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The Christmas Gospel.

The wise men of the east in their quest for Him who was born King of the Jews did not stay until they came to the manger in which he lay. And the greatest difficulty they would have would be to get through the inn to the stable beyond. "Where is He that was born King of the Jews?" Go through the inn and what do you find? No encouragement there! No king dwelt there! They knew nothing about Him! But they went on to the stable beyond in spite of those that were in the inn. They were wise enough not to be turned back by those in the inn. And lo, in a manger, at the end of the stable, they found the King of kings, the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.

God has said, "In the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." We are in the last days, and the people have looked for an outpouring of the Spirit. And they go to the inn. The inn is full of worshipers come up to worship, and they ask: "Where is the outpouring?" They know nothing about it. They passed by the babe. If they were told it was a babe they would not understand. Men hear the crying, the prattling, the jabbering, the unintelligible sounds of the babe, and they cannot understand. The King of kings was hidden in the little babe of Bethlehem; and in the stammering lips and other tongues of these latter days is hidden the Spirit of the most High God. It is good to pass through the inn of the modern ecclesiasticism to the place where, from out the mouths of the babes and sucklings, you can hear the God-ordained praise in the Spirit.

The tender heart of the mother could interpret the crying, the cooing, the prattling of

the babe, even in a stable. And the heart that is tuned of the Lord can hear the music of eternity coming through the weak babes. A few wise men have found the stable, and they have found Jesus there, but not many wise, not many mighty; only the weak, the base things, the things that are not, have found out where God is now giving His Spirit. "Even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Those wise men said, "We have seen His star in the East!" As they looked up, their feet were guided aright. The glow of that star went right into their hearts, and they followed their hearts. Are you looking for His star? If you see the star, you will soon see the glory of God. The Daystar is arising. But if you are looking at the dazzling lights of the world you will miss the faint glow of the rising of His star. It is rising, slowly, quietly, to many unnoticed. But to those who look for Him, shall He appear a second time. Jesus loves to hide Himself. "Ye shall seek Me and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." It is a heart search for His heart.

Few there be that find this way. Do not miss the doorway because it is secluded, because it is narrow, because the gateway is unpretentious. The despised narrow way opens into the wide glorious way of eternity. Blessed, eternally blessed, are those who not only find the way, but continue in the way. Jesus will go all the way with you. Every step that you take in this way will be in Him. It is a narrow way, because if you step to the right or the left, you step out of Him. The way is only as wide as He is. From start to finish He is the way.

FULLNESS OF JOY.

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10).

The Christmas message is one that dispels fear and brings joy. Not joy for a few, but joy for all. Not joy for a little while, but joy for all time and for all eternity. For the angelic announcement tells of the birth of a SAVIOUR, one who came to save us from our sins.

A Jewish friend once told us that he had heard that on the day of atonement, when the high priest went into the holy of holies to make atonement for the sins of the people, a great crowd of men and women, those who were deeply conscious of sin, would gather round about the temple gate. They knew that, if the blood that the high priest sprinkled on the mercy seat within the veil was accepted, he would come out alive; and his coming forth would be proof positive that atonement had been made. At the first sight of the high priest coming forth, the assembled crowd outside the temple would break forth into a mighty cheer. Atonement had been made! They were forgiven! Oh joy! They would shout and leap and dance; and, according to our informant, many of them would prophesy in the exuberance of that glorious moment.

The angel announced to the shepherds good tidings of great joy to all people, and heralded the advent of Him who, later was to make a full and complete atonement, not only for Israel's sin, but for the sins of the whole world. For the babe of Bethlehem grew up to become a High Priest of a higher order than the Aaronic, and He entered into a greater and more perfect tabernacle than that made by hands; and he went in, not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with His own blood, obtaining for us, not a temporary respite, but an eternal redemption, a full, complete and lasting atonement for all the sins of all the race for all time and all eternity.

No wonder we shout. Our very being is thrilled with the glory as we think of our blessed Saviour's accomplished work. Oh the unspeakable joy of knowing that God sent this little Babe, born in that rough Bethlehem stable, to be the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. He gave Himself for our sins (and as Luther, commenting on Gal. 1:4, puts it, "This one syllable our, being believed, will swallow up all thy sins"), and

took them down to where they belonged. But His soul was not left in hell. God raised Him from the dead. He ascended on high, and He, our High Priest, went within the veil, and we know that His blood has been accepted and the

for joy when their high priest came forth, having made an atonement for them, how much more joyful should we be to know that our High Priest, this unspeakably wonderful Saviour of ours, has come forth and all our sins are purged away?

Surely God would have us all living in the joy of these good tidings. We once heard Sister Carrie Judd Montgomery of Oakland, Calif., testify, "The Word says, 'The joy of the Lord is your strength,' and I know that the Lord means us to be full of joy all the time. He has provided this for our physical as well as our spiritual welfare. If at any time I find myself not full of the joy of the Lord, I cry to Him at once, 'Lord, I am not conscious of Thy joy within. What hath hindered?' Oh, my Lord, I trust Thee to remove by Thy precious blood immediately anything that is hindering the flow of Thy wondrous joy within." And He restores the joy of His handmaiden's salvation and makes her a blessing to thousands.

There is nothing so effective in the ministry as joy. We remember inviting a number of friends to a meeting in the early days of this Pentecostal outpouring. Pastor Polman of Amsterdam, Holland, was one of the speakers at this meeting. He could not speak very good English at that time, but the joy in his countenance was an eloquent testimony that he had gotten something good and glorious from God. One sister, who had for years been attending a meeting where she never heard a shout of praise, told us, "That man has what I want." She sought and received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and she described her new experience, "There is only one expression that fits—it is joy unspeakable and full of glory."

In the early days of the Pentecostal revival in Dallas, Texas (so we have been told), there was no need for preaching. The people who attended the meeting had heard sermons galore, but had never been moved even by the most eloquent setting forth of the truths of the Gospel. But as the newly baptized saints testified to what the Lord had done for them, their faces radiant with a light from above, and their hearts overflowing with a joy that they were trying to express in their praise, the people said, "This is what we are after; these folks have received something real, and we want it, too." They would fill up the altar and scores were saved and baptized in

A Living Christ

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

A LIVING CHRIST. Serve Him as such,
And may His life-imparting touch
Be felt throughout thine every part,
Filling with praise thy waiting heart
Till thou art lost in joy divine,
Worshipping at the glorious shrine,
Viewing the wondrous beauty rare
Of Christ, thy living Lord.

A LIVING CHRIST to dwell within
Thy heart once filled with pride and sin;
Enthroned within thy life is He,
The Christ, in blest reality;
And thou hast but to heed His voice,
In His sweet will each day rejoice,
So thou canst e'er a witness be
For Christ, thy living Lord.

A LIVING CHRIST revealed in power
To those who seek Him hour by hour;
Lives that are loosed from crumbling dust
May feel that golden thread of trust
Drawing them to His heart of love,
So close that glories hid above
Shall speak continually to them
Of Christ, their living Lord.

A LIVING CHRIST this Christmastide,
A holy Guest to e'er abide
Within the temple bought by Him;
Grant then to Him the diadem,
The throne, the scepter of thy life;
His reign of peace shall end all strife;
The government of all shall be
On Christ, thy living Lord.

A LIVING CHRIST. Canst thou desire
A greater treasure for the year?
Know thou, dear heart, that they who win
This priceless treasure scarce begin
To sing the sweetness of His love
Until their hearts so deeply move
Words fail to tell the riches rare
In Christ, the living Lord.

—Alice Reynolds Flower.

forgiveness of all our sins has been provided.

Has not your spirit rejoiced in God your Saviour as you have read those glorious words of Hebrews 1:3, "when He had by Himself purged our sins"? Atonement is an accomplished fact. If those sinning Hebrews were happy and danced

the Spirit. We have seen this sort of thing in other places. There is an eloquence in joy that always meets with a response.

The reason why Billy Bray had such a mighty ministry was that he was always so full of joy. He was as happy when he was working under ground in the mines as he was in the pulpit. He tells us that soon after his conversion, "I was very happy in my work, and could leap and dance for joy under ground as well as on the surface. My comrades told me that dancing, shouting, and making so much 'to-do' was not religion. But I was born in the fire and could not live in the smoke. They said there was no need to leap and dance, and make so much noise, for the Lord was not deaf, and He knows our hearts. And I would reply, 'But you know that the devil is not deaf either, and yet his servants make a great noise. The devil would rather see us doubting than hear us shouting.'"

Billy Bray had his tests, but, as Brother Boddy puts it, "No test, no testimony." And Billy declared at one time, "I have been taking vinegar and honey, but, praise the Lord, I've had the vinegar with a spoon, and the honey with a ladle." He said that he was on his road to heaven and why should he not praise God every step of the way? His life was one of constant joy, and he said of himself at one

time, "I can't help praising the Lord. As I go along the street I lift up one foot, and it seems to say, 'Glory!' And I lift up the other, and it seems to say, 'Amen!' and so they keep on like that all the time I am walking."

The joy that Billy Bray had is for all of us. We remember being at a meeting where many folks were getting very happy, and there was one old preacher there who never seemed to get blessed. He rose and said, "I can't see how it is that the Lord blesses some of you so much, and some of us don't get any blessing at all." The brother who was in charge of the meeting replied, "The Lord has prepared the same table for us all, and some of us haven't any better sense than to help ourselves to what He has provided."

There is joy this Christmastide for all people. I have always been a great pleasure seeker, but the trouble was that in my early days I sought pleasure in the wrong place. That is the trouble with most people, and in their search for pleasure they find plenty of pain. But I have now found the place of all true pleasure and all lasting joy. David tells us the secret of this place in Psalm 16:11, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." This is a good place to spend Christmas; nay, it is a good place to take up our permanent residence.—S. H. F.

"THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE."

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth at the Springfield Assembly

Bible Reading—Acts 5:1-20.

Notice this expression that the Lord gives of the Gospel message—"the words of this life." It is the most wonderful life possible—the life of faith in the Son of God. This is the life where God is all the time. He is round about and He is within. It is the life of many revelations and of many manifestations of God's Holy Spirit, a life in which the Lord is continually seen, known, felt and heard. It is a life without death, for "we have passed from death unto life." The very life of God has come within us. Where that life is within in its fullness, disease cannot exist. It would take me a month to tell out what there is in this wonderful life. Every one can go in and possess and be possessed by this life.

It is possible for you to be within the vicinity of this life and yet miss it. It is possible for you to be in a place where God is pouring out His Spirit and yet miss the blessing that God is so willing to bestow. It all comes through shortness of revelation and through a misunderstanding of the infinite grace of God, and of the "God of all grace," who is willing to give to all who will reach out the hand of faith. This life that He freely bestows is a gift. Some think they have to earn it and they miss the whole thing. Oh, for a simple faith to receive all that God so lavishly offers. You can never be ordinary from the day you receive this life from above. You become

extraordinary, filled with the extraordinary power of our extraordinary God.

Ananias and Sapphira were in this thing and yet they missed it. They thought that possibly the thing might fail. So they wanted to have a reserve for themselves in case it did turn out to be a failure. They were in the wonderful revival that God gave to the early church and yet they missed it. There are many people like them today who make vows to God in times of a great crisis in their lives. But they fail to keep their vows and in the end they become spiritually bankrupt. Blessed is the man who will swear to his own hurt and change not, who keeps the vow he has made to God; who is willing to lay his all at God's feet. The man who does this never becomes a lean soul. God has promised to "make fat his bones." There is no dry place for such a man; he is always fat and flourishing, and he becomes stronger and stronger. It pays to trust God with all and to make no reservation.

I wish I could make you see how great a God we have, and how small a devil. Ananias and Sapphira were really doubting God and were questioning whether this work that He had begun would go through. They wanted to get some glory for selling their property, but because of their lack of faith they kept back part of the price in reserve in case the work of God should fail.

Many are doubting whether this Pen-

tecostal revival will go through. Do you think this Pentecostal work will stop? Never. For fifteen years I have been in constant revival and I am sure that it will never stop. When John Stephenson made his first engine he took his sister Mary to see it. She looked at it and said to her brother, "John, it'll never go." He said to her, "Get in, Mary." She said again, "It'll never go." He said to her, "We'll see, you get in." Mary at last got in—the whistle blew, there was a puff and a rattle, and the engine started off. Then Mary cried out, "John, it'll never stop! I'll never stop!"

People are looking on at this Pentecostal revival and they are very critical, and they are saying, "It'll never go," but when they are induced to come into the work, they one and all say, "It'll never stop." This revival of God is sweeping on and on and there is no stopping the current of life, of love, of inspiration, and of power.

Interpretation. It is the living Word who has brought this. It is the Lamb in the midst, the same yesterday, today and forever.

God has brought unlimited resources for every one. Do not doubt. Hear with the ear of faith. God is in the midst. See that it is God who hath set forth that which you see and hear today.

I want you to see that in the early church, controlled by the power of the Holy Ghost, it was not possible for a lie to exist. The moment it came into the church, there was instant death. And as the power of the Holy Ghost increases in these days of the Latter Rain, it will be impossible for any man to remain in our midst with a lying spirit. God will purify the church; the Word of God will be in such power in healing and other spiritual manifestations, that great fear will be upon all those who see, the same.

to the natural mind
It seems a small thing for Ananias and Sapphira to want to have a little to fall back on; but I want to tell you that you can please God, and you can get things from God only on the line of a living faith. God never fails. God never can fail.

When I was in Bergen, Norway, there came to the meeting a young woman who was employed at the hospital as a nurse. A big cancer had developed on her nose, and the nose was enlarged and had become black and greatly inflamed. She came out for prayer and I said to her, "What is your condition?" She said, "I dare not touch my nose, it gives me so much pain." I said to all the people, "I want you to look at this nurse and notice her terrible condition. I believe that our God is merciful and that He is faithful, and that He will bring to naught this condition that the devil has brought about. I am going to curse this disease in the all-powerful name of Jesus. The pain will go. I believe God will give us an exhibition of His grace and I will ask this young woman to come to the meeting tomorrow night and declare what God has done for her."

Oh, the awfulness of sin! Oh, the awfulness of the power of sin! Oh, the awfulness of the power of sin!
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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

"Only the less valuable things cost money. The best things are free. God gives life, health, mind, sunshine, water and air. And because He has created us after His own image we may also give freely. Love is not for sale in the stores. Sympathy carries no price tag. Courage is never listed among the bargains. Tenderness cannot be tied up in bundles, nor Good Cheer weighed by the pound. Yet these are the gifts which mean most to our loved ones, things which no amount of money can buy, but which all of us may give without limit, not at Christmas time only, but daily all through the year. See to it that the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost, and then there will be no lack on any of these lines in the coming days."

ARE YOU A WISE MAN?

"No distant, silent star beckons us, like them, to seek Christ. We have a more sure word of prophecy—a Bible, in which prophets and apostles conspire to bring us to the Saviour. His history is finished; we have not only His manger, but His cross, His tomb. Judea, Samaria, Galilee are imprinted with His familiar footsteps; His resurrection and ascension, the gift of the Holy Ghost, the testimony and blood of martyrs, the conversion of souls already without number, all perform that office for us which that solitary star rendered to these wise men. But faith is not in proportion to the amount of evidence. "Prophets teach the Jews in vain; a silent star beckons the Gentiles; they arise and follow." Still he that seeketh findeth, if he seeks, like these wise men, with all the heart."—Nehemiah Adams.

HAVE YOU ANY ROOM FOR JESUS?

They had no room for Him in the inn. They had to go out into the stable, and the stable was made a gate of heaven.

So today there is no room for Him in the palace of the rich, but He comes into the cottage and sanctifies it.

The heavens cannot hold Him, yet He comes to the humblest heart. He says, "I will come in," and He keeps His word every time.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the

door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).
He comes in and He expels, He cleanses, He purifies. You cannot cleanse yourself. You cannot purify yourself.

His presence is light.

His presence is life.

His presence is cleansing.

"I will come in and sup with him." And He brings the provision as well. He does not look to you to provide.

It is the wine of the kingdom that He provides and He gives you a heavenly drunkenness. Inebriation from the Throne! He says, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Intoxicated with life! On the day of Pentecost they staggered from the abundance of life received; they were overcome by the Spirit.

You can have the same thing today. The best wine was not for Pentecost. The best wine is kept for the last. The former and the latter rain.

The best wine for the last, and you can have it. Why? Because He Himself is at the feast. He was at the feast at Cana of Galilee, and He gave them the best wine at the last.

Christ is real. Christ is within. Welcome Him. Recognize Him. Keep Him. He will abide if you constrain Him, and He will manifest Himself as He breaks the bread. The invisible Christ made visible!

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." A mutual joy, a mutual satisfaction; and He will go out no more forever. He will sup, and sup, and sup with him who opens the door to Him.

Coming this way, yes.

Coming this way.

The mighty Provider

Is coming to stay.

So let us watch and

Praise Him and pray;

For the mighty Provider

Has come in to stay.

A THANKSGIVING

For all the blessings of the year,
For all the friends we hold so dear,
For peace on earth, both far and near,
We thank Thee, Lord.

For life and health, those common things,
• Which every day and hour brings,
• For home, where our affection clings,
We thank Thee, Lord.

For love of Thine, which never tires,
Which all our better thought inspires,
And warms our lives with heavenly fires,
We thank Thee, Lord.

—A. H. Hutchinson.

The preacher must impersonate the Gospel. Its divine, most distinctive features must be embodied in him.—Preacher and Prayer.

The preacher's sharpest and strongest preaching should be to himself. His most difficult, delicate, laborious and thorough work must be with himself. The training of the twelve was the great, difficult, and enduring work of Christ.—Preacher and Prayer.

NO "PROGRAM" IS NEEDED! Make "Watch Night" (December 31) a Night of Prayer

There are increasing evidences of a rising tide of intercession throughout the world. Pastor O. R. Palmer, of the Africa Inland Mission, who has just returned from a partial tour of Great Britain, Central Europe, and Russia, says: "Everywhere it is the same—God's children crying for revival!"

Similar reports are received from almost every quarter of the globe. God's people are tired of "programs," of religious entertainments, and even of man-made evangelistic campaigns. The Christian Herald of New York, in its issue of October 21, voices editorially the intense longing of thousands—as follows (bold-faced type ours):

"One convention has rarely been called—a convention for prayer. . . . We would like to go to a convention where no one made a speech, where no banquet at \$3 a plate was spread, where no funny stories were told, where no brilliant orators were invited.

"Just a convention called for all men and women who are sick of programs, just to pray to God. Three days of prayer, with now and then an old hymn. Prayer and nothing but prayer. Prayer and no gorging and expensive 'eats.' Prayer and no chairman to introduce 'speakers.'

"WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH CONVENTIONS TO HEAR MEN TALK. LET US HAVE A CONVENTION TO HEAR GOD SPEAK TO US."

Fellow-members of the body of Christ, let that "big convention" begin now! Let it begin everywhere, in every secret closet of prayer! Let it continue on through Watch Night, without human program, but in humble confession of sin and in a mighty turning to God.

A missionary writes from a station in Africa where souls continually are being saved: "We had a Watch-Night meeting last year that lasted from 8 o'clock Saturday evening until 4 the next morning. Some of the native Christians walked sixty miles to be present."

Sixty miles by foot to a one-night, nothing-but-prayer, Watch Night gathering! And that, too, in Africa! Oh, all but Spirit-bereft church of America—ism infested, pleasure mad, card-and-dance ensnared, sin-loving church of America—art thou not lukewarm? Sayest thou not, "I have need of nothing"? Thy teachers as well as thyself, are they not likewise "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"?

Yes, a "big convention" of prayer is needed, a convention of the whole true church of Christ, beginning now, continuing through Watch Night, continuing through the Week of Prayer, continuing until God shall answer in a mighty revival throughout the earth—for His glory, not man's.

When individual members of the body of Christ, and when the church as a whole, meet the conditions of 2 Chron. 7:14, the fire will fall.

**Gather FOR PRAYER on Watch Night.
Pray Everywhere FOR REVIVAL.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by E. N. BELL

2085. In Isa. 65:4 and 66:17 what is the meaning in regard to swine's flesh? Does the 15th verse of Isa. 66 refer to the coming of the Lord?

You must take the verse before and after, in order to understand these verses. God, through the prophet, is rebuking Israel for her idolatry. In Isa. 25:3 they are addressed as "A people that provoke me to my face; that sacrificeth in the gardens, and burn incense upon altars of brick; which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things in their vessels; which say, Come not near me; for I am holier than thou."

This is spoken directly to Israel "as a rebellious people," which knew His will and refused to do it, in contrast to the Gentiles who had not asked for God, and yet God revealed Himself to them. It has nothing directly to do with Gentiles, is only spoken to Israel. God says to them, "I will recompense into their bosom your iniquities, because ye have burned incense upon the mountains and blasphemed me upon the hills." Of course Israel was commanded not to eat swine's flesh, but it was a still greater sin to offer swine's flesh on an altar in sacrifice. Then God's altars must be made of rough, unhewn stones, and Israel well knew that. Still they sacrificed upon "altars of brick," an abomination to God. They remained "among the graves," a place unclean to a Jew; likely were seeking, like Spiritualists of today, communication with the dead, a thing forbidden by God. They burned incense "in the mountains" and "in gardens," when God had said they should make their sacrifices only at Jerusalem. They simply ate swine's flesh and other abominable things in idolatrous worship, and God condemned the whole thing. It is the same thing in Isa. 66:17, only that is restored Israel. Such worship will never be acceptable to the Lord.

2086. Do you have to have the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues to be in the Bride of Christ?

You have to walk in the light God gives you and not willfully disobey known truth to be acceptable to God. If this brings you into the Baptism with the Spirit, you had better get it. In all ages people fully surrendered to God and walking in all the light they have are fully acceptable to God, are overcomers, and will reign with Him, whether they had the Baptism or not. But today when men have the light and know it is the command of God to "be filled with the Spirit," if they fully believe and yield to God, will receive the Baptism. Not so with saints in the past, because they did not know they could have it. But now that we know His will we must walk in it.

2087. Please explain Deut. 23:18.

It means that money made by harlotry is not acceptable to God. Some think they

can sell their bodies in sin, rob, lie, steal, and then buy God off with some of the money so He will be in a good humor with them. Not so. No sinner can buy God off. He must forsake his sin, and give his heart to Christ to make either his money or himself acceptable to God. But if a sinner owes me money or gives me money, I, as a consecrated child of God, can offer it as my offering to God, and it will be acceptable. If a sinner would give me a million dollars I would take it and make it serve God. But this would not save him.

2088. What do you think of a child of God going to a baseball game as a spectator; also going to movies, say he was visiting friends that go, and that they see no harm in it, and his not going would cause the friends to miss it?

I think it is like the preacher who did not believe in shows, but had to go just to take his little boy! Our friends won't miss much when they miss the "movies," these modern hatcheries of crime and immorality. It is an acknowledged fact that many crimes and robberies of today are put into the minds of the young by what they see in the picture shows. No half way decent Christian should be caught in such places.

2089. What do we understand by "the faith once delivered to the saints"?

It includes both a true, genuine faith, and takes in all the body of revealed truth just as it is given us in the Scriptures.

2090. Is it according to Scripture that a person must be baptized before the blood is applied? Some hold that the water and the blood are both applied at the same time?

No, it is not. The blood is supposed to be applied first, and then the water. In Heb. 10:32, we have the right order, "our hearts sprinkled (with the blood) from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Morally, internally and spiritually our sins are washed away with the blood (Rev. 1:5) when we repent of sin and in faith commit our souls into the hands of Jesus. Officially, and ceremonially we have our sins washed away by being baptized in water. See Acts 2:38; 22:16.

SPECIAL OFFER ON PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

By the time this Evangel reaches our readers, the Sunday school quarterlies for the First Quarter of 1923 will be ready for mailing. In order to introduce our quarterlies and lesson leaves to Sunday schools that have never had them, we shall be glad to supply one quarter's supply at half the regular price.

To Sunday schools that have never had supplies of our two papers for the children, we make a similar offer, to let them have the same at half price for the first quarter.

2091. In 1 Cor. 5:5, what does Paul mean by saying "that the spirit may be saved"? Does he mean the spirit that committed the crime, or the Spirit of the church?

Man is a threefold being, "body, soul, and spirit" (1 Thess. 5:23). Now Paul here refers to the human spirit of the man who committed the fornication. This is one of the "fleshly" sins, and the judgment of the Lord was to the end that "the flesh" in this man might be destroyed and not his spirit. In 2 Cor. 2:5-11 we see the man repented, God forgave him, and Paul urges the church to forgive him. So no doubt his spirit was saved.

2092. In Revelation 12, who is "the woman"? What is "the remnant of her seed"? And who is "the man child"? What is the "multitude" in Rev. 7:14? Are they those out of the persecutions of the early church, or do they come out of the future "great tribulation"?

All are not agreed on these matters. Some hold "the woman" is Israel, and the "man child" Jesus Christ. But I do not see it this way, and must give you briefly my conviction.

I think the 144,000 in Revelation 7 are the same as those in chapter 14. The woman is the truly converted church, the man child the overcomers who will be caught up to God and come back to reign with Christ on the earth. "The remnant" may be Israelites converted during the tribulation, or any others who were not ready to go up or who were converted after the Rapture. While the early saints went through "tribulation," yet the tribulation spoken of in Rev. 7:14 does not refer to that. It is future. The American Standard Version translates this, "The great tribulation." It might be translated, "The tribulation, the great one." It is the time such as the world has never yet seen, the time of "Jacob's trouble," and it shall "come upon the whole world to try them that dwell on the earth." Now those mentioned in 7:14 "come up out of the tribulation, the great one," the one that shall come under the Antichrist.

2093. Luke 17:10 has been puzzling me. How do you reconcile this idea of after having done all, saying we are "unprofitable" servants, with the promise of Jesus that even a cup of water given in His name shall be "rewarded"?

There is no contradiction whatever here. God wants us to take the attitude of a "servant" and, after having done all, not to say, "God, you are in debt to me. What are you going to do for me to pay me up?" but rather to say, "We have only done what we ought to have done; you owe us nothing, we are unprofitable servants." We must not be proud; must not feel God owes us, no matter how much we do; but be humble and acknowledge that we are in debt to God, because all He has done for us He did out of love, on the basis of grace, and not as owing us anything.

But God has and can afford to have an entirely different attitude towards us. He is appreciative of all we do, though we are servants and owe Him all we can do. While not obliged to, yet He will abundantly repay and more for all we do for His glory.

When the Pickpocket Choked Sister Abigail

A True Story

"Just to let thy Father do
What He will;
Just to know that He is true
And be still;
Just to follow, hour by hour,
As He leadeth;
Just to draw the moment's power
As it needeth;
Just to trust Him, this is all!
Then the day will surely be
Peaceful, whatso'er befall,
Bright and blessed, calm and free."

Thus mused Sister Abigail as she started home from a visit to a sick woman. She had planned to go home much earlier, but found so many little things she could do for the comfort of the patient that she was hindered and now darkness had fallen. But Sister Abigail had long ago learned that often the hindering things brought the greatest measure of blessing. So as she hurried homeward through the darkness she rested in faith that the delay was part of God's plan for the day, for had she not committed the day to Him?

When she reached the corner of a certain street she quickened her steps, remembering the street was poorly lighted and that she must needs pass two vacant lots. Just as she reached this dark place, suddenly her hands were pinioned behind her, and a husky voice said:

"Hand over your bag and your purse."

With a cry of prayer to God for help, Sister Abigail felt her bag torn from her hands. As if in answer to her prayer for help, and as if Another were using her voice, she found herself saying:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever—"

Here a hand clutched her throat, shutting off her power of speech. In a few moments as the hold relaxed again she started in:

"Whosoever believeth—"

And again felt the thief clutch her throat. The third time she essayed to finish, but at the "whosoever" the thief seemed to be so angered that he pushed her off the sidewalk into a snowbank, and sped off.

Sister Abigail tremblingly hurried home, and special prayer was asked for the unknown pickpocket.

But does it pay to pray?

Four years pass by. Sister Abigail still keeps the pickpocket on her prayer list, and still asks that the Word sown will bear fruit.

A few days before Easter she had arranged to do some shopping. "It will not take long to do the shopping," she thought as she put on her bonnet. "I'll just tuck a card in my purse to take one of my sick ones on my way home." So going to her box of tracts and Gospel cards she picked out a small card with a verse of Scripture on each side, and slipped it into her purse.

But surely God directed her hand as she selected the card. "By myriad paths He leads his children home," and He knew,

if Sister Abigail did not, who would read the little card.

Again she was delayed. Stores were crowded, clerks busy, and when at last her purchases were completed, it was too late to make the call on the sick girl. So she took the first car for home. The pay-as-you-enter rule on the cars in Buffalo had just gone into effect, so Sister Abigail was again delayed at the car entrance to open her bag, and get her purse. As she slipped it back into her bag, three men jumped on the car, and rudely pushed her aside to allow them to enter ahead. As only true courtesy can come from a heart filled with the love of God, Abigail prayed that she might be more loving and thoughtful with strangers.

On reaching home she found some little additional purchases needful, so reaching for her bag she opened it to get her purse to send one of her helpers out for them.

But the purse was gone. The bag was emptied—no purse. The pockets of her wrap were looked at—no purse. It was gone.

There was no fret, no worry over the loss, as our sister truly believes that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

The next morning early the doorbell rang. Thinking the man an agent of some kind, Sister Abigail opened the door to tell the stranger she is very busy this morning, as the visiting nurse is coming to bathe all her patients, and as she does not wish to buy anything she will not take his time.

"But," said the stranger, "if this is your name on this card, I must see you, and alone." Sister Abigail recognized her card, so invited the gentleman into her sitting-room. He abruptly said, "You lost your pocketbook yesterday, didn't you?"

"Yes," answered Abigail. "What do you know about it?"

"I took it as I pushed past you at the car door."

There was a silence in the room for a few minutes. Then the stranger said, "Four years ago you were held up and robbed."

"Yes," said Sister Abigail. "What do you know about that?"

"I was the robber," came the trembling reply. Then he told his story. He had been an only child; his parents were well-to-do, and had not restrained him. When just a child, a guest of his parents who was a sleight-of-hand performer had taught him a number of tricks. As he grew older it became great sport to pick a friend's watch or purse, then ask for the time, or for change, and see the look of surprise to find watch and purse gone. The fascination grew, until at last he left home and gained his living picking pockets. He had taught two others this trade of thievery, and the three of them "worked" together.

"Four years ago," he said, "when you started saying that Bible verse it was just as if God was speaking to me, and I've never been able to get away from that word 'whosoever.' It's rung in my ears. Now," he continued, "we pickpockets hustle and take everything out of a purse, put the goods in our own pockets, and throw the purse away. At night we place our day's haul on the table and divvy up. Last night when we got to our rooms we emptied our pockets as usual. In my pocket were two cards. One had your name and address on, and here is the other." He held out the little card she had tucked in her purse to take to a sick girl. On one side was written:

"'Whosoever'—that means me. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

"That word whosoever was like a bolt of lightning in my soul. I turned the card over. See what it said," he said, handing Sister Abigail the card. It read:

"'Whosoever'—that means me. 'Whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.'"

"Well," he continued, "I was in hell all night last night. I can't get away from that word; it's God speaking to me. I've come to confess to you, and let you call the police and give me up."

"Give you up to the police?" questioned Sister Abigail.

"Yes. I'm a thief and a robber. I've made my living stealing, and I've choked and robbed you."

"No," said Sister Abigail. "I can't do that. God has spoken to you, and we will let Him lead as to the future." She showed him the simple way of salvation and the finished work of Christ.

"Did He do it all? Did He die for me?" They knelt together in prayer, and another thief was born again.

"I've got to find work, but first I must go back and tell my pals about Him," and he left Sister Abigail's home promising to return.

The next day he came back bringing his two friends with him. "They believe on Him, too," he said, "and we don't know what to do with all our dishonest money." Again she must be told how when her pickpocket told his friends of finding the Lord, and beginning an honest life, they had said, "You've taught us to serve the devil, now help us to find the Lord." So, as best he could he told the story of the Cross and the blood shed on Calvary that would wash sins clean; and two more plunged into the crimson stream and were saved.

But what could be done with the stolen money? It could not be returned, the owners were unknown. Sister Abigail advised putting it in the bank and using it to help others who were in need as they led them to Christ.

Leaving the city and its temptations, "Joseph and his brethren," as Sister Abigail lovingly called them, went to the country. For a year or more at odd times she heard from them. They were all working and earning an honest living, and all were soul-winners.

In April, 1918, one day Sister Abigail received a phone call asking her to come into the city to meet some soldiers en route for France. To her joy she found the khaki-clad men were her friends, "Joseph and his brethren." They had enlisted as ambulance drivers, and although at that time were above the draft age, had enlisted solely to be soldiers of the Cross, as well as for Uncle Sam. The weaving

of the pattern is not yet finished. God alone knows the design, but He permitted Sister Abigail to see a little of His wonder-working; yea, "Little is much when God is in it."—From "Adventuring with Sister Abigail, by Grace K. Swanger, published by the S. S. Times Co. This book can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., at 25 cents.

Because a thing pleases our natural heart, because it appeals to the desires of the flesh, is no kind of proof that it is from God or that we should accept it. The first question should always be, does it honor God? And surely there can be little honor to God in anything which does not even recognize Him.

Now, we ought not to think that Christmas would be left free from effort of God's and man's enemies to pervert and prostitute it.

Some one by the name of E. A. Forbes has this to say about the popular observance of Christmas:

"Many years ago I saw the devil sitting on his throne, and all his hosts standing by him, on his right hand and on his left. And the devil said, 'Who shall persuade the saints of the Most High, that they may cease to teach their little ones the story of Bethlehem and of Him who, though He was rich, for their sakes became poor, that they through His poverty might be rich?' And one said on this manner and another said on that manner. At last there came forth a fiend and said, 'I will persuade them.' And the devil said unto him, 'Wherewith?' And the fiend said, 'I will go forth and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all His people; and on Christmas eve they shall gather their sons and their daughters around them, but they shall not take down the old Bible as of yore. They shall hang their stockings upon the mantelpiece, and shall tell their children that in the silent watches of the night a funny old man with a white beard, driving a company of reindeer hitched to a sleigh will stop upon the housetop and descend the stovepipe to fill the stockings with candy and tinorns, after which he will drive merrily away.' And the devil said, 'Thou shalt persuade them and prevail also. Go forth and do so.' And he went forth and did so."

I do not know whether anybody ever had a supernatural vision of this thing; but of this I am just as sure as I am that there is a devil. That that method of observing Christmas originated in no other mind than exactly where this man says it originated.

But many people, and Christian people, too, will say, "What is the harm? It gives the children pleasure, and they will learn better in a few years." Yes, there is no doubt that it gives the children a great deal of a certain kind of pleasure. It is the very first wrong lesson that is taught them—to look for pleasure for themselves instead of turning their thoughts away from themselves to the great central figure of the Christmas time, the Child born, the Son given. It develops the spirit of self-seeking at the very time when impressions are most easily and lastingly made.

And that, I am persuaded, is the reason why the great enemy is so anxious to make this a high day for children and to pervert the true meaning of it. And that is where great harm is done. Impressions made in childhood take the firmest hold upon the subconscious mind. As one grows older they may reason that the thoughts of childhood were not perfectly correct, but still they are influenced

HOLY DAY OR HOLIDAY; OR, THE TRUE WAY TO KEEP CHRISTMAS

It is a night to be much observed UNTO THE LORD (Ex. 12:42).

These words were spoken of the night when the death angel passed through the land of Egypt, slaying the firstborn of every household not sheltered by the blood of the passover lamb, and thereby securing to the Israelites their freedom from Egyptian bondage. On this account it was to be "much observed by the children of Israel." But they were told not only that they should observe the night throughout their generations; they also were given careful and specific instructions as to HOW they were to keep the anniversary. Here they are briefly summarized in the phrase, "UNTO THE LORD." It was to be observed unto the Lord. It was to be much observed unto the Lord.

But this Old Testament incident and feast, like all others, was only a type and shadow of our Lord Jesus Christ. If God was so particular that the types and shadows should be observed unto Him, can anyone think for a moment that, when we observe a memorial of the reality, of any event in the life of our Glorious Redeemer, God is indifferent as to how we keep it? Surely, if a type should be observed "unto the Lord," and much observed unto Him, the antitypes should be much MORE observed unto Him.

A writer in the Practical Commentary on the Sunday School Lessons says, "There have been glad days in the history of the world. It was a glad day when the foundations of the earth were laid, 'when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy' (Job 38:7). There have been sad days in the history of the world. But of all the days this world has ever seen—the bright days, the sad days, the dark days—the one the most momentous, the one that consummated the hope and desire of ages, the one that made a DATE-LINE through the centuries, the one that made the dark day of the crucifixion and the bright day of the resurrection possible, was the day that fell with softened light on the little village of Bethlehem wherein lay the Word made flesh" (John 1:14). That was the day when was fulfilled the vision which Isaiah had seen many centuries before of "a Child born, a Son given" (Isa. 9:6), and that Son was the Son of God, and the gift was the gift of God—the GREATEST and BEST GIFT that the GREATEST GIVER could bestow. Surely, if any

event should be much observed unto the Lord, this one should not come short of that feature in its celebration.

There is no intimation in the New Testament that any of its recorded events should be particularly commemorated except the death of our Saviour. He gave explicit instructions about that, however, and made His wishes unmistakably plain; and yet there are many who expect to profit by the merits of His vicarious death on their behalf who persistently refuse to honor Him by observing the one memorial He instituted; but when it comes to an event about which He left no instructions, we find all classes and conditions of men keeping it, both in the church and outside of it. One cannot but wonder how many are observing the day unto the Lord. If we keep it at all, we should observe it unto the Lord. But does the ordinary way of keeping Christmas honor the Lord?

There are three great and principle foes of the Christian—the world, the flesh, and the devil. These foes are working against us in every possible way to hinder us; they seek to prevent our salvation; they seek to prevent or hinder our sanctification; they seek to turn us aside from the service of God altogether; or, if they cannot do that, they seek to deceive us into ways which do no honor God.

The flesh appeals for gratification instead of yielding itself up as an instrument for the glory of God. The world boldly urges its ways as a substitute for the ways of God. And the devil seeks to deceive those who will not knowingly yield to the gratification of the flesh or accept the substitute of the ways of the world for the ways of God. Any one of these enemies will work disaster and ruin to a Christian if he is not saved from them. So we need to pray in sincerity and earnestness to be delivered from them. But we need to do more than that; our Saviour said it was necessary to watch as well as pray that we enter not into temptation. So we need to be on our guard continually against both the assaults and the wiles of these enemies of our souls and of God. We are to expect nothing else but that they will take advantage of every opportunity to get in their work. So we must not accept every suggestion that is presented, even in the service of God, until we have carefully investigated it to see if it is of God or if it is a device of the enemy.

by them more or less. But the greatest harm done to the child is not that the thoughts about Santa Claus will do so much positive injury; but it is that the opportunity is lost for preempting the child mind for God. The highest, holiest thoughts, might be instilled into the mind of the child at this time and a reverence for the Saviour of the world which they would never get rid of. It is no wonder that children grow up with little respect, to say nothing of reverence, for God's Christ when in the impressionable days of childhood their parents exalted a funny old mythical being above the Holy Christ Child. It is no wonder that children grow up to be selfish and self-seeking, when the great example of God's unselfishness is perverted into an occasion for the gratification of self instead of magnifying and exemplifying the grace of God.

How, then, should we celebrate Christmas, if we celebrate it at all?

In the celebration of the passover they were to do the thing which was done on the night of the first passover. So it certainly would not be far amiss for anniversaries of the birth of our Saviour to be celebrated in the way His birth was announced. We know how that was; the heavenly hosts burst forth, first of all, in praises to God, and then in expressions of good will to men. And so it has been the custom of the Christian church ever since the observance of the day commenced, to make worship and the singing of appropriate hymns a part of the manner of its celebration. If any notice of the day is taken at all, by the followers of Christ, nothing should be allowed to interfere with the entire family joining in this most important of all features of the day's celebration. First in time and in every other consideration give glory to God in the highest. I would like to see the service held on Christmas eve, when the original service was held.

Another way in which the Saviour's birth was celebrated, though not on the very day, was in the bestowal of gifts. But take notice that men did not give gifts to one another; but they brought them to the Christ Child. The only way in which we can give Him gifts now is by giving to those who are in need, and doing it in His Name and for His sake. This is the way the people were bidden to celebrate in the days of Nehemiah when they were rejoicing over God's mercy to them in reestablishing them in their native land, after their long captivity in Babylon. This is the record in Neh. 8:9, 10, 12: "And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra, the priest, the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not nor weep. . . . Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto the Lord: neither be ye grieved; for the joy of the Lord is your strength. And all the people went their way to eat and to drink and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them."

The shepherds, also, who first received the news of the Saviour's birth, rejoiced; and their rejoicing was entirely over what they had seen and heard. They, too, celebrated the occasion by sharing what they had received; they shared the good news. This is what it says in Luke's record, chapter 2:17, 20: "And when they saw it (i. e., the Child), they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about the child. . . . And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was told unto them."

The world is in need of nothing so

much as the knowledge of the Saviour. Certainly nothing could please the Christ so much as for His followers to share the knowledge they have with those who have it not. Let the Christmas season lead us to a fuller consecration of ourselves to the service of the Master in spreading the knowledge of the Saviour throughout the world; for the angel said distinctly that the good tidings were for all peoples. In the light of all the meaning of the Saviour's coming are we not going to arise to a more serious, whole-hearted endeavor to make this great work the business of our lives.

W. E. C.

An End-of-the-Year Stock Taking.

Make an inventory of your spiritual blessings. All things that pertain unto life and godliness have been given unto you. Has not God called you? Has not He blessed you with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus? Has not He given you exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partaker of the divine nature? You have received the seal of the Spirit, and a fuller measure of the Spirit—the Baptism in the Spirit—and frequent refillings of the Spirit. And exceeding precious promises have been made real to you over and over again. Grace has been poured out upon you times without number—grace in time of joy, grace in time of sorrow, grace in times of poverty—the riches of grace, the grace of God—the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, and you have been made an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. All things are yours, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's. You are an heir of Christ, an heir to the riches of the glory of Christ. Heir to the riches. Heir to the glory.

An heir of God. "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." "The glory which thou gavest me I have given them." You don't see it. Why? Because the earthen vessel covers it meantime.

If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, then there will be a revelation of the glory in the earthen vessel. The dissolving process has started. Yes, the outward tabernacle perishes, but the inner temple grows more and more. Dissolving and growing. "I must decrease, but He must increase." The natural decreasing, the supernatural increasing. The earthly receding to the earth—the heavenly reaching forth to heaven.

Don't gauge spiritual growth by a human yardstick. Five feet seven inches tall, or six feet tall, may be a human standard for a human being, but you are reaching and growing to a measure that no human yardstick can reach—to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus.

Human beings have not invented a divine measuring rod. They try it and it is always a human yardstick.

If God has been so solicitous in providing so much as already mentioned, you

can with full confidence, complacency and assurance, trust Him to complete the rest.

"The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it." "And he shall bring forth the headstone thereof, with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace, unto it" (Zech. 4:9, 7). Founded in grace, erected in grace, and completed in grace. See that there are no false strata of legalism between the foundation and the top stone. The building is to be foursquare, no lopsidedness. Legalism is untempered mortar. There is enough grace in Christ without borrowing mortar from Moses. Moses vends mortar; Christ gives grace.

THE PENTECOSTAL GIFT AND PRAYER

In Acts 8 we have the intimate connection between the Pentecostal gift and prayer. . . . At Samaria, Philip had preached with great blessing, and many had believed. But the Holy Ghost was, as yet, fallen on none of them. The apostles sent down Peter and John to pray for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. The power for such prayer was a higher gift than preaching, the work of the men who had been in closest contact with the Lord of glory, the work that was essential to the perfection of the life that preaching and baptism, faith and conversion, had only begun. Surely, of all the gifts of the early church, for which we should long, there is none more needed than the gift of prayer—prayer that brings down the Holy Ghost on believers. This power is given to the men who say: "We will give ourselves to prayer."—Andrew Murray, in *The Ministry of Intercession*.

NOTICE TO MINISTERS

A copy of the Official List of Ministers and Missionaries of the General Council of the Assemblies of God, revised to December, 1922, is being mailed gratis, under a one-cent stamp, to every one of our ministers at their headquarters address. Watch out for this, and keep for future reference.

GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICE.

**CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE
NOTES
D. W. Kerr**

"Prospective Students"

Are there any? Yes, lots of them. Letters from all points of the compass indicate that the young men and women of Pentecostal faith and testimony are determined to go to some Pentecostal Bible school. Some have written to us and some to other places, but all of them mean business.

Not a few of the prospective students have met with opposition from those who do not yet understand that the Lord Jesus the Christ had gathered about Him a number of young men, besides large numbers of irregular attendants upon His teaching, whom He taught the "things concerning the kingdom." Paul was an ardent lover of young men whom he associated with himself in his busy life. Of one of these Paul writes, "But thou hast been a diligent follower of my teaching, my manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, persecutions, afflictions," etc.

It is a grand thing for any young man or woman to become associated with one of riper years and experience, who is able to impart "scriptural knowledge" which has become refined and mellowed by fiery trials. The various Pentecostal Bible schools professedly put themselves at the service of all who are thirsting for a knowledge of the Word.

Let any one who may be sceptical along Bible school lines carefully examine the subject from a scriptural viewpoint without bias or prejudice, and we are sure that they would have "a change of heart."

It is of the utmost importance that prospective Bible students carefully read and study the catalog of the school of their respective choice. A failure to do so will cause them no little disappointment should they meet unlooked for testings after they have registered as students. For, let it be clearly understood that the devil hates a real Pentecostal Bible school as much as he hates a real Pentecostal saint, because he knows that both of them will do him much damage.

Let the prospective Bible student examine himself whether he is "able to finish the house" he expects to build. Is he already sufficiently subdued, broken, and humbled in spirit to take corrections kindly. If not, let him "arm himself with the same mind which was also in Christ Jesus." For, if he sets himself against those under whose teachings and corrections he voluntarily places himself, there will be trouble. He will chafe under the restraints which must of necessity be placed on all Bible students. He will fall into criticizing, and all sorts of bad tempers will begin to manifest themselves, and thus the whole student body will become infected with the evil or else he will find himself the subject of special prayer for an amendment of his ways, or for his removal.

Let the prospective student understand that he is going to Bible school for just one purpose, and that is, the purpose for

which the Bible school is established. If he does not know just what that purpose is, let him get the needed information from those under whose training he expects to subject himself. No faculty of any Pentecostal Bible school has any time to throw away on those who have a "picnic idea" of life; who do not take the Bible school seriously, nor anything else for that matter; who have been disobedient and incorrigible at home; who call their father, "the old man," or their mother, "the old woman." Let such first learn at home what Solomon means when he says, "Judgments are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of fools," before they send in their application for admittance to some Pentecostal Bible school.

Let prospective Bible students consider whether it is reasonable or fair for them to attend the Bible school of their choice without a careful consideration of what it will cost them and their instructors if, after they have enrolled, they should allow their youthful passions to lead them about in a fruitless chase after some coveted pleasure. Would it be fair to themselves, to their teachers, and to the student body, to allow themselves to be turned aside from the purpose, the high and noble purpose to which they dedicated themselves when they first conceived the thought of "going to a Bible school."

If prospective Bible students have not been thinking along these lines, let them do so before they take another step. I am not aware that any Pentecostal Bible school has put itself before the Pentecostal people as a "reform school." But all of them, we can safely and confidently say, have a record behind them as schools for "transformation." This is perhaps a source of greatest joy to the teachers, when they see the transformation that goes on steadily in the lives of the students under their instruction. "Oh! what a change!" How the eyes begin to sparkle, the face takes on a different aspect! The general conduct of the student who is determined to "go through" changes from day to day. We were about to say, the change is "from glory to glory as by the Lord the Spirit."

WORTHY OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

I desire to add this note to Brother Kerr's article about the students in behalf of the teachers. These teachers are all working on a faith basis, and almost nothing came in for them during the first two months, and during the last month only about one hundred dollars to be divided among six of them for their three months services. They are really both home and foreign missionaries, in that they are doing a work for our students which in a few years will greatly tell to the glory of God in behalf of the home work, and also in preparing missionaries for the foreign field. I suggest that every reader send Brother D. W. Kerr an offering as a Christmas gift to be divided among the teachers. If anything should hinder, and you could not get it in by Christmas, then do your best for them by New Year's Day.—E. N. B.

"THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE"

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fulness of the consequences of the fall! When I see a cancer I always know it is an evil spirit. I can never believe it is otherwise. The same with tumors. Can this be the work of God? God help me to show you that this is the work of the devil, and to show you the way out.

I do not condemn people that sin. I don't scold people. I know what is back of the sin. I know that Satan is always going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. I always remember the patience and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. When they brought to Him a woman that they had taken in adultery, telling Him that they had caught her in the very act, He simply stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then He quietly said, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." I have never seen a man without sin. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. But I read in this blessed Gospel message that God hath laid upon Jesus the iniquity of us all, and when I see an evil condition I feel that I must stand in my office and rebuke the condition.

I laid my hands on the nose of that suffering nurse and cursed the evil power that was causing her so much distress. The next night the place was packed and the people were jammed together so that it seemed that there was not room for one more to come into that house. How God's rain fell upon us. How good God is, so full of grace and so full of love. I saw the nurse in the audience and cried out, "Here's the woman with the nose." I asked her to come forward and she came and showed every one what God had done. He had perfectly healed her. Oh, I tell you He is just the same Jesus. He is just the same today. All things are possible if you dare to trust God.

When the power of God came so mightily upon the early church, even in the death of Ananias and Sapphira, great fear came upon all the people. And when we are in the presence of God, when God is working mightily in our midst, there comes a great fear, a reverence, a holiness of life, a purity that fears to displease God. We read that no man durst join them, but God added to the church such as should be saved. I would rather have God add to our Pentecostal church than have all the town join it. God added daily to His own church.

The next thing that happened was that people became so assured that God was working that they knew that anything would be possible, and they brought their sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow them. Multitudes of sick people and those oppressed with evil spirits were brought to the Apostles and God healed them every one. I do not believe that it was the shadow of Peter that healed, but the power of God was mightily present and the faith of the people was so aroused that they joined with one heart to believe God. God will always meet people on the line of faith.

God's tide is rising all over the earth.

I had been preaching at Stavanger in Norway and was very tired and wanted a few hours rest. I went to my next appointment, arriving at about 9:30 in the morning. My first meeting was to be at night. I said to my interpreter, "After we have had something to eat, let us go down to the fjords." We spent three or four hours down by the sea and at about 4:30 returned. We found the end of the street, which had a narrow entrance, just filled with autos, wagons, etc., containing invalids and sick people of every kind. I went up to the house and was told that the house was full of sick people. It reminded me of the scene that we read of in the fifth chapter of Acts. I began praying for the people in the street and God began to heal the people. How wonderfully He healed those people who were in the house. We sat down for a lunch and the telephone bell rang and someone at the other end was saying, "What shall we do? The town hall is already full, the police cannot control things." Beloved, the tide is rising, the fields are white unto harvest." God gave us a wonderful revival. I want to be in a mighty revival. I was in one mighty revival in Wales and I long to be in a great revival that will eclipse anything we have ever thought of. I have faith to believe it is coming.

In that little Norwegian town the people were jammed together, and oh, how the power of God fell upon us. A cry went up from every one, "Isn't this the revival?" Revival is coming. The breath of the Almighty is coming. The breath of God shows up every defect, and as it comes flowing in like a river everybody will need a fresh anointing, a fresh cleansing of the blood. You can depend upon it that that breath is upon us.

At one time I was at a meeting in Ireland. There were many sick carried to that meeting and helpless ones were helped there. There were many people in that place who were seeking for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Some of them had been seeking for years. There were sinners there who were under mighty conviction. There came a moment when the breath of God swept through the meeting. In about ten minutes every sinner in the place was saved. Every one who had been seeking the Holy Spirit was baptized, and every sick one was healed. God is a reality and His power can never fail. As our faith reaches out God will meet us and the same rain will fall. It is the same blood that cleanseth, the same power, the same Holy Ghost, and the same Jesus made real through the power of the Holy Ghost! What would happen if we would believe God?

Right now the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is efficacious to cleanse your heart and bring this life, this wonderful life of God, within you. The blood will make you every whit whole if you dare believe. The healing virtue of the blessed Son of God is right here for you, but so few will touch Him. The Bible is so full of entreaty for you to come and partake and receive the grace, the power, the strength, the righteousness, and the full redemption of Jesus Christ. He

never fails to hear when we believe. This same Jesus is in our midst to touch and to loose thee.

At one place where I was, a lame man was brought to me who had been in bed for two years, with no hope of recovery. He was brought thirty miles to the meeting and he came up on crutches to be prayed for. His boy was also afflicted in the knees and they had four crutches between the two of them. The man's face was filled with torture. There is healing virtue in the Lord and He never fails to heal when we believe. In the name of Jesus—that name so full of virtue—I put my hand down that leg that was so disused. The man threw down his crutches and all were astonished as they saw him walking up and down without aid. The little boy called out to his father, "Papa, me; papa, me, me, me!" The little boy who was withered in both knees wanted a like touch. And the same Jesus was there to bring a real deliverance for the little captive. He was completely healed.

These were legs that were touched. If God will stretch out His mighty power to loose afflicted legs, what mercy will He extend to that soul of yours that must exist forever? Hear the Lord say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." He invites you, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." God is willing in His great mercy to touch thy limbs with His mighty vital power, and if He is willing to do this, how much more anxious is He to deliver thee from the power of Satan and to make thee a child of the King. How much more necessary it is for you to be healed of your soul sickness than of your bodily ailments. And God is willing to give the double cure.

I was passing through the city of London one time, and Mr. Mundell, the secretary of the Pentecostal Missionary Union, got to know that I was there. He arranged for me to meet him at a certain place at 3:30 p. m. I was to meet a certain boy whose father and mother lived in the city of Salisbury. They had sent this young man to London to take care of their business. He had been a leader in Sunday school work but he had been betrayed and had fallen. Sin is awful and the wages of sin is death. But there is another side—the gift of God is eternal life.

This young man was in great distress; he had contracted a horrible disease and feared to tell anyone. There was nothing but death ahead for him. When the father and mother got to know of his condition they suffered inexpressible grief.

When we got to the house, Brother Mundell suggested that we get down to prayer. I said, "God does not say so, we are not going to pray yet. I want to quote a scripture, 'Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted: their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near

unto the gates of death.'" The young man cried out, "I am that fool!" He broke down and told us the story of his fall. Oh, if men would only repent, and confess their sins, how God would stretch out His hand to heal and to save. The moment that young man repented, a great abscess burst, and God sent virtue into that young man's life, giving him a mighty deliverance.

God is gracious and not willing that any should perish. How many are willing to make a clean breast of their sins. I tell you that the moment you do this, God will open heaven. It is an easy thing for Him to save your soul and heal your disease if you will but come and shelter today in the secret place of the Most High. He will satisfy you with long life and show you His salvation. In His presence is fullness of joy, at His right hand there are pleasures for evermore. There is full redemption for all through the precious blood of the Son of God.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

"I am the bread of life," said Jesus. Though many substitutes are proposed, there is no equivalent for him. There is but one bread whereof a man may eat and not die.

The vitamins of wheat are found chiefly in the outer coats of the grain. White flour is deficient in vitamins, because the bran has been eliminated. Yet most people prefer the white bread. Have we not been dealing in somewhat similar fashion with the bread of life? We have chosen to accept the fine white flour of the moral teachings of Jesus, but not the vitamin-bearing coat of redemption through His blood. We have called Him Teacher, but not Saviour. The doctrine of the Cross is too rough and rugged for some dainty minds, and they have sifted it out. That the chastisement of our peace was upon Him suggests something unpleasant about our spiritual condition. The offense of the cross has not ceased. But in the elimination of the vicarious character of our Lord's death, we eliminate the vitamin of the bread of life.

Vitamins are the source of physical vigor. The vitamin of eternal life is Himself the source of all true progress. "Praise God, I have a new mainspring," said a Hindu convert to Christ. Headland points out that our Anglo-Saxon ancestors were not the equals of the Chinese in civilization until Christianity came to them. "Lord, evermore give us this bread," we may well pray, with better understanding than that with which the people of Capernaum made request so long ago.—L. C. Walter, in *The Expositor*.

Apply thyself wholly to the Scriptures; and apply the Scriptures wholly to thyself.—Bengel.

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A great many of the subscriptions for the Evangel run out at the last day of the year, and we desire to extend a very warm welcome for all our friends to travel with us during the coming year. We have some good things in store for our readers.

We have a number of Brother Wigglesworth's helpful messages of faith, some twenty of them, yet to appear. Brother S. A. Jamison of Chicago writes to us that Brother Wigglesworth, he considers, is the greatest teacher he ever heard. The Evangel readers will get the benefit of this helpful teaching.

During the past year, the editor of the Evangel has written very little for the paper, and Brother J. T. Boddy, a former editor, has been after him to write more. With editing the Evangel, the two papers for the children, the three Sunday school quarterlies, one of which he himself writes, the editor has had but little time for writing articles. But there is a promise of a strengthening of the editorial department, and with the New Year he hopes to resume his comments of passing events of spiritual significance, under the heading of his previous series of articles of like nature, "From the Pentecostal Viewpoint."

In this issue of the Evangel you will find a true story concerning "Sister Abigail." It was George Muller who taught this sister to pray, and many have been the remarkable answers to prayer that she has had. We hope to reproduce, in the form of a serial story, a series of incidents in the life of Sister Abigail that are more wonderful than anything we have seen in fiction. We believe that the recounting of these answers to prayer will be a great prayer stimulus to Evangel readers.

We have it on our heart to bring out a special number of the Evangel dealing with the truth of the second coming of Christ. There are many signs that this event may be upon us at any moment, and we have a number of timely articles on this subject that we hope shortly to share with Evangel readers.

The subject of Divine Healing will also have a prominent place in the Evangel. We have been asked to bring out a special Healing number, and expect to do this early in the New Year.

The Lord has raised us up to herald forth the good news that men and women can be filled with the Holy Ghost in these last days in exactly the same way as they received Him on the day of Pentecost. When the Spirit was first out-poured, the hundred and twenty "began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." We believe that "this" that they received was "that" spoken by the prophet Joel; and when "this" is seen today it is none other than "that" spoken by that prophet. And since the Holy Spirit has pointed His index finger to "this" and "that" as being one and the same thing on the day of

Pentecost, we cannot believe that anything else is "that" unless it corresponds with "this." God has raised us up as a people to set forth the importance of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the original pattern. We trust that each number of our paper will be a real Pentecostal Evangel, setting forth this important message and declaring what God's Word has to say concerning the same and rejecting all human theories that conflict with the Scriptures.

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A MAIL FROM LIBERIA

The last mail before going to press brought a bunch of good letters from Cape Palmas, Liberia, which yielded the following good news:

E. E. Alger writes, "Last Thursday, October 5th, Miss Pottorff and I were united in marriage by Elder J. M. Perkins. We feel that we have the mind of the Lord in this step and desire an interest in the prayers of the saints as we take up the work together in this needy field. Brother Perkins is in charge of Newaka station and we will be with him here from now on, helping him in the work. Newaka is the largest station and it is too big a job for one man. Truly it is a great privilege to work with people who have spent so many years of faithful service on the mission field as Brother and Sister Perkins have. They are a bit worn (Africa has shaken their hands, as they say) but they bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus, the scars of the old rugged cross, and that is greater and more to be desired than any halo of earth-glory that man can produce. It is very encouraging to see that the natives appreciate the missionaries and desire us to come to many tribes where we can not yet reach. I pray God to hasten the day when we can reach far out to the interior."

Katherine M. Kirsch writes, "Greetings from darkest Africa. You will have no doubt heard of our safe arrival in Liberia and of the Lord's goodness to us all along the way. He is faithful that promised, praise His name! At present I am stopping at Newaka, one of our old stations, until after we have our meetings, when we will receive appointment. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson sailed for the homeland last Saturday (Sept. 23rd). Kindly remember us in prayer."

J. M. Perkins writes, "Here at Newaka, where we are expected to take charge, we find a family of over forty, and nearly all small boys and girls, scarcely able to help themselves. Then too, both of the houses here are badly eaten with white ants, and the roofs are leaking. It will take considerable money to make either of them fit to live in. We have just had an all-nights heavy rain, and the water just poured in. Mrs. Perkins especially finds it very damp. Of course, in two months time we look for the dry season when we have only occasional showers. All the missionaries are tolerably well at present, well for Africa I mean."

Later:

"Well our long looked for meeting is a thing of the past, and now I will endeavor to give you a little idea of how things went. All of the missionaries were present but Miss Brisbin and Miss Bender, who wrote that they were not feeling well enough to come. They have been having some fever and it is difficult to travel now without getting soaked with the heavy rains. Sister Bingeman and Brother Alger were two days and a half in reaching here from Garraway. The waters were so very high that they narrowly escaped having had to sleep on a small island created by the flood, and as it was, Miss Bingeman fell off a roughly made raft into deep water and really had a very narrow escape. They had to walk about in deep mud for two hours with clothing already soaking wet, in order to keep from getting chilled. They left Garraway early Friday a. m. and reached here Sunday noon, wet and

hungry. They seem not to have suffered from their experience.

"At the meeting it was decided Brother and Sister Garlick should remain at Gropaka, with Miss DeGroat to assist them. Miss Bingeman returns to Pahn along with Miss Eustace, and two native Christians and their wives to assist them. Miss Kirsch and Miss Gollan go to Nynaboo, Brother Alger and Sister Alger (nee Pottorff) are to remain with us here for the time being. Brother and Sister Howard need a little rest and it is not yet decided just where they will locate. Miss Brisben and Miss Bender remain at Blebo. Considering our difficulties I feel we have great reason to be thankful. The Lord surely met with us and poured on us the anointing oil. Praise His name. The native workers were all present and expressed themselves much pleased that the palaver was set and that harmony and cooperation existed."

CABLE ANNOUNCES DEATH OF MISSIONARY

On Thursday afternoon, November 30th, Thanksgiving day, just as we were preparing for the evening service at the Assembly in Springfield, Mo., a cable was received from Western Belgian Congo announcing the death of Edwin M. Bendiksen. The cable was partly unintelligible and so the cause of the death will not be known, possibly, until a letter is received giving the details. Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to Sister Bendiksen who is left alone in a strange land. May God give her great grace and clearly lead her concerning the future.—J. R. Flower, Treas.

Sister Bessie V. Gager writes from Basti, India, "We are only a little band of people, but with His help, we are doing all we can to evangelize this district. This morning we were preaching in a village and told the people we had come to tell them how to get saved. We asked them to tell us what they thought salvation was. One woman said she did not know. She turned to the woman next to her and asked if she knew. She likewise did not know. Oh what a joy to tell them the wonderful story!"

A NEW LOCATION

Lloyd G. Cressmer writes from Tientsin, N. China, "We have at last rented a place and are now having same repaired and cleaned. The location seems to be very good where we can reach numbers and also gives us a good chapel. The place rents for \$820.00 (Mex) per year, and collections are made twice a year. This makes it a little hard, but after our first payment I trust the Lord will see us through. The same place is also for sale and from \$8,000. to \$10,000 (Mex) will purchase same."

Brother Clinton Finch and wife write of the excellent opportunities for service in Walsap, South China, and that eight souls have recently been saved there. Brother and Sister Spence feel led to go to Walsap and take over the work there at this time. Brother Finch has been sorely afflicted for a month with deltoid neuralgia in his right arm which was rendered practically useless, but in answer to prayer, his arm is about normal. He and Sister Finch hope to come home on furlough in the spring if their transportation is forthcoming.

MARTIN KWAMME AND WIFE RECOVERING FROM TYPHOID FEVER

Brother Martin Kwamme writes from Peking, China, "We praise the Lord that we once more can write you a few lines, although we must write while lying in bed. As you know, both wife and I have been very sick of typhoid fever. We are getting stronger now day by day, and after a week and a half or two weeks we expect to be out of bed. Sister Esther Hanson from Talanfu came to take care of us and she was surely Godsent, as we had no one else to stay with us. Wife and I want to thank you all for having so faithfully been in prayer for us and surely the Lord has answered your prayers and it looks like we shall be able to serve our Master yet for a time in this dark land. And we will gladly serve Him, for He has done so much for us, praise His dear name."

TO WORK IN KWANGSAL, S. CHINA

Bro J. B. Spence writes from South China, "We have moved inland to Kwangsai to look after the work here during the absence of Brother and Sister Williamson. Brother and Sister Clinton Finch have been looking after it but they both feel that their time is up and so for the present our home and address will be here at El Bethel Mission, Walsap, Kwangsai. My wife and baby stood the long and hard trip well for which we praise God and now we are trying to get settled down to work, unpacking, etc., and generally getting a grip of things. We had two fine services on Sunday and we are looking forward to a blessed ministry among these people."

Sister Edna Francisco writes from the Bethel Home, Ningpo, China: "In many places in this province many are already suffering with famine. As a result of the heavy typhoons, the rice crop in many sections has proved an entire failure. Relief Committees have been organized and some assistance is being given. We have just learned that some families were beyond resuscitation when food reached them. Brother keepers from Shanghai are taking advantage of the situation to buy young girls in these stricken places. The first thing the Chinese dispose of when in need are the girls. How we would like to take them all in!"

"No doubt our numbers will be greatly increased this winter. The Lord has led in renting more rooms across the street, which relieves our crowded conditions until we can get our own buildings. We know that you are standing with us in prayer for all the needed money."

Brother Walter Clifford writes from Fyzabad, India, "In August, two Hindus came to us seeking salvation, one a Brahman (The highest caste in India), an educated man having knowledge of five languages; the other a Chnatrri, the second caste, also a fairly well educated man. These two men had been to a Mela at Ajodhya for worship, but finding no satisfaction in idol worship, and being hungry for the truth, they came seeking salvation. We are glad to say that they have found Jesus as their Saviour and have followed Him in water baptism. I have been spending two or three hours daily in instructing them in the fundamentals, etc. and believe that they are likely to develop into good workers for the Lord. They are seeking the Lord for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and have the burden of lost souls upon them. At present we have no workers in Fyzabad, no funds to keep any with, but we are praying that some of our Pentecostal people will open their hearts wide enough to enable us to keep these two men who have got real salvation, and to train them to become soul winners for Him. Will you pray with us to this end? It will take about \$10 a month each to support them. We used our tithe last month to give them food, but it is not enough to buy food even, and they are living under great difficulties. But they are willing to put up with it in order that they may learn more about Him who died for them."

MISSIONARY'S HEALTH IMPROVED

Mrs. Flora L. Hogan who has been laboring in Peru, reports that her health is pretty good at present although her daughter is in a delicate condition. Sister Hogan and the Cragins are laboring in a very unhealthy part of Peru and need our prayers that they may be sustained and kept for the Master's use.

Mrs. Grace Wright writes from Ouagadougou under date of Sept. 23rd, "Greetings from the French Soudan. Another mail has rolled around and we would send you a brief account of the way God is blessing in our midst. We are now holding services in the different villages every night that the weather permits. As yet we have seen no great harvest of souls, but one or two have come out on the Lord's side and we are greatly encouraged. Some nights the crowds are very large, and especially when we go to the large chief towns they officially call all their people together.

"We have been having a little cripple come to the house lately and we have been trying to teach him to make different useful things to be sold, so that he could make a living in that way. We became interested in him some time ago and prayed earnestly for his healing and salvation. For some weeks he did not come to the house and we found out that the Catholics had been to his village and were teaching him in their faith. He wore their medal around his neck and seemed afraid to come near us. We continued to pray for him, so finally he came to the house to sell eggs, etc. We told him of our desire to help him learn some trade that could support him and he seemed very pleased. Since then he has been coming regularly and we have been able to give him some of the gospel. We will rejoice when we really see him following Christ with his whole heart. He is able to walk only with much difficulty and is about twelve or fourteen years of age.

"We are all well at present. Miss Farnsworth had fever over last Sunday but is over it now. The weather is very warm and oppressive, with many mosquitos, so there is much malaria everywhere. All join in sending greetings"

Misses Ruth Pemberton and Clara Siemens write from the Virgin Islands, "It has been some time since we wrote you about the work here in St. Thomas but we will take this opportunity of letting you know what God has been doing for us. We have been in the Island somewhat over a year this time, and know that the Lord Himself has blessed our ministry for Him. Two weeks ago, early on Sunday morning, ten precious converts followed the Lord into the waters of baptism and in the evening before we all gathered around the Lord's table, twelve were taken into fellowship, ten who were baptized in the morning and two reclaimed backsliders who had returned during the year. Among those who were baptized was a little girl of twelve years and an old grandpa over seventy. Praise God for a salvation which makes the old and the young happy! The old man was so happy that he could hardly keep still long enough for Brother Jamieson to baptize him. There were also two young women among the number, native nurses from the American hospital who had been gloriously saved some months ago and also baptized in the Holy Spirit. They are very bright and fearless for God and it has made quite a stir among the other nurses and doctors as well as their friends.

"By the first of November we expect to move the mission to a different part of the town and will hold special meetings for two weeks. Pray for us that many from the new neighborhood may be convicted of sin and really saved. We are leaving St. Thomas in about a month to come home for a needed rest after four years of ministry in this trying tropical climate. We trust that our coming may also be the means of stirring up yet other workers for this very needy field. Pray that the Lord will touch just the hearts that He wants for these Islands."

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†Blanche R. Appleby	25.00
Myrtle Bailey	25.00
†Fred Baltau & family	150.00
†David Bate	25.00
*Ada R. Buchwalter	30.00
Harvey Chenoweth & family	50.00
Mrs. Ruth D. Cook	25.00
†Lloyd G. Creamer (*Xmas \$7)	27.00
†Emma E. Daab	25.00
†E. N. Davis & wife (*Xmas \$20)	70.00
*Alice E. Evans and work	26.50
†Clinton E. Finch & wife (*\$52.53 Home fare)	102.53
Ella Finch	25.00
Edna Francisco	25.00
†Esther M. Hanson	25.00
H. Hansen & wife (\$25 work)	75.00
†Thos for Abraham Feng	15.00
*Thos Hindle & family, Mongolia	75.00
R. S. Jamieson & wife	50.00
†Geo. M. Kelley & family (\$25 work)	110.00
*Kelley for native workers	23.00
Geo. Keen	25.00
†Martin Kvanme & wife	50.00
F. Harland Lawler & family	75.00
†Mattie Ledbetter & work (*Xmas \$20)	45.00
†Levada R. Leonard's work	33.00
†Willis B. Lowther's work (Evang.)	50.00
Herman J. Mader & family	75.00
Mrs. Lillian B. Marston	30.00
*Mae F. Mayo	50.00
*Bella Miltischer	57.00
Huldah Needham Motor Boat	12.00
*Mrs. Nettie D. Nichols & workers	50.00
V. G. Plymire & family (*Xmas \$10, horse \$4, personal \$126.50)	140.50
Frank O. Schroder for China	25.00
W. W. Simpson & son (*\$65 native workers)	115.00
Geo. C. Slager & wife	50.00
J. R. Spens & family	50.00
*Marie Stephany (\$13 workers)	63.00
Ethel V. Webb	25.00
W. R. Williamson for China	50.00
*Mrs. Clara Jaycock Wyns	25.00
INDIA	
†Paul Andreasen	50.00
*Almyra Aston (*Xmas \$2.50)	84.50
*Olga Jean Aston (*Xmas \$7.50)	69.17
*J. Edgar Barrick & family	50.00
Mary W. Chapman (*Xmas \$1)	30.00
*Mary W. Chapman's workers	25.00
Susan R. Chester (*Xmas \$1)	30.00
W. H. Clifford and family	90.00
†Robt. F. Cook & family (girls \$30)	90.00
†Herbert H. Cox & family (*Xmas \$1, House \$5, workers \$45)	140.00
*Sara Cox (*Chapra \$10, Baby Sun-ri-ri \$9)	146.73
†Ruthotonon Dea & family	40.00
*Mrs. Lillian Denney	28.00
Susan C. Easton (*Xmas \$1)	30.00
Bessie V. Gager (*Xmas \$50)	75.00
Hattie Hacker	25.00
Francis S. Harris	25.00
†Esther Bragg Harvey (*Xmas \$5)	75.00
Anna M. Holmbrecht	25.00
Christina P. Heron	25.00
L. M. Jacobs	30.00
*Ethel M. King	32.00

*Jennie E. Kirkland (*Xmas \$10, Indian girls \$9.09, Bldg. Fund \$15.87)	42.96
Bernice C. Lee	10.00
Alex. Lindsay & family (*Xmas \$10)	80.00
Christina McLain (*Xmas \$10)	35.00
Dick S. Mahaffey & wife	50.00
*Fred Merlan & family	115.00
†J. J. Mueller (*Funeral Expense \$100)	150.00
Frank Nicodem & family	65.00
*W. K. Norton	25.00
Lana H. Parker	25.00
Mattie Personous	25.00
Lydia Rediger	25.00
Ruth Riggs (*Xmas \$10, \$2 for girls)	37.00
Violetta Schoonmaker & family (\$5 Xmas)	115.00
Thomas Stoddart	25.00
Joseph Sugar & family	75.00
Niels P. Thomsen & wife	50.00
K. A. Timrud & family	60.00

JAPAN

C. F. Juergensen & family	50.00
*Marie Juergensen work	20.00
†John W. Juergensen & family	65.00
*John W. Juergensen native worker	15.00
E. S. Moore's work	50.00
*Mae Straub	50.00
†Mary Taylor	50.00
*Jessie Wengler	70.00

MISCELLANEOUS

†Tommy F. Anderson, Bolivia (*Xmas \$20)	100.00
H. C. Ball for workers in Mexico	100.00
†Forest G. Barker & family, Peru	30.00
Geo. E. Blaisdel & wife, Mexico	60.00
A. Elizabeth Brown (*Xmas \$10)	35.00
†Paul Cragin & wife, Peru	50.00
Antonio Delarre, Mexico	30.00
Fermin Escarcega, Jr. & wife, Mexico	40.00
Frank Finkenbinder & family, Porto Rico	65.00
*Frank Fischer & family, Hawaii	75.00
*Ellis L. Grist & family, Venezuela	100.00
Pearl Hewitt, Hawaii (*\$1 Xmas)	30.00
*Mrs. Flora Hogan, Peru	25.00
†Lena Smith Howe for Porto Rico	30.00
J. R. Hurlbert & wife, Peru	50.00
J. R. Jamieson & workers, W. Indies	200.00
†J. L. Lugo & family, Porto Rico	70.00
R. S. McBride & family, Argentine	65.00
Yusuf G. Malick, Syria (\$10 Xmas)	70.00
Chas. C. Personous, Alaska	65.00
†Porto Rico Rest Home	150.00
Porto Rican work and workers	90.00
†Russian work (Varonoff)	100.00
*Misses Siemens & Pemberton, W. Indies	12.00
†Niels C. Sorensen, Argentine (*\$18.25 Tent)	93.25
Alice C. Wood, Argentine	25.00
*Chicago Missionary Rest Home	55.41
*Special Return Fares Fund	14.96
*Mission Star Boarding Fund	15.50
*Chicago Missionary Fund	64.21
*Elizabeth Sisson (80th birthday gift)	80.00

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R. F. Baker & family, Dallas	70.00
H. C. Ball & family, San Antonio	60.00
La Luz Apostolica (Spanish newspaper)	25.00
Mexican workers on border	99.71
Alice E. Luce, Calif.	25.00
Dr. Florence Murrutt, Calif.	25.00
Francisco Olazabal & family	80.00
All offerings designated for missionaries who are not members of the Council have been placed in one fund and distributed as designated. These offerings were for the following: Gerda Adolfsen, \$5; Paul J. Aenis, \$35; Gerard Bailly, \$30; E. A. Barnes, \$20; Frank L. Boothby, \$13; Mattie Bran, \$35; Geo. H. Doyal, \$20; Norton C. England, \$11.75; Elsie E. Pearey, \$10; Ada Gollan, \$77; Wm. Hagan, \$112.32; Alma Hult, \$5; John D. James, \$25; E. B. Kennedy, \$5.50; Mrs. H. L. Lawler, \$5; C. W. Longstreth, \$5; Albert Norton, \$2.20; Juan E. \$20; N. \$25; Fanny Simpson, \$11.60; B. A. Schoenetch, \$10; Florench Stock, \$10; M. Alice Tennant, \$25; H. T. Waggoner, \$5; Emma Wick, \$4.50; Ada Winkler, \$35; the total amounting to	542.87
Check returned by bank	38.76

Total distribution for November 1922	\$13,653.04
Minus amount borrowed from December Funds	500.00
November Balance	\$13,053.04

-:- Reports From the Field. -:-

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Nearly all the people in our assembly have been saved within the past two months. I am the pioneer pastor. Around 40 have received the blessed Baptism. Our Sunday night attendance is around 400; so you see that God is working.—F. H. Leonard.

BENDLEY, NEBR.—We closed a two-weeks meeting here Sunday night. The saints were strengthened, 3 were saved, and much prejudice was broken down. Also the church was set in order. Brother G. W. Clopine of Chappell, Nebr. was with us. Pray that more souls may be saved in this place.—Lester Cooper.

ALTA, IOWA.—We have had a revival campaign of five weeks at this place, my new pastorate. God met with us and saved 11 souls. We are looking for still greater things. Please pray for us in this new field. We held a ten days meeting in Dakota, where 6 were saved and 1 healed of asthma. Note our change of address from Milford, Nebr. to Alta, Iowa, Box 67.—Joseph Terilzzi.

CHESTER, ILL.—Wife and I were here with Brother L. A. Dauer in a two-weeks revival meeting; 27 were saved and 8 received Acts 2:4. Sunday, Dec. 3, I baptized 7 in the Mississippi river. The town is stirred. Brother Carl O'Guln will set the assembly in order on Wednesday, Dec. 6th. There are 30 names on the assembly roll. Pray for this place.—Brother and Sister M. Kullman.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.—I would love to sound a note of praise to God for His lovingkindness and tender mercies since the Council at Dallas. I accepted the pastorate here. God is blessing. Praise His name. A revival has already begun in the hearts of the saints. We have a good mission, and a nice parsonage. Pray that God will give us a big revival.—S. A. Thorp.

GREENWOOD, ARK.—Nov. 24 just closed a two-weeks meeting here. Brother H. H. Trusty of Paris was in charge assisted by Brother S. M. Padgett. Two were saved, one received the Baptism, and the saints were built up; nearly all of them came out from under the gourd vine and shouted the victory. Praise His name. Brother Trusty was weak in body but the Lord wonderfully held him up. Pray for this little band.—J. E. Hooper.

GIBSON, MO.—Have just closed a four weeks revival at this place. The pastor and deacons of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church opened their doors to Pentecost. Thank God. We had a glorious meeting; 8 were saved, 14 were baptized in the Holy Spirit; among the number some of the best members of the church. There were several cases of healing; among them a case of appendicitis, one of female trouble, some of head trouble, etc. For all this we give God the glory.—P. T. Huffman and wife, Campbell, Mo.

HERCULANEUM, MO.—We, the assembly of God in this place, wish to praise our God for His wonderful goodness to us in the past two years—sinners have been saved, believers have received the Holy Spirit, and still greater interest is being shown throughout this valley. The Lord has blessed the saints with a spirit of love for the lost. We have perfect unity and love in our midst. We praise God for that. Our place of service is not large enough; but we have prayed and trusted God for a larger place; and now the foundation of a church building is laid. Pray for us.—Gus Ardenrieth, pastor.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—God is working in our midst in a steady growth. We are expecting Brother O. W. Edwards very soon to take charge of the work here. I have been working with the assembly until they could get a regular pastor, which we are expecting in Brother Edwards.—Mrs. F. M. Fanning, P. O. Box 77.

GREENWOOD, ARK.—Nov. 24, 1922, Brother H. H. Trusty of Paris, Ark., and Brother S. M. Padgett, pastor at Jenny Lind, Ark. have been with us in a two-weeks' meeting, in which the saints received great spiritual blessing, two were saved and another received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. There were two messages in tongues, interpreted, and the preaching was in power, and there was rejoicing in the camp.—Pat L. Smith.

EAGLE BEND, MINN.—Brother Watt Walker has just held a 10 days meeting in our assembly. We surely praise and thank the Lord for confirming His Word with signs following in an answer to our prayers. Three were saved, 2 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4, 1 since the meetings closed. All the saints are rejoicing in the mercy and graciousness of our Lord. Pray for us that the revival spirit may grow deeper in us. We are only a few saints here.—Mrs. Tressia Ridenour.

HUMBLE, TEXAS.—Glad to report that our meeting in Houston, Texas, with Pastor W. M. Morwood and Assembly was a success in every way. There were 27 saved, 16 received the Pentecostal Baptism, 10 baptized in water, and several cases of healing. Oh, there was such unity among the saints. The revival closed after 5 weeks of real fellowship. The assembly was encouraged to go on with the Lord. Wife and I are now located at Humble, Texas. I mean to do evangelistic work. Pray that God may have His way in my life.—Fred Gardner.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS.—The Lord has truly visited us with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, resulting in an ingathering of lost souls. Brother A. L. Casey of Wesson, Ark. did most of the preaching, and the Lord set His approval upon each service. About 15 were saved, 19 baptized with the Spirit, and 5 baptized in water; also, the saints were wonderfully built up. Since the meeting, fruit from the seed sown continues to appear. Our Sunday school is growing all the time. We have our church almost paid for. We will begin another meeting December 23, Brother Fred Gardner and wife conducting it. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family for another outpouring of the Holy Spirit.—Doyle Davis, pastor.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

In compliance with the request of Brother Bell, Chairman, I write this to inform you that a district council was formed here, while he was here from November 8 to 12, for Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas, to be known as the North Central District, of which C. M., Hanson, R. 3, Box 7, Dalton, Minn., was elected chairman, and F. J. Lindquist, Kindred St., Brainerd, Minn., secretary, together with three other presbyters. Two were ordained to the ministry and three were licensed.

It was with fear and trembling I accepted this call, knowing my inability, and the responsibility, and I do ask the dear brethren to pray for me and for the work in this section. God has surely blessed us in this convention, and many souls have found God. Brother Bell's ministry here was crowned with great victory for Jesus.—C. M. Hanson.

FERRVILLE, MO.—On November 22, Brother and Sister Shepherd and wife and I closed a very good meeting with the saints here. Brother and Sister Willis Rilea of Grand River, Iowa were with us two weeks and were very helpful with music and singing; he helped also with the preaching. About 5 or 6 were saved, and 2 received the Holy Spirit after the Bible pattern; also 7 were immersed in water. There was a good awakening for the full gospel. Brother Shepherd was called as pastor.—Elmer Snyder and wife.

BRAINERD, MINN.—The Brainerd Convention was very successful in every way. Forty or more sought salvation and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Evangelist Watt Walker was blessedly used of the Lord and often the church was not able to hold the people. Interest was so good the meetings were continued another week and Evangelist Thos. B. Hardin of Gary, Ind. preached with good results. A railroad strike has existed in this town since July 1; but in spite of this we were enabled by the help of God to raise almost \$1,000 in cash and pledges, which will more than pay off the church debt. Hallelujah! The assembly is only one year old, but going strong. The North Central District is a great open field for the full gospel message and opportunities are great for those who feel called into the Lord's work. Here is a Judea and a Samaria to prove your call in, before going to the uttermost parts of the earth.—F. J. Lindquist.

GILMOUR, IND. Nov. 13.—We have just closed a meeting which lasted two and a half weeks conducted by Brother Earl W. Clark and wife, Beulah O. Clark. I have been in many meetings, but have never before seen the Spirit of the Lord so real to His people. Brother and Sister Clark, and as many Christians as could do so, fasted and prayed every Friday; then on Friday night, had special prayer for the sick, and several were wonderfully healed.

Both are excellent singers and attracted many to the meetings by their fine duets. Sister Clark conducts the music. She won the hearts of the people by her love for the children, many of whom were saved.

An infidel, seventy years old, who had been in a church but four times in forty years, and then only to funerals, found the Lord sweet to his soul, and was healed in his body.

The last night 20 were at the altar weeping and praying their way to Calvary. Seventy-five accepted Christ as their Saviour, and one received the Baptism.—Ira Cox.

IOWA DISTRICT CONVENTION

There will be a convention in Knoxville, Ia. Jan. 2 to Jan. 14. Elder S. A. Jamieson of Chicago will be with us all the time except the last two days and we also expect every other worker and preacher from the district to be with us. There will be a Bible lesson every day and evangelistic services at night. The saints will take care of the visiting brethren as far as possible and preachers will be taken care of free. There are a number of Pentecostal churches in this vicinity and they are all cooperating together in this convention so we ask the pastors to take an offering as soon as possible also each assembly that may not have a pastor. Any other information given on request.—Roy E. Scott, chairman Knoxville, Iowa. C. R. Dobson Sec-Treas., Athelston, Iowa.

BERT WILLIAMS OF FERRY, NEW YORK to hold revival in Dayton, Ohio from Jan. 8 to Feb. 1. Every one who can attend this meeting from Ohio and adjoining states will receive a great treat to hear such an evangelist as this. Saints pray for us that the Lord will shake old Dayton. We are in hopes many will consent to follow at this time this meeting will follow the Billy Sunday meeting now in progress.—A. B. Cox, Pastor.

BROTHER BELL'S REPORT OF NEW TRIP

Leaving Brainerd, Minn., where the North Central District Council was formed, we proceeded to Winnipeg, and were met by our dear brother, Dr. W. H. Geddes, who was my kind host during our stay in Winnipeg. There are two large Pentecostal assemblies in Winnipeg, one of these, our Unity friends, and the other the Pentecostal Assembly of God. Three years ago the Assembly of God bought what is known as the Old Wesley Church, and although they have not had a regular pastor, they have paid \$12,000 on the building during that time, which speaks well both for the assembly and the able Board of Deacons.

We found Evang. John S. McConnell, of Walla Walla, Wash. pushing the evangelistic campaign. Brother McConnell was doing some splendid preaching, which was much appreciated by the Winnipeg saints. He is one of our growing young evangelists, who bids fair to do a great work for the Master. We had one week's ministry with the saints, which was welcomed by many kindly expressions. Brother H. L. Turner is now their regular pastor, and we expect the Lord will do great things for the Winnipeg saints. In the week we were there some 15 or 20 received the Baptism, and nearly that number were saved. We trust the last week under Brother McConnell was the best of the feast.

We returned via Minneapolis, and spent a large part of the week with Pastor N. G. Nielsen. We found Evang. W. H. Pope, now of Sherburn, Minn., pushing an evangelistic campaign. Brother Pope was doing some strong preaching for God, and his ministry was much appreciated by the people. Brother Pope is just now opening a campaign in a new place in a good church building at Sherburn, Minn., and we ask all the saints to pray for him, that there may be a great outpouring in this new field. Pastor Nielsen has just built a splendid tabernacle, and the prospects are good for a great work at this place. We enjoyed fellowship with the saints, and our talk on the General Council principles was especially commented on and appreciated, since the principles of the General Council are not very well understood in that section of the country.

Sioux City Convention

Next we stopped for one week with Pastor I. M. Glanville, at Sioux City, Iowa. Here Evang. Watt Walker, the Indian preacher, did splendid work for the week, and could he have stayed another week or two, likely great things would have resulted. Some were getting to the Lord both for salvation and the Baptism almost every night. The building was too small, and the altar service crowded with from 30 to 50 people at a time seeking God. The Chairman had never visited Sioux City before and his ministry met with favor among the people, and Pastor Glanville expressed himself as believing that our fundamental principles will henceforth be better understood and be greatly appreciated in Sioux City. Several students from Sioux City are now at the Bible Institute in Springfield, and others are expecting to come. We were entertained kindly in the home of Pastor Glanville, who shows evidence of being an effective and hustling pastor. We are at this moment starting to a Convention in Detroit. Will the saints pray for us?—E. N. Bell.

A REVIVAL MINISTRY

Brother Smith Wigglesworth held four services at the White Ave. church, Cleveland, O. Nov. 14 and 15. Pastor J Gortner was surprised at the good attendance at the morning service, which was called for 10 o'clock: such an hour being unusual. The first address on Faith was an inspiration and certainly faith was created by hearing the Word. At the two evening services the church was packed and people were unable to get in. The need for a larger church is felt by both pastor and people. Brother Wigglesworth prayed for over a hundred each evening. The time was limited and so no demonstrations could

be given of those healed. One woman who had a serious eruption on her face was prayed for. Brother Wigglesworth told her to come again next night and show herself. She did, and the scabs had peeled off in several places and healthy skin was seen. Numbers had touches in their bodies could be seen. A remarkable feature of this brother's ministry of healing is that after he has left the healings continue in the bodies of those who are prayed for—"From that hour . . . began to amend."

The outstanding feature of Brother Wigglesworth's message is to show forth the might and power of God—that He will work through the individual when the man is humble and nothing. A number of souls were saved.

From Cleveland Brother Wigglesworth went to St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, where a promising new work is being carried on by Brother Morrison. A number were prayed for here, and the writer two days later heard an interesting testimony from an old man who had his eyesight so restored he could do without glasses. Two services were held in Vineland, Ont., a very small village, and the small assembly hall was filled on the Sunday. Saints were encouraged and edified.

Monday night a service was held in Pastor Harry Long's church, corner Ripley and Goodman Sts., Rochester, N. Y. This is an entirely new work opened up only 3 months. The saints have a very fine church, and the congregation has doubled in two months. There were 600 or 700 present at the service. Brother Wigglesworth spoke for one hour and 20 minutes under the unction of the Spirit. He said that the power of God could work without the laying on of hands and to prove it he had 4 persons who were suffering pain stand up. After rebuking the disease every one was freed from pain. The power of God to heal was manifest and over 100 were prayed for. All kinds of disease had to go under the mighty name of Jesus and the prayer of faith. The Lord seems to give our brother a special ministry in dealing with cancer cases.

Praise God for the sinners saved, saints built up, believers baptized and bodies healed by our Lord through His servant. Not only is faith created but hope inspired that we are on the rising tide of Pentecost.—Arthur W. Frodsham, Fredonia, N. Y.

REVIVAL IN ALASKA

We do praise God for sending Mrs. Mae Eleanor Frey to Alaska, for she has been a great blessing, and the saints have been strengthened and encouraged, while many of the worldly, careless and indifferent have been stirred to think of eternal things and to seek the Lord. Glory to Jesus!

The meetings were held in the Gareide Hall, which was donated by the owner, for a month's meetings. At first it was hard to get the people to come, for Alaska is far from being a church-going country, and the people think little of God or religious services. An evangelistic campaign of this kind, as far as we know, was never held here before, and it was wonderful how God sent people to the meetings from distant points, hungry missionaries who came for the refreshing showers which the Holy Spirit sent. There were others who seemed to be directly led by the Spirit to the meetings. Brother Hughie McAllister, the "boy musician," accompanied Mrs. Frey and the Lord greatly blessed his messages in song, and he led the singing with such joyful enthusiasm that many souls were stirred and inspired to "taste and see that the Lord is good, and blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

Some precious souls were saved, and many hungry hearts were satisfied with the "honey in the Rock." The Presbyterian and Methodist pastors, and the Salvation Army officer, received a wonderful blessing regularly and professed to have had real blessing on their souls. The presence of God was blessedly manifest through all the meetings and especially the closing nights. Mrs. Frey preached a straight gospel from night to night, giving the full Pentecostal message, withholding nothing of the truth, so that the Pentecostal work in Juneau has been greatly strengthened and built up, putting the work on a firmer basis. One native man, a Salvation Army officer, received a wonderful Baptism in the Spirit, and his wife was also instantly healed of a terrible cancer, that disappeared at once as Mrs. Frey prayed, her body resuming its normal condition. Several others were also healed of other troubles. A dear woman, who has been a slave to the morphine habit, was saved, and the Spirit fell on her as she tarried. This dear soul is putting up a terrible fight and needs the prayers of God's people. Her husband, who had not attended a religious service in fifteen years, attended the meetings and several times asked for prayer. There are now a company of believers definitely tarrying for the Baptism, and meetings are being held once a week for waiting on God.

Brother Hughie McAllister returned to Canada at the close of the Juneau campaign, leaving behind the memory in the hearts of many in Juneau of what a young man's life can mean that is fully consecrated to Christ, as there are very few Christian young men in Alaska.

Mrs. Frey continued north with us as far as Haines where we held several meetings which were well attended by the people of Haines and also by the soldiers from Fort Seward, and quite a number raised their hands for prayer and showed a real desire to start a better life. From Haines we came to Skagway where we had some very good meetings, and the people were sorry to have the meetings close. Everywhere the people wanted Mrs. Frey to stay longer and we are praying that the Lord will send her and her husband back to Alaska next spring to hold a number of evangelistic campaigns in different places, for this is just what Alaska needs so much. We hope that the people in the States will hold us up in prayer as we enter into winter's work. We will be in an Indian village, away from all white people, but we rejoice that the Lord is with us. Pray for all of God's work in Alaska.—Chas. C. Persones and wife.

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PRAYER REQUESTS.

Returning to give thanks.—For the healing of a dying infant; a boy, of eczema; for a fresh anointing; for deliverance from gluttony.—It is now over a year since I was healed. My oldest girl's eyes were healed six weeks after I was healed. We are still well and praising the Lord. Mrs. Mavis Remington, Arcade, N. Y. P. O. Box 89.

Some time ago I had a friend to write to you for me to pray for my healing. I praise the Lord that He has healed me. I ask you for your prayers; and I ask you to keep praying that I may be just what the Lord would have me be. I want to live close to God in these last days.—Pitta Simbart, 528 Cottonwood St., Emporia, Kansas.

Pray For.—The work at Amarillo, Texas. That I may hear from my husband, gone two years; and that God will save him. D. C. Mrs. S. C. To be filled with the Spirit; the only Pentecostal believer in Galena, O.—That my burden may be removed. Mrs. S. B.—That I may be used for the glory of God. E. P.—Mrs. A. T.—That I may grow stronger in faith, as I have a heavy trial to contend with.—That some one may write to Edgar Springs, Mo. with the full gospel message. For God's will shall be made known to her.—A sister, to see the truth.—R. T.—That I may be steadfast, unmovable.—A sister in Atwood, Okla., and my family, that we may get closer to God and humbler in the feet of Jesus; and for my neighbor.—A young man, one who earnestly believes, now trying to get into detective service.—Mrs. J. D. T.—That the Lord will take away my grief and unnecessary sorrows and give me just such things as I need for the perfecting of my soul and body blameless before God. R. W. For the supply of our needs as we war against our circumstances; and for a location according to God's will; and for a safe and quick delivery in childbirth.—Revival at Peonia, Colo., where there is a small company ready for the Baptism. I believe. R. L. W.; and that my family may be kept in the will of God and that we may witness the Spirit.—The deliverance of 2 young men from the oppression of the enemy.—Some one to come to Bridgeport, Nebr. to preach the full gospel.—My poor sister, in great bondage to her husband.—Revival for Minnesota, Minn., and that some one may be sent here by Mrs. H. C. Hanson, R. 3.—Revival in the assembly at Wieman, Ark.—A pastor and wife, fighting the latter rain, and that our church may be swept by the Holy Spirit and fire Baptism.—A little S. S. at Lincoln, Calif. being opposed by the M. E. minister; and that I may be able to talk against the wiles of the enemy. Mrs. H. B.—K. E. & K. R., that we may be kept true to Jesus.

Pray for the Salvation of.—Mrs. R. A.—Four, sent by E. S.—My sister's husband, my two brothers and family of one; another man and family; an old man 77 years old; husband of a poor woman, drinking. She was a Christian before she married him.—Two boys, and Baptism. Mrs. S. N.—Children of Mrs. W. T. B., and their lives consecrated to God.—An unsaved family in Interlaken, N. J.—The infidel husband of a new reader.—3 business men. Prayers for sending for series of meetings soon to be held in Oxford, N. Y.

Pray for the Baptism for.—10 sent by E. S.—Mrs. R.—V. M.—H. B.—Husband of Mrs. M. E. S.—Annie E. M.—A brother in Bulgaria.—A number of saints in Kingsport, Tenn.—Two boys.—Mrs. W. T. B.—J. E. C.

Pray for the Healing of.—Mrs. C. of cancer on the tongue, and for Mr. and Mrs. J. D. W.—A man whom doctors have given up, and for his wife's salvation.—Father and mother of Mrs. R.—12, sent by E. S.—My two children of bed-wetting.—My niece, helpless from birth; and for the salvation for her parents L. F. M.—E. W. of indigestion. Mrs. S. S. Cataract on one eye and the other very weak; my daughter of a growth.—L. E. heart, stomach, high blood pressure, and other internal troubles.—A school boy, badly ruptured, diseased nerves and a dull mind. His teacher.—Father of L. S. of tuberculosis.—Mrs. C. E.—Mrs. H. S. of mismanagement and ulcers.—Sister H. of dropsy.—My 2 sisters, one has lost the use of the right arm and the right eye, the other one is in bed most of the time.—An invalid husband, Mrs. J. D. T.—A poor shut in, sleeplessness, and her legs and arms are already stiff and the neck is becoming stiff. And she has not enough income to keep her and pay her debts.—Mrs. M. E. S., of kidney trouble; also safe delivery in childbirth; my mother cancer of stomach and dropsy.—Sister H. P. of asthma.—Our son of 10, tuberculosis for 3 years; has night sweats every night.—Please pray

again that my stepson's eyes may become straight. They are almost straight now. Also for his recovery from a fall of 18 feet from a scaffold. My sister's hearing afflicted, and that she may know God in a deeper way.—My wife severe pains in head, and for safe and painless child delivery. We are 30 or 40 miles from any saints. G. A. C.—Mrs. S. N., from an affliction of 23 years standing.—E. R. S., crippled for 15 years, one limb 9 inches short, small chest, crooked legs, lung, stomach and kidney trouble. No eldors here. Have known about divine healing only about a year.—G. P., from head infection, very sick. W. G., stomach trouble and drink habit. N. G. M., kidney and heart trouble.—L. C. R., result of a rusty nail in foot about 2 months ago.—Daughter, suffering much in her head for four months. Mrs. J. E. J.—A widow, nearly blind; a disabled limb of another. J. S.—J. E. C., that I may be made every whit whole.—Our little girl, of appendicitis, believe the appendix has burst. Mr. & Mrs. V. W. Miss E. S., from fits.—D. M. hurt and kidney trouble and other complications of 9 years standing. Given up by doctors. Her mother of anemia; and her little daughter of bronchial trouble.

TANLEQUAN, OKLA.—Just returned from Morris, Okla., where the Lord Jesus has been working in a mighty way. We had a real Pentecostal revival. I was there three weeks. Twenty-three were saved and 20 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 14 were baptized in water according to Matt. 28:19. We called Chairman P. H. Ralston who came and set the assembly in order November 21, Morris is moving right out for God. I am back at my post with the assembly here. We covet your prayers.—R. U. Freeman.

FOR SALE.—A large fiber trunk, cost \$60.00; will take less than half for it. It has not traveled more than 2,000 miles.—Evang. P. M. Stokely, 206 1/2 Main St., Houston, Texas.

PASTOR WANTED.—Through the preaching of others and myself a new assembly has been gathered by the Lord. Perhaps 20 or 25 have been saved, 15 of whom have the Baptism in the Spirit. The converts are mostly farmers, willing and able to take care of a pastor. A single man, or a man and wife would fit the situation. Any Assemblies of God preacher interested write me, giving a full description of himself, his experience, etc.—Pastor Joseph Terlizzi, Box 87, Alta, Iowa.

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