Behold He Cometh!

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The Lord Will Come

By Louise L. Nankivel

The Lord will come!
How do we know?
Within His Word so clear, so plain,
Written indelibly by a master hand
In prophecy divine, in promise true,
By white-robed men and Christ Himself,
The message holds. Though scoffers mock
And skeptics aver, the fact remains—

The Lord will come!

The Lord will come! from realms above,
In glory above ascending for
The light of sun, surrounded by
An innumerable company, angelic throng,
He'll rend the vaulted dome, parting
The curtained heavens in glittering folds,
What sight to greet our wondering eyes!

The Lord will come!

The Lord will come! With trumpet blast,
Archangel voice, and triumph shout;
And earth shall feel a tremor strange,
Nor will the grace have power to hold
Its prey, for those in Christ shall rise,
The living saints be caught up, too,
What comfort in this glorious hope—

The Lord will come!

The Lord will come! Stupendous times
Are these. The signs in earth declare
The night far spent, the darksome pall
Of midnight gloom will soon recede;
Even now faint streaks of poorly dawn
In eastern sky appear to say,

"Twill not be long; He will not stay."

The Lord will come!

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But mistakes do not alter truth. The fact remains, "Behold He cometh!"
But someone may say, "Since we know not the day nor the hour perhaps we are not living so near His coming as some think." We feel certain that we are even now living in the days of His preparation.

The present dispensation of grace has a definite meaning. When the early Christians met at Jerusalem over the matter of circumcision, they reached the decision that God had visited the Gentiles "to take out of them a people for His name." After which He would return, and build again the tabernacle of David, which was fallen down; and build again the ruins thereof, and set it up. Acts 15:14-16. The great purpose of the gospel is that men and women may become members of the body of Christ, take to themselves the name of the Son of God, and merit a heavenly relationship. To be a Christian means to become a part of the bride of Christ. In our Christian lands multitudes do not grasp what it really means to be a Christian. The testimony of John the Baptist concerning Christ was, "He that hath the bride is the Bridegroom."

The apostle Paul felt that in making converts he "espoused them unto one husband, that he might present them as chaste virgins to Christ." Those believers who court the world are called by honest James "adulterers and adulteresses" because they break the vow of their espousal to Christ. When Jesus comes it will be for "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

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Our "Ideal" in the Conduct of Meetings

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The ideal which we are considering in this article has to do with the order of worship, and the conduct of meetings in Assemblies of God.

Put briefly this is the restoration, by divine grace, of New Testament practice in such matters. The Assemblies of God believe that all worship and ministry should be based primarily upon the exercise of the varied gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:8-10) placed within the Church. Underlying the proper exercise of these gifts they recognize the fundamental place of the Holy Spirit as the only One who can direct both worship and ministry in paths acceptable to God and profitable to men.

That such an ideal is difficult to attain to in perfection goes without saying. It demands a constant flow of divine life and energy from the Spirit of God through the assembly as a whole. If the "revival spirit" wanes there is an immediate temptation to still produce an apparent abundance of "life" in the meetings by all sorts of artificial and carnal methods; such as novel programs, special music, spectacular sermons, etc. Some of these things may not be wrong under certain circumstances, and as the handmaid of the truly spiritual; but when they become the substitute for the true life and liberty of the operations of the Spirit of God, and when they even hinder and choke the manifestation of the Spirit, then the ideal is lost indeed.

Only those who have tasted the unique blessedness and glory of truly "Pentecostal" meetings, where all things have been "in the Spirit," can measure the depth of disappointment, and even nausea, resulting from the wretched substitutes of the flesh.

Yet if the revival spirit has left an assembly there is an alternative almost worse; and that is an attempt to maintain all the outward forms of spiritual liberty in worship, and exercise of spiritual gifts in ministry, without the anointing of the Spirit. Such meetings are left open presumably "for the Lord to have His way," but the result is simply a wearisome taking up of valuable time with long dry prayers, stale testimonies, and unprofitable and undugested preaching. Certain spiritual gifts of a low order may be exercised in such meetings, to keep up an outward semblance of "Pentecost," but if without the anointing they are truly "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal."

Even the heavily programed meeting is probably preferable to the deadness of an assembly that boasts an outward form of liberty in its outward form of services, but lacks the power and life of the Spirit at its heart.

The achievement of the Assemblies of God ideal in worship and ministry absolutely demands a continuance of genuine Pentecostal power resting upon everything and everybody in the assembly. This is only maintained by ceaseless prayer and watchfulness, and full consecration to walk in the way of the Cross.

Given an assembly where the members are baptized in the Spirit, and continuing in the fullness of the Spirit, there should be no lack of spiritual life and manifestation of His gifts. Yet other problems may arise, though they will be the problems of life and not of death. Disorder can arise through the very abundance of desire to give expression to new emotions produced by spiritual blessings, for unless such desires are rightly directed and controlled and kept "in the Spirit" the ideal is again lost and the flesh becomes prominent, though now from a different angle.

Our ideal therefore demands not only the full and free exercise of all the gifts of the Spirit, but also the spiritual government of that exercise, according to the principles the Spirit Himself has given in the Word. Paul necessarily gets down to detail in dealing with particular local abuses in 1 Corinthians 14; but he also states the broad principle—"Let all things be done unto edifying." (v. 26.)

Obviously there must be some governing body to determine whether certain things are edifying or not in matters of public worship and ministry, and such an authority is constantly inferred, and often definitely referred to, in such passages as "Them which have the rule over you" (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24), "Them which are over you in the Lord" (1 Thess. 5:17), "The elders that rule well" (1 Tim. 5:17) and several other such passages. One great mistake with those who rightly aim at open meetings, and liberty for the gifts of the Spirit in all, is to neglect the principle that order is never maintained without government, and the Holy Spirit does not, as a rule govern apart from men, but through men of His own gift and appointment.

One of the most important steps towards the achievement of our ideal in assembly practice is the prayerful discovery and spiritual training of adequately gifted and experienced leaders.

Another truth easily forgotten in contending for liberty for all to exercise their spiritual gifts, is that the Lord has specially called and gifted certain ones for ministry in the Church, as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Eph. 4:11. It is the height of folly to allow ministry from those particularly given by Christ to His Church for that very purpose to be crowded out, just because those who have lesser gifts, or enjoy their personal manifestations, want license to indulge themselves fully and freely at all times.

This abuse must be remedied by wise government, and may involve the proper exercise of a certain program in meetings, under the wisdom of the Spirit. The apparent teaching of an entirely "open" meeting, gleaned from 1 Cor. 14:26, or similar passages, needs wise interpreting in the balancing light of the entire New Testament. Hasty conclusions that the early Christians met together with absolutely no program for their gatherings, and that every item was entirely spontaneous, are probably quite incorrect. There was liberty, but there was also order.

At the opposite extreme, it must be confessed, is the average church service of today, where every detail is run to an exact time-table, often arranged weeks, and even months, beforehand; and most probably carried through by one man, except in a few items. The Assemblies of God ideal for public worship and ministry is far different. It is continued, as already stated, in the full and free operation of all the gifts of the Spirit, by the Spirit, through the various members of the body of Christ.

Tradition makes the achievement of such an ideal difficult to some minds. They have come into genuine personal Pentecostal experience; but a long training in formality in church services sometimes makes them say, "The old is better." A sense of reverence, fostered by tradition, can sometimes provide a natural balance not without value for an opposite extreme of unrestrained enthusiasm; but there must be care not to confuse this with that true reverence which consists very simply of a deep sense of the presence of God. This is produced by the free working of the Spirit of God in an assembly. 1 Cor. 14:25.
Others have been tempted to give up the ideal altogether because they tried full liberty in their assemblies, but did not have the requisite background of spiritual experience and gifted government to keep it from degenerating into license. They have therefore decided that formality is safer; and do not even flinch from quenching the Spirit in order to keep their meetings on a plane where they feel personally able to control them. The apparent outward success of the smooth running of their machinery blinds them to the fact that they are not registering any real spiritual advance whatsoever. Many others have achieved, and are achieving, quite as much on the line of conduct of meetings. The New Testament ideal is lost. Ultimately the touch of Pentecostal revival that gave their machinery its first impetus spends itself, and they become as dead and lifeless as these they now criticize.

It will require tremendous earnestness, and an inflexibility of purpose, to successfully achieve the ideal of the Assemblies of God. The drift is all the while back again into the formal, the traditional, the popular, the “safe.” Or else there is an urge into unbalanced excess that ends in barren fanaticism and speedy self-destruction.

Nothing but a continuance upon a high, and ever higher, level of spiritual life and power will suffice. But this requires deep sanctification, and much prayer. The problem of our ideal in worship and ministry is thus actually one with the greater problem of maintained and increasing Pentecostal revival in the true sense of the word. It is this stubborn and challenging fact however that makes the ideal so magnificently worth while. And thank God that over all is the abiding presence of the brooding eternal Spirit, with the promise that by divine grace the ideal shall yet be realized.

**Divine Healing**

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The Bible is very clear on the subject of healing. Healing in the Old Testament was a special manifestation of God’s unlimited grace, but in the New Testament it is a part of the gospel message. Healing of the sick has always accompanied the preaching of the gospel of Christ and the full gospel is not preached where healing is omitted. Every need of man was taken into account in the blood atonement at Calvary, including sickness. Isa. 53:5; Matt. 8:17; 2 Peter 2:24.

We must remember that in divine healing, as in divine salvation, there is the God side and the man side. Do not expect God to do what He has told you to do. “To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” Avoid the extreme, condemn not that which is for your good and remember God sometimes uses men and things to answer your prayers. To the man at the pool Jesus said, “Take up thy bed and walk,” and immediately he took up his bed and walked. This is instant healing. To the ten lepers Jesus said, “Go show yourself to the priest,” and as they went they were healed. “This is progressive healing, but in either case it was divine healing, and God’s program is the same today.” Because the sick are not healed immediately is no evidence your prayer has not been granted. Remember “all things work together for good to those that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose.” As salvation is an evidence of faith, so is healing an evidence of faith. Where there is doubt there is no faith, and where there is no faith God is under no obligation to answer. If you are not able to get the victory when you pray, then call for the elders of the church, those who are able to lay hold on the promise of God and “the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up.”

**Seed Thoughts**

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Jehovah is the God of the impossible, and He delights to prove this in our lives, Bengel said. “Nature’s God alone who can do this, and it is with some facility which enables him to do easily some feat impossible.” It is nature’s God alone who can do this, and He can. See Luke 18:27.

“The great things of the world have been accomplished by men and women who had faith enough to attempt the seemingly impossible and to trust God to open the way.” (W. J. Bryan).

“The torrents which are the melting of stainless snows high up on the mountains, flowing down the mountain-side to carry healing waters afar to dry and desert wastes, leave a scarred and torn mountain-breast behind.” (Cowman).

“When one has faith, one does not retire. One stops the enemy where he finds him.” (Foch). See 2 Cor. 10:3-5.

“Get a man who is restfully intimate with his Lord, and you have a man whose force is tremendous. Such men move in apparent ease, but it is the ease that is linked with the infinite; it is the very rest of God. They may be engaged in apparent trifles, but even in the doing of trifles there emerge the health-giving currents of the Kingdom of God.” (Jowett).

“The beginning of greatness is to be little, the increase of greatness is to be less, and the perfection of greatness is to be nothing.” (Moody).

“Let it once be decided that a man’s one ambition is to fit into God’s plan for him, and he has a North Star ever in sight to guide him steadily over any sea, however shoreless it seems. He has a compass that points true in the thickest fog and fiercest storm, regardless of magnetic rocks.” (S. D. Gordon).

**Miracles Attract**

A report in Redemption Tidings (the official organ of the Assemblies of God in the British Isles) tells of a tent campaign held by Evangelist Fred Squire and party at Fleetwood. At the beginning of the campaign a man who has been completely dumb for nine years received perfect speech. The report states concerning this healed man: “Mr. Meyer is a well known Fleetwood resident and is a life pensioner owing to being dumb and given up as incurable by the doctors. He earned his living by taking drapery from door to door, showing a card for people to see what he was selling. On Sunday night he was perfectly healed, and prayed aloud for nearly five minutes. Since then he can hardly cease from talking, and besides his testimony he also sang a verse of a solo to let people see what God has done.”

As a result of this miracle great crowds are attending this meeting and report states that in the first ten days of the campaign 500 souls were saved.

A later report of this meeting tells of 1150 souls being saved, and that a sister totally blind from birth has received her sight.

I know I am not what God would have me to be because I feel yearning and longing within myself to be infinitely better, infinitely holier and purer than I am now.—C. H. Spurgeon.

Hypocrisy—the only evil that walks invisible, except to God alone.—Milton.
An All Important Lesson

The writer attended a Pentecostal meeting some twenty-five years ago when a humble handmaid of the Lord who was newly baptized, gave forth in the power of the Spirit the simple words, "Blessed are all they that wait for Him." These words were spoken very slowly and repeated several times. A Pentecostal sister said to me a few days ago, "Do you know what it is for a scripture, which is seemingly a dead letter to you, to suddenly become spirit and life by the Holy Spirit?" I immediately thought back to that occasion twenty-five years ago when it seemed as if with burning power and indelible ink the Spirit of God wrote those eight words upon my heart, "Blessed are all they that wait for Him." I learned then that God has a blessedness easily available for all. There is but one condition for our attaining and maintaining this blessedness. The Spirit of God sets forth this condition in five simple words, "Wait on thy God continually," Hosea 12:6. Note that word continually—not spasmodically.

Dependence on God

Do you remember the occasion when these words—Blessed are all they that wait for Him—were given you? The Assyrians were invading the land of Israel; and instead of looking to the Lord for counsel and help, the people were looking in another direction—towards Egypt. The Lord said to them, "Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion." But our gracious Lord was calling the people back to Himself, and the prophet Isaiah brought them this word from Him, "Thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." But the prophet had to add the words to these "rebellious children," as God called them, "And ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses." Flesh, be it that of horse or man, is a vain thing for safety. When the people declared, "We will ride upon the swift," the Lord declared, "Therefore shall they that pursue be swift." But though the rebellious people turned from the Lord and sought Him not for His aid, yet that did not change His tender heart of grace and compassion toward them; and His prophet declared, "Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have mercy upon you; for the Lord is a God of judgment; blessed are all they that wait for Him."

Plentiful Provision

Do you get the picture? It is as though you were a pauper in deepest penury and poverty, and a multi-millionaire said to you, "My heart is filled with tenderness and love toward you and so I will prepare the best I have for you, that which will satisfy your every need. I know you have hard thoughts toward me, but I have nothing but love toward you. It may be that later you will change your attitude; until then I shall wait patiently for you day by day, week by week, and month after month. But the moment you come to my home to wait on me, all the blessedness I have prepared for you will be yours." That is God's attitude toward us spiritual paupers of earth. The proph­et Isaiah later declares, "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O Lord, beside thee, what He hath prepared for him that waiteth for Him." The apostle Paul speaks of these prepared things as "the unspeakable riches of Christ." For whom are they available? For him that waiteth for Him.

Degenerating

A person said to me, "What is the matter with some folks anyhow? You see them constantly seeking the Lord and waiting on Him for the gift of His Spirit. At last they receive. Then they seem to settle down, sit back, and say to themselves, 'I have attained,' as though they had reached the top notch of Christian experience and there was no further ground for them to possess. Some who were once filled with the Spirit seem to degenerate into lethargic, lukewarm listeners-to-sermons, and seem to have lost all fire and fervor. What is the trouble? Do these souls not know that constant renewings of the blessed Spirit are just as necessary as the first filling? The Psalmist said, "I shall be anointed with fresh oil." Psalm 92:10. Ah, that is it; every day fresh manna from heaven, every day fresh oil of the Spirit from the same heavenly source. How can these be received? By constantly obeying that simple word, "Wait on the Lord . . . wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14.

A Sermon from Nature

The whole creation teaches us a lesson on this line. The Psalmist declares concerning all the denizens of land and sea, "These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season." Thus every creature of earth sets an example to man on this line. Andrew Murray once wrote, "All the difficulties that keep us back from full salvation have their cause in one thing, the defective knowledge and practice of waiting on God. It is the nature of God to be uncasingly the supplier of every want in the creature, so the very place and nature of the creature is nothing but this—to wait on God and receive from Him what He alone can give, what He delights to give. Waiting on God is the very necessity of our being. Man's glory and blessedness is not to be independent, or dependent upon himself, but dependent on a God of infinite riches and love."

Leaking Out

The other day I had a talk with an elderly brother, who said, "I used to be a Methodist and belonged to that church when they had the power. But there seemed to be a gradual, a very gradual leaking out. Outwardly there was apparent prosperity but I could discern decadence everywhere. The shout had died out of the camp. And since I have come into Pentecost I regret that I am beginning to discern the same thing working in the assembly I attend. Many are not walking in the Spirit, and that is causing the power to wane. There seems to be outward progress, but I am troubled as I recognize an absence of the real presence of God. It seems as if we are running on natural rather than supernatural lines. An assembly can surely only serve its purpose fully when every member is on fire for God, and every meeting is charged with the power of God."

Renewing the Power

My reply was, "It looks to me as if the battery needs recharging. When the battery in your car runs down, what do you do?" He answered, "I take it to the garage to have it renewed, and the garage man won't let me have it back the same day either. It has to remain all night being recharged with electricity." "And that," I said, "is the remedy for a rundown assembly. The need is to wait on God to be recharged." An all night of prayer might be a wonderful pick-me-up for some assemblies that need more power. This applies also to rundown individuals. A better illustration than that of the battery can be found in the street car that has no power in itself to run. With arm uplifted to the wire that is connected with the powerhouse, it receives transmitted power, and thus performs the purpose for which its maker built it. Uplifted holy arms should be the insignia of Pentecost. Power belongeth unto God, and it will only be transmitted to those who live in vital connection with Him.

Natural and Supernatural

I remember reading an account of the early days of the Great War. The story stated that the young German soldiers
were drilled and trained to a state of absolute perfection from a physical standpoint. When the war started, these young men, encouraged by their officers, were bent on capturing Paris during the first three weeks. They met the French army and gained a marvelous victory over them, then they pressed on to Paris. Day and night, without sleep and with very little food, they pressed on. The tremendous strain was told upon them and they became so absolutely weary that they were an easy prey to those whom they had formerly called "the contemptibles." It was a fulfillment of Isa. 40:30, "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall." Those strongest of the young men utterly failed. Natural strength reached its limit. But thank God, there is no failure of the superhuman strength. The Lord says, "They that wait for the Lord shall inherit the earth." The strong in natural strength utterly failed. Those strongest of the "some" did not. "Who shall stand before the Lord iniquities." (The italics are ours.) When this philosophy rules the world—and the Bible predicts that it will—then the forces of lawlessness will be in control of world affairs and Satan himself will come to earth and organize those forces for the great attack against the Almighty. Rev. 12:12; 16:13, 14.

**THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT**

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An Example

What an example the blessed Lord Jesus gave us of obedience to the divine command to wait on God continually. All nights of waiting on His Father! A rising at daybreak while before day! In those hours of waiting, were there not renewals of divine grace and power to replace the tremendous expenditure of His ministry? What a life of constant dependence was His. And He says to us, "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me even he shall live by me." A life of constant partaking of Him! A life of continuous abiding in the living Vine! A life of waiting on Him continually! That is the life of victory. What is your attitude? Do you say as the Psalmist said, "My soul, wait thou only upon God," "As the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us"?

A Heavy Loss

According to the secretary of the Workers Education Bureau of America, "losses in wages and incomes since the start of the depression have totalled more than $50,000,000,000." That is a big sum. But the loss of a soul is a greater loss than that, "for what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"
Chinese Christians Standing True

A recent letter from Brother W. R. Williamson tells of a four weeks' trip through South China, and especially the Waitap district, visiting old friends and those who were converted under his ministry in former years. He expresses great delight in finding them still true to the Lord and growing in Christian experience. Of a few of them he writes:

"It was like a tonic to see the dear Christians and their happy faces once again. Dear old Elder Ng who we thought many times would pass away was still there and never let an opportunity pass to say something for Jesus, whom he loves more dearly than life itself. His face just shines with the glory of the Lord and he was an inspiration to our own faith.

"Dear old Kwonging Mo, who thought she was dying with cancer, after we had prayed for her several times, was strong enough to come to the last Sunday service to have communion. She, too, has been a pillar in our Waitap church all these years.

"Then there was Yan Oi and her sister-in-law who are the only Christians in the village of Ha Tung, a short distance from Waitap City. It was wonderful to sit down with them for a moment and hear them recount the story of God's faithfulness since last we had met together. God is blessing old Yan Oi. After all these years she is beginning to see her prayers for her loved ones answered. Her nephew has come to stay at the mission and go to school. He went back home one day and his grandfather wanted him to worship idols but he hurried back to the mission, saying, 'I don't want to worship idols any more.'

"Another dear old Christian we were glad to see again was Brother Cheng, the Confucianist scholar, who was one of our first converts. He is one of the elders now in the Waitap church and gives his tenth to the Lord, for which God is manifestly blessing him, and he is going on with God which blesses our own hearts and gives us cause to thank God continually that our fruit of other days still remains to praise and glorify Him.

"The last Sunday we were in Waitap we had the joy of baptizing five more from the hills. There were three young men and two women. One of the women was Taan Ching's mother. Taan Ching is one of our workers. Taan Ching has prayed for her ever since he was saved. Because of her superstition she was enraged when her son was baptized, in so much that she exclaimed to him as he came into the door while she was standing before the incense urn burning joss sticks as though he were already dead, 'I had rather that you had turned into a leper than to have followed the foreign devil's doctrine and been baptized.' Now she, too, is following the despised Nazarene and, in the footsteps of her son, in the Christian path. How we praise God for the victory.

"We ask for earnest prayer for Lam Paak Foo, an old man who lives near the mission. He was a candidate for baptism but when the time came his faith weakened and he backed out. He desires with all his heart to believe in Jesus but fear of man holds him back. He has heard the message for fifteen years. Pray that he may have courage to surrender to God."

The remainder of Brother Williamson's trip has been reported to us in a later letter which will be published in part next week.

Work Goes Forward in Greece

Brother Harry Mamalis, our missionary in Athens, reports that many doors are open to him to preach the gospel and many more calls come than he is able to fill. Recently he spent a few days in the city of Chalcis, where, he says, many hungry hearts heard the gospel and a number were converted. Pray for these new converts that God may hold them steady, as there is no worker to leave with them.

As soon as Brother Mamalis arrived back in Athens, he received a call to go to Comotini, a city of 35,000 population. There he found a native brother who was doing his best to preach the gospel to hungry hearts. Brother Mamalis reports that good crowds turned out for the meetings, and many of them came to the altar with tears streaming down their faces, crying out to God for mercy.
Brother Mamalis expects to visit Macedonia next month in answer to a call for help. Pray that God may raise up native brethren who will be able to help in this work, that the hungry hearts may be reached with the gospel.

Young People of Malay Enjoy Bible Classes

Sister Katherine Clause writes of her contact with the young people of the Malay States:

"I am glad that they not only manifest interest in the meetings but are coming to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. There are about thirty young people who attend the Bible classes at my home each week. A short time ago a young man called on me just as I was getting ready for service and I felt that I could scarcely spare time to speak to him, but I was so glad that when I explained to him the way of salvation he said he wanted to give his heart to God. Together we prayed and he accepted Christ as his Saviour. Now he is reading his Bible and attending services regularly.

"Such expressions as these are often heard: 'I am sorry that I cannot come to your meetings because I must work every night, but I would like to be a Christian.' 'Every time I come to your house I feel that I ought to get converted.' This boy goes around and invites many boys to come to the services. He is a born leader and I do covet him for God.

"I talked to one young woman about her soul and immediately her eyes filled with tears and she said, 'I have wanted to become a Christian but I did not know how,' God is working and I know that is because of the many earnest prayers that are going up in my behalf.'"

Opportunities at Bettiah Girl's School

A splendid opportunity to help gather in souls for the Lord in India comes to us from our Sister Hilda Wagenknecht, who is faithfully laboring among the girls who have been placed in her care for education and Christian training. The tenth year of the school has just been opened with an enrollment of 108—the largest it has ever had and already the presence of the Lord has been made very real.

These girls will soon be workers, well trained in the gospel, and equipped to go out among the shut-in women of India, bearing the blessed news of salvation. Sister Wagenknecht writes that there are twenty-three orphan girls who are not being supported but who could be taken care of for three dollars a month. Some of these girls have been supported but owing to present financial conditions, their support has been discontinued. We are sure there are others who will be willing to step into the gap and take over the support of at least one of these girls. If you feel that you would care to take a part in this work, we shall be happy to receive your offering each month and forward it on to Sister Wagenknecht, stating that it is for one of the orphan girls, and also your name and address so that you can receive acknowledgment from her and also a picture and interesting facts about the girl for whom you are caring.

News from Brother and Sister Morrison

Two Years Away From White People

It may be startling news to many of our readers to learn that our missionaries in the Salwin Valley, South West China, Brother and Sister Morrison, are so completely isolated from the rest of the world that they have not seen another white face outside of their own family for two years. They are in such a location that even communication with the outside world is very slow and difficult, it taking sometimes from three to four months to receive a letter from this country or to get a letter to this country. But they say, "Yet, in this secluded and hidden corner of the earth how happy we have been in the service of the Lord.

"It is with joy in our hearts and thanksgiving to God that we can report the constant blessing and presence of God during the past winter months and a deepening in the Lord among our Christians as well as numbers being daily added to the church. We conducted a Bible school for a month and feel the month's study was not in vain as fifteen young men, consecrated and on fire for God were taught the deeper truths of His Word. Now from time to time news reaches us that some of these students are preaching in their own and surrounding villages and thus the Word of the Lord is going forth and numbers from these villages are being added unto the church of Christ.

"We enjoyed a very precious three days' meeting at Easter time, and despite the cold rainy weather over 300 attended. God's presence was mightily manifested in every service and we believe many hearts were deepened in Him. One incident occurred which, considering the poverty and oppression of this poor people was very touching. Without its being mentioned by us or our native evangelist, the people began to bring in their offerings to the Lord. At the close of the meeting on figuring up we found there was $37.00 in cash given.

"God is also working in our midst in the line of healing, delivering people from demon oppression, and people are forsaking their old sinful customs to follow the Lord in the straight and narrow way according to His Word. The numbers for prayer for healing are increasing until between 50 and 60 every Sunday are being prayed for besides those who come daily to our house for prayer. Oh, how we realize our helplessness and dependence upon the miracle working God and it is our constant cry that these signs shall follow our ministry as He has promised.

"Over 300 attend our services on Sunday but due to these coming such a long distance we only have one large service Sunday morning. The dear Christians show great zeal in coming to this service, some carrying babies on their backs, some old folks walking with canes, as well as small children walking five or six miles over these mountain paths. Others come swinging across the Salwin River on rope bridges, which takes so much time that despite the fact they leave at daylight they just reach the service at 10:30 a.m. Only one can cross at a time so when two or three villages have to cross at a time the morning soon passes. (A picture of one of these bridges was recently shown in the Evangel.)

"We could place fifty native workers in this territory and give them plenty of working space if we had them. The opportunities to the north have had to be laid aside because of the lack of workers to send into that field but they are constantly appealing to us for the gospel. Besides this our hearts are aching and longing to cross the border line into the..."
Crash! Bang! The window is in splinters, and stones are flying into the hall. A terribly offensive odor permeates the air. Someone has thrown a stink bomb into the midst of the congregation. Inside, are heard shouts, not of fear but of glory to God. Many are rushing to the altar. From the outside come shouts of hatred and defiance. This in a so-called Christian country, Christian representatives of a Christian church have smashed the windows and caused all this commotion, spreading this obnoxious odor around the place, but in the hall many souls are weeping their way to Calvary. Tears are flowing. Believers are prostrate under the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the birth of a marvelous movement which God has brought about in a backslidden age.

The hall in which this occurred could more appropriately be called a shack—very unsightly; nothing that would appeal to the eye. But the glory of God filled the place, and the power of God was manifested.

I observed all this and was overwhelmed by the awful wickedness of men and the terrible deceit among so-called Christians, for they believed they were opposing something bordering on the insane. As I sat in that hall, I was more convinced than ever before, that this was the working of God. Sinners were crying out for salvation and repenting of their sin. That can only be effected by the Holy Spirit.

Fifty years later I returned to the same spot, but the old shack had disappeared, and a stately church building had taken its place. I entered, sat down, and watched the people gather for the service. I noticed some of the same faces that I had seen fifteen years before, especially an elderly couple with their daughter, a girl about 20 years of age. She was clothed in the latest popular fashion of the day, her dress considerably short at both ends, and sleeveless. This girl walked right up to the platform and took a seat in the choir.

I was amazed at the contrast when I thought back 15 years. The pastor opened the meeting for testimonies, and a few persons hesitatingly responded. I watched that particular girl in the choir, and asked myself the question: "Is she saved? Is it possible that salvation would not have more effect upon her outward appearance and behavior?" But, to my surprise, she arose and gave a short testimony of salvation. There are no shouts in the meeting. The atmosphere is very cold and formal. . . . A young man came in—of course he was very late. He marched up to the choir and took a seat, but his whole manner was disturbing; so restless, turning his head right and left, and whispering to his neighbors. The testimonies continued. Finally he too, arose and said a few words, speaking of salvation and the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. "Can this be the fullness of the Spirit?" I asked myself. The situation was very distressing. A feeling of sadness crept into my heart as I observed these shallow people, most of them claiming salvation. Had it not been for the name on the front of the building, I should have thought I had entered a nominal church. The name is the same, but the attitude of the people has utterly changed. What has happened?

The pastor preached a stirring sermon, pointing out the wonderful blessings in a life of obedience to God, and the dangers of letting down in the spiritual life. Evidently deep in the pastor's heart there was the same concern that I felt, but no "Amen," no "Hallelujah" was heard. All quietly listened. Some had their heads down at a dangerous angle. It is not that they were nodding their approval of the sermon; they had been caught napping. At the close of the sermon, an altar call was given and a season of prayer announced. After persistent urging, some of the members arose and leisurely went forward. They seemed to be slightly bored. They knelt at the softly cushioned altar. (The whole place was carpeted.) But while the spot where they knelt was softly cushioned, their hearts remained hard. They were no longer pliable under the hand of God.

After the meeting, I sought out one of the foremost deacons. I began a conversation with him. Carefully I pointed out the fact that I had been present in the old hall years ago, and I referred to some things that had taken place on that evening when I had been present. I asked whether there had been any change. He answered, "No,—I don't—think—so." Evidently he was not aware of what had happened during those 15 years. The decline had been so gradual, but at the same time so steady, that it had escaped the notice of even the most spiritual members of the assembly. They looked at me with perplexity as I voiced the fact that considerable indifference had crept into the place. They did not assent, and their manner grew more distant. They took it as an unkind criticism.

One of them reminded me that they had great blessing in their last revival campaign. Souls were saved and believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit. I asked who received the Baptism, and strange enough someone pointed out that very same young man who had come to the meeting so late and had gone into the choir, showing such ill manners by whispering and evident joking and laughing. This certainly is not the kind of Baptism that the folk received in that old, dilapidated shack years ago. It is a modern kind which does not grip the heart. It is a tragedy. It is sad! What must the Lord Jesus think when He sees this? The situation is the more deplorable because no one seems to be aware of the change. I hear them speak of the indifference of other churches. As I come into closer touch with them, I hear them criticize their neighbors; but they themselves do not realize that they have a form of godliness, but lack the power thereof. 2 Tim. 3:5. They know the doctrine of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, but the power is lacking.

I am reminded of the church in Laodicea. They said: "I am rich and increased with goods. I have need of nothing." But God's verdict was: "Thou knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." This is indeed unwelcome criticism. But God, who is always practical, is never deceived by outward appearances. He looks into the heart. 2 Sam. 16:7. He sees the underlying motive prompting our actions. There will be a sad awakening for those who have received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and then lost out through carelessness and indifference.

There is a desperate cry in my heart as I contrast the former spirituality of some churches with their present state of coldness and indifference. I join the prophet Joel as he says: "O Lord, to Thee will I cry." Joel 1:19. And my thoughts are directed to that wonderful promise which God gives through the same prophet. Joel 2:25. God will lead on to victory. If one people fail Him, He will raise up another to carry out His plan and purpose. His Word shall not return unto Him void. Isa. 55:11. In triumph He will gather those saints who have remained faithful to Him.

**Behold, He Cometh!**

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Do you remember the parable of the ten virgins? Whom did they go to meet? They went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five were wise and five were foolish. While they slumbered and slept there came the midnight cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Then all those virgins arose and
trimmed their lamps. But behold! the foolish found their lamps were going out. They were without oil and while they went to buy, the door was shut. Friends, after a little while the last name will be written in the Lamb’s book of life, the last sinner will feel the convicting presence, and power of the Holy Ghost. Only God the Father knows when that last name will be recorded or the last gospel message will be preached. If we feel the moving of God’s Spirit upon our hearts it behooves us to yield that we may be ready when Jesus comes.

Apostasy is hastening to its zenith, its blasphemous disregard for God ripening it for the judgments which will fall when Jesus comes again. “For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first”—an apostasy—which will open the way for the revelation of the man of sin, the Antichrist, the political leader for whom the world is now preparing. Because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved, “God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they might be blinded to the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” One marvels at the ease with which people of today can deceive themselves.

The coming of Christ will be with lightning suddenness, “for as the lightning shineth forth of one part under heaven and shineth unto the other part under heaven, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” When He leaves His mediatorial throne, when the Father says “it is enough,” when the last name is enrolled in the church of the First Born which are written in heaven, when the last gospel invitation has been extended, and the Spirit has moved for the last time on the hearts of those who have rejected the call of sovereign mercy, Jesus is coming suddenly, “in like manner as he was taken up.” When He went away “a cloud received him out of their sight,” and when He returns, “Behold, he cometh with clouds.” His coming will be in majesty and power. The glory of the celestial world will rest upon Him, the glory which He had with the Father before the world was.

Woe to the unprepared inhabitants of the earth when Jesus comes! To them His coming will be “in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be pun­ished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe.” When Jesus comes the great separation will take place. He will separate the righteous from the wicked as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats. There shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Remember the scripture, “When once the master of the house hath risen, and has shut to the door, and ye begin to say, Lord, Lord, open unto us. Then shall He say, Depart from me, I know you not. The door of mercy is still open and whosoever will may come, but that door is going to be closed.

Our only hope of escape from that time of tribulation is the promise which is a great advantage in working in French West Africa.

Sister Mary Marsh has also returned on furlough from the Belgian Congo. Her address will be 832 Alamitos Ave., Long Beach, Calif. We trust God may bless our sister also and make her a blessing while home.

Word comes to us from Brother and Sister Burgess telling of their joy at being back in India once more. They write:

“We arrived safely at Colombo, Ceylon, July 1st and stayed over Sunday with Brother and Sister Carl Graves. The Lord gave us a good time in the Sunday meeting. We left Ceylon on the third, arriving in Tuticorin the fourth, and at our station the fifth. Our dear people and workers were so happy to see us again.”

Congratulations

There have been some unreported additions to our missionary family and congratulations are due to Brother and Sister W. W. Simpson whose home at Minchow, China, the Lord blessed on March 28, with a little baby son, Richard Warren.

Brother and Sister John W. Juergensen are also happy over the arrival of little Gladys Naomi who came to them July 12, at Nagoya, Japan.

Some Subjects for Help and Prayer

Sister Martha Kucera asks that we pray with her for help to support a faithful native worker in South India. This can be arranged for $10.00 per month.

Special prayer is asked that a married couple may be secured for the carrying on of the work at Cape Palmas, Liberia.
The Fifteenth General Council
OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
WILL BE HELD, GOD WILLING, AT HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE
19TH AND GREEN STS., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
SEPTEMBER 14 TO 20.

Pray much for this meeting and endeavor to attend. Let every assembly do its best to send its pastor to this Council. It will prove very helpful.

Devotional services will be held each morning and night, and every evening there will be a combined missionary and evangelistic meeting. On Sunday afternoon (Sept. 17) we expect to have a great Missionary Rally. Each evening at 6:15, Round Table Conference in charge of Donald Gee. Overflow meetings will be held in the Central Church (Marked 2 in diagram).

Special Notice
All Executive Presbyters are asked to be in attendance at Highway Tabernacle, Philadelphia, at 9:00 a.m. (Daylight-saving time), Monday, Sept. 11.
All General Presbyters (which includes District Superintendents) are asked to be in attendance at the same location at 9:00 a.m. (Daylight-saving time), Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Morning services begin at 9:00. Afternoon services at 1:30. Evening services 7:45 (except Sundays).

All services will be held daylight-saving time, one hour earlier than standard time.

All who travel by car should write for free information booklet, giving Philadelphia traffic rules, list of one way streets and other information, to B. F. Scott, Chairman of Entertainment Committee, 320 W. Nedro St., Philadelphia, Pa. (Enclose stamp for postage.)

Those attending Council are strongly urged by the Entertainment Committee, who will be on duty at the church, not to engage rooms themselves until they have seen the list of recommended rooms that this committee has prepared.

We are printing a map of the center of Philadelphia, which shows location of churches, restaurants, etc.

CHURCHES
1-Highway Tabernacle
2-Central

HOTELS
3-Y. M. C. A.
4-Y. W. C. A.
5-Robert Morris

RESTAURANTS
6-Davidsons
7-Sprigers
8-Smiths
9-Bahls
10-Horn Hardart
11-Lintons
12-Child's

GARAGES
13-Baldwin
14-Brandywine
15-The Palace

RAILWAY & BUS STAS.
16-Penna R.R.
17-Reading R.R.
18-Bus Depot For Buses To All Parts Of N.J.
19-Greyhound Bus Depot
The Power of the Presence of the Ark.

The first step in the dedication was the bringing out of the ark of the old tabernacle and depositing it into the Holy of Holies of the new sanctuary. This ark, which was a gold-covered chest, surmounted by the angelic cherubim, represented the throne of Israel's divine King, who dwelt there in visible presence between the cherubim. This divine manifestation was in the form of fire enwrapped with a cloud. What that resplendent presence meant to the people of the Old Testament, Christ's glorious, invisible presence means to the people of the New Testament.

1. The presence of the ark was the glory of God's people. 2 Sam. 6:15,16. One of the most compelling arguments for the reality of the gospel is the joy that it brings to people. A joyful Christian does not need to argue and debate about Christ and the Bible. The sun does not argue—it shines! Joyous Christians do not contend with the weapons of logic and philosophy for the truth of the faith—they just testify and shine! (3) The absence of the ark is the defeat of God's people. Why were the Israelites defeated when they marched against the Canaanites? Num. 14:40-45. The answer is, “The ark of the Lord departs from the camp.” Num. 14:44. Said Christ, “Without me ye can do nothing.” John 15:5. To present Christ without His power would be like playing the pipe organ with the power shut off. There would be plenty of movement and exertion—but no music! Or, to change the illustration, the fact that the ark was not necessary does not mean that we are advancing. A merry-go-round does quite a little traveling—but it doesn't go anywhere!

Making Way for God. As soon as the ark was deposited in the Holy of Holies the glory-cloud (referred to by the rabbis as the Shekinah) filled the temple. This constituted the real dedication and consecration of the temple. By this act Jehovah as much as said, “I am pleased with the house that you have built for Me, and accept the spirit of worship and devotion that prompted its construction. The heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Me, for I am the One who inhabits eternity, but for your sakes, I condescend to localize Myself and dwell in your midst.”

The Eternal One has not changed. Hundreds of years later, in the person of His Son, He stooped to dwell in a tabernacle of clay and live with us and for us. John 1:14. He is still the same today. To those who present their bodies as temples, He has promised to dwell in them by the New Testament Shekinah—the Holy Spirit.

But notice that the Lord's presence filled the temple when the priests came out of the holy place. 8:10 Man must get out of the way when God comes in; self must stand aside. He must put God first. How often has the obtrusiveness of man's nature hindered the full manifestation of God's glory! One time Jehovah planned to reveal His glory by sending water from the rock in response to a word from Moses. But Moses let his temper get the better of him, and the rock did not spring out of the ground. How many times have we hindered God's glory by our unbelief and unbelief? The glory of God might have been revealed in the administration of Saul if he had not allowed stubbornness and self-will to get in the way. It was surely Jehovah's will that David's reign should continue in uninterrupted victory and prosperity, but His way was to teach the people through the prophet, to get in the way. 2 Sam. 11. When Christ announced His intention of proceeding to Jerusalem, there to glorify God in His death, Peter permitted prejudice to get in His way. Matt. 16:22,23.

Instances and illustrations could be multiplied to show how the perversities of human nature become stumblingblocks in the path of God's glory. But sufficient have been mentioned, perhaps, to enable us to see the lesson: The glory of the Lord is coming towards us; the best thing that believers can do is, like John the Baptist, to prepare the way before Him, and then—get out of His way! Christ and Solomon. The Lord Jesus declared concerning Himself, “Beloved, a greater than Solomon is here.” John 14:1.

One of the many reasons why He was greater than Solomon is the fact that He built a larger and better temple than he. Solomon's temple was a glorious structure and institution. The old rabbis taught that Solomon's temple possessed the following glories that were absent from the second temple (that is, the one built after the captivity and enlarged some years before Christ's coming): First, the holy ark wherein were the tablets of the covenant, the pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded; and where God was to dwell between the cherubim that covered it. Secondly, the Shekinah, or the divine glory, was there. Thirdly, there were the miraculous Urim and Thummim, an object that enabled the priest to ascertain the divine will. Fourthly, the holy fire that came down from heaven. Fifthly, the gift of prophecy, or of the Holy Ghost.

Let us observe how all these glories were restored and increased a thousandfold at the dedication of the New Testament Temple. Eph. 2:20-22; Heb. 3:5-6; 1 Peter 2:5. For some time prior to His ascension the Lord Jesus had been gathering the materials for the temple—living stones represented by His disciples. Before the day of Pentecost the material was assembled in the upper room, and when the day of Pentecost was fully come, “they were all with one accord in one place.” Then followed the divine consecration of this spiritual building, when “suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

The spiritual glories of Solomon's Temple were restored—and more than restored. For that temple was localized in one city; this new temple is everywhere and in all lands. That temple suffered destruction and the departure of the glory of Jehovah. But concerning this spiritual temple the Lord Jesus has said, “The gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” and “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”—Myer Pearlman.
SOULS FIND HEAVENLY WEALTH
Pearl C. Arnhart, Hanna, Okla.: "A precious meeting has been conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie James Moore. Three received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, 26 confessed Christ as their Saviour, 17 received Christian baptism and 19 united with the church. All in the assembly were greatly uplifted."

Hazel Reynolds, Malvern, Ark.: "Sister Ethel Roland and I have closed a 2 weeks' meeting at Hensley Island. Our services were well attended by crowds hungry-hearted for God; some were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. By the hour of God we expect to continue on the field."

65 IN DOWNPOUR AT CLARENDON
Pastor J. E. Manus, Clarendon, Ark.: "For the past 8 weeks we have been in a revival here; the first 6 weeks there was no outside evangelist, but Evangelist Sam Jones has been assisting. About 2 weeks last week we have been saved, 24 have received the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost, and 36 have been baptized. The revival is still in progress."

LIGHT GLOWS IN BLACK HILLS
Pastor Russell G. Beckett, Vale, S. Dak.: "We had the Black Hills fellowship meeting at Vale, Aug. 7. About 18 ministers were present. Brother Johnson, from North Dakota, spoke in the afternoon, Brother Lamphear in the evening. At the evening service 2 were filled with the Holy Ghost, one refilled and reclaimed, and one young man gloriously saved. Plans for a camp meeting in the Black Hills were discussed but left undecided until next fellowship meeting at Dewey, Sept. 4."

A 100% ALTAR SERVICE
R. Hetzel, Buffalo, Tex.: "About Feb. 1 we began preaching in schoolhouses and homes in this new field. We have since had 2 revivals with good interest. On the night of Aug. 16 we had a 100% altar service. As people moved toward the front for prayer every seat was left vacant. Christians of all denominations met at the altar as one, seeking a closer walk with God. Practically every family for miles around acknowledges the reality of the Word that is going forth."

PRAISE FOR SUMMER REVIVAL
Pastor Alfred May: "We have closed a summer revival here in Greenville, Ill. Pastor Hugh Cadwalder, of Alton, preached 2 weeks; Lucile Young continued the meeting for a time then 2 young men from Central Bible Institute, Everett Chamberlain, evangelist, and S. P. Bell, Bible teacher, son of our District Superintendent, carried the services forward with the tent crowded. A number found the Lord Jesus as their Saviour, and many received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. This work is growing and the church is endeavoring to keep ready for our Lord's appearing."

NUMBERS LIFTED BY LOVE
Pastor C. E. Thurmond, Sisseton, S. Dak.: "Mrs. Arthur F. Berg, of Sioux Falls, closed a successful revival in the Watertown Gospel Tabernacle. A number were led to Christ, one was filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 received Christian baptism. Since we went to Watertown, Dec. 16, the Sunday school has grown from 19 to 143. We resigned from the pastorate there about 3 weeks ago, leaving the work in a prosperous condition. We have accepted the pastorate at Sisseton."

A SACRED MEETING PLACE
W. F. Snow, Ozark, Ark.: "Evangelist and Mrs. Howard D. Stanley, of Topeka, Kan., have recently conducted a meeting in a brush arbor 10 miles northeast of here. People gathered from miles around to hear the full gospel message, conviction seized the hearts of the unsaved, and 52 came to the foot of the Cross, where the Lord met them with saving grace. Six were baptized with the Holy Ghost, 'speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.' Nineteen were buried with Christ in baptism."

SPANISH FOLK FINDING CHRIST
A. E. Whitworth, Secretary Texico District: "Mrs. Montie Lee Turner, and Miss Era Wayne Smith report a 6 weeks' campaign at Corona, N. Mex., in which 6 were saved, one received Christian baptism and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. There were several wonderful healings also and great conviction rested on the people. Some work was done among the Spanish folk; among these 5 were saved and some were definitely healed. The evangelists went to Cedarvale, N. Mex., to hold meeting in a new field."

HUNGRY HEARTS AT HENDERSON
Clarence Willis, Henderson, Ark.: "Evangelists John and Lizzie Bullard, of Henderson, and Virgil and Brooks Duncan, both of Batesville, have recently closed a 3 weeks' revival 3 miles east of Henderson; 5 found salvation and 2 received the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4. The meeting was well attended, and at its close many were still seeking God. This is a new field, and ministers if passing this way will be welcomed. Brother and Sister Bullard have gone to Vidette to engage in a meeting."

"DOWN BY THE RIO GRANDE"
Miss Grace Kirkland, Harlingen, Tex.: "We are glad to report victory in the work at this place. July 1 the McKinley Evangelistic Party began a meeting with which continued 6 weeks. The meeting, held under a tent was hindered every week by rain, but many heard the Word, and we believe it will yet be fruitful in their lives. Four or 5 were saved, one received the Holy Ghost, and yesterday 8 followed the Lord in baptism. The following are named as the new Presbyteries: J. D. Courtney, McComb; H. E. McCoy, Shubuta; W. L. Kenzie, Biloxi; and R. W. Ballard, Noxapater.—H. M. Sandlin."

DEEP WORK OF GRACE SUBLIME
C. L. Dorsey, Dothan, Ala.: "Evangelists Frank H. and Margaret Beard have closed a real old-time revival here in the Westover Assembly. During their 4 weeks' stay God's blessing and power were greatly manifested in our midst. We praise the Lord for the souls that were saved and reclaimed and for those who received the fullness of the Holy Ghost. Ten were added to the church. This is one of the best meetings in the history of the assembly."

GAMBLING DENS BROKEN UP
Evangelist H. G. Oxner: "We have closed a meeting in Hatcher Ben, La., where the power of the Lord was present to bless. Pastor J. S. Kirkpatrick assisted, H. S. Cory preached 2 nights for us. We had an audience of between 100 and 300 people. Gambling dens were broken up and bootleggers came and got saved. The Lord was present in such power that some of the roughest men of the community fell at the altar and prayed through to salvation. Nine followed Christ in baptism, 1 was filled with the Holy Ghost, some were reclaimed and there were 20 at the altar the last night of the meeting. Several asked for prayer at the baptismal service."

MINISTER AMONG 45 BAPTIZED
Evangelist Morris Kullman, New Orleans, L.a.: "I just closed a meeting with Brother L. L. Riley, at Russellville, Ark., in which God blessed in an outstanding way. About 35 or more were saved and reclaimed, 45 received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, 22 came into the fellowship of the assembly and 30 were immersed. Among those receiving the Baptism was a young Presbyterian minister who is coming into our fellowship with intentions of attending one of our Bible schools. I stopped 2 nights in Malvern, Ark., with Brother P. F. Ramsey, and 2 were saved. I am present in Blue Springs, Ark., where a real interest is already being manifested."

A BLESSED DISTRICT MEETING
The Twenty-first Annual Mississippi District Council met at Biloxi, Miss., August 8-11. This was the largest meeting we have ever had in the District, and there was blessed fellowship and unity throughout the whole session. There were a number of visiting ministers from other Districts, including Brother J. R. Evans from headquarters at Springfield, Mo., and I. A. Smith from Memphis, Tenn., who were the principal speakers of the meetings. Hundreds of people passed the big tent at night for the evangelistic services, and around the old-fashioned altar many hungry hearts were filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother M. T. Hayes of Pritchard, Ala., was elected Superintendent and H. M. Sandlin of Laurel, Miss., Secretary-Treasurer. The following were named as the new District Presbyters: J. D. Courtney, McComb; H. E. McCoy, Shubuta; W. L. Kenzie, Biloxi; and R. W. Ballard, Noxapater.—H. M. Sandlin."
NEBRASKA DISTRICT CAMP

A. M. Alber, Sec'y-Treas., Bayard, Nebr.:
"The Nebraska District Council, July 27-Aug. 6, was a blessed time of fellowship and seeking the face of the Lord. Evangelist Gay Shields, of Amarillo, Tex., was the principal speaker, speaking at both the morning and night services, and also to the children at 7 p.m. Every day from 4 to 10 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, about 75 receiving the Spirit during the 10 days. There were 700 campers on the grounds, in 200 family tents. The camp was located 6 miles south of Ord in a lovely bluegrass grove, well lighted. People came for miles to attend the night services. Physicians, lawyers, and other professional men, as well as many from other walks of life, came inquiring about the marvelous way of God. This was the largest camp meeting Nebraska has ever had. The ministry of the evangelist proved a great blessing to the ministers and saints assembled."

50 IN "SHAKEN" DISTRICT SAVED

Benno S. Richter, Smithville, Tex.: "We praise God for the wonderful workings of His Spirit in the meeting that has closed at Waterson. During the six weeks of revival 50 received the Holy Ghost, and no account was kept of the many that were saved and reclaimed. Since the meeting closed 3 or 4 others have received the Baptism. God has truly shaken the hearts of men and women in that vicinity, and many others are under conviction. We started a meeting in Smithville Aug. 20. Many came to hear the Word and 4 or 5 came to the altar. Brother A. F. Johnson held the meeting out at Waterson and is also holding this one here, but we are praying for God to send someone who is on fire and will fit into the place to help with the revival work."

BRIEF MENTION

Evangelist and Mrs. L. L. Shafer, Sigret, Okla.: "We have closed a 4 weeks meeting in which 17 were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. Fourteen followed the Lord in baptism. We are continuing in the evangelistic field."

Pastor L. A. Sappington, Galveston, Tex.:
"The Lord is still blessing our work here. Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley McPherson are continuing their revival and God is present to bless. The church is located at 47th St. and Q Ave. We extend a hearty welcome to visitors touring Galveston and the South to visit our work."

Evangelist W. E. Thomas, Brookfield, Mo.:
"We have just closed a 10 days revival in Hastings, Ia., in which sinners were saved. Christians were built up in faith, and a new interest among the general public was created. Evangelist and Mrs. Clyde Murphy, who have been accompanying me in evangelistic work will take the pastorate here, which was before vacant."

Evangelist and Mrs. T. S. Brown, Gurdon, Ark.: "We are now in the green fields of Gurdon. Souls are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and many others are hungry for God. The large crowds and good attention have been greatly appreciated. The Lord has wonderfully supplied our needs. Edith and Ethel Roland, of Poyen; R. J. Grissom, and Hazel Reynolds are assisting us."

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There are many of our consecrated readers who would like to spread the Pentecostal truth. One good way to do this is to subscribe for the Pentecostal Evangel for a friend.

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REVIVAL ONE OF THE GREATEST
J. W. Zimmerman, Secretary-Treasurer, Okmulgee, Okla.: "We began a revival in our new Gospel Tabernacle on the first Sunday in June. The pastor and I, and several other ministers, preached for the first three weeks. Quite a number were saved, some were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 24 baptized in water. Then Joseph P. Mason, of Fayetteville, Ark., remained with us for two weeks. Great crowds came and again God saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and 24 baptized in water. Then Joseph P. Mason, of Fayetteville, Ark., remained with us for two weeks. Great crowds came and again God saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and 24 baptized in water. Altogether the five weeks marked one of the greatest revivals in the history of this church. We are now moving forward with great success, thank be to God. Brother W. T. McMullan is just finishing his first year as pastor of this church, and during that time, the Sunday school has almost doubled, 85 names have been added to the church roster, and $3,000 has been spent on buildings, of which $2,000 is now paid.

VICTORY BEYOND ANTICIPATION
Byrd Evangelistic Party, of Orlando, Fla.: "God is blessing us in the old-fashioned way at Covington, Ind. We began special meetings June 6 and continued until July 9, in the tabernacle, newly erected through the efforts of Evangelist Thomas Paino and Pastor Lyda Paino. God has mightily blessed us in this new field. After a few nights' meeting a large tent was erected and from the first night God was present and working mightily. A number were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. About the first of July Sister Paino was called to take charge of the Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle at Indianapolis. The work was badly scattered, but Sister Paino, urged by the Lord, began a revival, and His Spirit began to work. The large tent was moved over from Covington, and the Byrds and Painos joined forces against the enemy. God has given us such a victory, much beyond our expectation. Crowds were filled with 2000 souls were saved, given the mission to the hungry, and we are still going strong in His line of service."

A SCRIPTURAL REVIVAL
Pastor Ralph E. McCaulley, 1215 Lucinda St., Perry, Fla.: "Evangelist and Mrs. P. T. King, of London, England, known as the 'Kings Musical Messengers' closed a 4 weeks' real Scriptural revival with us, Aug 6. In spite of the extremely hot weather we had the largest crowds that we have witnessed in our church. The usual signs followed the preaching of the Word. There was a real humbling and confessing among the saints who has brought the sweetness of the 'Heavenly Dove' in our midst. At a special children's meeting between 30 and 40 were seeking Jesus. The last Sunday of the campaign the Lord's presence was very real at the baptismal service, when 8 followed the Lord in baptism. The Kings may be reached by addressing Pastor Ralph E. McCaulley, 1215 Lucinda St., Perry, Fla.

BRIEF MENTION
Pastor Z. J. Luminis, St. Joe, Ark.: "Evangelist W. F. Herbige, of Charleston, is with us in a precious meeting. Good interest is being shown and we expect the meeting to continue indefinitely."

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GOD'S PROGRAM GOING FORWARD
Miss Lela Smith, Pastor, Winslow, Ark.: "God is blessing our work here. Evangelist J. F. Mason, of Fayetteville, has closed a 3 weeks' meeting in which more than 50 were saved. We are now building a new log church, and expect to continue the battle for God."

GRACE REACHES THE LOST
Pastor Walter Ivi, Swifton, Ark.: "On July 8 without any special advertising we began a revival in West Poinsett County. Brother Bill Campbell from the Page Assembly did a part of the work two weeks. The first week, then almost new crowds came the second week. In the 2 weeks 7 were saved and 3 followed Christ in baptism."

A LIVELY SERVICE STATION
Pastor Tom Shires, Full Gospel Mission, 412 Louisiana St., Houston, Tex.: "The Lord is blessing us over here. They July 22 were 6 were baptized in water and 6 received the Holy Ghost. We observed three days of fasting and praying, and God met us and gave glorious results. Nine visits to the sick, and to the hospital were also made; tracts were distributed by the hands of the nurses. All 2000 meals were given from the mission to the hungry, and we are still going strong in His line of service."

FOURTHCOMING MEETINGS
Pray for all forthcoming meetings. Notice of meetings handled by us three full weeks before the meeting is to start.

TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelist Vera Hoor Spence, of St. Louis, will conduct a campaign, at North Porcia and Haskell Sts., beginning Sept. 7. We invite cooperation from assemblies near by—David C. Flake, Pastor.

BEULAH HEIGHTS OPENS
NORTH BERN, N. J.—Beulah Heights Pentecostal Bible Institute, will open for the fall term, if you wish to prepare for the ministry or mission field, write for information. We have room studies, and all other facilities. Also have a varied course of studies, expenses, etc.—David Leigh, Principal, 4741 Hudson Blvd.

OGDEN, UTAH.—The Candle Evangelistic Party, consisting of Mrs. Canelle Brewery and 2 daughters, are beginning a revival at the Weber Theater on 5th Avenue, Aug 2. We have 20 days to go. Brethren in fellowship with the Council, coming this way, will find a welcome in this new field.—B. H. Cram.

TANNER'S RIDGE, VA.—One mile south of Skyline Drive, beginning Aug 17 and continuing indefinitely. Each night at 8:00. Evangelists P. A. Frey, and W. A. Frey, of New Jersey, will be in charge.

NEWBURYPORT, MASS.—Arthur Robinson, boy evangelist, will conduct revival meetings at the old Adventist Church, beginning Sept 3 to continue 4 weeks, every night except Mondays. Services unfamiliar with revival work—write for additional information. We invite all Pentecostal people in vicinity to cooperate. Workers from the Lynn Assembly will assist.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Evangelist and Mrs. Isaac J. Bolton, of Tampa, Fla., will be with us in an old-fashioned revival at the Kensington Pentecostal Church, 3510 Frackford Ave., beginning Sept 24 and continuing for 4 weeks and probably longer. Services at 8, except Mondays, Sunday, Sunday, and Thursday. Neighborhood assemblies please cooperate.—Samuel A. Benson, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL
TULSA, OKLA.—The 16th Annual Council of the District will begin at this city, September 6-10. The meeting place is the 310 S. Porcia St., October 3-6. Rooms free to minisci will be provided. All other expenses may be obtained reasonably at various places. Let every minister in the District be present and each church send one delegate. One of the brethren from Springfield, Mo., will be present.—Write James Huntley, District Superintendent, Slick, Okla.

COLUMBIA, TENN.—Evangelist and Mrs. Jesse E. Smith, Meridian, Miss., will begin an evangelistic campaign at Full Gospel Assembly, E. 9th St., Sept 10, to continue through the month and probably longer. Services except Saturdays, at 7:45.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

ASHIBULU, O.—Basil E. Hillman of Marion, O., will again be with us in meetings at the Grace Assembly, on Sept. 6, and continue through the month. Neighborhood assemblies please cooperate.—Leon J. Frank, Pastor. Address 1613 Prospect Rd.

ARKANSAS-Louisiana Council
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR.—Arkansas-Louisiana Council of Missions, 1st and Francis Sts., N., Oct. 17-20. The Sesquicentenary will meet at Little Rock Oct 16 and 17. And South Louisiana Oct 18 and 19. Many important matters are to be discussed. We are looking forward to meeting in other assemblies later.—E. L. Newby, District Superintendent.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTIONS
Victoria Falls Section, Oct. 5, Church at Fifth and Broad, Victoria Falls; Dallas North Section, Oct. 10-11, Boulevard Church, Fort Worth; Waco Section, Oct. 14-15, Martin Tabernacle, Martin; Austin Section, Oct. 17-18, 17th Street Church, Austin; Rio Grande Valley Section, Oct. 21-22, Rio Hondo Church; San Antonio Section, Oct. 23-24, Filling Hills Church, San Antonio. All conventions will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Important business on Sunday afternoons. Many important matters are to be discussed. We are looking forward to meeting in other assemblies later.—E. L. Newby, District Superintendent.

OPEN FOR CALLS
Evangelist and Mrs. Leslie James Moore, Route 6, Box 114, Tulsa, Okla.: "References; can answer immediately."

R. Hetsel, Route 1, Buffalo, Tex.: "References. Local or distant calls. Can come at once. Also desire to help from evangelistic party with references in regard to holding a meeting at Buffalo."

Jas. H. Taylor, Clear Lake, Wash.: "I am resigning the pastorate of the Clear Lake Congregational Church. Will help the full gospel party in the future 12 years, in West Africa as a missionary, in full fellowship with the General Council."

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