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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

A sermon by Pastor A. Douglas Brown, a minister who is being mightily used in revival work in England.

Text: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."—Rom. 10:1.

What does it mean to be saved? It is a very terrible thing that it is possible for people to be brought up in religious homes, trained in a Christian church, enter into the membership of a Christian church, take up Christian work, and, after pursuing it for some time, to come to the sad discovery that they are not saved. It is one of the terrible discoveries of my work. Only last week I came across eleven such cases—eleven people who had been church members and Christian workers, but who had never been "born again." What does it mean to be saved? It is a good thing to make your calling and election sure. What does it mean?

To the law and to the testimony—turn to the book of Exodus, 12:21: "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it into the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning." Their safety depended on their being **under the blood**. Now, this term may mean anything or nothing to a stranger to the Word of God—

Being Under the Blood.

It is being in a house in perfect safety, although around there is judgment, and yet you are perfectly safe because God has told you to do something and you have done that something that God told you to do. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. In this case God had told the children of Israel to sprinkle the blood on the lintel and the two side posts. There was to be a red mark over the door, then on the right-hand post and on the left-hand post of the door, but not on the doorstep: the blood was not to be trampled upon. That blood stood for protection—freedom from judgment, perfect safety when there was

danger around. No safety until all that had been carried out. They just did what God told them to do. He did not say they were to look on the blood. It was not a personal vision, but "when I see the blood I will pass over you." It was what God saw. Salvation was of the Lord. God did everything, and all they had to do was what God told them, and to rest upon His Word. Then the obedience of faith brought deliverance.

What Is It to Be Saved?

It is that. Being under the blood—doing what God tells you. But, remember, it is doing a particular thing. Now, that blood sprinkled pointed to something more beautiful and more precious than itself. It pointed to the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the matter of our salvation we take the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and take our place as being unworthy, *undone* and *hopeless*, and accept all that God has done for us in Christ Jesus, hiding ourselves behind the Lord Jesus Christ. We sprinkle the blood on the lintel and on the side posts—not on the doorstep. We say, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight; yet You have so loved me that You have given Jesus to die for me. I believe that my salvation is complete, perfect, full, free and eternal, the moment I obey Your call and place myself behind the finished work of Christ."

I wish every one could be brought away from trying to work out salvation.. Only last week a lady who had come up from the country told me that

She Had Been Praying for Me,

—for a blessing upon my work; but whilst doing so, discovered that she was not "born again." She had always felt there was something she had to do to merit salvation. No! No!! No!!! It is not that. It is "Let go; and let God." It is by faith. Is it not simple? It is on the basis of faith. No edifice you can raise can ever bring you into salvation. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleans-

eth from all sin." Jesus did it all long, long ago. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washes white as snow. Being a Christian is being in the land of rest—freed from the law, from judgment, and from condemnation. "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

How does it all happen? "What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." What is religion? It is **Jesus**. What is Christianity? It is **Jesus**. It is a Person. You may have all the creeds under heaven, but if you have not Christ you have nothing. Put the life, death, resurrection, ascension, power, and worthiness of Jesus between us and all that would spell defeat, and then looking up, say: "Thank You, Lord." "It is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." It is ceasing from self—just doing exactly what God tells me to do. If it is His way, it is the best way—the only way. "When I see the blood."

Douglas Brown Is Not Going to Heaven

by anything he has done. I am going to heaven because of what Jesus is. If your salvation is vested in Jesus Christ, you need not keep awake at night. Go to sleep, you are safe because of the character of Jesus. I am going to be received into glory because of what He is, and not because of what I am. Anyone who is precious to the Lord Jesus Christ must go in. His is a love that will not let us go. Dear friend, take the blood and sprinkle it, and look up into God's face and say, "Thank You!"

When you have received His salvation, then you begin to work it out with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). There must be absolute surrender to Jesus Christ—subjection to Jesus Christ—continual subjection (Eph. 5:24). The church is to be subject unto Christ. If the church, then the individual. He has bought us—

we are His. If so, then we are to be absolutely at His disposal. Not saved to shirk, but saved to serve. Not only is Christ the Head of the church, but if He is Head of the church, He is Head of the church member. I must be in subjection to Him. I get all for nothing, but I must give up all. If I do not, life will never be anything to me. It may be possible for two persons to be living in the same house together, but there is a contention between them—therefore no subjection. It is possible for professing Christians to have a contention with God—no joy, no triumph; all because there is no subjection to the One who purchased them. How can subjection be brought about? Not by making up your mind, for in the epistle to the Romans we are told that the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither, indeed, can be. It is not a question of your losing your temper, but of having it under control. Just imagine the difference if all the tempers in London were under control.

What a Different London It Would Be if, instead of all that energy being used to hurt other people's feelings, it was used to bind up their wounds. No, the old nature cannot be changed. Being a Christian is receiving a new nature, and that new nature is subject to the Risen Lord. We have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Do you see it? It is more than cooperation with Jesus Christ—it is doing His will. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" That should be the keynote of the Christian's life. Not, "I have thought of so many things I would like to do, will You help me?"—but "I know, Lord, You will tell me what I am to do. You have bought me, I am Yours; I want to do Thy will, and that is my life." Deliverance under the Blood leads to the dictatorship of Jesus Christ. Without force or chagrin, I feel it a joy to lay down all my plans—not my will, but Thine, O Lord.

Then not only submission, but apprehension by Jesus Christ. Phil. 3:12: "I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." What does that mean?

It means this: "God had a definite purpose in giving His Son to redeem you and me. He has a plan. He desires to do definite things for us. Above all, He has an ideal of life which He has purposed to develop within us. Christ apprehended (laid hold of) us with that objective in view. It can be carried out only as each one for himself understands what God's purpose is and definitely lays hold of the same thing by faith and purpose of heart. This is the great business of our life here. It can come to us only through closest fellowship with Him, with an open ear and a longing heart."

Now look at the 20th verse of the same chapter of the epistle to the Philippians: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from whence we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our body of humiliation that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

So we see it is just taking God at His

word, and resting upon it; then absolute subjection to the One who loved me and gave Himself for me; then going on to know the One I am subjected to—a growing intimacy with Him—just going on in the little slippers of faith, nearer and nearer to that

Great Boudoir of My Heavenly Father, until, like little Samuel, I live in the precincts of His life—I fear Him with holy love, and I learn the secret of the Lord, because the secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him. How simple, how wonderful, how glorious—resting in Christ's finished work; then entirely at His disposal, because He owns me—He has purchased me. Apprehended by Him, and received thoroughly into His fellowship.

Is there anything more? Yes, **vitalized** in Christ. I cannot be in the secret place without coming out very strong, for there is the basis of strength—see Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." To be with Him is to grow strong again; to listen to His rebuke and His correction—to feel the pressure of His pierced hand when I am doing the foolish thing, and constraining me to do the wise and proper thing. I come out of His presence with the strength of my Lord in my heart. I am vitalized. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

What Is It to Be a Christian?

It is to be resting on the finished work, and being subject to the Christ of Calvary—to be apprehended by the Risen One—vitalized by the strong Son of God unto every good work by continual fellowship.

But more than that—to be **enchanted with Jesus Christ**; fascinated by Him. Ps. 73:25: "Whom have I in heaven but thee." Lord, when I am with Thee, I want to be alone. On earth to be alone with Thee. I do not need anybody beside Thee. O friend, strive to have seasons with thy Lord on earth without anyone else being present with you—blot out family, husband, wife, friend, church, minister; blot them all out, and kneel down in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks and hold communion with thy Lord. You will hear the voice of the Son of Man. He cannot pass by a disciple who says: "Whom have I in heaven but thee?" "Oh!" you say, "it is all very well for David to talk like that, but I have business cares and family cares;

I Have so Many Interests in Life

David may be able to talk like that, but I cannot." Stop, stop, look at the second verse of that same chapter: "But, as for me, my feet were almost gone, my steps had well-nigh slipped." No, David was in the same world as you are, after all. Yes, but anything else? "I was envious of the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." Yes, he got full of envy. O David, you are a friend of mine; you had the same experience. See verse 13: "Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence." "I have got right down, down." Do you say that, David? "Not very much in being a Christian after all.

Look where it landed me." Did you get down as far as that, David? You are a brother born for adversity. Tell me, how did you get out of that terrible experience? "Well," says David, "I went into the sanctuary of God. I was very perturbed, and I bowed my head and my heart, and felt God was there, and He spoke to me. Then understood I." Did you? What happened? Oh, He laid His hand upon me, and said: "I have a great love for you which will not let you go; you must not feel like this—you must not talk like this. I have never left you; I have never failed you." "I looked up," says David, "and said, I was as a beast before Thee, nevertheless I am continually with Thee." You went all through that, David, did you? Now I see it all. "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none on earth that I desire beside thee." I have been enchanted. You know what it is to be charmed into song. "He restoreth my soul, and leads me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake." O brethren, working hard for my Church is hard work; but working for the Head of the church—wearing the yoke with Him, with my great Calvary Friend! Joy is found in Him, for His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. O great salvation, wonderful salvation! It begins with receiving all at Calvary, and then laying all down at the foot of Calvary. Amen.

THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD

It was one lamb for the household. One lamb had to do for a large household. But that blood that God saw was sufficient.

The scarlet thread saved the household of the harlot Rahab. It was a big family, but all under the protection of the scarlet thread were safe.

By faith you can mark houses in the town where you live with the blood. You can claim protection for all in the houses so marked. Abraham made intercession, and God was not unmindful of his continual sacrifices, and was willing to save the whole of Lot's household. Souls saved out of wicked Sodom because of the intercession and sacrifice of Abraham!

Magnify the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and it will avert calamity and bring salvation. You have the power of bringing life as well as of saving life. Lift up the Lamb in song, in testimony, and in tracts. Some may misunderstand you, they may deride you, but some will think. Some had to be taken out of Sodom.

Don't magnify wickedness in your midst; magnify grace that is able to take individuals out of this wickedness. Some have their dwelling where Satan's seat is. Grace is active—ever seeking to save the lost. You pray in the Spirit and through the Spirit and grace will be directed to individuals. Don't belittle your prayers; they are registered up above and they are working below.

Thou shalt not limit the Holy One of Israel. Thou shalt not limit the blood. Thou shalt not limit grace. Every time you bemoan yourself you are limiting God. God knows no defeat—only victory; and He wants His people to stand on His side and to know only victory.

Soul Food for Hungry Saints

Pastor A. G. Ward, Toronto

The Song of Solomon is a wonderful book. My heart warms to lovers of the Song of Solomon.

See chapter 1, verse 5, "I am black but comely . . . as the tents of Kedar." Many fail to distinguish between sin and infirmity. There is a crisis in the believer's life when the believer is led definitely to consecrate to God. In my life I was brought to a place of complete abandonment to the will of God. If I meet saints who have obtained all in regeneration, I have no controversy with them; if folks can prove it, I receive their testimony. I definitely decided to let God have His way in my life and to walk in all the light granted me. I determined to make a success in serving GOD. I was sincere and moved forward and later on met things included in consecration. A man whose word is not as good as his life is a poor moral asset in any community.

The bride, in verse 5, is speaking not of carnal, but of creature blackness. As a result of going on with God she is deeply conscious of imperfection. We are continually judging ourselves by higher standards of perfection: we feel more black the nearer we get to God, which is an offense to people on a lower plane of grace. Saints are horrified at the blackness of the bride and cry, Heterodoxyl We are all disgraced. Look! She declares she is black as the curtains of Solomon.

Do not frown on me. Awhile ago you were smiling. Verse 6, "I am black because the sun has scorched me." If you allow the Sun of Righteousness to shine on you, you will be conscious of your creature blackness.

"My mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." Some saints say they are humble and will be content with a back seat in glory. God is not half as much concerned about our doing as about our conformity to the image of His Son. Our days on earth are schooldays—to be fitted for service later in the eternal sphere. He will reward us for service: but there is something more valuable than work.

God is chiefly concerned about your own vineyard. See that He has time with you before you serve. Do not sit with folded hands and do nothing. At New Castle, we told the saints to get busy. They had formerly been told to get ready for the coming of the Lord by sitting still. Your ministry will never be fruitful until attention has been given to your own vineyard. Sunday school teachers, there is something more important than teaching a class. You must prepare your heart. We cannot expect to influence others as long as we neglect our own vineyards. It is easier to neglect prayer than any other thing. And if you let down in the study of God's Word, you will find that

it becomes dry; at one time it was spicy and juicy.

"Mine own vineyard have I not kept." Sometimes we allow weeds to spring up in our own vineyard. Having been brought into the chambers of the king, the bride realizes her blackness, because she had neglected her own vineyard.

V. 7, "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth." She did not pray louder so that folks would think she was soaring higher. "Thou whom my soul loveth." Is this the language of your heart? It means so much to be in love with Jesus. I wish people would fall in love with the Nazarene. Let us consider natural law in the spiritual realm. The effect of human love is to dedicate yourself to a person. If you do not dedicate yourself to Jesus, your talk is all froth and foam. If you love, you will want to obey. Many who profess to follow Jesus do not intend to obey Him. Many people do largely as they like. People who really love God do not try to see how little they can do for Him; their chief concern is to find out His perfect will.

Where there is true love, the husband considers the wife, and reciprocally the wife considers the husband. The father and mother consider their children first; and where selfishness reigns the children consider themselves first.

In the spiritual realm, when one who is poor is advanced in the assembly, the body is pleased. The chief concern is what pleases the Lord. If you love God, you will love to promote His cause.

"Where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon." What about noon-tide rest? Rest when the sun is hottest? When every thing is upside down, and the foundations seem to be shaking, then it is you can look on and sing, "Peace, peace, wonderful peace," "I've a deep, settled peace in my soul."

How may I enter in? Note the words, "Where thou makest thy flock to rest." None of us would enter into this rest unless He made us. Psalm 23:2, "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Sometimes the Lord's way seems so strange; and when circumstances are seemingly adverse, we say, What is the Lord doing? He is making green pastures, and we call them brown. God calls bitter disappointment a green pasture. The Lord's judgment is always right. Noon-tide rest is for spirit and mind. Sometimes a meeting seems not to go right, but one is not humiliated. My mind on such occasions used to be disturbed and I would say, I wonder if this will frighten somebody. God gives rest from disturbances; for if the Lord permits them to occur, you know He is at the helm. Oftentimes what seems disturbing proves to be a blessing. In a tabernacle meeting in Winnipeg, a man who could not preach was in the chair. An Anglican lady interested in Pentecost was present. Naturally we wanted the meeting

to appeal to her. The man who could not preach shouted and shouted. The people were disturbed, and some thought the meeting was spoiled because he let out a big shout right in front of the Anglican lady. And the woman was favorably impressed, as she afterwards testified, by the the shout.

God does not want us to be over-cautious. If some one jumps in the meeting, if he walks straight afterwards, let him jump. Some people need to get rid of their spiritual rheumatics.

"Why should I be as one that turns aside by the flocks of thy companions?" So many are turning aside. We have to be more sorely tested and tried. One day the Spirit whispered to me, "It will mean everything to keep clean and hot until Jesus comes." They are revising creeds! but why should I be turned aside? Let one leader drop out tongues, but why should I? Another turns from the testimony of holiness, but why should I be turned aside? I am an heir of God, and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ; why should I be turned aside and be satisfied with anything less than intimate communion with my Lord? Comparatively few have learned to keep their eyes on Jesus. We are such admirers of one another. We spoil under shepherds who have crowds at their feet adoring them. When Moses withdrew from the scene, the Israelites said, Make us something we can see. So Aaron consented to the calf of gold. And they said, This is the god who will lead us into the promised land. Let us not be turned aside. Let us be content with nothing less than communion with God.

"We rush away to our work too quickly. We are anxious 'to get into the work' as we designate it. We are gone when we should be gazing. We are in the rush when we should be in the hush.

"There is a story of an artist who was forbidden to copy a great masterpiece which hung in a cathedral. He accomplished the same by coming again and again and gazing until the picture was photographed on his mind and possessed his faculties, then he produced it alone in his studio. So we must wait and worship and look and gaze on Him until we are ready to go for Him. May God teach us a lesson in this line. We are willing to go but we are not willing to gaze"

And It is Hopeless.—The prominence of the word "less" during the past year is interesting. There are smokeless powders, iceless refrigerators, fireless cookers, wireless telephony and telegraphy, hammerless guns, skidless tires, drugless methods of healing, and other things. In religious things we have a bloodless Gospel, a Spiritless ministry, and a powerless church. And now a peaceless world tries to produce a warless world.—Sel.

Stanley, I read the Bible through four times while I was waiting at Manyema All that I am I owe to Christ Jesus, revealed to me in His Divine Book. O Stanley, Stanley! here is the source of strength and transforming power.—David Livingstone.

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THE HARVEST.

Lord Jesus, the field of the world is
great,
And the harvest is bending low.
Yea the darkness is on us, it's very late,
Soon Thy people to Thee will go.

But what of the lost, who have never
heard
The message of God's great love?
They linger in the darkness by sin allured,
Know naught of the things above.

O heavenly Father, the laborers send
With Thy Spirit, resistless and strong,
To all who a willing ear would lend
And sing the Redeemer's song.

The harvest is great, the laborers few,
O Lord, tremendous the task.
By Thy grace all sufficient our hearts
renew,
We humbly beseech and ask.
—A. T. Johnson.

RECHARGED WITH THE SPIRIT

Read meditatively the prayer of the disciples in Acts 4:24-30. The prayer is divided into two parts. First, what the enemies, and rulers, and kings, Israel and the Gentiles did. Yes, Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel have done these things. It is past history. The second part of their prayer deals with present day conditions: "Behold their threatenings." Not content with crucifying Christ, they are continuing to threaten. Behold then these very same parties. They are reminding God of the past and then reminding Him of the present conditions. And so, in our prayers, we must remind God of the past and emphasize the present conditions.

Remind God of the exact state of the world. "Behold their threatenings." Remind God of the opposition of the Gentiles, the outsiders, of Herod, the ruler of Palestine, of the religious world, and also of Pilate, representing the secular government. Remind God of the rulers, the religious leaders and the religious people—the Jews, and the apostate condition of affairs. Show up the whole thing to the Lord.

Take stock, and then show the Lord the stocktaking. Is God capable of dealing with the situation? The saints asked

God and God answered. And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, refilled, and this was subsequent to Pentecost. The exigencies of the situation required that they be refilled, recharged, and a new work done.

God was not perturbed. God worked, and the situation was speedily changed. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the Word with boldness. Supernatural utterances! They encouraged one another and were united as never before. Yes, and wonders were done, healings, miracles brought about, multitudes brought to the Lord, and a great company of priests were obedient to the faith.

God can shake buildings still. He can shake people still. He can recharge still. But God wants to be reminded of the situation, and then He can take care of the situation.

The first shower of the Former Rain did not exhaust heaven. God had a more copious shower, bigger drops, more penetrating than the first. The situation demanded it, and when they prayed the demand was met. God wants to be reminded today by His Spirit-filled people. God can, will, and is willing to give the larger portion of His Spirit. "Thus saith the Lord, I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them" (Eze. 36:37).

God is not afraid of opposition, but He might well be afraid that His people will fail to ask Him to meet the situation. "Lord, behold the situation and grant now." And God did not hesitate to grant now.

Go thou and do likewise.

THE EVANGEL TO RETURN TO A WEEKLY PAPER IN APRIL

Members of our Evangel Family will be interested to know that the new press which for the past three years we have desired to install, is now on order, and we expect to have it put in place in the early part of March. Provided there is nothing unforeseen to hinder, in April the Evangel will once more become a weekly publication. A goodly number of the Evangel family are writing in, expressing their joy and praising the Lord for this new move.

In printing a paper the great cost is the initial outlay. If you went to a printer and said that you wanted to print 500 papers the size of the Evangel, he would probably charge you about 20 cents per copy. But he would tell you that the second 500 he could print for 5 cents per copy, and that if you would take 30,000 he could supply them at 2 cents per copy. The editorial work, the typesetting, the proofreading, the make-up and make-ready for the press are precisely the same whether the circulation of a paper is 500 or 50,000. If the circulation of the Evangel remains the same as it is now, we face a loss of \$8,000 each year; but if we can raise its circulation to 30,000 the Evangel will pay for itself. And there is no knowing what amount of good will result from a million and a half Pentecostal papers being circulated around the world every year.

We desire that every reader of the

Evangel will become a committee of one to do all that can be done to secure new subscriptions. Every new subscription will be a real help. We also desire to see every family of every Pentecostal Assembly receiving the paper. We see in an exchange (the subscription price of which is \$2.00 per year) that they are getting nearly all the assemblies of their particular faith to subscribe a hundred per cent strong for their official organ. Every week they print a list of what they call "Hundred Per Cent Assemblies." All their pastors are doing their best to circulate their message of healing and holiness. The Lord has given us this testimony, and a yet bigger message, the full Gospel message, which includes the Baptism of the Holy Ghost after the Bible pattern, and a message of the soon coming of the Lord. Let all our assemblies, in loyalty to our Pentecostal testimony, subscribe a hundred per cent strong for the Evangel. Pastors, we are looking to you to help us out on this.

At Canton, Ohio, the two Pentecostal assemblies, under the leadership of Brothers Brann and Espy, are arranging to take 3,000 copies of the Evangel each month. This is costing the saints \$60.00 each month, but they are gladly sacrificing to spread the full Gospel message. And sacrifice is surely the basis of all our work for the Lord. When we look back to the sacrifice of Calvary, the little we give up is not worth mentioning. How many cities will follow the example of Canton and circulate 500, or 1,000, or 2,000, or 5,000 Evangelists each month? Arrangements can be made for a monthly bill to be sent to the treasurer of your assembly.

A number are sending in practical help toward the new equipment—new press, new linotype machine, and new folder—and we are grateful to every donor for these gifts. The Lord bless every one of them. In the last Evangel we passed on the suggestion that every Evangel reader should send a dollar to help out, and seeing that every one will receive just double the number of papers for the same subscription price, this suggestion is not unreasonable. However, if the Lord inclines the hearts of any of the Evangel family to send more, such extra will be greatly appreciated. We shall have to pay for the new press and linotype machine in the middle of March, and will be pleased to have all offerings sent in before that time.

Another way you can help greatly is by sending in your renewal promptly. A number of friends are sending \$5.00, renewing their subscription for five years. Our mailing department will have their work doubled after March 31, and will greatly appreciate having renewals for one, two, five or ten years now. They will have more time now than later to take care of renewals. Every one who sends in a renewal now will have their subscription moved up from the time it now expires.

We shall appreciate your prayers for us that, above all, the Evangel will always carry a spiritual blessing that will edify and build up the faith of those who read it.

Divine Healing

Lilian B. Yeomans, M.D.

HUMAN REMEDIES

S. Weir Mitchell, M.D., one of the greatest physicians America has produced, states, "Back of disease lies a cause, and that cause no drug can reach." We know from the Bible that the cause of sickness—a process ending, if unchecked, in death—is sin; for death entered the world with sin, and this cause can be reached by one remedy only, the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Hence there is a sense in which all human remedies are necessarily futile; they are not radical enough; they fail to reach the cause of the trouble.

Of the futility of turning to human physicians, instead of to Him, God has given us at least three examples in the Scriptures: viz., (1) the illness and death of Ahaziah, king of Israel, son of the notorious Ahab, who enquired regarding his case of Baal-zebub, god of Ekron, instead of the Lord God of Israel (2 Kings 1:2-4); (2) the illness and death of Asa, who "sought not to the Lord but to the physicians" and "slept with his fathers" (2 Chron. 16:12, 13); (3) the woman who suffered many things of many physicians, spending all she had, and was nothing better but rather grew worse (Mark 5: 25, 26); but the most striking thing about the attitude of the Word of God towards all man-made systems of healing is that it ignores them almost as though they were non-existent. In view of the fact that elaborate systems of medical science flourished during the period covered by the sacred record, no words could be more eloquent than this divinely inspired silence.

Dr. Albert H. Buck, author of an exhaustive "History of Medical Science," states that, in an ancient graveyard, dating back to 1500 B.C., discovered in Egypt, skeletons were exhumed on which all sorts of surgical work, including the reduction of fractures, etc., had been skillfully and successfully performed. In some instances the splints and portions of the bandages had been preserved, and even ligatures, which were tied with proper surgeon's knots. From the famous Ebers papyrus, it is evident that the ancient Egyptians, prior to, and contemporaneous with, Moses, performed many surgical operations, including the removal of tumors and operations on the eye, in which department of surgical science they were particularly well versed. Skulls on which the operation of trepanning—a difficult one—had been performed, have been unearthed, dating back as far as 2800 B.C.

Egyptian surgeons, who were also the priests and undertakers, were so skillful in their manipulations of the dead body that they removed the whole brain through the nasal orifices, after death, because in this way they could avoid the least alteration in the contour of the head or face, which might have been occasioned if an incision were made.

So much for their surgery. As to medi-

cal practice, it is learned that the ancient Egyptians used drugs, which they mostly administered in the form of powders, although inhalations, potions, snuffs, fumigations, salves, clysters, injections, and poultices were also employed in great profusion and variety. Among their remedies were castor oil and opium, which are both still largely used. They even seem to have had "quack medicines," or something very like them, for we read of a famous powder on the container of which was written, "Powder of the Three Great Men," while another bore the title, "Powder Recommended by Five Great Physicians."

In their views these old authorities were somewhat startlingly akin to some of their most modern brethren, as they state in their treatises, among other things, that most illness is caused by overeating, or the use of unsuitable foods; and the administration of eliminatives, and the imposition of fasts, were among their favorite methods of treatment.

It was a routine practice among the Egyptians, some of them at any rate, to set aside three days each month for such a course of treatment. These ancient doctors were aware of the dangers that lurk in impure water and foods, especially meat, and they boiled water, and had meat regularly inspected.

Regarding the Israelites, Doctor Buck says: "They made small use of medicinal agents, dietetic measures, and external applications. They placed their chief reliance on PRAYERS, SACRIFICES, AND OFFERINGS." (The capitals are mine.)

The history of medical science reveals that, from prehistoric times, men have fought with all the powers of intellect they possess against sickness, the result of sin; and, noble as have been their efforts (for science has its martyrs, and many have actually laid down their lives in the conflict), they have yielded but very unsatisfactory results, they themselves being the witnesses. Listen to these words from the pen of H. A. Rowland, in the American Journal of Science, quoted by Dr. Fielding H. Garrison, in his "History of Medicine":

"An only child, a beloved wife, lies on a bed of sickness. The physician says that the disease is mortal; a minute plant, called a microbe, has obtained entrance into the body and is growing at the expense of tissues, forming deadly poisons in the blood, or destroying some vital organ. The physician looks on without being able to do anything. Daily he comes and notes the failing strength of his patient; daily the patient goes downward until she rests in her grave. But why has the physician allowed this? Can we doubt that there is a remedy that will kill the microbe? Why then has he not used it? He was employed to cure, but has failed. His bill he cheerfully pay because he has done his best and given a chance of cure. The reason for his failure to cure is ignorance. The remedy is yet unknown. The physician is waiting for others to discover it, or is perhaps experimenting in a crude and unscientific manner to find it."

And this sad confession is made after centuries and centuries of investigation, research, and effort, during which the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms have literally been ransacked for remedial agents. In the sixteenth century A. D., a Chinese doctor (Kang Mu) published a book on medicine in 52 volumes, and at that time the Chinese had 1800 drugs in their regular pharmacopoeia.

Some people say that this is God's way of healing; that He does the work by enabling men to discover and utilize remedies, and remedial procedures. If that were the case, Moses, who was versed in all the learning of the Egyptians, including medical science, would have so taught the children of Israel instead of pointing them only and always to the Lord, their God, as their physician. Also if medical science were God's way of meeting our need in sickness, it would not be so changing, fluctuating, uncertain, and unreliable.

In all periods of the world there have been conflicting and rival schools of medicine as there are today. If the physician is God's way for me, I shall have to ascertain which physician, the regular, the homeopathic, the osteopathic, the eclectic, the chiropractic, the drugless, etc., etc., etc.

No; God's way of healing is **One**, even Christ Jesus, the Lord, who is not only the Way, and the Truth, but the Life.

While we know that God always blesses men just as much as they will let Him bless them, and meets them just where they are, we have the plain statement of Scripture that the Lord is the healer of His people, and His glory will He not give to another.

The great French physician, Carcot, says that "The best inspirer of hope is the best physician," and our Physician is the God of hope, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is Himself our hope (1 Tim. 1:1). So, in order to be true to God, and to His Word, it seems to me that we have to do as did His people of old, and trust Him alone, for our bodies as well as for our souls.

The Bible teaches that sin, sickness, and suffering exist, are real, and not illusions of mortal mind, as Christian Science says; but that they are completely removed by God, in answer to believing prayer offered in the Name of Jesus, who Himself bore the full penalty of our sins in His body on the cross of Calvary. This truth, which was fully and simply accepted in apostolic times and up to about the third century, was, after that period, so mixed up with prayers at tombs of saints, and the veneration of bones and other relics, as to be almost lost, but at the time of the Reformation it came to light with the diffusion of the Scriptures, and many notable healings took place. With each subsequent revival the tide of divine healing has risen higher. Remarkable healings took place in connection with the Quaker revival, and the meetings led by the Wesleys, under Drs. Yoakum, Simpson, etc., and now, in this last great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, the mighty tide of healing waters is rolling in with an irresistible flood of blessing.

Deliverance to the Captives.

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth at the Springfield Assembly.

Read Luke 4:1-20

Our precious Lord Jesus has everything for everybody. Forgiveness from sin, healing of diseases and the fullness of the Spirit all come from one source—from the Lord Jesus Christ. Hear Him who is the same yesterday, today, and forever as He announces the purpose for which He came: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Jesus had been baptized by John in Jordan, and the Holy Spirit had descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him. Being full of the Holy Ghost, He had been led by the Spirit into the wilderness, there to come off more than conqueror over the arch enemy. Then He returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and preached in the synagogues, and at last He came to His old home town—Nazareth, where He announced His mission in the words I have just quoted. For a brief while He ministered on the earth, and then gave His life a ransom for all. But God raised Him from the dead. And before He went to the glory He told His disciples that they should receive the power of the Holy Ghost upon them, too. Thus, through them, His gracious ministry would continue. This power of the Holy Ghost was not only for a few apostles, but even for them that are afar off, even as many as our God should call (Acts 2:39), even for us away down in this twentieth century. Some ask, "But was not this power just for the privileged few in the first century?" No. Read the Master's great commission as recorded by Mark, and you will see it is for them that believe.

After I had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I know that I received, for the Lord gave me the Spirit in just the same way as He gave Him to the disciples at Jerusalem, I sought the mind of the Lord as to why I was baptized. One day I came home from work and went into the house and my wife asked me, "Which way did you come in?" I told her that I had come in at the back door. She said, "There is a woman upstairs and she has brought an old man of eighty to be prayed for. He is raving up there and a great crowd is outside the front door, ringing the door-bell and wanting to know what is going on in the house." The Lord quietly whispered, "This is what I baptized you for."

I carefully opened the door of the room where the man was, desiring to be obedient to what my Lord would say to me. The man was crying and shouting in distress, "I am lost! I am lost! I have committed the unpardonable sin. I am lost! I am lost!" My wife said, "Dad, what shall we do?" The Spirit of the Lord moved me to cry out, "Come out,

thou lying spirit." In a moment the evil spirit went, and the man was free. Deliverance to the captives! And the Lord said to me, "This is what I baptized you for."

There is a place where God, through the power of the Holy Ghost, reigns supreme in our lives. The Spirit reveals, unfolds, takes of the things of Christ and shows them to us, and prepares us to be more than a match for Satanic forces.

When Nicodemus came to Jesus he said, "We know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus said to him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus was struck by the miracles wrought, and Jesus pointed out the necessity of a miracle being wrought with every man who would see the kingdom. When a man is born of God, is brought from darkness to light, a mighty miracle is wrought. Jesus saw every touch by God as a miracle, and so we may expect to see miracles wrought today. It is wonderful to have the Spirit of the Lord upon us. I would rather have the Spirit of God on me for five minutes than to receive a million dollars.

Do you see how Jesus mastered the devil in the wilderness? He knew He was the Son of God and Satan came along with an "if." How many times has Satan come along to you this way? He says, "After all, you may be deceived. You know you really are not a child of God." If the devil comes along and says that you are not saved, it is a pretty sure sign that you are. When he comes and tells you you are not healed, it may be taken as good evidence that the Lord has sent His word and healed you. The devil knows that if he can capture your thought life, he has won a mighty victory over you. His great business is injecting thoughts, but if you are pure and holy you will instantly shrink from them. God wants us to let the mind that was in Christ Jesus, that pure, holy, humble mind of Christ, be in us.

I come across people everywhere I go who are held bound by deceptive conditions, and these conditions have come about simply because they have allowed the devil to make their minds the place of his stronghold. How are we to guard against this? The Lord has provided us with weapons that are mighty through God to the pulling down of these strongholds of the enemy, and by means of which every thought shall be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ and His mighty name are an antidote to all the subtle seeds of unbelief that Satan would sow in your minds.

In the first chapter of Acts, we see that Jesus gave commandment to the disciples that they should wait for the promise of the Father, and He told them that not

many days hence they would be baptized with the Holy Ghost. Luke tells us that he had written his former treatise concerning all that Jesus began both to do and teach. The ministry of Christ did not end at the cross, but the Acts and the epistles give us accounts of what He continued to do and teach through those whom He indwelt. And our blessed Lord Jesus is still alive, and continues His ministry through those who are filled with His Spirit. He is still healing the broken-hearted and delivering the captives through those on whom He places His Spirit.

I was traveling one day in a railway train in Sweden. At one station there boarded the train an old lady with her daughter. The old lady's expression was so troubled that I enquired what was the matter with her. I heard that she was going to the hospital to have her leg taken off. She began to weep as she told that the doctors had said that there was no hope for her except through having her leg amputated. She was seventy years old. I said to my interpreter, "Tell her that Jesus can heal her." The instant this was said to her, it was as though a veil was taken off her face, it became so light. We stopped at another station and the carriage filled up with people. There was a rush of men to board that train and the devil said, "You're done." But I knew I had the best proposition, for hard things are always opportunities to get to the Lord more glory when He manifests His power. Every trial is a blessing. There have been times when I have been pressed through circumstances and it seemed as if a dozen road engines were going over me, but I have found that the hardest things are just lifting places into the grace of God. We have such a lovely Jesus. He always proves Himself to be such a mighty Deliverer. He never fails to plan the best things for us.

The train began moving and I crouched down, and in the name of Jesus commanded the disease to leave. The old lady cried, "I'm healed. I know I'm healed." She stamped her leg and said, "I'm going to prove it." So when we stopped at another station she marched up and down, and shouted "I'm not going to the hospital." Once again our wonderful Jesus had proven Himself a Healer of the broken-hearted, a Deliverer of one that was bound.

At one time I was so bound that no human power could help me. My wife was looking for me to pass away. There was no help. At that time I had just had a faint glimpse of Jesus as the Healer. For six months I had been suffering from appendicitis, occasionally getting temporary relief. I went to the mission of which I was pastor, but I was brought to the floor in awful agony, and they brought me home to my bed. All night I was praying, pleading for deliverance, but none came. My wife was sure it was my home call and sent for a physician. He said that there was no possible chance for me—my body was too weak. Having had the appendicitis for six months, my whole system was drained, and, because of that, he thought that it was too

late for an operation. He left my wife in a state of broken-heartedness.

After he left there came to our door a young man and an old lady. I knew that she was a woman of real prayer. They came upstairs to my room. This young man jumped on the bed and commanded the evil spirit to come out of me. He shouted, "Come out, you devil; I command you to come out in the name of Jesus!" There was no chance for an argument, or for me to tell him that I would never believe that there was a devil inside of me. The thing had to go in the name of Jesus, and it went, and I was instantly healed.

I arose and dressed and went downstairs. I was still in the plumbing business, and I asked my wife, "Is there any work in? I am all right now, and I am going to work." I found that there was a certain job to be done and I picked up my tools and went off to do it. Just after I left, the doctor came in, put his plug hat down in the hall, and walked up to the bedroom. But the invalid was not there. "Where is Mr. Wigglesworth?" he asked. "Oh, doctor, he's gone out to work," said my wife. "You'll never see him alive again," said the doctor; 'they'll bring him back a corpse.'

Well, I'm the corpse.

Since that time the Lord has given me the privilege of praying for people with appendicitis in many parts of the world; and I have seen a great many people up and dressed within a quarter of an hour from the time I prayed for them. We have a living Christ who is willing to meet people on every line.

About eight years ago I met Brother Kerr and he gave me a letter of introduction to a brother in Zion City named Cook. I took his letter to Brother Cook, and he said, "God has sent you here." He gave me the addresses of six people and asked me to go and pray for them and meet him again at 12 o'clock. I got back at about 12:30 and he told me about a young man who was to be married the following Monday. His sweetheart was in Zion City dying of appendicitis. I went to the house and found that the physician had just been there and had pronounced that there was no hope. The mother was nearly distracted and was pulling her hair, and saying, "Is there no deliverance!" I said to her, "Woman, believe God and your daughter will be healed and be up and dressed in fifteen minutes." But the mother went on screaming.

They took me into the bedroom, and I prayed for the girl and commanded the evil spirit to depart in the name of Jesus. She cried, "I am healed." I said to her, "Do you want me to believe that you are healed? If you are healed, get up." She said, "You get out of the room, and I'll get up." In less than ten minutes the doctor came in. He wanted to know what had happened. She said, "A man came in and prayed for me, and I'm healed." The doctor pressed his finger right in the place that had been so sore, and the girl neither moaned nor cried. He said, "This is God." It made no difference whether he acknowledged it or not, I knew that God had worked. Our God is real in saving and healing power today.

Our Jesus is just the same, yesterday, today, and forever. He saves and heals today just as of old, and He wants to be your Saviour and your Healer.

Oh, if you would only believe God! What would happen? The greatest things. Some have never tasted the grace of God, have never had the peace of God. Unbelief robs them of these blessings. It is possible to hear and yet not conceive the truth. It is possible to read the Word and not share in the life it brings. It is necessary for us to have the Holy Ghost to unfold the Word and bring to us the life that is Christ. We can never fully understand the wonders of this redemption until we are full of the Holy Ghost.

I was once at an afternoon meeting. The Lord had been graciously with us and many had been healed by the power of God. Most of the people had gone home and I was left alone, when I saw a young man who evidently was hanging back to have a word. I asked, "What do you want?" He said, "I wonder if I could ask you to pray for me." I said, "What's the trouble?" He said, "Can't you smell?" The young fellow had gone into sin and was suffering the consequences. He said, "I have been turned out of two hospitals. I am broken out all over. I have abscesses all over me." And I could see that he had a bad breaking out at the nose. He said, "I heard you preach, and could not understand about this healing business, and was wondering if there was any hope for me."

I said to him, "Do you know Jesus?" He did not know the first thing about salvation, but I said to him, "Stand still." I placed my hands on his head and then on his loins and cursed that terrible disease in the name of Jesus. He cried out, "I know I'm healed. I can feel a warmth and a glow all over me." I said, "Who did it?" He said, "Your prayers." I said, "No, it was Jesus!" He said, "Was it He? Oh, Jesus! Jesus! Jesus save me." And that young man went away healed and saved. Oh, what a merciful God we have! What a wonderful Jesus is ours!

Are you oppressed? Cry out to God. It is always good for people to cry out. You may have to cry out. The Holy Ghost and the Word of God will bring to light every hidden, unclean thing that must be revealed. There is always a place of deliverance when you let God search out that which is spoiling and marring your life. That evil spirit that was in the man in the synagogue cried out, "Let us alone!" It was a singular thing that that evil spirit never cried out like that until Jesus walked into the place where he was. Jesus rebuked the thing, saying, "Hold thy peace and come out of him;" and the man was delivered. He is just the same Jesus, exposing the powers of evil, delivering the captives and letting the oppressed go free, purifying them and cleansing their hearts. Those evil spirits that inhabited the man who had the legion did not want to be sent to the pit to be tormented before their time, and so they cried out to be sent into the swine. Hell is such an awful place that even the demons hate the thought of going there. How much more should men seek to be saved from the pit?

God is compassionate and says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found." And He has further stated, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Seek Him now, call on His name right now, and there is forgiveness, healing, redemption, deliverance, and everything you need for you right here and now, and that which will satisfy you throughout eternity.

OUR DIVINE INTERCESSOR

We have a High Priest who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. His intercession did not cease at the cross when He prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." That was for sinners. He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.

The children of Israel laid their hands upon the sacrifice and confessed their sins, and the priest offered the sin bearer. Jesus Christ knows our sins and our weaknesses, and He intercedes—the great High Priest, and God looks at Him and acts because of Him who alike bore our sins and intercedes on our behalf.

God, man, and priest are all in one in our great High Priest. He is the Son of man and the Son of God. He can intercede with God because He is God, and He can intercede for man because He is man. God and man meet in God's High Priest.

He can pray when you can pray least. He prays when you have ceased to pray. He ever liveth to make intercession—availing prayer, comprehensive prayer, comprehensive for the individual and all individuals who will avail themselves of the services of the High Priest.

What is the claim that gives the right to call upon Him? The need constitutes the claim. Come to Him in your need. He ever liveth to make intercession for you.

There was always a priest available for any of the children of Israel. Today there is always a Priest available for the children of God. Enlist His services. He ever liveth to make intercession. He is listening to your requests and waiting to pass them on to His Father. Amen.

WHAT WE LIVE FOR

"I wonder how many Christian people here could have their biographies condensed into this line, 'He lived to make Christ known.' Might it not be said of one, 'He lived to open a shop, and then to open another.' Or of another, 'He lived to save a good deal of money and take shares in limited liability companies.' Or of a third, 'He lived to paint a real picture.' Or of a fourth, 'He was best known for his genial hospitality.' Of many a preacher it might be said, 'He lived to preach splendid sermons, and to gain credit for fine oratory.' What of all these? If it can be said of a man, 'He lived to glorify Christ,' then his life is a life. Every Christian man ought so to live."—C. H. Spurgeon.

A prayerful ministry is the only ministry that brings the preacher into sympathy with the people.—Bounds.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by E. N. BELL

2010. Please explain 1 John 5:6-8.

Please do not ask questions like this one. Really this is no question at all, but rather a request to write a commentary on a certain passage. I may do this, and yet miss the point that is troubling you. Always state the point, the doctrine, or view that is troubling you, and then ask a question that will bring you help on this particular point. I will paraphrase this passage so as to bring out the meaning. Who can overcome the powers against him in this world, except one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is truly divine, and brings us help and strength from above? This Son of God, Jesus Christ, shed from His side on the cross for our salvation and victory both water and blood; not water only, but blood also; and it takes the blood to cleanse us truly from sin. The water is only a symbol of cleansing. When we are truly born again, the Spirit bears witness to us that we have become a child of God, for it is the work of the Spirit to bear witness to the truth of what God does for us through faith in Jesus Christ. There are three witnesses in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three witnesses constitute only one God. Moreover there are three witnesses on earth to our salvation, the water as a symbol of cleansing, the blood which truly cleanses from sin, and the Spirit which applies the blood to our hearts and then lets us know that the work is done; and these three agree in one testimony to the reality of our salvation.

2011. Does Isa. 9:6 refer to Jesus Christ? If so, in what respect is He the Everlasting Father?

Yes, this refers to Christ. The term Father here does not mean the same as "the Father" in the New Testament. There it means "the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here it means only, as the margin shows, "the Father of Eternity." It means Christ is Eternal.

2012. Does the Word leave us free to violate game laws, if the game is on our own property?

There are no game laws in the New Testament. We are expected to obey all the laws of our land, not in direct conflict with the Word of God. In general, Christians should be examples of law-abiding citizens. Most game laws permit us to kill game in the forbidden season when it is damaging our crops. But do not let us split hairs over killing a bird or a duck, and begin to judge and fall out with each other over these small matters. The kingdom of God is not meat and drink or killing game, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

2013. Is it compromising for saints baptized in the Holy Ghost to have birthday parties, eat food, play and mix with the

worldly people? Will that draw sinners to Christ?

It all depends on exactly what is "played," and the spirit and atmosphere of the whole thing. If Christ and the Spirit of God controls, there is no harm in a birthday dinner or supper with our friends. The presence of unsaved people will not hurt, if we lead instead of letting them lead; if we seek to lead them from sin to Christ instead of seeking to be led to the marriage altar or something of the kind. The motive to glorify Christ must be right, and nothing wrong or ungodly must be done. We will get burnt if we play with the devil's fire.

2014. In Rom. 6:2-5 does Paul refer to water baptism or to the Baptism in the Spirit?

This burial "by baptism" refers to water baptism. But this "into death" is symbolic, not literal as the terms "into Christ" and "into death" would seem to imply. Read the 6th verse and get Paul's own explanation that it is after all only "the likeness (picture) of his death, and in the likeness of his resurrection." Water baptism presupposes a death to sin, a faith that identifies us with Christ in His death on the cross for us, identifies us with His being raised up for us. By appropriating His death for sin we die with Him, and then die to sin, and we live with Him through the regenerating or life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. In water baptism these great facts are acted out in a symbol, in a likeness, in a moving picture. Faith having actually identified us with His death and resurrection, we are now in a figure identified with Him in His death and resurrection. Perhaps water baptism also points to the Baptism in the Spirit.

2015. In Luke 15:25-32, why was the faithful son angry, and what lesson does it teach us?

He represents the Jews, especially the Pharisees and scribes who had criticized Jesus (vs. 1, 2). He, like them, was too righteous to forgive a repenting brother who had sinned, but who, like the prodigal, came back to the Father, saying, "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight." He was angry because his father forgave the prodigal son, and killed the fatted calf for him, and was making him welcome. The elder son should have been glad, too, and have forgiven his repentant brother. The lesson: Don't be an unforgiving Pharisee! We should have grace enough to forgive every one who truly repents the same as God does.

2016. Do you believe it is possible that the professed Christian women who adopt the hell-born follies of fashion and expose large portions of their bodies and limbs, as in the much-prevailing style, really and truly are members of the church such as she is described in 2 Cor. 11:2 and Eph. 5:24?

Many saved men and women are caught in the whirlpool of modern style and just feel that they are disgraced if they do not follow the extreme fashions of the day. They may belong to the body of Christ, but not "as described in Eph. 5:24," for there they are completely obedient to Christ. All such weak-kneed Christians pierce themselves through with many sorrows, and are a poor example to the world of what one should be who is "engaged as a chaste virgin to Christ," as in 2 Cor. 11:2.

It is a shame for any Christian woman to wear peek-aboo stockings with knee skirts to show her legs as high up as she dare, to wear a waist which merely has a string around her shoulders, exposing just as much as she dares of her feminine frontage! If any sister who reads this is guilty of such things, let her remember that she is following the styles invented in Paris for the express purpose of enticing men and for stirring up their baser passions, that even ministers of the Gospel have been made to fall, as recent court records show, by such enticing exposure by so-called sisters in Christ. Wake up, sister, before you slide into hell, and carry others with you.

You can take a middle course—be nice and neat enough for the king's palace, like Lady Astor, and yet free from these extremes. We do not believe it is at all required by the Lord that we dress like beggars or so as to lose the respect of those we seek to win for Christ. But no Christian woman will lose the respect of the most fashionable by being more modest in dress than the world; rather it will increase her power for Christ.

YOUR HEART AND TREASURE TOGETHER

All of God's true people love the Lord, and Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there will be your heart also." If your heart is in the cause of the Lord, your treasure should therefore be in His cause. You can make this so, and yet have a lifelong income from the same

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Little Is Much When God Is In It.

A True Story by Mrs. Cyril Bird

Chapter V.

"Put thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5).

Our little praying circle, very subdued in His presence, listens with bated breath as Abigail relates the story of the home-going of our priest. Surely it pays to pray! Hearts are bowed in thankfulness, humility creeps over the soul, the pulse quickens its beat. What a reality prayer is! Hush! we are on holy ground. And they bow the knee in that mighty Presence, hearing Jesus say, "If ye will ask the Father anything in my name, I will do it." Thus encouraged, they now cry unto God for the deliverance of the soul of Sister Cautious and that of the priest's brother. Oh, that they, too, may know Him. "Father, answer the priest's prayer, Jesus Christ's sake."

Once more we find Sister Abigail at the hospital, but not on this occasion to meet Sister Cautious, but to visit none other than one of our little praying circle, Mrs. S——, who was taken there very seriously ill. So, day by day for two weeks, visits are made, with persistent distribution of those little leaflets. Just leaving them here, there, everywhere. One evening Mrs. S—— seemed to be stronger; the temptation to linger a little longer than usual was almost too much, especially as the patient felt strangely well and happy, and requested to hear something about our little praying circle and what was happening. Was not Sister Abigail's heart full? Oh, had not much been happening? Had she not much to tell? Kneeling at the bedside she related all about our conductor, telling how the little tract was finding its way to souls. Then the scenes of that sickroom were gone over. How subdued the voice! How intense the tone as they near the very portals of glory, and the last words are uttered from the lips of the priest, "Unto—that—day!"

The lights had been lowered in the ward. Everything was hushed, save the quiet tread of the nurse who was keeping watch. Frequently she drew near, slowly, almost hesitatingly, she passed, but, lost in wonder, with their hearts thrilled; they had forgotten everything. The nurse stops now; oh, yes, and they, too, have been recalled to earth, for she is at their side. It is time for medicine. When it is given, Sister Abigail is asked if she would like the light turned up a little? "Oh, no! perhaps you wish me to go now, as it is rather later than usual?" "No, you need not; you are speaking so quietly that you don't disturb anyone." Then she kindly offered Sister Abigail a chair, telling her to go on with her story. Had she heard it all? Did she want to hear more? Sister Abigail remained on her knees quite close to the patient, and soon again they were lost to all around. Why, is there more to

tell? Yes, indeed. "Their works do follow them."

A letter had been received from a stranger on the day of a recent prayer meeting which brought back memories, reminding our praying ones of God's faithfulness in answering prayer. A year before Sister Abigail had gone forth on one of her little missions, and was waiting with others at a street corner for the car. Among those waiting was a very strange-looking little man, deformed, his limbs twisted, a large hump on his back. The first impulse was to say, "Poor fellow! Just hear that racking cough; and he can hardly get into the car!" Giving a funny spring, he leaps to the seat that is too high for him, when the car starts with a sudden jerk. See, he is falling forward, and Abigail puts forth her hand to steady him. Their eyes meet as he expresses his thanks. Hers, filled with intense compassion and pity, move him; but, oh! the bitterness of the tone, as he ironically remarks, "It is nice to be like this, isn't it?" "No, indeed it is not; but if you will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ your body will be beautiful like His some day." "I don't believe it. I believe in God as a Supreme Being, but cannot see wherein He is a loving God when He has made me like this." Then Sister Abigail produces a New Testament, saying, "My little Book shows me that if you will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ He will change your poor body and make it like His own glorious body." She marked Philippians 3:21; John 3:14-18; 1 Corinthians 15:35-57, and made him promise to read the Book. She told the praying circle at this time of this poor deformed young fellow, bitter in spirit, and, of course, they prayed for his salvation.

Now the letter comes, saying: "About a year ago you gave a Testament to a lame man on a car—a very little, much-deformed man. You looked so sorry for him, and begged him to believe on Jesus and he would be changed. On opening the Testament he found enclosed a tract about a conductor. He read it, and said, 'I cannot go a Christless grave.' Mother urged him to read the little Book, and he found from John 3:16 that God loved even him. He believed on Him, and has not gone to a Christless grave, but has gone to heaven to be changed, to have a new, glorious body. 'Oh!' said he, 'Thank the lady, and tell her to look at others as she looked at me.' Mother is saved, and I, too, for we all read the little Book, and we don't drink beer or whiskey any more, and we will tell every one we know to read it, too." "And now, dear Mrs. S——, I must go; but isn't it wonderful that God should so bless the tract about our conductor?" Well! it would be more wonderful if He did not! How good He is to answer our prayers. Surely, it pays to pray, and "little is much when God is in it."

But the nurse had overheard, and asks Sister Abigail, "Is what you have been telling about the priest true?" "Oh, yes; have you heard? How much have you heard?" "I think I heard it all. I found one of those little papers under a mat—the one about the conductor, and on two different occasions I gave it to some patients." Then she repeated the words the priest said, "I know whom I have believed." "Whom have you believed? the Lord Jesus Christ?" A short conversation followed, and she was given the gospel of John to read. At a later interview she, too, could mingle her voice with others, truly saying, "I, too, know; yes, I know whom I have believed." She took her vacation shortly after this, and is now doing private nursing.

It was only three hours after Sister Abigail's visit when Mrs. S—— became suddenly worse, and was soon ushered into the presence of the King, where, face to face, she could meet the subjects of the story she had listened to with such interest—the conductor, the priest, the little man. Wonder of wonders, and I shall be there! Will you?

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-:- Reports From the Field. -:-

MOOREHOUSE, MO.—Just closed a 12-nights meeting with Pastor C. R. Jones. Five were saved. There was opposition also. Pray for this place.—Elmer Smith, Home address, Marquand, Mo.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND—We are having our fourth annual convention, and the Lord is blessing. Thus far 8 souls have been saved. We continue on with special meetings over the New Year.—F. A. Archer.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEX.—God is blessing in this place. Five were saved recently in three services. Men and women are under conviction. Praise God for real Pentecostal preachers who stand upon God's promises.—Frona Wilson.

BARBER, ARK.—There are but three here who have the Baptism. The nearest band is about 15 miles away. There are several believers here. Pray that the Lord will send a preacher and raise up a band of true worshippers.—Byron Hampton.

AVANT, OKLA.—We have just closed a three-weeks meeting here; several were saved and the saints were wonderfully built up. God used Brother J. E. Miller of McCurtain, Okla. In a blessed way in giving out the Word.—Pastor J. O. Warner.

CROWLEY, LA.—The work here has been hindered by not having a place in which to meet; but thanks to our Father in heaven He has opened the way once more for us to have a regular place. We are planning to build, and we are believing God for great things here. Pray for us that hearts may be touched to give the means with which to build. Since December 18, 1922, \$170.75 has been subscribed.—Mrs. Ruben Sawyer.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Souls are getting saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Last Sunday night we had the largest attendance yet; 4 were saved and 1 received the Baptism, and several others were seeking. We are enlarging the hall from 40x40 to 60x40 with another room adjoining, about 30x40, which can be opened when needed. Pray for a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit.—Irl J. Walker, pastor.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—In April we put up our tent and declared war on the enemy at Rutledge, Ala. God wonderfully blessed our efforts. Brother I. N. Jordan, having been with us before and having scattered seed that fell on good ground, it now brought forth good fruit. About 12 were saved and baptized in water. Brother A. D. Robinson was faithful in helping to push the battle in that needy field. As soon as the weather will permit we hope to be out again.—W. H. Hurtt and wife.

ALTON, ILL.—Two weeks of union prayer service, in which all the five churches of Upper Alton joined, have just closed. Had a blessed time of fellowship together. The plastering on our new church was finished today (Jan. 20.) It looks very pretty. We held our Christmas program in it though it was not finished then. The next Sunday night we held the evening service there, and God set His seal on the new building by saving 5 souls—2 men and 3 women, one of the men being one of the carpenters who had worked on the building. We expect to move in about March 1, and have a convention and revival. Mr. Kortkamp is holding a little meeting out at Bethalto, for Brother Brewer, who has been chosen pastor. We take out a truck load of young people as singers, musicians and personal workers each night. The people say that they never saw such young people. Last night was a healing service, and the building was filled.—Mrs. A. W. Kortkamp.

NOONAN, N. DAK.—Brother and Sister Miller have charge of the assembly at this place, and the Lord has blessed their ministry. At a meeting held at Minot this month, Brother and Sister Miller were re-ordained to the ministry. Minot is having quite a revival and bids fair to become a strong center in this part of the state for the full gospel.—Frank J. Lindquist.

JASONVILLE, IND.—Bro. W. L. Brant and Bro. and Sr. Nankivell of Chicago have recently held a campaign for us here. Much good was done. The Pentecostal message was given in such an interesting way as to break down much prejudice against the truth and to make a friendlier spirit toward the Pentecostal people here. The souls saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit came through real and nothing doubting. Brother and Sister Nankivell's particular ministry was the musical part of the campaign, but they also gave helpful messages from the Word. Many sick were prayed for. The Brant-Nankivell trio will be a blessing wherever they go.—Paul C. Bucher.

WINTER GARDEN, FLA.—We have been engaged in a revival here for the past three weeks. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. Several prayed through in the old time way and were sweetly saved. Also several received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. We set the church in order with 22 members. The assembly here wishes to enter into fellowship with the General Council. Brother Louis Powell was chosen pastor to look after and care for the flock for the time being. We have no church building yet, but are praying that the Lord will move somebody's heart to give or sell us a lot on which to build. We ask the Evangel family to join us in prayer for this. The meeting still continues (Jan. 23). It probably will run through this week. Numbers are under conviction, some of whom we expect will find the Lord before the meeting closes.—Evang. J. C. Thames.

GONZALES, TEXAS—We have been here two weeks. The first week we had house to house services, as there was no public place of meeting. Later we secured a small building, 16x30 and rented lumber for seats, and now we can accommodate perhaps 125 people. We have had services in this building for one week, with very good interest. Many are hungry for the Lord; but Satan is fighting hard. Several have come a distance for prayer for healing, and the Lord is manifesting His power and proving surely that He is with us. This is an old field, but the work has never been established. There is a litte band of faithful saints standing with us and lining up to the Word; so we are expecting a mighty wave of victory to sweep over us. By the grace of God and the prayers of you all, we will be able to fight the battle through, and God will get the glory. Pray much for this, that many will be saved and hantized and that the work will be established to the glory of God.—C. C. Kirkland and band.

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KITZMILLER, MD.—We praise God for the Pentecostal power which fell in this place about 10 years ago. And the fire is still burning. We are glad for the Pentecostal Evangel. It has brought many blessings to the saints here, as we see how God is working throughout the land. We are in cooperation with the council and are praying for a revival in this place. And we ask all the dear readers to pray that God will give us a mighty outpouring of the latter rain. We have no pastor, yet God is mightily working. One Sister received the Baptism New Year's night in our cottage prayer meeting. We have regular services in our church Wednesday and Thursday, Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching service 11 a. m., and a service at 7:30 p. m. Pray for us.—R. T. Davis, Treasurer.

PARRY SOUND, ONT.—We have just concluded a two-weeks revival here with Brother A. Remington, of Kitchener, Ontario, as Evangelist. Praise the Lord, the very first meeting showed us that the Lord was with us. The power and spiritual tide kept rising with every meeting. Thirty-four souls came out for salvation, fifteen received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost, and 12 followed the Lord in water Baptism. The love and unity of the saints was precious to our souls, and was one of the outstanding features of the revival, and did much to make the meetings a blessing to all who attended them. Brother Remington came to us in the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit, and his messages gripped our hearts, and we can heartily recommend him to the Pentecostal brethren as a safe and experienced evangelist, filled with the Spirit, but free from all fanaticism, who will prove a blessing to both pastor and people wherever he may labor.—E. Turner, pastor.

PRAIRIE FLOWER, CALIF.—We have great reason to praise God for His wonderful goodness to us at The Prairie Flower School House, as even in this forsaken community God has come forth and saved sinners, and during a week of Special Meetings the Lord baptized 5 in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4. The Showers are still falling and since these meetings closed, 3 more have been filled with the Holy Spirit and one young girl was reclaimed to the Lord, and several have also been healed of chronic diseases, for which we give God all the glory. This little band is growing in the Lord and the country is stirred as they see and hear what our God is doing. Pray with us that God may keep each one of these little ones true to Him, and that the work may continue to grow.—Bro. & Sis. B. Knutsen. Add. P. O. Box 486, Turlock, Calif.

FREDONIA, N. Y.—The Pentecostal Assembly here ventured forth and took a large Hall and secured the services of Evangelist Bert Williams of Perry, N. Y. This brother is a fearless speaker and has a clear 100 per cent Pentecostal message. The nature of the meetings was in a great measure governed by the nature of the audience, and for the most part those who came were church members; therefore the messages were on the need of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit for holy living and service. Quite a number came forward to seek the Baptism in the Spirit. Though the meetings were not so well attended as we had hoped, yet we were glad to see so many who desire to go on with God. Several were saved, and since the meetings we have had tarrying meetings. Two have received the Baptism in the Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and several had a wonderful anointing of the Spirit and are still seeking. We are thankful for the visit of our brother, and he has endeared himself to very many of us. We are glad the spirit of revival is still with us and we are looking to the Lord to send another Spirit-filled evangelist who will continue the good work; for we feel that in a measure the local prejudice has been broken down, and we are encouraged to make fresh ventures in the name of the Lord.—Arthur W. Frodsham, pastor.

**WOODWORTH-ETTER TABERNACLE
REVIVAL**

Our Christmas, also Easter and Midsummer revivals are an annual affair. God has given us the best revivals ever held in the tabernacle. Brother John Goben of Lucas, Iowa, was greatly used of God in giving out the Word.

Sister Etter, who has been unusually well in body this winter, was ever present to pray for the sick and afflicted as they came in. Time and again every available space was taken up in the tabernacle and people had to be turned away because there was no more room.

One old gray-haired man with a deadly cancer on his face and forehead was turned out of the hospital here because he did not have the price of treatment in advance. The Salvation Army took him in and were making arrangements to send him back home to the state of Idaho. But the man begged to be taken to the Pentecostal mission. The Army called us up and asked if we would take him in if they brought him out here. Arrangements were made to take care of him. He was prayed for and anointed and today you would hardly know the man. His cancer is nearly all gone and every time that he testifies the power of God comes down upon him and he gets so happy that he does not know what to do with himself.

We had some wonderful cases of healing. Saints came in from practically all the surrounding states. I believe that close to thirty received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A goodly number were baptized in water. One Methodist minister, who has preached the gospel for over 20 years, received a wonderful Holy Spirit Baptism and is out and out for full Pentecost now.

Beginning with Jan. 27 and up to Feb. 11 Brother D. E. Boatright of Des Moines, Iowa, will assist. Everybody is cordially invited to take in this special campaign with us.—August Felck, Indianapolis, Ind.

WICHITA, KANS.—We have a nice new building leased on the main avenue where we opened a mission 5 months ago. God is blessing in every way—good crowds, some getting saved and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit all along, and we are reaching out to the small towns around where I have gone and preached. Now I want to send tracts to them. I came here and opened the work after Sister McPherson's meeting, and have preached each Sunday since. I let the ones who feel the call of the Lord lead the week night service. When any of the Assemblies of God ministers pass this way would be glad to have them visit us. The mission address is 1514 E. Douglas.—Anna Hartman, 1350 N. Wichita St., Wichita, Kans.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.—It is wonderful what God is doing in our midst. When I first came I found several backsliders and unsaved heads of families. So I began to pray for these first, that they might get out of the way of others. We prayed God to convict them, and, if they would not yield, to afflict them. In answer to that prayer, a 16-year-old girl was afflicted and sent for us to pray for her healing. But we cried out for the healing of the soul. She got saved, received the Baptism, and was wonderfully healed, and God gave her a wonderful vision. Since that time God certainly has been bringing them in. Five young people were saved last Tuesday night, and 2 young girls who were backsliders were wonderfully reclaimed, and tarried until the Holy Spirit came according to Acts 2:4. Another received the Baptism Wednesday night. Sunday night several came to the altar, and another backslider tarried until God gave him the Baptism. It was wonderful to witness the scene as he was prostrated on the floor for at least an hour, speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. We cover your prayers that we may stand firm and preach the Word. We welcome any Spirit-filled Council preacher passing this way to stop off and preach for us; but for him to pass on who soweth discord among the brethren, for ye are an abomination to God (Prov. 6:16-19).—S. A. Thorp, pastor.

WESSON, ABE.—We have just closed a 15-days meeting. Brother J. M. Kerr of Texas was with us. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. No count was kept of the number of souls saved and reclaimed. A number were filled with the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4. Many sick bodies were healed in answer to prayer. The saints were encouraged to go on with the Lord.—A. L. Casey, Pastor.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS.—Again we want to sound a note of praise unto the Lord for sending Brother A. F. Gardiner and wife of Humble, Texas, our way to hold a holiday revival. We were made to feel the presence of the Lord as Brother Gardiner was used of the Lord to give us some very thoughtful lessons on the teachings of the Assembly of God Church. The last night of the meeting he gave us a message on, "Who We Are, and What We Believe," which did open people's eyes to the truth of our work. And the greatest of all was a real harvest of souls. There were 14 saved, 6 baptized in water and 17 filled with the Holy Spirit. Still we are going on to victory. Our assembly has grown very much in the past six months. We were only about 50 or 60 but now we have on the roll about 125; 14 joined our church the last night of the meeting. We are expecting the Lord to give us a greater harvest of souls in this part of the field this year than we have ever had. We covet the prayers of all God's dear children that we will stay humble and let the Lord continue to work.—Doyle Davis, pastor.

BROUGHT BACK WHEN DYING

I want to tell of the wonderful healing power that the Lord manifested in our house Jan. 3, 1923. Our baby girl, nearly three weeks old came down with pneumonia, and at midnight we saw that Baby Elizabeth was dying. We feared to call a doctor, for we had our Lord, who could heal. So wife and I got down in prayer to the Lord to save our child. We prayed unceasingly till 3 o'clock, when I looked to see if Baby Elizabeth was any better. But I found that her eyes were nearly set in death. I could raise the lids only an eighth of an inch. The warmth of her body was nearly gone, and the body was turning to the whiteness of death. We sent for a saint. We nearly gave up; but we stood still by what God promises us, that whoever shall believe shall receive. We all three prayed till 6 o'clock, when we received victory; the baby opened her eyes, the blood began to circulate, and the heat and life came back to her body, and today (Jan 5) she is doing fine, picking up in health wonderfully. This healing has stirred the whole neighborhood, and all are talking about it. We wish also to state that Elizabeth was brought into this world without a doctor. We trusted the Lord for that, and He wonderfully blessed us. We praise and give God all the glory. I praise God, too, that I found Christ by believing the way Pentecostal people believe.—Winfield E. Cone and wife, 1444 Fulton St., Saginaw, Mich.

"Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still."

Under the heading, "God Will Preserve Himself a Church," Bob Shuler, Pastor Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., declares as follows (in the January "King's Business"—boldfaced type ours):

"My prediction is that not a generation remains between this day and the formation of a mighty body of believers, the strongest and most powerful that ever shook the world. Call them fundamentalists or what you please, they are massing from the rivers to the ends of the earth. They are ready to break with any and all denominations when the call of God shall sound. They will not abide the presence of that foe who would cut the Old Book to shreds, depose Jesus Christ from His throne of Deity, and rob the heart of man of the mighty change, known as the New Birth and taught by the fathers, whose eyes were fixed on the Cross and whose messages never wandered far from the fountain of blood.

"It will all but tear the heart out of some of us when the rending of the timbers is heard. For we love the churches in which we were cradled. We are ready to give our lives to them. We are even ready to shed our blood for them. But we will not be led into the trap of the deceiver and the snare of the despoiler by our leaders. They must lead toward God or we will refuse to follow . . .

"God will preserve Him a church that stands for the Old Book in its entirety; that battles for the Deity of Jesus Christ in the completeness of that doctrine; that preaches a salvation of blood, a new birth that is followed by a gracious experience of conscious relation, of sonship, of spiritual growth and of Holy Ghost experience; that evangelizes the world in the name of Jesus Christ, driving back false doctrines and stubbornly standing before every foe that would pull down Golgotha or lessen the meaning of our Lord's victorious coming from the tomb. In such a church I can work and pray, sing and shout, preach and be happy. AND THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS LIKE ME. The name of that church matters little."

NOTE.—Little more than a month of the New Year has passed by, yet during this same month in the office where the above message is being reproduced literal thousands of requests for prayer have been received, and the burden of these requests outweighing every other burden is increasingly that of prayer for revival. Among these thousands was this one: "Pray that the Methodist Episcopal denomination may be completely purged of its higher criticism and unbelief."

Then came the message above—as it were God's own answer to the request—His assurance that indeed (as D. M. Panton says) "a work of the Holy Ghost is before us absolutely unparalleled in the history of the human race"—purging not a part but the whole true Church of Christ, and overflowing the world from the rivers to the uttermost bounds of earth. The tramp, tramp, tramp of the mightiest spiritual army this world has ever known will soon be heard.

Let prayer be increased a thousandfold—though "the prince of the kingdom of Persia" and all his armies continue to withstand the oncoming hosts of heaven, GOD'S ANSWER is on the way. There has never been a heaven-sent revival which has not been preceded by utter prostration before God. Therefore, PRAY!

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AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION AFFECTING PROSPECTIVE MISSIONARIES

In view of conditions prevailing in the Pentecostal movement, and in prospect of greater unity among the missionaries who go to the various portions of the earth to proclaim the glad tidings of a full salvation to dying men, an important resolution was passed recently by the Foreign Missions Committee of the General Council affecting prospective missionaries.

It has been customary for those who desired appointment for the foreign field, to obtain the endorsement of their home assembly to the point that the home assembly agrees to stand back of the prospective missionary with moral, spiritual, and financial support. Then application was made to the Foreign Missions Committee for appointment to the field. If all conditions were met satisfactorily, an appointment was granted and the missionary proceeded to the field. Very few of these applicants were known personally to the members of the Committee, the acquaintanceship being limited to correspondence only.

Such conditions have not been altogether satisfactory. It is unreasonable for us to expect that missionaries who have received their training in widely separated portions of America, under varying conditions, shall work together in perfect unity and harmony. Furthermore, it has been found that many missionaries had little or no knowledge of the principles of cooperation and fellowship. Then how can we expect them to follow principles about which they know little or nothing? The marvel is that there has been such unity and fellowship on the field when so many conditions have contributed to prevent it. Truly God is good and His mercy endureth forever.

For some time it has been recognized that a definite attempt must be made to give all prospective missionaries the same understanding of Council principles. Then we could expect that when the prospective missionary goes to the field he would naturally fall in with the program of the missionaries who have preceded him and would more easily adapt himself to the new conditions in which he finds himself. With this thought in view it has been decided that in future all prospective missionaries who have made application to the Foreign Missions Committee for appointment to the mission field, before such appointment is finally granted, shall be expected to visit headquarters with a view to a better understanding of the principles of the Council and an acquaintanceship with the brethren who hold this work in trust. If the prospective missionary can spend a term in the Central

Bible Institute at Springfield it will be even more valuable to him than a brief stay at headquarters. The same advice is given to the missionary who returns home on furlough. It is astonishing how misunderstandings vanish and difficulties are straightened out through personal contact. Difficulties which cannot be adjusted by correspondence are easily disposed of when we can look into each other's eyes, can talk together and pray together. This is the value of personal contact and necessity for this contact cannot be overestimated when it affects missionaries who are going to the ends of the earth and yet must keep in constant touch with the home base through the Foreign Missions Department of the Council.

W. K. NORTON IN AMERICA

Brother W. K. Norton of Benares, India, has reached America in safety. The Pilgrim's Mission in India continues its work in the absence of Brother Norton, but he is responsible for its support. Brother Norton's new address is Postoffice Box 474, Los Angeles, Calif.

FEBRUARY—A SHORT MONTH

The records of the Missionary Treasurer show that for the past four or five years offerings have decreased during the month of February, making February a short month. With this knowledge we can be forewarned and can concentrate our prayers and efforts in the direction of making February as good a month as any other month in the year. Let us all look to the Lord together to open hearts so that there may be no lack for the missionaries during February.

ANNA HELMBRECHT TO ASSIST SISTER HARVEY

Miss Helmbrecht writes from India, "I landed in India October 20 and was surely surprised when I reached North India to learn that Brother Harvey had passed away. So when I reached Nawabganj I found a heart-broken, grief-stricken woman. This has indeed been a terrible blow to Mrs. Harvey. She asked me to remain on here at least temporarily and also desired that I should remain on here while she goes home on furlough. After waiting on the Lord for some time about this, and also having had a talk with Brother W. K. Norton regarding the matter, I wrote to Brother Norton to put the matter before the Presbytery of the District Council here on the field for their approval, which he did and their reply was a hearty approval. So I wish to say that I expect to be here at Nawabganj in the work and my address will be Nawabganj instead of Mankapur."

THE CHICAGO MISSIONARY REST HOME

Miss Droegmiller, the matron of the Missionary Home in Chicago, sends the following news from the home: "We praise God for His many blessings during the past year and for supplying all our needs. Surely we have lacked no good thing. Though the mortgage has not yet been lifted, our running expenses have all been met, for which we praise Him. We also thank him for protecting a barrel of fruit that was lost but found in a Catholic Hospital, though untouched. We also thank all the friends that sent in fruit and chickens and other articles for the Holidays and may God bless and reward them.

"Fifty missionaries have been in the Home the past year, and at present we have Brother and Sister Schroder and two children from China, Brother and Sister Juergensen and two daughters from Japan, Brother Olazabal from Mexico and Sister Schuls, an outgoing missionary to China. Our prayer for everyone of those who have been in the Home is that God may richly bless them and give them many souls for His Kingdom. We ask an interest in your prayers."—Mary Droegmiller, Bertha Anderson.

VICTORY IN SOUTH CHINA.

Miss Blanche E. Appleby writes of the Lord's dealings with the missionaries and workers in Lo Pau, South China. "On the last night of the old year we met at Precious Grace School for a watch night service. Miss Kunkle, myself and fifteen or sixteen of the Chinese made up the little company. While singing 'The Banner of the Cross,' the spirit of anointing in prayer and praise fell upon us and God's presence was most real. One sweet benediction to my heart was bringing different ones to remembrance for prayer. 'The Holy Spirit definitely brought all or you dear ones at Springfield to my mind.

"God has graciously answered prayer in Lo Pau in delivering a little boy and a woman of forty years or more of demon possession. Seven of us went to pray for the woman, one being a new convert. When we reached the house we saw the demon possessed woman out in front, sitting in a chair singing in a minor strain, with wild eyes, almost fierce at times. A crowd of people surrounded her, enjoying the sport. We were grieved and told her to come into the house, asking all to go out who were not believers. Thanks be unto God for the merit and power of the blood of Jesus Christ! After prayer we invited the woman to go to our dwelling, where we all prayed again. Then she came the next day for prayer, and now she is able to buy, cook, etc. God has answered and rebuked the demon, but strange to say, this woman is not as hungry to hear the Gospel as she should be.

"God has blessedly anointed Brother Kelley since his illness in the summer. He was with us four or five days in special meetings and the interest was splendid. He preached under the wonderful anointing, especially his message regarding the resurrection. It seems the Word of God has gripped him in a new way. Already I can see that his illness was for the glory of God."

P. J. Andreasen and wife write from India as follows, "The work is progressing in spite of many problems and discouragements and the attitude of the people around us is changing considerably for the better. Whereas they used to keep away from us or take a very threatening attitude, we now find them quite open and friendly while a number who are sick have come seeking our help and a number are inquiring the way of salvation.

"It would be difficult for the average person at home to realize the difficulties facing a missionary who is seeking to present the Gospel to a raw heathen. It is said that the average uneducated villager only has a very small vocabulary and if added to this you consider that he has no knowledge whatever of our Lord or His salvation, yea, very frequently has not even heard the name of Jesus, you will realize a little of the problem. Not only does the missionary have to acquire the language of his district, but he must at least in some measure also acquire its dialects, and having acquired this, he must frequently teach the natives their own language and make them understand its meaning, when he wants to teach them of the things of the Kingdom of God. How strange to watch their blank faces when speaking to people who never before have heard the precious name of our Lord. Needless to say this work cannot be done in the style of 'Evangelistic meetings' at home, nor with like results, but must be accomplished through the faithful plodding along, sowing the Word of God.

"Recently we went into a Mohammedan (Continued on page 16)

INDIA'S MOST URGENT NEED

M. Marguerite Flint

She stands just outside the door, a sturdy little figure with soft curls clustering about a round, happy little face, our Star Baby. We have gathered in the front room of the Mission House for the Sunday morning service, girls and women sitting in rows on the floor, behind them the colporters, preachers and their wives. Those of the little ones yet too small for meetings play quietly out on the veranda. The preacher reads the text for the morning from the Gospel of John: "Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. He that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst." These words have caught the ear of the baby outside and have brought her straight to the open door, and, as the text is repeated distinctly, "I am the bread of life," an eager little voice calls, "Kuch roti mujh ko do, Babu" ("Give me a little of that bread, please"). Ah, Star Baby, we smile as we gather you close, and then we think of that other morning, two years ago, when you lay crying in your misery on the mud floor of a heathen home in a Hindu village, unwelcome, uncared for. We think of the evening when a weary little mother gathered you in weak arms and carried you out to the shadows at the edge of the village, where she dug a grave with trembling fingers and paused to listen as she laid you there. The cry of the jackals came across the open fields, and the mother must have wept as she went back—alone—to the dreary house, for she knew the jackals would find living prey when they reached that tiny grave. We are glad you were rescued, our Star Baby; we are glad that God cared and permitted us to gather you into the Bethiah fold; yes, we rejoice that He sent us over the seas to give you "a little of that Bread." Bethiah means "daughters," and we pray that, when Jesus comes, He may find many daughters here, ready to meet Him in the air.

It was October, 1918, when God sent us to Bethiah, but the beginning goes back to the evening when we knelt in prayer, Miss Kirkland and I, in the Chapra Mission House, and heard God speak of the new station and the new work. For me the beginning goes back farther still, to a quiet night in the homeland when the Lord spread out before me a rainbow of little brown faces, when He caused me to hear their cries and feel their sorrow. God has richly blessed us in Bethiah; it has been "exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think" all along the way. The Lord told us the gates were to be open continually, and in at the open gates have come the little child widows and cast-off wives, baby girls, beggars from the streets, a dying mother with three little ones to leave in our care, sin-sick souls seeking peace, and weary ones seeking rest. Many times there has been the need to "enlarge the place of our tent and stretch forth the curtains of our habitation," and on one side of our rented bungalow some deserted buildings were converted into homes for Indian helpers; on the other side rented land, grass fences and grass houses were made to serve as orphanage and temporary

school. But now important changes are taking place; the work at Bethiah is to be in a new sense not ours, but yours and His; and so we bring it all, station and work, present needs and future prospects, to you. Just as soon as the building work can be completed, we are to have in Bethiah the official Pentecostal Girls' School of the Assemblies of God in North India, and we ask your cooperation, interest, prayers.

Soon after I came home and Miss Kirkland returned to India, she received notice that the bungalow that had been our home for over three years was required by the government, and she was asked to vacate in thirty days. Looking at the large Indian Christian family dependent upon us and the fact that there was not another bungalow available in the entire district, this looked like a sudden blow from the enemy; but looking back now, we recognize His hand stirring up the nest, forcing us out into a new place of faith where He might be glorified. Long before this, the Lord had given us eight acres of good, high land; over forty fruit trees, surrounded by open country—had given it to us in the face of overwhelming obstacles. The owner, a Hindu widow, absolutely refused to sell when approached in the matter, because her husband had planted the trees, and, since he had left her childless, she believed that her mission in life was to preserve that land and those fruit trees to honor his name. The British official, to whom Miss Kirkland appealed, refused any assistance; in fact, stated that if that particular piece of land was for sale he would purchase it for government use, and so could not consent to our buying it for mission purposes. But as we fasted and prayed, God moved every mountain, caused all concerned to become willing, sent in the needed funds, and the battle was won.

During the absence of Miss Kirkland from India on furlough, the Lord definitely led us to have brick burnt and stacked on this land, a supply of other building material made ready and a well dug. When the missionaries received notice to vacate the bungalow, they moved to the land into tents, taking with them as many of our Indian family as they could there accommodate, sending our dear girls and young women back to the denominational mission schools until such time as it shall please God to bring them back to us. The past year has been one of financial, physical and spiritual pressure and battle for Miss Kirkland and Miss McLeod, but God has never failed. Living in the tent, they began work on the buildings which could be most quickly erected, and the letters that brought me news from India came week by week, telling first of the finishing of the open, four-stall stable, into which missionaries and horse moved at the same time, as the stable furnished more protection than could the tent from the heat of India's sun. The preachers' quarters were next finished, followed by the one-room native house in which the missionaries are now living, with our Anglo-Indian teachers and others, hot, crowded quarters at best for any missionary! This exhausted the supply of bricks and other building materials, and

there was no money on hand for more, but God spoke to Miss Kirkland to begin the foundations of the mission bungalow and the fourteen-room home for the girls, and she obeyed. It has been very wonderful to see God provide week by week, all that has been necessary, and now the foundations are finished and the walls are going up. But before these buildings can be finished and the school and Bible training school can begin in Bethiah, several thousand dollars must come in, and another long, hot season will soon be upon the dear ones there. We long that friends in the homeland shall help us bear the burden and pray through for all that is needed. We long that you catch the cry of the girls and women of dark India, "Give us a little of that Bread, please." Pray that Miss Kirkland and Miss McLeod shall be given strength and life from above; pray that nothing shall hinder the finishing of these buildings and the opening of this school; pray that God may bless in the teaching and training of young lives, who shall be sent out with the Living Bread, the full Pentecostal Gospel, to their sisters who sit waiting in the darkness. Brethren, pray for us.

WHY I DO NOT BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS

By Bromide Smith

1. I have a friend who once met a man who said his wife's second cousin had been on a tour around the world and he said the missionaries were doing more harm than good.
 2. The religion of other peoples is as natural for them as ours is for us and just suits their needs. We have no right to go out and disturb the beautiful faith and customs of such people as the cannibals and the devil worshippers, and bring them to Christianity which is, of course purely American and happens to just suit us.
 3. There is too much need at home, so many hospitals and schools that need to be supported that I do not believe in sending thousands of dollars to the end of the earth where there are no hospitals and schools. Besides the people are accustomed to dying out there, and do not feel it as we do at home. They have always lived that way.
 4. I do not believe that the money you subscribe to missions goes to the foreign field at all, but pays for secretaries and big offices at home. One mission board that I heard of had three treasurers, whereas the bank in our town that handles over \$25,000 a year has only four men in its office force. Besides I do not think the men in charge are capable of looking after such sums of money as they get.
 5. It would be better if the money used on foreign missions were used for the immigrants of the United States. They get so hard and spoiled after they have been here for a while that something ought to be done for them immediately on arrival, seeing that unfortunately so little has been done for them in their own homes before they got here.
 6. Many of the young missionaries sent out to the foreign field lose their lives there and I feel sure God does not mean human life to be risked in this foolish way. It is another case of the modern carelessness as to human life, about which I was talking to my wife when out in our car last Sunday afternoon, which fills the Monday papers with awful accounts of auto accidents.
 7. Well anyway, foreign missions are not interesting and I have to confess that I don't know very much about them.—Selected.
- Reader:** Have you ever used any such objections as the above?

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EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The seventh annual meeting of the Eastern District Council will be held in the "GLAD TIDINGS TABERNACLE," West 33rd Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues, New York City, N. Y. The Council will open Wednesday, February 14, 1923. All pastors and ministers of the district are especially urged to be present, also as many delegates of the assemblies as is possible, that the work and needs of each section of the district may be presented by delegates from each assembly in the district. All candidates seeking license or ordination at this time will meet the ordination committee at 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, February 14, at the above address.—Edwin C. Sikes, Secretary.

NOTICE TO IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI DISTRICT

On account of not being able to take care of a pastor and the Chairman's work at the same time I have resigned as pastor of Knoxville, Ia. and moved to Mercer, Mo. I am open for calls for evangelistic work over the district now; so, if you are wanting a revival, I will be glad to hear from you. Also I would consider calls outside of the district when not busy in the district.—Roy E. Scott, Chairman, Mercer, Mo.

We desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with Brother James O. Savell, Chairman of the Mississippi District Council, who writes to us (Jan. 26) of his wife going to be with Jesus. Brother Savell writes, "She was a true wife and a loving mother. She leaves four children and myself to mourn her going. This is a great loss to me and the darkest hour of my life, but I know that His grace is sufficient. Please pray for me that I may not fall God and that I may fight a good fight and be ready when He calls for me." Let us hold up our Brother Savell with our prayer.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHURCH AT ALTON, ILL.

The dedication and opening of our new church at Alton, Ill. will take place Sunday afternoon March the 4th, the good Lord willing. This occasion is expected to be a great gathering of Pentecostal people from all over Central and Southern Illinois and a great time is anticipated. Elder J. W. Welch, Secretary of the General Council of The Assemblies of God, will deliver the Dedicatory sermon. Ministers of other churches in Alton will participate, together with Pentecostal preachers who come in from our Assemblies in this section of the country. Among some of them who are coming will be Brother Lohmann of St. Louis, Mo., Dr. H. Markley of St. Louis, Brother Wilson of Mattoon, Ill., Brother C. M. O'Guin of Granite City, Brother Argue and daughter Zelma of Winnie, Canada, and many others who live in this vicinity. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time at this Pentecostal feast which will last as long as the Lord leads, running along into a city-wide revival. Rooms and meals can be had at very low price near the church.

The new church which is to be dedicated is made of concrete, with a seating capacity of about one thousand in the main auditorium with basement underneath for Sunday school rooms and is one of the largest churches in the city. We give God all the praise.—Pastor A. W. Kortkamp.

FARM WORK WANTED—I would like to get in touch with some one who lives in the country and has a farm which they would like to get some one to work and preach Pentecost. I have a large family. Elmer E. Gore, 913 E. Belcher St., Galveston, Texas.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

The ninth annual meeting of The Southern Missouri District Council will convene at Essex, Missouri, March 27th to April 1st, inclusive. All ministers of the District are especially invited to attend as there will be important business to transact. Several new officers, including a new Chairman, are to be elected.

A large attendance and a good meeting is expected. The Essex assembly will furnish free entertainment for all ministers and delegates. The Presbyters have decided that we would select special ministers from among those who may be in attendance. The roster will be open on Tuesday March the 27th. Let every minister and worker pray and plan to come, you will be expected.

All parties who expect to make application for ordination or license at this Council meeting should attend in person and bring letter of recommendation from your pastor or the officers of your local assembly.—J. H. Law, Chairman; C. M. O'Guin, Secretary.

CANADIAN PENTECOSTAL TESTIMONY

The Canadian Pentecostal Testimony, the official organ of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, is now enlarged to 8 pages, and each number contains many good articles. Encourage our Canadian Pentecostal brethren by subscribing for their paper. It is published monthly and costs only 50 cents per year. The editor is Brother R. E. McAllister, 740 Queen's Ave., London, Ont., Canada.

Brother Burt McCafferty will be greatly encouraged if all the brethren of the District Council of Texas, Mexico and Arizona will push "The Shield of Truth," the official district paper of which he is the editor. The paper will not pay for itself until the brethren give it more hearty support than they have done. The price is \$1.00 per year, and can be had from Brother McCafferty at 1410 5th St., Wichita, Falls, Texas.

JOHANNESBURG, S. AFRICA

We have just closed our December conference. It was a time of heartsearching and earnestness. Many new people interested. A large number baptized in water and some in the Spirit. We are glad to let you know people are still hungry for God. The testimonies roll on freely and it is hard to stop them. We praise God for their spontaneous outflow from hearts full of gratitude to God for salvation and wonderful healings and baptism in the Spirit. Even the tiny folk were eager to speak and sing for Jesus.

Our native conference will begin January 22, 1923. We do need much prayer for native work also for the European. Pray for love and unity between the different colors and Dutch and English.—Emma S. Wick.

"EGG FOBETEELS END"

J. S. Pearson, Avondale, a grocery merchant, phoned The Clay County News last Wednesday that he had a very strange freak of nature in his store, and the Editor called up the Mayor, Judge Macken, who accompanied us on our investigation trip. We went to see the Avondale merchant.

He had a hen egg which came into his store the day before. He remembered that he had purchased all the eggs he had on hand from Mrs. H. H. Easley and Mrs. West. We went to see both these parties who didn't know of any peculiarity about the eggs, which according to all information we could get, was laid by the hen with the words in plain letters: "Prepare For The End Is Near."

These words are imprinted in the shell of the egg and there is absolutely no indication that the words had been put on the shell by any artificial method.

We can't understand this strange message, but it is one of those facts which are mysteries—beyond us.—Clay County News of North Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 19, 1923

O. L. Watkins of Pattonsburg, Mo. sent the above clipping and writes: "I saw this egg, and noted in raised letters of natural shell these words in this form—'Prepare For The END Is Near.'"

PRAYER REQUESTS

Owing to the fact that it is frequently about three weeks from the time that prayer requests are received to the time that they reach Evangel readers, it has been decided to institute a prayer meeting every Friday afternoon in Springfield at which all these requests shall be laid before the Lord. It is believed that this will be better than printing the requests in the Evangel.

Those saints who now look for these requests can still pray for the salvation, healing, Baptism, and the solving of problems of those whose requests are prayed for in these meetings. In this way all our prayers are united. The Lord knows all these needy ones. Prayers should be made especially for world-wide revival, for rain in the time of the latter rain, and for an unprecedented outpouring of God's Spirit.

Returning to Give Thanks—For saving my husband and 2 boys. Mrs. E. A.—Mrs. E. B.—, for scriptural home life.—Mrs. R. and family, that we may do all God's will.—Kelpner, Texas, that the full gospel may be sent.—Mrs. I. A. McK., husband shot by moonshiner last Sept.; six little children, left homeless and penniless; that she may be enabled to pay for her good deed.—Mrs. M. G. Lem, Mo. that some strong worker may be sent there to counteract harm done by wrong teaching.—Theo Kupsick and wife, natives of Galicia in Austria, former Catholics, now saved and baptized in the Spirit to know God's will for them.—H. G. Gullis, and the work at Reedley, Calif.—Mr. & Mrs. J. A. M., only Pentecostal people in Bend, Ore., God's help to raise our little ones for Him, and for the work of God here.—Oak Hill Mission, N. Y., and community, conviction.

—L. B. and husband.—A Spirit-filled minister to be sent to Ithaca, N. Y.—That Mrs. W. may be allowed to give to missions.—E. B. and wife, that the Lord may have His way in our lives.—Sister M. E. B., standing alone for Pentecost and distributing tracts in Poteet, Texas. Pray that some one may be sent to preach the full gospel.—That I may hear from my nephew at once. Every request I ever put in your paper has been answered. B. B. Thanks be to God.—Deliverance from a very bad step-son.—A mother of 4 small children, tarrying for the Baptism and a sister.—An entire family to be reunited, some to be saved, others to be drawn closer to the Lord; that I may be faithful.—A larger building for the work in Elkhart, Ind.—Cadomin, Alta. Can. On'y 3 Pentecostal. A hard place. So we can invite a Pentecostal evangelist to hold meetings.—Oxford, Pa., only 6 Pentecostal believers in 2,800 population.—Victory for Mrs. J. C. A. and a sister.—Joseph E. H., none of self, all of Him, or in the will of God.—Revival in a Methodist church.

Please Pray for the Salvation of—My husband. F. W.—Daughter, out in sin, wild and self-willed.—Husband and children. H. T.—Son, resisting until his mind is partly unbalanced.—A boy, raised Catholic, now interested in Pentecost.—Young woman in C. S.—5 brot'ers and 5 sisters.—A mother, who has claimed. My son, step-son, step-daughter, daughter, and my husband.—My father and my husband. H. B.—A sister's family. The father, mother and 3 brothers of Mrs. G. A.—A husband, who is trying to live right, and pray that he may keep his job, and that I may be enabled to pay for our little home.—My aged mother. M. J. C.—My 17-year-old daughter, traveling with a company; have not heard from her for a month; and for my 2 boys; for 3 old people with whom I stay. L. Susan and J. W.—I wish L. Susan and J. W.—My father and brother and myself. Mrs. E. A. and baptize me in the Holy Spirit.—Husband, son and daughter of a Pentecostal sister.—Husband and children of C. N.—A sick man incurable.

Pray for the Healing of—Mrs. G. A. tapeworm or some other parasite. Little daughter, enlarged tonsils.—Mrs. M. S. S., after for 25 years, also rupture and poor circulation.—A sister, excessive flesh, eczema and nervousness.—A husband, fistula, and that he may get work.—A baptized saint, mind affected.—Sister of N. J. D., intense pain in neck, and throat, causing great nervousness, depression and fear.—E. B. S., nerves, pain in right side and

hip.—R. R., a poor shuttin, also for the Baptism.—Aunt of Sister H., has had lung fever, now has weak heart and is very nervous.—W. L. G. and sore.—Wife of pastor J. D. Scarborough, near pneumonia.—A sister in distress.—Sister R. B. W., skin trouble.—H. N., irregular pulsation of the heart.—A. W., nervous shaking and twitching.—Mrs. E. D., tumor, very large, one who is unable to walk without crutches.—An old man, indigestion; also salvation.—Mr. C. C. and Mrs. P., consumption.—My husband's spine. M. A. C.—Mrs. M. L. H., of cancer.—My husband's and boy's eyes. A. M. S.—Mrs. F. M., cancer. O. J., lame knee. A. B., TB and stomach trouble. In Govt. hospital with Palo Alto, Calif.—Mrs. C. N., pain in lungs and around heart.—L. W., serious skin disease, gradually covering the body.—A. W., TB, none but God can help.—C. L., ear drum has burst, suffers much.—Mrs. M. Mel.—A. M. H., flu.—A demon-possessed man, that he may be saved and help support his family.—My husband, sick almost 3 years. Mrs. A. L. M.—Mrs. B. A. I., skin disease. Wife and baby, flu. A man, appendicitis, and for his soul.—My dear husband, and myself. B. C. J.—Mrs. M. C., inflammation of the bladder.—A young man, backslidden and afflicted in body.—Mrs. C. M., eyes, so that she can read God's Word.—My son, blind; he is saved and baptized.—My father, bad case of heart trouble and paralysis, and for his soul.—Sister of R. K.—Friend of M. A., female trouble, safe child-delivery.—A family, flu.—A Christian lady, lungs, very poorly.—A father, serious trouble.—Mrs. F. M. Fanning, enemy has attacked me like a flood.

Please pray that these may receive the Baptism—Mrs. L. C. A.—A. Saints in Kingsport, Tenn.—Mr. & Mrs. R. Y. S. Montgomery, Ala., never been in a Pentecostal meeting.—Bessie D.—A friend of M. A.—Willard B. Jones.—A friend of N. D.—H. B. and wife.—Mr. G. A.—Mrs. M. J. C.—Sister I. M.—A. M. S. and husband and son.—wife of O. J.

REVIVAL IN DAYTON, OHIO

Some time ago we noticed a little one in the Evangel, why there were not more reports than there were from the Eastern states concerning the wonderful workings of the Lord. The Lord is working mightily all through the East for which we praise Him. We have had a continual revival in Dayton for over four years. Over four years ago I came to Dayton, not knowing a soul. The Lord helped me to find half a dozen hungry souls, and we began on the ground floor so to speak. But the Lord was with us, and began to build up. The Lord helped us in such a way to show and prove to the people that He was with us. Two years later we put on the McPherson campaign, after which we kept hammering along for over two more years. Then we put on another campaign with Brother Banta of Mattoon in which the Lord worked in a blessed way, especially along the line of people getting the Baptism. Then two months later we engaged our dear Brother Bert Williams of Perry, New York. We had been looking forward toward this campaign for weeks, and the year Lord met us the first service, and there were several saved the first service, and at each service new ones kept filling the altar. In the natural, every thing was against us. The weather was bad; then an epidemic of the flu and colds swept the City; hardly a family but what some one was down. Then we saw something must be done. We announced a healing service. Oh what a sight. People from all parts of the city came for healing. Sometimes we hardly had time to give to penitent seekers, for the multitude of suffering humanity. But God blessed, and it was wonderful how people were healed. One man arose and said, "I have worn glasses for over twenty years, and now they are healed. I can see fine." Another came forward to be prayed for, and while he waited his turn, his eyes were touched and he could see clearly. Another who had tumors and many other ailments, who couldn't do her own work, was healed, and is shouting the victory, and now does her own work. Another rose and said, "I haven't been without pain for over four years. Last night I was prayed for and now the pain is gone." Such is the testimony of the scores who have been prayed for. The meeting was a grand success. Many have been added to the church. I found Brother Williams a man with a passion for souls, and his messages

were to the point—no soap suds nor sugar coated pills. He calls things by their right names, and the Dayton people were blessed because they wanted the truth. We will gladly welcome our dear brother back to our midst any time. When he left us the meeting was just getting to a good pitch. Then Brother and Sister Black arrived on the scene and are helping us in another meeting, God is blessing their ministry of preaching and singing in a precious way. Souls are being saved and numbers being baptized in the Spirit. Praise the Lord. We will give a later report on that. God is meeting Bethel Temple in a wonderful way. We are going to have a noted physician of our city to give his testimony of what God is doing in Dayton. This physician has been attending our meetings on and off ever since we came to Dayton, he has practiced medicine for over thirty-five years, is a graduate of three colleges. Pray for us.—A. B. Cox, pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—I asked the pastor to appoint me Evangel representative for this place and the bay cities, which he readily did, and I am sending the results of the last two days canvassing. One brother said to me, "I am too old to do missionary work except in my immediate neighborhood, so you send the Evangel to 5 new people to do the work for me and I'll pay the bill." After Brother Wigglesworth left Evangelist Dawson McCullough came and carried on the work for seven weeks. As a result, nearly all the various missions have been united into one large assembly in fellowship with the General Council and supervised by Brother Craig. Evang. McConnell followed up Brother MacCullough, and many are being saved and baptized there, while Brother McCullough is laboring in San Francisco, where, nightly, many are being saved or baptized. Evang. McAllister is to follow up Brother McConnell, who will come to San Francisco for a series of meetings. A Baptist minister has recently received the Baptism and expects to enter the work.—C. B. Cannon.

DENVER, COLO.—We send forth notes of praise for open doors here. God has answered prayers which have been offered for months. Brother and Sister Hardy Mitchel are in a large building on 17th and Clarkson Sts. It is an open door, where many are gathering from churches and hungry hearts are being fed. Sunday school is held, also preaching on Sunday morning and evening and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Brother Wm. Boyles and family are continuing at 19 and Lawrence, holding service every evening and Sunday afternoon and evening. Souls are gathered in from the streets, and hungry hearts are being made to know that Jesus has blessing to satisfy. God has opened a hall for us at 915 Santa Fe Drive. Meetings are held Sunday afternoon and evening and Wednesday and Friday evenings. Showers of blessing are poured out. Hearts are made to see and believe that Jesus is alive forevermore. The sick are healed at each of the places, for "the power of the Lord is present to heal." And now, as laborers together, we are working together in love and unity and power; and we are expecting great things from God for Denver; for there is strength in unity. Dear Holy Spirit followers, "Be filled with the Spirit." Pray every vow and expect signs and wonders. Obey the Spirit's call to pray. Obey Jesus and go, "Speak all the words of this life." For Jesus is coming soon. Pray for us all.—Brother P. N. LaBerge, wife and daughter.

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village, some four miles from here, to buy some chickens (the only obtainable meat here at present). It is a large village and a large number of villagers gathered about us as we talked 'chickens' with them for awhile. Not wishing to lose an opportunity, we began preaching Christ unto them, with the result that the crowd increased to a large number. We had a good hearing from an audience listening more attentively to the preaching of the Gospel than the average street audience at home. Before leaving, we promised that we would come again and they gave us a most enthusiastic send-off. We had such an interesting time that we came away without the chickens.

"How long shall these remain in their darkness and sin without even one chance to hear the Gospel? The field is large—nearly one million—but if we are forced to vacate this place again because of shortage of funds, then once again they will be left neglected, without even a single witness to the cross!"

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A number of the saints have formed what we term a prayer band. We meet each Thursday to pray for definite things. Any one having a special request, especially missionaries, write us your request, and we will immediately add it to our list.—D. E. Collins, pastor, Wellston, Okla.

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OPEN FOR EVANGELISTIC WORK
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