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## Overcoming The World, The Flesh And The Devil.

A Message Given at Cleveland, Ohio by Pastor A. G. Ward

This subject divides itself into three parts.—What are we to overcome? How are we to overcome? And what is to be the reward for overcoming.

We are in a great conflict, there is no doubt about that. We do a foolish thing if we under-estimate the strength of our foe. It is said that William H. Seward, who was Secretary of State under Lincoln, prophesied that the war of the revolution between the North and South would last but ninety days. He was mistaken. It lasted for four years and cost the country in the neighborhood of 500,000 men.

The late Earl Kitchener was asked in the early days of the great European conflict, how long it would last. He replied, "I cannot tell how long it will last, but I know when it will begin. It will begin three years hence." He did not underestimate the strength of the foe. He was of the Lord Roberts stock. Poor Lord Roberts was laughed at by the aristocracy of England and by the lords and peers of that land, when years previous to his death he warned the great British Empire to prepare for a mighty conflict with Germany. They said that it never would come, but it did come! And Germany was on the verge of meeting with success, and no doubt would have won if God had not intervened, as He did on the Marne and other places, when without a doubt He came down in power and undertook for the Allied forces.

We are forever underestimating the strength of our foe, and sometimes we say, "Let us not talk about it." We seem to think that that is an easy way of disposing of the matter. Some people for instance, who do not wish to believe in hell, say, "Well we don't believe it and that ends it." Does it? Suppose while I am standing here a messenger boy came in with a telegram and said, "This is for Mr. Ward," and he hands it to me. I open it and read that my baby girl has died suddenly. I fold it up and say, "I do not believe that." Would that change the matter? No indeed. So your not believing a thing does not prove that it is not so. Our under-estimating the strength of our foe will not help us, but may prove a very serious matter before we are through.

**WHAT ARE WE TO OVERCOME?**  
First, the world, and when I use that term I do not mean this planet on which

we live, nor do I refer to the people living on the planet. May I call your attention to the fact that at least in thirty different places in the Bible where this word occurs, it refers to an evil system over which Satan presides and which might be properly rendered, a "Satanic System." That is our first enemy, this great evil system which has long existed and which has been growing in force and power as the years have come and gone, and which will surely be headed up in the man of sin, the Anti-Christ. It is a political, commercial and religious federation.

You ask me are there indications of this thing coming to a head soon? I think so. First, from a political viewpoint. Your worthy President, who is an idealist of the first type, and who perhaps has had just a peep into the golden age before us, ventured to do what no other President of this great Republic has ever done: leave the shores during the days of his presidency and cross the waters to Europe and advocate "the League of Nations," and after pressing the matter upon European statesmen and sovereigns, he succeeded in getting them to embrace the idea. But I suppose he would be highly insulted if he were to be told that that was a part of this great Satanic system over which the devil presides.

And then from a commercial standpoint. Do you not recognize that there has been a marked change in the commercial world during the last fifty years? Even when I was a boy the slogan in the commercial world was, "Competition, Competition." But the thing has changed and now the slogan in the commercial world is "Combine, Combine, Combine." Let the big concerns squeeze the life out of the little concerns and bring all the small firms under one head.

And then in the religious world. Are there not indications that the religious world is joining in the great confederacy which will be headed by the Anti-Christ? Of course, but they are not aware apparently that this is a part of this great Satanic system. In the closing days of the late war there was a great drive in New York City to raise money for war purposes. In that drive there were a large number of Y. M. C. A. workers, Salvation Army representatives, members of the Knights of Columbus and Jews, all marching together. Think of

it! Y. M. C. A. workers. There was a time when the Y. M. C. A. was a Christian institution. I do not know what your returned boys have to say about it, but our lads in Canada laugh at the Y. M. C. A. They do have some respect for the Salvation Army lasses, who served them with doughnuts and coffee in France, but they consider it a joke when you talk to them of the good work done by the Y. M. C. A.

Representatives of the Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army and Knights of Columbus and Jews, all working together. I think that Catherine Booth, mother of the Salvation Army, if she had gotten word of that, would have felt grieved beyond expression. Do you not remember that it was she who said once, "If hell were on one side and sin on the other I would rather jump into hell than knowingly sin against God." But here is the Army joining hand in hand with the people of the world! The Knights of Columbus, what body do they represent? They are members of that secret order which is strictly Roman Catholic, therefore, they represent the blood-soaked, harlot church of Rome. And the Jews do not believe in our Jesus at all. This, to say nothing of a great many other things, indicates that there is a coming together such as I have mentioned.

I am sure that you are aware of the fact that recently some prominent clergymen of Protestant churches in this country, took a trip clear to Rome to interview the Pope to see if he would not sanction a "League of Churches." Lord help us! It is going to become increasingly difficult for us to keep free from this evil system, which is really the world. That is our first enemy. We will be considered disinterested; they will charge us with having a lack of love and a lack of common sense if we persist in not having anything to do with this system as it develops and increases in force and power.

But I must pass on to our next enemy, the devil. "Oh," you say, "If I were you I would not say anything much about the devil." Well, if we could come to some agreement I might be persuaded not to say much. If the devil would agree to leave the people alone from this hour on I might be persuaded to agree not to say anything much more about him. But since he seems de-

terminated to do his best, so I am determined to do my best and I will expose the devil when I have opportunity. When I was a lad and for a number of years afterwards, I thought of the devil as the most hideous monster in existence. I believed that he had eye-balls of fire; that he had horns and hoofs. I also believed that he was in hell. But when I turned to the Bible and studied it for myself, I failed to discover any such picture of the devil, but I learned that he was the most awfully, august character pictured in the Word of God. He was never in hell and will not be there for some time yet. If I thought there was any chance of his getting converted I would not wish him in hell, but since I do not think there is any probability or possibility of that, I do wish he was there.

In the 28th chapter of Ezekiel and the 11th verse, we read words something like these: "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty." I read this in order to present to you a picture of the devil. "Yes, but," you say, "What has this scripture to do with it? You are reading about the King of Tyrus." After I read on you will readily appreciate the fact that this lamentation does not refer to any earthly monarch, much less does it refer to a ruler of so small a kingdom as that of Tyre, but it does refer without question to the devil. "Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created." Here we learn of Satan's first home, and a little later on in the same scripture we learn of his first position, namely that of "covering cherub," one of three arch-angels whose names are mentioned in the book. He was superior to the other two. Let me call your attention to the fact that the Eden mentioned here, which was the first habitation of the devil, does not resemble in any respect the Eden which was the habitation of our first parents, but it is very, very similar to the description which is given us later of the future home of the Bride of Christ, and just here I would suggest this, without being dogmatic, that this accounts for the fact that the Bridehood saints, more than any other company of people, encounter the supernatural powers of evil, and are forced into a conflict with the devil, that other saints know nothing about.

The enemy, when he fell through pride and lost this position, came earthward and succeeded through our first parents in bringing sin upon the whole race, and he hoped that by so doing he would damn the entire race. But no sooner had our first parents fallen than

of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, but in the bruising of the serpent's head, the heel of the seed of the woman should be bruised. That is just what happened. Now the enemy is stirred with this promise and so we find him all down through the years, watching, on the alert, for the coming of the seed of the woman, and whenever he suspected that the seed of the woman was about to arrive, he put forth special efforts to destroy it, and after the Christ did come you remember that time and again the enemy sought the destruction of His life.

You remember when Christ was out on the sea in a little boat asleep and the enemy brought on a storm and tried to drown Him. In the garden, the enemy put forth an effort to take His life before He could reach the Cross and taste hell for us and make it possible for us, to go free. But in all these plans, the devil was defeated and Christ delivered us and now through the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross, He made it possible for us, not only to be saved, but for a company of people to be so purified and so rounded-out in grace, that later on, we might reign with Jesus, having a place in the Throne with Him, and suggest that in all probability the Bride of Christ will eventually occupy the same position that the enemy occupied in the beginning. Small wonder that the enemy, knowing this, is doing his utmost to defeat us and it is going to mean everything for us to get through. Beloved, we will have occasion before the bell rings, to throw off our coats, roll up our sleeves and sput our teeth and clench our fists and fight our way through with real bull-dog tenacity, and you will find the necessity of having all your wishbone turned into backbone if you intend to get through.

The devil is our second enemy. He works in a variety of ways. He works as an angel of light. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." How does he work as an angel of light? Largely in this way: Through his ministers. I say that as an angel of light the devil works largely through his ministers who are also "angels of light," or "ministers of righteousness." You say, "Do you think the devil has ministers?" Of course he has. How could he advance his doctrines, for he certainly has doctrines, if he had no ministers to advance them?

Let me read some statements from some of these ministers. Dr. G. B. F. a prominent minister, writes: "Biblical infallibility is now abandoned. The idea that the source and certainty of the preachers' messages are rooted in God's dictations of truth is no longer tenable." Very many thanks, Dr.

A book recently published by the Y.

complacently sung, 'Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe,' and imagined that they have no responsibility about their own salvation, but that the Cross of Jesus has somehow done it all. This is the most dangerous of all fallacies." "It is a barren literalism which strains the Blood of Christ as the secret of His saving power."

Professor S. says: "Conversion is really a natural phenomenon of adolescence based on the growing and expanding of the personal self. We no longer think of salvation as dependent upon the acceptance of certain redemption facts."

Now these men are prominent in the churches to which they belong. They have been ordained too it is true as ministers of the Gospel, but they are "ministers of Satan," and through them he works as "an angel of light."

But he has other ways of working. He comes as a fowler and a distributor of pestilence. "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence," (Psalm 91:3). I think perhaps we have been too slow in recognizing the power of the devil in the matter of pestilence. Surely it was a pestilence that swept over the world a year ago and which threatens to sweep over the world once again. I am not here to scatter fear among the people, but I met a friend the other day who told me that recently, within a few days, they had 130 deaths from the flu in his city. How do you account for it? Ask the physicians. They do not know how to account for it, they openly acknowledge that they are baffled in this matter. They could not tell from whence it came; they are not able to diagnose the thing. (At least if one can depend upon the published reports that were sent out over the land). I was interested to discover that the word "pestilence" is derived from a word that signifies "To speak." It is a speaking thing. It says, "The enemy is at work." The enemy is the spreader of pestilence. He works in this way. Then I notice further that he works as the afflicter of the body. Read Luke 13:16. "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" So we learn that Satan afflicts the body.

Oh, the large number of afflicted ones that we meet on every hand. Instead of our apologizing to the devil for venturing to interfere with his work, I declare to you that God wants us to assert our authority and rebuke the devil and see that the afflicted ones are set free. Do you not recall the Scripture, Romans 8:11: "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." You readily see, I am sure, that the mortal body does not refer to a body which is dead but to a body which is living. The word "quicken," does not mean to resurrect, but to revive that which has become weak and disabled, and that it is to be done now is without

# SPIRITUALISM—Is It of God Or of The Devil?

An Address by Dr. A. C. Dixon

"A man or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them" (Lev. 20:27).

"There shall not be found among you . . . a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard" (Deut. 18:10, 11).

"And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards out of the land" (1 Sam. 28:3).

"Manasseh dealt with evil spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord" (2 Kings 21:6).

"And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter, should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:19-20).

"Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the works of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord" (2 Kings 23:24).

"So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; And enquired not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse" (1 Chron. 10:13, 14).

"But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils" (Matt. 9:34).

"And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil and cried out with a loud voice" (Luke 4:33).

"Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and ye do dishonor me" (John 8:49).

"But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship, with devils" (John 10:20).

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron" (1 Tim. 4:1, 2).

Every Bible student knows that there is a world of good spirits. We call them angels. One of them ministered to Hagar in the wilderness. Two of them went to Lot and helped him out of Sodom. One of them came to Gideon and commissioned him. One of them appeared to the parents of Samson. One of them was sent into the den of lions to protect Daniel from their fierceness. One of them slew in one night 180,000 Assyrian soldiers. All through the Old Testament we see their bright forms ministering to God's people and doing God's will.

And when we come to the New Testament, we find an angel announcing to Mary the birth of Jesus; a choir of angels singing to the shepherds above the plain of Bethlehem; telling Joseph

where to go; going into the prison, releasing Peter and leading him out; going through the storm and giving words of good cheer to the apostle Paul in the midst of the discouraged crew; ministering to the Lord Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane; and when we come to Revelation, the whole vision is full of these bright angelic spirits.

Every Bible student knows equally well that there is a world of evil spirits. They are revealed more clearly in the New Testament, though we find them in the Old. Some of them are called "unclean spirits." A whole legion of them was in one man. They could leave him and enter the swine which they destroyed. The Lord Jesus spent much of His time healing the people of diseases and casting out these unclean evil spirits. Some of them were dumb; some of them, very loud-mouthed; some of them made confession; some of them were exceedingly cruel, striking down their victim and throwing him into the fire. Now these two things are evident to every Bible student.

Fifty years ago the scientific world was solid, almost, against the existence of spirits at all. It was mastered by materialism. Out of matter, came everything. Tyndale told us that he could see in dead matter the promise and potency of life. In the time of our Lord, the Sadducees were materialists who did not believe in spirits, angels, or even a spiritual God though they were exceedingly religious. And fifty years ago the whole scientific world were Sadducees in their attitude to spirits. I think I can make the assertion, with scarcely an exception, that the curse of the world then was bare, bold materialism. Now the pendulum has swung back to the other side, and we find the scientific world acknowledging the world of spirits and claiming that they can have communication with them and magnifying the importance of it.

While the Bible reveals a world of good spirits and a world of evil spirits, the God of the Bible forbids our becoming familiar with either one. The good spirits minister. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them that shall be heirs of salvation?" But God commands us not to seek their aid, not to try to become familiar with them, not to communicate with them—not even with the good spirits—as they do not need to be told what to do; they are under the guidance of God; they do not need our advice. God commands His people time and again not to be familiar with spirits. Keep familiar with Him. Seek unto the Lord. Trust the Holy Spirit, the third Person in the Trinity, but never try to make familiar with the spirits, good or bad, in the spirit world.

If God should permit us to make familiar with the good spirits, it would give an opportunity to evil spirits to deceive us. If God permitted us to ap-

proach the spirits for information, the lying spirits would be in evidence, and spiritualists today, every one of them so far as I know, admit there are lying spirits. That is the way spiritualists get out of many things; they blame the spirits. They cannot expect all spirits to tell the truth; and when they find their messages are false, the spirits are blamed with the falsity. If we approach them at all, it gives the evil spirits an opportunity to deceive us.

And the Bible reveals the fact that those who did approach them were led into sin. You heard what I read about Manasseh, who dealt with familiar spirits. The evil spirits want to become familiar with you. The good spirits never do, because they know that it is not God's will. It is the bad spirit only that has the disobedient heart, that seeks to become familiar with any human being. "Manasseh dealt with familiar spirits and wizards. He wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord." You have but to read his life to see what a wreck was made of it. And you can find thousands, we are told, who have made themselves familiar with spirits, and have wrecked their lives mentally as well as morally and sometimes physically.

Another reason for not seeking familiar spirits is that they take occasion to defile us. "Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards to be defiled by them" (Leviticus 19:31). If you seek after these spirits, you will be defiled by them. God says, Don't regard those who profess to have spirits, familiar with them, communicating with them, lest ye be defiled. The good spirits will not approach you; only the defiling, wicked spirits that are disobedient to God attempt to do it.

And it cuts us off from God. In Leviticus 20:6 we find that very clearly stated. In five of six Scriptures we are told plainly by Jehovah that if we seek them that have familiar spirits, He will withdraw Himself; He will cut Himself off from us. If we want the presence of God, we must not seek the presence of these spirits in a familiar way.

Still another reason is that the work of familiar spirits is from beneath. A most remarkable Scripture that, in Isa. 29:4. "And thou shalt be brought down and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust." That is, these communications that come out of the spirit world do not come from above; they come from beneath, from the dust, from the dirt, from earthly things; they are not communications from above.

Now God not only forbids our making familiar with spirits, good or bad, and having to do with spirits that want to be familiar with us, but He tells us we

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## EDITORIAL MEDITATIONS.

Uttermost salvation is a new creation  
through regeneration, bringing libera-  
tion, restoration and preservation.

The joy of the Lord and the liberty of  
the Spirit, however expressed, are al-  
ways compatible with the highest rever-  
ence.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not  
only for the endowment of power, but is  
first of all for the subduement of self;  
for how could God consistently endue  
that which He was not allowed to sub-  
due?

The Lord brought His ancient people  
out of Egypt, that He might bring them  
into Canaan. And this is His purpose  
for us; He is calling us out of the world  
into His Kingdom, and if we come in  
and go through we will surely go up,  
and if we go up we shall go in to come  
out no more forever.

The chief fundamental law of the  
kingdom of grace is that of separation.  
Therefore let us get into God's divine-  
separator, and have Him separate us  
from all that He desires to separate us  
from, and separate from us all that  
He sees necessary, that He may fit us  
for separation unto Himself; and if  
we will to remain thus separated there  
is nothing in earth or hell that will  
ever be able to separate us from God.

Materialistic philosophers claim that  
all belief in the supernatural is super-  
stition; but this is not so. Superstition  
is the result of perverted views of the  
supernatural, and the remedy for super-  
stition is not the denial of the super-  
natural, but the obtaining of correct  
views concerning it. And this can only  
be done through regeneration, whereby  
we are supernaturally changed and il-  
luminated by the divinely supernatural  
One, who enables us by His Holy Spirit  
through His word to see light in His  
light.

There is a negative as well  
as a positive side to salvation,  
but many try to meet the posi-  
tive requirements while ig-  
noring the negative conditions.

They undertake to do that which in  
itself is right without first being right

themselves, whereas the scriptural or-  
der is "Cease to do evil and learn to do  
well, Depart from evil and do good,"  
and the reversing of this order results  
in "dead works."

No amount of religious activity or  
human enthusiasm, uninspired by God,  
can be made a substitute for right living;  
or the divine energy of the Holy Spirit;  
and if we insist in being persistent we  
ought to be truly consistent.

### Life Out of Death.

16:25.

If we recognize, and appreciate the  
import of this wonderful basic princi-  
ple,—which is a divine paradox,—  
laid down by our Lord, and allow it to  
prevail in our lives it will cover every  
requirement, and make us gladly willing  
to die to the world and sin, and thus  
bringing ourselves to the end of our-  
selves we will find Christ, who will give  
Himself to us, and restore unto us every  
legitimate thing which we have given  
up for His sake, and this must include  
the restoration of ourselves to ourselves,  
divested of everything which heretofore  
hindered.

Shall we not then consent to lose that  
we may win; give up to get; let go to  
hold on; sink down to rise up; become  
enlarged by being reduced, and die that  
we may live?

### A Legacy of Unbelief.

We are at a tremendous  
disadvantage today due  
to an inheritance of un-  
belief handed down to us  
from our religious predecessors, and  
are reaping the fruit of the unbelief of  
centuries. Therefore we need not be  
surprised at the great dearth of spiri-  
tuality which surrounds us. This should  
not be, but it is so; and there is a reason.  
Having been religiously trained in un-  
belief concerning some of the most  
precious things which God has for His  
people from time immemorial, we are  
enveloped in a moral atmosphere thus  
created, which has greatly handicapped  
us in our growth and activities. If  
Jesus in His earthly ministry was  
hindered by the unbelief of those around  
Him, is it any wonder that we too are  
curtailed by present day conditions?

Take the history of the Church from  
the beginning and note the continued  
declension, even during the lives of the  
apostles, down to the present time, in  
which we have a host of religious lead-  
ers "wise in their own eyes," who are  
calling "evil good and good evil" and  
warning souls to keep away from places  
where the full gospel is being pro-  
claimed, and where the scriptures are  
being fulfilled in the way of experience  
and manifestations of the Spirit, "Don't  
go near those people," "That's of the  
devil," they say. And yet they wouldn't  
know the devil if they saw him and  
therefore fail to locate him near enough  
home. But they say, "Come with us,  
and we will do you good;" and should  
you accept their invitation, they would  
in many cases introduce you to a number

of worldly features, and urge you to  
participate in and promote them, many  
of which are positively and unqualifiedly  
condemned and forbidden in the Word of  
God, evil pure and simple, and yet they  
call it good.

God's people have been robbed of  
much of their rightful heritage of truth  
and experience by these misleading  
teachers, and we feel free to say that  
up till recent years we had never heard  
a full gospel sermon, not that the truth  
in every case was designedly held back,  
but there has been a failure somewhere.  
But we rejoice that neglected themes are  
being revived and scriptural experiences  
restored, every feature of which we  
should have been familiar with all our  
lives had the shepherds been true to  
their trust.

But as a result of the revival of the  
truth, in honoring God, by believing  
His word, trusting the Holy Spirit and  
exalting Jesus Christ, the signs prom-  
ised are beginning to follow: people  
are being truly born again and started  
on a holy life; bodies are being healed;  
believers baptized in the Holy Ghost as  
at Pentecost, and the coming of the  
Lord is being proclaimed,—precious  
scripture truths and experiences, nearly  
all of which have been and still are  
either ignored or antagonized by popu-  
lar preachers. Whom shall we believe—  
God or man?

J. T. B.

### FIRE AND FALSE FIRE.

In services where everything seems  
cold and lifeless, and frozen up, we  
sometimes hear this declaration made:  
"Well, I'd rather see a little wild fire  
in a meeting than no fire at all." And  
this fiery statement has sometimes been  
the result of starting that kind of a fire.  
But let us ask the question, What is  
wild fire? Is it not false fire? And false  
fire is hell fire, for it is of the devil.  
No one, of course, would encourage this  
kind of fire, if they realized what it really  
was. For, as compared with wild fire,  
frost is less harmful, for there is a pos-  
sibility of melting ice and managing  
it; but false fire is uncontrollable. But  
the one remedy for both conditions is  
the real fire of God; thawing out the  
spiritual icebergs, on the one hand and  
burning out the false fire of fanaticism  
on the other.—J. T. B.

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## Questions and Answers

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### 805. Why did Paul re-baptize the disciples at Ephesus, Acts 19:1-6?

Because they were evidently baptized shortly before this by Apollos with only the baptism of John,—after Christ's death and resurrection when John's baptism came to an end. Jesus taught that the baptism of John was authorized from heaven. Hence many of His disciples and He, Himself, accepted baptism at the hands of John. It was as good as gold in John's day. But when Jesus rose from the dead, having become the author of life and salvation, He issued a new order to preach remission of sins in His name (Lu. 24:47), and to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost (Matt. 28:19). Jesus declared that He issued this new order because all authority in heaven had been put into His hands. So the new order for baptism was also from heaven. But the new order cancelled the old. After Christ issued the new order for baptism, the old was henceforth out of Divine order. What was done in order did not need to be done over. Apollos was not in Divine order in continuing John's baptism after God had dropped it. Hence, Paul could not recognize it. He explained to these disciples,—learners,—that John had pointed his disciples to Christ. They at once accepted Christ and Christian baptism. The order of Christ for baptism is the only order in force from the day He issued it till He returns.

806. What is the difference between the ministerial credentials of the General Council given to a woman and those given to a man? What acts may the man perform as an ordained minister which the ordained woman is not authorized to perform?

In both cases alike their call from God to testify, to evangelize and preach the word is recognized. In this respect there is no difference. The difference comes as soon as one approaches ministerial acts of an OFFICIAL nature, or the exercise of AUTHORITY.

The ordained man is authorized "to administer the ordinances of the church and to perform marriage ceremonies in accordance with the laws of the state where he resides." Now please note two things here. First, that credentials given to women do not contain these clauses to administer church ordinances and to celebrate marriage. If she does either of these things, she does so without the authority of the Assemblies of God, and in most cases would be subject to a heavy fine under the law at the hands of the courts, if it is reported to them.

Second, note that in the case of performing marriage ceremonies, not even the man can act solely on his religious credentials. In addition to receiving credentials, he must also first find out what the law in his state requires of

him and comply with this state law before marrying any couple. His credentials only confer church authority; but the state has not conferred its authority on the legal side until you first comply with its demands. In some states a minister must give a bond of \$1,000 that he will keep the law and not marry people under legal marriageable age. In other states one must first put his credentials on record in some county of that state before he can legally perform marriage ceremonies. In other states the law requires the minister to keep an official record book with all marriages solemnized by him strictly recorded therein, and open to public inspection at all times. In some states only proper ordination is required. But the laws on marriage vary so in the states that no minister should perform a marriage ceremony without first going to the county judge and finding out what the law requires of him, and then qualifying according to the law of that state.

The ordained Elder may act as chairman or moderator over a mixed assembly or an assembly of men, whereas the scripture, neither by precept nor by example, ever assigns such a place of rulership to any woman.

### 807. What is Mormonism?

It is a false system of religion invented by Joseph Smith. It is somewhat like Mohammedanism, and is said to be just as bad. It has a new and false Bible called the Book of Mormon. It claims God repudiated all Christian churches and adopted Mormonism in 1820, that in 1829 He sent John the Baptist, Peter, James and John as angels to ordain Joseph Smith as His sole prophet on earth. What a falsehood!

The Book of Abraham is another false claim. Joseph Smith bought an Egyptian mummy from a showman, and finding a papyrus record within its bosom, claimed to translate it as the records of the Book of Abraham. But this manuscript has been submitted to scholars and proven to be only the Egyptian Book of the Dead, which was always buried with the mummies. Smith's so-called translation proved to be a complete forgery, as it is said not one line in his translation is in the original manuscript. Smith simply used this find as an occasion to palm off a new invented fraud on his deceived crowd. There is in Springfield today a man named Lattimer, who prints a little anti-Mormon sheet, who tells me he took the full orders in the Mormon priesthood, and that when he got its inner secrets of shame he was so shocked he renounced the whole business and he is now engaged in exposing this false religion.

It would take volumes to expose all the false things in the history of Mormonism. While as a state it has outwardly professed to give up polygamy, yet it claims God and Jesus Christ are

polygamists. That in the future God will re-establish polygamy as the rule over all the earth. This shows at heart they believe in polygamy as much as ever. It is said for fifty cents you can have a whole regiment of soldiers who died in their sins baptized by proxy, and it is claimed that all are thereby saved. All such is rank heathenism. None of our people should listen to a Mormon preacher two minutes. They preach very nice and many good things at first, and the convert does not learn all its evils for years. Stay away from Mormonism.

### 808. Who are the Two Witnesses mentioned in Rev. 11:3?

Some say they are Enoch and Elijah, or Moses and Elijah. All I know is that they are two real men, prophets of God, to whom the Lord will give special power to minister in Jerusalem during the Great Tribulation.

### 809. Is a Christian wife not right in living as though not married, even though her husband is a sinner and is unwilling to live this way?

No, she is not right in such a course. If both were agreed to this way of living, and both find they are able joyfully to keep such vow, then it would be perfectly all right. But some force themselves into such a vow without any real call from God, and all such fall down on it, get under condemnation for violating their vow, and often backslide. All such should repent of their rash vow, ask God to forgive them for the self-made vow, and then live according to the grace and gift that God has actually bestowed.

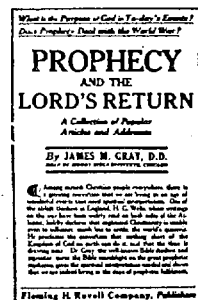
Neither the husband nor the wife has a right to attempt to live apart from the other in the home without the willing consent of the other. See on this 1 Cor. 7:2-5. It is positively wrong for one party to defraud the other without his or her consent. But no Christian should abuse their bodies; and if one is a Christian, and the other is not, the Christian has a right to urge just and righteous moderation even in lawful things. But neither has a right to force on the other total abstinence. This would be to disavow the obligations assumed in the marriage vows. True religion will never make one unkind or untrue to one's companion.

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## SPIRITUALISM.

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are not to have anything to do with those that communicate with familiar spirits. If I were in a room, and every able in it should begin to jump, I should have nothing to do with it, not a thing. If you convince me that spirits can tip tables and write on slates, and do these things, I shall have nothing to do with it because God tells me to have nothing to do with it, to have nothing to do with those that have familiar spirits. But His command goes a step further. We are to have nothing to do with those that communicate with familiar spirits. "There shall not be found among you a consulter with familiar spirits" and "the man or woman that hath a familiar spirit shall surely be put to death."

Then you admit that there is something in spiritualism? I rather think there is. I am as certain that the devil is in it as I am alive. I am as certain that he is at the head of it as I can be of a mathematical certainty. It is in the light of the Bible that I say this, and in the light of the knowledge I have of people that tell us they are in touch with familiar spirits.

The evil spirits that exist will take advantage of every inclination to become familiar with them; and if you yield yourself to Satan, who is the prince of the powers of the air, depend upon it, you may get some information from the other side. I am as certain as I am living that no glorified spirit disobeys God in that particular. The glorified are with the Lord. "To depart and be with Christ . . . is far better," and for my part, I want my glorified son, and father, and mother to stay in the "far better." I don't want them to come back here to satisfy my curiosity, to tell me things I can learn out of my Bible, and especially to come back and be in touch with my sin and sorrow. It is pure selfishness to want any glorified spirit to come down here to earth and deal with you in a way that will make them suffer if they have any feeling left.

The modern spiritualistic movement is avowedly anti-Christian. Now I weigh my words. The whole modern spiritualistic movement is avowedly anti-Christian. Mr. Marklew, one of their leading writers, says, "A Christian may not be a spiritualist without renouncing his Christianity." Remember that when you are tempted to go to a seance or to a convention or lecture. "A Christian may not be a spiritualist without renouncing his Christianity!"

I have a book, which in Great Britain is the Bible of spiritualism now, written by A. Conan Doyle, entitled "The New Revelation." If you want to know the heart, the rotten heart, of spiritualism, you have only to read it. A. Conan Doyle is the author of novels. They show genius, certainly talent and clear literary style. He started out as a materialist, not believing in spirit at all. Now he does not believe in anything much but spirit, or spirit in some modified form. "People are alienated be-

cause they do not believe the facts as presented to them in Christianity. Their reason and their sense of justice are equally offended. One can see no justice in vicarious sacrifice." The atonement of Jesus Christ utterly denied! "Above all, men cannot understand such expressions as redemption from sin, cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, etc." "So far as there was any question of the fall of man, there was at least some sort of explanation for such phrases. But when it became certain that man has never fallen,"—he has gotten pretty low somehow. Did he slide instead of fall? What sort of men were there within a short time after Adam? We find his son a murderer, if the Bible is to be believed. "Never was there any evidence of a fall." And Conan Doyle lives in Great Britain! And has been to Chicago and even to Pompeii!! And he is about fifty years old!!! With two eyes in his head, and ought to have some gray matter in his brain!!!! And there is no evidence of a fall anywhere with murder and adultery and sin running rampant!!!! No evidence of a fall!

Here is what I hesitate to read. "Too much seems to be made of Christ's death. Every religion has equally had its martyrs. In my opinion, far too much stress has been laid upon Christ's death and far too little upon His life." And then he goes on and makes himself a very good Unitarian for the time being, though he shows less respect for Jesus than the Unitarians. He accuses the Lord of losing His temper. "He came upon this earth at a time of great earthly depravity" (Yet there was no fall!) "a time when the earth was almost as wicked as now in order to give the people a lesson of an ideal life. Then He returned to His own high station, having left an example which is still occasionally followed."

That is the story of Christ as the spiritualists have described it. That is the doctrine of devils. Certainly the glorified in heaven would not say that. They are saying, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." None but an evil spirit could be induced to say that about our Lord Jesus. There is nothing in spiritualism of atonement or redemption. Oh, no, that is eliminated.

A Conan Doyle's conception of the spirit state, I confess, is one not attractive to me. I don't want to go there. "The individual finds himself in a spirit body" (whatever that is. He contends it is material—a sort of cross between the spirit and matter, but still material) "which is the exact counterpart of its old one, save that all disease, weakness, or deformity has passed from it. This spirit body is floating beside the old body, conscious both of it and the surrounding people." My, my! What a time is that! The spirit body with the old, decaying, dead body floating around! And yet he tells us they have a good time.

He takes sides with the Roman Catholics on purgatory. He gives us a purgatory, but doesn't tell how in the world we are to get out of it. No atonement, no blood, no sacrifice, and things sinking lower and lower, getting worse here, and yet he seems to imagine that somehow we will get out of the purgatory of the future.

"Hell in the spirit world drops out altogether as it long has dropped out of the thoughts of every reasonable man. Hell, as a permanent place, does not exist, but the idea of punishment and purgatory is justified by reports from the other side."

Then he talks of a spirit that used to talk with William Stead—Julia Ames—who says, "The greatest joy of heaven is emptying hell." There seems to be hell after all! They are emptying it without a Saviour, without the Blood, with the old dead bodies floating around. You feel like crying out with Paul, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

That brings us to the next witness, the eminent scientist, who is now in New York City, lecturing to great crowds at \$2.50 per head and telling of the experiences he has had in dealing with familiar spirits and those that have familiar spirits. I refer to Sir Oliver Lodge.

Sir Oliver's son, Raymond, was killed in battle, and the mediums have made him believe that Raymond has been talking to him. I don't know anything about Raymond as a Christian, but if he was a Christian, the report of the mediums is not true, because that would be in direct disobedience to the command of God, and the redeemed in glory are more obedient even than the redeemed in the flesh.

Raymond gives a most remarkable account of the conditions on the other side. He criticises the folks here for not thinking enough about the boys. Raymond says things are going on over there very much as they are going on over here. He speaks of the spirits drinking highballs and cocktails. If that is true, I think the "wets" had better move over there rather than break up prohibition in this country. I don't want to make you smile at the folly of other men, but when names in high places are quoted against the Lord Jesus, and against the inspiration of the Bible, and against redemption from sin, and against atonement through the blood, and against the Incarnation, then it is time for us to speak and to protest with all our might.

When I first went over to England, the Baptist Union had Sir Oliver Lodge as a speaker on their annual platform. They invited him because he believed there was a God—not because he believed in Christ and in the Bible, but because he believed in God. They thought it was an advance that a scientist believed in God at all. I met Dr. Brown, one of the leaders, one day. "Dr. Brown," I said, "In my humble judgment, Sir Oliver, great and good fellow as he is, ought to be in the inquirers' room or at the mourners' bench rather than on the platform speaking

before the Baptists." If he has come nearer to Christ than then, I have not heard of it. In a patronizing way he speaks of accepting the New Testament as a whole. But I want to know, does this man believe in Jesus Christ as the eternal God who made the world and the ether, and the atom, and everything else that was made, and does he bow his knee and worship Him? If he does not, he is on the other side—against God.

"The gates of hell shall not prevail against" the Church. What are the gates of hell? A gate, as you have heard explained, is not an army, not a marching regiment. The gate was the place where the mayor sat, as Lot did in the gate of Sodom; where the city council and the legislative body met, and where laws were enacted. It was a place of authority. In that phrase we have predicted what has come and what is coming. Arrayed against the Church of Christ is authority, authority in the state, in the church, in politics, men rich and in high position in literature like Doyle. And people listen because they speak from that high place, and they seem to have authority. Men in our universities become authorities in this or that or the other thing. Edison becomes an authority in electricity, and then tells us he does not believe in immortality. If he had not reached that place of authority, nobody would have listened to his word. But because he got to the place of authority, they listened. Jesus said, "Take good cheer; the gates of authority, the gates of hell, shall not prevail against the Church." You Christians need not be nervous. If all the presidents of the universities in America and in the world and all the scientists on earth should array themselves against redemption and the atonement, and the deity of Jesus, and the eternal Word of God, still the Church of Jesus Christ would be triumphant.

God gives us a test. We can apply it. "Try the spirits whether they be of God." Test them. I don't think that refers to the spirits on the other side. Not now. "Because many false prophets have gone out into the world." He is referring to false prophets, those who are speaking for God falsely. Try them. Every one can be tested by the Word of God. And all the messages that come from the other world, so called, can be tested. Here is the test. "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God." That is, Christ came down from heaven, as they said He did five times in one book. "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." By that test, where does Sir A. Conan Doyle stand? Before he became a spiritualist he was a bitter anti-Christian, against real Christianity and the Lord Jesus, and all his bitterness seems to have increased as he swung from materialism to the other side. Sir Oliver Lodge by the same test. I have read some of Sir Oliver's writings in the past, and you would never judge by his former writings that

he bowed the knee to Jesus, that he believed in the supernatural at all. I think he acknowledged that the other night. Does Sir Oliver Lodge bow the knee now to Jesus? He has never said so.

I want you to leave tonight in the midst of a scene of glory. I should like to take you to the top of the Mount of Transfiguration which A. Conan Doyle tells us was a seance. "And Peter said, Let us make three tabernacles," which being interpreted by Doyle means three booths or cabinets. That is the best way of getting reports from the spirits. Make little cabinets and put them in it. What sort of nonsense! How many men can strain at a goat and swallow a whole train of camels without winking an eye. The fact is on the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah were present not as spirits but in their glorified bodies. The body of Elijah went up to glory, and I am sure the body of Moses did, for Michael the archangel and the devil had a fight over it. There were Moses, the great lawgiver, and Elijah, the great prophet, who came to surrender their credentials to Jesus Christ. And Peter was so excited and confused, the record tells us, he did not know what he was saying. "Let us build three tabernacles, etc." And though Peter was usually pretty wise, he was impulsive and said things which he ought not. James and John had sense enough to keep quiet, and blessed is the man that has sense enough to do that. But that is the mistake of spiritualism. They bring the Lord Jesus down to the level of other Christians or other religious leaders, to a level with Confucius or Buddha, but Moses and Elijah came down to surrender their credentials to Jesus, and a voice from God said, "Hear Him;" not Moses or Elijah—"Hear Him!"

I believe that scene on the Mount of Transfiguration has a message to spiritualists and a message on spiritualism. You don't need Moses and Elijah. When the cloud had passed, the voice had gone, and Moses and Elijah had disappeared. "Hear Him!" When you have Him, you have all there is of Moses and Elijah. You don't need your glorified mother and your glorified wife and your glorified child. You don't need anybody if you will just take "Jesus only." And what we need is not to consult with spirits, but trust the Holy Spirit of God, looking up into the face of Jesus and worship Him, and love Him, and serve Him, and "Jesus only" will make us triumphant over sin, and sorrow, and death, and hell. Jesus only is what we need.—Alliance Weekly.

#### ARE WE LIKE HER?

A poor old widow, living in the Scottish Highlands, was called upon one day by a gentleman who had heard that she was in need. The old lady complained of her condition, and remarked that her son was in Australia, and doing well. "But does he do nothing to help you?" inquired the visitor. "No; nothing," was the reply. "He writes to me regu-

larly once a month, but only sends me a little picture with his letter." The gentleman asked to see one of the pictures that she had received, and found each of them to be a draft for ten pounds. All the old lady needed was to be able to recognize those "pictures," and she could have had the bodily comforts she needed so much. That is the condition of many of God's children. Our Heavenly Father has given us many "exceeding great and precious promises," of which we are either ignorant or which we fail to take as our own.

#### OVERCOMING.

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question. Shall we not rise up and claim our redemption rights and insist on having what Jesus bought for us on the Cross?

Suppose some morning I look out of my window in the city of Toronto, and I see the garbage man driving up Logan avenue and turning out on Browning avenue, and backing up his garbage wagon on to lot 146. I wonder what he is doing and go down to see. By the time I get there I see that he means to dump the whole load of garbage on my lawn. Do I say, "I beg your pardon, I would rather you did not do that, but if you insist I will have to get some disinfectant to take away the smell"? No indeed, I say, "Do not you understand that this is my property and you have no right to unload your garbage wagon here?" He says, "I do not care, I am going to unload it here." I say, "If you are determined to do it, I am just as determined you shall not," and I walk down the street and call a policeman and explain the matter to him and ask his help. He says, "I will go right along with you and I will see that he does not do that." But by the time the policeman and I get there he has dumped the whole load on the lawn, but the policeman gets him by the neck and tells him to take the load off of the lawn and get away with it.

Our bodies are the property of God. They belong to Jesus Christ. They have been redeemed; they belong to Him and the devil has not any claim on these bodies at all. I want to give you a little advice. The next time the devil comes along with his garbage wagon, loaded with some disease, and insists upon dumping it upon God's property, you put in a mighty protest. If he won't listen to you, you call on the police force of the skies, and if, when help comes, he has already dumped it on to you, just resist him in the mighty Name of Jesus and he will flee from you and take all of his garbage with him. It is your privilege and I want you to see it. Do not go down under these things. There are a lot of folk who have died prematurely, who have not needed to die at all. The Holy Ghost is organizing an exploring party and is prepared to enlist all who are willing to become reckless adventurers in God. Beloved, let us sign up.

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### Our Only Flea.

The Holy Spirit is everywhere and at all times magnifying and emphasizing the power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ. It is very important to be filled with the Spirit, for it is He alone who can teach us God's estimate of the priceless value of the shed blood of His only begotten Son. When men everywhere are occupied with the sophistries of Satan in belittling, explaining away, ignoring, abusing and trampling under foot the atoning blood of Christ, counting it as a thing altogether unavailing, the Spirit of God is showing forth the power, the efficaciousness and the all-prevailingness of this blessed flow.

As I look back to the time when the dear Lord graciously baptized me with the Holy Ghost, making no difference between me and those at the beginning, causing me to speak in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance, the thing that stands uppermost is the wonderful revelation that was given of the preciousness and power of the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. And this has been a growing revelation, and day by day the Spirit of God re-emphasizes the perfect cleansing of Calvary's flow, the absolute safety of its shelter and the positive victory that comes through its power.

### Rejecting the Blood.

Yet how true it is that "unholy men everywhere are counting the holy blood as unholy, when it is only the power of that holy blood that is restraining God from destroying these unholy ones." We once heard a spiritualist medium say, "I used to be a member of the Baptist church, but when I came to know 'the truth,' (in the spiritualists' strong delusion they believe and call a lie 'the truth'), I had to unlearn a lot I had learned in the Baptist church. And the first thing that had to go was the doctrine of the atonement." The first thing thrown overboard, the fundamental teaching of God's holy Word, "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul!"

Thank you, Mrs. Spiritualist, we are glad to know where you stand, but as for us we will continue to believe that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins, and we solemnly warn you in the Name of Him who tasted death for every man, that just as certain as sudden destruction came to the first-born in every house that was not sheltered under the blood of the lamb on that first passover night in Egypt, so a greater and more terrible destruction will come to those who neglect, ignore or refuse to shelter under the blood of God's spotless Lamb before that day of greater judgment yet to come breaks on the unready and unregenerate.

### An Offering of the Blood of the Son of God.

When tackled by the writer on the rejection of the blood of the Son of God, a spiritualist lecturer said, "Well, the blood is the life, and after all it is the life that counts." And he went on to explain it that he meant our lives, our righteousness—not the life or righteousness of Christ. And so spiritualists, modernists and allied faddists are busy tilling their own devil-deceived hearts to produce a Burbank-surpassed production, which for culture, appearance and sweetness has no peer on earth, a beautiful Cain's offering to bring to God. But God will have no respect for this beautiful bouquet of human production. The altar

of the rose of self righteousness is just an evil stench in the nostrils of our God, an odor of filthy rags, and just about as pleasant to look on! Human reasoning might suggest a substitute for the blood of God's Son, but no substitute will be tolerated by Him with whom we have to do. But the drunkards and harlots who meet God's condition and bring the blood will have an abundant entrance into His presence.

Yes, praise God, the blood is the life, life for every member in the mystical body of Christ. Just as in the human body, the blood coursing up and down keeps every bone, muscle, nerve, every member, even to the tiniest and most despised, perfectly clean, so, in His body, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son cleanseth every member from every sin and everything that would defile. The one condition imposed is that every sin be brought to the light for cleansing, a simple, child-like "walk in the light." But everywhere this life-giving blood does not flow, where it is spurned, neglected or ignored, there is nothing but death, and death in its fullest sense, **alienation from God.** And beyond, the lake of fire.

### A Book to Avoid.

We have received several copies of a book entitled, "The Hope and Resurrection of the Dead, both of the Just and the Unjust," and some of our Council ministers write us that they likewise have received copies. Inside the book there is a note addressed, "To whom it may concern," asking for a list of those desiring to do "Mission work and act as my agent in the sale of the book on a good commission." We most assuredly believe in the Hope of the Just, and also that all will be resurrected, as our Lord once said, "All that are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation,"—or if you prefer the R. V., "the resurrection of judgment," which judgment is clearly set forth in the Scriptures as everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46), or the second death—the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14, 15). But when the author endeavors to prove the "Hope of the Unjust," we take a very strong issue with him, for the Scriptures of Truth give not a single ray of hope for the unjust; for them there is but the "certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation."

### A False Hope.

This author, most ignorant of what he is most assured, sets out to prove that "the scriptures nowhere declare, either directly or by implication, that all who reject Christ in this life are lost." What does this writer make of the statement, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him?" All men are lost to start with, dead in trespasses in sins, without Christ and without hope, and if they reject the loving, merciful and gracious overtures of Him who came to seek and to save that which is lost, what hope can they have in time or eternally?

"You'll have another chance later, so it does not matter how you live now!" was the "gospel" of one Russell, but it is not the doctrine of Him who holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who is girt about the breasts with a golden girdle of truth. The author pictures Christ at the resurrection giving another chance to the lost. A

mere figment of imagination with not a single thread of scripture to back it up with! The Holy Ghost is emphasizing, "Now is the day of salvation," but this author is practically saying that yonder day of judgment will be. Which is correct? May God deliver from these syren voices chanting, "Plenty of time! Another chance!" alluring unstable souls on to the invisible rocks of inevitable destruction.

When there were a lot of bad books in circulation at Ephesus, the early Christians did not go out and try to sell them "at a good commission." They burned them. There was one who sold his Lord for thirty pieces of silver, and the record says he went to his own place. The best thing we can say about these books is that they are excellent to start a fire with.

We much regret to see that **Religious Babylonianism** the Sunday School Times, a periodical we have always held in the highest esteem because of its strong stand against the encroaching infidelity of modernism in the pulpits and press of today, is selling its advertising space to the Interchurch World Movement, the organization of which we recently made mention as running "the biggest seller in the theatre business" in the form of a play called the Wayfarer, that, according to press reports, is to be performed in all the large cities of this country.

In Ezra's days, Zerubbabel and the chief of the fathers would not stand for a religious "combine," and strongly resisted the overtures of those who said unto them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God, as ye do, and we do sacrifice unto Him." They knew that back of these sweet words there were hearts that were not right with God and they boldly declared, "Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God." When Tobiah and Sanballat wanted a conference, Nehemiah would not even deign to come down.

But today things are different. Dr. Tobiah and Bishop Sanballat now preside at Union meetings. There was a day when the Methodists had a distinctive testimony for holiness, when the Baptists stood for a burial with Christ as signifying an entire separation from the world. But today there is wholesale compromise to put on foot this great religious "combine" in which these great denominations have joined forces together with Universalists and, we hear, Unitarians, and this united force is about to start out to "rebuild society and make democracy safe for the world."

This "combine" is asking **The League for a billion dollars to start of Churches.** with, and with the business-like way they are going to work they will doubtless get the same. When they get this sum they will be able to stage quite a few more plays.

The ad. that lies before us reads, "One more revival, only one is needed," said Horace Bushnell; "The consecration of the money power to God. When that revival comes, the Kingdom of God will come in a day." What, are they going to buy it from God with their billion dollars? One man did try to buy the power of God, but Peter said to him, "Thy money perish with thee! Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

The kind of "revival" they are likely to get for their billion dollars will be like the one they once had on the plain of Dura in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. All the religionists of Babylon sunk their distinctive testimonies and they had the big-

gest religious combine in history. They had the patronage of all the princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, sheriffs and all the rulers of the provinces, and even of Nebuchadnezzar himself. All one in Anti-Christ. All so beautifully tolerant of one another's differences! And all so desperately intolerant of all who would not join the combine.

The day may not be far distant when joining this religious union will be made an issue, and it will be a case again of "conform or burn." Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego made a strong protest against this popular interchurch world movement of their day, and stand out as an example for us. And knowing the evil of the leaven of universalism, unitarianism, legalism, modernism and worldliness there is in this new movement, we exhort all our Pentecostal brethren everywhere to be just as absolutely and eternally uncompromising. They may have the crowd, but we prefer the presence of the One whom Nebuchadnezzar described as "like the Son of God." —S. H. F.

**A PLEA FOR THE NEW FIELDS.**

Have just been going through February 7th Evangel. Best issue yet. Praise God. How God is talking to us on the line of bringing back the Miracle Age. It is easy enough to see what is in His heart. Pantons, Morehead's, McDowell's and other papers were the voice of the trumpet from the mouth of the Lord. But what broke my heart with joy was the plea from W. H. Pope "From and For the New Fields." I am sure he has struck a missing link—strengthening the home base. I have felt it so keenly with an agony in my spirit, as we have closed an evangelistic campaign. We have not stayed long enough to establish what God has started by us.

Now this "follow-up" work is just the next link and I want to be one to put what little I have in my Missionary Reserve Fund (\$10) if nine others can be found to put in a similar ten to make the first \$100 in the hands of the General Council as the beginning of a fund for aid of bands like the W. H. Pope Band. Then if nine others will each give \$100 apiece the fund will start with its first \$1,000. And, as Bro. Pope says: the strengthening the home base is going to bring thousands into the Missionary Treasury and hundreds, (let us believe) of young men and women into the foreign field.

God must do signal things very shortly, that His grace may keep pace with the preparations for His judgments. Judgments which all earth deteriorations declare are rapidly moving. Let us pray for the bigness of God's nature to get hold of us! When it got hold of converted heathen Koreans they mortgaged their property, sold their homes, and their oxen and went into the yoke themselves to the plow. Could not His grace do as much for some of us converted heathen Americans who are daily looking for our Lord's return in the skies? Oh, to get into the great waters of His love and with every anchor hoisted, to sing,

"Out on the ocean, all boundless we ride,  
We're skyward bound,  
SKYWARD bound,

Call for the \$10 as soon as nine others come into the arrangement, and let us pray that God will set a ball rolling that will surprise us all.

"Coming to a King,  
Let us large petitions bring."

Yours in the Wonderful One,  
Elizabeth Stason.

**REVIVAL IN ABERAMAN, S. WALES.**

We believe at least three hundred souls have been born again, the majority being young people. The converts are from all ranks, and include religious people, deacons of churches, blasphemers and drunkards. These have been trembling under the Word of God, and weeping their way to the Master's feet, and declare that only now have they been brought into the true light. Many have been baptized into the Holy Ghost, with signs following (Mark 16:17, Acts 2:4). In addition to the visions which have been seen by some, there are many testimonies to healing having taken place after fulfilling the ordinance of James 5: 14. Here are a few examples:—A little child, three years of age, very delicate from birth, and in a wasting condition; a hopeless case of a gastric stomach; a boy who had been deaf for some years; and a young woman who was to go into hospital next week for two operations for a growth, also internal trouble. All these testify to instantaneous healing. Glory to Jesus who alone was found worthy to bear our sickness and to take our infirmities (Matt. 8:17), and who alone is worthy to receive all praise and glory!—Ellin Evangel.

**GOD ANSWERS PRAYER.**

The following testimonies reveal the love and power of God for the bodies of those who trust Him for healing:

A sister in Rising Sun, Ind., who was so afflicted with lung trouble that she was scarcely able to stand, was prayed for by Sister Tribbett, of Michigan, and in a few days she was able to be about her work, which she said, did not tire her in the least; also a severe bunion disappeared from her foot in a few days in answer to prayer.

The person who sends in the foregoing testimony claims that her hen house was so overrun with chicken lice that the hens could not remain on their nests, but that on taking the matter to the Lord in prayer, the place is so free from the pests that there is not a trace of them.

We have heard many similar testimonies. "All things are possible to him that believeth."

**HEALING REPORT CONFIRMED.**

As some have questioned the correctness of the statements made in report of the meetings held by Bro. Williamson, at Monette, Ark., some time ago, especially with regard to my healing, I desire to briefly give my own testimony to substantiate the former report.

I was so very sick that when Brother Williamson came to see me I could not recognize him, but when he and the others present prayed for me I got up, ate supper and went to church that evening. The wife of the doctor, who had been called in, was present at the time but not the doctor himself. Bro. Williamson's statement is true. This is the second occasion on which Bro. Williamson prayed for me and I was healed, for which I thank the Lord. —N. H. McGhee.

**PEACE VALLEY, MO.**

The flu has interrupted our meetings: three received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, others seeking. Pray the Lord may have His way in this community.—J. Willis Rilea and Bro. Foland, of Grand River, Ia.

**TROUP, TEX.**

The Lord is wonderfully blessing here; the saints are being established in the faith, miracles of healing are being performed in the mighty name of Jesus. We are now ready to start work on a new mission. A number are seeking the baptism. Pray for the old time power on this county.—Pastor J. C. Helms.

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### PERIOUS COMPLICATION OF DISEASES HEALED.

"I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever" Heb. 15:8.

In the summer of 1917 the doctors told me my days were numbered and there was no earthly help for me. I was ready and willing and expected soon to be with the Lord.

One day while lying on the couch God spoke to me in so real a manner that I never forgot during the long days of suffering that followed. The words He spoke were these: "Thou shalt not die but live to declare the glory of God." With the message came a strong desire and determination to live.

I told all who called, of my message and expressed my belief in it, though I rapidly grew worse. Feeling that I must get among God's people who knew how to pray I was marvelously led to Conneaut, O. I knew no one there save a poor old saint of God, since then gone to glory, whom I knew could pray. She had no home and was being cared for by some people of God.

I told my story and they kindly took me in also. They prayed for me but instead of being healed immediately as I had expected, I grew worse and worse and was soon unable to leave my room.

I then developed one of the very worst cases of dropsy and for six months and a half I stayed in that home tenderly nursed by this good Christian woman, assisted by the members of the Pentecostal mission, of which she is a member, and other Christians whose hearts God touched.

For reasons best known to Himself, some of which I have since learned, God saw fit to let me suffer and go down to death's door. I became so bloated that I weighed about three hundred pounds. My normal weight is about one hundred and forty pounds.

I was bloated everywhere except around my heart; that God kept. My throat was so full I could hardly swallow and though consumed by an awful thirst, I had to be so careful for I would choke on only a sip of water. My mouth was so sore I could scarcely eat.

I lived three weeks on buttermilk alone. At one time my scalp was bloated and also my ears and face turned purple with erysipelas which often accompanies dropsy.

When I came I had palpitation of the heart very badly, and neuritis in the left arm, and a terrible cough. God soon took them away, though the cough not entirely.

I became utterly helpless and had to be waited on as one cares for a baby. My breath was so short I had to be moved very carefully and then fanned to keep me breathing at all.

The water finally began to ooze out of the back of my legs and later ran so fast my feet had to be placed in a pan from which a pint to a quart of water would be poured at a time. I was unable to lie down and remained in a sitting position, never lying down once in four long months. Bed sores and hemorrhoids also developed which added to my discomfort. I was in so much distress that I had to be moved often to relieve me and because of my great weight it took two to lift me.

My hair fell out till I was almost entirely bald. I was a pitiable object indeed. At one time a doctor looked at me and said I would not live two weeks, but I held on to God's promise given in the beginning and knew I should. The friends held on to God too. Praise God His promises are true.

My feet and limbs did not look like such but were bloated beyond recognition. One foot was purple and had seven openings from which pus discharged. My heels were as if parboiled, from being wet all the time and gave me much trouble and pain.

All the time God was wonderfully manifesting Himself in that sick chamber. There was such a realization of His presence and power, such a unity of spirit and prayer in the watchers; such a peace and trust in me that the very room seemed filled with God and all who came spoke of the blessing which came to them.

Some even requested the privilege of coming to help, for they saw the power of God so manifested they were in turn helped.

The dear people came two by two, night after night, through a long hard winter to care for me. They did it for love of the Master and God put a love for me in their hearts, who came an entire stranger into their midst.

Though such an awful care they made me feel it was a joy rather than a burden and I know that God will reward their labor of love.

I began gradually to improve; the bloat began to disappear in places; my appetite increased and I began to use my hands a little. Deliverance seemed very near but the Lord was still trying me and I began to bloat again. Refusing to look at the things which were seen and looking to God steadfastly, I resisted the devil in the name of Jesus and after a time the bloat reduced again.

This same trial came two or three times. At the end of six and a half months I was taken to my sister in Geneva, Ohio. I walked only a few steps at a time without help; my feet were bloated as badly as ever; it seemed like walking on clubs; but in the name of the Lord I walked and He helped me.

The water stopped running from my leg and I lay down in bed that night for the first time in four months. I improved right along but was not able to wear my shoes for two or three months. My hair also came in new and thick to the surprise of many.

I went to my sister April 8, and in the following September I began clerking in a grocery store. A little swelling and stiffness in my ankles which still remained, soon left as I exercised and soon every vestige of the dreaded disease disappeared. Praise His name forever.

Why was my healing so long delayed, you ask? There are two reasons I know; there may be many others. Through that long time of waiting I learned to know God as I never could have known Him otherwise.

The lessons of patience, faith and love. He taught me are beyond compare; He became more real to me than ever before and I would not have missed one pain.

Then I was an object lesson to all who came and some who had never known how to trust God for their bodies, seeing what God did for me, learned to trust for themselves. To the glory of God these words are written.—Mary E. Rawson, 591 State St., Conneaut, Ohio.—From Trust.

### HEALED OF TOTAL BLINDNESS IN ANSWER TO PRAYER

By Arnt Arntsen

Greetings in the name of our Triune God. It is with a heart full of praise and thanksgiving to our mighty Jesus, that I am writing these lines to comply with your request, telling how God wonderfully healed me from the dreadful affliction of total blindness in both of my eyes.

I am praying that my simple testimony may be a blessing to some one.

I was born in Arendale, Norway, and was a perfect babe. Mother tells me that I was as lusty a youngster as one would want to see and hear. But, at the age of fifteen months, Jan., 1894, I was stricken with a set of complicated diseases which left me completely blind and very deaf. My eyes had swelled so much that my upper eyelids were drawn down level with my nose-tip, then the inside turned outward and upward so to all appearances it was like two raw pieces of meat on my face instead of two eyes. Mother, who was a Christian, converted when seventeen years old, now a widow (Father died when I was but nine months old) kept on praying to God to help her in her great struggle. She had no confidence in the doctors, but in order to have peace with her relatives, she consented to take me to a specialist, for him to operate on me. When the specialist saw me, he folded his hands, took the name of Jesus in vain, and said, "I have never seen a case like this, but, Madam, if you will only leave your boy here with me, then I will operate. It will be an experimental operation and I cannot guarantee that he will receive his sight, but I will do my best and it will not cost you anything at all." Mother said, "No, I will take him home and dedicate and consecrate my boy unto God, and if He wants to heal him He can, and if He does not want to, I will say Amen: may the will of God be done."

December twenty-seventh, 1894, eleven months after I had become blind, God opened the way for one of the Elders, and other brothers and sisters to come to our home to anoint me, and to pray the prayer of faith (James 5:14, 15). While they were praying, God operated. Glory! I began to look at my hands, thinking perhaps that what I then beheld were most peculiar things. Dear ones, the swelled up eyelids went back to their place, the veil over my eyes was lifted, and I received my sight again. I will add that I had been entirely blind so that I was unable to see the light of a candle held close to my eyes. Praise Jesus with me for His great goodness. (I feel that I should add that the sight of one of my eyes it not quite perfect, but the sight of the other eye is twice as strong as it would be ordinarily). I have also been healed by the Lord of appendicitis, double pneumonia, and a severe case of blood poisoning. My hearing is also perfect.

The God of miracles is not a God of the past; He is still on His throne and operating. Hallelujah! On the first of June, 1912 He saved my soul from sin and on the fourth of June the same year He baptized me with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A short time afterwards He sent me out to preach the Gospel and I am still in the harness winning souls for Jesus and will do so by the grace of God till He tells me to come up higher.

215 S. Flower St.,

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The following addresses have been given us by Mr. Arntsen as witnesses who can verify the truth of his wonderful healing of blindness.

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**EUROPEAN PENTECOSTAL NOTES.**  
**Arthur S. Booth-Clibborn, London, England.**

Permit me to thank those who have forwarded help for the suffering German brethren (through Bro. Stanley H. Frodsham) after the talk given by my dear son Eric at the Chicago Council meeting. Am still sending out parcels of food and clothing. Have received many letters from all parts of Germany breathing the greatest gratitude, and describing the spiritual blessings this fulfillment towards them of your Lord's command and those of His apostles has brought with it; in making them realize that the bond which had united us in Christ had not been broken by the war.

Pastor Paul had been nigh unto death for weeks through chronic dyspepsia caused by the scarcity of the food and the entire absence of milk and fats. He is now quite well. He lost his wife and two sons during the war (the latter on the battlefield), and wrote me how one day he arrived after a long journey at his **empty hearth**, his married daughter (wife of Evangelist Vietheer, who lives with him), being absent. He had gone up to his flat, wondering how he would manage regarding food. He had scarcely entered when the people residing on the next floor brought up three parcels addressed to him. He writes: "I opened them and spread out all the good things on the table. There before me were milk, cocoa, tea, and fats, which are unobtainable here. It was indeed as if the parcels had dropped from heaven. It was so evidently the hand of God." He went on to declare how perfectly God had timed the arrival as on the two previous occasions. This is a specimen of many scores of communications. Having been engaged in spiritual work in the years prior to the war in various parts of Germany in Pentecostal circles (assisted at various times by four sons and a daughter), I was in possession of many names and addresses; so that as soon as permission was granted by the British Government, last spring, I was able to send off as many as 70 parcels in one day. I received liberal financial aid from British Pentecostals.

One very "yellow" London paper, with a large circulation, having somehow obtained a copy of my circular, denounced my effort in violent terms, declaring that my use of the word "saints and brethren" was outrageous, as if such beings could exist in Germany.

Things are somewhat better there now, but the prices are often prohibitive, and the value of the mark has fallen to one-fifteenth of its pre-war level.

"The last shall be first." The lowest can go highest. A powerful revival broke out at the Mulheim autumn convention and extended all over Germany and then Holland and (recently) to Switzerland. I hope to send you some more particulars, as well as translations from the German and Dutch Pentecostal papers concerning this new outpouring.

A blessed wave of revival has also been moving various centers in England, and the gifts are in wonderfully pure and powerful exercise. The reason is not far to seek. The graces were never more manifest, and as usual, the chiefest among them is lowliness and self-effacement.

The shadow of war has by no means left the world yet. Worse things may be coming. During this pause believers who have been in any uncertainty as to the relationship between war and the Christianity of Christ might do well to study the matter carefully and to fully make up their minds

This Pentecostal movement is a most sacred deposit and trust wherever it has been received by an individual or an assembly. Truly it is a case of "taking the shoes from off our feet." Any cheapening of the price of Pentecost would be a disaster of untold magnitude. The company in the upper room upon whom Pentecost fell, had paid for it the highest price. In this they approached as near as possible to Him who had paid the supreme price in order to send it. Do we ever adequately realize how utterly lost to this world, how completely despised, rejected and outcast was that company? Their Master and leader had just passed, so to speak, through the "hangman's rope" or the electrocution chair at the hands of the highest civilization of the day. Their Calvary was complete, and so a complete Pentecost came to match it. The latter will resemble the former in completeness. The horse cannot be put before the cart. We may, therefore, each of us say to ourselves: as thy cross will be thy Pentecost.

What is the real cure for all the exaggerations, errors or fanaticisms which can and sometimes do invade the sphere of the Pentecostal movement? Cannot each and all be traced to an ignoring (in faith or experience) of some aspect of the cross of Christ? Is not the inward cross the sweetest and most sacred secret of pure Christianity? Where do brilliantly colored, but poisonous fungi grow? Is it not there alone where there is decay in just under the bark?

God's way to Pentecost was via Calvary. Individually it must be so today also. The purity and fulness of the individual Pentecost must depend upon the completeness of the individual Calvary. This is an unalterable principle. Ignore it in any degree and anything can happen. Something is sure to go wrong.

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We feel led of the Lord to make a preaching tour through eastern Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, accompanied by my wife and four children in a gospel auto; starting from here at once and holding services along the route for two or three days or a week at a time. Our route will be from Post, Tex., to a point about seventy miles east of Dallas, Tex., near Maybank, but beyond that have no definite plan. We expect to spend the summer and fall in this way, and request any one who desires our services (with the above limitations as to time), to please communicate with me at once at Portales, N. M.—Norman R. Nichols.

While our Bro. Nichols' name appears upon our ministerial list, we are but little acquainted with him and his ministry, but trust that this contemplated evangelistic tour may be productive of much for good and prove him and his wife to be real efficient gospel workers.—Editor's note.

**NEWS ITEM FROM TEXAS.**

The name of J. D. Scheumack Sr., of Austin, Tex., has been dropped from the ministerial list on a recommendation from the committee on ministerial conduct of the District Council of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.—F. A. Hale.

Desire to secure some woman or school girl to stay with me for company during absence of my son—Mrs. M. T. Bowen, Box 76, Skiatook, Okla.

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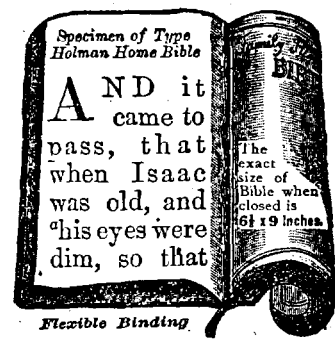
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**BRO. C. G. ROBINSON WITH CHRIST.**

Bro. C. E. Shields, of Paris, Ark., reports that after about two years of suffering, Bro. C. G. Robinson, of that place, passed on to glory on Feb. 17th, praising God and speaking in tongues up to the last. He had been a pastor and evangelist for about fifteen years, and leaves a wife and four children, quite needy. Pray for them.

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You will notice by referring to the January report of Missionary Offerings, published in the last number of the Evangel, that a little over \$7500.00 was received and sent to the field for the glory of God. When the total for the month was added and the books balanced, this amount was a source of praise to the Lord in the Missionary Treasurer's office. However, when it was discovered that half of it was designated for unusual purposes, our hearts sank as we realized that some missionary must suffer because we could not send them sufficient funds for their need.

Our plan on receiving funds for the missionaries is to first make a note of all sums that have been definitely assigned to certain missionaries, and then go over our list of accredited missionaries for whom nothing has been designated, and make an effort to bring their offerings up on a level with the missionaries who have already been provided for. This is for the purpose of not letting the missionaries who are not well known suffer because offerings are not designated for them.

This month, we thought there was sufficient to give each one of the missionaries who had little or nothing assigned to them \$50.00 each to cover their living expenses, which is the least amount that should be sent to a missionary during the present days of high prices. To our dismay, we found that it could not be done. The undesignated funds in our hands would not permit such a division, and we were compelled to cut down the division of the undesignated funds to an average of \$40.00 for each missionary. This means that for living expenses alone the missionaries were short \$10.00 each last month, and there was nothing over to divide between them to pay rents and other expenses of the mission stations.

The Mexican work is also behind. About half sufficient to keep the work going was received by this office. Remember, the Mexican work along the border only receives just exactly what is sent in for it and we are not free to take from the regular missionary funds to make up a shortage in the Mexican funds. The Mexican work along the border is a very worthy work and we want to lay it on your hearts for an adequate support.

There are assemblies that have never yet taken up a missionary offering and they do not know how much blessing they are missing. Let us all look to the Lord together for the greatest missionary offering in the month of March that has ever been given.

J. Roswell Flower, Treas.

### MISSIONARY GLEANINGS.

**Hannah A. James** writes from Transvaal, South Africa, that Brother **H. M. Turney** is down with fever. Pray for his recovery.

**Bro. Tommy Anderson** announces that he expects to sail for South America from New Orleans in April. His address until April 1st is Holy Rood Hotel, Riverside, California.

**Sister S. Anna Bush** reports a continuation of the revival in Peking, China. "The work surely has God's blessing, for at nearly every service we have souls saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost."

**The Party for the French Sudan**, consisting of J. Wilbur Taylor and Bro. and Sister **Harry M. Wright**, arrived at Dakar January 23rd. They expected to reach Freetown, Sierra Leone, January 28th. They report an excellent voyage.

**Brother and Sister Baltan**, who are opening a new station on the north side of Tientsin, China, request prayer that every need may be supplied. It will be a great undertaking for them and they will need a native evangelist whose support they must undertake.

**Miss Bernice Pottorff** writes from Liberia, W. Africa, "We praise God that He is working in our midst these days. Several of our school boys are very near to the baptism. At times the power is upon them mightily and the Spirit operates upon them just as He does upon people in America. Praise God, He knows how to take precious souls through, even if they are poor, ignorant heathen."

**Missionaries in China and India** are undergoing special financial trial at this time. This is because of the rise in value of silver. A few years ago a U. S. dollar was worth about \$2.50 in Chinese money. Now it is only worth about 80 cents in Chinese money. This means that where a missionary to China used to get along on \$30.00 a month, he now needs from \$90.00 to \$100.00. But he is not getting it and therefore the great financial test of our dear missionaries in China, in India the situation is not much better, Lord help us to do our best for the missionaries.

**Native Work** in all countries should be put on a self-supporting basis as nearly as possible. Some missionaries are afraid to make an effort on this line, but where the effort is made, it is found to be quite successful. In our Porto Rico assemblies, the natives are taught to tithe, and although quite poor, they assume a large part of the expenses of the mission stations. Other fields report similar experiences. **Brother Geo. M. Kelley**, writes from South China, "The native Christians are coming to the front with their offerings, but their poverty prohibits them from sharing much responsibility. However, one of our stations is doing more than any of the others. They are assuming the whole of the responsibility except the preacher. It was at this station, six received the baptism during the Christmas holidays." One of our missionaries from Africa recently informed us that he told his native converts that if his people loved them enough to pay the missionary's fare to Africa and support him there, they ought to love their own people sufficiently to send missionaries to their own people with the result that they saw the point and assumed the support of their own native evangelists as they went out to the neighboring tribes.

### AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

On May 29th, 1919, there was an eclipse of the sun which made a great impression on the natives of Liberia, W. Africa. Concerning this impression, Brother **J. M. Perkins** writes, "Now after five full months have passed we see that generally the effect, both mentally and spiritually, is far greater and more far reaching than we at first thought. The natives clearly recognized the power of God in the heavens and on the earth in this event. They say, 'Now we know God have power.' 'We ready to do God way now, if some one will come and show we how.' Many have since given up their 'ju jus' and charms, and there is a fresh call, all over the country, for missionaries and teachers. Since we came to Liberia, nearly twenty years ago, we have not witnessed such a readiness to hear the Word of God and to listen to the Gospel message. The harvest is ripe, ready and waiting for the reapers. O where are the reapers? O, who will come and share in the glory of the harvest home?"

**Miss Jessie Wengler**, who recently arrived in Japan, is stopping in a tiny Japanese house with Sister Johnson, next door to Brother and Sister Moore. She is studying the language each day and longs for the time to come when she can speak to the Japanese in their own language. She writes: "The Lord is graciously pouring out His Spirit upon the hungry hearts here. Wednesday night a young man received his baptism at Brother Moore's home and was so lost in the Spirit that he knew nothing of the excitement caused by two rats that ventured into the tarrying meeting—one crawling up inside Sister Moore's coat. The workers killed the rats after much scurrying around, but this young man knew nothing of the excitement, shouting and praising the Lord and talking in tongues, having a very happy time in the Lord."

**Mary W. Chapman**, writing from Royapetta, India, says, "The work is opening up and enlarging on every hand. We cannot half fill the calls for meetings, for prayer, for spiritual help, healing, etc. The people in the dead churches are becoming awakened and coming to us for prayer for salvation. Then they take water baptism by immersion. They are at once excommunicated and they cast in their lot with us. Some are losing their positions and some who had taken a theological course are being called to the work." Sister Chapman informs us that on account of much opposition, the work is undergoing a severe financial test. Many of those turning to the Lord lose their positions and she needs help to help them and hold them for Jesus. Pray especially for Sister Chapman and the work under her care.

**B. S. Moore** reports that God is still in the work in Japan. "We are thankful to say God is still working on hearts and some are being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit right along. To God alone be the glory. One woman received the Holy Spirit sitting on her chair in the mission and is going on with God amid opposition. His grace is sufficient."

"The country village work is going on well and God is meeting them. They had a Christmas service among themselves and after three days of prayer together, saw a vision of the resurrection of Jesus in the room above their heads. About forty-two persons were present and all saw it with open eyes. As they stood and worshipped God, the power of the Holy Spirit came upon one young man and he spake in tongues for more than one hour. It is hard for the natives to grasp the truth of the resurrection of the dead, therefore God demonstrated it to them before their eyes, and they saw Jesus raised up by the power of God."

"At this time the 'Flu' is raging here in Tokyo and suburbs. For one day the dead were numbered at 1,776. The paper says 'The living cannot bury the dead.' The Postoffice force is tied up with sickness and foreign mail is delayed. All the missionaries are well at present for which we all praise God with one heart."

**A Gracious Outpouring of the Spirit** upon the children in Honolulu is reported by Sister **Fearl Hewitt**. She writes: "At our tarrying meeting last Saturday evening our hearts were made to rejoice as we saw God wonderfully blessing the children. The power of God fell upon four children and such prayers and praise and intercession and confession as fell from their lips. One little Porto Rican boy was anointed with a spirit of prayer and prophecy, speaking in tongues and interpretation, saying, 'Jesus is coming—prepare to meet your God. O Lord, don't let us stop. Keep the fire burning' and other deep soul prayer. Another seeking the baptism received such an anointing and cried out to God, using wonderful language of the Scriptures.

Our hall meetings are well attended and it is a joy to hear the testimonies of natives, Spanish, Filipinos and others as they exalt Jesus and His precious blood. Not long ago we had a baptismal service out at the beach, the first I had ever seen in the ocean. Three Porto Ricans and one native woman were baptized. As the first candidate stepped into the water the Spirit of God fell upon us like rain and we stood praising God with tears streaming down our faces. Will you pray that in some way we may reach some of the Chinese and Japanese.

**TESTINGS AND TRIUMPHS IN THE SOUTH CHINA WORK.**

Very frequently, missionaries writing to personal friends, betray the inner workings of their lives which cannot be discovered by the letters they send for publication. The following interesting letter was sent to a personal friend by one of the missionaries in Brother Kelley's work in South China:

"Christmas, everybody was broke. It seems as tho there is a letter famine on now. No one here has received their October money from the assemblies. It was never like this before. Money usually arrives the 15th of the month."

"We are living in a whirl these days. It seems so many things are happening all at once. New Missionaries coming, births, weddings, smallpox—all create such a stir in our midst."

(The incidents referred to are a son, born to Brother and Sister Kelley Christmas eve. Miss Olive Maw and Clinton E. Finch were married January 21st at noon. Brother Wilber R. Williamson very ill with smallpox. Miss Emma Daab due to arrive in China January 24th. Misses Meyer and Lowther took the ten day journey to Wait-sap to help care for the smallpox case—Mr. Williamson).

"I guess Lavada (Miss Leonard) has told you about how wonderfully God supplied for our Christmas dinner. All through December our household was financially embarrassed. We help each other and it isn't so bad as long as someone has the 'where-withal' to foot the bills. But this time we were all out and though we appointed special days of fasting and prayer, still the boats did not bring us anything. Finally it came to God supplying a meal at a time when we were living from hand to mouth—God's hand to our mouth; every meal we had plenty but not a cent for the next meal coming.

"We consented not to have anything at all for Christmas, not even a dinner to welcome the new missionaries. It seemed hard on us on their account. On Tuesday the groceryman, a heathen in Canton, sent up a nice turkey, with candy, nuts, dried fruit and a fancy cake and said it was his present for our Christmas dinner. Well, we wouldn't have bought a turkey had we had the money—they are so dear. We had a nice Christmas dinner. This shows our Father's tender love and care for us.

"Then Miss Maw came and she had such nice presents for us all. May God richly reward all who sent the gifts. Praise God. All were happy. The servants and other Chinese gave us gifts which touched and melted our hearts, and after all, it was one of our best Christmases in China.

"We hear that a 'mail' from U. S. A. was burned in December. Anyway, none of us have received our usual offerings for December, but we have the victory and that is better than all else."

Brother **Paul Andresson** announces his safe arrival in Bombay, India. For the present a door has been opened for him to preach the message of Pentecost among the Methodists of Bombay, and some are seeking the baptism. Praise the Lord.

**Christian Beckdahl**, Nanpara, India, writes that they have been having a special week of prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Ghost and God has already begun to answer prayer in saving souls and making the people hungry for more of God.

**Miss H. May Kelly** and her mother who were for a number of years in Argentina, South America, and who have been home on a furlough for the past two years or more, now announce that the Lord is calling them to work for Him in Cuba. They are preparing to go to this new field at the earliest possible moment and ask the prayers of the Evangel family for God's blessing to rest upon them as they go. They are going, trusting only in the Lord for their support.

**Mattie Ledbetter**, writing from Fat Shan, China, says, "Our own little work here is quite encouraging. Though only eight months old, we have an earnest band of seventeen and more are seeking the Lord. The power falls on us nearly every service. The Lord has laid it on my heart to go out to the interior places where they haven't heard of Jesus. We are trying the plan of going on ponies to a town and renting a house for two weeks and preaching as far as we can reach all around. So far it has worked fine."

Someone is sending every month to Miss Marie Stephany in China, \$8.00 for a native Evangelist and \$5.00 for a Bible woman. Sister Stephany writes, "The money sent for the evangelist and Bible woman is well spent as they have the burden of their people on their hearts and are worthy. Besides these, I still have two evangelists. Should anyone feel led to send towards their support, they are also worthy. God is working and our chapel is well filled every meeting. The prayer meetings for those seeking the Lord for salvation or the baptism, are well attended, and four have received their baptism. The needs are very great here as there are open doors on all sides."

**Sister Ethel Bingham**, now in the homeland, but who expects to return to Liberia, West Africa, very shortly, writes, "In Liberia there are two million native souls. We who have seen their sad condition and know their needs, long to carry the Gospel through the land even into the thickly populated French Sudan, which lies beyond its borders. But there are only eleven missionaries there to proclaim the Pentecostal message. Three of these are worn with years of service and need to come home.

"We have prayed for an opportunity to reach the great Pahn tribe. God has been faithful and opened the hearts of the people. They are begging for missionaries. With workers there would be an opening to carry the message right back into the interior where the name of Jesus is not known.

"Will you pray that a 'Memorial Highway' to the King of Righteousness—a chain of Gospel Mission stations—shall extend from coast to interior of dark Liberia? Will you pray, and if God calls you, will you GO?"

**FIRE AT BARRAICHE, INDIA.**

Word has been received from Brother Will K. Norton that the Orphanage at Barraiche has been partly destroyed by fire. Brother Frank Nicodem, who is in charge of the orphanage, has been suffering from rheumatism. Owing to a defective chimney the roof of the bungalow caught fire. Brother Nicodem, in the excitement of the fire forgot about his rheumatism, climbed on the roof, and there with the orphan boys, fought the flames. But the roof burned like powder and nearly all fell in, destroy-

ing also a good part of the furniture. Brother Nicodem, in throwing water on the flames, got his clothes thoroughly wet, and consequently his inflammatory rheumatism grew alarmingly worse, so that Bro. Norton reported he could not move a joint of his body without intense pain. At the time of writing, he and Brother Norton were living in little corners where the roof has not fallen in yet. The bungalow is wet and the weather at times is very cold. The immediate future does not look to be very cheerful, but praise God, Jesus is there and all is well with their souls. A new roof for the bungalow is most urgently needed. Some money has already been received to help Brother Norton rebuild this roof and other offerings sent for this purpose will be gladly forwarded to him.

**EGYPTIAN AND PALESTINE CONVENTION AND CONFERENCE.**

We have just closed a most blessed union Convention and Conference of Missionaries and Native Workers, with the Brethren of the Apostolic Assemblies of Egypt. Sister A. E. Brown, of Jerusalem, Palestine, was with us, and was a great blessing and practical help to us throughout the sessions of the Convention and Conference having spent twenty-five years in Jerusalem, and having a good use of the Arabic language.

We were agreed that it was the best Convention we have ever had in Egypt. The grace and blessings of the Lord rested upon us throughout and much good was done. It was thoroughly Missionary and Evangelistic. The burden that rested upon us was not only to speedily get the Gospel to the 6,000 towns and villages in Egypt, but to the 50,000,000 Arabic speaking people along the shores of the Mediterranean reaching to Tunis and Algiers; Then over into Jerusalem, and throughout Palestine; Beside the Sea of Galilee where the Saviour's feet have trod; into the villages and desert places where He healed the sick, cleansed the lepers and fed the multitudes; Then down into the Egyptian Sudan where it is said a Pentecostal Missionary has never gone, nor the full Gospel has ever yet been preached.

The calls for Missionaries and Native Workers are coming from every quarter, and we are praying the Lord of the Harvest to give us more Missionaries and twenty-five Native Workers for 1920.

The urgent need of a Bible training School in Cairo was expressed by Bro. Post Sister Brown and others. Some of our consecrated young men of Egypt are ready to enter such a school, and at least one young Jewish Bro. from Jerusalem is ready and anxious also to avail himself of the advantage of a Bible school here. In order to materialize this, one thing is needed badly, that is a building of our own here in Cairo. We are depending on renting places most of which are entirely unsuitable for our work, and many are unsanitary. We find it almost impossible to rent a suitable place at all.

Immediately following the Convention we held a Conference, and we Missionaries formed a District Council to be known as "The District Council of Egypt and Palestine." Elder A. H. Post, Elder C. W. Doney and Miss A. E. Brown were elected Presbyters for the Council. We also purpose forming a joint Council of Missionaries and Native Workers, and thus have a closer band of fellowship and co-operation with our Native Ministry. They are a loyal faithful band of consecrated Workers ready to lay down their lives for the Gospel they preach. When asked about the attitude we would take with the new issue teaching, they stated, "We stand as one man against it."

The financial burden is great and further demands are pressing hard upon us, but we have learned to lean hard on God, and trust Him to supply our every need.

Beloved, pray for us that the Lord will pour out His Spirit, and send a revival all over Egypt and Palestine, and the regions round about. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the fields already white unto harvest. Amen and Amen!—C. W. Doney.

# Reports From the Field

## KOWE, OKLA.

We just closed a short revival with blessed victory. Bro. Jacob Miller, was with us a week; six saved and four received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, and the saints mightily built up. Pray for us.—B. David.

## PARMA, MO.

Just closed a seven days' meeting; meeting had to stop on account of the flu. Bro. Dunn came over to help in the battle. Eleven souls saved and three filled with the Holy Ghost. We give God all the praise. We covet your prayers.—S. B. Drew, Pastor.

## MATTESBURG, MISS.

Bro. J. L. Haywood and myself, under God, are conducting revival services in the large new church house of the Assembly of God; large, attentive and intelligent crowds attend. God's love, grace and power are on the meeting, and many are seeking the Lord.—W. B. Jessup.

## GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.

We are praising God because we can report victory in this place and can again hear the sound and see the sign of an abundance of rain. The sifting time is on, "the finest of the wheat" is surely coming out and all chaff and refuse being brought to light.—Lonnie E. Whitworth.

## MALDEN, MO.

The convention held here a few weeks ago by Bro. E. L. Banta and Bro. H. E. Bowley, is proving to be a blessing to our assembly. Interest is very good, and two have been saved in the regular meetings. Pray for this needy field.—Pastor H. E. Waddle.

## CORSICANA, TEX.

We are praising God for victory over the enemy and God is blessing in many ways. Many of the church people are getting interested and the church preachers are coming to our meetings, and say God is in our midst. We have 56 enrolled in our Sunday School. Pray for the work here.—Pastor Jennie Smith.

## ELECTRA, TEX.

We are but few in number, but God can take a worm to thresh a mountain. Bro. Collins was with us a few services lately and God used him in giving out the Word which has taken effect. The saints are in harmony and we are expecting a revival to break out in our midst.—Pastor Jas. Medley.

## LONG PINE, NEB.

We are having a real battle here for God. The meetings have been going on for four weeks; seven have sought God for salvation and about twelve are seeking their baptism in the Holy Spirit. This is the first time Pentecost has been preached here, and in spite of the enemy, God is wonderfully undertaking for us. Please pray much for us and the work here.—M. H. Long.

## EVANGELISTIC WORK IN ARKANSAS

From the Bible School I went to Forrester, Okla., for a week; the dear Lord was with us in a wonderful way saving some and baptizing four with the Holy Ghost. I next went to Mulberry, Ark., with Bro. Stevens, seven saved and seven received the baptism; the whole country is stirred and deep conviction on the people. I am now at Eureka Springs, one has been saved and one baptized. If the flu does not close us out we are expecting great things from the dear Lord, so we ask the prayers of the Evangel Family for this place. This city is the incubator of false doctrine, and for this reason we praise God for these victories. Well, glory, I feel just like going on.—Evang. Jacob Miller.

## MONETTE, ARK.

Bro Higgins and myself have been here for three weeks. God is answering prayer and bringing the saints to higher ground and we feel there is victory ahead for this assembly. One or two have been saved and some reclaimed, and at the missionary service the Lord moved upon the people to give \$105.00 for this noble cause. Glory to God for what He has done and what He is going to do. Pray God to move in a marvelous way. I expect to stay here for some time as my heart still has the burden for this place.—F. L. Doyle.

## MALVERN, ARK.

At the first service in North Little Rock four souls got saved and two received the baptism as in Acts 2:4, and every night for seven nights from one to four found God in regeneration, reclamation or the baptism as in Acts 2:4. A number of people were healed and God spoke to us in some wonderful messages and interpretations.

From Little Rock I went to Malvern for a Sunday service. One man at the altar seeking pardon, to God be all the glory. I am now located at Malvern, Ark. Any assembly needing my services may write me there.—Evang. W. C. Aytes.

## MCCLURE, ILL.

Oh, how great is the Mystery of Godliness; God manifested in flesh, justified in spirit, seen of angels, preached unto men believed on in the world, and received up into glory. God is still working in these parts. There is a nice assembly at Cape Girardeau, Mo; about fifty baptized souls. One special case of healing was that of an old lady that walked all stooped over, with a cane to balance herself. She told me she had been in that condition fifty years. Thank God she walks straight now. I can speak that I do know, and testify to that I have seen.

The assembly at McClure is a live wire for Jesus.—John Malner.

## SULPHUR SCHOOLHOUSE, OKLA.

The power of God has been revealed in a mighty way on the meetings just closed. God anointed in giving out the Word, about 18 or 20 got saved and 11 received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. A real spirit of unity was on the meeting, the saints working like mighty men of valor, holding on to God until victory came. It seems to be a real harvesting for this part of the country, as there was a meeting at a little country church house called Hickory Grove, in December, with good results. God is making a great call to the world, probably for the last time. May we be faithful in the place where God has ordered us.—W. H. Mattox, Fairland, Okla.

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## LONDON, ARK.

Bro. Fitzgerald was with us for ten days giving Bible lessons, mainly for the benefit of the home saints; we had a blessed time together. He also preached some while here, which stirred our souls to the very bottom. Will the saints join us in prayer for yet greater things?—E. J. Brown, Pastor.

## JENKS, OKLA.

Just closed a revival about two weeks ago. Bro. J. A. Chambers and Sister Pearl Watts were the preachers; eighteen were saved and seven received the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Bro. C. M. Riggs came and set the assembly in order in fellowship with the General Council and the saints are well pleased and have blessed victory. We ask the Evangel Family to pray for Jenks.—J. W. Shell, Pastor.

## BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.

It is wonderful how the heavy debt is being lifted, and the great unity prevailing among the saints. The Lord has been manifesting His power in healing in our midst, for which we praise Him. We are expecting Bro. Tommy Anderson and Bro. Jamieson to help us in a meeting in March, and would ask the saints to pray for a mighty down-pouring of the Holy Ghost then.—Pastor Paul C. Bucher.

## GOODING, IDAHO.

Ever since we started here about five months ago the Assembly has made sturdy and healthy growth. Many sinners have through the preaching of the Word, been brought to Jesus, and have since received their baptism. Glory to God. The Lord has wonderfully blessed Bro. Davies in giving out the Word, and the saints are being built up and established on sound scriptural principles. We moved to our new church on Dec. 28th, 1919; Bro Frank Lindblad, of Seattle Wash. was with us for two weeks and about 14 souls were saved during these meetings. We expect to have him back soon for another series of meetings. We and earnestly desire your prayers that the Lord may have His way, using us as instruments in bringing many souls into glory.—George Hanson.

## WANTS GOD'S BEST.

Wife and I have been preaching the doctrine of the Nazarenes for five years, but we believe the Pentecostal teaching is according to the Word. We have been saved and sanctified and are on the way to glory, but we are writing you dear people to pray that my wife and I may have the full and complete Pentecostal baptism, that we may "understand what is the breath and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:18-19. Also pray God may send a Pentecostal preacher near us where we can attend. Now we hope you understand our one plea is to be baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence.—J. E. Lee and Wife, Tennessee City, Tenn.

## GRANITE CITY, ILL.

Since our last report five weeks ago the Lord has been continually pouring out His Spirit upon us. Many have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost and healed. For three weeks we did not have an evangelist with us, and several nights the Holy Ghost just set us aside and took the meeting into His own hands and worked mightily. Bro. J. H. Law has been with us the last few days and God has made Him a blessing in our midst. Any assembly in need of evangelistic help will make no mistake by getting him for a meeting. Our assembly has been built up in every way the last few weeks, and we feel like doing things for God. Perfect unity prevails among us all. Praise God for ever.—Pastor C. M. O'Guin.

Bro. Law writes of the meeting: "Preaching or no preaching, God is bringing souls into His kingdom in Granite City. They are having the best revival in the history of the Assembly."

# Good News From The Dominion

## TELEGRAM FROM WINNIPEG, CAN.

Most tremendous revival in our history now in full swing. Crowds turned away nightly. The city is stirred.—C. O. Benham.

## PRINCE RUPERT, B. C.

As we watched the old year out and the new year in, God met our souls with great refreshing; as we partook of the Lord's Supper and had foot-washing service heaven seemed to come down upon us. In the past eight weeks Jesus has baptized eight precious souls, six of them children of our Sunday School, and there is one little girl of eight waiting to receive the Comforter, also a brother who has been waiting for some time. Pray all hindrances be removed.

Should any of our precious workers be coming this way they will find a welcome here in Father's house. We only hold cottage meetings, but will be glad for a visit from any Spirit-filled brother or sister in the Lord. Pray for us here.—W. J. Scherk and Wife.

## LETHEBRIDGE, ALBERTA, CAN.

We desire to praise the Lord for the way in which He is working, and for the Latter Rain He is sending our direction.

There is a fine little band of Pentecostal saints in this city. I came here one month ago and the work has been steadily going forward. During that time several have been wonderfully saved and reclaimed, and about eight have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The sick are being healed in answer to prayer. All praise to Jesus!

The power of God continues to be manifested; the meetings running through into the small hours of the morning. As the Spirit descends some fall prostrate under the power, others break forth in holy laughter; with some dancing in the Spirit, and others shouting and leaping and praising God. Old-time Pentecostal scenes.

Some of the prominent people of the city are becoming interested in the meetings. We are looking to God for a mighty revival. We are at present endeavoring to rent a fine church in the center of the city, which has just been vacated by the Anglicans. We are asking God to push us out into a more central place, that we may have an opportunity to proclaim the old-time gospel of Jesus Christ to the masses.

We invite the prayers and co-operation of all God's true children.—W. E. McAllister, Pastor.

## GREAT REVIVAL AT LE DUC, ALBERTA

We want to praise the Lord through your paper for the great revival He has given us at the above place.

The Lord led us to open meetings there last summer. Interest was revealed by tears in the eyes of the hungry people; so we put up a tent and continued meetings for a week, and the power of God was manifest on the second day when souls began to cry for mercy, and before the days were over a number had received the baptism, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

The revival has continued. In December we again went down for two weeks' meetings and to open the new tabernacle which they had just built, which is 30x60 with a gallery. This is the first Pentecostal church built in Alberta, and it was dedicated free of debt. Praise the Lord!

The people came for many miles and it was a grand sight to see about 80 at the altar at once seeking God. God's power filled the place and about 26 more received the baptism, making 56 in all.

Pray that God will keep the fire of the Holy Ghost and love burning upon this altar. These brethren are German speaking, and we are in dire need of a Spirit-filled solid man of God to take charge of this work.

Applications will be received by Evangelist, Geo. Schneider, 9407 - 114 Ave., Edmonton, Alta., Can.

## VANCOUVER PENTECOSTAL MISSION.

Old time power failing. Evang. Shafer, of Portland, has been with us for less than two weeks; six have received the fullness of the Spirit. One brother had been tarrying for two years. Some more are on the verge of receiving. We are looking for greater times yet. Hallelujah to Jesus! We give Him all the glory.—Elder A. T. Walker, 303 Hastings St., West.

## EDMONTON, ALBERTA.

To the Saints and Faithful in Jesus Christ, Greetings:

God is graciously pouring out His Spirit upon us these last days. Every meeting seems more wonderful than the last, praise God. We are expecting great things in the coming days. Many have already been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Also many have been wonderfully healed; some of long-standing diseases, cancers, fits, heart trouble, flu, deafness, goitre, etc.

We were called to pray for a man about a year ago who had fits for years and was a physical wreck, with little hope of recovery; but we prayed and he was saved and healed, and is rejoicing and praising the Lord in every meeting. Hallelujah!

One old lady had a cancerous growth on her nose, and when we prayed for her this growth turned black, and in a day or two dropped off, and she is healed, praise the Lord! We are proving that the healing power of Jesus is just the same today.—John McAllister.

## BLESSINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

I had a letter yesterday from Brother Wiggleworth, who is at present in France. Writing from Havre he says God's Spirit is mightily upon him, quite a revival has broken out. The meetings are packed and the Lord is working miracles amongst the people; cancers are removed, the lame are walking and others are healed of rheumatism and other things in the name of Jesus, young people are confessing their sins and renouncing Romanism. He next goes to Paris, where meetings are being arranged for him and where the people are anxiously awaiting his arrival. Then he is to attend two ten-day conventions in Switzerland and expects mighty signs to follow the teaching and preaching of the word. He says he is much humbled at what God is doing. He wants the saints to pray for him that the Spirit may be poured out and glorious things may be accomplished.

Wonderful things are being wrought in Belfast under the ministry of our beloved friend and brother, George Jeffreys and in South Wales under the ministry of Stephen Jeffreys.

The Spirit is working in Gt. Britain and I am so pleased that poor France is not forgotten. The Pentecostal saints are being stirred up in Germany.—A. H. Badger.

## BLACK ROCK, ARK.

We want to praise God for the good meeting He has given us here. The Lord blessed and the saints were built up in Him. Six were saved and five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord used Bro. Kneisley in giving out the Word in a wonderful way. We give God all the glory.—Pastor Bert Talcott.

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Notice Change of Address in the Following Announcement of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Southern Missouri District Council of the Assemblies of God.

Is called for St. Louis, Mo., March 20, 1920, and will be held in the Assembly of God church, 4516 McMillen Ave.

At Union Station take Market or Leclade car going west, transfer to Taylor street car going north, get off at McMillen Ave. Walk a few steps west to church.

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Pray God to send a Spirit-filled band to Gonzales, Tex., to preach the full gospel until a revival break forth.—Mrs. M. E., Graves, Box 225.

Pray God to give me courage to testify. One in the east.

Unspoken request—A Reader.

Pray God to set me free to preach the gospel to which He has called me.—D. S. B., Tulare, S. D.

Pray God to send some help that we may once more be gathered together in the House of God.—Jennie Richey, Centrahoma, Okla.

Pray for a work to be established here.—Mrs. F. M. Huckaby, Cash, Tex.

Pray God may open the way for me to move near Bible School where I can send my daughter and be in the work. We both have the baptism.—Mrs. C. E. A., Camden, Ark.

Pray that God may send a Spirit-filled preacher here.—Mrs. W. F. Beard, Hale Center, Tex.

Please pray for a special anointing from God during a testing time.—Mrs. R. Avernally, Tex.

Pray God to undertake in a personal matter and work out His perfect will therein.—A. A.

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Pray God to protect my boy from evil and sickness while away from home.—J. B. B., Breckinridge, Tex.

Pray for salvation of my husband, and that God will handle our business affairs for His glory.—Mrs. A. H., Sanford, Fla.

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