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ANOTHER YEAR!

Pastor A. G. Ward, Toronto, Can.

"He leads us on
Through all the unquiet years;
Passed all our dreamland hopes and fears;
Through all our tangled maze
Of sin, of sorrow and o'er cloudy days;
We know His Will is done;
And still He leads us on."

These are wondrous days in which our lot has been cast. The clouds gather blackness, the end of the age is upon us. The Lord is at hand! This is no time for idle dreaming, it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. God is, and He is challenging us to prove His willingness to answer prayer, and that in miraculous ways.

In the second book of Samuel, Chapter 3, Verses 17 and 18, we read, "And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: now then do it."

Will all the members of the dear Evangel family bear with me while I address them briefly from the words, "Now then do it." During the past year many splendid articles have appeared in the Evangel, and we have all listened to excellent messages delivered in the power of the Holy Spirit; but is it not just possible that our hearts have failed to keep pace with our heads, and that we have neglected to put into practice that which we have heard and read.

It means so much to cross the threshold of a New Year. The hour for throwing away the old calendar and hanging up the new is to every thinking heart a momentous one. I believe it is true that God is waiting to lift the Church of God to a new consciousness of Himself, and out of a new God-consciousness given to the Church there shall come a new sense of sin among the people. The Holy Spirit is seeking our cooperation in the working out of this great plan for the Church. Shall we not as a movement rise to the occasion and prove ourselves under God equal to the task of doing it? Doing what? you ask. The first thing I would suggest is letting go, and letting God. Dr. Thomas tells the following story:

An address was being given at a Bible institute in the United States on the passage in Genesis 1, "Let there be light," and the point specially emphasized by the speaker was that his hearers should let God do things. One student was deeply impressed with that thought, **Let God do it!** He went to his room, and prayed that God might do this. He wanted to let God do it, but no peace, no rest came, then he got out his knife and cut in paper, large letters, "Let God," and pinned them up on the wall, thinking that the sight of those words would help him, and he prayed again, yet no blessing came. He had to go out of his room, and as he shut the door the wind blew down one of the letters, the last one. When the young fellow came into his room again the first thing he saw was "Let Go," and he said "Yes, that is it; in order to let God I must first of all let go." Let go, not only of everything that is vile and refuse, but utterly destroy that which would in anywise hinder the greatest inflow of the Spirit, and that which would prevent our fullest cooperation with God in the working out of His divine will.

In the city of Friedeberg, in Germany, there is a wonderful organ in the cathed-

dral. On one occasion a man went up to the janitor and said, "May I play a little on the organ?" The janitor replied gruffly: "No, we cannot allow a stranger to do that." The man walked down the aisle of that cathedral, his fingers itching as it were to play on that famous instrument. After a few moments, he ventured up to the janitor and once again asked permission to play on the organ. To his surprise, the janitor replied, "Yes, you may play just a little." Very soon all through the cathedral the most exquisite music was floating, and the janitor stood spellbound. Then he went up to the man and asked him his name. "My name is Mendelssohn." And the janitor exclaimed, "Did I refuse Mendelssohn to play on that organ?"

Dear friends, during this year upon which we have entered, may we not refuse the Great Master Musician the privilege of playing on the organ of our lives. There is much need for a revival, even the Pentecostal movement is in great danger of ceasing to be a real spiritual force in the land. United, continuous waiting on God is our only hope. "Now then do it!" "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give showers of rain to every one grass in the field." "It is in the closet with the door shut that the sound of abundance of rain will be first heard!" We have failed. Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. Let us confess our backslidings. Let us acknowledge the sin of prayerlessness, and the lack of appreciation of the presence of God. We have overestimated our size. Let us study to be little. God has not yet cast us off. He is affording us an opportunity of redeeming ourselves. He has promised to revive the Pentecostal testimony, and accompany it with a great increase of Apostolic power. He says: "Enlarge the place of thy tent, stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations, spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left."

Sometime ago when I was sitting in

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I do not know. I cannot see,
What God's kind hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future ways;
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

Farewell. Old Year, with goodness crowned,
A hand divine hath set thy bound.
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my Lord and King.
The Old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

—Anon.

my Receiving Station, I heard the vibrations of a message coming, not from Mars, but from Glory. The substance of that message was, that within the immediate future the Church was to witness such displays of devil power as she had not yet seen, while at the same time there were to be manifestations of the Holy Spirit and confirmations of the word of the Living God which would more than successfully cope with the worst hell could produce. However, we will do well to remember that "God's best working days on earth are the days when His people pray the most." Has He not said, "If ye ask, I will do," implying that if we fail in the prayer life, we may tie His hands and prevent the carrying out of His plan and purpose for the Church. Let us give ourselves to the ministry of intercession, and let us dare to believe God for definite results and for a mighty revival in Pentecost during the year 1923.

God's Word is either fact or fiction; if fiction, let us be done with it; if fact, let us prove it to the hilt. "Faith is blind to impossibilities, and deaf to doubt. It listens only to God, and sees only His power, and acts accordingly. Faith is not believing that He can, but that He will; but such faith comes only of close, continuous contact with God. It's birthplace is in the secret closet, and time, and the open word, and an attentive ear and a reverent heart are necessary to its growth." "Now then do it."

Beloved, if we fail in everything else, let us determine afresh that we will make a success of serving God. The past year is dead, and its deeds are recorded. We cannot undo its wrongs or erase its failures, but it is our privilege to embrace the present, and by God's grace fill this year full of noble, self-sacrificing service for our King. Let us give ourselves unceasingly to the ministry of intercession, remembering as we do so that "what God requires and looks at is neither the arithmetic of our prayers, how many they are; nor the rhetoric of our prayers, how eloquent they be; nor the geometry of our prayers, how long they be; nor the music of our prayers, how sweet our voice may be; nor the logic, nor the method, nor even the orthodoxy of our prayers, but the one thing which avails is ferventness and sincerity."

Oh, tender Christ, bless Thou this year,
Bless Thou its dawn, and bless
Its noontide, and its evening, Lord;
And let each heart confess,
As days and weeks and months go by,
To help the year grow old;
That of Thy glory, King of Kings,
The half not yet is told.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

"That was a wise thing that Dr. Johnson said in his old age, 'I have been resolving these past fifty-five years, but now I take hold on God.'"

Brother Potter of Long Beach writes, "I am trying to make our assembly 100 per cent strong for the Evangel." Are you doing the same, Brother Pastor? We would appreciate your appointing some one in your assembly to get new subscriptions and renewals.

What It Means to be Full of the Holy Ghost

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth at the Springfield Assembly

Bible Reading—Acts 6.

In the days when the number of disciples began to be multiplied there arose a situation where the twelve had to make a definite decision not to occupy themselves with serving tables, but to give themselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word. How important it is for all God's ministers to be continually in prayer, and constantly feeding on the Scriptures of Truth. I often offer a reward to anyone who can catch me anywhere without my Bible or my Testament.

None of you can be strong in God unless you are diligently and constantly hearkening to what God has to say to you through His Word. You cannot know the power and the nature of God unless you partake of His inbreathed Word. Read it at morn and at night, and at every opportunity you get. After every meal, instead of indulging in unprofitable conversation round the table, read a chapter from the Word and then have a season of prayer. I endeavor to make a point of doing this no matter where or with whom I am staying.

The Psalmist said that he had hid God's Word in his heart, that he might not sin against Him; and you will find that the more of God's Word you hide in your heart, the easier it is to live a holy life. He also testified that God's Word had quickened him; and, as you receive God's Word into your being, your whole physical being will be quickened and you will be made strong. As you receive with meekness the Word, you will find faith upspringing within. And you will have life through the Word.

The twelve told the rest to look out seven men to look after the business end of things. They were to be men of honest report and filled with the Holy Ghost. These were just ordinary men who were chosen, but they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and this infilling always lifts a man to a plane above the ordinary. It does not take a cultured or a learned man to fill a position in God's church; what God requires is a yielded, consecrated, holy life, and He can make of such a flame of fire. Baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire!

The multitude chose out seven men to serve tables. They were doubtless faithful in their appointed tasks, but we see that God soon had a better choice for two of them. Philip was so full of the Holy Ghost that he could have a revival wherever God put him down. Man chose him to serve tables, but God chose him to win souls. O, if I could only stir you up to see that, as you are faithful in performing the humblest office, God can fill you with His Spirit and make you a chosen vessel for Himself, and promote you to a place of mighty ministry in the salvation of souls and in the healing of the sick. There is nothing impossible to a man filled with the Holy Ghost. It is

beyond all human comprehension. When you are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, God will wonderfully work wherever you go.

When you are filled with the Spirit you will know the voice of God. I want to give you one illustration of this. When I was going out to Australia recently, our boat stopped at Aden and Bombay. In the first place the people came round the ship selling their wares, beautiful carpets and all sorts of oriental things. There was one man selling some ostrich feathers. As I was looking over the side of the ship watching the trading, a gentleman said to me, "Would you go shares with me in buying that bunch of feathers?" What did I want with feathers? I had no use for such things and no room for them either. But the gentleman put the question to me again, "Will you go shares with me in buying that bunch?" The Spirit of God said to me, "Do it."

The feathers were sold to us for three pounds, and the gentleman said, "I have no money on me, but if you will pay the man for them, I will send the cash down to you by the purser." I paid for the feathers and gave the gentleman his share. He was traveling first, and I was traveling second class. I said to him, "No, please don't give that money to the purser, I want you to bring it to me personally to my cabin." I said to the Lord, "What about these feathers?" He showed me that He had a purpose in my purchasing them.

At about 10 o'clock the gentleman came to my cabin and said, "I've brought the money." I said to him, "It is not your money that I want, it is your soul that I am seeking for God." Right there he opened up the whole plan of his life and began to seek God, and that morning he wept his way through to God's salvation.

You have no conception what God can do through you when you are filled with His Spirit. Every day and every hour you can have the divine leading of God. To be filled with the Holy Ghost means much in every way. I have seen some who have been suffering for years, and when they have been filled with the Holy Ghost everything of their sickness has passed away. The Spirit of God has made real to them the life of Jesus and they have been completely liberated of every sickness and infirmity.

Look at Stephen. He was just an ordinary man chosen to serve tables. But the Holy Ghost was in him and he was full of faith and power, and did great wonders and miracles among the people. There was no resisting the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. How important it is that every man shall be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Tongues and interpretation. "The divine will is that you shall be filled with

God; for the power of the Spirit to fill you with the mightiness of God. There is nothing God will withhold to a man filled with the Holy Ghost."

I want to impress the importance of this upon you. It is not healing that I am presenting to you in these meetings—it is the living Christ. It is a glorious fact that the Son of God came down to bring liberty to the captives. And He it is who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and fire, who is shedding forth this which we are now seeing and hearing.

How is it that the moment you are filled with the Holy Ghost that persecution starts? It was so with the Lord Jesus Himself. We do not read of any persecutions before the Holy Spirit came down like a dove upon Him. Shortly after this we find that after preaching in His home town they wanted to throw Him over the brow of a hill. It was the same with the twelve disciples. They had no persecution before the day of Pentecost, but after they were filled with the Spirit they were soon in prison. The devil and the priests of religion will always get stirred when a man is filled with the Spirit and does things in the power of the Spirit. And persecution is the greatest blessing to a church. When we have persecution we will have purity. If you desire to be filled with the Spirit you can count on one thing, and that is persecution. The Lord came to bring division, and even in your own household you may find three against two.

The Lord Jesus came to bring peace, and soon after you get peace within you get persecution without. If you remain stationary, the devil and his agents will not disturb you much. But when you press on and go the whole length with God the enemy has you as a target. But God will vindicate you in the midst of the whole thing.

At a meeting I was holding, the Lord was working and many were being healed. A man saw what was taking place and remarked, "I'd like to try this thing." He came up for prayer and told me that his body was broken in two places. I laid my hands on him in the name of the Lord, and said to him, "Now, you believe God." The next night he was at meeting and he got up like a lion. He said, "I want to tell you people that this man here is deceiving you. He laid his hands on me last night for rupture in two places, but I'm not a bit better." I stopped him and said, "You are healed, your trouble is that you won't believe it."

He was at meeting the next night and when there was opportunity for testimony this man arose. He said, "I'm a mason by trade. Today I was working with a laborer and he had to put a big stone in place. I helped him and did not feel any pain. I said to myself, 'How have I done it?' I went away to a place where I could strip, and I found that I was healed." I told the people, "Last night this man was against the Word of God, but now he believes it. It is true that these signs shall follow them that believe, they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover. And all through the power that is in the name of Christ." It is the Spirit who has come to reveal the Word

of God, and to make it spirit and life to us.

You people who are seeking the Baptism are entering a place where you will have persecution. Your best friends will leave you—or those you may esteem your best friends. No good friend will ever leave you. But it is worth while. You enter into a realm of illumination, of revelation by the power of the Holy Ghost. He reveals the preciousness and the power of the blood of Christ. I find by the revelation of the Spirit that there is not one thing in me that the blood does not cleanse. I find that God sanctifies me by the blood and reveals the efficacy of the work by the Spirit.

Stephen was just an ordinary man clothed with the divine. He was full of faith and power, and great wonders and miracles were wrought by him. Oh, this life in the Holy Ghost! this life of deep, inward revelation, of transformation from one state to another, of growing in grace and in all knowledge and in the power of the Spirit, the life and the mind of Christ being renewed in you, and of constant revelations of the might of His power. It is only this kind of thing that will enable us to stand.

In this life, the Lord puts you in all sorts of places, and then reveals His power. I had been preaching in New York, and sailed one day for England on the Lusitania. As soon as I got on board I went down to my cabin. Two men were there, and one of them said, "Well, will I do for company?" He took out a bottle and poured out a glass of whiskey and drank it, and then he filled it up for me. "I never touch that stuff," I said. "How can you live without it?" he asked. "How could I live with it?" I asked. He admitted, "I have been under the influence of this stuff for months, and they say my 'inside is all shrivelled up,' and I know that I am dying. I wish I could be delivered, but I just have to keep on drinking. Oh, if I could only be delivered! My father died in England and has given me his fortune, but what will the good of it be to me except to hasten me to my grave."

I said to this man, "Say the word, and you will be delivered." He enquired, "What do you mean?" I said, "Say the word, show that you are willing to be delivered and God will deliver you." But it was just as if I was talking to this platform for all the comprehension he showed. I said to him, "Stand still," and I laid my hands on his head in the name of Jesus and cursed that drink demon that was taking his life. He cried out, "I'm free! I'm free! I know I'm free!" He took two bottles of whiskey and threw them overboard, and God saved, sobered and healed him. I was preaching all the way across. He sat beside me at the table. Previous to this he had not been able to eat, but every meal he went right through the menu. You only have to have a touch from Jesus to have a good time. The power of God is just the same today. To me, He's lovely. To me, He's saving health. To me, He's the lily of the valley. O this blessed Nazarene, this King of Kings! Hallelujah! Will you let Him have your will, will you let Him

have you? If you will, all His power is at your disposal.

They were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit by which Stephen spake, and so, full of rage, they brought him to the council. And God filled his face with a ray of heaven's light. It is worth being filled with the Spirit, no matter what it costs. Read the seventh chapter, the mighty prophetic utterance by this holy man. Without fear he tells them, "Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost." And when they heard these things they were cut to the heart. There are two ways of being cut to the heart. Here they gnashed their teeth and cast him out of the city and stoned him. On the day of Pentecost, when they were cut or pricked at the heart they cried out, "What shall we do?" They took the opposite way. The devil, if he can have his way, will cause you to commit murder. If Jesus has His way, you will repent.

And Stephen, full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. O, this being full of the Holy Ghost! How much it means. I was riding for sixty miles one summer day and as I looked up in the heavens I had an open vision of Jesus all the way. It takes the Holy Ghost to give this.

Stephen cried out, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." As he was full of the Spirit he was full of love, and he manifested the very same compassion for his enemies that Jesus did at Calvary. This being filled with the Holy Ghost means much in every way. It means constant filling, quickening, and a new life continually. Oh, it's lovely! We have a wonderful gospel and a great Saviour! If you will but be filled with the Holy Ghost you will have a constant spring within, yea, as your faith centers in the Lord Jesus, from within you shall flow rivers of living water.

(In answer to many enquiries, we wish to state that Brother Wigglesworth is no longer in this country. His present address is 70 Victor Road, Bradford, England.)

More Pentecostal fire and power in pulpits, rather than more highly specialized organizing development is the church's present and pressing need—prophets are more sorely wanted today than are promoters.—H. C. R., in Expositor.

God does not come into the preacher's work as a matter of course or on general principles, but He comes by **prayer and special urgency**.—"Preacher and Prayer," by Bounds.

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A WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Stocks for the feet, but nothing could stop their prayer. Beaten backs, but spirits unbroken. The spirit of prayer and praise rising above every obstacle.

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them." The latest prisoners setting an example to the others. "Curse God and die," they might have said to Paul and Silas. But Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises. Both "unorthodox" at that hour, and the circumstances did not warrant it. There was no precedent for it. But Paul and Silas were Spirit-filled. They had the Pentecostal experience and it stood the test.

They resorted to prayer. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." And they had power over all the power of the enemy. They could get no human help. The jailer had been given command to thrust them into the inner prison. But they prayed. There were many prayers going up those days, but these were some of the sweetest. And they sang praises.

Prayer leads to praise. One merged into the other as the dawn precedes the sunrise. They prayed for those who had despitely used them, prayed for the prisoners, prayed for the magistrates. Their list was comprehensive. If they prayed for themselves it would be the last on the list. Praise followed prayer. Their bodies were tied down in stocks, but their spirits were floating heavenwards. And God heard.

No weak voices. They were attuned by the Spirit. They had an audience of heaven and an audience of earth. Praise made heaven active. Praise set in action the forces of the earth. The vibrations of praise vibrated to heaven, and heaven vibrated the earth—a mighty vibration—the earth quaked.

"And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." Solid opposition removed. Closed doors opened. Bands—all kinds of bands—iron bands, wooden bands, stocks, loosed, not only from Paul and Silas, but from all the prisoners. Your prayer, your praise, will do the same. Loose the bands. Say to the fearful, "Be strong."

"And the keeper of the prison awakened out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled." Praise brings conviction, and conviction brings fright.

"But Paul cried with a loud voice, Do thyself no harm; for we are all here. And he called for a light and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" He recognized God in these men. They had not given railing for railing, but contrariwise blessing.

The foundations of the prison were shaken and likewise the keeper. Their prayer and praise resulted in the trembling of the jail and the trembling of the jailer.

"What must I do to be saved?" The first time he had asked about it. The first time he was concerned about it. Prayer and praise had brought a penitent.

"And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and they house." The jailer was in a fit state to receive a saving message. It was an unconditional offer of mercy. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ would bring salvation for both himself and his household. To have quoted conditions would have been dangerous. To have told him to believe and be baptized, or to make restitution, or to restore, or to be merciful would have been fatal.

He believed, and immediately works followed his belief. The salvation he received was effectual, was real, for he washed the stripes of the disciples and set a meal before them, and took a chance of losing his life by such an act.

That prayer and praise brought salvadisciples. What God has joined together—prayer and praise—let no man put asunder.

A "SAVORLESS" CHURCH MEANS A "SAVIOURLESS" WORLD

And a Saviourless world means sooner or later world-wide revolution—averted only by world-wide revival in the church—restoring the savor to the salt.

Every evangelical leader and every praying layman has a solemn responsibility in this matter. Laymen do not lag when leaders rightly lead.

One day's reading of current events ought to be sufficient to show the world's rapid drift towards universal catastrophe—except help come soon.

The Literary Digest in its advertisement in the Chicago Daily Tribune of November 24 asks: "Will 1923 be a 'hell-raiser's year'?" A hell-raising or a heaven-descending year, which will it be? It can be the latter only in answer to the cry of a united church in prostration before God.

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"Ye Are The Salt of the Earth."

BUT THE SPIRITUAL BANKRUPTCY OF "THE SALT" MEANS THE
MORAL BANKRUPTCY OF "THE EARTH"!

Does this explain the world's present demoralized condition? ("The darkest period in history," says a great Chicago daily.

Does it explain the wave of lawlessness sweeping over America and the world? (United States Solicitor General J. M. Beck calls this, "The Age of Lawlessness.")

Does it explain the enormous increase in crime in the United States? (Four hundred per cent from 1912 to 1921.)

Does it explain the amazing growth of the divorce evil? (A tremendous ratio, reaching in some sections from ten to twenty per cent of all marriages.)

Does it explain the terrible prevalence of social immorality? (Polluting an average of five out of every eight young men throughout the nation, says the health commissioner of a great city.)

Does it explain the growing industrial turmoil? (During the past nine years, ending with 1922, there have been 26,000 strikes, as against 25,000 during the twenty-five years from 1881 to 1906.)

Does it explain the domestic unhappiness, the juvenile delinquency, the lack of parental control, the desire for the frivolous and superficial, the inordinate love of money, the petty thievery and the gigantic robbery, the betrayal of public trust, the disregard of God's holy day, the banishment of the Bible from our public school system, the aversion to restraint of every kind? Does it explain the moral deterioration of multitudes at home, and the growing hostility to Christianity in large sections of the world abroad?

If so, then indeed "judgment must begin at the house of God." If the moral rehabilitation of the earth is dependent upon the spiritual rehabilitation of the church, THEN LET THE LATTER BEGIN AT ONCE! For judgment of sin and confession of sin on the part of the church mean purging, and purging means revival, and revival evangelization, and evangelization not only the salvation of multitudes, but the quickening of the moral conscience of the masses.

For the sake of Jew, Gentile, and the Church of God, the present all-but-extinguished spark of life in the church needs the united breath of multitudes of intercessors to fan it into WORLD-WIDE LIVING FLAME.

PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

Little Is Much When God Is In It.

A True Story

Chapter I.

"For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1).

"Little is much when God is in it; Man's busiest day's not worth God's minute,

Much is little everywhere,
If God the labor do not share;
So work with God and nothing's lost,
Who works with Him does best and most:
Work on! work on!"

—A. A. Rees.

It is only the old tale of everything going dead wrong. When much is planned to be done and one desires to put in a full day for the Master, here a little, and there a little, how things do transpire to hinder! You know just how it is; and when evening falls there is the little sigh. But His ways are not our ways, and if the day is placed in His hands will He not control it? "Doth He not count our steps?" (Job 31:4). Can He not make much out of little? Yes, more than we could even hope. And, through delays and hinderings, has He not therewith precious lessons to teach? Surely the heart that can see God in everything soon learns to value these details.

Shall I relate the story of a day of this kind? Abigail visits a dear old saint who is very poor, and who has crocheted some mats that she desires to sell, but which have been done with a coarse, yellow thread. If only they were white! What can be done? Why, bleach them! Oh, yes, she can do this little thing to help, and so, in His name, the mats are carried home, for it will take only such a little while you know, and then those visits that were planned, can be made all in time to attend the women's little prayer meeting.

It does seem an easy thing to do, but Abigail has not had the experience of washing new mats. Each one must be carefully pinned to its place while it bleaches in the sun, and there are so many points to each. One half hour speeds quickly by. One hour, my, how time flies! Will they ever be finished? It looks as if the calls will not be made unless help comes. Well, help does come. Iona appears on the scene and lends a helping hand. How they work! Another hour has gone by, alas! it is noon. "Oh, well," thinks Abigail, "I shall not wait for lunch, but hurry away, for I must make those calls." But watchful eyes have noticed, the cup of tea has been prepared, and she is hindered just a little longer, for, of course, she must show appreciation of this tender touch of love and thoughtfulness. But time is going. How can she linger? Hastily taking the refreshment, she rushes to catch the car, but only in time to see it pass by. Fifteen minutes to wait. Who of us does not know a little of this annoyance? It is just one delay after another today. If one had only known. If one had only planned differently. If! If! If! It is bewildering. I did want to accom-

plish so much for Him today, says the Christian heart. Well, does He not know? Does He not care? Ah, yes "little is much when God is in it."

Here comes the car! At last she is on her way. Seated, she sorts her tracts. "Here is a short one: Oh, I will give this one to the conductor." What a startling headline, "Where Hell Is." Just a question asked by a companion in ridicule, "Can you tell me where hell is?" And the answer, given after a moment's thought, "Yes, it is at the end of a Christless life." That is all! The tract is offered, but on taking it the conductor demurs, saying, "You always give me one of these religious papers; I suppose you think me a very wicked fellow, but I am as good as they make them." "Ah! but this Bible tells me, 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked' (Jer. 17:9). That means your heart and mine. It doesn't sound very good, does it?" "O well, there is plenty of time for me to think about these things: I am still young." "Yes, but if you go to the graveyard you will find all sizes of graves there—your size." But he laughed, saying, "There is plenty of time for me; this is my afternoon off, and I mean to have the time of my life." On leaving the car, impelled to turn again to him she said, "Remember the time is short, and you need not go to a Christless grave—to hell. Jesus died for you." The car sped on with this fine-looking, healthy conductor to his afternoon's pleasure. Abigail, this Christian worker, goes to make her calls at last. Then to the sister's weekly prayer meeting. Here the tale of the day is related, mentioning the chat with the conductor. Only seven women are there, but each prays audibly for the conductor's salvation. But does it pay to pray?

The next morning Abigail goes forth on another day's mission of tract distributing on C— Market. She takes the same car, but finds a new conductor. He approaches her with the question, "Are you the lady who gave a paper to the conductor on this car yesterday?" "Oh, yes." "Well, that conductor is dead!" "Are you sure? How did it happen?" "I was in the car when you spoke to him, and I took his place when he left. He jumped from this car to the N— car, fell under the wheels and was killed!" The worker was stunned. It was too dreadful. That strong man, so bright, so young! Gone! And where? Oh, could it be to a Christless grave?

Sick and faint, she returns later on another car, and the conductor approaches her, asking, "Are you the lady who gave a tract to a conductor on the C— car yesterday?" "Yes, but I know all about it, and feel I cannot bear to hear it again."

"Yes; but you do not know all. I went to the hospital with him, and was there when he died." "Oh! he was not killed instantly then?" "No; but he lived till

7:45 this morning, and gave me a description of you, saying, 'You will know her, because she always carries a Bible, and is often on C— and G— cars. Tell her I am not going to a Christless grave. I have accepted the Saviour she told me of.' Now, madam, if you want to do a good turn, go and comfort his mother."

What tremendous issues follow the story of this day! The mats, the delays, the hindrances, missing the car to take that one to meet that conductor. Surely, "little is much when God is in it!"

(To Be Continued)

THE CHILDREN FOR CHRIST

The devil is making a bold bid for the children. From the "Life of Faith" we learn of the formation of "Socialist Sunday Schools" and "Proletarian Sunday Schools." "In the former revolution is taught, and in the latter blasphemy as well as revolution. Efforts are being made to amalgamate the two, because it is held that, even on religious grounds, the distinction that was once apparent is rapidly disappearing. In the latter schools the children are taught what is called 'The Chicago Catechism.' In that document, portions of which could not be printed in any decent newspaper, it is claimed 'There is no God, and therefore there can be no God's Son.' If the boys and girls of today—or even that portion of them within the influence of those movements—are to be reared in opposition to Christianity, it will not be long before such teaching will reap its baneful fruit. The challenge of such places to the Christian church is manifest: it is her immediate duty to perfect and advance her own system of educating the young in the things of God, that the good seed may fall into receptive hearts and minds, and thus defeat the wiles of the enemy who is so busy sowing tares."

Let every group of Pentecostal saints organize a Sunday school. We owe it to our children to give them the gospel, and the gospel in all its fullness. A full line of quarterlies, Junior, Intermediate, and Adult, are published by the Gospel Publishing House, and in order to introduce these to those who have never taken them, the first quarter's supply of these will be supplied at half price.

In addition to the quarterlies, two separate weekly papers are published for the children, one for the boys and girls, and another for the little folks. The one object in our getting out these papers is to present the gospel to the children in a way they can understand it. To those who have not had these papers, the first quarter's supply will be sent at half price. An advertisement for these appears in another part of the paper.

Let evangelical leaders everywhere call the church to prayer. Let 1923 be a year of intercession. Let this universal hell-burst of sin be followed by a universal heaven-burst of salvation. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now." Nevertheless the Lord is waiting to proclaim through a revived church that He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Great Commission Prayer League.

DIVINE HEALING.

By Dr. Lilian B. Yeomans

The following is the first of a series of helpful messages on the important subject of Divine Healing. They are from a doctor who has herself been wonderfully healed of the Lord, and has given up the practice of medicine. Please help us to give a wide publicity to these articles.

There has not been a period since the first century of the Christian Church when the subject of Divine Healing occupied the prominent place in the hearts and lives of God's people which it does today; hence it especially behooves us to be well versed and thoroughly grounded in the teachings of the Scriptures regarding it.

A testimony to the healing power of God, experienced in your own proper person, or witnessed in the persons of those with whom you are in close contact, is valuable, and may be greatly used of God to His glory, and for the exaltation of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. But it can never take the place of "Thus saith the Lord." And you must always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in you, from the Word of God, in comparison with which your opinions, views, and actual experiences even, are as chaff to the wheat.

In the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians we find the Apostle Paul declaring unto the Corinthians the gospel which he had already preached unto them, viz., that Christ died for our sins "according to the Scriptures," and rose from the dead "according to the Scriptures."

In every act of Christ's life it was incumbent upon Him to fulfill the Scriptures. And all healing that we may receive, or that God may graciously effect through our ministry, must be according to the Scriptures.

This warning is most timely, as, on every hand, lying wonders are advertised, and, for aught I know, actually performed. A man was telling my sister the other day that he recently attended a meeting in this city, held by some Psychological Miracle Monger, where a number of the patients of the Miracle Monger sat on the platform as living advertisements for her, and witnesses of her power. The gentleman said that they looked like pieces of Madam Tussaud's Wax Work, their faces were so smooth and free from lines of care. They smiled sweetly as the Miracle Monger stated that she would guarantee to bring any person who would take her course, price \$25 per, into the same delightful state of health and placidity. But she added that the \$25 was an absolute necessity, that there would be nothing doing without it. Then she evinced a desire for money from all attending the meeting, and took up a collection. And our friend said that, in his opinion, the statement that she wanted some of their money was the only true word she uttered during the entire seance.

Are these things to dismay or surprise us? By no means. They are to be confidently expected, for they are predicted in the Scriptures. We read of the beast out of the earth, of Rev. 13:11-18, that "he doeth great wonders, so that he

maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do." And this spirit of anti-christ is even now at work in the world.

When God's power was manifested before Pharaoh, at the time of the Exodus, the Egyptian magicians, Jannes and Jambres, withstood Moses. And even so, today, do men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith, resist the truth.

Was Moses discouraged or puzzled? Not at all. The sacred record shows he simply went on with God so that divine signs and wonders were multiplied, and the magicians themselves had to confess, "This is the finger of God."

Do we have to explain these phenomena, these so-called healings and miracles? No; we simply have to bring them to the touchstone, the Word of God, and "if they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20). In order to do this we must be ourselves filled with the Word on healing. We must eat the roll, like Ezekiel; swallow the Book, as did the apostle John.

A second reason for the urgent necessity for profound and prayerful study of the Word on this subject is the fact that not only the members of the household of faith, but the unbelieving world is stirred to its very depths regarding the question: for to them it is a question at the present time and we have opportunities of reaching them through Divine Healing which would otherwise be lacking to us.

These opportunities are intensely precious to us, as, given their ears, and their attention, we can take advantage of their need to pour into their hearts the words of Jesus, which are Spirit and Life, not to the quickening of their mortal bodies only, but to the salvation of their souls and spirits also, and their complete deliverance from the power of Satan unto God.

We must be prepared to meet these enquirers even if they confessedly come for healing only, just as though they were in search of salvation. Perhaps I appreciate the golden opportunities which are now afforded us better than some, for I am old enough to know that people at large were not always so accessible.

We are just emerging from an age of extreme materialism, and the pendulum is beginning to swing over to the other side. Do you ask me to explain my meaning more clearly? I will gladly do so.

When I was a student of Natural Science, Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Pathology, etc., the theory most in vogue was that the cause of all disease and morbid conditions was to be sought for in the matter composing the organism itself. If

the liver failed to function properly, look to the liver cells; the trouble is there. Physical tests of the bile, etc., will locate it. Train a sufficiently high power microscope on the cell at fault and the cause of the symptoms will be apparent. If we do not detect it, it is because our microscopes are not sufficiently perfected, do not magnify as many diameters as is necessary.

As the cause of disease was sought for in the material, so remedies must be sought for in matter, in the animal, vegetable, or mineral kingdom, or the physical forces which operate upon matter, viz., light, heat, and electricity, might be utilized as curative agents.

The thought that the tenant inhabiting the house might be at fault, and in some degree responsible for the disastrous changes noted in his domicile was never entertained, at least not practically and seriously, by the exponents of medical science in those days.

Yet we know that you can sometimes tell a great deal about a man's character by the condition of his house and premises. And it is small wonder if you can discern a good deal of a man's moral and spiritual condition from the condition of his body. In other words the state of a man's soul is largely responsible for, stands in a causative relation to, his physical condition.

And this fact is now being recognized, even in medical circles, and, as a result, remedies are being sought for in the immaterial and intangible, to some extent at least.

The other day a doctor who is a regular physician in the very best standing, a representative man in his profession, said to me: "I use practically no drugs." Twenty-five years ago I should have been at a loss to find a man in his position who would publicly take such a stand.

To sum the matter up, people are being educated to the knowledge that it is possible that diseases may be healed by something that they can neither hear, see, feel, taste, or smell, and that is yet stronger and more effectual than any pill, poultice, plaster, draught, liniment, electric shock or current, that could be administered.

And as they come to us in their search for this thing we can say, "Yes, you can be healed." Nay, you will unfaillingly be healed and completely, perfectly healed, by something that you can neither see, hear, feel, taste, or smell, something which utterly transcends your senses, if you will meet the simple conditions laid down in God's Word. For it is by His power, through the blood shed for you on Calvary by God's beloved Son, that you may, if you only will, be perfectly healed. Indeed this healing is already an accomplished fact which you have only to appropriate by your personal faith to enjoy in its fullness.

And what a glorious opportunity this gives us of pointing out that the sin question must also be settled by repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, at the same time that the healing takes place. That it is essential that it should be so settled, for as sickness is the result, direct or indirect, of sin, it

would be as rational for a person who has just been cured of typhoid fever to keep on drinking water containing the germ which originally infected him, as for a person healed by the Lord Jesus Christ to continue in sin.

Jesus said in the 5th chapter of John, 14th verse, to a man He had healed of impotence, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." Not only the old disease but a worse one, for you will have sinned against increased light and have so thrown your heart's door open wider than ever to satanic powers.

One of the most miraculous cases of healing that I ever witnessed was that of a crippled woman, who was so completely healed, after one of the most eminent surgeons in the country had pronounced her case hopeless, that she did farm work—she was a rancher's wife—two years after her healing.

Her miraculous restoration was well known to the whole district in which she lived. Yet, sad to say, this woman fell into sin—not lying, or stealing, or immorality—but carping, fretting, harsh judging of others, as the result of which the trouble returned, probably in an exacerbated form, and she actually went to the hospital, and was operated on without any improvement. What she needed, was to have her heart operated on by the Holy Spirit through the power of the precious Word.

There is another reason, which I desire to point out, for the very careful and diligent study of the Word on the subject of Divine Healing, and that is so that you may be able to awaken faith for healing in the hearts of those among whom you labor (so that mighty works may be done among them because of their faith, as well as yours) by giving them the Word in all its fullness on this matter. For faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

There's only one thing settled in heaven, and that is the Word of God. Wonderful healings, and miracles, may greatly inspire our faith, and stimulate us to hope for great things from God, but after all, when we find ourselves confronted with a fearful test, there is one thing, and only one thing, on which we can rely, and that is the living, changeless Word. If you trust in that you cannot be removed.

THE LORD SHALL HAVE THEM IN DERISION

Some Comments on the Second Psalm
Man has been so proud of the bands of civilization and the cords of apostate Christianity, both of which the Lord holds in derision, as well as those who forged and made the bands. Men are seeking to improve governments. Schemes are constantly being devised for the betterment of humanity and the reformation of world conditions; but all these human bands are to be set aside and broken.

During the past few years you have seen the cords and bands both of civilization and Christianity so-called cast aside and broken. The world fears the overthrow of civilization, but God's Holy Word has anticipated this state of things, for therein we read, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens

shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

The nations are breaking away from restraint and present a picture of a sad state of affairs. God Himself is holding in derision those who set themselves against Him.

Do not try to improve the bands and cords—let them snap. God has something better. While man is working on the one hand to improve the bands, God is working on the other hand. He is drawing His people with cords of love. Man's cords are straining and breaking, but God's cords are strengthening and augmenting.

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."

Kings and rulers of the earth have had their turn, and now God will laugh and vex them in the great tribulation that is impending.

In the second Psalm is found a synopsis of present day events. The climax of the tragedy is reached when the kings and rulers of the earth set at naught His King. But out of chaos and disorder shall come divine government and heavenly order.

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

This statement announces the inauguration of the millennial reign of Christ. Follow the order and you will have clearly set forth the outline of the plan that the Apostles elaborated on.

If the sway of the powers of darkness is about to be universal, the reign of the King, God's only begotten Son, will be universal. When? After the vexing, after the tribulation. But not till then.

There will not be universal salvation through the efforts of man. Betterment of social and political conditions is not God's program for this age. On the contrary, there is to be the vexing, derision, punishment. After which a subdued remnant will be given to the Lord for His possession.

"Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (v. 8, R. V.).

And then we have the warning to turn before it is too late. "Now therefore be wise, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve Jehovah with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all they that take refuge in him" (v. 10, 11, 12, R. V.).

Here is a warning which shows how God will treat kings who would set Him aside, a warning which kings would do well to take to heart before it is too late. Rulers and leaders ought to heed this psalm. It is the duty of teachers to instruct these rulers. Some say, "What is the use, they will say that they will not change." That is not your business. That is what Jonah said. But Jonah finally obeyed God and the King of Nineveh repented before it was too late.

Nicodemus was among the Pharisees. Nicodemus signed the minority report. God has His minorities. Encourage the minority. Amen.

MARY'S FAITH

"Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord" (Luke 1:45).

Mary believed that which hitherto had been without precedent. She believed for that which humanly was impossible. She believed the voice of the angel. It was not a human voice. Humanly there was much that could have been interpreted to bring about unbelief, and little to enable her to believe. But GOD, the GOD of her fathers. GOD was in Mary's thoughts, and so with her faith, all things were possible with God.

Abraham believed God for a son on natural and supernatural lines; but Mary had no data to found or rest her belief upon beyond the Word of God. The most stupendous event in the history of the world was about to be accomplished, but she staggered not at the promise, at the statement, but simply said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Mary is an example to all Marys, yea, to every child of God, to believe God, to believe God's word, to believe God's messengers.

There shall be a performance because she hath believed. Do you want the impossible to be performed? Let us believe God's Word, which has been tested and tried all down the ages. By believing, Mary made it possible for God to accomplish His purpose in sending the Saviour into the world. Mighty works could not be done in a certain place when Christ was on the earth because of unbelief, but mighty works can be done now in your district because of belief. **Belief in an assembly brings mighty works in the district of the assembly.** Do you want a revival? Get Mary's faith; believe God against the seeming impossible.

Unbelief was so prevalent around Mary that she could find only her cousin Elizabeth who could enter into the spirit of her revelations and manifestations of divine favor. The Marys and Elizabeths are choice, rare plants. But the great Husbandman can cause others to flourish.

God needs faith, He deserves faith. Mary dared not tell the unbelieving ones around her her experience; she would have been argued out of her faith and her experience. But Elizabeth understood, and she heard the Magnificat from Mary. Luke got it only after the Christ had reached manhood.

If a mere human being could believe the angel for such a stupendous event as Mary did, that she was to be the Mother of the Son of God, conceived of the Holy Spirit, then it is still possible for human beings to believe God for anything; for nothing will ever exceed that for which Mary believed.

Mary believed for the incarnation; Enoch believed for translation. Believe that Christ is formed or is being formed within you, and believe also for the translation of the perfected Man within you.

"He spoke a parable to them, to the end that men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by E. N. BELL

2094. Please explain Matt. 18:3-6 and Mark 16:16. Is there a church teaching that this means the baptizing of infant babies?

Yes, all those who baptize infants quote this passage or Matt. 19:14 as referring to infant baptism. But this is wrong. There is no contradiction between Matthew and Mark here. If you will read closely you will see the children in Matthew 18 were old enough to believe. He says in 18:6, "little ones which believe in me." So these little ones are believers just as required in Mark 16:16. All such, big or little, should be baptized. But Matt. 19:13-15 has no reference to water baptism, and every preacher who applies these words to such misapplies them. It says there were brought to Jesus little children that He should "put his hands on them and pray"—not to be baptized. And it says He laid His hands on them, not put water on them. We believe in doing just what this scripture indicates, bringing the little darlings to Jesus and dedicating them to God, and letting the minister lay his hands on them and bless them. That is all Jesus did.

The New Testament knows nothing about "godfathers" and "godmothers" to answer for infants. Water never regenerates anybody either old or young. I am shocked to hear that there are those teaching this water saving theory. It is heresy, and is not in the Book.

2095. Is it right and proper for a woman who believes in holiness to register and vote according to the laws of our country?

The children of God have liberty in such matters. If a good man is up and a bad one, one to be elected to hold office, to judge, to execute the law, to rule over us, I certainly shall prefer the better one to rule, and will cast my vote for him. You may do likewise if you wish.

But let our saints, both men and women, keep out of party politics. Don't get absorbed and mixed up in this worldly atmosphere and spirit. Keep quiet.

2095. How can one tell the New Issue people from true Pentecostal saints?

By questioning them about their teaching on the Godhead or Trinity, and about water baptism, as to why they baptize in the name of Jesus Christ only. If they say that Jesus is the Father, the Father in the flesh, that the name Lord Jesus Christ is the name for the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, that Christ is the only person in the Godhead, etc., then they are New Issue. We know that the name Lord Jesus Christ is simply the name of the Son of God only, for 2 John 3 says so. Many of these saints are truly saved and baptized, only they are in error. You cannot always distinguish them except by their teaching.

2096. What does Mal. 4:1 mean by "burn them up as stubble" when Rev. 14:11 says "tormented forever and ever,

day and night." and Mark 9:43,44 says "their worm dieth not"?

You compare the wrong stages of man's existence with each other. Malachi refers to "the day," that is, the day of the Lord on earth, when wicked men shall be destroyed, and the righteous shall flourish in their natural bodies. The bodies of the wicked are burned up, root and branch, and the good walk on their ashes. Rev. 20:7-9 refers to a similar burning up, with fire, of the rebellious wicked. But please note, that, after this consuming by fire, "every one, small and great," is raised from the dead, stands before the great white throne, and these very wicked persons go into "the lake of fire." This final abode in the lake of fire corresponds to Mark 9:47-49 and Rev. 14:11.

2097. At what point in Christian experience beyond being born again does one become a son of God as promised in John 1:12,13?

On the face of this passage, the viewpoint of the questioner—that one does not become a child of God by being born again, but some time afterwards—would seem to be justified; but in reality this is not the case. This supposition is contrary to reason and to Scripture. Does not a child in the natural become a child of his father and a member of the family when born? Of course he does. So one "born of God" becomes a child of God by this very fact. Scripture generally so teaches. The original here is not "sons of God," but "children of God."

Teknon, in the Greek, means "one horn." He is a child, with the emphasis

NEW YEAR'S JOY

Peal it out, the joyous story,
Swing apart, ye gates of light;
Enters now the "King of Glory,"

In His radiant robes of white—
Enters now within my heart,
Nevermore may He depart.

Doubting one, the Lord is faithful—

He will fill your heart this day
With the power that He has promised
Unto those who seek His way;
Open now to Him your heart,
Nevermore let Him depart.

Proofs of goodness—glorious mercies—

Have full-crowned the closing year;
Ere another year is dawning,
We before Him may appear.
How we long His face to see,
Called, with His redeemed, to be!

Let us then strive upward, onward,

Make our consecration sure;
Courage take, and in His girding,
Constant to the end endure;

For the fight will not be long,
Soon we'll share the victor's song!

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

on the origin, as one begotten. Nepios means a minor child, one under age. Huios means a fullgrown son, an adult, one of age. So there is a difference between being merely born of God, being a mere babe without the knowledge of all our privileges in Christ and without the vision of the good things that are ours which comes with the bestowal on us of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who brings us into the blessed realization of our great inheritance in Christ as "sons of God," those who have got out of our bondage and babyhood under the law, which whipped, pounded us around and kept us in fear, into the glorious freedom in the Spirit and enjoyment of our inheritance as sons of full age.

2098. Does Paul's "trump" in 1 Cor. 15:52 refer to the Seventh Trumpet in Rev. 11:15?

It is not at all sure that these are the same. In 1 Cor. 15:52 it is "the last trump;" in 1 Thess. 4:16 it is "the trump of God," and in Rev. 11:15 "the angel sounded." This series of angel trumpets may not include what is called "the trump of God," or what Paul calls "the last trump." The "seventh" in Revelation is certainly the "last" of that series of seven angel trumpets, but God has nowhere said He had only seven trumpets. We have good reason to believe the saints will be raised and caught up long before the seventh angel sounds in Rev. 11:15.

2099. Does 2 Peter 2:22 refer to one who has been filled with the Spirit and wonderfully used of God? The Eternal Security people say the symbols here used show they were never saved.

The Lord had "bought them" (2:1), they had "forsaken the right way, and gone astray." How could they forsake the "right way" if they never had it? How could they "go astray" if they had not been once not astray? They had "escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome" (20), and the latter end "is worse with them than the beginning." It would have "been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness" (21). Truly they were, as all of us once were, unclean hogs, but had been "washed." The trouble was they would not stay washed by keeping out of the mire and mud. The lesson is, when we have been washed in the blood of Christ, we better stay out of the mud, lest our end be like theirs.

2100. In Song of Solomon 8:5, who is referred to in the words, "Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness?"

The Bridegroom is here speaking of the Bride coming up out of the wilderness, leaning on the arm of her beloved Bridegroom. The Bridegroom says the Bride was born in the wilderness, up from which He is just then bringing her. We were all in a wilderness when Jesus found us; and, thank God, He is coming soon to take us completely out of it!

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HOW TO STUDY AT HOME

Quite a number of young people have a desire to attend Bible School but since they have not the means, they are asking counsel. They want to get a good working knowledge of the Bible and ask whether we would advise them to take up one of the widely advertised correspondence courses.

I could not recommend any correspondence course that I have seen personally. They appeal to the mental and not to the spiritual. Any one baptized in the Spirit wants more than the letter, he wants to catch the spirit of what has been written in the Scriptures of Truth.

Now for a few words of practical counsel. First, get a good Bible—one that you can mark. If you can afford it, get a wide margin Bible, either a Bagster, or an Oxford. I have used one for twelve years and every good outline, helpful interpretation, and loaded sentence I have heard or read during those twelve years I have preserved in the margin of my Bible.

Some testify to finding the Scofield Bible a great help. Personally, I found I was spending so much time reading his notes and thinking Scofield's thoughts after him, that I was missing the real meaning the Spirit had to teach me out of the Word. So I gave away my Scofield Bible after having it a month. The person to whom I gave it testified to receiving real benefit from it. Some of Scofield's notes, especially those on the kingdom, are not safe to follow. But there is undoubtedly much in the Scofield Bible that students will find helpful.

Let your main study be the Bible itself. Spend at least one hour a day reading and meditating on it, and when you have opportunity, spend longer. It is a good thing to read it on your knees, and interpose your reading with frequent prayers. As you read the Book in a spirit of reverence, the Lord will Himself reveal things to you that you would never find in any course.

What about other Books? A good general book that every student ought to have is Collett's "All About the Bible." You will be well grounded in the Inspiration of the Book after reading this excellent volume.

For general study and real helpfulness I know nothing equal to C. H. M's. notes on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These volumes are not expensive (1.10 each) and you can buy one at a time. They bring a message of grace and faith that will be a blessing to all who study them. Moody considered them the finest things written—next to his Bible.

Another time we will speak of other books we have personally found helpful.

NORTH MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Beautiful testimonies are still coming in from those who were helped and blessed in Brother Wigglesworth's meetings. The people do not forget the spiritual feasts they had in the morning meetings; and God is leading them on into His fulness. One woman at Geelong had been carried into the vestry, wrapped up in bandages. She was too ill to be taken into the church. She is now doing her house work as well as any one. It was the Baptist minister who brought this woman to be prayed for; and he now is seeking to be filled with God's Holy Spirit. A dear ladie whose brain had not developed was among those brought to Geelong. He said that, as he was prayed for, he felt that something came out of his chest. He is now as intelligent as any boy. A lady at Geelong was suffering with chronic asthma and was very ill, especially at nights. She was prayed for and is now perfectly healed and stays healed.

Recently a lady who is a professor of music came along here and told us how wonderfully she was healed in the meet-

ings at Olympia, in answer to prayer. She was suffering from a severe pain in the back of her neck, and her nerves were in a bad way. As she sat in her seat and beard the precious Word of God given forth, she called on the name of the Lord and was perfectly healed and has not had a return of the trouble.

An elderly lady, who was wonderfully healed in answer to prayer, is getting around as happy and well as she can be. She had six complaints and could hardly walk along the street. Now she is as nimble as a child. Glory to God.

Oh, it is beautiful to see the sick and suffering ones delivered in the mighty name of Jesus.

In one family God's servant was used in bringing husband and wife together. Four of them have now received the Baptism.

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His lovingkindness endureth forever."—Winnle Andrews.

HANFORD, CALIF.—I began a meeting here in a tent the 5th of last July. It continued over three months. People were saved, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and healed of various diseases and afflictions. A few of the people believed that we should have a building erected to make a permanent home for Pentecost in this little city. As time went on their faith increased. But how could so few (and none of them rich in this world's goods) build. But God saw their hearts and knew the purpose of the house for Him. So, on Sunday, December 10, just five months and five days from the time the meeting began in the tent, we dedicated a building 40x60 and 14 feet high which will hold nearly 400 people. We had Sunday school at 10 a. m. Then there was a sermon on the Passover and the Lord's supper, followed by the observance of the latter, and prayer. The first offering in the building was taken for mission. At 2:30 the people gathered from Hanford and the surrounding country, with a goodly number from Fresno and Kingsburg, in all about 300. There was special music and singing from visiting friends. W. E. Ople, pastor of Bethel Church of Fresno, preached the dedicatory sermon. The prayer, offering the building to the Lord, was about to be offered, when a message in tongues came forth, with interpretation. The Spirit told us that the coming of the Lord was not far off, and the world was not ready for it; and the people were urged to spread the message far and wide; also that the Lord wanted to plant the ark of His covenant in our midst, and in many other places among His people; also that His presence and power would be with us, and many other encouraging things, which He proved at the evening service by saving some souls to His glory. The property is not encumbered; but what debt is owed is carried by private individuals, and the deed is so worded that the property can not be used for any other purpose but for Pentecostal use; and, if anything should occur to the trustees, the property will be under the supervision of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.—R. C. Ople, pastor.

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"IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH"

Ecol, (12:1.)

Some time ago the saints at a certain Mission were getting ready for a great convention, a sort of Jubilee, and as their building was poor and rough, they decided to go to the Lord direct for the decorations, and, in the early morning of the opening day, a bevy went forth to the forest, and gardens in the vicinity, and brought in armfuls of blossoms, roses, lilies, carnations, marguerites, and I know not what beside, all asparkle with the dew.

As they entered the building to arrange their floral offerings the rising sun, shining through the Eastern windows, greeted them, and caught them all up in the glory of the dawning day.

A pretty picture, you say? Yes; and a parable, too. For God not only wants our most precious things, our loveliest human blossoms, for His service, but He wants them with the dew of the morning still glistening on their petals. "Remember NOW thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

When I stepped into the lecture room at Glad Tidings Bible Institute the other evening, I was reminded of the scene at the Mission, for all about me, everywhere, were human blossoms, young men and maidens, beautiful flowers, gladly offered on His altar for sacrifice or service, with the dew still on them. And truly the glory of the dawning day, the Day of Christ, is on them, and about them! Look at their shining faces! Listen to their ringing songs of praise! And their fervent prayers! Wouldn't you like to be prayed for like that? They will pray for you if you send them a request for they are a battalion of Prayer warriors who will never sound a retreat till Jesus comes.

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"A Bible School now there is, not far away,
It's growing, and growing, and growing,
each day,
But it's straitened for room, room for
study and prayer,
A big court for exercise, fun, and fresh
air.

"Now read the old story, Second Kings, chapter six,

The sons of the prophets are all in a
mix,
Now come look through Ellis Street, one-
five-three-six,
Our sons of the prophets are in the same
fix."

But they are praying, and believing, for enlargement, and already God has made it possible for lots for the so much needed new building to be purchased, and because nothing is to hard for Jesus, it is expected that work will be commenced early in April, next.

Would you like to have a part in this mighty work for God? If so pray daily for Glad Tidings Bible Institute, 1536 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California.

-:- Reports From the Field. -:-

LUNA, LA.—We are glad to report that last Sunday night, Dec. 3, at our service, the Lord baptized a dear little girl, six years old, as he did the first disciples. In Acts 2:4. Pray for us and the work here.—A. E. Taylor, pastor.

WEST TULSA, OKLA.—Evang. W. H. Wheelchel has been with us for about 3 weeks. God wonderfully used him in delivering the Word. A good many were saved and some received the Holy Spirit. Pray for us.—S. J. Berryhill, pastor.

WOODRIVER, ILL.—At present, we are holding a series of meetings, and the Lord is blessing. A number who had drifted away from God have been brought back; a number also were saved; and a few have received the Baptism. Pray for us.—J. E. Perrin, secretary of the assembly.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—My daughter Zelma and I started here a week ago today with Pastor Nielson, in their new tabernacle. About 12 have already received the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:6, 7). Others are getting through, and we praise God.—A. E. Argue.

TANNERSVILLE, TEXAS.—We have been carrying on a meeting with Brother Edwards. The Lord has blessed. The saints came together and souls were at the altar, seeking for the Holy Spirit. We go to Richton, Miss. next, the Lord willing. I ask the saints to pray for the healing of my head.—Chas. Williamson.

AKRON OHIO.—The writer recently closed a two weeks campaign at the Pentecostal Church of Akron, Ohio, of which Brother C. A. McKinney is pastor. The Lord graciously gave His blessing by stretching forth His hand to heal and a number were saved and some baptized in the Holy Spirit, according to the original pattern. Praise the Lord.—William Lambert Brant.

PONCA, ARK.—Brother Berl Dodd has been with us for two weeks, preaching with the mighty anointing sent from above. Fifteen souls were saved, and two have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit since he left. Pray earnestly for these dear ones as there is no assembly here. Would gladly welcome any preacher in fellowship with the Council.—Victor Primrose.

ELYRIA, OHIO.—The Lord is blessing us wonderfully in our meetings; strangers are coming in all the time; sinners are being saved; some are getting healed and others are coming through with the Baptism with the Bible evidence. Oh, how He does hear and answer prayer! Praise Him! What a wonderful Saviour we have. But the devil is busy, too.—Brother and Sister J. B. Gordon.

WARREN, ARK.—Just closed a 5 weeks meeting at this place conducted by Evangelist H. E. Simms and wife; 16 saved, 1 reclaimed, and 15 received the Baptism as in Acts 2. Church people from different denominations are stirred and are seeking the Baptism. One Catholic saved and baptized. Bible lessons were conducted by Brother Simms for two weeks daily.—G. M. Dutham.

PICKERIN, W. VA.—Our Lord wonderfully blessed us here, in a seventeen day meeting; there being six saved, several healed, and many tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On the closing night, 50 testified that they had been helped in the services. Two were buried with Him in baptism, in the waters of Stone Coal. We also had much cooperation from visiting saints. Prayers are asked by many unsaved. Please join us in this prayer.—W. H. Sloan, H. L. Shumway, Evangelists.

TABLEQUAH, OKLA.—Tablequah is going forward for Jesus. Just closed a meeting here in which God wonderfully blessed. Brother Leo Cox did the preaching; 25 were saved and 23 received the Baptism. Since the meeting closed, 5 have been saved and 1 has received the Baptism. The assembly here has more than doubled in number since May. Pray that God will continue to work. Evang. Leo Cox's address will be Tablequah for this winter.—R. U. Freeman, pastor.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—We have just closed a revival meeting here in which 13 have been saved and 6 have received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The people are becoming interested and are hungry for the gospel. We have a hall that is 40x40 and last Sunday night the seats were all filled. Pray that God will give us a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I have charge of the work here at present, and will stay as long as the Lord leads.—Irl J. Walker, pastor and evangelist.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—We have had great reason to praise the Lord for a great refreshing time for the past six or seven weeks. Have had Brother Fred Gardner with us for five weeks. The Lord used him mightily in preaching the Word. A number of souls were saved, and 16 were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The saints, also, were blessed and edified. The revival continues since he left, and several have been saved and filled with the Spirit. We are looking forward to greater things.—Wm. Morwood.

DAN, W. VA.—We have closed our second meeting in this locality. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Seven souls were saved and many others were brought under conviction. The outlook is good for more souls to be saved. We have left these two little flocks in care of two brethren who are in full sympathy with the General Council. Remember these folks in prayer. We are thinking of going to Florida soon, where we can use our tent. Dade City, Fla. will very likely be our next stopping place. We desire your prayers. Brother and Sister Lester are with us.—Peter C. Strayer.

HOWE, OKLA.—I want to praise the Lord for the blessed services we have been having during the last few weeks. The saints are moving along fine in the Lord. Brother Bruce David and others have been doing some mighty good preaching, which is food to our souls. Brother Otum, of Louisiana, was with us Sunday and Monday nights. Two received the Baptism Sunday night, and the assembly is encouraged to go on. We hated to see Brother Otum leave us; but he felt the Lord leading him on. Any brother in fellowship with the Council, and passing through here, is invited to stop with us.—O. C. Skinner.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—We are glad to report VICTORY in Oakland. A continual shower of "Latter Rain" has been falling in our midst in Columbia Theatre since the "cloud burst" came to us during Brother Wigglesworth's visit here. During the past month several new converts have been made and several have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Scores have been healed according to James 5:14. We have a fine band of young people now with two brand new converts and several more young men that are under conviction from having attended our Friday and Sunday night meetings. The Lord sent a real old time refreshing shower upon us last night, the best that Oakland has seen for many days. Pray for us, especially for us young people that God will keep us true to Him and His cause.—Evang. L. Vere Elliott.

BOSCLARE, ILL.—Have been here in meetings in homes about 4 weeks. Nine have been saved, eight baptized in the Holy Spirit, and the saints revived. There are two Pentecostal preachers here, and another has been working here. It is a wicked place. Pray that souls may get to God, and for us, that the Lord may use us.—T. R. O'Bryan and wife.

CAIRO, ILL.—The revival fires are still burning. God continues to bless. At the close of the message last night 9 came forward and gave their hands for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and, after prayer was offered, two received the filling of the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Several also requested prayer for healing. God confirmed His Word by stretching forth His hand to heal. All the glory and honor belongs to Him.—John F. Bryan, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth; and hundreds have repented and turned to the Lord here during the past eight weeks. More than a hundred have been baptized in the Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and scores are seeking the Baptism. I have baptized 65 in water and a considerable number are now awaiting baptism. The interest is growing steadily. It is truly an old-fashioned outpouring of the Holy Spirit—a genuine Pentecostal revival. Pray that the good work may continue.—F. H. Leonard, pastor.

SAMSON, ALA.—We have just closed a five-weeks meeting here. About 15 found the Lord, and about 6 were filled with the Spirit. The saints got wonderfully blessed. The precious Saviour was with us in a very sweet way. And the people of the town were very good and kind to us. The Lord moved on our minds and hearts to finish the church. From there we came to Holloways Tabernacle, and have been here a week. God has worked. Blessed be His name. Pray for us.—M. R. Perry, J. W. House and wife, S. M. McCranie. Brother McCranie left us while at Samson, for South Ga. Pray for him.

JOHNSON CITY, TEXAS.—We are in a very good meeting here, 50 miles west of Austin. Have been in the battle 3 weeks. The first week we had the theater, which seated some 800 people; but they would not let us have it longer, so we rented a dwelling house, the only thing that could be had. The Lord is blessing in this. One saved and baptized in the Spirit; others are hungry. The interest is getting better, too, in the way of attendance. It is a very needy place. Pray that souls may be saved and baptized and that God's true work may be established here.—C. C. Kirkland and band.

EUREKA SPRINGS, ARK.—We have enjoyed a very blessed revival at the Assembly of God church here, in which 26 souls were saved and reclaimed, 35 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the pattern (Acts 2:4), and 34 names were added to the Assembly Roll. Evangelist W. W. Childers and wife and worker, Sister Foote, were with us for the meeting and were much used of God, in preaching, singing, and in altar work. We commend these sane Spirit-filled ministers of the Gospel to all who may be in need of such help.—E. J. Burton, pastor.

JASONVILLE, IND.—We are glad to notify the public that if Jesus tarries, we expect to hold a clean cut Pentecostal convention at Jasonville, Ind. in the new Assembly of God church. Evangelist William Lambert Brant of Chicago, Ill. will be the evangelist, assisted by the Nankovell singers from Chicago, Ill. It will begin Dec. 28, 1922 and close January 14, 1923. Everybody come and enjoy this feast with us. All hungry hearts who need a fresh touch come, and stay at the Master's feet and touch the hem of His garment. God has given us about 250 souls this year with many wonderful healings and Baptisms in the Holy Spirit.—Paul C. Bucher.

NEW YORK CONVENTION

The convention days have come and gone. Words fail us to express all God accomplished. Beginning with the first service souls get saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, and large numbers of people testified to blessed healing of their bodies. The crowds of hungry people who pressed their way to hear the Word of God increased nightly, until all space in the large auditorium and galleries was filled toward the close of the services.

In addition to the regular speakers announced for the convention, Smith Wigglesworth of Bradford, England gave us four days of ministry. His teaching on the WORD was full of faith and the Holy Spirit. His unique and original way of presenting the truth was much blessed of God.

All the speakers were in the Spirit. This, coupled with the music and singing (so blessed of God), made the convention enjoyable and powerful. It was the Lord and we marveled. A further report, in more detail, will appear in the next issue of "The Midnight Cry"—R. A. Brown, 337 W. 14th Street, New York City.

FRESNO, CALIF.—

The Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way since the great campaign held here last January, and the revival spirit is growing. It has been necessary for us to enlarge our church from a seating capacity of 250 to that of 750; and, at the present rate of increase, we may have to enlarge again. The altar is crowded at every altar call for those who are hungry for more of God's blessings, and many are receiving salvation and the Holy Spirit. The Gospel Team has been greatly blessed in street meetings, and in establishing and encouraging the work in surrounding towns. Brother E. H. Ople is now assistant pastor, helping his brother, W. E. Ople, in the work, and thereby enabling us to enlarge our borders in the Lord's work.—H. M. Cunningns.

DOUGLAS, S. AFRICA—

I am inclosing money order for 100 copies of the special edition of the Evangel, containing our distinctive testimony. The Evangel is a blessing to us out here. It keeps us in touch with the rest of the body in America and the foreign fields and contains many interesting and encouraging words. This is our hot season, and in the ordinary way, it should be rainy season, too; but we have a drought on, and it is the second year of it. It is terrible; man and beast are suffering. It seems that in the arid west the souls are dry, too; but soul hunger is lacking. Yet we will contain to sow the seed, and some day He will give results. Yes, the gospel does not always produce life but sometimes death (to those who will not heed the message).—W. Theron.

CHESTER, ILL.—

We were called here by Brother L. A. Dauer, to hold a meeting. In 3 1/2 weeks, 46 were saved, 33 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 15 were baptized in the Mississippi river. Presbyter C. M. O'Guin being unable to come. Presbyter F. L. Doyle from Essex, Mo. came over to set the assembly in order, and preached for us three nights. The Pentecostal believers of Chester unanimously enrolled with the assembly. There are 49 names on the assembly roll. The Lord is blessing Brother L. A. Dauer for 7 years of faithful waiting on Him. We also organized a good Sunday school with 52 members. Sister Kullman preached the Word, played her tambourine and worked for souls. One girl received a call for the mission field, and one young man feels called for the ministry. He lay under the power from 9 p. m. till 5 a. m. and received a wonderful Baptism, singing in tongues and giving interpretation. I personally understood some German and French which the Spirit spoke through the boy. All knew that it was the power of God, and several were convicted and accepted the Lord as a result of this. The town of Chester is interested in the Pentecostal message. We expect the Lord willing, to come back here for another meeting at an early date. Pray for this place. We go

to be with Brother W. J. Higgins at Benton, Ill., from here.—Evangelists Brother and Sister Kullman. Home address c/o G. E. Ten Broek, Holland Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

TULSA, OKLA.—

We continued our revival meeting at the close of the tent campaign, in the church, with Evang. John Goben of Lucas, Iowa in charge. From the first God gave us most precious results. Twenty-six were baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and many saved. Surely the days of miracles are not passed, for before our eyes many wonderful signs were wrought in Jesus name in the healing of the sick. Every Tuesday and Friday night was given to prayer for the healing of the sick. Most every kind of disease was smitten in Jesus name. And a goodly number of these cases are still found rejoicing and happy in the Lord for what He did for them. Some who came to look on and laugh were made to say we have never seen it on this wise before. The work has been strengthened and built up in faith and we press on in Him for even greater things in Jesus name. Brethren, contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and let us believe God for the coming back into the church of the nine gifts of the Spirit. Jesus is coming so very soon, and what we do must be done quickly.—Pastor H. E. Bowley.

SUREY, ENGLAND—

I am just concluding a mission (evangelistic campaign) in Margate, and am due for one in Buckinghamshire next week. A week ago last Sunday a little girl was instantly healed of deafness of twelve years duration. She was almost scared to find herself listening to ordinary quiet conversation. She was healed of consumption, also, and is now looking wonderfully well and happy. I had a very happy case of healing just a few days before leaving Margate. I was summoned to the bedside of a man of 73, dying of cancer of the throat. He had been unable to swallow even milk. Before I left, he was sitting up, eating bread and butter, and praising God for His wondrous salvation for soul and body. Two days later I heard from the nurse that he was eating bacon, eggs and steak! What a wonderful Saviour! Truly, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might, he increaseth strength." I am longing to get to America. England, I fear, is of all countries, "weighed in the balances and found wanting." She is headed straight for a revolution, UNLESS she will KNEEL for a revival. God grant we may be humble enough to do the latter.—Lily Denham.

BROTHER T. STODDART AT GRIMSBY, ENGLAND.

We had a surprise visit from Pastor T. Stoddart on October 29. Like all the Lord's surprises, the short visit proved, most conclusively, that it was, indeed, of the Lord. Each service revealed something new and fresh from the Lord. Some of the services will forever live in our hearts. The mighty power of God came over the meetings like great waves of the sea, and the saints sang for joy. On Monday, November 11, a baptismal service was held in the Elm Hall (kindly lent by Pastor Geo. Jeffreys), at which twenty-one signified their willingness to go with the Lord into the grave and rise again, by the grace of God, to live in the resurrection power of our risen Lord the life of victory over sin, death and hell. This was a most impressive and solemn service. Our united prayers follow our dear Brother who sailed for Poona, India, November 17.—Alice Butters, Evangelist.

CANTON, OHIO—

I had the privilege of setting in order with the General Council what for some years, has been known as The Mahoning Road Pentecostal Mission. These brethren, having never been set in order, felt their need of affiliation with those of like precious faith, and Brother O. P. Brann, pastor of the Bethel Temple Assembly of Canton, cooperated in bringing this about. A spirit of real fellowship prevailed. Brother Brann spoke at the close of the service, welcoming the new Assembly of God to a closer fellowship of Pentecostal service for the good of the cause in Canton. Brother Nathaniel Eby, late of Canada, has been called to conduct meetings for the time being. Pray for this Assembly.—William Lambert Brant.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND—

Two or three of the little girls from the Sunday school gave their hearts to the Lord a few Sundays ago. It is wonderful how some of the larrikins (rowdies) will continue to come, and we long for the time when they shall be saved. One Sunday night they had to go out. If conviction becomes too strong they either have to go out or yield; they choose the former; but one day, we know, God's Holy Spirit will grip them, and they will have to yield. The Lord has sent along a Christian brother who has had experience in mission work where men would kill you for ten cents; and we hope that he will be used of God to these boys. Pray that he and his friend will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. With Christian greetings to all the Lord's children.—Florence A. Archer.

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BRINGING HOME THE MISSIONARIES

Every few months the Missionary Treasurer is confronted with the necessity for bringing home missionaries who are broken in body and have well earned a furlough. Missionary giving has been so low for so long a time that it is quite impossible to take the necessary money for the fares of the missionaries from the regular offerings. The question is constantly arising, how shall we secure the necessary funds to bring these worthy missionaries home? Now we are confronted with this same problem again. There are several missionaries in China and in India who ought to come home early in the spring. Some of them have been on the field more than a regular term, and others are so broken in body that a trip home will be the only thing which will save them for the work.

Under such circumstances we have felt justified in telling the need of the missionary and in making an appeal for offerings to bring the missionaries home. But in the present case, we have been asked not to make an appeal, for the missionaries state they do not want to feel that they are objects of charity. We can hardly blame them for this feeling. They have left all and gone to the uttermost parts of the earth, suffered all kinds of hardships and labored unceasingly for the glory of God. They have earned a rest and feel that this rest should be given them for their work's sake. And if we had a full appreciation of their sacrifice, we would all be only too glad to see that they came home again for a rest before again resuming their labors in the regions beyond.

But, though we do not put the worn-out missionary on a charity basis, we can help them and bring them home as a matter of principle, giving to the missionary a reward for faithful service. A fund has been provided for this purpose and all can have a share in contributing to this special "Return Fares Fund" during the next few months. If you will take this matter on your heart, and put something extra in your missionary offering designated for the return fare of missionaries, we can bring these needy ones home and they need not feel that they are objects of charity. This is the way out for us. Let us do our best. Quite a large sum is needed for the transportation expenses of these missionaries.

J. R. Flower, Treas.

Nelis C. Sorenson writes from South America. "As you will remember I told you about our prospective tent meetings. Well, tents proved to be quite expensive, quite beyond our means. At last I decided to make a tent myself. I made a tent in about a week and saved about \$350 pesos. We have our Swedish brother and sister

Axel Severin with us from Buenos Aires. Yesterday, the opening day, was fine and I certainly regret that I did not make a tent much larger. I made folding benches for about 130 persons, and left some standing room. Yesterday afternoon we had it crowded to its capacity for two services, and in the evening our hall was well packed—something we have never seen in this city before. We feel sure God is going to undertake for us. Pray for us, beloved."

J. B. Harlburt writes from Callao, Peru. "The interest is picking up here steadily. Our new converts have expressed their desire to be baptized and become members of the assembly when it is set in order. We are praying and planning for a bigger campaign for the New Year. There is a tremendous work to be done in this city. Please remember to pray for Callao that the present efforts will result in a revival of old time power."

REVIVAL CONTINUES IN RUSSIA

J. E. Varonoff writes on Oct. 12 "With gladness of heart I can report victory in our work in Odessa, Russia. God has wonderfully manifested Himself in our assembly where souls have been saved, blessed and baptized in the Holy Spirit. During the summer we baptized in water, according to Matt. 28:19, about forty souls and Jesus Christ has baptized in the Holy Spirit about one hundred souls. Glory to Him! Hallelujah!"

A QUILT FOR THE MISSIONARIES

Beri Dodd of Fayetteville, Ark. writes, "Our Sunday School has made a fancy quilt. It is made of silk, woolen, and velvet goods worked with different colored thread. It has a nice lining and is tacked with yarn. We want your advice as to how to sell it to get the most out of it for our missionaries. We will sell it to the highest bidder." Here is an opportunity for someone to get a good quilt and at the same time greatly help the missionary cause. How much is offered for the quilt?

SHANGHAI POSTOFFICE DISCONTINUED

Beginning with January 1st, 1923, the U. S. postal agency in Shanghai, China will be discontinued. All letters to missionaries in Shanghai now require five cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce. If you mail letters to missionaries in Shanghai at the old rate, they will be required to pay 15 cents postage due on each letter. So let all who write to missionaries in Shanghai take notice.

Harman J. Mader writes from Shanghai, China. "Please note the change in our address. You can now write us at J. 353 Taku Road, Shanghai, China. 5 cents is required on all letters after December 1st.

"Conditions here are awful. This Fall we had several typhoons which caused a great deal of damage to the crops. While we were passing through some of the flooded districts, we saw some of the farmers out in the water above their waists trying to thrash out some of their rice. In some places they could not save it. The anti-foreign spirit is very strong here and many of the students are in this movement. Pray that this will be broken up. It would do you good to be in the mission and hear those whom Jesus has saved testify to it. We have several candidates for baptism. Pray for these who will soon be baptized that they will go all the way with God."

THE SCHOOL IN CAIRO, EGYPT

Brother C. W. Donay writes, "At this writing we are glad to report that the work is going on well. The meetings are good and the school is doing fine. We now have over thirty and soon expect fifty students. We could take in many orphans and others free, but as yet have no provisions made for this. We are trying hard to make the school self-supporting. Now we must provide school desks as the Mission benches we are using will not do—our school is fast outgrowing them. This will be an added expense of about \$30.00. I hope you will bring this work before the readers of the Evangel."

"On Saturday, Nov. 4th, I baptized five more in the River Nile. On Sunday, after the Lord's Supper, I received six more members into the Church. The grace and blessing of God rested upon all these services."

"We regret to report that it is becoming more difficult to make ends meet and to pay our expenses, although we are very careful. I find for November we are short over \$25.00 in all offerings to meet the actual expenses of the month. But we believe you are loyal to the missionaries and are doing your best."

A LETTER FROM SISTER HARVEY

Our hearts were touched when we received a letter from Sister Esther B. Harvey, recently, in which she gave us some details concerning the death of her husband in India. Sister Harvey writes:

"I think Mr. Sugar wrote to you about Mr. Harvey's death. I have been very ill and have not been able to write. I took care of him night and day during the whole month. Of course, Mr. Sugar helped me, but I was never away from him long at a time and I became very worn in body. We never thought that he would die and it was a terrible shock to me and was more than I could stand. He was talking to us and praying up to the last minute and did not realize that he was going, although as we look back at things he said, and what he told the workers just before he took sick, we feel that he thought something was going to happen. He was so concerned for me all the time for fear I would get fever and he did not want to worry me."

"Concerning the work here, all I have is His. I do not want property for myself or child but only want to be free to stay in the place where the Lord has called me. We have purchased land and put up buildings this year. We have made roads and set out hundreds of trees so that you can see the work is not small. The place used to be the dwelling place of evil spirits, so the Indians say, and they were afraid to cross here at night. The land was good for nothing, but we have made up gardens and orchards with mud from the river bed, and built it up until we have nice gardens and lots of trees. God has called me to this place and these people, and my husband gave his life for them and I am sure that my place is here."

"Another matter, I feel that I should go home on furlough and the other missionaries feel the same. I have only been out five years this time, but those five years have been so full of work and burdens and sorrows that I am broken in health and it is hard to build up here. I really thought for some time after Mr. Harvey's death that I was going. I was kept in bed and had bad sinking spells. I have never been like this before. I have always been well and strong except for a short time last summer when I had fever. The Lord has wonderfully helped me, but even now when I get over-tired, I faint and have to go to bed. I feel if I can get home I will get stronger quickly and it will lengthen my time of service for the Master. Miss Heimbrecht has come and she and the Sugars could carry on the work nicely until my return."

"Be sure to send all drafts in my name in future. I am responsible now for all debts. Please pray much for me as it is so hard to get on without my husband and there are so many duties and burdens in connection with this large work."

A BIBLE SCHOOL FOR THE MEXICAN WORKERS

The Mexican work along the border has grown wonderfully during the past three or four years, until at the present time there are over thirty Mexican assemblies presided over, in the majority of cases, by Mexican pastors. The problem of training the saved and Spirit-filled Mexican ministers for an effective ministry has been a great one. Training is necessary, for many of those who are called into the work of the Lord are deficient in primary schooling.

Brother Francisco Olazabal, seeing the need for helping his Mexican brethren, has desired that a school be established in El Paso, Texas. He has done what he could and has arranged for night classes in his own assembly in an effort to help the native workers. Because of his location, and the long distances to be traveled to reach El Paso, many of the Mexican workers could not go to El Paso, and so the school has not been the success it was hoped that it would be.

On December 15 and 16, an important conference was held in the office of the Missionary Secretary, at which Brother Ball, Brother Blaisdell, Brother Olazabal, and Sister Alice Luce were present. These four missionaries represented the Mexican work for the four centers of missionary activity, Southeastern Texas, Western Texas, Arizona, and California.

It has been evident that Brother Olazabal has a distinct evangelistic ministry, and so he agreed that he would devote his time and energies to this ministry rather than to attempt to build up a school or other institutions which would take him from the field. Because of the fact that the majority of Mexican workers are located in Southeastern Texas, within easy access of San Antonio, it was finally decided that an effort would be made to establish a school for Mexican ministers at San Antonio, to be operated under the supervision of the Missionary Committee of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Brother Ball has been commissioned to see what can be done toward establishing such a school in San Antonio, and Miss Alice E. Luce has been specially invited to take a place on the faculty.

The Mexican people are generally very poor, particularly those who are living on the border, and so they cannot do much toward the opening of such a school. They will need help, and so all who are interested in giving the Gospel to our Mexican neighbors are strongly urged to do what they can to help on the establishment of this much needed school.

The school will be owned by and operated under the supervision of the Missionary Committee of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

J. R. Flower, Treas.

Mrs. Ira G. Shakley writes from Free-town, Sierra Leone. "In a recent letter I mentioned the possibility that we might leave for home in November on account of Mr. Shakley's health. We were still hoping he would be able to stay on until Spring, but it seems not. So we expect to sail the last part of November. It is hard to leave these people whom we have learned to love, especially my S. S. Class. Nine of the little tots came to pray yesterday.

I wish you could hear them sing. A few wanted to be baptized before we leave and so we had a service last Friday. Fourteen were baptized and one of the men had to be carried all the way home. We were the center of attraction coming into town. There are five couples to be married before we leave, and one was recently married. All but one of these have been living together for years, having bought their wives country fashion. We wanted them to get married in a legal way so as to set a good example for the young generation. One of these is an old man who has children married.

"We thought there should be someone here to take up the work with Miss Carlson. She is willing and consecrated, but she ought not to be left with this work alone. I do trust that someone will come soon."

SAILING ANNOUNCEMENT

Frank Finkenbinder informs us that he will sail from New York for Porto Rico on Jan. 13, 1923. He would appreciate it very much if friends would come to the pier to see him off. He will sail on the S. S. Caracas which leaves Pier 11, Brooklyn. Until the date of sailing his address will be Van Etten, N. Y."

THE LAST WORD FROM BROTHER BENDIKSEN

On Nov. 30 we received word of the death of Edwin M. Bendiksen a missionary in the Belgian Congo. Since receiving this word, we have a letter from him, dated Sept. 27. This letter was written about two months before his death, but as the mails are very slow, and the Bendiksen have been many miles from the coast in the interior of the Congo, it will in all probability be the last word from Brother Bendiksen for some time, and may possibly be the last letter ever written to the Missionary Treasurer. Brother Bendiksen writes:—

"Sept. 5th I started off to locate the place for our mission station. First we went to Kikwit and then to Lusanga where the Liverville Co. is located. Here we had hoped to open our first station, but as the Company owns the land all around Lusanga we could not get permission. So we journeyed across the river Kwilu into the Babunda tribe. Here were many fine villages and many people,—the Babunda people are numerous and live in large villages.

"After one day's travel we came to Lukumbi, three villages in one and a splendid place for a station. Long before we reached the village, the Chief and the people came out to meet us with great friendliness, the children came running, clapping their hands and all seemed so happy. When they were told that I was looking for a good place for a mission station, they all called out, 'This is the best place, this is the best place.' But we wanted to see Mululu, so next morning at sunrise we were off again, and to our surprise we were not to go alone for the Chief and a good number of the people followed us all the way and introduced us to the great Chief at Mukulu. On the way we passed Lufushji (two villages in one) but we hurried on and two hours later we came to our destination, Mukulu. Here our eyes grew large, for we could stand on one place and count thirteen villages, which are called by one name and have one Chief. It did not take long to decide where to open the first American Assembly of God Mission in Western Congo. This is one of the finest opportunities we have heard of. Here are 1200 men paying taxes and the State man told me there were around 3000 people in this village alone.

"These villages have been laid out on each side of a small valley. It shall indeed be sweet to see them coming from all sides to hear the Word of God. Oh please pray for Babunda that God will undertake in His own way. Glory to Jesus.

Now we have made a chart of the place and have sent it to the Governor. We hope by the time the rains are over we shall have our permit and then be able to start to build.

"Next morning we set our faces home-

ward for two days travel. We had three rivers to cross. The first one was a very wide one and there was no boat, so we were glad to cross it on three logs that were there for the purpose. All went well and so nothing was lost. The next river, although not so wide, was so swift that it was impossible to row or walk over. So we crossed on a native bridge that was there. On reaching the middle of it, it broke and some fell in. We stood in the water above our knees (fortunately the river was not so very deep) and repaired the bridge and when the natives saw that I was not afraid, they came and helped.

"The rest of the journey went all right and on Saturday, September 16th, late in the afternoon we reached home all tired out. Sunday I got a little rest, but on Monday morning, before three o'clock, we had to get up to get ready for our little son who was to come. There were neither doctors nor nurses to get and so we had to do the best we could and the Lord wonderfully helped us, praise His name. Burton Bendix weighed only four pounds, but he is well and is growing fast, so by now both mother and baby are doing fine, praise Jesus."

And now Sister Bendiksen is left alone with two small children, the youngest about three or four months old. She is a woman of God and God will provide for her we are sure, but we urge upon all that they stand together in prayer and faith that she may be sustained and strengthened for the ordeal of deciding her future course of action. It may be possible, if others are prepared to go to their help, that they could remain on the field and carry on the work which was undertaken with such faith and courage. On the other hand, it may prove to be necessary to bring her and the children home.

Brother Joseph Blakeney writes from Gombari, Congo Belge, "It is now nearly one month since I last wrote you. Since that time we have discovered that the natives who formerly occupied this land have been poisoning our cattle and goats. We could not understand the reason for so many dying. We have only a few goats and cattle left and our loss amounts to about \$500.00. The Government has taken up the matter and we are sure that we will be safer in the future.

"The reason they have done it is because they want us to leave this station as we have many palm-ol trees and ant hills. The ant hills supply them with flying ants which they eat and find to be very appetizing. I have eaten some myself and am very fond of them. Hence we have lost almost all our stock, and are forced to buy condensed milk which costs us about \$1.50 a can. Unless our loss can be replaced I am afraid that we will be forced to send our children home. So do pray for us.

"If I was to publish our needs I would say that laborers are needed for the Belgian Congo—not less than eight every six months. Our opportunity is now, as other Societies are fast claiming territory.

Money is also needed for Mission Stations. Not less than \$10,000 is needed to erect mission buildings, clear land, supply natives with the written Word, to employ native evangelists, and to open a native training school. Personally I would be willing to live on native food and wear the cheapest clothing. But we are greatly in need of workers; stand by us and send us at least four couples or eight workers.

"The revival is still on and souls are turning to the Lord. Mondaba is still going on and now his brother is with us. He accepted Christ yesterday. I am expecting to take a trip soon to visit the Chiefs. I hope to secure some of their young boys to teach in our schools.

"God wonderfully healed our second oldest girl Marjory. She was severely scalded when she fell in a basin of boiling water with her clothes on. We despaired of her life—but God. Praise our God, who is able at all times even in the heart of Africa.

"Brother Barney has just finished translating forty hymns into Bangalla. Hal-luhjah!"

PRAYER REQUESTS

RETURNING TO GIVE THANKS, FOR

The sale of a farm; deliverance from flu; the sale of a house, and deliverance of baby from infantile paralysis; healing of a boy of mad dog bites; for sending a widow's wayward son; pray that the same may be saved; healing of a missionary's mother of blood pressure. Deliverance from morbid and gluttonous demon. Healing of a widow. All sent from Long Beach, Calif.—The precious Baptism, Mrs. J. L. B.—The return of a dear friend whom some were writing to; pray that the same may be saved. That husband is not so angry, though yet unsave, and for many blessings in answer to prayer. I thank the saints, too, for praying. M. M.

Pray For—Brother Smith, that the Lord will set him entirely free for His work.—Algonac, Mich., that the light may be sent there.—The return of a dear son, who had been gone from his family for over 4 years.—That we may teach our little ones the way of truth. Mrs. T. J. S.—Our assembly. We are in bondage, helpless, and the enemy has injected his working.—A son who is a gambler; home and family; another who is a wastrel and a godless leecher in sin; a husband who has wandered far from home.—A shutin, 66 years old, lame for 63 years, caused by colic; have to go in a wheel chair; God has been very good to me and has healed me of sicknesses. J. W. S. Also pray for the conversion of a boy that we can bring to the Lord for deliverance from bad temper demon, biting.—Neighbors, from Mormonism.—Deliverance in confinement.—An outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all Catholics, all Jewish Rabbis, and on Long Beach, Calif.—Our little band of saints at Moreland, Ark. That may be healed and better to God and the people here, and be located where I can be in regular service for the Lord. J. R. Jones.—Our little band, at Athens, Ala., that they may be united. Some have the itch and cannot get deliverance. There are about 40 saints here all new in the Lord. The saints at Lebanon, Mo.—John H. H., that I may prove faithful unto the end.—East Grand Forks, Minn.—J. A. T., that I may rent a small house, that I will stand tests, and that all my family will go His way; that a family may succeed in getting out of moving picture show business and get a farm.—I and the people here, Perkinston, Miss. I want to live close to God. Mrs. M. C. McI.—That some lots in San Antonio may be sold.—A meeting being held in Johnson City, Texas, a new opening, after 7 years of prayer. E. M. Pray that a permanent work may be established.—I desire to start a S. at Elfrida, Ariz. Had died out.—A family to be reunited.—A sister, 72, in Trinidad, Colo., whose work is distributing tracts.—T. J. B. and family, that we may hold out until He comes again.—Mrs. L. MCF, that I may ever keep humble at His feet, and His faith may be increased (Read Roman, 10:17). My husband and I are the only ones of this faith in this place.—Mrs. N. P., very sorely tried by a mother-in-law, whom she has taken into her home after the daughters have refused to have her because of her unpleasant disposition.—C. I. find his work and his.—Sister S. Ione, Wood; asks the prayers of the Evangel family.—Parthenia S. and family.—A young man and his children, to whom our papers are sent.—A weak minded girl of 26, recently converted and under the power of God, a few hours after she was set free and acts in a way as if she is demon possessed.—The wicked family to which I belong. Mrs. B. A.—Mrs. C. E. A., my family is broken up; my daughter is away from the Lord, and I have lost the joy and the spirit of intercession. I once had.—Work at Watstown, S. D. that I may have His way true revival at Oxford, N. Y.—That my husband may fully surrender to God.—God to have His way at Kaufman, Texas.—My mother, who does not believe in Pentecost; and for me, John T. T.—My daughter, a sweet girl, engaged to be married shortly to an unsaved young man. Pray that the marriage will be hindered.—My husband, once filled with the Spirit, now backslidden and in serious trouble, can't stay at home with wife and children. I. B. E.—God's perfect will for me. That I may be able to sell my farm, pay debts and meet my expenses. My work is now in believing it is God's will for me. Sister M. J.—A. J. J., special request.—Our grandsons, that they may love each other better.—Me and my husband that we may live closer to God; our little mission on Plymouth, Ind.—Mrs. E. J., I long to work for souls; my husband not much interested yet. Pray that I may be guided aright, and that God may get all there is in me.—Mrs. L. W. R., that I may overcome

everything and be in the center of God's will.—A creditor who threatens to take the seats from our church.—Mrs. F. A., that I may stand true; and for my children.—That we may sell our farm and get out of debt, so we can do more for Jesus. Mrs. W. K.—Mrs. B. M. and family, deliverance from bondage, assurance, and understanding of the will of God.—Mrs. D., that may be faithful 40 miles from Pentecostal friends.—Galena, Kans., we are trying to build a church.—W. T. W., that we may be in the will of the Lord.—W. W., passing through hard tests; Davenport, Iowa, they are trying to get the best of the people of the Galena, Ia. Colo. several interested, scarcely any have heard of Pentecost. Also pray for wife and me and babies. R. I. Wynkoop.

Pray for the Healing of—A friend, from dropsy, been tapped 7 times.—An old warrior; another; a daughter, whose mind is under the power of the enemy; another daughter, a precious mother, trying to keep the faith.—A Roman Catholic woman.—A baby, crossed by a brother, rheumatism, epilepsy, broken heart.—Couple, rheumatism and deafness.—Sister, felons, weakness, eyes.—Brother, blindness.—Daughter.—Mother, broken-hearted.—Child, bad cough, stunted growth, ear-ache.—Sister, diphtheria.—Child, chronic bedwetting.—A man in Memphis, cancer of the stomach.—Mother, severe headache; have to leave her for the South. M. A. W. Also healing of an invalid lady whose feet I have been caring for, very needy cases.—J. W. H., epileptic; some better, praise God. J. E.—My husband, been ill a year and a half, and is not saved. T. S.—A sister, very lame, very feeble child from one a grown girl with something like consumption. Mrs. D. W. B.—Mrs. W. B. C.—E. D., very much afflicted.—Evang. Chas. Williamson's head.—Miss L. J. G.—An aged widow, confirmed invalid, has not taken a step in two years and five months, nor sits in chair all a year, and no hope of support.—Mrs. W. A. B. diseased tonsils, resulting in the poisoning of her entire system.—A. N., of cancer of the nose and head, I think.—Mrs. M. A., catarrh of the head and lungs, and very severe female trouble.—M. J. P., em 78, and have rheumatism very late.—My husband, from one appetite for strong drink.—A dear sister suffering from a severe pain in side and breast; two sisters, of stomach trouble and constipation and female trouble, one of severe piles.—5-year old son, epileptic, dumb and feeble-minded.—Mrs. A. G., eyes.—A Jewish lady, speaking Pentecost.—My way, has lost the use of left arm, and left foot is almost useless, for three years.—Ada J., dizziness and eyes. Mr. B., from injuries received in an auto accident; unsaved.—Bert C., stomach trouble, and pray for a better experience for him. His mother, Mrs. J. O. J., can't speak and speak in tongues.—Mrs. W. E. B., asthma, rheumatism and catarrh very bad, but am better and also my son, daughter and granddaughter.—Ben B., eyes, cannot see to sign his name.—A mother of nine children, nervous prostration, also desires the baptism.—Mrs. B. A., sharp pain in both sides, lower part of lungs.—My sister-in-law, in State Hospital, Salem, Ore.; called a hopeless case. Mrs. S.—My husband, very bad piles and general run down condition; 15-year-old boy, general weakness since a child; 13-year-old boy, bad leakage of heart since he was small; 10-year-old boy, ruptured always, myself, gallstones, liver, stomach and female troubles; that they all may be born into the kingdom and, with me, get the Baptism. Mrs. S. B.—My son, losing his mind; saved 18 months ago, and wanted much to attend Bible school.—Mrs. W. B., bad health.—W. E.—My four children's eyes, two in school.—E. S., sleeplessness, serious.—C., mental and spiritual.—My dear wife, terrible pain through chest and back.—T. A. O., diseased body.—My baby boy, ruptured.—My little brother, crooked neck, head, ears, piles; daughter, stomach trouble; C. E., eyes; daughter, safe delivery at confinement, and for better health. M. E. T.—Mrs. W. N., much afflicted in various ways.—Husband, of severe pain in left shoulder and arm. 87-year-old lady living with us, sores in face, severe worry, head very feeble, very impatient. M. L. H.—My wife, in hospital, very low. C. H. S.—Sister L. B., very sick, must have an operation. Also my husband and 5 little children.—A. B. C.'s 9-year-old girl.—Mrs. C. S., ribs torn loose by a fall.—R. M. D., and that I may do better.—O. E., head very bad, TB of the lungs, 2 1/2 years, also infection of the joints of the spine.—My wife, TB and some kind of an inward growth, very sick; also for her soul. C. F. S.—Mrs. S. T. rupture.—J. A. S., eczema, and something growing on my eye.—Jda S., heart trouble; also for my mother.—2 unsaved

men in my home, one an invalid, the other with a racking cough of years standing.—B. C. a sore on my face, very bad.—My mother, high blood pressure, heart and kidney trouble; my father, kidney trouble and that we may go deeper in the Lord.—Mrs. S. B., a young wife and mother, very seriously ill.—Our baby of head trouble.—Sister, broken cough. Some time ago I requested prayer for swollen breasts. Thank the Lord for healing me; all soreness and hardness are gone. Mrs. Alvin Childs, Laurehill, Fla.

Pray for the Salvation of—My father, Mrs. J. T. S.—My aged mother, father and aunt. I. T. S.—Father, a brother, the father of John H. H.—Two brothers and a sister who are deep in sin.—My husband and six children. He is a changed man, but not saved yet.—Mr. B., injured in an auto accident. My brother and sister, brother-in-law, and E. H. Ada J.—A mother-in-law.—Husband and father. M. M.—My mother, Mrs. C. T. My children, and that I may be ever faithful to Jesus. M. E. T.—Husband and 3 boys, very wicked. Mrs. W. N.

Pray for the Baptism for—Mother of Mrs. J. T. S.—A boy.—A missionary's mother.—A widow and her three girls.—A Catholic couple.—Brother and his wife.—Elderly lady couple.—Sister's brother.—Daughter.—Mother.—Child.—Sister.—Mother.—A young Methodist minister and his mother.—Miss L. J. G.—Mrs. L. B. E.—A. N. Never heard a Pentecostal sermon until a year ago, but have believed it from the Word for 26 years. And please pray that my family will come to the light.—Mrs. G. E. Mc, and that I may be empowered to endure trials.—Seekers at Oxford, N. Y.—Mrs. C. T. T.—Mrs. J. S. P., a reader; no Pentecostal people near.—A. G. P., for service for the King.—My wife. A. B. C.—Mrs. R.—J. R. V.

Would like to hear from the minister at Chicago who wrote the article in the Evangel concerning the Old Folks Home.—Mrs. J. W. Watters, Dunkirk, Ohio, Box 275.

PASTOR WANTED

An accredited minister needed in Colorado, one who has had experience and who will cooperate with the State Council in building up the work in Colorado. Write Maxie A. X. Clark, Sec'y Colo. State Council, 966 Maple St., Rocky Ford, Colo.

BOOKS WANTED

If any one has a Strong's Concordance, a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and a good encyclopedia, which they would like to donate to the Central Bible Institute, the same would be very much appreciated.

Pastor Paul C. Bucher, Jasonville, Ind. writes that he has an opening in his district for some good council preachers; those interested should write to him.

Anybody that knows the whereabouts of George W. Deford, please address James F. Copley, Cando, N. Dakota.

IOWA DISTRICT CONVENTION

There will be a convention in Knoxville, in Jan. 2. Elder S. A. Jamieson, Sec'y of Chicago, will be with us all the time except the last two days and we also expect every other worker and preacher from the district to be with us. There will be a Bible lesson every day and evangelistic services at night. The saints will be in the care of the visiting brethren as far as possible and preachers will take care of free. There are a number of Pentecostal churches in this vicinity and they are all cooperating together in this convention and we ask that every assembly in the district join us in this meeting. Also we ask every assembly to take an offering for this convention and send it to the Treasurer C. R. Dobson, Athelston, Iowa. We will need some money to start the convention so we ask the pastors to take an offering as soon as possible also each assembly that they may have a pastor. Any other information you can get, please.—Roy E. Scott, chairman Knoxville, Iowa. C. R. Dobson Sec-Treas. Athelston, Iowa.

BEDD WILLIAMS OF FERRY, NEW YORK

to hold revival in Dayton, Ohio from Jan. 3 to Feb. 1. Every one who can attend this meeting from Ohio and adjoining states will receive a great treat to hear such a revival as this. We are looking for us that the Lord will shake old Dayton. We are in hopes many will come into the fold at this time, as this meeting will follow the Billy Sunday meeting now in progress.—A. E. Cox, Pastor.

REVIVAL AT OSKOSH, WIS.

Evangelist Laukhuf & Eggert and Party held a series of Revival Meetings, Nov. 5th to 19th, in Armory Hall in our city. Many bowed at Jesus' feet the first night. Night after night, many more came, and at the last every seat was filled, and more chairs had to be brought in. At every meeting souls came to the altar for salvation.

As far as we were able to keep count, 170 persons professed conversion, and over 200 were prayed for, for the healing of their bodies, many who came suffering and afflicted, left their burdens at the altar and are now happy and rejoicing in the Savior.

At the very height of the meeting, it had to come to a close because other datings had already been made for Armory Hall. Long will the meetings be remembered in Oshkosh, especially the closing afternoon and night; God's very presence could be felt over the meeting and, many were the praises that went to the throne of God. Not until 11:30 p. m. would the people disband and leave for their homes.

However, when the meetings closed at the Armory Hall, we continued them in our own church, where we saw many, many of those who had bowed at Jesus' feet at Armory Hall, who let their praises and Hallelujahs go up with us. In our Assembly.—R. Scharnick, pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.

I believe that there are hundreds of people suffering who cannot get to an assembly to be prayed for. We are one of the night houses God has to help people on the way. Many are helped spiritually and their bodies healed through the anointed handkerchiefs sent out in Jesus' name according to Acts 19: 11, 12. Any one needing help in prayer, in advice, or in teaching of the Word, or having sick bodies in need of healing, be free to write us. We are glad to do all we can in Jesus' name, as He gives us power and wisdom. We praise God for the presence of the Lord in our midst. He never leaves nor forsakes. We have had many strangers come in. One Christian Science brother came and received real salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One young man ready to commit suicide, saw the street workers, and came in to receive this wonderful salvation. Many coming in from the churches are being healed by the laying on of hands in Jesus' name. One of the saints sent an anointed handkerchief to her mother who was very sick in Sweden. She was instantly healed, and sent back for a handkerchief for a neighbor who, also, was sick. Miles make no difference to our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I give two extracts of letters received this week:

"I applied the handkerchief, and praise God for the wonderful change in my body. I knew that if I could get the prayers of you dear ones, the devil would have to leave."—Louisa Harrison.

"When I applied the handkerchief today, I got up in Jesus' name, did a big washing, scrubbed the house, and helped put in wood, and I feel so good. Wish I could be where I could testify to my healing."—Mrs. Anna Robertson.

I also want to give the testimony of a sister who came here about two months ago very sick. It will encourage some to know that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever:

"I desire to give my testimony for the benefit of those who are sick. I have found a wonderful Physician. He is my Healer, Redeemer, and Baptizer. Praise God. While living in Boston, Mass., four years ago, I took down with flu and double pneumonia, and was in bed two months. I tried Christian Science, but grew worse. The doctors failed, and advised me to go to Los Angeles, Calif. I did so, and was better for a short time. I was left with heart, stomach and bladder trouble, also rheumatism and cancer of the womb. Soon these diseases came back with double force and I grew worse and worse. I doctored, and lay in hospitals until I was so sick of it all, that I wanted to run away.

The doctors were determined to operate; said that I would die if I did not have an operation. Others said I would die if I did have it; my heart was so bad. I finally decided to come north to get away from it all; thinking that in some way I would get relief. All the time we had such a desire to get to Portland, I could not go by boat or train; so we bought an automobile so that I could stop when I got too sick to travel. We stopped over many times. Sometimes I was sick in bed for days; then got a little better and tried it again. Only the Lord ever brought us through alive. I visited a few Pentecostal missions on the way, but was too sick to stay long enough to get help. We took a long way around, and finally came to our longed for destination, Portland, Oregon. We had been advised along the way that, if we came to Portland, we should go to Brother Trotter's mission. Praise God, we found it; and we also found the Lord there with mighty power to heal. I was anointed in Jesus' name, according to James 5. The healing power went through my body and withered that cancer as Jesus withered the fig tree when He spoke to it. I am made every whit whole through the Blood of Jesus. Praise His name forever. Now I go on the street every night to tell a dying world that I have found Him, the One altogether lovely, my Saviour and Healer.

A few days later I received the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. I was also healed of a sprained ankle which had pained and troubled me for eleven years, also of constipation of seven years standing. My nerves were so bad that the dropping of a fork on the floor would make me cry for two hours; and the noise of the engine on the way up here, would cause me to scream from nervousness. Oh why shouldn't I praise Him?—Anna Kupfernagel, 349 12th St., Portland, Oregon.—Will C. Trotter, Pastor, 212 E. 13th St.

COPELAND, ARK.—Just want to thank God for the good meeting that was recently held at this place. Brother A. R. Wilson of Parma, Mo. conducted the services and was used of the Lord wonderfully in each message. Saints were built up; 6 were saved; conviction was on many. Meeting closed with good interest. Pray for the little band here that we may dwell in unity.—Mrs. George Adams.

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