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LEE HALL, VA.

Our revival has closed for the time being, but we gather in a little place alone in the woods and have prayer, and the Lord wonderfully blesses us. We shall be glad when we get out of the Army just to be free to tell the good news over the world till Jesus comes. We need your prayers that we may have power to preach the Word boldly.—Sgt. Wm H. Wilson and co-workers.

ST. THOMAS, V. I.

We had fifteen days that we could not hold services here, so I took my Bible and some tracts and went out in the country to every home and talked to the people, read the Word to them, and warned them to get ready to meet the Lord, prayed with some and they gave their hearts to God and accepted Jesus as their Saviour. In a place about five miles out from St. Thomas we had twenty-four conversions, twelve on the 27th of October, and twelve on the 28th of November. I thank God for these souls.—C. J. Hanson.

LANCASTER, PA.

God is sweetly blessing our work here, and we are glad to report victory through the precious blood of Jesus.

On Jan. 5th we had special services, at which Sister Ada Buchwalter gave her farewell message, as she leaves shortly for China. The Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit on the missionary message. Bro. Kauffman, Allentown, Pa., and Bro. Melvin (from Pastor John Cox's mission in Delaware) brought forth powerful messages. Many cases of sickness were prayed for, and the Lord wonderfully healed. One sister received the baptism as in Acts 2:4 while being prayed for for healing, and could not speak a word of English. She tried to ask the time, but she went off in tongues.

We covet the prayers of the Evangel family for our work in this hard field of "tobacco growers," and will always be glad to have missionaries, pastors and evangelists in fellowship with General Council, stop off and help us.

We have just accepted the call as pastor of this assembly, after being out in evangelistic work for sometime, and our prayer is that God will set His seal upon this work, that His name shall be lifted up, souls saved and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, ready for the Lord's return.—A. J. Jenkins, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS.

We are having good meetings and good attendance. Souls are being saved almost every time we meet.—S. A. Stewart.

THE PENTECOSTAL RIVERS.

The woman, in Elisha's day, brought all the vessels she had and they were filled with oil, and the oil stopped only because there were not enough vessels to hold more. So with the love of Christ. He is not straitened; it is the vessels that are straitened. Enlarge thy borders, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes, dig deep.

God took Abraham out and told him to look up and look around. As the stars of the heavens, as the sand of the seashore, as the dust of the earth, that was to be the extent of his blessing—copious, unstinted, unlimited. We, as children of Abraham, are blessed in faithful Abraham. Just as great are our spiritual blessings. Look up and look around. Catch the overflow of love from the heart of Jesus. He has rivers, not rivulets; rivers of blessing, of love and of peace; rivers to swim in; far out of our depth; above all that we ask or think!

Some saints love to wade deep, venturesome ones go further and further; they find waters to swim in; they get out of the natural into the supernatural. Christ wants swimmers, not waders. The river of God is full of water. It's large enough and deep enough to accommodate all swimmers.

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

We are having good meetings in the native city of Shanghai. Many come to listen to the gospel and get saved. We have also seen wonderful healings.

This past summer, the Lord so wonderfully led us to open a mission in a town called Tai Hsing, 130 miles from Shanghai, where we now have a native evangelist working. Sometime after, when I went up to see the work, my heart was full of thanksgiving and praise to our God when I saw how a revival had begun. Many souls had been saved. I stayed there a few days and we had good meetings three times a day. Fourteen were baptized in water. We also prayed for some sick ones. About thirty have found Jesus as their Saviour since we opened this station last summer. All glory to Jesus.—G. A. Anderson.

ALTON, ILL.

Evang. A. T. Rape closed a very blessed revival here Sunday, Jan. 5th. Over forty were saved, and very much good was done which will bear fruit in the future. Pray for us that we may be able to give these latter day truths which we hold as a people to hungry hearts who are longing to know our blessed Saviour.

The Pentecostal Church here at Alton has united with the four other churches of this place in a "union week of prayer" and God is wonderfully blessing his people as we gather together each evening. Wednesday night this union meeting was held in the Pentecostal Church, and the church was crowded to its capacity. The pastor was in charge of this service, his subject being, "The prayer that prevails." The meeting closed with many testimonies to answered prayer.—A. W. Kortkamp, Pastor.

BLUE SPRINGS, ARK.

Truly Mark 16:20 is not out of date when the full gospel is preached. I am, with Bro. F. E. Webb, in the midst of a meeting at Blue Springs, Ark., that clearly demonstrates the fact of the inspiration of the above reference. The revival was truly on when we reached the place. It had been aroused in a protracted prayer meeting. Quite a number have been saved, and two or three filled with the Spirit. However there is opposition to the Pentecostal baptism of the Spirit among some of the leading workers of this place.

The divine sanction was upon the preached Word from the beginning, notwithstanding the hindrance of the opposition. I never have seen such dancing in the Spirit. So great was the power of the Spirit that even little timid children five and six years old could not keep still, but would join the procession and dance and promenade for two or three hours at a time. In some instances parents would have taken hold upon them to quiet them, only impelled by some unseen sensation to let them alone. Strong men and opposers would break down under the scene.

At two different times people who were at their homes near by saw a pillar of fire gather over the house where the revival was going on. It would rise and fall, then wave to and fro. Surely Isaiah 28:21 is being fulfilled before our eyes. Amen! W. Jethro Walthall.

CHRIST'S MESSENGER AND HIS WORK

By Alice Evelyn Luce.

"Behold I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. (Mal. 3:1.) "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:4-6.) "And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17.)

These words were spoken of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In oriental countries every king or noble used to send a "forerunner" before him on his journeys; to prepare every detail of his reception; and very often this included the making of good roads along which the royal chariot could pass with comfort. So the metaphor would be very familiar in Bible lands, and the people who first read these verses would easily understand their spiritual significance, and how John came to make ready a highway in the hearts of his hearers, a pathway for the Lord Jesus to enter and take possession of their hearts and lives.

We are now expecting the Lord Jesus in His second coming, first to catch away His own for the marriage of the Lamb in the glory, and then to return with all His saints to the earth, to destroy the antichrist and his hosts, and to set up His kingdom of righteousness and peace on this sin-blighted earth. And He is seeking for messengers whom He can send before His face to prepare the way for Him in the hearts of the people, "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." As in the days of John the Baptist, the fathers have to be softened and become as little children, and the disobedient have to be led captive to the feet of Jesus to receive "the wisdom of the just"—that perfect robe of Christ's righteousness bestowed freely upon all who believe in Him. There are still valleys to be filled—things that are lacking, defects in the character and void places which Jesus alone can fill. Yes, and there are mountains and hills to be brought low—those high things that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God, such as pride, self-confidence, leaning to our own understanding, and especially the many high thoughts which have to be brought into subjection to the obedience of Christ. Then in many a heart and life there are "crooked places" of guile, hypocrisy or unconscious subterfuge to be made straight by the Spirit's power; and "rough ways" of assertiveness, lack of courtesy, or brusqueness which the

Comforter alone can make smooth, by imparting the meekness and gentleness of Christ.

These words are addressed to the Lord's servants, to those who have been saved themselves and then sent forth to save other souls. Beloved, there is a great work to be done in these last days, before our Master returns; and the time for doing it is very short. One of the greatest devices of the enemy now is to put a spirit of slumber upon us, perhaps to get us so taken up with our own-enjoyment of spiritual blessings and gifts that we neglect the work of soul-saving, for which the Lord has left us down in this world. Jesus is seeking a band of overcomers who will be His messengers to a lost world. He desires to send forth every saved child of His to prepare a pathway for Him in other hearts, and thus "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" at His second coming. Oh, in the light of the fulfillment of prophecy, of the crying need of millions in darkness, and of the momentous happenings all around us, let us awake to our high calling, let us shake off our slothfulness and ease, and come to the help of the Lord against the mighty! He is still crying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Let the response go forth from every heart, "Here am I: send me."

If we study the life, character and ministry of John the Baptist, we shall see what it involves to be a messenger of the Lord, and to prepare His way in the hearts of others. This applies specially to those who desire to lead others into the Baptism of the Holy Ghost: for it was John who preached concerning Jesus, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire." (Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33.)

1. John was a Pilgrim. His parents, Zacharias and Elizabeth, had a home where he was always welcome: but John was called to be a "sign" to the people, like Ezekiel before him, and so there was no companionship, no happy home life for him. Far away in the silent desert, where the wild beasts prowled around, did the Spirit of God call him. There he lived, in the simplest clothing—a leather girdle and a long garment of camel's hair, such as the poorest of people used to wear, probably woven by his mother's loving hands. He drank the pure water of the rocky fells, and ate the wild honey with which that region abounded, also the fruit or beans of the locust-tree or carob, a common shrub in the Jordan valley. There in the solitude and stillness "the Word of God came unto John:" and that was the secret of his wonderful ministry. God takes infinite pains with the man in whom He sees infinite possibilities. Everything is subservient to the one great object: that the will of the Lord may be revealed, and the messenger thus prepared for his work.

Now the Lord does not call us in these days to leave our homes and dwell in the desert. All the teaching of other parts of Scripture shows us that it is a far higher ideal to live as Jesus did, mingling with men, sharing their sorrows, all the time pointing them heavenward, as "in the world, yet not of the world." Why then was this picture of John the Baptist set before us, as Christ's ideal for His messengers who would prepare the way for His coming? Surely it is a spiritual lesson of supreme importance, especially in these days of ease and luxury, even among those who name the Name of Christ. The only way to be a true messenger of His is to have the pilgrim spirit. There must be a separation from everything that hinders us from hearing the still, small Voice. It may be we shall have to give up some of our luxuries, and to dress more simply; we may have to retire earlier at night in order to rise early in the morning to listen to the voice of the Spirit; (doubtless we shall be separated from those of our friends who would hinder us from going all the way with God; and all worldly habits and amusements will have to be laid aside. We need not trouble ourselves about the working out of the details, for the Holy Spirit will guide us in them step by step. The all-important thing for us is to yield to the blessed Comforter and ask Him to put the pilgrim spirit in us, and to make us utterly and irrevocably willing to let go of everything that would hinder us from hearing His Voice and getting His guidance in our work.

2. John was a Pioneer. He lived in an age of spiritual degeneracy, deadness and decadence. There was much religiousness, pride and formality, but very little spiritual life. To the lonely priest living in communion with God among the desert crags, the vast religious system with its minute regulations for every detail of ceremonial life seemed nothing but a bubble, a hollow sham. When He saw the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he cried, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" There was no timeserving, no fear of man, and no sycophancy in John. (He feared his God so much that he feared no one else, and to all who came to hear him he boldly denounced their sins and unmasked their hypocrisy.

Such men of courage are needed in these days, and they are the only true pioneers. Someone has said that the three essential qualifications for a leader are (1) He must know the way, (2) He must be willing to go ahead, and (3) He must be able to get others to follow him. How fully we see these exemplified in John the Baptist. He knew that he was preparing the way for Christ, and the burden of his cry was, "He must increase, but I must decrease." With no uncertain sound he held up the Christ, the Coming One, and led all his hearers toward Him. He was not afraid to go ahead either. The proud scorn of the rulers or the rough jests of the mob never moved him one hair's breadth from the heavenward path. And the people followed him. There

went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins." In that humble ascetic they recognized the messenger of God, and the Voice went home to their hearts.

III. John was a Prophet. There is not a more clear illustration of the preaching of the Full Gospel than we find in his teaching; and this is all the more remarkable because he lived and preached before the coming of Christ and before Pentecost. The New Testament prophet is always one who tells forth God's message to men under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit; and well does this description apply to John the Baptist. His preaching was fearless, straight and true, full of the eternal truths of the Gospel, and at the same time entering into the practical details of daily life. Let us look at some of the points in his preaching.

1. He lifted up Christ. "There cometh One mightier than I after me." Mark 1:7. "That HE should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water." "And looking upon Jesus as He walked, he said, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed JESUS." John 1:31,37. That is the true test of a prophet; if his ministry is really in the power of the Holy Spirit, when people hear him preach they will be drawn, not to him, but to his Master.

2. He kept himself in the background. "He it is who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to unloose. He confessed, and denied not, but confessed, I am not the Christ. Ye yourselves bear me witness that I said I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him. He must increase, but I must decrease." John 1:20, 27 and 3:28-30.

3. He preached the inability of a sinner to save himself. "A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Begin not to say within yourselves, We have, Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." John 3:27; Luke 3:8.

4. He pointed to the Sacrifice of Jesus as the only Atonement for sin. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29. In spite of all that twentieth century preachers can say to the contrary, the fact still remains that it is only those who are preaching the Atonement and exalting the Precious Blood of Jesus who are winning souls and making a pathway for Him to enter men's hearts and lives.

5. He preached the need of repentance. "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. And they were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." Mar. 1:4; Matt. 3:2,6.

6. He showed that salvation was obtained only by faith in Christ. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting

life." John 3:36. It is most interesting to see what was the general epitome of John's preaching given by the apostle Paul about 30 years later in Acts 19:4. "John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people that they should believe on HIM which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

7. He preached that saving faith must be manifested by works. "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, or (marg.) answerable to amendment of life. Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." Matt. 3:8,10.

8. He preached baptism in water. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance." Matt. 3:11. This rite was practiced among the Jews before the time of Christ, as a symbol of cleansing; but only since His atoning death and His command in Matt. 28:19 has it contained its full significance for the believer, of a death unto sin—going down with Jesus into the waters of Jordan—and a new birth into resurrection life with Him. And it was John who administered this sacred rite to his Lord and Master; who though spotless and sinless, yet deigned to thus set us an example "to fulfill all righteousness." Matt. 3:13-17.

9. He foretold the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." Matt. 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33.

10. He fearlessly denounced sin and preached a practical religion. "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Exact no more than is appointed you. Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages." Matt. 3:7; Luke 3:10-14. These answers to the eager questions of a repentant people, publicans and soldiers, not only show the preacher's brave diagnosis of their respective cases, and how he shunned not to unmask their besetting sins; but it also shows that he was fully aware of the condition of things in all classes of society. He lived apart from the world in solitude and communion with God; and yet he was all the time in close touch with the needy, sinful men, interceding for them to God, and pleading with them to be reconciled to Him. God's true messengers will always be students of human nature; even as a fisherman studies the habits of fish, to find out how to attract them, and what kind of bait is most successful with each kind of fish.

11. He held up Jesus as the Son of God. "I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand." John 1:34 and 3:35.

12. He told of Him as the Bridegroom coming for His Church. "He that hath the Bride is the Bridegroom; but the

friend of the Bridegroom which standeth and heareth Him rejoiceth greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled." John 3:29. "He will gather the wheat into His garner." Luke 3:11.

13. He showed Him as the Coming Judge. "Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor." Luke 3:17.

14. He preached the eternity of punishment. "He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." Matt. 3:12; John 3:36.

15. He foretold that Jesus would be rejected by the majority, and that only a little flock would receive His testimony. "He that cometh from heaven is above all. And what He hath seen and heard, that He testifieth; and no man receiveth His testimony. He that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true." John 3:32, 33.

16. He pressed home the truth to his hearers by repeated and practical exhortation. "And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people." Luke 3:18. Here we seem to see the people pressing around him at the close of his sermon, and the prophet going over the main themes again, adding fresh light from the Scriptures, applying the truth to the lives of his hearers, and pleading with them to confess their sins and believe on Jesus.

What a wonderful epitome of the Gospel! Could a Pentecostal preacher in these last days have a better theological course than the preaching of John the Baptist? And how wonderfully our Lord Himself bore witness to him in Matt. 11:11; Acts 1:5. "Among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (That is greater in privilege, as having the full light of the Gospel which John only saw darkly, from afar.) "John truly baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."

And we who have been baptized with that blessed Spirit, how does our preaching compare with that of John, who was so far behind us in privilege? Is there in us that other-worldly-pilgrim spirit? Are we brave as pioneers to go against the current, and to publicly denounce sin? Do we constantly proclaim the whole counsel of God, ever lifting up Jesus and keeping self out of sight? Oh let us meditate on the life and ministry of this faithful servant of God until its lessons are burned into us, and the Lord is able to make of us messengers to go before His face to tell of His soon Coming, and to make ready a people prepared to meet Him.

Oh to be nothing, nothing;
Only to lie at His feet
A broker and emptied vessel,
For the Master's use made meet!
Emptied, that He might fill me,
As forth to His service I go;
Broken, that so unhindered
His life through me might flow.)

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THREE MORE POINTS

1. The Word says in James, "The tongue can no man tame. It is an unruly evil," 3:8.

The prime condition for receiving the Holy Spirit is complete surrender of soul, body, mind and spirit; and since the tongue is the hardest and last to control, when the Holy Spirit takes possession and speaks an unknown language, the proof is positive that we are entirely yielded.

2. Jesus said in John 14:26, "He the Spirit of Truth shall testify of me." Also, "Whosoever he shall hear that shall he speak," Jno. 16:13. The Holy Spirit coming to you must use your tongue, for in order to testify and speak, He must use the organs of speech, and to convince you it is the Holy Spirit giving you utterance and not your own power speaking, He speaks a language unknown to you, and to prove it is the Holy Spirit and not an unholy spirit, He magnifies God (Acts 10:46), or glorifies Christ (John 16:14), a thing an evil spirit will never do; because a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

3. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is to prepare the real, true, spiritual church as a bride for Jesus, the Bridegroom. There is a holy courtship going on between Christ, the Bridegroom, and the Church, the bride. Lovers have a language strangers do not understand. So Paul says, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God" (1 Cor. 14:2); for no man understandeth: howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." But Jesus understands and He is able to make us understand also. Hence Paul said again, "Wherefore let him that speaketh in tongues pray that he may

interpret" (1 Cor. 14:13). Again "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, and this is the refreshing" (Is. 28:12). Who has not felt, under the anointing of the Spirit and the speaking in tongues, the uplift and the soul-invigoration, and the comfort, and the heart-burnings, and the ecstasy, and heavenly ardor, and fervency, and the rest of faith and love—the assurance of His presence and the unquestioning confidence that all is well, and the joy in believing that all will be well. No evil forbodings, no discouragements, no disappointments in Jesus. So sweetly, tenderly He tells me I am His and my heart responds in whispers of love, "He is mine". How rich, how grand, and above all earthly honor is this sacred relation! The bride surrenders all, her name, self, possessions; and receives all from Jesus, name, Himself and possessions; for we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Glory to Jesus! With Him I am satisfied. Whether I live or die, I am the Lord's, and He is mine. Glory to His Name!—A. P. Collins.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

God's love is comprehensive. "For God so loved the world." That is the gauge also of the heart of Christ. An abundant overflow to "whosoever!" God is no respecter of persons. Make room, and seek the overflow of His love. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, not confined. Every chamber of the heart to be filled with love through the Dispenser, the Holy Spirit. Recognize the personality of the Dispenser, an active Person, conveying the essence of God, for God is love.

SAVED BY A SHOUT OF PRAISE.

A little Swiss city was threatened by a legion of invaders, who were at war with Switzerland. The people were defenceless; and the enemy had sent an insulting command to open the gates and surrender. They petook themselves to prayer. Suddenly the mayor leaped to his feet. "Brothers," he cried, "We have asked God to deliver us, and we know that He is stronger than all our foes. We ought to praise Him, for this blessing. Let the Chimes play the most joyous Easter anthem, and let the steeple thank God that Christ has risen. Let all the people shout to the Most High."

The ringer sprang to their places beside the bells. Presently the sound of the chiming bells and the shouts of the villagers came to the enemy. "What can it be?" they said to one another. It must be that they have word of a force coming to deliver them out of our hands. Let us depart." The townsmen looked out upon the hills, not an enemy was in sight. God had delivered them out of the hands of these cruel Egyptians, who came no more to trouble them. For many years the anniversary of this deliverance was kept with great rejoicing in the little Swiss city.—S. S. Lesson Illustrator.

IN WESTERN CHINA.

Assembly of God, Sian fu, Shensi, China.

We got our house sufficiently cleaned, papered and furnished to begin meetings last Sunday with about 25 present. Two students were interested, one of whom remained for prayer, repented with confession of sin and weeping, was baptized Tuesday, and has come every day since to seek the Spirit. Last night the Spirit came among us in power, refreshing all present and filling Bro. Chow Feng yueh, a son of Pastor Chow who came with us from Taichow and is expecting to return soon. We rejoice at this beginning of the Assembly here and regard the one Baptism in the Spirit last night as a token of what the Lord is going to do in this city and province. Continue to pray for us and the work in these two provinces of Shensi and Kansu.

News from the Assembly the Lord built in Minchow, Kansu, last August is very encouraging, showing that when an Assembly is built on the proper foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ, and filled with the Spirit, and set in proper scriptural order, with elders, deacons, pastors and teachers, it can go right on, without the missionary's constant presence, in modern times just as in the days of the apostles. Since I left, Aug. 6, there had been no missionary there up till Oct. 20, during which time believers were added daily, 15 baptized, 18 received the Spirit, 15 received various gifts of the Spirit, a primary school founded with 15 students, a Bible training school started with 11 students preparing to preach, average attendance at meetings about 100, the Gospel preached in the surrounding country, and a house was rented and out station formed ten miles away. Of course such a thing would have been impossible in a region entirely unevangelized previously. The people have heard the Gospel considerably for many years, and the two Chinese preachers have had the Spirit six years and have been well trained in Bible study and had a large experience in the Lord's work. But there are hundreds of such counties in China where all that is lacking is the Spirit. A missionary, either Chinese or foreign, who is filled with the Spirit and wisdom and can both preach the Gospel and minister the Spirit to others can find all the work he can do on this line. I hope, D. V., to do the same way in a half dozen cities of these provinces before another year is over, if the Lord tarries and provides the means. At present this work in Minchow costs me about \$500 a year, but I hope it will soon become entirely self supporting and independent and even self-propagating. Yours in Christ.—W. W. Simpson.

ARE YOU A TREE OR A POST?

Every congregation is divided into saved people and unsaved. I call them trees and posts. When you put in a tree it begins to grow. When you stick in a post it begins to rot. We pastors have a delightful time watching trees grow. But it is a sad business watching posts decay.—S. S. Times.

Questions and Answers

By E. N. Bell, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

603. If God uses a woman to raise up an Assembly, is it right to take that work away from her?

Any person, whom God uses to call a crowd out of sin into Christ, has a right to stay with such flock as long as agreeable and profitable to these people. But an Assembly is not a personal possession to do with as we please whether they like it or not, and whether for their good or not. An Assembly of God belongs to God, no matter who the preacher was whom God used to call them together. If such preacher, whether man or woman, ceases to be able to minister with profit and satisfaction to such an Assembly, then he or she should yield to another who can, if such can be had. No outside preacher, however, should come in against the consent of the pastor and cause trouble between pastor and people. Ministerial courtesy and the golden rule should prevent this. The General Council of the Assemblies of God is against all such wrong conduct. If the church and pastor cannot agree as to another preacher being invited and the assembly rises up against the pastor, then good sense will cause the pastor to resign and voluntarily seek another field. A pastor must be self-denying, and at all times seek the good of the church and not his own profit.

604. Is it wrong for a preacher, saved and filled with the Holy Ghost to marry a girl who is unconverted?

Ans. The Word says, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath a believer with an infidel (unbeliever, unconverted person)? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God," 2 Cor. 6:14-16.

These words from God's book answer this to every one who can understand the English language. No Christian, filled with the Holy Spirit, whose body is thereby made a temple for God to dwell in, can give this body over to a sinner, since such are always ruled by sin and Satan, without directly smashing this passage of God's Word all to pieces. As a minister I would by no means perform a marriage ceremony between two persons so different, as different as daylight from darkness. Weigh well the disagreements noted by the Apostle in the above passage. Instead of courting and trying to marry a poor sinner on the road to hell, a preacher should be seeking to get her saved first. After she is saved will be early enough to talk marriage or love to her.

605. What is the Millennial reign, and when will it be?

Ans. The word "millennium" comes from mille, meaning a thousand, and

from annum, meaning year, and so means a thousand years. The Millennial reign is therefore a reign of one thousand years, and Christ is to be the King over all the earth on the throne of David during that thousand years. The period of special reign is to begin when Christ comes again to the earth. See Rev. chapters 19 and 20.

606. What is the mark of the beast? Is it not the mark worn by Catholics on their caps and right sleeve?

Ans. The Word describes it thus: "A mark in their right hand or in their forehead;" again as "the mark of the beast or the number of his name" and "his number is 666," Rev. 13:16-18.

I do not know what is referred to in the above question as worn by Catholics "on their caps and right sleeve;" but the Scriptures make it quite clear what this mark will stand for, and no person as yet is able to force on man such a mark:

(1) The person who receives this mark will do so to indicate that he accepts the absolute authority of the beast as the supreme political ruler in the earth.

(2) That he accepts the beast as supreme in matters of religion, even above God Himself.

(3) That he accepts the authority of the beast in all commercial matters, as to the one who has a right to let those buy and sell whom he wills and whom he wills to shut off.

(4) That he accepts the beast as his Saviour and rejects Jesus Christ.

No person on earth is now exercising such absolute control over mankind in body, soul and spirit. The beast will be the supreme fruit of Satan's rebellion against God, the climax and zenith of his power in the earth. The world will then be ripe for the judgment of God; and at the hour when this climax of Satan's power is reached in and through the beast or Anti-christ, then God's supreme ruler, Jesus Christ, will stretch forth His mighty arm in judgment on the beast and the false prophet, upon the nations which have accepted the beast as their head, and upon the individuals who have accepted the beast instead of Christ. The nations are at this very hour unconsciously preparing the world for the place and appearance of this beast, beside whom the Kaiser has been but a baby in power.

607. What is meant by the command in Acts 22:16 given to Paul, "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord?"

Ans. The Scriptures teach,

(1) That the hearts of men are washed from sin through the blood by faith in Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:5; Acts 15:9);

(2) That such believers should immediately be baptized in water, having their "bodies washed in pure water" and thus symbolically "washing away their

sins" (Acts 2:4; 10:48; 16:33, 34; 22:16 and Heb. 10:22);

(3) That they are to ask God or call upon God for the Holy Spirit (Lu. 11:13).

This passage above asked about falls into complete harmony with other Scriptures if all are taken together. Their hearts are sprinkled, washed or purged by the blood upon repentance for sin and faith in Jesus, and by baptism their bodies are washed in pure water and outwardly their sins are washed away. They are then fit subjects to call on God to pour out His Spirit upon them through Jesus Christ, and to be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The first duty of every sinner is to repent of and confess his sins, the second is to believe on and trust alone in Jesus as Saviour and Lord. The first duty of such believer is to obey his new found Lord by being baptized in water. The next is to receive the Holy Ghost.

608. Where does the Bible say we shall not contend over the Word?

Ans. Nowhere. But the Word is against all strife and contention over things. We are not to contend over but for the faith, that is hold on to it and labor for it.

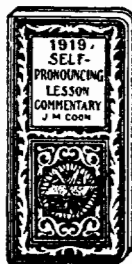
609. Is it against the rulings of the General Council to hold public debates with denominational preachers?

Ans. The Council makes no rulings on this subject. But only a few men can do this to the glory of God.

610. Where the Scriptures speaks of contending earnestly for the faith, does it mean to contend for the Word of God, or to contend for the inner heart faith which we must have to do the works the apostles did?

Ans. Jude wrote this to the saints who already had a saving faith in their hearts, but who were in peril from false and lustful teachers. So then, (1) Only saints who have saving faith in their hearts are authorized to contend for the faith. (2) These are to contend for the pure truths of the gospel, which truths obeyed will save men from the errors of false teachers and from a lustful life like theirs. The faith here referred to includes right living. (3) Unless we obey the gospel, our contention for it is false.

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PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

Never before in her long sad history of seventeen sieges has the city of Jerusalem been captured without being injured by the captors. It is very remarkable that her surrender to the British arms took place on the anniversary of her recovery by Judas Maccaboeus on December 10, B. C. 165. (The Jews who successfully revolted against the outrageous attempt of Antiochus Epiphanes to stamp out Judaism, obtained the name "Maccabees" from the initials M. K. B. I. which were inscribed on their flag, and stood for their war-cry MI Kamoka Baelim Jehovah which means, "Who is like unto Thee, oh JEHOVAH among the gods!") Considering the natural fortifications of Jerusalem, and the comparative ease with which the city can be defended from an attacking force, it was clearly due to the hand of God that she fell as soon as she did. The Turks were forced to withdraw by General Allenby's strategy, and the valour of his troops, but the victory was of the Lord.

Unlike the Kaiser who entered Jerusalem on horse-back with a large retinue through a breach in the walls, General Allenby entered the city on foot, through the Jaffa Gate, with only a small staff and a guard of less than 150 men! There were no thunderous salutes; no flags were hoisted, or hauled down; no shouts of triumph were raised over a defeated foe; there was no pomp and show; no church bells rung; no Te Deums sung; and no preacher harangued the people on the momentous character of this epoch-making event, but deep down in the hearts of all there was joy that the order had passed away and a new order had begun. One who was present at the proclamation by General Allenby writes: "The procession turned to the right after entering the Jaffa Gate, into Mount Zion. On the steps at the base of the Tower of David (which was standing when Christ was in Jerusalem) the proclamation of military law was read in four languages. While it was being read, guns were booming to the east and north, and droning aeroplanes in the deep blue vault above, told of our flying corps denying passage for observers in enemy machines to witness an event which gladdened the hearts of all Jerusalem."

The presence of aeroplanes passing over the city reminds one of those remarkable words: "As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it" (Isa. xxxi. 5). But we must not regard the presence of these aeroplanes as a fulfillment of this prophecy, but rather as a foreshadowing of a great future event of a supernatural character.

The same writer remarks: I was talking in David Street when a Jewish

woman seeing that I was English, came up and said: "We have prayed for this day. Today I shall sing, 'God save the gracious King, long live our noble King.' We have been starving, but now we are liberated and free!" The woman clasped her hands across her breast as she said this. An elderly man in a black robe, whose pinched face told of a long period of want, caught us by the hand and said, "God has delivered us! Oh! how happy we are!" This was uttered with whole-hearted fervor. An American worker in the hospital, who knows the people well, assured me that there was not one person in Jerusalem who was not devoutly thankful for our victory. He told me that on the day we captured Nebi Samwil (where the prophet Samuel was buried) three wounded Arab officers were brought to his hospital. One of them who spoke English said, "I can hip, hip, hurrah for England now." But Jerusalem's troubles are not yet over, for we read in Zechariah xiv. "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle and the city shall be taken. . . Then shall the LORD go forth to fight against those nations. . . and His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives which is before Jerusalem on the East." The Lord Jesus is coming as a mighty Conqueror to the very spot from whence He ascended (Acts i. 11, 12), and then, and only then, the Holy City will be forever delivered from her enemies, and become a peaceable habitation, and the joy of the whole earth. (Read Isa. xxxiii. 20-24 and lxxv. 17-25.)

For nearly 2000 years the Jews, at the close of their Passover Feast, which they call Pesach, have uttered these words: Next Year in Jerusalem! This ancient aspiration has now actually been realized. The Commander in Chief of the Army in Palestine granted 48 hours leave to men of the Jewish faith to go up to Jerusalem to keep the Passover, and 300 availed themselves of this unique opportunity.

The Passover is kept by Jews all over the world in commemoration of their deliverance (about 1500 B. C.) from the bondage of Egypt. The Jews owe their existence as a nation to the blood of the lamb on their doors which alone protected them from the Angel of destruction on that memorable night. (Exodus xii. 12, 13.) But their eyes are blinded to the truth of Calvary's Lamb which this was intended to convey, and the Bloodless Passover, as they keep it, is not according to the commandment of God but the traditions of men. "Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. v. 7). But He is not yet theirs, alas, because of their unbelief!

On the second evening of the Passover, the military Governor of Jerusalem attended, and aroused much en-

thusiasm at the end of a short address, by wishing the men shalom (peace) the Hebrew salutation. They then marched through the city to the remnant of the old wall of the Temple which is known as the Jew's Wailing Place. They were followed by a large and joyous crowd of Jews and Jewesses. It was difficult to clear a space, in the narrow limits of the Wailing Place, to form up on parade, owing to the crowd, but when this was done, the soldiers recited the prayer for the restoration of Israel's Glory, and for the re-building of the Temple. The age-long desolation of Israel's Sanctuary fulfills the lament of the Lord Jesus: "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not! Behold your House is left unto you desolate, for I say unto you, ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" (Matt. xxiii. 37.)

(How near we are to the time when Israel will welcome Jehovah-Jesus, their returning Messiah, coming in the clouds of Heaven to save His people (Isaiah lxvi. 6).)

From the Wailing Place (against whose ancient stones pious Jews have laid their weary heads and wept and prayed for centuries) the soldiers proceeded to the Haram, which was formerly the Temple Area, but is now the site of "the Mosque of Omar." Under the roof of this wonderful building the sacred Rock is carefully guarded. It is the summit of Mount Moriah on which Abraham offered up his son Isaac, and the site where, in after years, the Altar of burnt sacrifice stood, typifying the offering up of One greater than Isaac, whose Blood is the only fountain for sin and uncleanness.

Before leaving Jerusalem, each of the soldiers received a ring bearing this inscription. "If I forget thee, oh, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget her cunning." The squalor and misery of the Holy City came as a shock to many of the men who had imagined Jerusalem as a place of sacred buildings and found rows of filthy hovels, devoid of sanitation. But already the cleaning up of the old city has begun, and we are on the eve of wonderful changes there and throughout Palestine, now being prepared for Israel's return in unbelief. "Go through, go through the gates: prepare ye the way of the people: cast up, cast up the highway: gather out the stones: lift up a standard for the people." (Isaiah lxii. 10.)

A plan is being set on foot to make Jerusalem a modern city. A Hebrew University on the mount of Olives is already begun. This is to be the center of Jewish culture and learning. When once the Jews have a country of their own and a common center from which to control the affairs of the nation in all parts of the world, they are bound

to become rich and powerful. But they will not be a free people, for Palestine is the Holy Land of Christendom and of Islam as well as of the Jews. Consequently the Jews will have to come to some kind of agreement with the League of Nations, when that is formed, and this foreshadows the seven years' Covenant with the Antichrist which the Jews will make with him as their supposed Messiah. (Daniel ix. 27; Isaiah

xxviii. 14-18.) But after 3½ years have expired, he will break the Covenant, and then will begin "the time of Jacob's trouble" or the Great Tribulation. "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it. It is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day saith JEHOVAH of Hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck and will burst thy bonds." (Jer. xxx. 7, 8.)—From "Jerusalem."

away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

Note—As the natural man inherits the fallen nature of his father Adam, so the spiritually born inherit the holy nature of Christ, the second Adam. Jno. 3:6 and 2 Pet. 1:4.)

Q—Why did Jesus give Himself for the Church?

A—(1) That He might sanctify it with the washing of water by the word.

(2) That He might present it to Himself, a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:25-27.

Q—Can we be contaminated with the world and have "pure religion"?

A—Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Q—What does Christ say to His Bride (the true church)?

A—"Thou art all fair my love, there is no spot in thee." Cant. 4:7.

Q—From how much sin does the blood of Jesus cleanse us?

A—"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin," Jno. 1:7. "And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: For He shall save His people from their sins." Matth. 1:21.

A QUESTIONNAIRE ON HOLINESS

BY W. BURTON McCAFFERTY.

Q—Is holiness an attribute of man or of God?

A—"And he said unto him, why callest thou me good (holy)? There is none good (holy) but one, that is God."—Matt. 19:17, Mark 10:18, Luke 18:19.

(Note—If we look upon Jesus as a mere man, we should never look for holiness in Him; but accepting Him as God we attribute to Him all holiness.)

Q—If holiness is an attribute of God only, how can we, who are not holy be called holy, as in 2 Thes. 5:27, Heb. 3:1, etc.?

A—By being made partakers of His holiness, (the "Divine Nature,")—Heb. 12:10; 1 Pet. 1:2-4; 2 Cor. 5:21.

Q—How can we be made partakers of His holiness or divine nature?

A—Through identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. Rom. Ch. 6; Col. 2:12-13, etc. By the promises in 1 Pet. 1:2-21.

Q—How does this enable us to live free from sin, i. e. holy?

A—Through our identification with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection, we see the crucifixion of the "old man," (our fallen nature inherited from father Adam); "and he that is dead (crucified) is freed from sin."—Rom. 6:6-7. Christ lives in us.

Q—Why was Jesus, who knew no sin, made sin for us?

A—That we might be made the righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21.

Q—When are we the "righteousness of God"?

A—When we are "In Him." 2 Cor. 5:21.

Q—Does this not teach that Jesus bears our sins (guilt) and in their stead gives us His holiness (innocency)?

A—Yes, 1 Pet. 2:24.

Q—When is it impossible to live without sin?

A—When out of Christ, under the curse of the law, and trusting to our own works. For then "when I would do good evil is present with me," and "how to perform that which is good I find not," Rom. 7:21 and 7:18.

Q—When is it possible to live without walking in sin?

A—When abiding in Christ, for "who-soever abideth in Him sinneth not," 1 Jno. 3:6; and the "law of the Spirit of life hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Rom. 8:2.

Q—Being made free from the law of sin and death, unto what do we have our fruits?

A—We have our fruits "unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22.

Q—Are we commanded to be holy?

A—Yes, for God has said, "Be ye holy." 1 Pet. 1:16.

Q—Why are we commanded to be holy?

A—"Ye shall be holy, for I am holy." Lev. 11:44; 1 Pet. 1:16-16; Matt. 5:48.

Q—How did Paul wish to present the Colossian saints?

A—"Every man perfect (holy) in Christ Jesus." Col. 1:28.

Q—Did Paul mean that he was not holy when he wrote: "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect?" Phil. 3:12.

A—No, Paul is speaking of the "high calling"—the out-resurrection of the saints, for in this same chapter we hear him say: "Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded." ver. 15.

Q—If we would "see God, what should we follow after?

A—"Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see God," Heb. 12:14.

Q—Does the "holiness" in the above text refer to outward or ceremonial holiness, or does it mean heart purity?

A—Heart purity, for Jesus said "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8.

Q—How are we to be presented to God through the blood of Christ?

A—"Holy and unblamable and unreprieveable in His sight," Col. 1:22.

Q—How are we to live before God "all the days of our life"?

A—"In holiness and righteousness," Luke 1:75.

Q—If the natural creation of mankind is fallen and corrupt, what should one do?

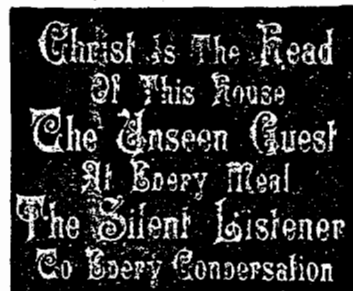
A—Put off the "old man" which is "corrupt" with his deeds," (Eph. 4:22 and Col. 3:9) "and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Q—Does this "new man", this new "creation" have the same evil desires, or is there a change?

A—"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed

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TO THE LOCAL ASSEMBLIES, GREETING.

Being desirous of providing a closer touch and better understanding between the assemblies and the General Council, also to do what I may to increase the fellowship among the assemblies, I take this means of reaching you with a most hearty greeting from the General Council office.

There is quite a large number of the assemblies which have, by their own desire, become definitely united with the General Council and I feel there should be among us a better understanding of what are the privileges of the assemblies and what may be accomplished by a concerted action, looking to a closer tie and more developed plans for co-operation in the work of the Lord.

For Every Assembly.

Every assembly that has declared itself a part of the General Council, or associated itself with it, should feel free to enjoy any privileges that may belong to them as a result of their recognition as one of the local assemblies, and whether your assembly has taken any steps in the matter or not, if you are in harmony with us you are counted in. You are a part of us. One of the rights of all such assemblies is to have a representation at all meetings of the General and District Councils. It has been suggested that all assemblies associated in the General Council should send delegates to the Council meetings for the purpose of representing the local assembly and to report to the assembly concerning the spiritual conditions found at the Council meeting and the matters of interest that are discussed and those things adopted by the Council.

It is understood that this would entail expense upon the assembly in providing fare, etc., for the delegates, but I surely feel that it would be a profitable expenditure of money for the assembly. Only those who attend the Council meetings can rightly judge the spirit of the meetings and see how God comes with wisdom and blessing to the saints as they undertake the important matters that affect the great interests of the kingdom; and only those who are present and take part in the discussions and studies of the Word can rightly judge the value of the days of fellowship and counsel, and carry to others at home the true report.

It is hoped that all ministers who have credentials with the Council will attend the Council meetings so far as possible, but I feel that every assembly, which is able to do so, should send at least one other delegate to the Council. Send the very best person you can, and look in return for a true report of all that is to be seen and felt at the Council.

District Convention.

At the recent Council it was planned to encourage short Bible Conferences, Conventions and Bible Schools among our assemblies wherever convenient and they desire to have them. I think it a splendid idea. A number of assemblies in a district could well get together and plan a Convention to which may be invited some good Bible teachers and workers, and the saints would be built up and the work strengthened wonderfully by such a time of fellowship in the things of God. Why not plan for such a Convention and

Bible Study in your part of the field this winter or next summer as may be most convenient?

Some of the very best Bible teachers and preachers in the whole movement are available as workers in these Conventions, and may be secured by planning to invite them sometime in advance of the dates set for the meeting. All correspondence can be arranged thru this office. Take up the whole matter with me.

Assemblies Needing Help.

It is my desire to afford as much help to the ministers and assemblies thru the General Council office as possible, and especially where there is no District Council that can act in such matters, so I have this suggestion to make to such assemblies as are not connected with a District Council. All who are so connected should look to the District officers for such help. Where an assembly is in need of a pastor, or some pastorless assembly is anxious to have a revival meeting, let the deacon or the secretary or some officer of the assembly write me here at this office and state the need, giving all the information about the conditions there which I would need to enable me to judge how best to help, and where it is possible, to recommend some one to fill the vacancy or to conduct the meetings. Always bear in mind that I would be wholly unwilling to dictate in the matter of choosing a pastor for an assembly without their hearty consent, and in suggesting a minister to go to a certain place, I am doing it only as a recommendation and not as forcing any one upon them, that he is to stay only if the assembly so elects, and that he is to pass on if the assembly feels that he is not the one to remain. All should remember that the General Council stands committed to the idea that the local assembly is to be perfectly free to arrange its own affairs, where it is able to do so, and is not to be hindered in doing so. All the aid of the Council to the local assembly is intended to be only advisory and to take the form of recommendations without the exercise of authority over the local assembly. We do not believe in applying pressure to the local assembly and requiring it to have or not to have this or that minister as pastor, etc. These matters are left to the decision of the saints in the local assembly, and should be settled by getting together and seeking the mind of God for the needs of the assembly until they agree as to what should be done. Where there is still a difference of opinion among the saints, the majority should rule in the matter. But it is desired that there always be a hearty agreement among the saints in all important matters before they act.

I realize this is offering to undertake much responsibility and that the correspondence I am inviting will necessitate help in the office, but I feel that it is the best way to develop the fellowship and I shall trust God to send means to provide for the extra work and to give wisdom in dealing with the problems that may arise.

To Young Ministers.

I am asking God to give me some small part in your work by prayer and personal advice, since I am not able to get out among the people very much with the message I should like to give.

I shall pray for you all every day, praying that God will open the eyes of your understanding so that you will be able to teach others the true way of life; and that you may be a great blessing among the people as examples of godly living.

You will find God dealing with you in ways you may not at first understand and you may be required to pass thru some strange experiences without seeing just why they are permitted. Many of these will come because you are a minister. Remember, you are to be examples to the flock, having first partaken of the fruit that you may not be found teaching about experiences of which you know nothing experimentally. You will be tried and tested that you may know how to help those who are alike tried and tested. And some of the testings may seem to come in advance of their need in your life or may follow each other more rapidly than in other lives under your observation, and you may be inclined to think that you are a special mark for severe trials. You are! You have offered yourself to God to be an example to others and He will see to it that you get your experience first and then you can help others both by precept and example. Let God work in you FIRST the things you hope to see in others.—J. W. W.

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THE IMPENDING WORLD JUDGMENT AND THE ONLY PLACE OF SHELTER

Jehovah had a controversy with Israel but His controversy with Israel is nothing to be compared with His controversy with the Gentiles. Israel was a separated people, a people blessed with many privileges. Read history and learn the story of sin, repentance, judgment and mercy. But last of all, the nation was so corrupt that mercy was swallowed up in judgment. A scattered and peeled people! This is also the history of reprobate Christianity. Blessing, revival, declension; but as in the days of Israel God reserved His seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal, so today God has His remnant according to grace.

In the days before the flood, there was a time when iniquity had reached its zenith. Do you not think it has reached its zenith again? Take things as God saw them then and compare them with things as they are now, and how much more corrupt will the present be seen! And if God Himself has not changed, then His estimate of sin and His abhorrence of sin has not changed, and His judgment on sin must be correspondingly greater for greater sin. Necessity compelled Him to interfere, and will do so again.

An Age of Violence.

Analyze the state of heart and mind of the people in Noah's time and see the parallel today. "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." What violence has been in the earth the past few years! Do we not see the same still in Russia and other lands? What a sight we have seen in this age of education and culture, a score of nations at war! And other nations would have taken part in the violence, only they feared the consequences. Their hearts were in it. So our day has been "filled with violence" more than before the flood. Both so-called Christian nations and the heathen have alike all been fighting each other. Many are fighting one another at home even! There is a premium on violence today and the man who can invent the most violent gun and the most violent explosive is looked up to. Men give their names to guns. The earth filled with violence! God must arise soon in judgment. Knowing the exact state of Noah's times Christ said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." When is He coming? When the parallel is complete between Noah's time and ours. Then His day will come!

Noah and the Critics.

They questioned Noah, they questioned his revelation, and his severest critics were those who ought to have known better. And the Holy Ghost reveals the result, saying, "Few, that is, eight souls were saved!" Only eight!

The world is in doubt and is calling upon Christian leaders for light. Instead of enlightening them, they are too often prophesying smooth things unto them.

and saying, as Peter said they would, "Where is the promise of His coming?" They are prophesying a long period of peace and safety. But many are rejecting the Prince of Peace and His words. The world looks for light and lo, it is darkness! Blind leaders of the blind!

But to those who look to Him, light shall arise; and those who are seeking after the truth of the Lord's coming will have added light given from time to time. And God is getting His people to see various aspects of His coming. Even different schools of thought on prophecy are not antagonistic. Some

CHANNELS OF BLESSING.

God chooses human channels for Divine blessing. It is a great privilege to be in touch with the Divine reservoir so as to be the channel through which the hungry, the thirsty, the blind, the weak, the faint and the disconsolate may be replenished and restored.

But we need patience. Seed must first be planted, then watered, and even then you have to wait for the fruit. First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

Paul plants, Apollos waters; God, however, gives the increase. The increase is as sure as the planting and watering. God is more faithful than Paul or Apollos, and will surely perform His part.

God declares, "Your labor is not vain in the Lord." Satan, however, will bring all possible discouragements to bear on you; but be a Paul or an Apollos, and trust God. This is the privilege of God's people.

have a ray of light, others have rays of light and some have more brilliant rays. It takes all of these to make the whole truth. Take the true light and let go the chaff.

Our Ark.

How precious was that ark to Noah! As he worked and labored, the edifice grew. He was working out his own salvation, but God was working in him to will and to do His own good pleasure. Noah's muscles never played out though he hammered on for one hundred and twenty years! The ark was his hope of salvation. Day by day it grew larger in his eyes.

Do not be occupied so much with impending judgment. Gaze more on the hope. Is Christ growing larger, more precious to you? Is He your security and safety? Is He more precious? Come, hide in the Rock, till the indignation is past!

A Final Warning.

There was again warning, a preliminary seven days (Gen. 7:5), and then God shut Noah and His family in. First came the invitation to enter the ark, and then in seven days God shut

him in! So the Word says of the days before us, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child." There is a period of travail before birth, a warning of coming events. God is putting intuition into the hearts of His people as to the coming of Christ. But they must have the attitude of Simeon and the attitude of Anna in order to get this revelation. The scribes knew the letter, but Simeon had the Spirit revealing. Woe came to those who had only the letter, but the Spirit caused Simeon to say with joy, "Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Seeing the salvation of the Lord will promote the cry, "Lord, now let Thy servant depart!" Earth will lose its holding power. The sight, this same Jesus coming in like manner, will inspire the cry: "Let Thy servant depart." The holding power of earth more than matched by the drawing power of heaven!

"Now let Thy servant depart." John supplemented it with "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" The crying to depart, the cry for Him to come! Both are necessary. Meantime, be faithful Noahs. He was a faithful preacher of righteousness. If you cannot preach, use the hammer; and if you can't use the hammer use the pencil. Keep under the blood working and looking for Him!

The Need for Unity.

Noah had to make the ark true to measurements. He used his pencil and every kind of necessary tool. So in the Spiritual, God "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." Noah's tools never quarreled. They were in the hands of the master builder. This unity among Noah's tools is a lesson to us all. With God's saints today every tool is necessary and every tool is important. Every man, every servant needs to be in his place. The King's business requires haste.

The Need of Fire.

The pitching time will soon come, the final touches to the ark. Fire is required to melt the pitch and spread it over. Fire is required when you come to the final stage. See the fire does not go out.

On the one hand violence is multiplied on the earth; on the other hand, the ark is growing and developing. By faith Noah prepared an ark. Faith is the main preparation. Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself.

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A NOTE OF PRAISE.

Our hearts are made very glad and we are extremely grateful to God for the noble way the "Evangel Family" are fulfilling the law of Christ by getting under the burdens of our Pentecostal missionaries. In the year 1916 they sent in the sum of \$4,879.50 for distribution; in 1917, \$17,644.63; and in 1918 they sent us \$36,599.14. Much of this increase is due to our assemblies, who have forwarded their monthly missionary offerings for distribution. On behalf of the missionaries and in the name of our dear Lord, for whose sake these funds have been so generously given, we take this opportunity of thanking every contributor.

While the increase is encouraging, it is well for us to thoughtfully review the present situation. At the present moment we have 120 foreign missionaries all of whom are fully endorsed and hold the credentials of the General Council. For each of these missionaries to receive the sum of \$10.00 per week—little enough in these days of high living and low exchange—it will mean that our missionary income will have to increase to \$5,200.00 per month. That is double what it was most months last year. In addition to this, we need funds for the equipment and fares of new missionaries, where such has not been provided for; for the bringing home of some workers for much needed rest; for the building of new mission churches and sanitary dwelling houses for the missionaries; for the employment of native teachers and evangelists on the different fields; for the purchase of gospels and tracts for free distribution; for the care of orphans and destitute people to whom many of our workers feel they have obligations from the Lord, and many other things.

We will be glad if every reader will stand with us in prayer that the need of every missionary in the field may be fully met, and if each one of us is obedient to the Lord in fulfilling our personal obligations to Him in getting this Pentecostal gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth there will be no lack in any field in this present year. Will you do your part?

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RETURN TO CHINA DELAYED.

Sister Blanche Appleby writes that owing to the severe sickness of her father, for whose salvation she requests our earnest prayers, her return to her station in China has been delayed.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY PROMOTED.

We have just heard that Sister J. H. Boyce of India has received a sudden "Home Call." She is one of the three million victims of influenza in India. Who will fill the ranks of these valuable missionary workers that are now going home?

FREE MISSIONARY TRACTS.

We have sent out about 15,000 missionary tracts during the past three months, and now have a further large supply for distribution. Let all who desire to work for the missionaries send for a bundle of these which will be gladly sent free to anyone who promises to distribute them faithfully. Funds for printing these tracts can be sent to the Missionary Treasurer, designated "Missionary Publicity."

ASSIOUT, EGYPT.

I have now ninety-six children, and we want you to rejoice with us that the war has come and gone and we have never been in debt nor out of all the things which we really needed. I have just finished building four new rooms (they are all paid for) and now at last I will again be able to take in many more children. Do pray for me that God may give me wisdom in training them, that I may train them up in the way that they should go.—Lillian Trasher.

ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.

We have some seventeen stations extending from Alexandria on the north to several hundred miles south of Cairo. Number of native workers, fifteen, but only eleven or twelve of these are on our monthly support list. The others have other ways for support. We are expecting to have another good evangelist on the field soon, and the Lord is putting His hand on others for the white field. Many good towns and very many villages earnestly calling for help, and open doors. Oh! the need! We could use two dozen good workers now. Also we need a missionary family in each important center so as to set all our native workers free to reach the many villages and new towns. Now that the war is over please prayerfully note this; this is very important. At present our monthly expenses are \$250.00, and besides this we are doing all we can to help ourselves.—A. H. Post.

HONOLULU, HAWAII.

Bro. Clair Johns, Waiialua, I know is doing a good work amongst the Spanish Catholics and receives an average of only \$5.00 a month from the homeland in offerings. He gets his rent free, but he has a wife and two children to feed and clothe. I have known them to live on sweet potatoes, salt and bread for three weeks at a time as they had no funds. Of course the children cried for other food and refused to eat it, and they all had a spell of sickness as the result. When I found out their condition I did all I could. I feel it a duty to tell others of them so they also may help if God so touches their hearts. This incident happened last summer while I was in Honolulu.—Mrs. John W. Gaines (Formerly Miss M. F. Piper).

FAT SHAN, SOUTH CHINA.

We have been here at Fat Shan one week now. Find it a white field for evangelistic work. It is a city of 600,000 with a network of villages in every direction. My Bible woman and I have preached nineteen times this week at different places, and sold thirty-six Gospels, and given out sixty-two tracts. I am so happy in my work. It stirs our hearts to see their eager faces. Most of them say they never heard before. The astonishing questions they ask so sincerely and innocently, prove their interest, such as "Which idol is Jesus?" "When is God's birthday?" etc. They make a great parade for their famous idols' birthdays. Sometimes we carry our little folding organ along and have the songs written in large black characters (Chinese) on a yard of white cloth. We fix this to a bamboo pole and hold it up high where all can see. They flock to hear, and then we preach to them. We don't need the organ though to draw a crowd. The sight of me a foreigner, is attraction enough. You can hear from every quarter in subdued voices, "Here goes a foreign devil, a real foreign devil. Come quick! Come and see," and they come running and gather round to listen as kindly as you please. They don't often seem to mean any harm by calling us this. The little children will say, "Foreign devil, please give us a picture card." They treat us kindly nearly everywhere we go, and listen attentively, but their minds and hearts are so darkened, only God's almighty power can open their understanding. We are looking to Him to do it. Help us pray that He may, just as He did the two disciples with whom He walked by the way to Emmaus.

Last night we took the little organ and went and preached in a big wholesale chicken house. Have an invitation to go there every night if we wish. It wasn't very fragrant, but the people stood or sat on the sacks of food through over an hour and a half's service, and wouldn't leave when we dismissed them, so we sold them some Gospels and gave them some tracts. We ask prayer of our friends especially that these Gospels we are scattering may bring forth fruit.—Mattie Ledbetter.

MISSIONARY HOME IN SOUTH CHINA

Your letter under date of July 15, received. You ask that I thank the many donors thru the paper for the offering for the new home. I take pleasure in saying that God has shown Himself to be a God of all circumstances. Prior to the meeting held in the Stone church in Chicago for the missionary cause, the enemy had tested us in every way possible relative to the building of this proposed mission building. But in the midst of this test, for there had been no means received for this fund covering a period of several months, we sought God's face and He whispered sweetly to us, "Be not afraid, it is I." We then in the face of the seeming indifference of the people at home in this worthy cause, asked the Lord for ten thousand dollars, for the erection and equipment of this home. In the Missionary Conference mentioned above, the Lord confirmed our convictions by having dear Brother Welch ask for the same amount. Hallelujah! I understand that on account of war conditions, and regulations, no message can be sent by cable from Hong Kong, unless it pertains to Government affairs. Thus all private business must be suspended until after the war. But thank God for a private line to heaven unhindered by prevailing world conditions. We were almost ten thousand miles away from Chicago, and yet at right about the time Brother Welch made the appeal for money to erect and equip a building in Sainam, we were working in perfect cooperation here, regardless of the distance, and we asked for the same amount! Mind you, there had been no previous arrangements as to the amount we needed, but the Lord knew and the same Holy Ghost which prompted our prayer, inspired the address in Chicago which awakened response in the hearts of those present. Some who were not present have been touched also. Thank God for Pentecost!

Among the offerings received for the home building fund, none have seemed so precious as one just received from a widow in New Jersey. Her husband died recently and in remembrance of this precious husband saint, his widow sent us ten dollars. I cannot express my thanks to such a donor. Words fail me, but I know there is one who can reward such a giver. It is He who in the midst of that throng who brought their contributions years ago to the temple, did not fail to see the widow's mite but spoke the words of commendation which have stung the hearts of the selfish and those who give for worldly applause in every age since. The commendation was also a memorial to this woman, which will stand so long as time shall last. This same Jesus will award our sister.

We are obliged to make our house large enough to accommodate those who may come and live with us. Already some have written us of their intentions, saying they hope to join us soon. We have now with us beside our immediate family, four other missionary co-

laborers and we need the home immediately. Those of our friends will be interested to know that there has been donated to this cause four thousand and one hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$4187.46). We will need about four thousand more to complete the building, and we are confident that this will be forth coming. We are so confident that we are going ahead with the work and will promise the architect the money when needed. Prayer will bring the needed results. Prayer that is backed up by living faith has no bounds, as to results.

We thank every donor to the cause and pray that the Lord will add to those who have sacrificed anything to the building of this home, one hundred fold. And may He bless each one with many spiritual blessings, is my prayer.

Yours for Christ in China,
Geo. M. Kelley.

Note. The Evangel family has done well during the past six months in helping Bro. Kelley to start this home; now let us make a special effort to help him finish and properly furnish it. In the past we have sent our new missionaries out to S. China and because of the lack of a proper missionary home, they have had to live in damp, leaky, unsanitary, native houses, and many of them have undermined their health, and many have paid the toll of our neglect in early deaths. Ask the Lord what part He would have you take in helping towards this home? Offerings can be sent to the Missionary Treasurer, Stanley H. Frodsham, Springfield, Mo., and will promptly be sent to Bro. Kelley.

PEKING, CHINA.

We are praising the Lord for our safe arrival in Peking. We had a very pleasant journey, the presence of the Lord being with us all the way. There were one hundred twenty cases of Spanish Influenza and five deaths on our ship, but God kept us perfectly well and gave us many opportunities to witness for Jesus and to pray with the sick. Several were raised from their beds, and their sins were forgiven as they wept before the Lord, praise His dear name.

This city has one million and a half people, every one of whom Jesus loves and for whom He died, and we do praise His name that He called us to this place to tell of His great sacrifice for us and them, and that He is waiting to save and give them peace.

We were met by Bro. Hansen and one of the Chinese workers at Tientsin, and were welcomed in Peking by the Chinese Christians, and were very glad to be in China and among such dear children of God.

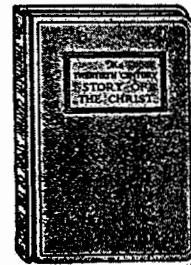
Next week, (D. V.), we will open meetings for the women and children, some of whom we have already met. We will use an interpreter at first, but have begun the study of the Chinese language, and trust that soon we will have a working knowledge of it. Pray much for us, that God will give us many souls from among the heathen.—Florence I. Bush and Mother.

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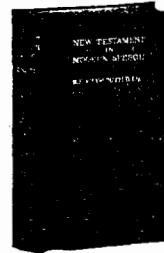


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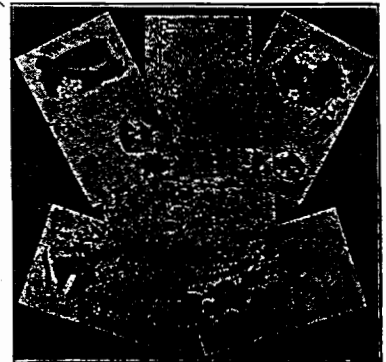
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Sunday School Lesson

FROM A PENTECOSTAL VIEWPOINT

THE GIVING OF MANNA.

Feb. 2, Ex. 16. Read vs. 11-18, 31-35.

Golden Text: Matt. 6:11.

An Exhibition of Unbelief. The children of Israel had been having a good time at Elim amid its wells and palm trees, but when they journeyed on they fell into murmuring against Moses and Aaron. They were hungry and they "forgot His works and His wonders that He had showed them," and began to ask, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" They might have known that God, having provided such a marvelous escape from Egypt for them, was bound to provide for all the expedients of the journey to the land He had promised them. But "the human heart finds it immensely difficult to give God credit for pure and perfect love," and so it is written, "They believed not in God, nor trusted in His salvation." But though they believed not, God continued faithful. So he did not deny the bountiful provision His loving heart had planned for the congregation. He opened the doors of heaven and rained down manna for them to eat, and gave them of the "corn of heaven." "Man did eat angel's food: He sent them meat to the full."

Jesus in the Wilderness. A striking contrast to the failure of the children of Israel in the wilderness is the blessed victory in the wilderness, when tested forty days, of Him of whom it was later written, "out of Egypt have I called My Son." He was hungry too, but He never murmured or complained, and though the tempter was on hand with every manner of suggestion, He never swerved from His attitude of simple trust and utter dependence upon God. And to-day He is our High Priest; touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and having been tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin, He invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in every time of need.

Daily Provision. The manna fell every day upon the dew (Num. 11:9) and melted when the sun waxed hot, teaching us that we should seek early for the Bread of life which comes down from heaven. When Christ was on earth, He was reminded of the daily miracle of the manna, and asked for a sign. Before the people stood God's sign, God's "true Bread from heaven," but they recognized Him not, even though He told them, "I am the Bread of Life." "This is that Bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna and are dead: he that eateth this Bread shall live forever." Are you eating?

The Hidden Manna. The Lord commanded that a pot of manna be taken and laid up before the Lord and kept for future generations to see the bread wherewith He fed them in the wilderness. This golden pot filled with manna

was later kept in the Holiest of all within the ark of the covenant (Heb. 9:3, 4). And Jesus says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches: To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna." How can we overcome? This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Where can we find this heavenly manna? Under the blood-stained mercy seat. David at one time partook of the shew bread from the holy place, and three times in the gospels we have a record of Jesus commenting upon this boldness of faith. And the Holy Ghost invites us to "come boldly" right through the rent veil into the Holiest of all and there at the mercy seat (now re-named "the throne of grace") partake of "the Bread of the mighty" (Psalm 78:25 margin). There, day by day we can partake of God's bountiful provision for all of His children, of Jesus, the True Bread of Life.

JETHRO'S COUNSEL.

Feb. 9. Exod. 18. Read vs. 12-26.

Golden Text: Gal. 6:2.

A Glad Reunion. During the time of the rejection of Moses by his brethren God gave to him a Gentile bride. A greater than Moses has been rejected by His brethren, and we know from the New Testament Scriptures that He too is compensated by His bride, the Church.

Jethro, the priest of Midian, came and brought his daughter, Moses' wife, to him in the wilderness, also his two sons; and Moses gave him the simple testimony of the Lord's gracious dealings with Israel and of the wonderful deliverance He had given them, and the simple recital of this testimony caused the old priest to declare, "Now I know that the Lord is greater than all the gods." A simple testimony of the goodness of the Lord will frequently do more good than a whole library full of arguments. We overcome the enemy, first by the blood of the Lamb, and secondly by the word of our testimony. The devil can do nothing against the blood but he does endeavor to cause us to keep back our testimony.

Jethro's Counsel. When Jethro saw the quantity of business that was before Moses he felt that his son-in-law was surely wearing himself out, and began to counsel him to take an easier course. We need to weigh well any counsel that makes us first pity ourselves in the amount of work we have to do. If God calls us to any appointment He will always give us strength for all that is His will for us, but if we go beyond His purposes, we may break down under the weight of self-imposed loads.

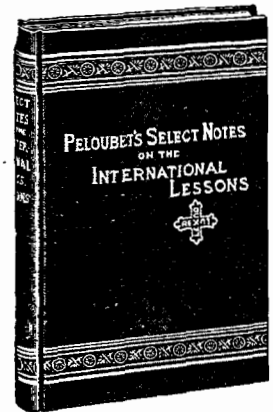
In Numbers 11:11-15 we find Moses himself complaining of his burden to the Lord, but as we read his plea of complaint, "I am not able to bear all this people alone, it is too heavy for me," it is not difficult to see that for a little

moment, Moses was losing the proper perspective of things. It was God Himself who was carrying Israel on eagle wings, and it was through His stretched out arm there was deliverance from every trial. Sometimes we, too, think we are doing everything ourselves and no wonder we break down under the burden. The Psalmist counsels us, saying, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee. The Lord's great arms of Love will sustain us as well as our burdens. Let us accept the royal invitation: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me... and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

The Value of Counsel. Jethro wisely added a qualifying clause in giving counsel: "If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so." Counsel amongst Christian brethren along the line of the revealed will of God is of inestimable value. See Proverbs 11:14; 12:15; 15:22; 19:20. Always be ready to accept the counsel of a Spirit-led child of God, for this will make thee "wise in thy latter end;" but do not go outside of the Israel of God for counsel, for unregenerated men have carnal minds and the carnal mind is enmity against God.—S. H. F.

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(MIGHTY DOWNPOUR OF LATTER RAIN IN LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA.)

A mighty hunger that nothing but God could satisfy has been upon the people of Los Angeles for many months. Out of the four thousand who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost in this city, there have been many who, grieved at the many divisions and the growing coldness upon the part of many, had been lying on their faces with fasting and prayer, praying for God to rend the heavens and come forth in His people, to bring back the old-time power of Azuza Street days, and that this wonderful city, which, as a modern Jerusalem, once held aloft the beacon light of Pentecost, which shone the world around, might again go forward so deep and so high in God that its light might shine forth to the hungry masses.

Well, God answers prayer, and indeed it is surely only an answer of prayer that could bring such a revival as our eyes now behold. Victoria Hall, seating some seven hundred, has been unable to hold the people who have stood for hours clear down the steps that lead to the street, endeavoring to hear. Such prayers as burst forth from the lips of these people as they pray with one voice in unison together, seems as though it would move God on His throne and bring down the power. Such singing in the Spirit is a revelation to us all. It is the kind we dreamed would only be heard from the vast blood-washed throng as they stand before the throne.

At the altar services we are unable to accommodate the people seeking the Lord. The floor of the rostrum, and of the altar and of the prayer room is filled with the slain of the Lord as sinners are being saved, backsliders reclaimed, seekers baptized in the Holy Ghost, and scores of would-be seekers are obliged to stand in the aisles, sometimes till almost midnight, waiting their turn to get to the altar. There are times when there have been one hundred and fifty to two hundred slain under the power at one time. Such a breaking-down, such a melting together, as they bathe the feet of the Master with gratitude and love. He is revealing Himself afresh as the bleeding, slain, spotless, compassionate Lamb of blest Mount Calvary, as the mighty Conqueror, the Captain of the King's hosts, the Bridegroom and the coming King who is soon to swing the heavenly portals wide and come forth for His bride who has left all to follow Him.

Missionaries, evangelists, preachers and hungry saints are gathering into the city from many distant points. A larger hall is being searched for and the great auditorium, seating thirty-five hundred, has been engaged for this coming Sunday.

There was never a time that I felt my own helplessness and insufficiency, my utter dependence upon God, as I do now, having been led from the Atlantic to the Pacific to deliver the simple,

three-fold message that the Lord has given me for this hour. Pray for me, beloved, that as I stand before the people I may so decrease and He increase, that they shall lift up their eyes and behold no man save Jesus only. In the natural it seems so amazing and almost unbelievable that God should lead poor, unworthy, unlearned me so far, or that I could be of any assistance to these learned, scholarly patriarchs in the Pentecostal movement, but praise the Lord, here we are, and I realize perhaps more than at any other time in all my life that I am in the center of His will, and am being led unerringly by Him who said: "I will take a worm to thrash a mountain, the weak things and things that are not to confound the mighty and things that are."
Sister Amiee Semple McPherson.

BAUCIS, TEXAS.

We want to sound a note of praise for what the dear Lord has been doing for us in the past few weeks. We held a few days' meeting at Vick School, seven miles from New Coney. We had a struggle at first, but thank God, the victory did come in Jesus' Name. Bro. J. M. Eichwurzel assisted in the latter part of the meetings, and the Lord blessed us in giving out the Word. Some wept their way through to victory, others were seeking, the saints were much built up in the faith. We were made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. To God be all the glory!
We are at present in a meeting at Boncis, and the dear Lord is blessing our efforts. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family that we may have a revival at this place.—J. W. May.

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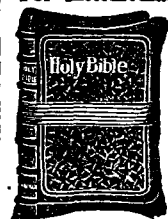
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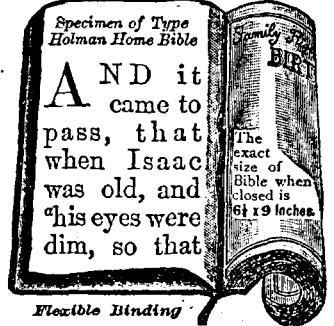
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Reports From the Field

PORTLAND, ORE.

At the close of another year I am praising and thanking God for His love and goodness to me. No sickness has come to me and my household this past year. Never was more encouraged to press on than at the commencement of this another year. In much gratitude to God, I can report mighty victory, and prosperity for the work here, and the spiritual tide still rising, the power of God is present to deliver souls from sin, and others are receiving the Spirit.—Will C. Trotter, Portland, Ore.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

We had a blessed day yesterday when we had an all day service. Several came at 9 A. M. and stayed and prayed and sought the Lord until 9 P. M. and testified that it was the best day they ever had. I had a beautiful and blessed baptismal service in Father's great baptistry (the sea) on December 15th, and buried three with our Lord according to what Jesus said. We have a nice body of saints at San Pedro, and I go over each Sunday afternoon and preach there. We are praying the Lord to give us a lot where we can build a tabernacle in the spring, as it is almost impossible to get a suitable building for a mission here. I wish to request prayer for this. God has wonderfully answered prayer in sending in much money for the missionaries this month, enabling us to send out a total of \$116.20.—W. R. Potter.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

We had one of the most blessed meetings on the night of Jan. 1st that it has been my privilege to attend in a long time. The house was only about half full and all but one or two were Christians. The text that night was "Here am I; send me." Isa. 5:8. The Lord led us to see the whitened harvest fields and the great need of men and women who would go. He also called our attention to the Divine equipment that was necessary and that it was already provided and ready to be "issued" out to volunteers. And when the call was made for all who would "register" as willing to be "inducted" into the Lord's service at His discretion, about fifteen raised their hands as volunteers. About ten of these were strong, healthy, intelligent and Spirit filled young men who are now wearing the uniform of the U. S. Army; and I believe every one of them meant it from his heart. We want every one to pray for these young people; and any who feels the need of reinforcements on the foreign fields or at home may make requisition on the Lord and He will send all that is needed up to the limit of the number of volunteers. (Luke 10:2.)—Pastor F. A. Hale, 422 Dolorosa St., San Antonio, Tex.

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BROWNEDELL, TEXAS.

We have no preacher here at the present time but we have kept on our Sunday evening meetings at the tabernacle and are holding prayer meetings in the homes of some of the saints during the week. We feel if some one was led of God to hold a meeting at this place that souls would be saved. The saints love the Lord and would do what they could to help out. Will the Evangel readers pray that God will send the right party.—Pentecostal Assembly, Brownedell, Texas.

BLACK ROCK, ARK.

We closed a two weeks' meeting in Black Rock, Ark., on Dec. 29th. We had a good meeting, but an awful hard pull of it. The saints got wonderfully blessed, God was with us, and conviction was clearly visible upon the people throughout all the meetings, but they would not yield. They would sit in their seats and weep, hold up their hands for prayer, or come forward and give their hands on various propositions, but this is as far as they would go. They would "follow Jesus afar off," but would not confess their Saviour publicly, a very sad condition indeed to get into. We begin our next meeting, D. V., at Canalou, Mo.—W. V. Kneisley.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

The Lord has certainly been leading us forward in Springfield, Mass., although we have had many and nearly insurmountable difficulties, yet He has made us launch out more and more, trusting Him fully. As a result, a nice hall, ideal from every standpoint, has finally been opened on the Main Street of the city. The Lord has already made the place precious to our hearts because of the blessed manifestation of His Divine presence.

Many of our Pentecostal Brethren, especially in the East, will be sorry to hear that our Bro. R. B. Chamberlin passed away last Tuesday, a few hours before the New Year was ushered in. He has been greatly used of God among Adventists, later in the Christian Alliance, and later in Pentecostal circles, where he has been closely associated with the work throughout New England. I was by his side while lingering, and he had a blessed and peaceful end, and yet not an end, but a glorious beginning.—J. Eric Booth-Chibborn.

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WOODWORTH-ETTER MEETINGS. Indianapolis, Ind.

At the beginning of this another year a spirit of revival is falling into the hearts of the people in an increased measure. A campaign for saving souls is now on, and God's people are coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

God is leading His people here, and He meets them and blesses them in a remarkable way. The prophecy of God is being fulfilled. God's Spirit is being poured out upon the people. They see visions, dream dreams, and lay under the mighty power of God. They sing the heavenly anthem, speak with new tongues, and dance in the Spirit.

God is revealing by His Spirit things to come. The old-time gospel is being preached and God is blessing. The Spirit of the Lord is in the midst, working signs and miracles in both soul and body. The healing power from Calvary is always present, and some remarkable healings are taking place. A young lady from Terre Haute came to the meeting suffering from a deadly cancer in the roof of her mouth. The cancer had eaten holes from the roof of her mouth up to the opening in her nose. When she would eat or drink, the food would pass through those openings and come out of her nose. Under those terrible conditions the doctor gave her only a short time to live. She came to the revival, Sister Etter prayed for her, and God healed her. Now she is well and happy, eats anything she wishes, and has given her life entirely to the work of the Lord while here. God has given her the Holy Ghost and started her out for Him.

Word came to the meeting a few days ago that a young woman living near the tabernacle was bad with consumption and organic heart trouble. She had been in bed about eight weeks, and two weeks previous to the request she had been given up by her doctor. Medical science had failed. The prayer of faith was offered, and before the week was over she was healed and up, and rejoicing in the power of God.

Many letters are being sent out with anointed cloths in them, and God is healing as in the days of Paul.

These are truly the last days. Signs and wonders are being seen in our midst. Jesus is preparing to catch away His bride, and when He does, He will serve His children at the great banquet in the skies.

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GOING BACK TO LIBERIA.

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DEMobilIZATION.

Now that amistice has stopped the fighting, may seem to think there is no further need of work among the soldiers. This is a sad and hurtful mistake. While the strain has been relieved somewhat, the need and urgency of the work are increased. The soldiers in the camps need the restraint of Christian teaching, that the boys may return to their homes with conception of Christ and a grip on the truth of God that will make them a blessing to their home community. Again, many of the wounded are returning to the camps to stay until they are recovered, and the greatest opportunity to do them good is now. The United Prayer and Workers' League sees this opportunity and is putting forth every effort to make the best of it by furnishing them with good literature. The need for good wholesome reading matter is greatly accentuated, because the wounded soldiers have more time to read than ever. This work cannot be carried on without continued help from the saints. So for the sake of the wounded, crippled soldier who went over in your place and defeated the enemy, and has now returned to us to be cared for, will you help?

Bro. Raymond Richey, the director of the League, whose soul is on fire for God and the salvation of sinners, is working just as faithfully, though without means, as he did during the war, but he is much hindered by lack of means to supply tracts, etc.

Let us rally to his support, make the closing chapter of this army work the best by the help of the Lord, by pointing these dear wounded soldiers to Jesus who saves, and to Heaven where there will be no cripples. Let those who have wounded boys in the camps respond to this call, and all others who can.—A. P. Collins.

(The Missionary Treasurer will gladly forward offerings for this good work.)

PREACHER WANTED

We have a very needy field here in the Betternot Valley; well settled, nice people, but very few real gospel ministers. Pray with us that God may send some good live Holy Ghost man or man and wife here to help in spreading the real gospel of Christ. Anyone feeling led to come this way may write me and I will answer any inquiries regarding the field, or if you should decide to come, there is an open door at my house and I shall gladly join in the work.

Evang. W. L. Thompson,
400 N. 2nd St., Hamilton, Mont.

We desire an interest in your prayers that God will keep us, and send us some one to this needy field. There are no Pentecostal people near us. W. H. Parker and wife, Bayou Meto, Ark.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

A soldier boy at Ft. Riley, Kans., requests prayer for himself and comrades. O. B.

Please pray for my healing. J. T., Denison, Tex.

Please unite in prayer for me, that the Lord will break my self will and have His way with me till He comes. A reader.

Please pray for my children, a son and daughter, that they may be saved. Our precious Lord may come very soon, and my dear children are still unsaved. N. J. B. Littlerock, Calif.

Please pray earnestly for my brother who says there is no future for him; also for all my loved ones that they may be saved. E. A. C., Afron, N. Y.

Please pray for us in Gt. Falls that God will provide the right place for our new mission. E. M.

Please pray for myself and husband and for my unsaved family. Mrs. M. K., W. Va.

Please pray for a backslider. J. H. T., Ohio.

Please pray for my family that they may all be saved, and for my son's healing. Mrs. J. E. J., Toyah, Tex.

Please pray mightily that God will baptize me with the Holy Ghost, and that He will give me victory over the power of the devil; also pray for the saints here. L. M. Springside, W. Va.

Please join me in special prayer for myself and family that we may be delivered from the Itch. A party staying all night at our place gave it to us, and we are 160 miles away from any of the saints. Pray also that we may be protected from the "Flu." Evangeli reader, J. C., Tex.

I ask the prayers of the Evangel family in the name of Jesus that I may be completely healed of heart asthma. Mrs. C. S.

Want to make a request for prayer that we may be able to sell our farm, and relieved of financial difficulties. And pray that we may be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. J. H., Rosean, Minn.

Pray that the Lord will provide for my present needs. S. C. H., Jesup, Ga.

Pray that I may receive the Acts 2:4 experience, and that my remaining days in camp may be spent in spreading this gospel of salvation. W. L., Camp Lee, Va.

Please pray for my wife's healing. J. E. W., Rush, Ark.

Please pray that I may be healed in mind and body, and for the full salvation of my husband and daughter. Remember this request. L. L. S., Lomita, Calif.

A Baptist minister who is hungry for

more of God requests prayer that he may receive this Pentecostal experience. J. L. R., Advance, N. C.

Prayer is requested for the Assembly at Kitzmiller, Md., S. M.

We are in great need of a minlster. Please pray the Lord to send some Spirit-filled man here. B. F. Merritt, Sturgis, Miss., R. 3, Box 20.

Please pray for the salvation of my family. D. M., Pittsburg, Kans.

Please remember us before the Throne of Grace, when you pray. Sickness is all around us. We are keeping the postoffice, and are constantly being exposed to all kinds of maladies. Pray that we may be kept soul and body. Also pray for our town. We need spiritual help, and should be glad if some Spirit-filled man would come along and help us. Sister J. Cross, Falco, Ala.

Please pray for the healing of my body also that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. B. L., Reform, Ala.

Prayer is requested for the little band of saints at Commerce, Tex.

Evang. T. T. Carmichael requests prayer that he may get the mind of the Lord as he moves on to a new field of labor.

Nearly three years ago my dear wife was called home to live with the Lord, and I am left with five children. Brethren, I need your prayers. I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit, so that I can bring up these children in a manner that will be pleasing to God. W. J. K., Cambria, Wis.

Please pray that God will completely heal me, and lead me out in His service, and that I may have a deeper love for the lost. Evangeli Reader.

A sister up in Canada requests prayer for her boy who is away from God. Mrs. L. P. S.

Pray that God will show me what step He wants me to take next. There is something on my heart and mind but I want to be sure it is the Lord. F. W. B., Denison, Tex.

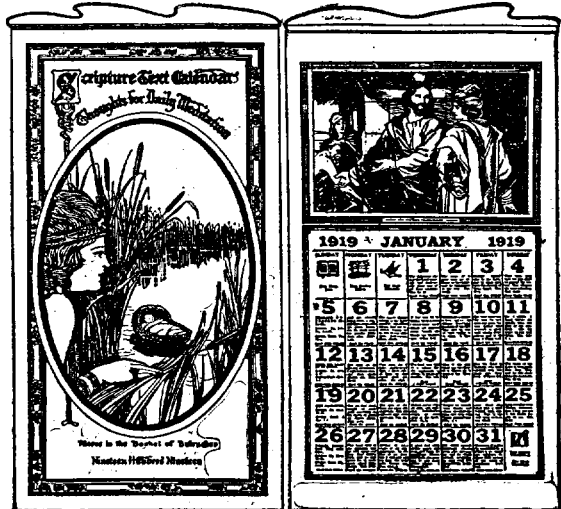
Please pray for an old couple up in Quebec. Mrs. H. O. B.

Please have the saints pray for myself and family that we may all be one in the Lord and receive His fullness; also that the Pentecostal fire may sweep over this community. W. E. V., Marathon, N. Y.

Please pray for my healing, and for a fresh anointing from the Lord. C. W. L. P., Sun, W. Va.

I shall appreciate the prayers of the Evangel family that my family be saved and receive the Holy Ghost, and for my own healing. Mrs. L. M. N., Kingsville, Tex

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