved, sick healed, and believers filled with the Spirit. We reached a new high on Easter Sunday of 364 in Sunday School, and over \$1,800 was pledged toward a new Sunday School building. This is his second meeting with us.—D. N. Asbury Jr., Pastor.

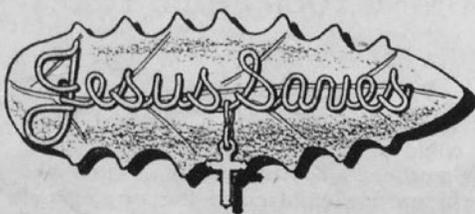
WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS—Ruby and Viola Whitehead, copastors of the Fairview Assembly of God, report a good meeting with Evangelist Bob McCutchen of Austin. They write: "The presence of God was felt in an unusual way in every service. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. We praise God for the ministry of Brother McCutchen; his inspiring message and songs were an asset and a blessing."

ROYAL OAK, MICH.—Under the anointed ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. W. A. Hines, the church has been revived and given a new vision of a lost world. Everyone shows a new interest in the work of the Lord. A number have been saved, young people and older ones who were backslidden have come back to the Lord, and many who had the Baptism have broken through to a real liberty in the Spirit. Night after night, people from other churches have joined the many at the altar seeking the Lord. We praise God for the ministry of Brother and Sister Hines.—Ruby E. Haley, Pastor, Calvary Assembly of God.

EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Elmer T. Draper, Pastor of Trinity Assembly of God, 5017 E. Olympic Boulevard, reports: "We have a fine church, well lighted, with 120 foot frontage right on the main boulevard. There is a beautiful 21 foot Neon sign on top of the church with the words: 'Jesus Never Fails.' Then there is another reading both ways: 'Trinity Assembly of God.' The Lord has been blessing with a number of conversions and wonderful healings, and we have been taking new members into the fellowship of the church. The power of God is present in every service, and the work is being revived."

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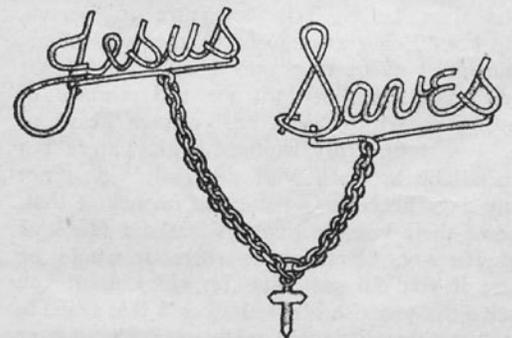
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BROOKLYN, ILL.—We just closed a campaign with Evangelist Douglas Ramsey of Osceola, Iowa. God gave us a gracious revival. Thirteen were at the altar of salvation. All of these had been brought from a distant community by an interested brother. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Ramsey.—Stanley Kostencki, Pastor.

OTIS, KANSAS—We have had a successful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. David Edwards. Fourteen came to the altar for salvation and all the church folk were strengthened in the Lord. We had good crowds; some nights the house was full. The revival spirit is still continuing in our midst. We appreciate the ministry of the evangelists and their faithfulness in the work.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Satterfield, Pastors.

MADISON, TENN.—The First Assembly here just closed one of the most successful revival meetings in its history. The meetings were conducted by the Hundley Trio of Greenwood, Miss., composed of Eddie, who did the preaching, and Robert and Raymond, who helped with music and singing. These three brothers work in harmony with one another and with the pastor. Some 45 were converted.

Since coming here last June, it has been our joy to see a new Sunday School record set, a regular weekly radio broadcast direct from the church inaugurated, and every department of the church move forward. We are grateful to the former pastors for their labors which have helped to make this growth possible.—Herbie E. Darnell, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—The Plainview Assembly recently concluded a 6-week revival meeting, in which a number were saved, 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 21 were baptized in water, and 36 were added to the church. The whole church was revived under the ministry of Evangelist Louie Shultz of Blytheville, Ark., and Evangelist Olive Burns of Ft. Worth.

Recently, an Indian conducted a special missionary service for us. Our folk felt led of the Lord to give an offering toward the building of a church for the American Indians. The offering amounted to \$2,000 and proved a spiritual blessing to our church.—W. H. Magee, Pastor.

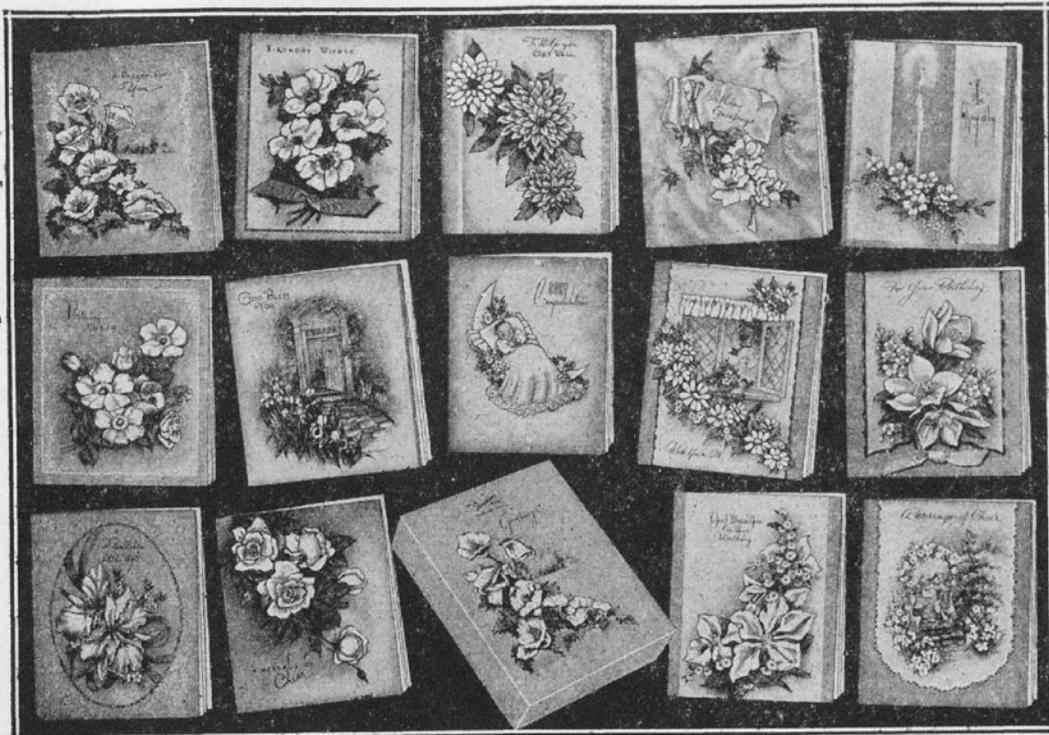
RUSH SPRINGS, OKLA.—Since our coming to Rush Springs the first of September, God has blessed in a special way. The Lord saved two precious souls in our trout service. We have also had a number saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the regular services.

In November we had a revival meeting with Evangelist M. W. Mertko from the Arkansas District; 5 were saved, and 3 were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Easter Sunday we closed a 3-week meeting with W. A. Gilbert from the New Mexico District. His ministry was a blessing to all; 21 were saved, 13 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and 25 followed the Lord in water baptism. Our Sunday School average increased to 66 this quarter, with an attendance of 101 on Easter Sunday.—Paul F. Gilbert, Pastor.

KITCHENER, ONTARIO—I should like to report a few of the wonderful things that took place in a meeting conducted here March 20th by Evangelist E. L. Slavens. He was with us for one service only, at which time he prayed for more than 100 folk who were ill. Many were healed. A woman had been afflicted in her foot for 34 years; in less than two days after prayer it was normal. A woman who had suffered constantly for 17 years from organic trouble as the result of an operation, was healed, and is like a new person. A member of my church, afflicted with cancer and unable to eat, was healed and now eats three meals a day. My wife was healed of serious ear trouble, and has been pronounced well by the doctor. For these and many other healings, we give praise to our God.—W. C. Nelson, Pastor, Pentecostal Tabernacle.

FRESNO, CALIF.—We have just closed a 7-week meeting with Evangelists Paul and Betty Wells of Taft. They worked faithfully at the altar and in all departments of the church. Some 75 were saved and about 30 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Brother Wells is a dynamic, uncompromising preacher, whose ministry is both to the sinner and to the saint. The attendance grew from a small beginning to overflow crowds the last 3 weeks. The building was filled night after night, extra benches being brought in some nights. In many services, from 10 to 18 came to the altar for salvation, and the saints were really stirred to pray through to a definite refilling of the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 421, the highest since I have been pastor.

We are thankful for the many families who have expressed their desire for membership since the meetings closed, and for the co-operation of the radio stations in Fresno and Dinuba which so graciously announced the revival services from time to time without charge.—John R. Duncan, Pastor, Glad Tidings Temple.



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Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS—Northern Texas Conference, Latin American District Council, May 18—19.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBR.—May 18—23; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—Paul V. Jones, Pastor.

HAYWARD, CALIF.—349 A St.; May 5, for 3 weeks; Eddie and Ruth Washington, Evangelists.—E. G. Eskelin, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—Bethel Pentecostal Church, May 2—23; T. Johnstone, Principal, Ontario Pentecostal Bible School, Toronto, Evangelist.—Milton T. Wells, Pastor.

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POCATELLO, IDAHO—303 N. 12th, May 9—30; M. T. Draper, Evangelist.—L. A. Stellar, Pastor.

CAMAS, WASH.—Assembly of God Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Ralph I. Cranston, Evangelist.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Courtlandt and Aurora Sts.; May 17, for 2 weeks or longer; Troy Helms, Evangelist.—O. L. Davidson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—North Central Conference, Latin American District Council, Temple Bethesda, 748 Halsted St., May 25—26.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Eastern Convention, Latin American District Council, 63 E. 109th St., May 31—June 1—3.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—817 Center Ave.; May 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Alex Karmarkovic, Pastor.

EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Trinity Assembly of God, 5017 E. Olympic Blvd., May 2—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—Elmer T. Draper, Pastor, Angelus 10546.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Central Assembly of God, Manassas and Looney Sts., May 9—; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—P. N. Grubb, Pastor.

BIG BEND, N. DAK.—May 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Abraham Solomon, St. Louis, Mo., Evangelist.—Raymond R. Wiley, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, CALIF.—Oak and Second Sts., May 16—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—E. William Mincy, Pastor.

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—May 18—30, or longer; Evangelists Larry and Gladys Bortori, Artist and Musicians, San Diego, Calif.—Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—Central Assembly of God, Ninth and Court Sts., May 9—; L. N. Huffman of Des Moines, Evangelist.—Gerald F. Houk, Pastor.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Calvary Tabernacle, 570 Walnut St., May 9—16; Paul Zettersten and David Axelson, Stockholm, Sweden, Evangelists.—Harold W. Barnes, Pastor.

ITHACA, N. Y.—May 11—23; Evangelist and Mrs. David M. Wellard.—Grover Risner, Pastor.

GULFPORT, MISS.—May 9—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb, Dallas, Texas.—Donald McKinney, Pastor.

IOWA FALLS, IOWA—Meetings in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Melvin L. Jennings, Minneapolis, Minn.—W. E. Varney, Pastor.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN.—Special services, Hartford Gospel Tabernacle, Warren Terrace and W. Beacon St., May 12—16; Mr. and Mrs. A. Earle of Maine, Evangelists. C. A. Rally, night, May 15. Special music with the "Evangelaires." All C.A.'s in Southern New England urged to attend. J. Lewis, C. A. President—J. Robert Ashcroft, Minister.

RUSSIAN BRANCH CONVENTION

The Fifth Annual Russian Branch Convention will be held at the Evangelical Pentecostal Church, 608 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., May 14—15. Daily sessions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Services 7:30 p.m. All Slavic churches invited to attend.—Paul Demetrus, Branch Secretary.

INDIANA FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The name of the Southeast Indiana Fellowship Section has been changed to East Central Section. Fellowship Meeting, North Side Assembly, 519 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis, Ind., May 17. Services and speakers: 2:30 p.m., James Rice; 7:30 p.m., George Payne. Herman Rose is pastor. Other sections and districts welcome.—G. Glenn Perkins.

MISSISSIPPI SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Mississippi Sectional Councils: Southern Section, Oak St. Assembly, Biloxi, June 7. South Central Section, Stonewall, June 8. Central Section, 8th St., Meridian, June 9. Northwest Section, Greenville, June 10. Northeast Section, Aberdeen, June 11. First service, 10 a.m. Exhorter and License credentials issued and renewed at these Sectional Councils. The Sectional Presbyter will be elected also.—Jeff. Gibbs, District Superintendent.

NEW ENGLAND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

The New England District Council announces the opening of its District Bible School, The New England Theological Institute, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass., October 1, with registration October 2 at 10 a.m.

The school will be open to first year students only, offering a one-year Terminal Course or the first year of a three-year Bible Institute course. A well qualified faculty and staff will operate the school under the supervision of the District.

Enrollment is limited. All applications and requests for further information should be addressed to Registrar, New England Theological Institute, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Ukrainian Branch Council will be held at the Ukrainian Evangelical Assembly of God, Protection Ave. (opposite Eureka Ave.) Herkimer, N. Y., May 27—29. Devotional services 9:45 a.m., 1:45 and 7:30 p.m. Business sessions will follow morning and afternoon devotional period. Young people's twilight service, 6:30 p.m., Chaplain Jos. P. Lukowski in charge. Fred Vogler expected to be present.

For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch Assemblies of God, 9 East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: May 10—12 Oklahoma City-Anadarko Sections, El Reno, Nos. 11 and 12. May 17—19, Cherokee-Woodward Sections, Alva, Nos. 16 and 14.

All licensed ministers and exhorters required to get renewal blank at one of the above Sectional Councils fill out and turn it in to the District Secretary for renewal of papers for 1948-1949 fiscal years. Those desiring license or exhorter's permits requested to get the proper blank, fill it in with the endorsement of their Sectional Presbyter, and present it to the board at any one of the above Sectional Councils.

Examination of applicants for license and exhorter's permits will be held during entire Council. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Superintendent or Robert E. Goggin, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING

First Annual Georgia District Camp Meeting, District Camp Ground, Jenkinsburg, Ga., 4 miles from Jackson on State Highway 42, June 8—18. If coming by bus or train, buy ticket to Jenkinsburg. Fifteenth Annual Georgia District Council June 16—18. E. W. Bethany of Columbus, Camp Bible Teacher; John B. McIntosh of Nashville, Tenn., Camp Evangelist. Five services daily. Local and visiting ministers will assist.

District Council Committees will meet on afternoon of June 16. All ministerial applicants who did not meet the committee in the sectional councils, please apply at this time. Annual W. M. C. business meeting in tabernacle at same time.

For room reservation and further information write the District Office, 163 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.—R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS—Southwestern Bible Institute Commencement: Baccalaureate service, May 20, 7:45 p.m. High School and Bible School valedictorians will speak briefly. Main address by E. L. Mason, missionary from West Africa. Commencement service, May 21, 7:45 p.m. College and Seminary valedictorians will speak briefly. Main address by Ralph M. Riggs. Better and larger seating provided this year. A fine program of appropriate selections given by Music Department.—M. E. Collins, President; by C. N. Rice, Director of Music.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—408 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kansas.—Everette Ewing.

NEW ADDRESS—Ganado, Texas. "We are pastoring the church here."—Pastor and Mrs. R. A. Bryan.

NEW ADDRESS—After pastoring the Bethel Assembly of God at Askewville for 6 years, I have resigned to accept a call to Avon, N. C.—D. Ward Loughlin.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 781, Arkadelphia, Ark. "After 10 months on the evangelistic field, we have accepted the pastorate of the assembly at 12th and Walnut Sts."—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Holcombe.

NOTICE—If any of our Assemblies of God folk have sons or daughters attending college at Weatherford, Okla., I shall be glad to contact them upon receipt of their names.—Pastor Irvie Pierce, 113 S. 8th St., Weatherford, Okla.

WANTED—Picture cards for distribution among children of refugees and others in Denmark, Poland, and Germany. Any amount, large or small, will be welcomed and put to good use. Kindly mail direct to Axel Gram-Hanssen, Aalekistevej 38, Copenhagen, Vanlose, Denmark.

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