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# WORD AND WITNESS

"YE also shall bear  
WITNESS"—John 15:27  
"And this Gospel of  
the Kingdom shall be  
preached in all the  
world for a witness un-  
to all nations and then  
shall the Son of Man  
come."  
Matt. 24:14  
J. W. Hubbard, R. 3 Sep 17

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints."—Jude 3.

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## There is Safety in Counsel.

Editor E. N. Bell tells why He was baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and shows the Necessity for the Brethren to meet together in General Council.

As a personal privilege to satisfy my own conscience towards God, I was, some time ago, baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus according to the uniform practice and teaching of the apostles. Some have thought that I meant by this far more than I did, and by their permission I feel it only justice to the dear brethren to explain what I did not mean and what I did mean by my action.

### Did Not Mean

I did not mean to join any party or faction, nor to cause division or strife. I am today more than ever for love, harmony, peace and cooperation among all the Pentecostal or Apostolic Faith people in all missions or assemblies of God of every name. I am absolutely opposed to all bitterness and strife over this or any other subject.

I did not mean to sit in judgment on the consciences of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Baptism is the answer of a good conscience towards God—not the preacher's conscience who performs it, but the candidate's conscience. I did not mean, by my act, that I would accept no one as having Christian baptism except those baptized just exactly as I was. Not a bit of it! I have not repudiated, in either advice or teaching, the baptism of any other brother who, in good faith, was buried with Christ through baptism. I have urged no one to be baptized, nor advised any one to be re-baptized. I consider this a matter for each soul to decide for himself after he has all the truth of God on the subject before him. If, according to all the facts in his case, and all light on the subject from the Word, he does not believe he has been scripturally and satisfactorily baptized, then, I believe we should cooperate with the soul in its desire to obey the Lord, so long as that desire does not lead us outside of the Bible. At the same time, we should be careful not to create false dissatisfaction with former baptisms.

### No Issue

I had no desire for any issue to be forced upon our people, to fight or divide over. If all will be as liberal as I am, there will be no trouble between us on this. I ask nothing that I will not give. I grant all, without strife or condemnation from me, the privilege of being baptized with any formula found in the New Testament on baptism. I ask only the same privilege for myself without condemnation from the brethren. I expect all liberty loving, broad minded brethren to heartily endorse this stand. Those who want liberty but will not grant it to others, those who simply contend for their own way and try to force it on others, will have to be loved and endured, taught and prayed for until Jesus comes. We always had some such and always will have, I suppose.

### Do Not Endorse Errors

Nor did I mean, by exercising my own liberty of conscience in obeying God, to accept the many errors stalking throughout the land. Not a bit of it! The Bible nowhere says that to be "born of water" is to be "baptized in water." No example of baptism in water is ever so called in Scripture. Baptism in water is never called "true Christian circumcision." It is mere dogmatizing without direct authority in the Word by either precept or example, then, for men to assert and insist on such. I demand a "thus saith the Lord" before I can accept such.

I totally reject the teaching that no man is converted before he speaks in tongues as the Holy Ghost gives the utterance. I know, beyond all doubt, my sins were taken away, that I had spiritual life and the witness of the Spirit with my spirit, that I was

a child of God, before I ever spoke in tongues. I thank God for these tongues let down from heaven through the Holy Ghost, but I cannot make tongues my Savior to save my soul. God forbid! Jesus said, the world (the unconverted) cannot receive the Comforter, for it knoweth Him not (John 14:17), and so say I. Christ is for the sinner, and the Holy Ghost for the believer.

### No Pure Spirits

I do not accept the doctrine that pure, fermented spirits is necessary to the ob-

us for this, but such an opportunity to do it may not be ours again before Jesus comes. The very devil, himself, is against God's people standing together in love and freedom. Like a wise general, he knows if he can divide our army, he can easily whip one little crowd at a time until he has cleaned up the movement. May God wake up His sleeping host of saints to see this very situation now confronts the Pentecostal people. The biggest self-seeker and would be boss in the land is the very one who will shout loudest for freedom and the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Watch and you will see it so. Why? Because he knows he must deceive and mislead you by appealing to what you count dear to you, and by putting fear of true brethren in your heart. Be not afraid nor deceived. At Hot Springs it was forever settled that we would write no creed to bind on free saints, that local freedom would not be hindered but rather strengthened and helped. We have the loosest, freest way for co-operation I know of in the world today. Many Pentecostal people have formed much stronger ways. We

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## ROOM FOR A THOUSAND

servance of the Lord's Supper. If this were so, corn whiskey or alcohol would be better than unfermented fruit of the vine, and I don't believe any such revelations. The word nowhere says we must have real wine or pure spirits. Why will some men presume to add to God's Word, and why will others drink it down like mocking birds without one clear "thus saith the Lord?" All can take real wine at the "Table" who want to, and I will not dishonor them for it, but fresh "fruit of the vine" is the best in my judgment, and I cannot imagine a better emblem of the fresh shed blood of Jesus who saw no corruption, no fermentation, than the fresh blood of the grape. Praise God!

### Now is the Time.

There never was such a tremendous need in this movement for all lovers of the truth to come up to the coming St. Louis Council to stand together in love for truth against error, for love against harshness, for the written Word of God against all private revelations that do not agree with the same, for loving, free cooperation as against wildcat fanaticism and individual bossism. Let all who believe in these things come.

Not only is there such a need among

wish them all well and have no fight against any, but we prefer the freedom, love, peace, joy, longsuffering and sweet co-operation agreed to by the great meeting at Hot Springs, and which is still in force.

Brethren, if you ever mean on earth to do anything or say anything to discourage individual bossism, to discourage division, strife and fanaticism and to encourage Bible order and New Testament co-operation, come up to St. Louis October 1st. to 10th and say it now, or forever after hold your peace. It is a case of now or never! We expect to see you there.

### What I Did Mean.

In being baptized I settled a long doubt I have had, ever since I received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, that it might please God for me now to be buried with Him in baptism. When I saw this truth that the apostles taught baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, this fact, added to my latent conviction, made me feel compelled to act. I could not longer be honest with God and my conscience not to do so. I do not set myself up as an example for others. I was not acting as a public official of the people, only as an individual obeying God.

### In a Corner.

The providence of God also drove me to act in being baptized when I was and as I was. I had a blessed anointing of God on my soul when God convicted me of this truth, and I did not desire to preach it or to act on it at the time I did, but God took away every other message until I would obey, and refused the anointing of His Spirit on all other subjects until I obeyed. I had on hand a great camp meeting and I had prayed three weeks for help from God without obeying and God would not give it. All who think they can pray the power down while refusing to obey the voice of God are welcome to try it. I have tried it enough to know it won't work.

It is not the water that gives power, it is obedience, for God giveth the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him. Acts 5:32. It matters not whether obedience leads us to the water, to own His name, to preach some truth, to make some confession, or what. It is the yielding to God that brings His approval and blessing. It would be wide the mark to think I was so ignorant of divine things as to expect the water would bring the power. Power comes from God only as we obey Him. He had me in a corner where I had to act or consciously disobey Him, and if I ever get in another corner like that and feel as I did then, by His grace I will obey Him again, if I lose every friend I have in the world. God must be before all men with me. But God may deal very differently with you and you be very sincere and honest and not do what I did. My conscience is no guide for you, and yours is none for me either.

### Apostles Did It.

A third reason for so acting is that I saw that all Scriptures on the subject represent the apostles as teaching and commanding baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16; Luke 24:48; John 14:26; Acts 1:8; etc. I consider the Apostles to be the best interpreters on earth of what Jesus meant by Matt. 28:19. All who today feel they understand Jesus better than the inspired apostles did have full liberty to follow their convictions. I expect to be charitable towards them and not tell them they must be baptized in a way to suit me, but rather to suit themselves and God, and this will be all right with me in their cases. I do not expect to unchristianize them on the subject. They are responsible to their own Lord, not to me. I am not their judge. I only ask the same for myself as I grant them. They are not my judges either.

### Fair to See.

Now what could be more fair? This gives and receives liberty! The very spirit of cooperation demands this. The man who cannot cooperate except by demanding that you see and preach as he does don't know his A. B. C's. in the principles of cooperation.

### Not a Hobby.

I do not believe in making a hobby out of any phase of water baptism, whether it be the mode, such as immersion, or the name to be used, or the formula in general. I do not believe the New Testament gives evidence that there was a fixed, invariable formula that must be said over the person just exactly that way and no other, to make the baptism valid. The first essential is a converted soul that wants to obey God. The next is a burial in water in the likeness of Christ's burial and resurrection, by one who is acting on the behalf of Christ, or in Christ's name. Forty burials, by immersion even, would not be Christian baptism if Jesus Christ is left out of it. It is Christ in it that makes it Christian. But Christ can be put in it in many ways, by the intent of the heart, by previous explanation, by many formulas, long or short. Praise His name!

I love every blood-washed soul and believe all the brethren love me. We have no fight against each other and are dwelling together in unity and fellowship. I shall expect to see you at the General Council in St. Louis, Mo. from October 1st. to 10th.—E. N. Bell.

TEXAS NOTES.

A brother from San Antonio writes: We had a business meeting here in San Antonio and the power of God was present and we want to say there is a little band of us here that purposes to go through with God and, whatever the past may have been, we have placed that under the blood and ask the brethren to forgive us if we have offended any one and let us strive for the unity of the Spirit.

We invite any of the true ministers of God, as they pass through, to call on us and we will give them open doors and a hearty welcome. (The brother gave no name or street address, so we are unable to add them).

From Dripping Springs (Texas) word is sent by Bro. H. V. Pugh, as follows. We have just closed a meeting here, where the Lord wonderfully worked. Two were reclaimed and ten received the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4).

Bro. J. D. Scheumack was with us twice and prayed for my baby which was sick. God healing instantly. Also, an old lady whose eyesight was so bad she could not see to do her housework, for years, was healed and she can now see as well as she ever did.

We want to ask the prayers of all the saints that God will use us to His glory as we go from here to Jacobs Well, Texas

Maudie Anderson sends word from Pain Springs (Tex.) that 42 received salvation and 22 received the Holy Ghost. Bro. Birmingham and wife were her helpers in the meeting which began about the 25th of July and continued four weeks. The prospect for a revival at Bazette is good at this time. Sister Jerry Smith and Sister Anderson are having large crowds and good interest there.

A. F. Carr reports a Meeting at Conroe (Tex.) as follows: We just closed a local camp-meeting here last night, in which seven received the baptism as in Acts 2:4 and ten were baptized in water. Two backsliders were reclaimed and quite a number of people were interested, for which we praise God. Pray for the little band here at Conroe, which consists of about eighteen or twenty baptized saints.

Bros. Van and Bob Merrill of Ladonia, Texas, give account of several meetings on Red River, stating that since writing the paper last they closed two meetings on Red River. About ten were baptized according to Acts 2:4. Several repented and were saved from sin, and a number of cases of healing were noted. "While away from here (Ladonia) eight were baptized as in Acts 2:4, and about 25 followed the Lord in baptism. Bro. and Sister Coppage and Sister Short helped in the meetings."

Just closed a meeting at Holly Springs, ten miles east of Pittsburg. God wonderfully confirmed His Word with signs following. Three were wonderfully saved. Several were seeking the baptism. God opened the eyes of one lady who was taken with chills and a high fever after coming to the services. She was taken to a house near by, and put to bed, and request was sent to the tent for prayer. God wonderfully touched her body and raised her up and she came to the tent and testified to healing; then went to the altar and was saved. Others were healed in answer to prayer. God is beginning to break thru in this new and needy field. May all the saints join in prayer for this place that God will keep us under the blood and use us to His glory.

We started another meeting last night at County Line School House. The people are stirred and are searching the Scriptures. Pray.—Rev. J. W. Gary.

I started to work in this new field, Mabank, Texas, the 10th of July. Brother S. A. Tharp of Miles, Texas, and Brother J. P. Gaskins of Beaumont, came to me. They were both Free Methodist preachers and were both baptized with the Holy Ghost and helped in the work. Brother H. Birmingham and wife and sister Anderson of Corsica came to this field about the 10th of July preaching the full Gospel, and, altogether, there were 58 saved, 39 baptized in water and 30 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. Others are still seeking. There were some cases of healing, one being a case of pelagra. Praise the Lord for His mighty saving and keeping power.

Where no Counsel is, the People Fall: but in the Multitude of Counsel there is Safety.—Prov. 11:14.

No House, divided against itself, can stand. No body, in which the members are warring one against the other, can thrive. There must be unity of purpose, similarity of teaching, and consideration of the brethren for any movement to live and prosper. It should be to the interest of every baptized saint in the world to do all in his or her power to further the message of Pentecost which God has granted unto us. Striving about words and forms will hinder instead of help the work of God, no matter how sincere we are in our contention and no matter how much we think we are right in our attitude towards what we consider to be truth.

The Pentecostal Movement is now facing a crisis, probably the greatest crisis which has ever been and which will ever be in its lifetime before the Lord shall come. Doctrines of demons and of men are being circulated all over the land. There is the greatest necessity of the children of God gathering together in counsel, not that we may all speak exactly the same thing, forming creeds which bind the soul and hinder further light from the Word of God from being accepted by us, but of cooperation, truth being compared with truth, until the brethren can go out from the council with confidence in one another, knowing that, in general, efforts are being made by a large majority of the brethren towards sound scriptural teaching and practice, looking unto the coming of the Lord.

This need is imperative. There is no need of multiplying words. Every pastor knows the condition of things. Every shepherd knows that he must safeguard the flock. The wolves are seeking to prey upon the sheep, and the pastor knows that something must be done and done speedily to raise a wall against them, saying the

I expect to take up pastoral work soon and will be glad to hear from any assembly needing a pastor.—N. R. Lewis, Mabank, Texas.

From Livingston, Texas, comes the following: "I am again ready for the battlefield after two years of hard fighting with the enemy of prosperity. I feel I have the victory and the past is all under the blood. My eyes are fixed on Jesus. I am now located here and will start about the 1st of October to visit Trinity, Oakhurst, Saron Pennington and as many places as the Lord may lead. I ask the prayers of the saints that I may go in His strength. Pray much for me.—Chas. W. Dowden, Livingston, Texas.

THE WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The work here is going steadily forward. Last week two received the baptism in the the Holy Spirit. Two were saved and one reclaimed. We continue to warn the Godless, both residents and visiting throngs, through the street-meetings, of the Lord's imminent return, and of the sure doom of the impenitent. We have been kept nearly three years in this one location, with every need abundantly supplied from our Father's rich treasury.

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MANY SAVED AND BAPTIZED.

Tennessee Meetings Greatly Blessed of God We have had great meetings for the last two months. At Trenton, Tenn. I closed a five weeks' meeting with over 100 saved. Fifty-eight received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and sixty-eight were baptized in water. Many were healed of different diseases.

From Trenton I came to Bluff Springs, near Milan, Tenn., and held a two weeks' meeting. Thirty-six were saved. Twenty-three received the baptism in the Holy Ghost and twenty-one were baptized in water. God's healing power was present.—Evangelist W. N. Mills, Jackson, Tenn.

sheep from destruction. We have it in our power to do this. We can do it and we must do it if the work of God is to go forward. NOW IS THE TIME. A council has been called to meet in St. Louis, Mo. from October 1st. to 10th. Ways and means of cooperation in the work of God will be discussed and every preacher and worker in the land ought to be here and lend their prayerful aid in seeking out a basis of cooperation which will help us in the great work of extending our Pentecostal message to all people.

The world has not been conquered yet. Far from it. There are millions in the United States alone which have not even heard that there be any Pentecostal experience, or that God is a living God who saves and heals His people. We must wake up and cease trying to conquer one another and put forth a united effort to conquer the devil and bring the truth to hundreds of thousands who have never heard the truth and know not the way of salvation. There is much to be done yet, and the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Are we going to go about the work in an intelligent, forceful manner or are we going to seek out our own way, tear down the other person's work and hasten that ruin which is inevitable to the movement on its present course of operation.

Thank God, there is a great host of Pentecostal believers who are of one mind, and we are expecting you all to come up to St. Louis and counsel together with us, and then go out from this council for the greatest evangelistic effort that the world has ever known. Will you come? You will! We shall look for you and expect to see you.

"We took sweet counsel together and walked unto the house of God in company" Psa. 55:14.

NOTE OF PRAISE FROM FLORIDA.

I am praising God for His goodness and blessing to us. God blessed us at Majette, also at Fountain, Fla. Bro. D. J. Dubose and workers were with us in the Spring and Bro. White preached a week for us this month, in which we were blessed. Pray for us.—Elder O. C. Newson, Panama City, Fla.

GRACIOUS TIME AT GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.

Bro. Collins (Ft. Worth) and Bro. Godwin (Dallas) Used of God.

The Assembly here was somewhat revived and some four or five souls were saved during the revival meeting here the first two weeks in August. There was a baptizing at Horse-Shoe Lake, near town, the second Sunday. Six were baptized in water and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Collins was here part of the time and the Lord wonderfully used him in the delivery of four splendid messages the first week of the meeting. Bro. Godwin was with us throughout and did most all the preaching when Bro. Collins was not present, with the exception of one message through our Bro. Chas E. Culbertson who lives among us. The Lord blessed both preacher and people. We are glad to have such lives as Bro. Collins and Bro. Godwin touch ours, we shall ever remember these dear brethren and pray God's richest blessing upon them. We believe them to be men of God.—C. M. Ward.

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REPORT OF THE TOPEKA KANS. CAMP

The ninth annual camp meeting of the Topeka Assembly has come and gone, and many rejoice in the Lord for what they received during the meeting. People attended from many States and Canada and the foreign field. About three hundred camped on the grounds.

God came in power and manifested Himself in a wonderful way in the heavenly songs and messages in tongues with interpretation, in dancing, leaping, prostrations and many other ways. Bless His name forever. Many were saved and baptized with the Spirit, and many were healed in their bodies. Large crowds attended and were held spellbound by the mighty presence of God.

The Devil was stirred as never before in Topeka, and the officials troubled us a good deal by forbidding the children to take part in the meeting. Two children were arrested with their parents and taken to the Detention Home, but they only held them a short time. The mayor closed us out of the pavilion in the Park, so we moved across the road into a nice grove and the meeting went on, increasing in power and interest to the close.

While the daily papers misrepresented us in many ways, they advertised the work and many came to the meeting to see for themselves that would not have come other wise.

God alone knows what was accomplished, and the record is kept on high, and on the reckoning day all will be rewarded according to their works.—Pastor C. E. Foster.

CANADIAN, OKLA.

I have just closed a meeting at Canadian, Okla. The Lord blessed us by pouring out His Spirit. Several were saved and four were baptized with the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. Two were healed (Mark 16). I am still out for Jesus and for souls.—J. E. Combs, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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I praise God for this humble way. It keeps me under the blood and looking for Jesus to come at any time. Pray for me that I may go deeper in the Lord.—Mrs. Emma Hibbs, Avert, Mo.

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I praise God for saving me. I was a sinner far from Jesus when He knocked at my heart. I did not turn Him away. He saved me last summer in Bro. Mangum's meeting and later on in Bro. Scheumack's meeting He wonderfully baptized me and He has kept me ever since. Praise His name—Pearl Glenn, Caney, Texas.

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God found me in sin and sent a man this way preaching the Full Gospel which brought conviction. Thank God! I yielded myself to Him and He saved me and filled me with the Holy Spirit. Since that time the blessing and peace have been wonderful to my soul. I have been in the work ever since and I expect to spend my life for the salvation of souls. Pray for us.—Mrs H. Dunlap, Glen Rose, Texas.

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I want the world to know that there is another who believes in the healing power of Jesus Christ. Bro. Hugh York and Bro. Ed Coyle were holding services here. I was taken seriously ill the day the meeting began, and the third day it seemed as if all hope of recovery was gone. Friends and relatives expected death at any time and were troubled for they knew I was dying unprepared to meet God. They sent for these two brethren to come and they came and prayed for me according to God's Word. Praise His Holy Name! He healed me almost instantly and spoke peace to my sin-sick soul. I went to church that night and testified for the Lord, and I am praising Him to-day for salvation. I desire the prayers of the saints.—Nannie Drewry, Boothe, Ark.

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I praise God for saving me and filling me with the Holy Ghost. The nearest band of Pentecostal people is about twelve miles from us and was just established this Spring. Seven or eight have received the Holy Ghost and they are all out for Jesus. There have been some wonderful cases of healing there. One man started to the operation table and he said he felt something told him to come to Mangum and he came and was saved and healed of gall stones. Praise God.

I praise God for healing my little boy of chills. Pray for us that we may be instrumental in the hands of the Lord. We would gladly receive any of God's ministers. The people are hungry for the Word. (If anyone knows of the whereabouts of Elder C. Fairchilds and will send me his address I will greatly appreciate it).—Lusta Shields, R 4, Reed, Okla.

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I praise the Lord because He has saved my soul and baptized me with the Holy Spirit. I was saved Nov. 22, 1914 and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit three days later. I praise Him because He has healed me many times.

On July 24, 1915 I was playing in black powder and it exploded and burned my face, breast and right arm. Just as soon as the saints came and prayed for me the Lord took the fire out and ten days after that the Lord took the powder off my face and breast, leaving them smooth and white. I do praise Him for His wonderful healing power.—Virgil McConnell, Galena, Kans. (Eleven years old.)

Sister Mary Arthur of Galena, who sent the above child's testimony, calls attention to the fact that in a burn from black powder by explosion the powder always remains under the skin more or less, but in this case not so much as a black spot remained. It was a bad burn. The waist was burned on him,—the front and nearly all of one sleeve, and water was thrown on him to put the fire out, which drove the burn deeper.

EIGHT RECEIVE THE BAPTISM Whitney, Texas.

We just closed a two weeks meeting near Whitney. A few were saved and eight received the baptism in the Spirit. Pray for us that we may win souls for our king.—T. I Lambert.

Our Heavenly Citizenship

Stanley H. Frodsham.

In a recent issue of the Evangel it was emphasised that the children of God should preserve an attitude of strict neutrality to the warring nations in Europe. But it seems to the writer that the Word of God teaches something deeper than that. We frequently sing, "This world, this world is not my home, this world is not my resting place." This is true. The salvation of Jesus is a deliverance from "this present evil world." (Gal. 1:4.) It is a translation into the Kingdom of God's dear Son. (Col. 1:13.) The Cross of Jesus Christ is the place where the saint and the world separate forever. (Gal. 6:14.)

When any foreigner comes to the United States and seeks to be a citizen, he has to renounce his loyalty to his former king, so when one comes into that higher kingdom and becomes a citizen of that "holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9.), the things that pertain to earth should forever lose their hold, even that natural love for the nation where one happened to be born, and loyalty to the new King should swallow up all other loyalties. Our attitude to all the nations of this earth should be that of Ruth to Moab when she told Naomi, "Where thou goest, I will go: and where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." The new birth makes one become a true Jew, for the Word of God declares that he is not a Jew which is one outwardly, but he is a Jew which is one inwardly. (Rom. 2:29.)

The Heavenly Lover of the Canticles invites His spouse to the heights of Lebanon and Amana and Hermon, and there tells her to "look from the top." How different everything of earth looks when viewed from the place where one is seated with Christ in the heavenlies. "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance. All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted to Him as less than nothing and vanity." When God says "all nations," He omits none. The school children of every nation are nurtured in national pride from the day they begin to read their history books; but national pride, like every other form of pride, is abomination in the sight of God. And pride of race must be one of the all things that pass away when one becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.

When seen from the heavenly viewpoint, how the present conflict is illumined. The policy of our God is plainly declared in the Word, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The nations who have drawn the sword to kill those of the same blood in other nations, for God "hath made of one blood all nations of men," are not merely fighting against one another, but with their policy of "War on earth and illwill toward men," they are, without knowing it, again fulfilling the Scripture, "The Kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His anointed." Is any child of God going to side with these belligerent kings? Will he not rather side with the Prince of Peace under whose banner of love he has chosen to serve? The Kings of the earth strive for mastery and dominion, whilst He who sets in the heavens laughs and declares, "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." The Lord reigneth, though few have eyes to see Him. "The heavens do rule." (Dan. 4:26.) If these kings only had anointed eyes, they would cease their bloody conflict, and kneel in reverence to the King of kings who has given them a little power for a little space on earth, until He comes and takes the nations for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

The nations of the earth have chosen the sword, and they who take the sword shall perish by the sword, even by the sword of Him who will come forth upon a white horse, clothed with a vesture dipped in blood, and His Name is called the Word of God. (Rev. 19:11-21.) The world, especially the religious world, has no use for the children of God, but the Lord taketh pleasure in His people," and will let them share in His triumph over the nations. "Let the saints be joyful in glory \* \* \* let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two edged sword in

their hands; to execute vengeance upon the nations and punishment upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all His saints." Psa. 149:4-9.

It is important for the saint of God to realize that his citizenship is in heaven, and that here he has no continuing city. The writer of Ecclesiastes sampled everything "under the sun" and he found it all "vanity and vexation of spirit." That is why the Apostle exhorts us to "seek those things that are above" and to set our affections on those things, and not on things of the earth. We are told to bank our treasure in heaven, where thieves do not break through and steal, and rust and moth do not corrupt. Paul tells us that those "who mind earthly things" are enemies of the Cross of Christ. For himself, he declared to the Corinthians, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

There is a very practical side to this question also. I have noticed that many employers of labor in this country who have come from the old countries, choose for their employees men of their own nationality. Even though they become naturalized Americans, their love for their race predominates when it comes to preference in the matter of employing help in their various businesses. In these last days, the children of God are being crowded out from employment owing to their finding it impossible to become partakers of other men's sins, they cannot be party to evil business methods the world is adopting, many cannot conscientiously work seven days a week as many in the world want them to do, others again feel they cannot become members of trade unions, for they believe these to be a part of the organism of Anti-Christ. If employers of various nationalities give preference to their own fellow-countrymen, should not Christian employers give preference in the same way to those who are not only of the same "holy nation," but also sons of the same Heavenly Father? I know it is argued that the children of God are not usually so wise as the children

of this world, and it does not pay to employ them. Yes, it may mean a few dollars less income but what after all pays best, a few extra dollars down here, or obedience to Him who tells us to do good to all men, especially to the household of faith. These are days when the children of God need to stand by one another in a very practical way. Having the same Father, are we not one family? Closer still, are we not members of the same body? Beloved, let us not love in word only, but in deed and in truth.

A KING WITH MANY TITLES.

Most kings and rulers have different titles, but the King of Italy possesses more than any other living monarch. Many of them are derived from the older kingdom of Sardinia. Besides being the King of Italy and Sardinia he has the following titles: King of France, Spain and England, King of Jerusalem, Greece, Alexandria and Hamburg, Ruler of the Midway Sea, Master of the Deep, King of the Earth.

And are these titles not most significant? Italy is the center of the old Roman empire. When that empire comes into a historical existence once more, as it is predicted, Italy and Rome must needs be the center again. Then there will arise out of that empire a King, who will claim the supreme place over the nations and domineer over them. He is the little horn of Daniel 7. The many and arrogant titles of the King of Italy will all be claimed by the prince that shall come. He will be the false king and will claim kingship over Jerusalem and over the earth, till He comes who is the only rightful King.—from "Our Hope."

KOUNTZE, TEXAS.

I closed a meeting at this place the 15th of August. It is a new field and we just got started good. Two were seeking the baptism and a good many were under conviction. The entire town is anxious for another meeting. I preached in my weak way and the Lord blessed, but I want two preachers and more if the Lord leads them here. If Brother John Die, Bro. Billie or Bro. George Harrison reads this I want them to write me and let me know if they can come here the last of September. Pray for this little ex-Campbellite preacher. We are going to start a weekly paper here.—W. R. Loden.

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JESUS

Many names are dear, but HIS is dearer,  
 How it grows more dear as life goes on!  
 Many friends are near, but HE is nearer,  
 Always what we want, and all our own.

JESUS! JESUS! let us ever say it,  
 Softly to ourselves as some sweet spell:  
 JESUS! JESUS! troubled spirit lay it  
 On thy heart, and it will make thee well.  
 —Anon.

A STATEMENT BY THE PRESBYTERS.

By a remarkable moving Providence, a number of the presbyters (seven in all) met together in the State Camp Meeting and Council held in Little Rock, Ark. from Sept. 2nd to 12th. At once they took up the matter of forms of words to be used in baptizing converts, and the statement which appears elsewhere in this paper is the result of their prayerful consideration of this and kindred matters.

These brethren hereby make a statement of their personal attitude toward the present issues agitating the movement. They are not speaking for the council, as the council has not yet met or looked into these matters, they are speaking for themselves and to let the rest of the brethren know assuredly how they feel about the present issues in the light of the Word as revealed to them. We feel, however, that had all the brethren been present, they would have added their names to the list of signatures, affixed by the seven presbyters. The office editor is so pleased with the spirit and scripturalness of this statement, that he desires that his name go down on the list as endorsing this statement.

Do not stop with a casual reading. Read it over and over and be sure that you understand exactly every word of it before passing your judgment on it. This statement does not prohibit anyone from preaching the truth as God has revealed it to them on these questions, but it does state that these brethren are not in sympathy with anyone who preaches either side of this question to the point of strife and division. We are for peace, and if they are for war, let them fight, but we will not have any part with them in this matter. As the brethren come up to the council leave your war paint at home and come up in the fullness of the blessing of Christ. We can counsel together in the fear of the Lord in a perfectly dispassionate spirit, and we all are open to all the light that God wants to give us, but we will not tolerate a contentious spirit that wants to rule or ruin. No man must lord it over God's heritage, but we must consider one another and endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace \* \* \* until we all come to the unity of the faith, co-operating together for the salvation of souls and the edification of believers, that He may be glorified.

The statement referred to was considered by the State Encampment at Little

PERSONAL STATEMENT

For the Benefit of our readers we print below a Declaration of the Attitude of a number of Presbyters in regard to some matters which will come up for consideration at the approaching Council to be held in St. Louis, Mo., October 1st to 10th.

ON BAPTISM.

1. That the essential thing in Christian baptism is the burial, in obedience to the command of Christ, through baptism, of a person who has repented and believed, in water with Christ in the likeness of His death and resurrection (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3, 4); and that its validity should not be repudiated solely because of some slight variation in the formula repeated over him in the act; that the use, in connection with baptism, of any of the following passages of Scripture should be accepted: Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 8:16; 10:48; or 19:5.

2. That the Scriptures give no example of any one who has once had Christian baptism ever being re-baptized.

3. That, therefore, re-baptizing of converts who have been once buried with Christ in baptism should be discouraged, and that ministers should respect, as a rule, such baptisms performed by their fellow ministers.

4. That in the case of individual conscience, each minister or candidate should have the full liberty to be personally baptized with any words he prefers, so long as he stays within the Scriptures on the subject; and it is hereby understood that nothing herein said shall hinder any minister from dealing, as he sees best, with cases whose consciences are not satisfied with their former baptism, only he should not go into any congregation not under his care, except at the invitation of its pastor or those in rightful authority to extend such invitation, and that even when so invited it would be wrong to so emphasize any one scriptural phrase on baptism above another scriptural phrase on the same subject as to lead saints, by the wholesale, to believe any one set phrase to be repeated over the candidate is essential to Christian baptism. All division or strife over mere phrases, as that there should be a fixed or invariable formula, is wrong on both sides of the question; but this does not prevent anyone from setting forth his own conviction on this matter in the proper spirit and where authorized so to do.

FERMENTED WINE.

While we do not hold that the use of fermented wine at the Lord's table would destroy the validity of the observance of the Lord's Supper, yet, since no Scripture says the "fruit of the vine" so used by Christ was wine, or fermented wine, it is therefore very unscriptural to insist on the absolute necessity of fermented wine at the Supper, and mere sweet fruit of the vine should, by all means, be much preferred everywhere at the Lord's table. All strife over this matter would tend to destroy, as at Corinth, the proper spirit necessary for the partaking of the Supper.

THE NEW BIRTH.

We reject, as totally unscriptural, the teaching that being born anew is the same as the baptism with the Holy Ghost. One may be born of the Spirit and baptized in the Spirit very nearly at the same time, and we would only rejoice at such an occurrence; but one must, if only a moment before, first yield to Christ and become a child of God by faith in Jesus before he can receive the abiding gift of the Holy Spirit, for Christ taught clearly that the world cannot receive the Holy Ghost, saying, "whom the world cannot receive." John 14:17.

THE SPIRIT AND THE BLOOD.

The Scriptures nowhere declare that the blood of Christ is the Holy Ghost, and we most emphatically disown and reject all such statements. The blood is the blood, and the Holy Ghost is the Holy Ghost, not the blood. The Bible nowhere speaks of the spiritual blood of Jesus.

THE FATHER AND THE SON.

We hold that Jesus is the Son of the living God and that the living God is the Father of Jesus, and we are opposed to all such unscriptural teaching as that the Son is his own Father. This would be an absurdity. In Isaiah 9:6 the Son is called the Everlasting Father. This Everlasting Father is, in the Hebrew, the Father of Eternity, not the Father of Jesus. We believe God was in Christ (2 Cor. 5:19), and that God was not merely concealed in Christ, but that he was manifested or revealed in him (1 Tim. 3:16). He is now at God's right hand as our great High Priest in heaven (Mark 16:19).

CHRIST AND THE HOLY GHOST.

Nothing is more unscriptural than that the word "Christ" means the Holy Ghost. Jesus stood in the Jordan at his baptism praying, and the Spirit descended in the form of a dove and abode upon him. God, the Father, spoke out of heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him." (Matt. 3:16, 17.) We believe it all just as given. God is a Spirit, or the Lord is the Spirit; but the word Christ means anointed — anointed, of course, with the Holy Ghost; and we also are anointed with the Holy Ghost, but that does not make us the Holy Ghost. Jesus was God in the flesh before the Holy Ghost fell on him in the Jordan.

FACTIOUS PERSONS.

There are growing up about us some unruly, unteachable and factious men who profess to be true ministers of Jesus Christ, but who misrepresent Him both in not having a Christ-like spirit and in not living sober, Godly, straight and truthful lives. They do not show a proper Christian courtesy towards other ministers and their work. They are contentious and factious, causing here and there both strife and division. Now it is with great grief and sorrow of heart that these wrongs drive us to say that we must refuse to fellowship such conduct or to approve any such with papers of recommendation. We love every child of God and will fellowship such as one of His little ones, so long as they show signs of being a child of God; but it is not every child of God whose conduct is such that he can be recognized as a worthy minister of Jesus Christ. Paul says, "Mark them that cause divisions \* \* \* and avoid them." Rom. 16:17

(Signed)

E. N. Bell,  
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 H. A. Goss,  
 M. M. Pinson.

J. W. Welch,  
 H. G. Rodgers,  
 Daniel C. O. Opperman,  
 Presbyters.

Rock, who approved of it. God began to bless and the crisis was passed and the power of God was manifested. We praise God for it, and trust that it shall have an influence for good in helping the brethren to decide the problems of the council which meets in St. Louis, Mo. from October 1st to 10th. Brethren pray for us.

You are Wanted.

Don't fail to come and meet with us at this time. Many of the brethren live long distances from St. Louis and it will be

hard for them to get here, but lay the matter before the Lord and your local assembly and trust Him to get you here. He will not fail you. You need to be here and the rest of us need you here. Furthermore, we believe that God wants you here.

"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsel there is safety." Prov. 11:14.

"We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." Psa 55:14.

CONTROVERSY DISCOURAGED.

In future we shall refuse to publish reports containing references to baptism in a controversial spirit. We believe that baptism in the likeness of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, when so understood, is Christian baptism. All references to Acts 2:38 and Matt. 28:19 is considered to be out of order and will be cut out of all reports which we publish. We will report that so many were baptized in water, but will omit the scripture reference with a punch in it, which is aimed at the other party who does not see as you do about the form of words to be used in administering Christian baptism.

"MEAT IN DUE SEASON" CORRECTED.

We note in last issue of Meat 'n Due Season that Brother Ewart announced that Editor E. N. Bell was expected at his convention in Los Angeles, October 1st. No doubt the brother meant no harm in this, but I am sure a little moral thinking will show the brethren that they ought not to use the names of other brethren before getting their consent. The Editor had not promised Brother Ewart to be at this October meeting, though invited (for which accept our thanks), and it is wrong to announce a brother's name without his permission. The names of other brethren have been announced by others in like manner for other camps, without their permission, and we desire, in love, to call the attention of all concerned to this wrong practice of boosting camps, and ask, in Jesus' name that it stop.—E. N. Bell.

AN INFIDEL ANSWERED.

There was once a Pennsylvania Dutchman who was not very learned, but who was never ashamed of his religion. In his neighborhood there was a skeptic who said, "You can't believe anything you can't understand." And so some of the better class of people asked the Dutchman to have a conversation with him. He said, "Yes, if you tink best."

"Have you any objections to the neighbors coming in?"

"No, shust as you tink best."

So they made the appointment and everybody was there. The old gentleman came in and laid by his hat and was introduced to the skeptic, when he began suddenly by saying, "I beliefs de Bible; vat you beliefs?"

Said he, "I don't believe anything I can't understand."

"Oh, you must be von very smart man! I vas mighty glad I meet you. I ask you some questions. De odder day I was riding along de road, und I meet von dog. Dat dog he have von of his ears stand up in dis vay, and de odder he stand down so. Now, vy vas dat?"

That was very unhandy just then, very unhandy. He either had to explain why the dog had one ear up and the other standing down, or else say he did not believe it. So he said, "I don't know."

"Oh, den you are not so very smart after all. I ask you anodder question. I saw in John Smidt's clover patch the clover come up so nice! Und I look ofer in de fields and dere was John Smid's pigs, and deir come out hair on deir packs and in de very same clover patch vas his sheep and dere come out vool on deir packs. Now vy vas dat?"

This was as bad as the other question because the same perplexity arose. He had to explain why there was hair on the back of the pigs and wool on the sheep, and as he could not tell why, therefore he had no business to believe it. Finally he said, "I don't know."

"Vell," said the Dutchman, "You are not haf so smart as you tink you are. Now I ask you anodder question: Do you pleef dere is a God?"

"No, I don't believe any such nonsense."

"Oh, yes, I hear about you long ago. I hear about you. My Bible knows about you; for my Bible it says: 'The fool hath said in his heart there is no God;' but you big fool, you blab it right out!"—Ex.

GLENBORO, MAN. CANADA.

God is blessing us wonderfully and is answering prayer for the salvation of souls and baptism of believers. Three were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost two weeks ago this Sunday. One was saved and baptized the Friday evening before, and on the Monday after the people went home the man's little girl received her baptism and was saved out in the field. It was so blessed to see father and daughter receive the blessing so nearly together.

Pray for my husband that he may be saved, and pray also for our little meetings here.—Mrs. Sarah Storey.

## DIVINE HEALING

By Florence L. Burpee.

Divine healing is nearly as old as creation. The first surgical operation was performed by God Himself, who in the garden of Eden, caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and took from him a rib of which he formed Eve. "I am the Lord that healeth thee," said Jehovah to Israel of old. Whenever she was sick from any cause she called upon the prophets who prayed, and her sick were healed. Abraham prayed for Abimelech, king of Gerar, who was healed in answer to prayer. Gen. 20:17. Asa, King of Israel, was a good king, but in the last of his reign he fell away. "In the thirty and ninth year of his reign he was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceedingly great, yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians, and Asa slept with his fathers and died in the thirty and ninth year of his reign." Instead of trusting in the Lord, he sought the physicians, and he "slept with his fathers." Showing God was not pleased with his trust in earthly help. 2 Chron. 16: 12-13.

Ahaziah, another king in Israel, "fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them. "Go enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a god in Israel, that ye go up to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore, thus saith the Lord, They shall not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shall surely die." "So he died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken." 2 Kings 1: 1-4, 17.

Ekron was the little heathen town in which the ark rested, before its return by the Philistines. God was angry with its people, on account of their great idolatry. And as Ahaziah put his trust in the heathen god, Baalzebub, instead of God, the sentence of death was passed upon him.

Miriam, sister of Moses and Aaron, sinned in speaking against Moses, and as a punishment, became leprous. She was healed through Moses prayers alone. Numbers 12: 1, 2, 14, 15.

When, during their entire wanderings through the wilderness, Israel sinned, she was punished, sometimes by sickness. In every case, prayer was offered by Moses or Aaron before the people recovered. When bitten by fiery serpents, they were healed, not through medicine, but a look at the brazen serpent, which represented a Savior, who would one day be offered up on the cross, not only for the sins but also for the healing of all his people. "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8: 17. Num. 21: 6-9.

Hezekiah was sick, and the death sentence passed. "Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live." But he prayed, "I beseech thee, Lord remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight." And the word of the Lord came, "Turn again, and tell Hezekiah, the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Jacob, thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold I will heal thee." In answer to his own prayer, Hezekiah was delivered. 2 Kings 20: 1-7.

There is not an incident given in the entire Bible where physicians were called in to God's children except in case of death. As we pass into the New Testament, we find the same conditions. Jesus came preaching the gospel to the poor, and healing the sick. Luke 7:12. He called twelve disciples, with the commission: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils," as well as to preach. Matt. 10: 8. Afterward he sent out seventy others with the same instructions: "Heal the sick." And we read that they returned with joy. Saying, "Lord, even devils are subject to us through thy name. Luke 10: 9-17.

Our Lord's last words to His disciples were: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel, to every creature, he that be-

lieveth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16: 15-20.

It is strange how man fixes up God's Word to fit his individual case. Most ministers of the gospel, believe they must go into all the world and preach, but they ignore entirely the rest of the commission to lay their hands upon the sick for their recovery, saying that was for the early apostles. If God's ministers were to preach the gospel to every creature as long as time lasts, they are also bound to "cast out demons," and "lay hands upon the sick," and must answer to God should they neglect to obey his command in this respect also. Who are we who can change God's Word to please ourselves.

In James 5:14 we have these words. "Is any sick among you, let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." No physician or medicine is allowed here, which may be all right for the world but not for God's children.

It is said that drugs kill more people than they cure. Why will those who profess to know God tamper with them? Our Lord has placed herbs in the earth that are harmless. These are, no doubt, put there for the world and those who have no faith in our Heavenly Father for their bodies. But even these are not intended for the Christian who has Jesus for their physician. Isaiah says, "With His stripes we are healed," therefore the atonement has provided for us a full remedy for all disease and sickness. For several hundred years after Christ's death, the church practiced divine healing alone. Luther, Wesley, as well as other devout men, prayed for the sick. Wesley's journals contain many incidents of God's healing touch. The Salvation Army, under Rules and Regulations, Ch. IV, Sec. 2, p. 51, commands officers to pray for the sick. Some fifty years ago, Charles Cullis of Boston, Mass. opened a faith home and chapel where he prayed for the sick, also writing several books on the subject. A. B. Simpson, of the Missionary Alliance, followed him; also many others, among whom were Eva Baker of Rochester, N. Y., Sister Woodworth Etter, Carrie Judd Montgomery of Oakland, Calif. At the present time there are, perhaps, hundreds of thousands of people in the United States alone, who are trusting God only for their bodies as well as their souls.

Diseases of all kinds including consumption, cancers, tumors and leprosy are being healed. Blind eyes are opened. The deaf receive their hearing and the dumb speak. Within the last few years, more dead people have been raised than is recorded within the lids of the entire Bible. What are we going to do with these things? They are facts and must be accepted by every thinking person.

Having proven that Divine Healing is from and of God, I will give a few instructions from the Word to help the seeker after Truth:

**The Lord heals through the Prayer of faith.** "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." This may be offered by one or more individuals. Some, whose faith has been great, have been healed through their own prayers. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. "Hitherto ye have asked nothing in my name, ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. John 16:23,24.

**Others were healed through the prayers and faith of one or more believers.** "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them. Matth. 18:19-20.

**Others, by the anointing of oil by an elder or elders.** James 5:14. Also thru the laying on of hands by a believer, or believers. Mark 16.

One must be sure first that he is right with God before seeking healing, but God does frequently heal the sinner for His own glory. He, however, nowhere promises to do this. The Psalmist says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord

will not hear me." Psa. 66:18. As sickness is often the cause of disease, when the cause is removed we may expect health.

**Sickness may be caused by sin, either on the part of the diseased one or by inheritance.** Some diseases, such as Tuberculosis, Scrofula, Cancer, etc., may be inherited generations back. By wilful sin we may bring disease upon our bodies, either breaking a natural or spiritual law. If I allow my tongue too great freedom, as in the case of Miriam, God may punish me for it and I may not get deliverance until I confess and make restitution. "Confess your faults one to the other, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. James 5:16.

Should I wilfully hit my head against a stone wall, it will hurt my head, not the wall. I have disobeyed nature's laws and must pay the penalty of a sore head until I learn my lesson. There are sins of omission as well as commission and God may see fit in either case to punish the offender with sickness. Read Deut. 7:15; Ex. 9:14; Deut. 28:60, 61; II Chron. 12: 19.

**However, sin is not always the cause of sickness.** It may be sent for a test as in the case of Job. In a case of this kind, I do not suppose any amount of prayer would bring deliverance immediately, and God's servants should be so close in touch with Him that they can detect every cause of disease. When one is passing through this test, faith sufficient for healing will not be given to the sick one, or those praying for his recovery, until the test, or God's lesson is learned. So, do not let Satan use the thought that it is your testing time dear ones who are afflicted, for it is not the will of God that any of His children shall be long bound by sickness or any oppression of the devil, for Jesus came to set us free from every bondage. So learn your lesson quickly and seek deliverance.

**Sickness may be caused by over work,** either mental or physical, even in God's service, and it may not always be a sin, for it is hard often to tell just how much our bodies will endure and not fail us. Phil. 2:16, 17. After yielding oneself to Jesus as his physician, use no remedy, even the simplest, neither hot water, alcohol plasters or lemonade, as the use of the natural interferes with the supernatural always.

**Above all, learn to conquer the tongue.** Talk health, and health alone. Never talk over your aches and bad feelings with others. Every one has troubles enough of their own, and in rehearsing to our neighbors our many ailments we not only cause doubt in his mind and our own, but rob him of the sweet peace other words might bring. Always allow your thoughts to rest upon health and your tongue to tell the glad news of health through a risen Lord who died to purchase it for you.

Notice your actions and words, making them all true. Never notice symptoms. Often, after one is prayed for, he will feel and look worse than before. This is the Lord's way of testing your faith, and if we look above symptoms to Christ, the aches and pains will soon pass away; but if one remarks, as is often the case, "Oh dear, I am not healed at all, I feel worse than ever," and forget that faith is not feeling, he need not expect healing for "As your faith is, so shall it be done unto you."

A person can lose his healing in five minutes after he has really been healed, by looking in the wrong direction to symptoms instead of trusting Christ.

Who, when reading these lines, will, like Bartimeus of old, cast aside their old garments of prejudice, teaching, doubt and unbelief and come to Jesus, knowing He is able to make even the blind to see, for His power is just the same, yesterday, today and forever.

"He healeth me, oh bless His name, His power is evermore the same.

He healed the sick in Galilee, And now, by faith, He healeth me."

### REVIVAL NOW ON.

Crichton, Ala.

God continues to bless abundantly. Praise His name! Several have been saved and healed recently. About ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. On Sunday seven were baptized in water. It was necessary to wait until the candidates would get through rejoicing before we could baptize them after we had led them into the water. They were singing and rejoicing in other tongues. Hard hearted sinners stood on the bank and wept. A flood-tide of glory came upon the saints. —Pastor Geo. H. Hicks.

### LOCATED AT BENTON, ARK.

Bro. A. E. Wilson, after nearly two years of labor in Pile Bluff, Ark. where, in spite of insurmountable difficulties, God enabled him to sow seed, now writes that he is located in Benton, Arkansas. He says: "This is the place where Bro. H. E. Reed labored and succeeded, by the help of God, in building up a nice little Assembly of saints. We have been here but a month but God has worked in our midst. A sister in law of one of our Assembly soon after we came, despairing of relief from earthly means, cast aside her medicine and sent for me to pray for her. God wonderfully saved and healed her and saved her husband and they came out that night and testified to what the Lord had done. On Monday following they went back to their home, some 20 miles away, and at once began prayer-meetings in their home. Soon their oldest daughter was saved and now they are seeking the Baptism, and the good work goes on.

Monday Bro. Geo. Hooten, a Nazarene preacher who was sick, was gloriously baptized in the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. His wife has since taken the Lord as her healer and when the saints prayed for her was gloriously healed of fever and yesterday was up about her household affairs. Praise be unto His Holy name!

One other has been saved on a sick bed, and still another healed. Some are seeking salvation and others tarrying for the Spirit.

Immediately after Camp-meeting at Little Rock we are going to begin a special campaign for the salvation of souls, and we ask the prayers of all that God will lead and many be blessed during this meeting. Everyone pray for the welfare of Zion at this place.—A. E. Wilson, Pastor.

### OPP, ALABAMA.

#### A Heavenly Visitation.

God is still working in this section with signs and wonders. We have just closed a meeting at Opine. God wrought wonderfully one night during praise service and let down the Heavenly Host to play and sing for us. Many of the saints and many sinners heard the heavenly choir. Lights were seen over and above the tent. Sinners were saved and believers filled with the Spirit and the saints refreshed. Many gainsayers were convinced.

Bro. G. S. McGraw of Georgiana, Ala. was with us. We appreciated his presence and labor. We have found no place to halt or camp in this race but our hearts are open for new truths. We believe God has great things laid up in store for those that obey Him and who wholly follow the Lord. Josh. 14:6-14. Pray for us.—A. B. Robinson and wife.

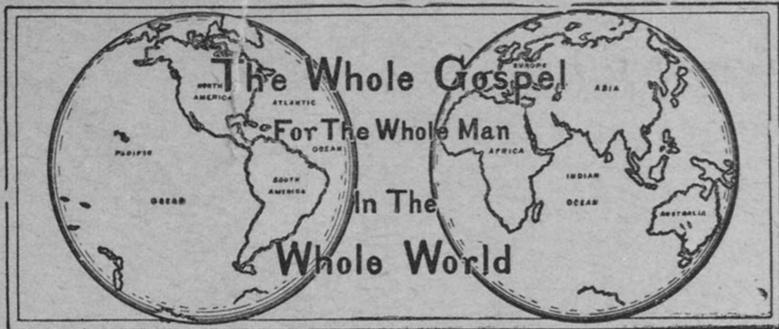
### CROWDS ATTEND MEETING AT ATLANTA.

We are having a very successful meeting near the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill here in Atlanta (Ga.). The altars are filled with seekers. This is the tenth week and many have been saved and baptized in water and several healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The enemy is working. The churches are concerned for we are getting the people. Crowds are coming. Every Sunday night nearly a thousand are present, many standing for hours unable to get a seat. A stranger said "What are you doing to get the people." The reply was in the words of Jesus, "And if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto Me." The work here is divided but there is a small band of saints that are in the unity of the Spirit and in the bonds of peace, and the Lord is able to bless. Pray for us.—Clara Higbee.

### GOD WORKING IN TEXAS.

Just closed a meeting at Sand Creek School House, near Big Lump Coal Mines between Milano Jct. and Rockdale, Tex. The Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit baptizing 24 in the Spirit and converting eight or ten from sin. Almost the entire community was convinced of the truth. The saints meet every Wednesday in a prayer-meeting and there is preaching every fourth Sunday at Sandy Creek; also at Sepe Springs every second Sunday. Bro. Will Price is Pastor for the present. I am on my way to Gonzalez, Tex. where I have a mission. I am out for the Lord. Have a tent. Anyone desiring my service can address T. H. Rhodes, Belton, Tex.

**BROTHER DONEY MAKES CORRECTION**

Brother C. W. Doney of Egypt makes a correction of a report which has been circulated, in the following words: "We have received word from America that someone wrote a letter from Egypt stating that Bro. and Sister Post, Mrs. Doney and myself were leaving for the Homeland. I wish to correct this statement. We have not left and have no intention of leaving, especially as we are the only Pentecostal missionaries left to carry on the work."

Brother Post has charge of the Apostolic Mission at Alexandria and I have charge of the mission at Cairo. Besides this, we have oversight of all the Pentecostal work in Egypt, and the native ministry look to us for their support in the work. However, since this mysterious letter was sent, nearly all our support has been cut off and we have received none for some time. We are, in no way, discouraged as we know that our Lord will never fail us. We rest upon His promise. "My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus the Lord." and we have learned to trust Him. In many respects, the work is going on well in Egypt. Several have been saved in Cairo recently. Pray for us.

**MRS. D. L. McCARTY.**  
India.

It is with grateful heart that I write of the Lord's blessing and working in our midst. I came to this village three and a half years ago and opened up the work. I had a man and wife who had God's love in their hearts for the heathen. Our trials were many as I had no money and my little home mission only sent me a small offering every three months. I paid no salary and what they ate I ate. God was with us and many healings held the attention of the people. I did not ask for land as I could not build. So for over three years I lived in a native mud house. The work increased and new workers came without being asked. I had testings with workers also. When war came my heathen enemies gave me much trouble and at the same time I received a letter from a missionary informing me to leave this district as it belonged to them, and also stated that as I was not English and was doing things contrary to law I might soon find myself in the hands of the law. It was reported that I was German. Our Consul, Mr. Baker, in Bombay advised me to put the matter before my district Magistrate. This I did and he notified the officers and four different ones from different places called in one day. In a few weeks the Magistrate himself came. He quieted my fears and, after hearing my story and seeing how I was living, ordered the estate to give me land to build on. I selected a desirable spot but so very small. People wondered what I would do with so small a piece, but He knew. I did not know at the time that the revenue was fixed at 10 cts. a year. Then, as if by understanding, (in answer to much prayer) money came and I went right to work building, and when it was finished it was all paid for (\$300), and I had \$26.00 left. This has been spent for dental work. Then, just as before, when I had nothing on hand, the door was again opened. A man from a near village (surrounded by the villages where a year or so ago many were asking for baptism) came and offered me land free and to help to build if I would put a preacher in his village. I have promised if money came by October when the rains are over, I would do so. This will cost \$100.00. Following that one week the old man died, leaving no heirs who owned the land of which this little piece is a corner. I at once wrote the magistrate asking for one acre (the other is farther away), and he promptly wrote the special manager of the estate. He came, took the land back into the estate and then gave me the acre. So I have now a nice big place and the revenue is \$4.00 a year. It is wonderful how God has been turning things for

me. Now I have need for worker's houses on the compound, and thus stop the rent in the village. This I feel sure He will supply in good time. Pray for us.

**JOSEPHINE PLANTER IN SWITZERLAND.**

Since last letter I wrote I thought to sail for America in four days. I was taken in Hospital where I remained until to-day (Aug. 24), but I am now much better and hope to-morrow to go out and stay a month in some private house to get a little stronger, and I ask all the dear Saints to pray for me that God will strengthen me and send me sufficient means to sail in October to America. Many thanks for all the prayers going up before the Throne of Grace for me every day.

**HARRY E. BOWLEY.****Much Prayer Needed for Africa.**

God is surely good to us in these awful days. Surely our Lord is coming soon. We are moving slowly. God is gracious to us all as a band of missionaries. We are, however, not without our tests and trials. At present two of our number are ill. Bro. Harrow is very seriously ill. Only God can deliver in his case. Pray earnestly for both of them.

I am working with Bro. and Sister Johnson, and we would ask a special interest in your prayers. The very powers of darkness seem to settle upon us at times and oppress us. Africa is a dark country. It is like a new world in every way, and it is only by prevailing prayer on the part of the home saints, with us, that we can ever push through. We love the people and these precious boys, some of whom have been redeemed from so much. There is much sickness in the country. The people are cutting rice and are busy. The preaching is the small part. Here and there all the time we are doing something for them, giving the Gospel in every way. Won't you please pray that our hearts may be made glad by the saving of precious souls.

**WILL SAIL FOR INDIA.**

Word has just come that Sister Ella M. Brubaker, formerly a missionary to India under one of the Denominational Boards, and who has been marvellously blessed with a Pentecostal experience, will sail from New York for India about the 30th of September. Anyone wishing to address her can do so in care of Thos. Cook and Son, Broadway, New York.

**A GENTLE REMINDER.**

One of our missionaries in China added a postscript to her letter as follows: "Will you please remind the Weekly Evangel readers to put sufficient postage on their letters. Five cent stamps on letters to China. Most of them forget and in order to get their letters I must pay out about seven cents gold (more than the original would have been). I have paid out about \$2.00 already; likewise the other missionaries."

**GEORGE HANSEN.**  
China.

The Lord is working preciously in our midst. Yet there is room for improvement. It takes the mighty power of God to convict these heathen. People are tired of hearing man's lecture. The Chinese are great worshippers. So when they turn to the Lord it is precious to see them how they glorify the name of Jesus. One of our Chinese Christian boys was called to be with Jesus July 30th. He had a wonderful visitation. As he was sitting in a chair an angel appeared to him and said he was coming to take him to be with Jesus. He saw heaven and its beauty and many of our Christians who fell asleep in Jesus. He warned his father to be more faithful and hold out to the end, and then he went to be with Jesus.

We had an awful typhoon a few days ago, in which many lives were lost. Many small and large boats were smashed to

pieces. Also the roofs of houses were blown off, and many large trees blown down. They say there has never been one like it in forty years.

Pray for us.

**J. R. AND NORA BUCKLEY.**  
Africa.

We are making every effort to secure a site on which to start a mission, and to this end found it necessary to make a trip to Mombasa to see the American Consul. Left Ogada early in July, returning the 23d. We put our camp outfit in shape and left again the 27th for a month or more of work among the Nyangori people. We are now in Camp in North Nyangori, about 16 miles from Kisumu. No regular mission work has ever been done among the people of this part of the tribe. They live in the mountains and make small gardens wherever they can find ground suitable. They also raise cattle, sheep, and goats, but do not kill any for meat. They wait until they die, then eat them.

They offer sacrifices to the Sun, of sheep and goats, which they eat, but never kill for food only. We hope to get some pictures of these people but they are afraid of the camera.

We praise God for health and for supplying our every need. We are today in as good health as when we left home, nearly four years ago.

The war does not affect us only that the cost of living has advanced 30 per cent, and mail is much longer reaching us. Formerly it took four or five weeks, now, six or eight. All mail for British East Africa will come through safely, however.

Pray for us that we shall know the will of the Lord in these trying times.

**Wm. E. WALLIS TO RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA.**

Brother Wallis, well known in certain parts of the Central States, who has been a missionary to South Africa and who has been in England on furlough for some months, writes as follows:

I recently received a letter from Sister Hitchcock telling me they were praying the Lord to send me back to Bulawayo again.

Since coming home for a short rest, it has been my privilege to minister to the saints at various missions in England, Scotland and Wales. I have had the joy of seeing precious souls come to Jesus, the sick healed, and God's dear children receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with signs following.

I just finished a 3 months meeting at the home of our brother and sister Judd. Dear Brother Judd has been an invalid for nine years with an injured spine, but, glory to God, Jesus the Great Physician has healed him, and with his wife, daughter Gertrude (15) and son Bertie (13) all have received the Pentecostal baptism as in Acts 2:4.

While here it was my blessed privilege to help in some meetings for our soldier boys, visiting the wounded in the hospitals and giving away several hundred gospels and Testaments, as well as tracts. We pointed them to the precious blood of Jesus as the only remedy for sin, and urged them to be ready to stand before their God, washed in the precious blood of the Lamb. Many really gave themselves to Jesus.

About sixteen years ago, dear Brother Judd was called for mission work in the foreign field, but unfortunately certain conditions hindered him from going. Since Pentecost has come to their home, God has once more laid the need of the mission field before them, and now they have laid their all on the altar, and God has called them to Bulawayo, so that God has answered my prayers for laborers to go back with me.

We are now waiting for the necessary means for passage, and to enable us to build a small mission school for the natives on the ground already purchased by Brother and Sister Hitchcock, about \$1500.00. Will you please ask your readers to pray this amount will be sent in quickly as we should like to be off early in September. Offerings may be sent to our brother A. H. Carter of the Crown Mission, 130 Walford Rd., Sparkbrook, Birmingham, England.

Brethren pray for us.—Wm. E. Wallis, Missionary.

**TESTIMONY OF A CHINESE.**

Praise God for His great mercy and blessing in my life. I was formerly an ignorant man, living in darkness. I heard about Jesus ten years ago and was baptized in water about five years ago but had not repented of my sins in my heart. Afterward I heard about the Apostolic Faith Mission and I went to meeting there one time with a friend. We saw people praying in the chapel, some crying, some laughing, and we talk about them. We say that is not Holy Spirit with them. We against them. Afterward another friend came to and told me about having been there himself repenting and confessing his sins, and I go there again. I heard some people confessing their sins and I thought in my heart I have so many sins which I had done and I was very sorry about my sins.

After that the Lord gave to me a dream. I saw Jesus set on a chair. I thought in my heart I am a sinner, I cannot go to Him and see Him. Then I remembered about a woman in the Bible who felt that she could not go to Him, so she touch Jesus garment and Jesus save her. I did as she did. Then Jesus turn His head to me and ask me have you got proof that I will save you, and I answer to Jesus, I have. He ask me what you have, let me see. I wrote one character which means Testament and He saw that and told to me that is alright, I will take you to my Home by and by. After that I was wake up, my heart was very sorry because I had so many sins in my heart. I thought it very hard for me to stand up and tell so many people I am a very bad boy. The devil told me do not speak to others about your sins in your heart, but you do not go to do them any more, that is alright. Sometimes I thought that is alright but my heart have no happy. The Holy Spirit was show me must confessing your sins before the people. I prayed the Lord to help me. I said, I want you dear Jesus, my Lord. He help me. I confessed my sins before the people and I give my life to Jesus, and after He sent power to me, baptized me with Holy Ghost. Praise Jesus Christ and glory to God. Hallelujah, Amen! Now I do work for dear Lord in Nanking with wife. The Lord is blessing us there. But sometimes we have some hard time. We just pray to Jesus and we have wonderful time. Two time we have test, in the night after meeting we get letter inside have some what we need. But the letter has no name. I do not know where it coming from. Thanks to our dear Lord. Jesus has saved some people and baptized some of them with the Holy Ghost in meetings at our place. We have a girls School just for poor girls. Some of them is very poor. They can not go to school. We help them. My wife teach them Gospel questions and answers to read in the chinese reader and to crochet some articles. I teach them Bible, to sing some Gospel songs. Some girls believe in Jesus. Some people healed by Jesus. Hallelujah!—Nathan C. S. Ma. Nanking.

**ALICE C. WOOD.**  
So. America.

For the first time in two years I have been able to get away from home. Was gone a month. Visited friends in Buenos Aires, Martinez, Rio Cuarto and Holmburg. I was three weeks in Rio Cuarto (Province of Cordoba), holding special meetings for God among the Dunkard brethren there. Brothers Webb and Yoder and families are the missionaries there. They have been seeking the baptism in the Spirit for years and wanting someone to come and help them. God was gracious and worked wonderfully. The missionaries themselves have not yet received but received a boost toward it. Three young women received. One man professed salvation and some twelve felt the mighty power of God. There were many confessions. Thank God for the way He opened the heavens once more in Argentine, and we believe it is the beginning of better things here.

Pray for us. I get very tired sometimes, but when I seem to have reached the limit He puts His power upon me and refreshes and rests me and I go on in His strength. Hallelujah!

**GOOD REVIVAL AT CRICHTON, ALA.**

God is blessing us here. Quite a number were saved, several baptized with the Holy Ghost and seven baptized in water. God is stirring things at this place. Next Sunday will close my work here as pastor, then I shall be out in evangelistic services. God willing I will be at the Dothan, Ala. camp meeting.—Geo. H. Hicks, Crichton, Alabama.

GEORGE C. AND ABBIE H. SLAGER.  
China.

We are praising God for keeping us in perfect peace in the midst of many difficulties and heavy burdens. We realize that the way of the Cross and self-denial leads Home

Just as these lines were being written we were called over to the orphanage to pray for a Chinese woman whom we have employed there. She had suddenly become very ill. We found her groaning and crying to God for deliverance. We laid hands on her in Jesus' name, following their example, and believing James 5:15: We felt like praising God when we beheld that group of children all kneeling with closed eyes and hands raised heavenward beseeching Jesus to speedily deliver the sufferer from pain. God is working in their lives. This work belongs, under God, to Bro. and Sister Lawler who are now on furlough. We have been left in charge during their absence. We kindly inform the dear friends who have been sending financial help and who have ceased to do so, that the work is still going on as it was before and the expense is almost the same. We need to stand together to keep the orphanage and these five missions which are connected with it open for the Lord.

Bro. Mader has returned from a trip to Nanking and Singchih to visit the two out stations at those places. He brought encouraging reports about the way God is working.

Mr. Ma and wife are in charge of the work at Nanking. They have a girls school and about 40 pupils attend daily. They are taught to sing hymns, read the Bible and do some kinds of industrial work. Mr. Ma explains the Scriptures to them. Some have become very much interested in the Gospel and their parents are also becoming interested. Mr. Ma conducts meetings several times a week in the chapel. Recently six were buried with Christ by baptism. Three Mohammedans have been saved and they are meeting with much persecution. Pray that they will stand true. The Mohammedans are the hardest class to reach with the Gospel.

God is blessing Bro. Yang and his wife at Singchih. It is a country place and the people are mostly poor and uneducated. Bro. Mader reached there in time to encourage some of the luke-warm believers to go on. Some confessed their sins and got right with God again. There have been some marvellous cases of healing in answer to prayer.

We also have encouraging reports from Mr. Loong who has charge of the mission recently opened at Yu-Shan in Kiangsi Province. He is faithfully sowing the seed there.

So, beloved, your prayers are being answered. God is blessing in China. We realize we can do nothing without Him and, without one another we can do little. Let us "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." It is our privilege to be co-workers together with God. Let us be wise and lay up our treasures in heaven.

**GOOD MEETINGS IN ALABAMA.**

We had a few day's meeting at Robertsedale. The saints were revived and refreshed, several being saved and eight baptized in water. Next we pitched battle against sin at Foley, a new field. The town seemed to be stirred, the Methodist and Baptist preachers attending the services. Thirteen were saved and six baptized in water. One man was instantly healed of fever and saved at the same time.

We next stopped at Oak for six days. Great interest was taken. This was a new place. Many seemed to be under conviction. One baby was healed of sore eyes and a man was instantly healed of rheumatism. He continued to praise and glorify God. We left him happy and healed. We give God all the praise for His saving and healing power—A. Broadus, Cranton, Ala.

**NOTE FROM MARYLAND.**

I am starting a new work at what is known as Glendale, Maryland, near Meadow Mount'n. We just closed the first meeting with sixteen saved and three baptized in the Spirit, and other places, a few miles away, are wanting meetings.

The Lord healed an old sister who had been an invalid for two years. The fields are white unto harvest and I earnestly desire the prayers of the Assemblies of God that God will mightily pour out His Spirit in saving, baptizing and healing power.—R. A. McCauley, Blaine, W. Va.

# The Key to the Scriptures

"My friends gave me a book, called the 'Key to the Scriptures.' I wondered if the Bible was locked and needed a key. But I took the key and with it entered the palace of truth in the book which men reverently call the Bible. And lo! I found that the key only unlocked certain selected chambers, and that when by the aid of the key, I entered these selected chambers. I found that they had been previously prepared with the most strange, upside-down pictures of my Lord and Saviour, and I came away astonished at such reversals of what are the plainest portraits language can paint, as the sentences in the Bible naturally read.

"Listen to my story and see if you do not feel the same way—ashamed to deny the Bible portrayals of your Lord and Saviour, the best Friend man ever had. Let us be quite clear that we are not discussing the merits or demerits of the system (Christian Science) just now. That can come another time. Just now we are concerned with the one question whether or not we can trust this 'Key to the Scriptures,' whether 'Science and Health' teaches the same things that the Bible teaches or whether we must choose between them as a guide to truth. If people want to follow the teachings of 'Science and Health,' whether it agrees with the Bible or not, that is one whole problem by itself. But when people are asked to accept this textbook of Science as an interpretation of the Bible, that is another question, and to me, as a seeker after truth, the vital preliminary question.

"So I entered the palace of truth, with my friends having the key. Immediately I said, 'Show me the room where are the promises to those who pray.' But I was told that room was kept closed. And when I asked if the key did not unlock all the rooms I got a decided 'No.' The key bearer even said that some of the Bible was a lie. Unspeakably shocked, I asked quite pointedly if it was really true that awful word was used in connection with one single verse of the Bible. The only reply was to direct my attention to 'Science and Health,' page 524, lines 25 and 27, where this Key to the Scriptures says of that part of the Bible which contradicts the foundation teaching of Science and Health, 'It must be a lie.'

"But I was bound to investigate further, and, returning to the subject of prayer, I asked if the advocates of this system did not believe in prayer. The answer was that they used the word but not in the sense I used it; that they did not believe in asking God for help in trouble, that it was not necessary, for all they had to do was to take. Granting no little of important truth in that teaching, which also has always been taught by students of the Bible, I asked about the additional truth taught in the promises to those who ask, repeating many of the specific directions to ask, ask, ask. But the subject was peremptorily dismissed with the positive declaration that they did not teach people to ask God for things. 'But' I said, 'we are told in the Bible to ask and we shall receive,' and you are asking me to accept your key as an explanation of the Bible. What I am trying to learn just now is, not whether your theory of prayer is true in part and woefully incomplete, but whether you are to be trusted as a teacher of the Bible. What are you going to say about those many, many sayings in the Bible about asking, and about those many examples in the Bible of people who did ask and got answers? People who in great and sore trouble called on God in just as definite petitions as any child ever addressed to a parent, and were helped?"

"But to this question there was no answer. 'Well then' I said, 'take me into the children's room. I am greatly interested in the little ones. And there keeps ringing in my ears that old verse 'Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Show me."

"Then the keeper of the key smiled and said, 'We have something very beautiful in the Child Chamber of the palace of truth.'

"So we went in. But there was no child. And I asked for the child. And I was told that there was no child there, and referred to 'Science and Health,' page 583,

lines 1 and 3, where children are called 'Sensual and mortal beliefs; counterfeit of creation; material suppositions of life.' But I reminded again, 'We are not talking about your theory of children, horrible as it is. I do not wait here to remark upon it; I want to find out how far you are to be trusted as a teacher of the Bible. The Bible says, 'Unto us a Child is born.' What do you say?' Then I was referred to Science and Health,' page 109, line 24, where it is written that 'When a new spiritual idea is borne to earth, the prophetic Scripture of Isaiah is fulfilled.'

"'But,' I remonstrated, 'you have taken away the child and substituted a spiritual idea, and you have introduced the word 'borne' for 'born,' an entirely different word, and you have changed a definite event, namely the birth of a child, to an indefinite series of events namely the renewedly given spiritual ideas. Do I understand that is your idea of interpreting the Bible?'"

"The only reply was a pointing to the open page of 'Science and Health.'

"Not ready to give up, I asked, 'Take me to the room set apart for our Lord and Savior. I'm a sinner and I want to know the way of salvation, and I would see Jesus.'

"Then the keeper of the key said it would open that room, but warned me that I must be prepared for a heroic lesson. So we went into that room too. But I did not see Jesus. Jesus was not there. And I asked why. As nearly as I could understand the explanation, the name of Jesus stood in the way of the principle of 'Science and Health.' Being directed by the keeper of the key to 'Science and Health,' page 23, line 29, I found to my horror that the name of Jesus, and the command to believe on Him for salvation, had been stricken out; that the faith which accomplished salvation instead of being a belief in Jesus, 'demands self-reliant trustworthiness' (line 30, page 23). Where the name of Jesus is written in the Bible, 'Science and Health' substitutes little dots like these . . . . and makes one of the most precious verses in the Bible read "Believe . . . . and thou shalt be saved," with the explanatory remark that the injunction which this text demands is self-reliant trustworthiness.

"It was a heroic lesson, all right. But after I caught my breath I asked if that was not misrepresenting instead of interpreting the Bible. And then, with a most winsome smile, the keeper of the key said, 'But you don't understand. You take my key and come into this room often and by and by you will 'understand' that what you need is not to trust in Jesus, but to realize your own trustworthiness.'

"'But,' I came back, 'the Bible says that there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved, and you have stricken that name out of the great salvation text, so pretending to explain the Bible. Let me say again, my one aim this morning is not to say anything either for or against your teaching, but to find out for myself how far I can afford to trust you as a teacher of the Bible.'

"Let us try once again. 'Take me to the Resurrection Room. I want to know about that. My dear father and mother and sister, and little boy and girl are dead. Tell me about the resurrection of Jesus.'

"And then the keeper of the key with the most ingratiating smile, said, 'Ah! that is the most beautifully fixed up room of all. We have a surprise for you here. Jesus was not dead at all. Does not that make you happy?'"

"Make me happy? My father and mother and sister, and little boy and girl, whose baby smiles have been a haunting, holy memory for twenty years, have not been hiding in the grave. Why should it make me happy to be told that Jesus did not die? In His death and resurrection every grief-smitten heart has found comfort and hope in the great loss that comes to all. Surely, I must fail to 'understand' your book. Tell me plainly. I want to get exactly what you mean. This is no place for a double meaning of words. We are speaking of Jesus now, not that Christ which you differentiate from Jesus but the identical Jesus whom the disciples accompanied with. Am I right in understanding you to say that this same Jesus was

not dead at all, but alive and hiding in the tomb?"

"For answer I was told to turn to 'Science and Health,' page 44, line 28. This is what I read there: 'The disciples believed Jesus to be dead while he was hiding in the sepulchre, whereas he was alive.'

"I then closed 'Science and Health' and opened the Bible, and turned to page after page where in every possible way it is asserted that Jesus died. He Himself showed the disciples how He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things and be killed. The soldiers broke the legs of the crucified thieves and omitted that custom in the case of Jesus because they found Him already dead. And similar statements abound throughout the sacred record. All over the pages of the Bible it is written that Jesus died and rose again from the dead. In 'Science and Health' it is written as explicitly as language can say it that Jesus did not die.

"Now the practical question is not just as to what we shall believe. The issue is more searching than that. There is involved a very definite choice between these two things; taking the Bible in its natural and necessary meaning, as the guide of life, or taking the unnatural and impossible meaning given to the Bible by 'Science and Health.'"—Rev. G. N. Luccock, in "Our Hope."

**MORGAN, TEXAS.**

**First Pentecostal Meeting Ever Held at Morgan Blessed of God.**

We are in a battle for souls at Morgan, Texas. It is the first Pentecostal meeting ever held here. We have large crowds and as good interest as I ever saw. We are looking forward to a great revival. Five have been saved and three have received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Sisters Roxie and Reptsie Hughes are with us for a few days and the Lord is blessing Sister Roxie in preaching the Word.

At Glen Rose about 25 were saved and 27 baptized. I baptized 16 in water. Bro. Jamieson was with us and did some preaching; also Sister Myer from Dallas. Bro. A. P. Collins was with us in a few services but was called away by sickness of his wife. Bro. Lonnie Whitworth was also with us and the Lord blessed many souls.—J. E. Osborn.

**NOTE OF VICTORY AND REQUEST.**

**Broken Bow, Okla.**

"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

The saints are still rejoicing in a Savior. Pray, however, that we may get humble and that nothing will be done through strife or vain glory. Pray that God will send the right man here to lead the people, one who is Spirit-filled and in fellowship with God's people. I will leave in a short time, if God wills. Pray for me as I go to my next meeting.—D. K. Murphy.

**FAGAN, KENTUCKY.**

Word comes that God is greatly blessing in Fagan. Miss Emma Lewis reports that fully 34 have received the baptism and God is working.



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We live in a native State whose King is a young boy, but the affairs of the State are adjusted by a Manager and an Assistant Manager. The Assistant Manager is a Christian, but the Manager is a Mohammedan and therefore strongly opposed to Missions.

And now we have three nice, new, comfortable houses, with mud walls and floors, occupied by our two native preachers and their wives who are our Bible-women, and their families.

It being made possible for us to build these houses has enabled us to have more preachers which are badly needed in this great field where there are so many villages practically untouched.

Despite the rain and the heat, these preachers and Bible-women have faithfully carried the Gospel to the villagers in all the surrounding country. We have prayers with them at six o'clock in the morning and by half past six they are on their way to preach the Gospel to those "who sit in darkness and the shadow of death."

A CORRECTION.

It is a mistake, as was published, that I had accepted the teachings of Glenn Cook. This report has done me harm and I wish you would let me correct it in your papers.

(We make this note only because the paper which first published this statement has refused to make the correction.—Ed.)

"A very interesting leaflet, A Jewish Testimony for Christ, by Philip Sidersky, has recently been issued, which will be useful to Christ'ans, as it gives some valuable and important information relative to the Jews and the Gospel. It tells of Mr. Sidersky's visit to one of the most prominent synagogues in America, and of the misleading statements made, by the Rabbi of that synagogue, about Jesus and the New Testament; and Mr. Sidersky's experience there, in giving a definite testimony for our Lord Jesus, at the close of that meeting. Copies can be had, by sending postage for the same, to Philip Sidersky, 300 N. Eden St., Baltimore, Md."

GOOD MEETING AT SAW CAMPS. Near Malvern, Ark.

Just closed a month's meeting at the Arkansas saw camps, eight miles from Malvern. Had a blessed time. Twenty-five were saved. Eight received the baptism as in Acts 2:4. Ten were baptized in water. We organized a Sunday School there and thirty were enrolled. Pray for us. Arthur Adams and Wife.

FIFTY SOULS SAVED AT FROSTBURG, MD.

Peace and love be unto thee, and to all the readers be greeting.

I must say my soul does magnify the Lord today, as I am living in these last days, I have never felt the need of being humble before the Lord so much in all my life. It is truly wonderful what the Lord is doing in the lives of those who will let him do so.

I prayed earnestly for a tent that I might be able to do more for Him this year, and the Lord sure met every need, and gave me a large 40x60 tent. We set it up here and started battling with the devil on every side. We battled hard for three weeks, with no results as we could see, but we kept asking and calling on God, and at last the honey began to fall, and the Lord is working in a mighty way. About fifty souls have been saved already, and about thirty-five have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. There were over twenty at the altar last night, and much more conviction on the people. Most all of these have come through during the last two weeks, praise the Lord!

Last Sunday was one of the greatest days, that has been witnessed in the east for many a day, this was the day that we met to Baptize in water. People came for miles, in automobiles, to witness the scene.

It was estimated by many, that three thousand people witnessed this service. The different papers stated that there were fully two thousand people there. The Lord made it a very sacred meeting, as we baptized thirty-eight in water and many more to follow soon. Truly the Lord is blessing His Word.

We are expecting many more to get in line with the Lord. Pray for us, that we will do the Masters will, and keep at the Master's feet.

I might say that an infidel has been wonderfully saved and Baptized in the Holy Ghost, and many of the best Methodists in the community have received the Holy Ghost.

Much love to all.—Elder A. B. Cox and wife.

GOD IN THE CAMPS.

Prayer the Keynote of Success.

The three East Texas and West Louisiana Camps were one continuous victory from beginning to end. God was there. The keynote of the success of these Camps was fought out in secret prayer. Bro. Harvey Shearer and band spent several months during the winter at Marble Falls on the Colorado River in an old two-story building. It was very much dilapidated, with scarcely any window lights. They had very few accommodations, but God is there. A kind brother gave the house free of rent, and for about two months they were kept from any kind of meetings as God had called them aside to wait on Him. During this time secret prayer was made most every hour of the night and day. There was truly an "Upper Room" where they spent hours tarrying for the power. I was there and know something about it. I was also present a few days at the first and last Camp. Blessed unity and fellowship prevailed throughout these Camps. The brethren were cemented together in love. The workers that went through these Camps grew leagues.

I exhort every worker to spend several hours during the day and through the night seasons in secret prayer. That is your only hope and source of power.—One of the workers.

IN THE HILLS OF ARKANSAS.

Praise the Lord for victory! I have been working back in the hills of Garland and Montgomery Counties. I went to help Bro. Lee Floyd in a meeting at Fir, which began July 19. The Lord was with us in power. From there we went to the local camp-meeting at Pleasant Valley where the Lord met us in power. Praise His name.

At the close of this meeting I (with some help) went to Shady Grove, two miles south of Hot Springs, having a blessed week's meeting. The Lord gave me a wonderful anointing for the preaching of the Word. The principles were taught as in Heb. 6:1; the saints revived and I believe that place is now ready for a grand revival. I expect to go back to Montgomery County, and ask all the saints to pray for me.—H. A. Riley, box 2313 Lena Rt. Ark.

WANTED: To know the present address of Grover C. Mangum and wife. Address Burt McCafferty, Alto, Texas.

BLESSED VICTORY AT THE ARKANSAS STATE CAMPMEETING.

God gave great victory at Little Rock, all the visitors seemed more than glad that they came, also the people of the city. Surely a blessed time in the Lord.

Unity prevailed thruout the camp, even tho a great many preachers were there, and it looked as though the unity would be broken sometimes but the Lord was in our midst and kept all sweet, and loving one another. Praise the Lord.

Quite a few of the leading (outside of State) brethren were present and we sure did appreciate the messages that they gave out.

Those present were E. N. Bell, M. M. Pinson, L. C. Hall, H. G. Rodgers, Dan. C. O. Opperman, J. W. Welch, A. P. Collins, and others and a goodly number of Ark. preachers.

Quite a number were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Some received the Spirit that had been seeking for years.

Camp closed Sept 12, but Bro. Joyner will carry revival meetings on in the City, and is expecting greater times in the Lord.

Condensed Minutes of the Ark. State Council.

We do not feel that we should go in detail with the Minutes but give the most important things for the information of the brethren who were not present.

The following officers were elected for the State Presbytery.

- H. A. Goss Hot Springs, Chairman and Treasurer. Fayette Romines, Hartford, Secretary. E. R. Fitzgerald, Russellville. Fred Lohmann, Malvern. C. A. Lasater, Shoal Creek. H. E. Reed, Corning.

The first two named are also Chairman and Secretary of State Council.

The State Council commends that offerings be taken for the work in general and sent to the treasurer to promote the Gospel in all fields.—H. A. Goss 222 E Grand Ave., Hot Springs, Ark.

PAWHUSKA, OKLA.

The Lord is blessing. Up to last night about fifty or sixty have been converted. Numbers were at the altar last night. The town is being turned upside down. Great crowds every night.—Evang. W. H. Pope.

NICKELSVILLE, VA.

We are engaged in a meeting near here with good attendance. This is an unevangelized field, so far as this Gospel is concerned. I would be glad to correspond with any of the brethren, especially ministers, who may be interested in the spreading of this Gospel throughout this state and West Virginia, that we may co-operate together for His glory and in the interest of His Kingdom. Any one desiring to correspond can address me at Nickelsville, Va.—Evangelist H. B. Laws and Band.

FOUR HUNDRED BAPTIZED PEOPLE. A Good Field.

From Couch, Mo., we have the following good news: "There are over 400 baptized people in the county. We have fine meetings at the Tabernacle at Couch. It is a little town of about 50 inhabitants, and several preachers come there. Sister Taylor and brother John Davis come out. We would like to have more preachers visit us. Pray that God will give a mighty outpouring at th's place.—T. F. Corbin. Mountford.

CAMP MEETINGS

SEMMEES, ALA. ENCAMPMENT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.

Oct. 7th to 17. The camp is located in a beautiful grove 2 miles southwest of Semmes on N. O. M. and C. Railroad. Everybody invited to attend. We are looking forward for a great uplift in this encampment. For further information address H. A. Waltman, Semmes, Ala.

THIRD ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING AT DOTHAN, ALA. BEGINS OCT. 15th.

Our third annual Camp-Meeting at Dothan, Ala. will begin Oct. 15th, continuing 10 days or longer. Bro. E. N. Bell of St. Louis, Mo., Editor of Word and Witness and Weekly Evangel, will be in charge. Come and bring your toilet articles, etc., and, if possible, bring also your bedding.

We are expecting this to be the best Camp in the history of the work in Alabama. All things will be common. Beds and meals will be furnished free as far as the Lord provides. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come and bring a free-will offering. If you can't come send your offerings and they will be appreciated. For further information write S. W. Noles, Slocumb, Ala., W. F. Hardwick, Arbon, Ala., or J. M. Graham, Enterprise, Ala.

GREAT PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION. In Los Angeles, Calif. from Oct. 3 to Nov. 3.

Large Convention Tabernacle, 1315 S. Main St. Extensive preparations are being made for a big revival. Mrs. Etter will be there from the first. Her meetings will be accompanied by a score of workers in vigorous evangelistic effort. Historically, Los Angeles is known as the "Jerusalem" of Pentecostal outpouring, and the many good saints there are praying and believing that God will copiously pour out His Spirit as never in the past. Good music a special feature. Come praying. For further information write, Pastor A. G. Garr, 4912 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

TEXAS WORKERS CONVENTION. Ft. Worth, Tex. from Oct. 31st to Nov. 7th incl.

No Camps. Rooms at reasonable rates and meals on free will offering plan. Instruction and evangelistic meetings will be the leading features. Special ministers from abroad have been invited. For further information write, Arch P. Collins, Pastor, 1599 N. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

LETHBRIDGE PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION.

A Pentecostal Convention will be held at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, D. V., from Sunday, Nov. 7 to 14th, incl. We are looking to the Lord to send Spirit-filled workers. The full Gospel will be preached, we trust, in demonstration and power of the Spirit, and we expect many to be saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost and healed in Jesus' name. We will entertain any workers who the Lord may send. Other saints attending will be able to obtain board and lodging at very reasonable rates. For information write, F. A. Denton, Secy., Press, 1818 6th Ave., N., Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

STURGIS, MISS.

Just closed a meeting at Sturgis and the Lord blessed us. Several were saved and six were baptized in water. Several were healed. We ask the prayers of the saints for this place. Praise the Lord, for He is still saving precious souls everywhere.

L. R. Walters, Crichton, Alabama. ANOTHER LOVE OFFERING.

A dear sister in Texas was moved, upon reading "Modern Alabaster Boxes," in a recent issue of the Evangel, to send some of her jewelry to be sold and the money used for God's work. She says: It is "all the jewelry I possess which I gave up long ago intending to sell it and give proceeds to the Lord's work, but I live in such an isolated place I have had no chance to dispose of it, but on seeing the account of "Modern Alabaster Boxes" in this week's Evangel, I decided to send my box in to you too and let you dispose of it the best you can. It is not worth much but I am sure God will get glory out of it.

Please pray that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that my husband, whose heart is hungry, may get salvation."

We trust God will abundantly answer our dear sister and open the windows of heaven that she and her husband may not be able to contain the blessing.

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