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## "I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE."

(Exodus 15:26)

• The Scriptures, speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, state that He Himself "bare our sins in His own body on the tree." And the Scriptures also state, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17). The children of God do not want to bear their sins, so they go to the great Burden-Bearer with them, but they do not grasp the fact that He who delivers from sin can also deliver them from sickness. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases" (Ps. 103:3).

If the child of God is racked with sin, he gets rid of it by coming to the cross. But if he is racked by sickness, he thinks to get rid of it himself or through some one else. He goes to the Great Physician for sin and to the little human physician for sickness.

We honor the Great Physician when we call upon Him, and we insult Him when we neglect to call on Him. He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and, if He feels them, He wants to rid us of them. He is touched in order that He may touch us. He touched the leper and he was cleansed. He touched blind eyes and they were opened. He has not lost the art of touching. He can touch a bleeding ear and replace it. He can touch any disease, visible or invisible, external or internal.

If He puts secret sins in the light of His countenance, secret sickness can also be exposed. His eye can see every malignant internal disease and His hand can touch. There is nothing too hard for the Lord.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth to heal all that were oppressed of the devil. And He has never removed the anointing. But He has supplemented it by giving Him the oil of gladness above His fellows. If Christ could do so much with the anointing He had, how much more can He do now that He has been glorified, and all power has been given unto Him both in heaven and in earth?

When Jesus Christ gave to His disciples the great commission He told them

to go and make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And one of His commands to His disciples was, "Heal the sick." But was not this command for the disciples alone? No, He declared, "These signs shall follow them that believe . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17, 18).

The lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple was a natural sequence to the upper room and the three thousand converts of the day of Pentecost.

Many troubles to which men are subjected are directly due to demon-power. Regarding all demons, the name of Jesus is an expulsive power. The name of Jesus affects the human body like the X-rays. It exposes the demons—makes a show of them. The blood of Jesus is an antidote. Demons mean death; the blood means life, for the life is in the blood. Demons bring stagnation in parts of the body, but the life that is in the blood of Christ counteracts this stagnation. The most malignant case of demon possession or obsession can be effectually dealt with by the blood of Jesus and by His mighty name.

The surgeon's knife sometimes fails, but the blood of Jesus can cut as no surgeon's knife ever can. The name of Jesus and the blood of Jesus are divine weapons in the hands of the believer. The Holy Spirit will tell you when to use them. A surgeon has instruments and he uses them as he sees fit. The Divine Physician teaches the child of God when to use the divinely appointed instruments; oil for the anointing and the prayer of faith (James 5:14, 15), laying on of hands (Mark 16:18), the blood of Jesus and the name of Jesus for cleansing, loosing and delivering. And then there is the cooperation of the patient. "Confess your faults" (James 5:16). Behind all this is the promise: "The Lord shall raise him up." This is the divine prescription for

every patient. The Holy Spirit directs how all shall be used.

God has provided the name of Jesus Christ for the casting out of demons. "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out demons." And demons can be bound also. An earthly physician ties up the ligaments of a patient, but the believer can bind the demon himself. "Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 18:18). The child of God has the wonderful privilege of binding and loosing. Wonder of wonders that he does not dare to use his prerogative. If you are going to bind princes by and by, start binding demons now. You can unloose bound souls.

The power works both ways. There is to be the casting down of the demon and the raising up of the saint. This ministry is to be exercised by the one who is in Christ. Listen to the words of the Master: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." How many are doing the works that He did?

The hand of Jesus also operates. He touched the ear of Malchus and healed him (Luke 22:51). In this operation there were no bandages and no stitches. Some prefer the surgeon's knife to trusting to the skill of the pierced hands of Jesus. He has a complete equipment for every ache and pain and disease in the body.

God would have the latter end of His people like that of Caleb, who, at the age of fourscore and five years, declared that he was as strong then as at the age of forty. "For the man who sets his love upon the Lord, God has promised, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." God puts long life and His salvation together. It is His desire that the righteous live out all their days, unlike the wicked who "shall not live out half their days" (Ps. 55:23).

## THE LORD'S HEALING

Let us turn to James 5:14-17: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We have here the sick, the elders, and the Lord. First of all, we will look at the sick man. "Is any sick among you?" Those two words, "among you," show that this sick one is a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ; not one of the outside world. The 16th chapter of Mark shows the results of the Gospel going out to unbelievers, and that where the message is believed, one of the signs following faith is that, through the laying on of hands in the name of the Lord, there is healing from sickness. But in the 5th of James it is not a question of "signs" to the world. Where the preaching of the Gospel has led to the formation of a believing community, if sickness were to break out in that circle, what is to be done? Well, if any be sick in the church, let him call for the elders, i.e., for those who represent the church.

Whom did James mean by "elders of the church"? I don't think he meant the elders or leaders of any particular denomination. When you read of the church in the New Testament, you must not introduce modern denominational notions into that word.

It is an important matter to see that the church, according to God's view of it in the Scriptures, is the aggregate of His redeemed people on the earth. "The church" contains every born-again and ransomed soul under the canopy of heaven—north, south, east, and west. And the true elders of the church, I believe, are those who stand for the unbroken unity of the church of God, which, despite the scattering, is at present on the earth.

When the Holy Ghost is poured out upon God's people, there is a practical end to the sectarianism and to the rivalry which paralyzes much effort today. As I understand it, when we read in the Scriptures of the "elders of the church," they do not represent any particular coterie or sect or clique, but they stand for the oneness of the children of God by whatever name they may be known.

Would the fire from heaven have come down upon Mount Carmel if Elijah had not built his altar of twelve stones, thus confessing the unity of the nation in the sight of God, despite the fact that they were at that very time divided into two separate kingdoms, often at war with each other?

Wheresoever revival begins to burn we all share in the blessing. If a thrill of life from the Head, Christ Jesus, were to go through us here, being a part of the body of Christ, it would be felt everywhere. If I hear of God's people being

led on anywhere in the world, I am myself benefited, because we are "members one of another." I believe in that word of Christ concerning the spiritual temple built upon the Rock: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." That is the first time the church is mentioned by name in Scripture (Mat. 16:18).

Notice another thing. In James 5:14-17, there are three things mentioned in connection with the raising up of the sick—the anointing with oil in the name of the Lord, the prayer of faith, and there is the Lord raising him up. That anointing means there is a testimony borne to the fact that the whole being belongs to God. It is an act of consecration. Prophets, priests, and kings, as we may read in the Old Testament, were each anointed on the day of their consecration. After the anointing oil had touched them they were regarded in a different light from what they were before.

Anointing is a solemn thing; it means that henceforth you want to live for God entirely. The Lord claims all that you have. "All for all" is His rule. The anointing means nothing less than that. If you want the oil of consecration to be put on your head for the healing of your body, you must present that body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, as an act of spiritual worship. For that reason, observe, the anointing is not forced on the sick man. He "calls" for the elders. He has communed with the Lord; he has had dealings with Him about his condition, and now the fruit of his personal exercise of heart is seen in his calling for the elders of the church. Let the sick one take the first step in the matter. For it is a very solemn thing to lay hands on the sick, and they not recover. The Lord will not recognize the act unless it is really and truly in His name. If it is done because I would like to see him healed, or because the sick one is anxious to get relief, or for any other reason than the name and glory of Jesus Christ, then we have taken the name of the Lord in vain.

"Let him call." If he has reached this point, he will not take his sickness lightly, thinking that a pill or a draught will set him right again. He confesses that "the Lord is for the body, and the body is for the Lord," that it is the temple of the Holy Ghost. He confesses his Lord before angels, devils and men, and if he has sinned with any member of his body, repents, and re-enters right relations with his Lord, and yields up his members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

Now the prayer of faith can be offered. When we pray the prayer of faith, we actually receive the answer there and then, and there is a wonderful rest and quietness and assurance which cannot be fabricated. Some prayers seem to try to make up in length what they lack in strength. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." That is just as true as "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." The "shalt" of Acts 16 is no more emphatic than the "shall" of James 5. In the first it refers to the soul; in the second to the body.

"And the Lord shall raise him up." The Lord comes in now. Jesus Christ is Lord.

"Crown Him Lord of all."

He is supreme over all the works of the devil, over all the consequences of the fall of man, over fits, consumption, rheumatism, nervous breakdowns—everything. Our Saviour is Lord of all. He is the Master, the Conqueror, the One who, at Calvary, met the powers of darkness and trod them under His feet; the One who, on the morning of the resurrection, burst the bars of death asunder. He is the One to whom the Father has given "the name above every name."

—M. R.

## HEALED THROUGH PRAISE

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In the year 1915 I was in one of the port cities of China studying the language. One day one of the missionaries came from a city where she had contracted smallpox. Her name was Beulah Funk. As I was a nurse it seemed my duty to look after her. I had nursed a case of smallpox before—a little child—and had written my mother about it. She wrote back that she was willing for me to nurse any kind of disease except smallpox, and asked me to promise her that I would not take another case of this terrible disease. I thought about it, and felt that perhaps it would be the right thing to do, since my mother felt that way about it, and I promised her that I would not. But this case was brought in, and here I was nursing a case of smallpox without knowing it. When I detected that it was smallpox, I sent for Dr. McDonald to come and give his opinion. He said that it was smallpox and that we must be quarantined; so they put us in the Chinese quarters on the other side of the compound; but before we went I had to get the victory about it, for I felt bad because of the promise I had made to my mother. I went to my room to get alone with God.

There is nothing like that, beloved, when we are in difficulty of any kind, or anything goes wrong—getting alone with Jesus and talking to Him about it. I obeyed literally the sixth verse of the sixth chapter of Matthew, and went into my closet and told the Lord all about this case. There was a dear sister sick with the smallpox, and it seemed my duty to take care of her, and yet I had promised my mother I would not nurse another case of this terrible disease. What was I to do? After I had talked it out, the Lord seemed to ask me if I loved my mother better than Himself, and would I not obey Him? I told Him I loved Him better than anyone else. So I went over to nurse Miss Funk with the feeling in my heart that I would not take the disease. We had a good time praying and reading the Bible. We took our Bibles with us through the smallpox. The Lord gave us many passages in His Word about healing and manifested Himself to us in a wonderful way. Miss Funk was quickly healed in answer to prayer, but the doctor said we must stay in quarantine 21 days.

On the 18th day I began to feel quite sick. I was aching all over my body, but I did not think it was smallpox that I was taking. All that night I felt very ill. It seemed as if my flesh were swelling, and I burned with fever. Even then it did not occur to me that I had taken smallpox, and the next morning I said to Miss Funk, "I must have eaten something poisonous in some Chinese food we have eaten," and all that day we prayed the Lord would give us victory over this poison. But on the morning of the 20th day of our quarantine, I got up and there was no mistaking things, my face and limbs were covered with the smallpox pustules and my whole body was swollen with it. Miss Funk said, "You surely have a bad case of smallpox." I said, "The Lord is able for this. Let us pray about it and not tell anyone."

While we were praying and asking the Lord to heal me, I had a vision of two baskets on a scale. One basket was up high and the other was down to the floor; and a voice came to me saying, "Fill up the basket of Praise." I jumped up and said, "I am not going to pray any more, I am going to praise." Miss Funk said, "You are in a very bad condition, and we must pray." I replied, "The Lord will put me into good condition if I praise Him, and I want you to help me." Then I did not care who knew I had it. So we went out on the veranda and walked up and down praising the Lord so loudly that people came out to see what was the matter. One woman said, "You have a terrible case of the smallpox; why did you not tell somebody?" I answered, "I have told my heavenly Father." So this woman got all the people together to pray, but I could do nothing but praise. By this time Miss Funk had the spirit of praise, too; so we praised the Lord together. It seemed, however, that the more I praised the Lord, the more the smallpox came out on my body.

Then it came to me that I must praise the Lord as many times as I had pustules on me, and the pustules would come off. But all that day as I praised the Lord they kept coming out until they so covered my body that I could not lay my finger tip between them. In the afternoon the doctor heard about it, as we were making such a noise, for I could not really praise the Lord in an orderly manner, I was so filled with the praises of God. The doctor said, "You ought to be in bed. You have a terrible case of smallpox." I said, "Praise the Lord." He said, "Don't say that, you must be sensible." I said, "Yes, I am sensible, but praise the Lord. He told me to praise Him, and I want you to help me praise the Lord." He went in and told the people that the fever had gone to my brain, and if they did not get me quiet, I would not last through the night.

They tried to quiet me, for I was praising the Lord at the top of my voice, and that seemed to be the only thing that would satisfy me. It seemed to me I could see a grave along side of Mr. Reeves (who had died of smallpox years before) and I would fill that grave unless I filled up that basket with praise. The missionaries begged me to get quiet and

said they would praise for me, but I told them I must praise the Lord and I needed all the help they could give me to do it. And the pustules seemed to be getting thicker all the time; the more I praised the more pustules came on my body. There was another missionary who was sick in a room near, and she sent word to please consider her and keep quiet on her account. But I said, "You tell her if she will praise the Lord she will soon be healed."

About one o'clock that night, I asked Miss Funk to look at my back and see if it, too, was covered with smallpox, for I felt that if I lay down before I had praised for every pustule on my back that I would die. She said, "Your back is covered. So then we jumped up and down, and praised the Lord again and again. We made considerable noise and the people came out to see what was the trouble, although everybody was afraid to come in to us. A little after one o'clock I felt I had praised through, and had filled up the praise basket and I lay down very quietly and went to sleep.

The day before, I had received a letter from a missionary, Mrs. Monroe, who asked me if I would give her some information as to how to feed her husband, who had been ill with malaria. Mrs. Farnham had answered the letter for me that afternoon, and I told her what to do, and that was to praise the Lord; that was all that I could say. Mrs. Farnham also told her how very ill I was. The next morning I was awakened by the Chinese woman rubbing my face; then she ran and told Miss Funk that I was going to die for the smallpox had gone in. Miss Funk understood the woman to say that I had died and she quickly dressed and came to me. I had risen and we met each other in the doorway, and then what a wonderful time we had praising the Lord together. There was not a pustule on my body anywhere! And sure enough I got out on the 21st day.\*

The Lord told me to go down to Macao that day to help Mr. Monroe praise through. I asked Mrs. Quick to go up to my room in the Missionary Home quarters and get my suitcase. She was a little afraid I should not go right off so soon, but I told her the Lord had said for me to go, so she went down to find out if there was a boat going that day. Later on she came back, bringing word that there was no boat at all leaving on that day. So I went in to pray and there seemed to come such a reproof from the Lord, with the question, "Had He not told me to go? Why was I doubting Him?" So I told Mrs. Quick the Lord had said for me to go, and boat or no boat I was going.

I took a Chinese woman with me, and went down to the river. I saw a little Chinese junk boat ready to go out and called to the captain and asked if he would take me along. He said, "We

do not take passengers, but I will take you and let you have my room and I will go in with the engineer." So we boarded the little boat and I never had such a lovely trip. We arrived at Macao and I knocked at the door, and when Mrs. Monroe saw me she said, "Oh my, you are sick. I was just reading the letter telling us you were sick with the smallpox." I told her I was healed and she went in and told Mr. Monroe that I there, but he was so frightened that he said, "It's just like the devil to send a case of smallpox here to finish me up." I told his wife that I would stay outside and praise the Lord.

They were lovely people and trusted the Lord for the healing of their bodies, but he was so ill with malaria that he had lost courage and needed help. The Lord met us in a wonderful way, and that evening Brother Monroe got out of bed, clapped his hands and praised the Lord, and very soon he dressed and went down in the city, and told the people how God, the Great Physician was able to heal today and had healed him. That brother has had no malaria since that time, and whenever I see him, he always says, "Praise the Lord!"

I believe there is nothing that brings the victory like praising the Lord. I have found it that way in China when things look dark and discouraging; but if I got up and praised the Lord everything would get all right and the devil would flee. In the first chapter of Revelation, 5th and 6th verses, we read, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father." Now do you know what the priests business was in olden time? It was to offer sacrifices. We are made priests unto God by the washing of His blood, and He made us for this purpose—to offer the sacrifice of praise. And what is the sacrifice of praise? We find the answer in Heb. 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name." People say, "I do not want to say it if I do not feel it." But it will not hurt you to say it." And if you keep saying it, it will become a fruit in your heart, and afterward a fruit of your lips.

If I lose the praise it is hard to get the victory. The devil fears praise more than anything else. We have had some of the most remarkable healings I ever saw through praising the Lord. One Chinese woman who was a leper had been given up by the doctor, and he told her there was no hope. She had spent hundreds and hundreds of dollars trying to get healed. She heard of us and came to be prayed for. We offered a short prayer and then began to praise the Lord for the answer. That was on Thursday and on Sunday she came to the meeting and her flesh, which had been so badly eaten by the disease, was all healed over, and it had a thin skin all grown over like a baby's. She was baptized that day. She was 61 years old at that time and had never learned to read, but now she reads her Bible and goes around and prays with others.—From Triumphs of Faith.

\*Dr. McDonald told some one that my healing was a very miraculous one, and they took a blood test a short time afterwards, which showed that my blood was in perfect condition.

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## GOD'S COVENANT OF HEALING

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In Exodus 15:23, we find the children of Israel murmuring because the waters at Marah were bitter. You would think that they might have reflected that the God who had delivered them, who had rolled back the Red Sea at their cry, could also remedy this trouble. But no, they murmured against Moses. When people are not right with God and are afraid to find fault exactly with Him, they are very apt to attack His servants. So let us be careful if we find that tendency in our hearts. They forget that it is through our needs that God reveals Himself to us.

Jehovah is distinctively the redemption name of God, and in His redemptive relation to man, Jehovah has seven compound names which reveal Him as meeting fully every need of man from His lost estate to the glorious ending.

(1) **Jehovah-jireh**, "The Lord will provide" (Gen. 22:8). "Our first need was a perfect Sacrifice, and that God provided in the spotless Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

(2) **Jehovah-rapha**, "The Lord that healeth" Ex. 15:26.

(3) **Jehovah-nissi**, "The Lord, our banner" (Ex. 17:8-15). The Spirit lifts up a standard against the enemy when he comes in like a flood, to move upon our flesh. "If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Rom. 8:13).

(4) **Jehovah-shalom**, "The Lord our peace" (Judges: 6:24).

(5) **Jehovah-raah**, "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Psalm 23).

(6) **Jehovah-tsidkenu**, "The Lord our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:6).

(7) **Jehovah-shammah**, "The Lord is present" (Ezek. 48:35). "Lo I am with you always."

So when they were brought face to face with the bitter waters of Marah—and truly life, of which water is a type, as it forms the great bulk of all living things, is embittered at its very fountain-head; the tiny baby is hardly born into the world before the anxious mother is enquiring whether it is strong, or if it shows any evidences of this or that hereditary disease, or tendency thereto; and the saddest thing of all is that every baby has some inherited morbid predisposition,

if not an actual disease, when it arrives in this sphere—God was there to reveal Himself to them under a new Name to meet the new need, "The Lord that healeth," present tense, that always heals—present, continuous healing.

The Lord showed Moses a Tree. The Lord showed Moses A TREE! "O for a fresh, God-given vision of that Tree and the fruit it bears! Truly, as it is put in the Song of Solomon, we can sit down under its shadow, the shadow of the Cross, with great delight, and His fruit is sweet to our taste.

There is a substance known in chemistry that is about 700 times sweeter than sugar. It was discovered by a chemist accidentally when he was experimenting with coal-tar products. He was called to dinner and washing his hands in the laboratory as usual, changed his coat, and sat down at the table.

Taking a sip of tea he was disgusted to find it sweeter than the sweetest syrup he had ever tasted. He was about to remonstrate with his wife but took a bite of bread first to take the cloying taste of sweetness out of his mouth. To his amazement the bread tasted like the richest cake.

The thought occurred to him, "Is it possible that I am sweet?" He put his thumb to his mouth to suck it like a baby and it was as though he had a sugar-plum in his mouth. To his wife's surprise he jumped up and ran to the laboratory where he carefully examined the contents of every test tube and crucible.

At last he found the compound he had accidentally produced when boiling some chemicals together, the vapor from which had got into his throat, on his lips, and into his very lungs, so that he was all sweetness. When we see this Tree, spoken of in our text, in the light which the Holy Ghost sheds upon it, through the Word, everything becomes sweet:

"Never further than Thy Cross,

Never higher than Thy feet,

There earth's richest things are dross,

There earth's bitterest things are sweet."

Yes, everything is sweet to us for we are ourselves sweet, nay rather we are sweetness, if Jesus, who is the Word of God, who is sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, is dwelling and reigning within, for it is no longer I but Christ who dwelleth in me. For that was a wonderful Tree that God showed Moses, and it bears wonderful fruit.

When Jesus, and Moses and Elias, met in the excellent glory of the Mount of Transfiguration there was no theme so fitting for their heavenly discourse as the decease which Jesus was to accomplish at Jerusalem. For that death was the greatest achievement, the most wonderful accomplishment that this world has ever witnessed, the only act of sacrifice acceptable to God that has been performed by a human being—for Jesus was true man as well as very God of very God—since the fall, for all the righteous acts of the self, by which He hath forever perfected them that are sanctified, and are, as it saints are necessarily performed wholly in the power of that one sacrifice of Him-

were, an integral part of that accomplishment.

On that Tree we find pardon and peace, healing and health, victory over death and hell, for by His death on that Tree, Jesus conquered death, and him that hath the power of death.

"Bowed to the grave destroyed it so,  
And Death, by dying, slew."

That Tree was most fittingly set up on Calvary (Latin, Calvarium, the place of the skull), the very zenith of Satan's power, for what more fully shows the depth of man's fall than the transformation of the beautiful human countenance, radiant with intelligence, and glowing with emotion, bearing the impress of the divine image upon its lineaments, into a ghastly, grinning, gruesome skull?

This, then, is the Tree that God showed Moses, which, when he had cast it into the waters, made them sweet. In a book which I was reading the other day, it is stated that the waters in the vicinity of Marah are still bitter from an excess of alkali salts, but that the fount which was healed by the Branch can be distinguished from the others by its comparative sweetness.

Notice that the Tree had to be cast into the waters; that is, the atoning merits of Christ have to be applied to our own particular case of sin, sickness, or both, as the case may be, by our own personal faith.

I am told, for I have not seen it, that in the Public Library, Boston, Mass., Sargent, one of the greatest of modern artists, has brought out, in his mural decoration, "The Dogma of Redemption," most beautifully and clearly the truth of our complete deliverance from sin, sickness, and death, through the sacrifice of Christ.

Jesus hangs on the Cross, and on either side of Him are our first parents, Adam and Eve, each holding in their hands golden chalices in which they are catching drops of the Precious Blood which flows from His pierced hands. Above the Cross are the word, "Dying for the Sins of the World," and beneath the whole the inscription, "He came to redeem our bodies and to cleanse our hearts."

In all the work there is a strong line of demarcation between the celestial and terrestrial, but the uplifted Cross breaks through this and lets heaven and earth run into one. The Cross itself is upheld by angels whose faces are radiant with bliss as though they comprehended the final, fullest, most glorious purpose of God in the Supreme Sacrifice and could not contain their joy. And the instruments of agony, the scourge, the hammer, the spear, are all held in the hands of angels, who are bathed, with the rest of the scene, in immutable glory.

May God, in His mercy, show us the Tree, and when we see it may we apply it to our hearts and lives, our spirits, souls, and bodies, so that we may become the very sweetness of Jesus.

"There He made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He proved them." The Word of God always proves or tests us. Some people say, "I will try God's

promises for healing. No you won't, but they will try you. God's promises are tried, purified seven times, forever settled.

You are the one that is on trial. God is not on trial. His truth reaches to the heavens and His faithfulness to the clouds. He made this statute and ordinance and they have never been repealed. He sealed them with His covenant and forevermore He is Jehovah-Rapha, "The Lord that healeth."

They are conditional upon our diligent hearkening and faithful obedience. But before He made these conditions He showed us the Tree. That tree cast into our lives will remove every trace of the bitterness of sin and rebellion from our natures, and make us sweet with the heavenly sweetness of our Lord. Then we can claim absolute immunity from all the sickness which is brought by God, in His righteous judgments, on the Egyptians.

The great poet Dante has placed, in his poem "Inferno," the well-known words over the portal of hell, "All hope abandon ye who enter here." But as we enter as little children into the kingdom of heaven, through faith in a crucified Saviour, we read in golden letters, "All fear abandon, ye who enter here." For He hath redeemed us from all evil and will preserve us blameless in spirit, soul, and body, unto His glorious coming.

### THE WAY OF FAITH

By Andrew Murray

"And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief."—Mark 9:24.

These words have been a help and strength to thousands of souls in pursuit of salvation and the gifts of God. Notice that it is in relation to an afflicted child that they were pronounced, in the fight of faith when seeking healing from the Lord Jesus. In them we see that in one and the same soul there can arise a struggle between faith and unbelief, and that it is not without a struggle that we come to believe in Jesus, and in His all-power to heal the sick. In this we find the needful encouragement for realizing the Saviour's power.

I speak here especially to sufferers who do not doubt the power or will of the Lord Jesus to heal in this day without the use of earthly remedies, but who lack the boldness to accept healing for themselves. They believe in the divine power of Christ; they believe in a general manner His good will to heal; they have acquired, either by the Scriptures, or by facts of healing by the Lord alone which have taken place in our day, the intellectual persuasion that the Lord can help even them, but they shrink back from accepting healing, and from saying with faith, "The Lord has heard me. I know that He is healing me."

Take notice, first, that without faith no one can be healed. When the father of the afflicted child said to Jesus, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us," Jesus replies: "If thou canst believe." Jesus had the power to heal and

He was ready to do it, but He casts the responsibility on them. "If thou canst." "All things are possible to him that believeth" (R.V.). In order to obtain your healing from Jesus, it is not enough to pray. Prayer without faith is powerless. It is the "prayer of faith" which saves the sick (James 5:15). If you have already asked it for you, you must, before you are conscious of any change, be able to say with faith, "On the authority of God's Word I have the assurance that He hears me and that I shall be healed." To have faith means, in your case, to surrender your body absolutely into the Lord's hands, and to leave yourself entirely with Him. Faith receives healing as a spiritual grace which proceeds from the Lord even while there is no conscious change in the body. Faith can glorify God and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, who healeth all thy diseases" (Ps. 103:1-3). The Lord requires this faith that He may heal.

But how is such faith to be obtained? Tell your God the unbelief you find in your heart, and count on Him for deliverance from it; Faith is not money with which your healing can be purchased from the Lord. It is He who desires to awaken and develop in you the necessary faith. "Help my unbelief," cried the father of the child. It was his ardent desire that his faith should not come short. Confess to the Lord all the difficulty you have to believe Him on the ground of His Word; tell Him you want to be rid of this unbelief, that you bring it to Him with a will to hearken only to His Word. Do not lose time in deploring your unbelief, but look to Jesus. The light of His countenance will enable you to find the power to believe in Him (Ps. 44:3). He calls on you to trust in Him. Say to Him, "Lord, I am still aware of the unbelief that is in me, I find it difficult to believe that I am sure of my healing because I possess Him who works it, and, nevertheless, I want to conquer this unbelief. Thou Lord, wilt give me the victory. I desire to believe, I will believe, by Thy grace I dare to say I can believe. Yes, Lord, I believe, for Thou comest to help my unbelief." It is when we are in intimate communion with the Lord, and when our heart responds to His, that unbelief is overcome and conquered.

It is needful also to testify to the faith one has. Be resolved to believe above all, that which He is. Lean wholly upon His promises. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick" (Ex. 15:26). Look to Jesus, who "bare our sickness" (Matt. 8:17) and who healed all who came to Him; count on the Holy Spirit to manifest in your heart the presence of Jesus who is also now in heaven, and to work also in your body the power of His grace. Praise the Lord without waiting to feel better, or to have more faith. Praise Him, and say with David, "O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me" (Ps. 32:2). The divine healing is a spiritual grace which can only be received spiritually and by faith, before feeling its effect on the body. Accept it then and give glory to God. When the Lord Jesus had

commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the child, he rent him sore so that he was as one dead, inasmuch that many said, "He is dead." If therefore, your sickness does not yield at once, if Satan and your unbelief attempt to get the upper hand, do not heed them; cling closely to Jesus your Healer, and He will surely heal you.

### LIFE AND LIFE MORE ABUNDANT THROUGH THE BLOOD

The Gospel is a gospel of mysteries. One of the greatest mysteries is the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. The life is in the blood. It was the very blood of the Author of life that was poured out. Life taken from life. Death claiming life and the Author of life. He laid down His life, that which every man has to lay down, but He took it back from the one who took it, and so had dominion in the realm of death itself.

Death was a servant from the time He cried, "It is finished," and gave up the ghost. Death has been touched and crippled through the shed blood. Its realm was invaded by One who went into it and had power to come out again. Hitherto all who went into the domain of death had to remain there except there was a special divine interposition from the Author of life Himself. He conquered death and shares with us the victory. As the Word declares: "All things are yours, whether life or death" (1. Cor. 3: 21, 22).

God gives life to His children, and the dominion of death is not sovereign but servant. So much did the disciples realize this, that the power of Christ was brought to them and they also could raise the dead. Death is conquered and its limitations are set. Disease and sickness have likewise their limitations. It may be an infirmity of thirty and eight years (John 5:5), or it may be that Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years (Luke 13:16), but to the child of God who believes and is touched by the Lord, the limit is fixed.

The duration of sickness and disease, the extent, the period, is limited by the Lord of life, and they have to relinquish their hold the moment that Christ decrees. How does He decree? It is in answer to the requests of His people.

How did Job get free? Through confession and intercession. And he knew that he was redeemed from the power of the enemy. Satan's power was broken and Satan himself fled before the rising beams of the Sun of Righteousness. Job knew that his Redeemer lived and that there was healing in His wings.

Have a vision of Jesus as Redeemer, as the Author of life and the Dispeller of disease. In the days of His flesh He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him. Time has not limited His power; He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and He is just as ready to heal all thy diseases as He is to forgive all thine iniquities. His assurance still stands good: "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."



## WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth at the Springfield Assembly

Read John 5:1-24

I believe the word of God is so powerful that it can transform any and every life. There is power in God's word to make that which does not appear to appear. There is executive power in the word that proceeds from His lips. The psalmist tells us, "He sent His word and healed them" (Ps. 107:20); and do you think that word has diminished in its power? I tell you nay, but God's word can bring things to pass today as of old.

The psalmist said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now have I kept Thy word." And again, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn Thy statutes" (Ps. 119:67, 71). And if our afflictions will bring us to the place where we see that we cannot live by bread alone, but must partake of every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, they will have served a blessed purpose. But I want you to realize that there is a life of purity, a life made clean through the word He has spoken, in which, through faith, you can glorify God with a body that is free from sickness, as well as with a spirit set free from the bondage of Satan.

Here they lay, a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, around that pool, waiting for the moving of the water. Did Jesus heal everybody? He left many around that pool unhealed. There were doubtless many who had their eyes on the pool and who had no eyes for Jesus. There are many today who have their confidence all the time in things seen. If they would only get their eyes on God instead of on natural things, how quickly they would be helped.

The question arises, Is salvation and healing for all? It is for all who will press right in and get their portion. You remember the case of that Syrophenician woman who wanted the devil cast out of her daughter. Jesus said to her, "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." Note, healing and deliverance are here spoken of by the Master as "the children's bread;" so, if you are a child of God, you can surely press in for your portion.

The Syrophenician woman purposed to get from the Lord what she was after, and she said, "Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." Jesus was stirred as He saw the faith of this woman, and He told her, "For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter." Today there are many children of God refusing their blood-purchased portion of health in Christ and are throwing it away, while sinners are pressing through and picking it up from under the table as it were, and are finding the cure not only for their bodies, but for their spirits and souls as well. The Syrophenician woman went home and found that the devil had indeed gone out of her daughter. Today there is

bread, there is life, there is health for every child of God through His all-powerful word.

The word can drive every disease away from your body. It is your portion in Christ who Himself is our bread, our life, our health, our all in all. And though you may be deep in sin, you can come to Him in repentance, and He will forgive and cleanse and heal you. His words are spirit and life to those who will receive them. There is a promise in the last verse in Joel, "I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed." This is as much as to say He will provide new life within. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, can so purify men's hearts and minds that they become entirely transformed, spirit and soul and body.

There they are round the pool; and this man had been there a long time. His infirmity was of thirty-eight years standing. Now and again an opportunity would come, as the angel stirred the waters, but his heart would be made sick as he saw another step in and be healed before him. But one day Jesus was passing that way, and seeing him lying there in that sad condition, enquired, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Jesus said it, and His word is from everlasting to everlasting. This is His word to you, poor, tried and tested one today. You may say, like this poor impotent man, "I have missed every opportunity up till now." Never mind about that—Wilt thou be made whole?

I visited a woman who had been suffering for many years. She was all twisted up with rheumatism and had been two years in bed. I said to her, "What makes you lie here?" She said, "I've come to the conclusion that I have a thorn in the flesh." I said, "To what wonderful degree of righteousness have you attained that you have to have a thorn in the flesh? Have you had such an abundance of divine revelations that there is danger of your being exalted above measure?" She said, "I believe it is the Lord who is causing me to suffer." I said, "You believe it is the Lord's will for you to suffer, and you are trying to get out of it as quickly as you can. There are doctor's bottles all over the place. Get out of your hiding-place and confess that you are a sinner. If you'll get rid of your self-righteousness, God will do something for you. Drop the idea that you are so holy that God has got to afflict you. Sin is the cause of your sickness and not righteousness. Disease is not caused by righteousness but by sin."

There is healing through the blood of Christ and deliverance for every captive. God never intended His children to live in misery because of some affliction that comes directly from the devil. A perfect atonement was made at Calvary. I believe that Jesus bore my sins, and I am free from them all. I am justified from all things if I dare believe. He Himself

took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses; and if I dare believe, I can be healed.

See this poor, helpless man at the pool. "Wilt thou be made whole?" But there is a difficulty in the way. The man has one eye on the pool and one on Jesus. There are many people getting cross-eyed this way these days; they have one eye on the doctor and one on Jesus. If you will only look to Christ and put both your eyes on Him you can be made every whit whole, spirit, soul, and body. It is the word of the living God that they that believe should be justified, made free from all things. And whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

You say, "Oh, if I only could believe!" He understands. He thoroughly understands. Jesus knew he had been a long time in that case. He is full of compassion. He knows that kidney trouble, He knows those corns, He knows that neuralgia. There is nothing He does not know. He only wants a chance to show Himself merciful and gracious to you. But He wants to encourage you to believe Him. If thou canst only believe, thou canst be saved and healed. Dare to believe that Jesus was wounded for your transgressions, was bruised for your iniquities, was chastized that you might have peace, and that by His stripes there is healing for you right here and now. You have failed because you have not believed Him. Cry out to Him even now, "Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief."

I was in Long Beach, California, one day, and was passing a hotel with a friend. He told me of a doctor there who had a diseased leg, that he had been suffering from it for six years, and could not get out. We went up to his room and found four doctors there. I said, "Well, doctor, I see you have plenty on, I'll call again another day." I was passing at another time, and the Spirit said, "Go join thyself to him." Poor doctor! He surely was in a bad condition. He said, "I have been like this for six years, and nothing human can help me." I said, "You need God Almighty." People are trying to patch up their lives; but you cannot do anything without God. I talked to him for awhile about the Lord, and then prayed for him. I cried, "Come out of him, in the name of Jesus." The doctor cried, "It's all gone!"

Oh, if we only knew Jesus! One touch of His mightiness meets the need of every crooked thing. The trouble is to get people to believe Him. The simplicity of this salvation is so wonderful. One touch of living faith in Him is all that is required, and wholeness is your portion.

I was in Long Beach about six weeks later, and the sick were coming for prayer. Among those filling up the aisle was the doctor. I said, "What is the trouble?" He said, "Diabetes, but it will be all right tonight. I know it will be all right." There is no such thing as the Lord not meeting your need. There are no "ifs" or "may's"; His promises are all "shall's." All things are possible to him that believeth. Oh, the name of Jesus! There is power in that name to meet every condition of human need.

At that meeting there was an old man helping his son to the altar. He said, "He has fits—many every day." Then there was a woman with a cancer. Oh, what sin has done! We read that, when God brought forth His people from Egypt, "there was not one feeble person among their tribes" (Ps. 105:37). No disease! All healed by the power of God! I believe that God wants a people like that today.

I prayed for the sister who had the cancer and she said, "I know I'm free and that God has delivered me." Then they brought the boy with the fits, and I commanded the evil spirits to leave, in the name of Jesus. Then I prayed for the doctor. At the next night's meeting the house was full. I called out, "Now, doctor, what about the diabetes?" He said, "It has gone." Then I said to the old man, "What about your son?" He said, "He hasn't had any fits since." We have a God who answers prayer.

Jesus meant this man at the pool to be a testimony forever. When he had both eyes on Jesus, He said to him, "Do the impossible thing. Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." Jesus called on the man with the withered hand to do the impossible—to stretch forth his hand. The man did the impossible thing—he stretched out his hand, and it was made every whit whole. And so with this impotent man—he began to rise, and he found the power of God moving within. He wrapped up his bed and began to walk off. It was the sabbath day, and there were some of those folks around who think much more of a day than they do of the Lord; and they began to make a fuss. When the power of God is in manifestation, a protest will always come from some hypocrites. Jesus knew all about what the man was going through, and met him again; and this time He said to him, "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

There is a close relationship between sin and sickness. How many know that their sickness is a direct result of sin? I hope that no one will come to be prayed for who is living in sin. But if you will obey God and repent of your sin and quit it, God will meet you, and neither your sickness nor your sin will remain. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Faith is just the open door through which the Lord comes. Do not say, "I was healed by faith." Faith does not save. God saves through that open door. Healing comes the same way. You believe, and the virtue of Christ comes. Healing is for the glory of God. I am here because God healed me when I was dying; and I have been all round the world preaching this full redemption, doing all I can to bring glory to the wonderful name of Jesus, through whom I was healed.

"Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon thee." The Lord told us in one place about an evil spirit going out from a man. The house that he left got all swept and garnished, but it received no new occupant. And that evil spirit, with seven

other spirits more wicked than himself, went back to that unoccupied house, and the last stage of the man was worse than the first. The Lord does not heal you to go to a baseball game or to a race meeting. He heals you for His glory and that from henceforth your life shall glorify Him. But this man remained stationary. He did not magnify God. He did not seek to be filled with the Spirit. And his last stage became worst.

The Lord would so cleanse the motives and desires of our hearts that we will seek but one thing only, and that is, His glory. I went to a certain place one day and the Lord said, "This is for My glory." A young man had been sick for a long time confined to his bed in an utterly hopeless condition. He was fed only with a spoon, and was never dressed. The weather was damp, and so I said to the people of the house, "I wish you would put the young man's clothes by the fire to air." At first they would not take any notice of my request, but because I was persistent, they at last got out his clothes, and, when they were aired, I took them into his room.

The Lord said to me, "You will have nothing to do with this;" and I just lay out prostrate on the floor. The Lord showed me that He was going to shake the place with His glory. The very bed shook. I laid my hands on the young man in the name of Jesus, and the power fell in such a way that I fell with my face to the floor. In about a quarter of an hour the young man got up and walked up and down praising God. He dressed himself and then went out to the room where his father and mother were. He said, "God has healed me." Both the father and mother fell prostrate to the floor as the power of God surged through that room. There was a woman in that house who had been in an asylum for lunacy, and her condition was so bad that they were about to take her back. But the power of God healed her, too. The power of God is just the same today as of old. Men need to be taken back to the old paths, to the old-time power, to the old-time faith, to believe God's Word and every "Thus saith the Lord" therein. The Spirit of the Lord is moving in these days. God is coming forth. If you want to be in the rising tide, you must accept all God has said.

"Wilt thou be made whole?" It is Jesus who says it. Give Him your answer. He will hear and He will answer.

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#### INSTANTLY HEALED BY GOD

For seven years I was an invalid and was in bed most of the time under the care of a physician. I had two serious operations, and the doctors said that it was a miracle that I came through them—that not one in a hundred would have done so.

After the last operation I was left in a very critical condition. The stomach had been taken out. The doctors gave me no hope for my life. I was in such a weak condition that they could not finish the operation and did not put my stomach in straight, and they left certain parts of the lower bowel growing together. The gastric juice had all been drained out of my stomach. It is impossible to digest food without gastric juice.

After the operations I had to live in bed under the doctors' care for weeks at a time. They said that when I gained a little strength they would take me back to the hospital for another operation.

At my first operation I did not know Jesus as my Saviour, but I was saved shortly afterwards. At the time of my second operation I knew the Lord, and I felt that should it be His will, I was willing to go and be with Him. Under the anesthetic I had a wonderful revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. He came to me and made it very real to me that He would heal, and that I would witness again for Him.

Although the doctors gave me no hope, I came through the operation, and they remarked that it was a miracle that I ever pulled through. The nurses testified that it was only through prayer that I had been brought through. I had my Bible with me all the time and was witnessing as best I could of His great love and power to save.

At this time I was in fellowship with the Plymouth Brethren. They are precious people and preach salvation, but do not see the deeper truths of Divine Healing, Holiness, and the Baptism in the Spirit. The Lord put a great desire in my heart for Himself and for a life of real holiness. I knew in my soul that the Lord was going to heal me, but I had no one to teach me the truth of Divine Healing. Some days I would try and trust the Lord and gave up my medicine, but having no one to stand with me, I fell back to remedies again.

One day the Lord sent a Jew who was selling calendars and mottoes to my door. I found that he was a Pentecostal man and we had a blessed talk about the Lord. He told me that the Lord Jesus would heal me, and that He was baptizing in the Holy Ghost today just as in the days of the apostles. This Jew sent me some tracts on the Lord's healing, and the Baptism, and a copy of Trust from Elim Home, Rochester.

Just at this time I was in a very serious condition and the doctors said that I would have to go back to the hospital. But I felt that I would not have to go back—that Jesus was going to heal me. One morning the Lord said to me, "I am the Lord that healeth thee. Are you willing to trust me with your body?" I

said, "Yes, Lord, though Thou slay me, yet will I trust in Thee."

I was so hungry for the Lord, and I told Him I would rather be an invalid all my days and have Him, than to have my health and fail Him. I did want my life to glorify Him. He spoke to me of Asa who was diseased in his feet, "yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers" (2 Chron. 16:12, 13).

The Lord showed me that I had been redeemed—not only my soul, but my body too, that He had borne my sins, and that He also had borne my sicknesses and afflictions in His body on the cross. From this day I began to trust Him for my body. God began to strengthen me, and I felt His quickening power, although I was still very weak and was greatly tested.

About a week later, on Easter Sunday morning in 1918, the Lord spoke to my heart and told me to go to a Pentecostal meeting. My friends took me to a Pentecostal meeting on the West Side of Buffalo, of which Brother Lindsay—now in India—was pastor. God gave me strength to make the journey. It was the first time I had ever been in a Pentecostal meeting. I felt the presence of God and knew that these people had what my heart was hungry for.

When the altar-call was made, I went forward with fear and trembling like the woman in the Bible (Luke 8:44). I was so hungry for more of Jesus that I almost forgot that I was seeking Him for the healing of my body. As I knelt down the pastor told me to raise my hands up. I did not tell him about my trouble. He asked me whether I was consecrated, and I said, "Yes." He asked the Lord to baptize me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I raised my hands, reaching after the Lord, and the Spirit gave me, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, etc."

Suddenly a mighty shower as of electricity was poured out upon me, and I was caught up from the floor. I did not know whether I was in the body, or out of the body as the Lord filled me with His resurrection life and power, and I danced before Him in the Spirit, even as David did of old, giving Him glory all the while. I seemed to be in a cloud of glory, and I heard the Lord say, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Then He gave me Psalm 103:1-3.

My husband was present and did not approve of the manifestations as he saw me dancing under the power of the Lord. He got very angry and swore terribly, and threatened to leave me if I had any more manifestations. I told him that I knew the Lord had healed me, and even if he left me, I purposed going on with the Lord. He could not help seeing the wonderful change in my life after the Lord healed me, as previously I had been so peevish. He came under great conviction and two weeks later got saved. Two weeks after this he received the Baptism in the Spirit.

I praise the Lord that I was completely healed. I do praise His name that He has proved to me that He is the Resurrection and the Life. For five years the Lord

has kept me, and truly I have found out that I have His strength, enabling me to mount up with wings as an eagle, to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint. This scripture that He gave me has been made very real.

At the time of my illness I had to keep hired help, but after that I was enabled to do my own work, and I had no need of medicine or doctors; for the Lord Jesus has proved Himself the Great Physician. And He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. I want to give Him all the glory, the praise, and the honor.

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### HEALED BY THE LORD

About the year 1883 I chanced to read of a remarkable healing by the Lord, of a Miss Coombs, who had been suffering from rheumatism for 13 years, had consulted many physicians, and being considered past all human help, had been sent to an institution for incurables. This was the first time I had ever heard or read of anything of the kind outside of Scripture, and it left its impression on my heart and mind. I took in a deeper sense of God's power and mercy and grace. But I did not think such a remarkable thing would be likely to occur again within my knowledge.

In the summer of 1886 (I think), about three years later, I was attacked with a most distressing pain in the stomach and side. It seemed as if I was in a vise that was closing in on me, pressing me flat. Physicians were called; remedies were taken; but no relief. My condition being considered serious, a counsel of doctors was called. Injections were put into the arm at intervals, but with no relief, until, at length, it was decided to administer ether, which finally overcame the distress, and I gradually recovered. But when I got able to stand on my feet, I found that I could not stand erect, as before. I could only stand in a stooping position, so much bent that it was almost impossible to be on my feet any length of time without suffering greatly.

I applied to my physician, who told me a muscle had contracted during my illness between the stomach, shoulder and back, and there was no remedy known for that trouble. I was then about 50 years of age, and in fair health other ways. My condition was most discouraging.

From a child I had always had a sort of faith in God, and looked to Him when I got into any trouble.

I remembered the healing of Miss Coombs by the Lord. I was past human help; I felt that my only help lay in God; and I resolved to make appeal to Him.

Sabbath morning came. As soon as my housekeeper had gone to church, I shut and locked my doors and fell on my knees before God in prayer for healing, remaining on my knees in prayer until time for church to close. After dinner the woman doing my work went out again to the afternoon service, and again I went on my knees before the Lord, until the time for the afternoon service to close. I had been all day pleading with the Lord for healing. Evening came, and bed time;

I was in no way better than before; but I went to bed in full determination to keep my petition before the Lord until I got His blessing and healing. I slept sweetly all night. When I awoke in the morning and arose to dress, I found I could stand as erect as ever in my life. I had been healed while I slept. The Lord had heard and answered my petition, and my heart was filled with grateful praise. To Him be all the glory.

I am now in my 88th year. For 34 years the Lord has been my only physician. He has given me sore tests, held me in them, healed me many times, kept me, and shown me His power and mercy and grace. He has healed me of partial blindness, rheumatism, liver trouble and headaches since that time, and now in my 88th year, I am able to write this for the Evangel with my own hand. We have a wonderful God, a wonderful Saviour and Physician. Praise Him!

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### HEALED OF INTERNAL TROUBLE

I was an invalid for a year with an internal trouble, and unable to do my own work. Toward the end of the year I lost weight so rapidly that the doctors told me that they would have to operate to save my life. I was operated on but was nothing bettered.

Sometime after this I was saved in a Methodist Church. After I was saved I wanted to be in meetings all the time and be everywhere with the people of God. But I was still so sick that I could not do my work. I had not been able to sweep or wash for five years. I could not even kneel and would have to either sit or lie down to pray. I was constantly in prayer for others and a number were healed through my prayers.

About two months after I was saved I was operated on a second time, and was in hospital three weeks. We had the best specialists in Boston, but I was no better after the operation.

On Labor Day three years ago, my husband took me to Framingham, Mass., to the Pentecostal camp meeting, the first I was ever in. We had to go on the train as I could not ride on the electric cars. I could not sit in the meeting, but had to lie down on some of the seats.

After the meeting we went to our room and the saints came to visit us. They asked, "Do you believe the Word?" I said that I did. But I had no faith that the Lord would heal me. I thought I would have to be an invalid all my life. All the believers laid their hands on me in the name of Jesus, according to Mark 16:18, and prayed. They had no oil, but they asked that the Lord would anoint me. And as they prayed the power of God fell. It was just as if a bolt came right through my body, cleansing as it went. I was lifted off the bed, leaping, shouting, and praising God.

From then on I was able to do all my own work, and there has been no return of the affliction. The Lord has called me to His work, and my husband and I are now in training for His service in the Central Bible Institute at Springfield.—Beatrice Babcock.



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by E. N. BELL

**2027. Has Matt. 8:17 about Jesus bearing our diseases been fulfilled yet?**

Yes, in one sense it has. That is, Jesus took and bare them on the cross. His part is done. But it becomes ours only when we grasp the truth and believe Jesus for it. Jesus "bare our sins in His body on the tree," just as He did our sicknesses, but the sinner is not saved until he repents and accepts what Jesus did for Him. Jesus has already redeemed (purchased) all the souls of men; yet they are not experimentally saved until they learn and accept this. Just so with healing. Jesus has provided, but we must meet God's conditions and accept it in order to possess it.

**2028. Is there counterfeit speaking with tongues as well as speaking as the Spirit of God gives the utterance?**

Yes, demon-possessed people in the time of Christ, used the bodies they were in to talk even to Christ (See Mark 1: 23-26; 1:34; 5:1-10). Demons may also make people dumb when they possess them (See Matt. 9:32; 12:22). I have met with awful sinners demon-possessed, and the demons talked in tongues. I have dealt with some of these and have seen them delivered from demon power, and then saved. Demon-possessed spirit-mediums are liable at any time to talk in tongues. I pity Sir Conan Doyle and all the hosts that are being deceived, because they don't seem to know that every real spiritualistic medium is possessed with one or more demons.

The devil tries to counterfeit everything that God does. So we need not be surprised that he counterfeits speaking in tongues. A man baptized with God's Spirit is literally possessed by the blessed Spirit. His body is the temple of God. The Spirit dwells in the man's body, and this is why such a man speaks in glorious, heavenly languages. The demon-possessed man has his body filled with and used by demons. This is why he speaks with the devil's languages.

But the subjects are different, and the fruits are entirely different. Only clean, pure Christians get God's Baptism, and they speak in tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance. The experience is blessed, increases joy, makes Jesus real and heaven seem near. Demon-possessed people are unsaved, not right with God. The demons do not give them holy joy, do not make Jesus real. Then the talking in tongues that God gives brings communion with God, fellowship with Jesus and does not torment you. Satan's languages give no blessing, no fellowship with God, no love for Christ and often the possessed person is badly tormented, especially if he does not obey the voice of the demons within. No child of God who honestly seeks the Baptism to have fellowship with Jesus and to know and do God's will better ever gets demons or demon-tongues. Not one! Only persons

already demon-possessed will get tongues from demons. There is no need for fear. Any blood-washed soul is safe day or night, awake or asleep, and especially so while seeking more of God, as we always do when seeking the Baptism in the Spirit from the Lord Jesus.

**2029. Is it scriptural for saints to take the Lord's Supper without an ordained preacher present?**

It is customary for ordained preachers or deacons to administer the Lord's Supper. Where such are present in good standing, they should be used. But a sovereign assembly can appoint someone else to do this, when they have no ordained minister. There is no scripture that says we must have it served only by an ordained minister.

**2030. What is the seal mentioned in Revelation 7 with which God sealed the 144,000?**

It is possible in these last days that the Antichrist will seal his followers with a real, visible mark; and that God will do the same. If so, we do not yet know what the seal will be. But this is not the way God now seals His own. If the 144,000 are sealed as we are now sealed, it will be with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit Himself upon the believers is the present seal of God. I do not remember any scripture that proves God will change His present way of sealing.

**2031. When a person does a piece of work for a child of God, a worker in the vineyard, and shaves the profits down to almost nothing because of that other person's standing, should one be expected to pay tithes of the remainder? Is not the reduced price equivalent to tithes?**

If the work is done for a minister of the Gospel, and it is understood at the time that you are giving him tithes in the reduced price, this is all right. But if he is not a minister of the Gospel, you would be paying tithes to the wrong person, and if it was not understood at the time by the person for whom you were working, even though he was a minister, you would hardly have the right to claim this exemption later on. Then it depends on what the work was. If it all consisted in personal labor by ourselves, the whole of it is income, and we would need to pay tithes on the whole of it in some way. If it was building a house, or something of that kind, then the cost of all labor outside of our own, and the cost of all material should first be deducted, and only what is left is income from which to pay tithes. This income would be partly from our own labor and the rest from whatever profit we made on the labor of others and on the material. This net income would be all we needed to pay tithes from. If the regular price of this job was \$1,000, and we cut off \$100 to a minister of the Gospel and did so in order to pay him tithes, then no further tithes would need to be paid, for they would be already over-

paid. But we should be careful to have an understanding that we were paying tithes in knocking off on the price. Bear in mind always that the pay for our own labor is all income, and all net profit from sales or the labor of others is income, and tithes should be paid from all net income. Our own living and the living of our families should always come out of our own nine-tenths and not out of a business.

**2032. Will Satan appear on earth with power and glory, trying to make people believe he is the Christ before Christ returns?**

Satan will be incarnated in the Antichrist, in the Beast, which will be a man. Through this man and his false prophet, signs and wonders will be wrought to make people believe that this great man is God, and to worship him as such. I do not think that Satan, aside from the Beast and False Prophet, will appear in power and glory like the power and glory in which Jesus will return. But even now, through demon-possessed persons, Satan is prophesying, and showing manifestations which he palms off as the manifestations of the Spirit of God. He is now working as an angel of light; that is, he is making his agents profess to be preachers of the Gospel, and to claim to be filled with the Holy Ghost. But "by their fruits," Jesus said, "ye shall know them."

**2033. Who are spoken of in Rev. 11:7?**

The persons who shall finish their testimony are the "two witnesses" mentioned in verse 3, who are to be great prophets of the Lord. These may be Enoch and Elijah, but nobody is sure of their names. The Beast that ascends out of the pit is the Antichrist, a great political leader who will be possessed by Satan, and who will fight the people of God and set himself up to be worshiped as God.

"The goal of history is the redemption of the world."

"We can do it if we will. We can do it and we will."

## CHANGE IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL ARRANGEMENTS

Some changes make it necessary for us to change the meeting place for the next District Council of The Southern Missouri District. It will not be held at Essex as previously announced, but will convene at Puxico, Missouri, March 27 to April 1, 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. Every local assembly should send at least two male delegates.

The Puxico assembly will furnish free entertainment for all ministers and delegates. The Presbytery have decided that we would select ministers from among those who may be in attendance for special services throughout the convention. The roster will be open on Tuesday, March 27. Let every minister and worker pray and plan to come, you will be expected.

All assemblies throughout the District that think they want to have one of the annual camp meetings at their place this year should see what arrangements can be made financially and otherwise, and send a couple of delegates, or your pastor, to present the matter to the Council.

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

## Little Is Much When God Is In It.

A True Story by Mrs. Cyril Bird

### Chapter VIII.

"Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:24, 25).

New desires, new hopes, and new aspirations had been begotten in the soul of Sister Cautious, and she felt that there must come changes in her life; was not, too, her sister in the Old Country, to whom she must go, to tell her of her newly found joy? This would necessitate leaving her old surroundings, and this she decided to do as soon as she could see her way clear. But how could she do so? Had she not become absorbed in her work? How strong were the old ties and associations of so many years! How she prayed and agonized in prayer for strength to do the right thing! To break her vows was no small matter with her, and yet again, under the new condition of things, how could she be true to her church obligations? Would it be treating justly and honestly those who had committed so much to her trust to seem to be what in reality she was not? No! She felt the time had come for her to go; and go she must to her sister, as God was seeming to say, "This is the way, walk ye in it!"

Only God knows what it meant to her to tear herself away from her life-long associations, to be misunderstood, maligned, yes, even cursed. Her distress, her agony was terrible. At last the time had arrived when this step must be taken, though with only two dollars and a half in her possession, the means to buy a pair of shoes, what was she to do? She decided she would not touch this money, but would trust the Lord, who had done so much for her, and step out, not knowing whither she went. She telephoned to Sister Abigail, telling her of her decision, and asking her to meet her at the railway depot to say farewell.

How exercised in heart was Sister Abigail that morning! Sister Cautious going away! No means with which to go; and Sister Abigail with no means to help! But she knew her God, who had supplied her every need for so long a time, and He was faithful. Did He not know? Did He not love? Did He not care? To her knees she went, telling Him all about it, and saying, "Father, I will give Sister Cautious all the money You will send me this morning." The morning mail arrived with one letter from England containing eight pounds sterling. Then at eight o'clock ten dollars were sent in, and on her way to the depot a Christian put a five-dollar gold piece in her hand.

Sister Cautious said she had a friend in R— with whom she could stay till her way was opened to go to her sister in the Old Country, and she was willing to go with simply her fare to R—.

ter purchased her ticket, gave her an envelope enclosing what money remained, and told her about God answering prayer and sending so much for her in so short a time. Oh! what gratefulness arose in their hearts, as they withdrew to a corner in that depot to pour out their thanksgiving to such a God as was theirs. How encouraged and cheered they were to go on for God, not counting their lives dear unto themselves!

"But, Sister Cautious, did you not think you should have made a confession of your faith, and explained why you were leaving and going to your sister's?" "Oh, you do not understand; I could not, but go I must." The train was ready now, and they must part. They had become very dear to one another, and were feeling the parting very much, knowing that in all likelihood they would not meet on earth again, but that the next meeting would be in the Glory-Land, in the presence of Him who had died for them. Sister Cautious boards the train for R—, treasuring the word, "He knoweth the way I take" (Job 23:10). Our Sister Abigail says farewell, hesitates a moment, then slowly returns to her home and labor in the Lord. With what mingled feelings of joy and sadness does she review all the happenings of the last few years! Communication is now cut off, and it is some time before word comes from Sister Cautious; but one day she telephones Sister Abigail that she is leaving R— for England.

How anxiously Sister Abigail waits for news of her arrival there, but none comes. What can be the matter? Has she forgotten Sister Abigail? Are her trials too great to tell? Has she grown cold in heart towards her Lord? Is not her Saviour a reality? Has she done wrong and repented? Our little praying circle does not forget to pray, and, though lost sight of for a long time, she is commended to the care of our Lord, in whom she had learned to trust, and God was not unmindful of their prayers! Will they ever hear from her again? Well, they can trust in the dark, for He doeth all things well, and He cares.

A long time elapses. There is a ring at the door bell, and Sister Abigail is wanted. It is a gentleman, and he will not enter. Sister Abigail goes to the door, to find a gentleman clothed in the garb of a priest. Immediately he asks if she is Sister Abigail. "I am Sister Abigail only to one person. How do you know me as that?" Holding up a little book of poems by Miss Havergal, he asked, "Do you recognize this?" "Yes, I left it at the —Hospital." "Who did you say could have it? Where did you get it? Did you know anyone you called Sister Cautious?" "Yes, indeed; where is she? What do you know about her?" "She is my sister, and she is gone. I have just come from the Old Country, from her bedside, where I saw her pass

away from this world into the next. She told me that she desired you to have this book, and that you would recognize it. I have another book here," and, removing the wrapping paper, he continued, "Do you know this?" "I think so. Oh, it is her Bible!" "My sister asked me to give these in your hands, which I most solemnly promised to do, and she wanted me to tell you she was not going through purgatory nor into judgment, because she knew whom she had believed, and was persuaded—and persuaded—and persuaded!"

"And are you, sir? Do you believe?" "I do believe that Jesus died for my sins, and I know whom I have believed—I believe in Him! I cannot leave the true church, but my eyes have been opened to see there is no other way but to trust simply in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and I will tell it. It is a very deep sorrow to me that my sister left the true church, and for that I cannot forgive you."

Another one entered into His presence, and safe at home! Another prayer answered, the priest's brother saved! Oh, sisters, pray on; it surely pays! Our God is a faithful God. He does hear. He does answer. How eagerly, how sacredly, our sister Abigail clasps the book of poems and the Bible in her hands! How much she feels! "And so dear Sister Cautious is at home with her Saviour! Truly she knows Him! Dear, dear Sister Cautious."

The leaves of the Bible are reverently turned. Exodus 20 is found marked and divided into ten sections, then a footnote written at the bottom of the page reads, "All this done away in the death of Jesus, for I know whom I have believed." Another passage of Scripture is underlined. Do I need to tell you what that text is? Surely none other than 2 Tim. 1:12. Let us say it over together reverently. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

A leaf is turned down in the little book of poems, having been marked by her own hands.

"He is with thee! In thy service  
He is with thee 'certainly,'  
Filling with the Spirit's power,  
Giving in the needing hour  
His own messages by thee."

Yes, it is her last message to Sister Abigail. She has gone to be with Him, but sends this word across the waters, "He is with thee," and Abigail responds, "Mizpah!" Till that day.

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In the Brethren churches at Livonia and Latvia in the summer of 1918 began a powerful revival. It began in the country and soon spread over all Latvia (Courland, Livonia and Latgal). Members of the churches and their pastors, being dissatisfied with the lukewarm conditions, began earnestly to pray for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Their desire was to see the same things happen as at the time of the apostles.

The ministers, feeling their lack of power, held special services for the pastors only. To these services came all those pastors who desired the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Special instructions were given by ministers who had previously received the Holy Spirit.

The Lord answered these prayers by pouring His Spirit upon them in prophecy, visions and other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Then they prayed that a revival would sweep over all Latvia. Wherever these Spirit-filled ministers came to preach, the churches were filled to overflowing. Sinners came, heard the Word confessed their sins, and received the Holy Spirit. In many places where there had been no believers before, Spirit-filled churches were formed.

The President of the Baptist Council was also baptized in the Holy Spirit. But many churches with their pastors refused to accept this new doctrine. They did all in their power to oppose this teaching, as it seemed to them a new and strange doctrine. As most of the churches were Pentecostal, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was preached everywhere.

The Council sent missionaries all over Latvia who preached about this old time power. Wherever these brethren held meetings, the Holy Spirit witnessed that persecutions would come, the Red government would gain control and cause bloodshed and famine.

The Lord showed Brazil as the place where they would be sustained, also foretold through the Spirit that only until October, 1922 they would be able to leave Latvia. This came to pass October 5, 1922 when the government of Latvia refused to give passports to all Pentecostal families. Many who had sold their farms and other property were forced to remain in Latvia. Their Baptist brethren rose up against them and accused them to the government. This resulted in refusing permission for more than five people at one time to hold a meeting. An official was always present in all such meetings. Many Pentecostal ministers were put in prison, then given their freedom on the condition that they would leave Latvia. One bitterly opposed to the Pentecostal doctrine was elected President of the Council and visited all the churches removing the Pentecostal pastors and put in their places those who held strictly to the Baptist doctrine.

Hundreds of Pentecostal brethren left Latvia, and by October 5, 1922, five hundred had emigrated to Brazil with their families. Those who could not escape faced famine and persecution. The government officially declared the Pentecostal doctrine to be false and hence forbidden.

Those who went to Brazil found themselves in an uninhabited wilderness without roads or fields, but only the tropical forests before them. The nearest inhabited place being 30 miles distant. The richer ones helped the poorer in crossing the ocean, but as all came from a war-devastated country none could be considered rich. If only God would open the hearts of those saints in America whom He has blessed with earthly goods. For it is written: "Distribute to the necessity of the saints (Rom. 12:13; Gal. 6:7). Their hardships are similar to those of the Pilgrims. But we can thank God for the love and unity among them.

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There are many special articles of interest that we are planning on publishing in the near future. One is a series of articles on the Second Coming of Christ and the Coming Tribulation. These are by different writers, each one dealing with some special aspect of things to come. Brother Max Wood Moorhead has handed us the manuscript of a new book that he hopes to publish soon entitled "The Church, with Her Enduement of Holiness and Power." A number of the chapters of this book deal expressly with the gifts of the Spirit, and everyone who is filled with the Spirit will recognize the enlightenment and power of the writer.

We have a number of different articles on different Pentecostal subjects received from our Pentecostal brethren of late. We expect to keep the Pentecostal note dominant, and have no purpose of lapsing back into denominationalism or interdenominationalism. The Lord has made us Pentecostal and we are not ashamed of having received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4.

A great many readers have written expressing thanks for the help received through Brother Wigglesworth's messages as they have been reported in the Evangel. We have a large number more of our brother's messages of faith, and the editor of the Evangel is planning to spend a month with our brother early in the year, and he will take his notebook with him.

Dr. Lillian B. Yeomans has promised us a further series of articles on the subject of the Lord's healing. We hope to publish this sister's remarkable testimony shortly. She became a slave to morphine, but the Lord graciously delivered and now she is able to point out the way of deliverance, healing, and salvation to others.

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### MISSIONARY AND BIBLE CONVENTIONS

#### D. W. Kerr Has Offered His Services

For years our Brother D. W. Kerr has had a burden on his heart to hold Bible and Missionary Conventions in various parts of the country, similar to those which are held every year at the Pentecostal Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The Cleveland conventions have been famous for their spiritual power and missionary zeal and there is no reason why other communities should not enjoy the same blessing. Brother Kerr has been hindered from following his heart along this line for the past few years on account of the many duties incidental to Bible-school work, but has agreed to enter any open doors this summer immediately upon the close of the school year on May 15.

Here is an opportunity for one or several rousing Missionary and Bible Conventions in your district this summer. If you want one of these conventions, it would be well to begin to plan for it now. Take the matter up with your district officers and plan for a convention that will have a wide scope in its influence. Then write to Brother D. W. Kerr, care Central Bible Institute, Campbell and Calhoun Sts., Springfield, Missouri, for a date.

When Brother Kerr opened his heart to the brethren of the Executive Presbytery concerning this convention plan, they were all enthusiastic over it, and there was no hesitation in granting him an appointment as Missionary Field Secretary. We are looking forward to some very precious conventions this summer under the leadership of Brother Kerr.

#### A DAY OR TWO IN THE LIFE OF A MISSIONARY IN SOUTH CHINA

Brother J. E. Spence writes from Watsap, S. China. "We are not forgetting the county with its thousands of unreached. We have a Band who go away for days at a time preach the Word at every opportunity and sell Gospels. I wish you could come with us for a trip, say to Lung Haang, where every fifth day ten thousand people come to trade. They come from long distances bringing their produce for sale—farmers, clothmakers, etc.—and almost every kind of ware can be bought. This place is two days journey from here, and if you are not used to walking, you certainly will be tired as you climb the mountains, cross the streams and go down the valleys.

"The first night on the trip we stop over with one of our Christians and in the evening we have the joy of preaching the Word as, like Cornelius, he brings in all his relatives to hear. We go to sleep that night on hard bed boards, but when the joy of the Lord is in your soul that is a small matter. Ere long we go to sleep, not to awake until daylight when we must arise, and, after committing the day to God, snatch a hurried meal and hurry off.

"As we go we see many with their goods for sale walking along, and of course we greet them and ask them where they are

going (very polite in China) and so all that day all roads seem to lead to Lung Haang. At last we get there and go into a shop, lay our bundles down, drink a cup of tea and get ready for business. We have three bags with the blood-stained banner of the cross emblazoned on them, our flag also has that sacred emblem, and we have a good sounding bell. Soon we come to a good stand and we stick the flag staff in the ground while one is ringing the bell. Almost immediately we have a crowd, and such a crowd. So large is it that we stand up until at the same time, and within sight of each other, there are three of us preaching the Word to large crowds who never heard the name of Jesus before. Talk about joy of service! To give the Bread of Life to those in darkness, to bring the light of the Gospel to these people this is joy indeed.

"But we have to leave them. In all this whole district there is no mission, no light house, but we thank God we can leave the blessed Gospel portions and, selling them at one cent each, we do a brisk trade, and in this way the Word of God is reaching towns and villages and lonely hamlets where the foot of the white man has never been.

"We repeat this performance till well in the afternoon, and tired, but oh so wondrously happy, we find a place for the night and have a good Chinese meal.

"The band is off at present on a ten days trip reaching places hitherto untouched, while we stay here at home and keep the home fires burning. We are sowing the seed and we ask an interest in your prayers that God will give the increase that from this people there will come many to praise and bless our God when Jesus comes.

Later: (written from Sainam)—"These are days fraught with great issues. We are at Sainam unable to get back to Watsap. Saturday we attempted to go to Lopau along with Sister Appley but, owing to the battle raging between there and here we had to turn back. Today we watched from the house here the Kwangtung troops retreating, several thousand of them, and now the vanguard of the victorious Kwangsi army has reached Sainam and we are awaiting developments. Hoh Hau, three miles away, has been looted, but so far nothing has been done here. Much prayer is needed that soon conditions will be such as to permit of us going back to our stations and please remember wife and me especially that we may soon be able to go back to Watsap to the dear Christians there and to that large untouched field."

#### B. S. MOORE RETURNING TO JAPAN

B. S. Moore and wife announce that they are returning to Japan on March 3 on the S. S. Siberia Maru. Their address in Japan will be 1033 Hommoku, Hara, Yokohama, Japan.

We regret very much the necessity of letting Brother Moore return to Japan without the approval of the Missionary Committee. Charges were filed against Brother Moore by the Canadian Brethren and complaints were also received from brethren in the Eastern District Council. Brother Moore was requested to visit headquarters to confer with the brethren and clear these matters up, but failed to do so. He was informed that we could not sanction his return to Japan until he had made an effort to clear these things up to the satisfaction of the brethren. But Brother Moore had made no attempt to clear them up, and so returns to Japan on his own responsibility and without the endorsement of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Council.

### THE LAKE KIVU PARTY CHOOSES A LOCATION

Mrs. Julia McC. Richardson who headed the party of Pentecostal missionaries for the Lake Kivu District in the Congo writes us that a location has finally been settled upon. While the party was waiting for carriers at Luwung, Sister Richardson wrote, "This is a beautiful place situated on a plateau with mountains surrounding it on every side in the distance. How often I have looked at Luwung on the map and wished that we might have a station here or near here. Now the Pentecostal Swedish Mission has a station two hours from here. They have three stations, one at Uvira and two further north, and the Norwegian Society have one near Lake Kivu. We can praise the Lord that the territory is occupied and by Pentecostal people. They have taken the territory just within the past three months. They are turning Masisi over to us, which will give us a foothold until we can look around and find just the Lord's plan for us. This will bring us much nearer Bombari where Brother Blakeney is, and forge another link in the chain of Pentecostal work from the northeast to the southeast of the Belgian Congo.

"We have been having another trying wait here for the carriers. We arrived here one week ago and the second day after arriving fifty-three carriers arrived and we were told that the rest were in the path and would arrive the next day, so we sent off all the loads we could, the men wanting to go to the first stopping place. But the next day the rest of the carriers did not arrive and later on the runners whom we had sent from Uvira with word to have carriers waiting for us arrived here saying that the rest of our carriers were in the path and would arrive the next day. But the next day came and no carriers. Then I sent off another runner for men thinking that there had been some mistake, possibly our runner lying to us and not having gone through at all. We hope now that tomorrow or next day the carriers will be here.

"The fight is on. I knew that it would be as soon as we reached Africa, but one never knows just what form the fight is going to take. It wouldn't be much of a fight if we did. I can scarcely realize that I am passing over the same road that my husband passed over in 1914 and so ill with fever. I presume two days from here I will be able to visit his grave at Nyanga. I know that you are all upholding us in prayer through this trying time."

### WORKING IN TRAVANCORE, SOUTH, INDIA

Mrs. Bertha N. Cook writes from South India. "The work has been hindered here in Kottarahara because we had no suitable meeting place, but now the shed is up and we held our first meetings in it Sunday. We have an average of about 70 children out to Sunday School, so many that we have to divide them into two classes. More classes should be made but we have not enough suitable teachers for them.

"Early one morning last week, a poor woman called with her sick baby in her arms. Her older child, who attends our Sunday School, was also with her. Both mother and child had on but a loin cloth, the upper part of the body being naked, and the baby was naked. When asked what she wanted, she said medicine for the baby. We told her that we do not give medicine but that we pray for the sick and asked her if she believed that Jesus can heal. She said she did, and after talking with her a little she said she would have the baby prayed for. The baby had cold and fever, and was hungry from lack of nourishment. I put a jacket on it after which it quieted down and went to sleep. Praise the Lord! (The little jacket is one of several we made from the upper parts of old stockings which we find very useful for babies' jackets). The mother has not enough milk for the baby so I gave her some wheat gruel and a little money for milk. Today the mother testifies that the child was healed.

"Pray much for us and the work here.

**IN THE LISU TRIBE, S. W. CHINA**

Miss Ada E. Buchwalter writes from Yunnan Province, S. W. China, "I am glad to report that the Lord is working amongst the Lisu Tribe here and we have workers in three different villages, and in one village 29 families have burned their idols and put away their whiskey. In the other villages the work has just started and many are enquiring. They have big meetings every Sunday and about one to two hundred attended at each place. These villages on the mountains have only about twenty families to one village, so you see they come from all over the mountain.

"This work is entirely different to Chinese work as these Lisu people are the aborigines and they are such simple-hearted people. They have no written language, so a C. I. M. missionary has produced a written language for them and we can use it here in our work. About fifteen came here last week with our worker and it was lovely to hear them sing 'Jesus loves me this I know.' We cannot go to the villages as yet as they are still afraid of us, but now some are coming here every week and we trust the fear of us will soon go. We do praise God for this opening and trust that many of these 'other sheep' shall be led into the fold. There are thousands of this tribe on the mountains all around us and for three or four days in every direction."

Later, Sister Buchwalter wrote a letter about the Lisu tribe containing some interesting news, which we are passing on as follows:

"We are glad to report that the work is going on amongst the Lisu although we have not yet gotten permission to build the chapels. The people are getting more confidence in us and about a month ago I paid a visit to one of our villages and had a hearty welcome. They are very hospitable and we do not take food with us, as giving food with them is a sign they want you. Of course, if they stop giving food, it is a sign they want you to go. Their food is coarse, but they were so pleased to see me eat their corn porridge and the Lord does give me grace to eat what is set before us.

"They all came that evening to service, from all over the mountain, some coming three miles. About fifty or more were crowded in a room 10x10 with a smoky wood fire in the middle which gave light as well as heat. Now they begin to sing, and oh what lovely voices they have—such a change from the Chinese. Both old and young joined in praise to the great Saviour whom they have learned to love and worship.

"The next day, which was Sunday, they all came bringing their gifts of vegetables, rice, bread, eggs, etc., and we had the meeting out in open. I preached to them in Chinese, while the Lisu evangelist interpreted it into Lisu. I am also studying the Lisu language but can only say a few words now. How eagerly they drink in the Word and how they love to hear about the Lord's second coming and the glories of heaven. The Lord has blessed them in many ways, in healing the sick and also keeping them from sickness. One man said they had always had some sickness in their home, either the children or his wife or himself, but since they worship Jesus, He keeps them. They stayed all day and then went back to do the evening work and came back again.

"We are going to have a three-days meeting there at Christmas and expect great things from the Lord. This is up a high mountain, but the people are so simple and earnest that one does not mind the hard climb. Last week I paid a visit to our other Lisu station and also found precious hearts—dear old grandmothers so eager to hear, also old men drinking in the Word of Life. But it means real hardships to go as there are only trails up the mountains.

"We do thank God for the Chinese Christians we do have, but the ripening harvest is among the Tribes. The Lord is also blessing the Pentecostal missionaries in their Tribes work in the south of the Province. It is as the Lisu themselves

have put it, 'The gospel is just what we were waiting for; we were standing with our mouths open, not knowing what we wanted.' There are thousands more on the mountains who will believe if they hear. Rom. 10:12-15."

**ON THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Geo. C. and Abbie Elager write from Chekiang Province, China as follows:

"We can truly say 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' We praise Him for the strength, joy and grace He has supplied to us from day to day, and for the many mercies bestowed upon us. The work in Chuchowfu is going on. Meetings are being conducted regularly for the attendance of both Christians and heathen. The Sunday School work is progressing nicely. There is an average attendance of from sixty to seventy scholars almost all of whom are children from heathen homes. The small day school is making steady progress too. There are about twenty-five pupils enrolled. Bible truths are included in the curriculum.

"The mission house which God enabled us to build this year on a mountain about fifteen miles from here has proven to be a blessing, and has served a double purpose. Brother and Sister Mader and their two children from Shanghai, Miss Rediger (our coworker) and ourselves spent the hot season there this year. We suffered practically no discomforts on account of the heat. The temperature hardly ever registered over 80 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. It is much cooler there than it is down here on the plain. I remained on the mountain for several weeks after the other missionaries had returned to their stations, in order to preach the Gospel to the numbers of Chinese, who make pilgrimages, at that season, to a large idol temple, which is situated near our house. It is customary for people from cities, towns and villages for miles around (a three-days journey for some of them) to visit that temple once a year, to worship the idols there. There are plenty of temples and idols in their own towns, but this temple is an especially famous one. Companies of people go up there by turns at stated times. Sometimes there are over three hundred people in a band. Some of these carry beautifully embroidered silken banners, and blow musical instruments as they walk along. They remain on the mountain one or two days, then return to their homes. While up there they came to see us and our house. I received them and preached Jesus to them. In this way it was my privilege to witness to a few thousand people, besides selling about 1000 copies of the 'Gospels' and the 'Acts,' and giving away several thousand tracts on salvation themes.

"O beloved! I wish you could have seen for once the sad sight of a few hundred people bowing down to worship before a large idol in the inner court of that horrible temple; then proceeding from idol to idol in the temple grounds bowing down again and again before them, burning incense and idol paper, and shooting off fire-crackers, then again, seeing a multitude of men, women and children falling on their knees before these ugly idols at the signal of the ringing of a bell by an uncanny, sinful-looking priest. The sight would sadden your heart, but would also cause you to more earnestly cry to the living God imploring Him to grant unto His witnesses among these people more power from on high; and that their darkened minds would specially be opened to understand and believe His truth.

"Please continue to uphold us in prayer. The needs of the work are increasing and are more urgent than ever. We are also in need of a better dwelling house here in Chuchowfu. One thousand five hundred dollars would supply this need. God is able. Praise His Name!"

**A NEW WEE MISSIONARY**

Brother Alex. Lindsay writes from India, "Will you please announce in the paper the arrival of a new wee missionary in our home. She made her appearance last Sunday evening, January 14. Mother and baby are doing well, praise God.

**FROM "WITCHCRAFT JUNGLE"**

Greetings of victory from the depth of 'Witchcraft Jungle.' We have had time to 'spy out the land' and though there are 'walled cities and giants,' we can say with Caleb, 'Let us go up AT ONCE, for we are well able.' The year has been spent in foundational work and we can but say, 'What hath God wrought?' During 1923 we shall count on YOU to storm the fortress of darkness by prayer and come to the help of the Lord against this Jericho which is straitly shut up.

**Things Accomplished**—Permanent houses finished and occupied. 25 acres of land cleared and in the process of planting coffee, sweet potatoes, mangoes, manioc, sugarcane, strawberries, guavas, pawpaws, bananas, etc. We had 30 weeks of school for boys and some of them can read the Bible for themselves now. Schedule of service: Two preaching services on Sunday. A daily 6 a. m. preaching service. A Wednesday and Friday evening service for natives alone under their evangelist. A Wednesday evening English service. In August we had a week of prayer with two daily services. 500 two-months workmen have listened day after day to the message and then have gone to their distant villages with the good news. At present our temporary church which seats over 100 is crowded.

**A Victory**—We had a deadly witchcraft encounter. Those under its spell died out a poison which they seem to worship with a strange mixture of superstitions. Many of the animals died off before we got to the root of the matter. God delivered us and one of the leaders of the cult is attending daily worship. Pray that he may be converted. We praise God that death has not entered during the year. Though some of our number have been sick, we are confident of victory.

**Transport Improvements**—A motor road is being built into Gombari, and before the year closes we shall be in touch with the outside world. We are informed that Gombari has been put on the map as an international P. O. and it seems good to buy stamps without sending 150 miles away for them.

**Workers Needed**—We trust before the year closes that God will send others to join us in the fight for truth. We can offer a good climate (There always between 70 and 90 degrees. Alt. 3600 ft.); a shut-away life from the whirl of Western things; plenty of virgin soil yet untrdden by white foot, with souls for whom Christ died.

**Station Workers** minister to sick, teach school, or Bible or classes for candidates for baptism or evangelists; oversee all kinds of industrial work as well as preach and witness to our fast growing resident family.

**Village Workers** must plan on camp life among the people themselves. We have openings, no one to fill them. From one to five days journey from here there are thousands upon thousands without the gospel. The proper kind of personal worker could break down their wild reserve, win their confidence and tell them of Jesus. A man and wife or two men should go together. We could probably give them more than they could do already. They would make their headquarters on the station and be out part or most of the time. The untouched Pigmy tribes are not far away.

Personally God has called me to deeper and more effectual prayer. I have therefore set apart Thursday afternoons for God alone.

Again praising God for manifold year-blessings, thanking you for every kindness and soliciting your earnest prayer, I am, Yours for the glory of the King of kings, Jesse A. Harney.

**ONE THOUSAND HEARD THE GOSPEL**

Mrs. Bertha N. Cook writes from South India. "Mr. Robert Cook came back so enthusiastic over the new fields opened up to us to preach the Gospel. How eager the people are there for the Gospel and they are anxiously waiting for him to go back. He plans to return for a longer stay there. At one open air meeting it was estimated that 1000 people heard the gospel message.



## -:- Reports From the Field. -:-

**PENNINGTON GAP, VA.**—I just closed a successful revival at Scott St., Knoxville, Tenn. Several were saved and the church was greatly revived. Some received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and some were healed. Went on for a little over two weeks.—E. P. Harber.

**KNOXVILLE, TENN.**—Feb. 24, 1923. We have just closed a very successful revival at 219 West Scott St. Several were saved and the church was much helped. Brother E. P. Harber, of Pennington Gap, Va., did the preaching. He is really on fire for God. Pray for us—Pastor J. A. Wells.

**MORO, ARK.**—I have recently come from Alton, Ill., and am opening a work here, erecting a new church, from which to send forth the four-fold message of the day. We are looking forward to a mighty downpour of the Holy Spirit, and earnestly ask the prayers of every reader of the Evangel.—Isaac Fulks.

**WEST NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.**—A chapel for English and Norwegian services is to be dedicated at Easter at DuBois Avenue. There will be a convention from Palm Sunday to Easter. The building will hold over two hundred, and is to cost six or seven thousand dollars. This is the second chapel on Staten Island. People are going on with God. Brother Michael Hansen is in charge. I am finding many needy Chinese in New York and other cities.—W. A. H.

**BRISTOW, OKLA.**—Praise for what the Lord is doing for us here. I was suffering intensely from flu. Our pastor and workers came and prayed for me, and all the pain and suffering ceased. On Thursday night I was called to go and pray for an old Baptist sister who had been suffering from rheumatism for years. She was instantly healed. I left her shouting the victory. Thence I went to the tabernacle, and the Lord wonderfully saved one precious soul, a man 30 or 35 years old. Pray for us.—Evang. Shelt Webster.

**MULBERRY, ARK.**—We have our little church almost ready for service, and our hearts are hungry for the everlasting gospel of the kingdom. We desire to know that which cannot be shaken, so that, when our God shakes heaven and earth, we will be able to stand. There are saints at this place who sincerely desire to stand for God and His Word. So we covet the prayers of God's children, and ask ministers in line with the General Council, when passing this way, to stop. The work here is in care of Brother J. N. Garland.—Mrs. J. L. Padillo.

**PENSACOLA, FLA.**—God has certainly put His approval on the work in Pensacola for the past year; many precious souls have been saved and baptized in the precious Holy Spirit, as in Acts 2:4. There have been many marvelous cases of healing in the Name of the Holy Child Jesus. Evangelist C. L. Duck has just closed a 17-days meeting here upon which God put His approval. Several were born into the kingdom of God and baptized in the precious Holy Spirit. Many received definite experiences with God and seemingly there has been a general uplift in the souls of all the saints here. The last day of the meeting we spent at the church. At noon and at the afternoon communion service the dear Lord let His power down in a wonderful way, and many were shouting, dancing and rejoicing in the Lord, for all which we praise God. We ask an interest in the prayers of the saints of God.—Pastor D. P. McDonald, 321 Brent Building, Pensacola, Fla.

**McCURTAIN, OKLA.**—Brother Charles Shields, member of the District Presbytery, has been in our midst for a few days and reports that all things pertaining to the condition of the assembly look good. He says that he thinks that all our assembly needs is more earnest prayer. This we agree with. While he was with us, our annual business meeting was held and officers were elected for the ensuing year. During a recent revival 8 souls were saved, baptized, or reclaimed. There are a number here who might be added. We have good attendance and splendid order. All Council ministers are invited to visit us when God permits. Pray for greater things for us.—W. E. Sampson.

**DEMING, NEW MEX.**—Greetings in our adorable Lord. We are having a time of refreshing in this hard place. 3 have been saved, and 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Lord is blessing the little children in a wonderful way. It would melt the heart of stone to hear them plead and weep for souls. Last night I visited one of the homes and there I found them searching high and low for their checkers and other things of amusement. As soon as they were found they were cast into the stove. They said they had no time for such things, but only had time for Jesus. We are about to begin special services for two weeks, and we covet the prayers of the true "yoke-fellows" for us. Brethren in fellowship with the General Council will receive a hearty welcome. May God bless you all.—Evang. Jas. M. Reb.

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**OAKLAND, CAL.**—Special meetings have been going on for sometime. Brother McConnell just finished a months campaign here and there were between 75 and 100 baptized in the Holy Spirit and scores saved. Evangelist McAlister is now there to follow up until Brother A. H. Argue comes. One pastor in Oakland who has a large new church received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, and is now trying to swing his own congregation too, and I believe with some success, as the opposition is small. Oakland now has one of the largest assemblies on the Pacific coast paying \$10.00 a day for a downtown theater, or \$300 per month, with crowded house nightly. Brother McConnell started in San Francisco Sunday night for a campaign against the powers of hell, and big things are expected to happen here also. Evangelist McCollough started a campaign Sunday in Live Oak, Gridley, and Oroville.—C. B. Cannon.

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### REPORT OF MISSIONARY CONVENTION, GRANITE CITY, ILL.

The six-days missionary convention which was recently held was an event that will long be remembered in the life of our assembly. It was marked by the presence and power of God in a most extraordinary way. Pastor J. Narver Gortner of Cleveland, Ohio, Sister Marguerite Flint, returned missionary from India, and about twelve local preachers of Missouri and Illinois were present.

The sermons of Brother Gortner were mightily anointed of the Spirit of God and his ministry among us was very blessed, indeed. Sinners were saved and believers were baptized in the Spirit in the night services. Marvelous crowds attended and the saints were greatly edified.

Another very blessed feature of the convention days was the Spirit-filled messages of our Sister Flint. Many were the times when the congregation was melted to tears as the needs of dark India were laid upon their hearts by this precious handmaiden of the Lord. Her ministry will prove to be a permanent blessing to the assembly. The assemblies which need a missionary will be fortunate in having Sister Flint with them.

Our beloved Brother J. H. Law, who is soon to leave this district to go as a missionary to South Africa, presented the matter of his call to the foreign field on the last day of the convention. The Spirit of God moved upon the people as he told of how the Lord had been working with him in opening the way to go to the field. The hearts of the people were deeply touched by the Spirit through his message. An offering was taken to defray his expenses for outfit and passage to his future field of labor, which in cash and pledges amounted to \$1,351.00, which is by far the largest missionary offering that was ever taken in Pentecostal circles in this section of the country.

All who attended, and especially the ministers, enjoyed a time of sweet fellowship together, and their souls were refreshed from the presence of the Lord. The ministers returned to their respective fields of labor with a fresh anointing of the Spirit upon them and a vision of "greater things for the Lord." "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Praise His wonderful name!—Carl M. O'Guin, pastor.

**PORTERVILLE, CALIF.**—We have been here for three weeks helping Pastor J. C. Timmons in a special union revival meeting with the Church of God, and the dear Lord has blessed us with many souls, and quite a few have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, including one holiness preacher. Hallelujah! The saints here are getting in fine shape and we are arranging for a great time with Brother Watt Walker the last of this month, D. V. We expect to return to our little flock in Dansmuir about April 1st, D. V.

Here is a newspaper clipping from the Porterville paper:

#### Big Baptismal Service

"Evangelist M. T. Draper, who is preaching at the Ackerman hall on Main street, will conduct a water baptismal service Saturday night at the Christian church. "A great time is expected. Between 20 and 30 will be baptized or buried with Christ in the watery grave, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ given in Matthew 28:19; Romans 6:5.

"Dr. Lemmon, the pastor, extended a very warm welcome to Pastor Chas. Macy and Evangelist Draper to use the church, as the evangelist is a fully ordained minister of the Gospel and is not a church fighter, but a church builder, and encourages everyone to have a good spiritual church home.

"There will be a special divine healing service for the sick Wednesday night without money and without price. You are welcome. Isaiah 53:5."—M. T. Draper.

**1000 ATTENDED SERVICE HELD AT TABERNACLE  
Man Assisted To Platform on Crutches Is Healed and Walks Off Unaided**

One thousand people attended the revival service at the Assembly of God Tabernacle last evening. The crowd began to gather long before time for the service to begin and by the time the opening song was given out, the tabernacle was filled to overflowing.

Evang. Ellsworth delivered a strong message from "The Great Invitation of Jesus." In the course of his sermon he said, "Christ died to meet every need of man. The atonement on Calvary was one which included healing for the body as well as salvation for the soul. Christ established a gospel which was preached by the Apostles and should be preached by every minister today. With the invitation to come, Jesus also gave a promise of rest; rest for a soul tired in sin or a body broken by disease."

That many were of the same opinion as Evang. Ellsworth was proved by the large number who were crying for prayer for their body. Truly the scene was one that might remind us of the times when many came to the Apostles for physical healing. As the Evangelist, assisted by the church pastor, R. Elmer Baker, began to pray for the sick, they came from all parts of the building. Fathers came carrying their children, men came on crutches, women came with bodies bent with years of suffering, and, as they were prayed for, rejoiced that they were healed. One man who came on crutches and had to be assisted on to the platform was healed and leaving his crutches walked from the platform unaided. A child which had been paralyzed for seven years and which was carried upon the platform, walked across the platform without being assisted. As these miracles were performed the large audience rose to their feet and loudly clapped their hands.

—Sedalia Capital, Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 23, 1923.

**MALDEN, MO.**—Seven months ago there was a weak, struggling assembly, without a church-house, at Malden. God put it upon my heart to take the work temporarily, and help them build. It seems miraculous, all things considered, that this has been accomplished. Time and again God has answered prayer, definitely, regarding this work. The building is 40x58 feet, and will be a good house, when completed.

I tried, but failed, to get a strong evangelist from a distance to hold a meeting, which we started December 23. We found splendid home help in Brother Thos. Scribner and Sister Walker, both of Parma. Burning messages went forth from night to night for two weeks; and we started into the third; but the "flu" struck Malden like a cyclone, and we closed. Counting reclamations, seven professed Christ, and three were baptized in the Holy Spirit. I have now given up the care of the church, to take effect March 25. Should any strong young brother, with moderate family obligations, feel drawn this way he could write Pastor Robt. Work, Malden, Mo.

—S. C. Johnson.

**NORTH TAZEWELL, VA.**—Brother M. B. Hampton (with whom I have been working) and I held a meeting at Clear Creek, Va. in December in which several were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. From there I went to Thompson's Creek where I found a few humble saints. I was with them for a few services. I also visited Drill, Va. and found that there were about 400 cases of flu there. Notwithstanding this, we had one sweet service with a few of the saints who were able to get out to church, and had the real pleasure of seeing the power of God manifest in relieving several who were suffering, when prayer was offered. Leaving Drill I reached home the night before Christmas. Was at home only a few days when we also took the flu; but the Lord was good to us and in two or three weeks I was able to go to the field again. My

next meeting was held at Lex. W. Va., where we had a good time in the Lord. Four were saved, two received the Holy Spirit, others were encouraged. The meeting continued for about 16 days. At the close of this meeting I visited Brother Hampton at Drill, where I found him and Sister Maggie Fredaway laboring hard for the salvation of souls. Brother L. L. Wynn also came to Drill a few days ago and has joined Brother Hampton in the meeting there. I am now at Cawl Wood, Va. Had a good service last night, and am expecting great things from the Lord.—Evang. Henry H. Peck.

**NEWS FROM SAN FRANCISCO**

Brother C. B. Cannon, with Brother R. J. Craig, at 1536 Ellis St., writes that God is blessing the work, souls being constantly saved. He says that they have a hall seating 1100 people, but that they need a larger place, seating at least 2500. He says the school has about 80 day students, and nearly 150 at night, and that they must have a larger school building to accommodate about 300 students.

He asks that all the saints stand in prayer that the Lord send in the means to finish up the school building. He says they already have a good location which is unincumbered, and for which they have paid \$26,400.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.**—We are rejoicing in God our Father and our Saviour Jesus Christ for His gracious visitation with us here in Long Beach. Brother W. T. Gaston was with us for 3 weeks, beginning Jan. 14, and closing Feb. 5. They were three full weeks of real feasting to the saints, who were built up and brought into a sweeter spirit of unity; besides 20 or more were saved, and 6 or 8 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, with 30 or more seeking; and last night (Friday) 3 more received the Baptism. There were also some very remarkable healings. To God be all the glory. We were just about rained out the second week of the meeting or there would have been greater results. We have invited our beloved Brother Gaston back for a tent campaign in the early fall. At times the glory of God would so possess the people that the praises welled up until it sounded like the voice of many waters. Hallelujah! It made us think of the early days of Pentecost. Well praise God for the showers; but we are looking for the floods.—W. R. Potter.

**CHICAGO, ILL.**—Feb. 22nd, 1923. The Lord has graciously led the Assemblies of Glad Tidings and Sunnyside to unite, without a dissenting vote, thus making one strong assembly. This was the result of much prayer. The Glad Tidings Assembly had no church building in which to worship and the Sunnyside church had no pastor but owned a good church building. The two assemblies coming together were thus provided with pastor and house of worship. We all feel grateful to God for leading us into this union. The pastor's address is 2120 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, Ill.—S. A. Jamleson.

**BEAVER CITY, NEBR.**—Feb. 24, 1923.

Just closed a meeting at the Liberty theater. God wonderfully blessed in the giving out of the Word. The people were stirred for miles around and the building was not large enough to accommodate the crowds. Twenty-three received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and about twenty were healed of goiter, tuberculosis, rheumatism, one lady of cancer of the lip, a lady of a crippled arm, a boy with a shortened limb wonderfully helped and various kinds of other diseases. The Hendly Assembly, who helped, were wonderfully strengthened in the Lord. Brother W. O. Oliver and Brother A. R. Shaffer were with us most of the time. Pray that souls may be added daily.—Evang. Guy Cooper, Hendly, Nebr.

**KINGSFORD, TENN.**—Feb. 22, 1923.

Praise God for His presence in our midst and for His great blessing upon us. We are now in the midst of a blessed revival. Souls are getting to God. We have with us Brother W. S. Montgomery of Memphis, and the Lord is making him a real blessing to us all. The town is surely being stirred. The tabernacle is packed to overflow and the interest is increasing right along. Praise our God, who doeth all things well. He is good to me. He has saved my oldest son, 15 years old. Please pray that the Lord will fill him and make a real Pentecostal preacher of him. He is seeking the Baptism. Our Sunday school is growing in attendance, interest, and spirituality. Thank God for all.—J. E. Brooks.

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