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Our Jesus

"He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

God made Christ to be sin for us. The high priest and the false witnesses tried to prove that He was a sinner, and they failed. He was the Lamb ordained before the foundation of the world, and, though He was made sin, God's testimony of Him was, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Though He was delivered for our offenses, the Father's satisfaction and approval was manifested when He raised Him from the dead. He was made sin after He had been made or ordained a Saviour. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." Before He was conceived in the womb, a name was given Him, Jesus the Saviour.

Yet He was made sin — the Son of God brought in contact with sin — so that He could bring the sinner out of sin. He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. And Satan was manifested in Judas, incarnated in him, that he might destroy Him who was to destroy the works of the devil. But the incarnation from hell was no match for the incarnation from heaven. He who was possessed by Satan went down, went to his own place, and He who was possessed by God went up to His own place.

Incarnations are still going on. It is a question of Satan or Christ. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock," says Christ. And Satan, as a roaring lion, is going about seeking whom he may devour. He is looking for the place swept and garnished where he may enter with his legions. Christ was manifested to undo, to nullify, to destroy the works of the devil.

Are you in league with Christ? Are you seeking to destroy the works of the devil? Christ wants to give you the power so that you may be witnesses endured from on High, witnessing of His power and of His grace. He says, "Behold, I give you power . . . over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you." He wants you to be not only a passive resister but an aggressive fighter. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," therefore, "Go ye."

"Nothing shall by any means hurt you." If you realize this, you will go forward with the utmost confidence that He who promised will make good and will perform. It is Christ in you, the motive power; Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Present-Time Blessings for Present-Time Saints

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth at the Springfield Assembly

Read with me the first twelve verses of Matthew 5, these verses that we generally call the "Beatitudes." Some tell us that Matthew 5 is a millennial chapter and that we cannot attain to these blessings at the present time. I believe that every one who receives the Baptism in the Spirit has a real foretaste and earnest of millennial blessing, but that here the Lord Jesus is setting forth present-day blessings that we can enjoy here and now.

It is a great joy for me to be speaking to baptized believers. We have not reached the height of God's mind, but my personal conviction is that we are nearer by far than we were fourteen years ago. If anyone had told me that I should be happier today than I was fourteen years ago when the Lord baptized me in the Spirit, I would not have believed him. But I see that God has more ahead for us, and that, so far, we have only touched the fringe of things. As we let the truth lay hold of us, we will press on for the mark ahead and enter more fully into our birth-right—all that God says.

It seems to me that every time I open my Bible I get a new revelation of God's plan. God's Spirit takes man to a place of helplessness, and then reveals God as his all in all.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven." This is one of the richest places into which Jesus brings us. The poor have a right to everything in heaven. "Their's is." Dare you believe it? Yes, I dare. I believe, I know, that I was very poor. When God's Spirit comes in as the ruling, controlling power of the life, He gives us God's revelation of our inward poverty, and shows us that God has come with one purpose, to bring heaven's best to earth, and that with Jesus He will indeed "freely give us all things."

An old man and an old woman had lived together for seventy years. Someone said to them, "You must have seen many clouds during those days." They replied, "Where do the showers come from? You never get showers without clouds." It is only the Holy Ghost who can bring us to the place of realization of our poverty; but, every time He does it, He opens the windows of heaven and the showers of blessing fall.

But I must recognize the difference between my own spirit and the Holy Spirit. My own spirit can do certain things on natural lines, can even weep and pray and worship, but it is all on a human plan, and we must not depend on our own human thoughts and activities or on our own personality. If the Baptism means anything to you, it should bring you to the death of the ordinary, where you are no longer putting faith in your own understanding; but, conscious of your own poverty, you are ever yielded to the Spirit. Then it is that your body becomes filled with heaven on earth.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." People get a wrong idea of mourning. Over in Switzerland they have a day set apart to take wreaths to graves. I laughed at the people's

ignorance and said, "Why are you spending time around the graves? The people you love are not there. All that taking of flowers to the graves is not faith at all. Those who died in Christ are gone to be with Him, "which," Paul said, "is far better."

My wife once said to me, "You watch me when I'm preaching. I get so near to heaven when I'm preaching that some day I'll be off." One night she was preaching and when she had finished, off she went. I was going off to Glasgow and had said goodbye to her before she went to meeting. As I was leaving the house, the doctor and policeman met me at the door and told me that she had fallen dead at the Mission door. I knew she had got what she wanted. I could not weep, but I was in tongues, praising the Lord. On natural lines she was everything to me; but I could not mourn on natural lines, but just laughed in the Spirit. The house was soon filled with people. The doctor said, "She is dead, and we can do no more for her." I went up to her lifeless corpse and commanded death to give her up, and she came back to me for a moment. Then God said to me, "She is Mine; her work is done." I knew what He meant.

They laid her in the coffin, and I brought my sons and my daughter into the room and said, "Is she there?" They said, "No, father." I said, "We will cover her up." If you go mourning the loss of loved ones who have gone to be with Christ, I say it in love to you, you have never had the revelation of what Paul spoke of when he showed us that it is better to go than to stay. We read this in Scripture, but the trouble is that people will not believe it. When you believe God, you will say, "Whatever it is, it is all right. If Thou dost want to take the one I love, it is all right, Lord." Faith removes all tears of self-pity.

But there is a mourning in the Spirit. God will bring you to a place where things must be changed, and there is a mourning, an unutterable groaning until God comes. And the end of all real faith always is rejoicing. Jesus mourned over Jerusalem. He saw the conditions, He saw the unbelief, He saw the end of those who closed their ears to the Gospel. But God gave a promise that He should see the travail of His soul and be satisfied, and that He should see His seed. What happened on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem was an earnest of what will be the results of His travail, to be multiplied a billionfold all down the ages in all the world. And as we enter in the Spirit into travail over conditions that are wrong, such mourning will ever bring results for God, and our joy will be complete in the satisfaction that is brought to Christ thereby.

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Moses was headstrong in his zeal for his own people, and it resulted in his killing a man. His heart was right in his desire to correct things, but he was working on natural lines, and when we work on natural lines we always fail. Moses had a mighty passion, and that is one of the best things in the world

when God has control and it becomes a passion for souls to be born again; but apart from God it is one of the worst things. Paul had it to a tremendous extent, and, breathing out threatenings, he was hailing men and women to prison. But God changed it, and later we find him wishing himself accursed from Christ for the sake of his brethren, his kinsmen according to the flesh. God took the headstrong Moses and molded him into the meekest of men. He took the fiery Saul of Tarsus and made him the foremost exponent of grace. Oh, brothers, God can transform you in like manner, and plant in you a divine meekness and every other thing that you lack.

In our Sunday school we had a boy with red hair. His head was as red as fire and so was his temper. He was such a trial. He kicked his teachers and the superintendent. He was simply uncontrollable. The teachers had a meeting in which they discussed the matter of expelling him. They thought that God might undertake for that boy and so they decided to give him another chance. One day he had to be turned out, and he broke all the windows of the mission. He was worse outside than in. Some time later we had a ten-days revival meeting. There was nothing much doing in that meeting and people thought it a waste of time, but there was one result — the red-headed lad got saved. After he was saved, the difficulty was to get rid of him at our house. He would be there until midnight crying to God to make him pliable and use him for His glory. God delivered the lad from his temper and made him one of the meekest, most beautiful boys you ever saw. For twenty years he has been a mighty missionary in China. God takes us just as we are and transforms us by His power.

I can remember the time when I used to go white with rage, and shake all over with temper. I could hardly hold myself together. I waited on God for ten days. In those ten days I was being emptied out and the life of the Lord Jesus was being wrought into me. My wife testified of the transformation that took place in my life, "I never saw such a change. I have never been able to cook anything since that time that has not pleased him. Nothing is too hot or too cold, everything is just right." God must come and reign supreme in your life. Will you let Him do it? He can do it, and He will if you will let Him. It is no use trying to tame the "old man." But God can deal with him. The carnal mind will never be subjected to God, but God will bring it to the cross where it belongs, and will put in its place, the pure, the holy, the meek mind of the Master.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Note that word. "SHALL be filled." If you ever see a "shall" in the Bible make it yours. Meet the conditions and God will fulfil His word to you. The Spirit of God is crying, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." The Spirit of God will take of the things of Christ and show them to you in order that you may have a longing for Christ in His fullness, and when there is that longing, God will not fail to fill you.

See that crowd of worshipers who have come up to the feast. They are going away utterly unsatisfied, but on the last day, the great day of the feast,

Jesus stands up and cries, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." Jesus knew that they were going away without the living water, and so He directs them to the true source of supply. Are you thirsty today? The living Christ still invites you to Himself, and I want to testify that He still satisfies the thirsty soul and still fills the hungry with good things.

In Switzerland, I learned of a man who met with the assembly of the Plymouth Brethren. He attended their various meetings, and one morning, at their breaking of bread service, he arose and said, "Brethren, we have the Word, and I feel that we are living very much in the letter of it, but there is a hunger and thirst in my soul for something deeper, something more real than we have, and I cannot rest until I enter into it." The next Sunday this brother rose again and said, "We are all so poor here, there is no life in this assembly, and my heart is hungry for reality." He did this for several weeks until it got on the nerves of those people and they protested, "Sands, you are making us all miserable. You are spoiling our meetings, and there is only one thing for you to do, and that is to clear out."

That man went out of the meeting in a very sad condition. As he stood outside, one of his children asked him what was the matter, and he said, "To think that they should turn me out from their midst for being hungry and thirsty for more of God!" I did not know anything of this until afterward.

Some days later someone rushed up to Sands and said, "There is a man over here from England, and he is speaking about tongues and healing." Sands said, "I'll fix him. I'll go to the meeting and sit right up in the front and challenge him with the Scriptures. I'll dare him to preach these things in Switzerland. I'll publicly denounce him." So he came to the meetings. There he sat. He was so hungry and thirsty that he drank in every word that was said. His opposition soon petered out. The first morning he said to a friend, "This is what I want." He drank and drank of the Spirit. After three weeks he said, "God will have to do something now or I'll burst." He breathed in God and the Lord filled him to such an extent that he spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Sands is now preaching, and is in charge of a new Pentecostal assembly.

God is making people hungry and thirsty after His best. And everywhere He is filling the hungry and giving them that which the disciples received at the very beginning. Are you hungry? If you are, God promises that you shall be filled.

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart.

"It is to have no trouble.

"It is never to be fretted or vexed or irritated, or sore or disappointed.

"It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me.

"It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised.

"It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and be at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble."

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PREPARING FOR RAIN

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"Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12).

All know that if God could have His way with us, He would certainly bless us wonderfully; but not even Christians know the extent God would go with us, if He could have His way. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him." God is looking for a chance to manifest His power, to pour out His strength, to do things. Just give Him a chance; we need not keep begging for His blessing; He is looking for a chance to pour it out.

These are really wonderful days for a few folks in this world. God is doing wonderful things, "And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord." We are just on the border of things, having passed through the Red Sea, through the wilderness and across the Jordan, "over against Jericho," and the whole land is before us. Yes, truly, "God hath done great things for us whereof we are glad;" but He is going to do greater things as we "follow on to know the Lord." You might say, "If God wants to do it and is able, why doesn't He go ahead?" God cannot do any more than you let Him do. There are things that God cannot do—I say it reverently. Jesus had been doing wonderful things in the country round about, but in His own country "He could there do no mighty work, save that he laid His hands upon a few sick folk and healed them," "because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:5; Matt. 13:58). Unbelief hindered Him from doing what He was able and willing to do for all. He had as much power there as over in Judea, but their unbelief tied His hands. God help you and me to get out of the way of the mighty God, and give Him a chance to work. In fact, what He has done for us already gives us such a good time that we like to come out five or six times a week and praise Him for it.

"Break up your fallow ground." It is time to seek the Lord. The preparation of your ground—your heart—determines the measure of God's blessing upon your life. If we want a mighty outpouring from heaven, we must prepare our heart. He is sending His rain on **prepared soil**.

We have to get things out of the way and make ready. A woman came into one of the meetings "fearfully and wonderfully made up," all be-painted, and be-fixed. She sat far back in the crowd with a hungry heart, and the hunger showed clear through

the paint. She kept coming, and finally found her way up to the preacher. She had been very rich, but had lost most of her wealth. When she lost her money she lost her friends and became very lonesome. She wanted to talk; and it soon developed that, while her heart was hungry, she was looking for a cheaper way. But the cross was held before her; if she would have life, and the joy she longed for, she must die to sin, the world, and self. She kept coming and finally made her way down the aisle and fell at the altar, somewhat broken; but after about five minutes of self-conscious effort to frame a nice prayer, she arose and "went away sorrowful;" she had only begun to break. If we are going to **play** at humility we cannot have the Lord. We must find the place of humiliation at the Cross; and when we get a real vision of ourselves, and repenting in sackcloth and ashes, we can get anything from God.

If your heart is thirsting for the "showers," begin working on your "fallow ground." God's prophet, speaking to a nation of farmers, declared, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:5,6). Oh, the preciousness of a mellow, tender, and broken spirit. God hath said He will not despise such, yea, He says, "I dwell with him that is of a contrite and humble spirit." If we are dry and unfruitful there is no use for us to begin to blame others. God has not made our happiness to depend on others. There is no one in your way but yourself, for as soon as we humble ourselves and find our proper level, which is zero, God starts up the water-springs, and the devil himself cannot hinder us from having a good time, a good life, and a fruitful service. As surely as we go through on this line we will land over the ramparts of glory with our little wagons groaning with beautiful sheaves for the Master. Praise His Name!

Break **ALL** your heart, don't leave any stony places and briary patches. If there is a hard spot in your life, God sees it, and it will stop His power that otherwise will come surging through your whole being. Turn over the soil, let the sunshine into your heart and it will search your life and show you yourself and things you never knew you had in your nature. Yes, if you want the streams of glory in your heart, go right through with this breaking business. When we want the old-time power we must go to the bottom of things, give up everything and everybody. Break until you are willing to go to Africa or to stay here—willing to let Him send you where He will. Be true, clear to the core, entirely yielded, subdued. O, Lord! if there are any little patches not broken up just show me. Are you afraid to let God have His way in your heart? God pity you if you are.

BREAK DEEP. Shallow plowing has been responsible for many crop failures in the natural realm. Wise farmers have learned to break deep—to loosen up the hard-pan and sub-soil, thus retaining and conserving the rainfall that otherwise would run off and into the creeks and rivers. Herein is a **great** lesson for Christians. No one will deny that the Christianity of our day is a shallow affair. I am happy to be associated with a people that, in comparison with other bodies of Christians, are doing well spiritually; but when we compare ourselves with primitive Christians,

SUPPOSE—No one cared whether you were saved or not!

we, too, are a shallow lot. And moreover we never will be spiritually "deep" until we are spiritually "broken."

I sometimes illustrate this lesson by three characters in meetings where God's Spirit is falling in copious showers and souls are being greatly blessed.

No. 1 attends all the services, but it seems that the devil has treated him with his "dry duck" process, for he doesn't get a thing. He grumbles and finds fault, but, though God's blessing falls in torrents, he remains dry as a duck. Why so? He has not broken his patch; his old, hard, leathery, matted, crusty heart is impervious to the tender, melting influence of the Holy Spirit, and he receives no blessing.

No. 2 has a smile and a little joy in his heart. He likes the singing and preaching and squeezes out an occasional "Amen." You can tell he is getting wet. He has been scratching his ground on top and the rain is coming in.

No. 3 is drunk, right in the pew with Nos. 1 and 2. He is just all soaked, and if you touch him he says, Hallelujah! You do not have to pump him at all. He can hardly get home and he doesn't care if he doesn't. His face shines, his testimony rings clear, his radiant life is an inspiration and blessing to all. Is he one of God's pets? No! he has broken his "fallow ground," and his heart, while closed to the world, is open to God like a sponge. Praise the Lord! **The preparation of our heart determines the measure of our blessing and fruitfulness.**

In conclusion, let me remark that one breaking won't suffice for life. If we cannot weep our hearts out at the Master's feet at frequent intervals, as we see a renewed vision of the world's need, we are sure to become dry again. Jesus wept over Jerusalem and Paul warned, "day and night with tears." Oh, beloved fellow-Christian, let us keep our hearts broken, tender and compassionate, and God will keep us happy, anointed, and fruitful!

There was one of God's "bright clouds" hanging over Jerusalem many years ago, and you would have thought that it would have rained on the temple and on the priests. It is but natural to suppose that certainly God would have poured out the Spirit on the leaders at Jerusalem. But no! the high priest and religious leaders had failed to prepare their hearts; therefore they remained dry, critical, and censorious, while God poured out His power and blessing upon the 120 yielded lives in the Upper Room. Yes, and when you are humble as that little crowd, God will rain it on you, too. There is no need for us to be hungry and lonesome for God; we are in the time of the "Latter Rain." There is victory for you, there is wonderful blessing for you, and surely "it is time to seek the Lord till He come and rain righteousness upon you."

WOULD-BE LEADERS

A Warning Against Independents

The flock of Jesus Christ has ever been a mark for the wolves. Paul said to the elders of Ephesus, "I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (Acts 20:29, 30). Here was a double warning against

wolves and perverse speakers—outside and inside foes. These grievous wolves prosper at the expense of the flock. The true shepherd prospers when the flock prospers. The wolf is destructive. The true shepherd is constructive. Sometimes the sheep are keener in detecting the approach of the wolf than even the shepherd. A true shepherd sometimes detects and gets warnings of the approach of the wolf through the action of the sheep.

Shepherds of the flock should be on the alert against the ravening wolves. They have devoured the prey that they have already got, and they are hungry for more. The wolf lives on prey and is never happier than when he is preying.

Next to the wolf in point of danger are those who arise in the midst, speaking perverse things. Beware of the voluble speaker, the subtle speaker, who tries to draw a band of followers from the beaten, orthodox, regular, tried course. In the last times we may expect to find these. Be on your guard. They pose as leaders and they desire a following. What is behind it all? Lawlessness. Rebellion from authority. It is the same spirit that those had, who said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name." Independent building—building in the direction of heaven, to take an independent way to heaven. God is still scattering and will scatter.

Watch, be suspicious of, have nothing to do with, those who are independent independents. They denounce unity, and the fellowship with others, in order to further their own aims of drawing away disciples after themselves. The true man of God will never seek followers after himself. The "greatest man born of woman" lost his disciples and gloried in the fact. He said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Every independent leader seeking to draw disciples after himself says, "I must increase and Jesus Christ must decrease." They are self-labeled, and the assembly, or the sheep, need the eyesalve to detect the wolf in sheep's clothing.

Paul told the Ephesian elders, "Watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Paul was conscious that there were prowlers round about, seeking to undo his work. If you will follow Paul's warnings, Paul's writings, Paul's example, you will be safe. If he were living today he probably would designate these independent movements under a different category. He, doubtless, would call this lawlessness, bolshevism—ecclesiastical bolshevism. It is manifested in the detestation of authority, in independence, in love of freedom run riot, and in works under the semblance of bringing in a reformation.

Beware of self-appointed, would-be leaders. "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3, 4). The great characteristic of a child is its teachableness.

Then we are also commanded to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3). Every saint should be an endeavorer, not for an impossible world-peace, but for peace in the assembly, peace in the home, and peace in his own soul.

SUPPOSE—No one had told you of Jesus, or prayed for your salvation! Where would you be today?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Conducted by E. N. BELL

2047. Is it right for our assembly, when it is in debt on building and for lots, to bring in outside ministers and missionaries, and let them take out money from the assembly that is needed for building, and when it is almost impossible to raise money for the needs of the assembly?

Conventions and revivals should do more to help the local situation than to hurt it. The souls saved and the spiritual strengthening of the assembly, resulting in financial strength in the end, should not make it a loss, but a real gain to have brethren from the outside come in and help on these special occasions. Of course, others should not come in for personal or selfish gain, nor should they come in and be paid when their services are not needed.

As to missions, it should come in along with the local needs. It would be selfish to wait until all our own needs were met before helping other perishing souls to whom Jesus commanded us to carry the Gospel. Our assembly in Springfield is in debt several thousand dollars, and yet it is giving about \$1500 a year for missions. I not only believe this is right, but I believe the Lord will bless us by so doing in such a way that we will pay off our debt quicker than we would if we became selfish and looked after ourselves first. God's spiritual laws cannot be figured out from a worldly standpoint. What might be gain and cause an earthly enterprise to prosper in the hands of sinners, might ruin a church of God if it applied the same selfish principles. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." If you drop down in zeal for souls and on revivals, you will die out as an assembly, or always be in debt.

2048. Who is the Beast referred to in Rev. 13:18? Is he the pope or will he be a Turk? How do you figure out his number?

He is the same Beast referred to in verse 1. He is the Antichrist, a great political leader who will oppose all the people of the Lord and the kingdom of God and Jesus Christ, God's Son, and set himself up to be worshiped as God. I do not know whether he will be a Turk, or the pope, or a Jew, or of what nationality he will be. This need not concern us. Those left will not likely know him at first, even after he arises, but they will know him clearly when he begins to do the things described in the Word of God. You ask further whether I figure out the number 666 by the Roman or Greek letters. My answer is that I have seen all these systems of figuring out this number, but have never been satisfied fully with any of them.

2049. Why did Christ's disciples baptize in Christ's name after He gave them orders to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost? The record of four services is in the name of Jesus Christ and of seven in no name at all. This was after the day of Pentecost. Why is this?

In part you answer your own question. Surely you do not assume that in the seven cases where no name is mentioned that this is proof that no name was used. Silence is never proof one way or the other. For in-

stance, one of the gospels mentions one demoniac meeting Jesus out of the tombs, and another mentions the same incident, but speaks of two meeting Jesus. The failure of one gospel to mention two, and the mere speaking of one is no proof that there were not two, for we learn in the other gospel that there were two. So in the case of baptism, the mention of no name is no proof that none was used, and the mention simply of the name of Jesus Christ is no proof that the Father and the Holy Ghost were not also mentioned. The Lord Jesus Christ is the name of the Son (2 John 1:2), and they would have a right to put this for the Son.

In the Teaching of the Twelve it says incidentally that no person is to be admitted to the Lord's table unless he is first "baptized in the name of Jesus Christ." But when it comes to give specific directions it says, "Now concerning baptism, thus baptize ye: having spoken beforehand all these things, baptize into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in living water." Fisher, in his "History of Christian Doctrine," calls attention to this fact and says, "This shows that the shorter form does not necessitate the inference that the longer formula was not in use." Page 46.

It is evident from the mention so many times in the book of Acts of the name of Jesus Christ in connection with baptism that Jesus Christ is the one that we are most concerned in as to forgiveness of sins and in relation to whom chiefly we are baptized, and that His name was more emphasized in their minds. This is sufficient reason for the mention of His name. Some historians think that among the Jews the shorter formula prevailed for a while, and that the longer form was always used in baptizing Gentiles. Personally, I believe, from the fact that the expressions in connection with baptism are so many and so varied, that in the apostolic days there was no absolutely fixed law or formula that was considered necessary to be used in exactly that form in connection with baptism. So long as they had the essentials, liberty of expression seems to have been allowed. Dr. Broadus, considered one of the most reliable commentators, in his work on the gospel of Matthew in the American Commentary series, says of the longer form in Matt. 28:19, that he sees no reason for departing from this longer form (neither do I), and then he adds, "But it is of doubtful propriety to call this a LAW, and to insist that baptism would not be valid without the use of this particular phrase." Then after mentioning the shorter formula, he says of them, "We could not wisely infer from these that it is improper or undesirable to employ the full expression given by Matthew, but we are bound to understand that it is not indispensable." We assume no responsibility for the views of Broadus, but merely pass them on to you for just what you think they are worth. Personally I consider all contention over mere forms as having to be something fixed and iron-clad where the Scriptures vary, as not only uncalled for, but also as tending to lead us toward the fixed forms in the Catholic Church. Such contention for absolutely fixed forms is inconsistent with the spirit of Protestantism and the spirit of Pentecost, and leads straight toward Rome. Let us stay clear of putting our faith in mere forms and ceremonies.

SUPPOSE — None of us cared enough for our Lord to obey His commands! What would become of the heathen?

Let us have the forms as Christ gave them to us, but place our emphasis upon the necessity of having the life and power, of having Christ within us, the hope of glory, and that through the Spirit we know both the Father and the Son.

ELIJAH PRAYED

Pastor Earle Pottinger

In James 5:17 we read, "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly."

I like to think of the humanity of the men of God of old. There is, in these last days, much said of these old patriarchs who wrought the works of God in such a wonderful way. Their deeds are extolled, their names are much exalted wherever the Bible is read, but I wonder if these histories are kept just that we might read something interesting, have something to pass the time with, or for ministers to have something to preach about. No, they are our ensamples. Their mistakes are recorded that we might not do likewise and their successes are recorded that we might have confidence in God that He will do likewise for us. Elijah was a man. He was subject to like passions as we are. Elijah prayed.

The days are upon us when unbelief is rampant in the world. I know no sin that is worse than the sin of unbelief. Men when they come in contact with the supernatural powers of Pentecost are inclined to say that these things were for the past and that God performed these miracles in order that the church might be established and they are not needed now. If Elijahs were needed in those days we certainly need them now. How many people in the so-called Christian world know how to get an answer to prayer? How many Christians see the vision of an idol-worshiping world and go to God for an answer as he did? Oh, but you say that he was a special ambassador of the Lord and that we are not called to do as he did. No, again I call your attention to the words of the text, "Elijah was a man," and subject to like passions. I have heard so many say, "If I were like Elijah, or if I were like Christ I could do the things they did, not realizing that the enemy of their souls was talking through them and the unbelief of that enemy had full sway. If Elijah was a man, he had the same things to contend with that you and I have, the same kind of battles to be fought out in the soul, the same unbelief, the same evil tendencies. The secret of his success was, HE PRAYED.

Christ was a man of like passions. We read "He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He is called "the man Christ Jesus," in the Word. Again we read, "He took upon himself the form of man." Some see Him entirely as man and others see Him entirely divine, but I believe that the vision we ought to get of Him should combine His humanity and His divinity; human through Mary, divine through God, His Father. The same unbelief goes on and says, "I cannot do good, I cannot pray, I cannot live righteously, I cannot overcome sin;" but remember that Christ became a man in order that we might see that it is possible for us to live godly in this present evil world. The secret of all overcoming in the Christian is the same today as it always has been, "Christ in you." Christ's humanity prayed, Christ's divine Spirit prayed, and still "He ever liveth to make intercession for us,"

One of the great difficulties in the way is the lack of the vision and understanding that with God all things are possible. We look at our own lives which are small and unwieldy, and measure God by our short tape-line. There is one remedy—prayer. Prayer is the means by which we approach the throne.

It does not take great men to pray. It does not take great intellects to pray. Real prayer comes from the heart, and you desire God to do anything. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."

The beginning of Elijah's prayers must have been the same as the prayer you and I or anybody must pray if they approach God properly, and that was that he might be forgiven all his sins and shortcomings. This simple prayer for forgiveness is the prayer that leads to citizenship in the kingdom, and to be a citizen of the kingdom one must have the King in his heart. As soon as the King is in the heart all things become possible through the Great Divine Power of the universe. Jesus gave His disciples many promises that He and the Father would answer, " whatsoever ye ask believing," " whatsoever ye ask in my name I will give it you," " whatsoever ye ask the Father in my name he will give it you." What more was necessary to Elijah than the knowledge that God never changes, and what more is necessary than that we know Him and come to Him believing His simple

He prayed earnestly. If the Christian world could see the seething mass of humanity without God and without hope in the world, if we could see the needs of our own movement and the needs of Christianity at large, if we could see our own need of deepening in the walk with God, our prayers would not be as formal and lukewarm as they are, and neither would we be spending hours in leisure and useless labors, but would be with our heads between our knees as was Elijah's until the answer came.

There is something about that prayer that always impressed me. Why did he pray that it might not rain? The unbelief in the day of Elijah was so great that he knew that God could not talk to the masses unless there was something done in a supernatural way. He prayed that it might not rain to the God that gives the rain, and it was withheld until he again prayed and it was again given, then prayed that prayer that brought the fire down. All could see the result and all were turned. Did it take more than a mustard seed grain of faith to do all that work?

Jesus said that if we had faith as a grain of mustard seed we could say to this mountain, Be thou removed and cast into the sea, and it would go. We are facing a real enemy, we have real foes, the kingdom of darkness is waging its death struggle against the children of light and those for whom Christ died who are yet in sin. Cannot the faith of the entire Pentecostal movement combined with the prayers of earnest, praying Christians everywhere, bring a worldwide revival? (God has promised that He would pour His Spirit out upon all flesh.) It can, for surely there is a mustard seed of faith in the midst. Elijah prayed; let us pray.

Muskegon, Mich.

"Greater simplicity in our living would be conducive to a clearer perception of the mind of God."—

SUPPOSE — The apostle Paul had not cared to go to Macedonia! What would this nation be today?

-:- THE WILL OF GOD -:-

Evangelist J. S. McConnell, at San Francisco, Calif.

People say the Bible says it is God's will that we should sacrifice and deny ourselves, that we should not love the things of the world, for "if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." They say, "If I give up my dance, and card-playing, I will have no pleasure in my life, and my life will be a misery." Some people think God is some terrible monster who is trying to take everything good away from them.

But God never requires you to give up one single thing but for your good. God does not need anything of yours. You could die tomorrow and the world would keep turning around. I do not suppose many folks would miss you.

God is planning for your own good. Here is my little child who gets hold of my razor and is delighted. I make him let go and take it away. He sets up a howl. It seems terrible to him to give up that glittering thing. Why did I take the razor away from him? As a father I would enjoy giving him anything that would be a benefit to him, and that would give him pleasure. I took it away from him because I knew something he did not know. He was not old enough to see the danger in that thing. I knew he would cut himself with it and would suffer. I was not a mean monster for taking the razor from him, but I loved him and wanted to help him. The will of God will never require you to give up anything, or go through anything but what will work for you "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

People do not see the righteousness of God's will when they are required to go through the fire, and are persecuted and suffer for Jesus' sake. Paul said, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake" (2 Cor. 12:10). He gloried in the thing, knowing that it would work "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." He recognized that thing was the best thing to do and that it would bring him back something so much greater that would last for eternity.

Martyrs went to the stake for Jesus' sake in the early days of Christianity. They went through every kind of suffering because they had such a vision of God that they took delight in suffering for His sake. They saw the glory that was to be revealed.

Stephen could have compromised on his message and received the favor of the Jewish elders; but he did not, though it cost him his life. He spoke the words that cut to the heart because it was God's will, "and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. . . . And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:54-60).

Stephen got a glimpse of eternal things.

The will of God is the most blessed thing you can do. We read of Jesus Christ Himself that "he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him the name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:8-11).

Do you mean to say that it was not a blessed thing for Him to do the will of God? In my mind's eye I see Him coming back to reign over this world with the glory and power of God, His face shining like the sunlight, out of His mouth going a sharp, two-edged sword. I see all the holy angels, like a vast army, circling about Him; I see the world stand before Him in judgment, and all the demons in hell and the angels bowing at His feet. It paid Him to do the will of God.

When they came to Jesus and said, "Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee," He answered, "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matt. 12:47-50). The will of God brings you so close to the Son of God that you come into the same relationship with Him as brother, and sister, and mother.

Lot went down to that well-favored valley where everything was easy. He had no hardships or persecutions, but he compromised with God in order to stay down there. You can take that way if you so desire. I would rather take the way of Abraham on the rugged hillsides with God, and have God come down and call me as He did Abraham, "The friend of God."

It is a fine thing, even though you have to go through sacrifice and suffering, to have God put His divine authority and power in your life so that you can cast out demons, and trample on serpents. God's power and authority in your life only come by delighting in God's will.

The will of God is the thing that perfects us. We read in Col. 4:12, "that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

In 1 John 5:14 we read, "If we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us." Isn't it a blessed thing to have your prayers answered? We are told in Heb. 10:36, "Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Thank God, it is after you have done God's will that you receive the promise. Isn't it a blessed thing to receive the promise of God?

Paul says in 1 Cor. 9:17, "For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward." A reward always comes for doing God's will willingly. It pays a hundredfold. When Peter said to Jesus, "Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee," Jesus answered, "Verily, I say unto you, There is no man that left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children,

SUPPOSE — The heathen never hear the Gospel!! You say, "What will become of them?" NO! The question is, "WHAT WILL BECOME OF US?"

and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:28-30).

I had to give up nearly every friend I had when God saved me, as well as some of my own kin I loved. But where I lost one or two, I found ten thousand more faithful and really closer to me in some respects than my own blood kin.

I have found that it pays in dollars and cents to do God's will. It cost me about \$20,000 to get right with God, but I have got it back a hundredfold. I haven't it laid up down here. I found that it is all foolishness to pile up a lot of stuff to give to the devil. But I have had plenty to wear and have enjoyed my meals better than John D. Rockefeller.

In John 7:17, Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Do you want to know the things of God? Has your mind been puzzled over these things? It is one of the results of the blessedness of doing God's will, He gives you a knowledge of the doctrine.

We read in Isa. 1:19: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." When you are willing and obedient thank God "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

The most blessed thing I know about the will of God, we find in 1 Peter 4:19, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." He will take care of the whole thing. You haven't anything to worry about. I see some of these poor people with money worrying their heads about their business, their farm, their families. Oh, how the cares of life weigh heavily upon them! But it is a blessed thing to do the will of God and have the whole thing in God's hand. You are His servant. If the crop burns up, it isn't your crop. He has to feed you and clothe you. It is the Lord's loss. You do not worry about the family getting sick, for you are doing the will of God, and He says, there shall no "plague come nigh thy dwelling." That to me is a wonderful thing to be so full of peace and rest that the whole responsibility for your entire life rests upon the shoulders of God.

Some people are afraid they are going to backslide. I have not a worry about that. We are told in 1 Peter 1:5 that we "are kept by the power of God." There is only one thing I have to do to get into that position—delight in God's will, and He attends to all the rest.

When I delight to do the Father's will, "no man is able to pluck me out of my Father's hand." That does not say I will not make mistakes. But when I take delight in doing God's will up to the light I have, He is under obligation to keep my soul and He will do it. But of course the man that will not do God's will cannot claim that promise.

We read in 1 John 2:17, "He that doeth the will of God **abideth forever.**" So there is every reason why you ought to rejoice and delight in doing God's will because it is the most blessed thing.

Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:17 that "it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." Because it will bring a bigger blessing in your life, and make everything pertaining to you better.

When the old saints went to the cross and to the stake for Jesus' sake, it was the best thing for them. History tells us that many times the soldiers who witnessed those saints as the flames whipped around their bodies, saw the victory, and blessing, and glory come down upon them, causing them to renounce the Roman government and swear allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ. Those soldiers offered to be burned at the stake because they found it was a blessed thing.

We have pointed out to you that God's will is absolutely righteous, and therefore it is the only thing to do that is right; that God's will is the most blessed thing to do; and that therefore there is no reason why any man should not take delight in everything that is God's will regardless of the physical suffering it may cost him.

Let us ask ourselves, What is the will of God for us? Some people seem to think they cannot understand God's will. Jesus Christ, in the text, brought out exactly what God's will is for you. He said, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." Then He explained what He meant, "Thy law is in the midst of my bowels." "My meat is to do the will of the Father."

Consequently the will of God for every person is to obey the law of God which was given through Jesus Christ. We have an illustration of this in Matt. 21:28-31: "A certain man had two sons: and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise, and he answered and said, I go, sir; and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

It is not the man that claims to love Jesus, and joins the church and professes to have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost that is doing the will of God, but it is the person that really practices the commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ according to every ray of light he has on them.

If you love Him you will want to find out what He commands you to do and you will search the Scriptures. You are going to love the words of Jesus Christ more than your bread. It will be your meat to find out the will of God and to do it.

If we would be half as zealous about doing God's will as we are in defending some of our little, peculiar doctrines, what a power God would put in our lives. Let us be zealous about living as the Lord Jesus told us to live. He said, "Love one another as I have loved you." And "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Some people spend ten weeks trying to prove their doctrine is correct and yet not spend ten minutes on their knees praying for lost souls. And they wonder why no power is in their life! They are not delighting in God's will.

If you have His law in the midst of your bowels it means that you will eat every word that comes out of the mouth of Jesus. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Practice it until the Word becomes a part of your very being, shown by the actions of your life.

SUPPOSE—There are scores of young men and women who want to obey the Lord's command to "GO!" and who are not trained and fully equipped soldiers! And there are hundreds of them!

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—God is still working in our midst. Another received the Baptism last night. Many others are seeking. Pray God to visit this place with floods.—W. R. Potter.

ESKRIDGE, KANS.—We have a little church here and hold Sunday school and class meeting every Sunday, but do not have a preacher except as Brother Miller comes once in a while from the Wesleyan church. We are praying that God will send one of His Pentecostal preachers to us.—Mrs. H. Shipley.

TRINIDAD, COLO.—Revival meeting just closed, in which 3 were saved, and 9 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. Brother Tresner, of Fort Collins, has been with us through the meetings and has given some deep teaching from the Bible. He is a very spiritual man and wonderfully used of God.—Pastor Irl J. Walker.

SEDALIA, MO.—God gave us a good meeting. Brother A. B. Ellsworth and wife were with us 22 days. About 50 were saved and about 20 received the Baptism in the Spirit. Fifty-five came into the assembly. Brother and Sister Ellsworth's good work among us will be long remembered.—R. Elmer Baker, pastor.

MUSCOGEE, FLA.—We have three appointments each month and have good services at each place. On the 4th Sundays we find some place at which to hold evangelistic services. There are many calls which we cannot fill. We are looking forward to the time when we will give up pastoral work and again be on the evangelistic field altogether. Pray for us that God will be glorified in our lives.—Evang. O. O. Hughen and wife.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—We have had 15 days of special meetings (March 4-18). Brothers R. A. Brown of New York, Harry Long of Rochester, N. Y., Joseph Tunmore of Pittsburgh, Pa., D. H. McDowell, of Scranton, Pa., and Sister M. Flint, missionary from India, were with us. Many souls were saved and many received the blessed Holy Spirit. The Lord's presence was real in every service and we praise him for the refreshing to all the saints. Many church members heard the Word of God and are coming to the meetings. We are praying that they may soon see Him. The spirit of missions is burning in the hearts of the saints. The missionary offering was more than double that of last year. We praise God for His blessing upon us.—John G. Warton.

WAYNESBORO, PA.—We closed a very fine series of special meetings here on March 13. It lasted 3 weeks. Brother John Pottorff of Grafton, West Virginia, helped us the first week and did good in preparing the ground for Evangelist Loyd T. Stewart, Buckeye City, Ohio, who was with us the other two weeks. I will say of these brethren that they build with tempered mortar and their ministry was blessed to this assembly. Any pastor in need of the aid of an evangelist will not be disappointed in Brother Stewart.—Pastor Chas. W. S. Miller.

WEST TULSA, OKLA.—I want to tell about some of our meetings with which we are blessed. Special meeting closed 2 weeks ago. Many were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Last night (Mar. 13) we had a wonderful meeting. The Lord was there in mighty power. About January 20 I was taken with flu and pneumonia. My lungs were inflamed and sore. One day about noon Brother Sam Berryhill prayed for my healing and the Lord touched and healed me. Sister Hands was very low with pneumonia fever; for a day or two she was so near death that we did not know whether she would live or die. The elders prayed and almost continual prayer was made for her. Also at the church one night prayer was made for her, and the next morning she was better. She had no doctor and no medicine. Brother Sam Berryhill is our pastor.—R. B. Michael.

ATHENS, ALA.—We have meetings every Sunday evening; the Lord has wonderfully blessed me in giving out His precious Word. Souls are getting saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, others are under conviction. I have been a preacher of the gospel about 8 years, but never knew anything about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit until Brother Charles Williamson brought the soul stirring message to us a little over a year ago. As I always believed in living a pure and holy life and taught others so, I gladly received the news that God was still baptizing souls with the real Pentecostal Baptism as recorded in Acts 2:4, which I had thought was passed away. Oh praise God that His power is just the same today and that I have really been baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire just as were the apostles of old and that He can enable us really to live the life every day. Pray for the healing of my body, which is very weak at the present; also that I may do more for the Lord as the days go by; and for this place that a church may be established here with a good pastor in charge.—Mrs. J. C. Hutching.

DONALDSON, ARK.—Our assembly at Social Hill is still in the battle for the Lord and He is still manifesting His power in our prayer meeting in answer to the prayers of the saints for the healing of each other. Our Sunday school is fine, the best kind of interest being taken. Some have memorized as much as an entire chapter.—W. E. York.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—Souls are being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, as in Acts 2:4, in the assembly set in order here by Brother Hoar on Thanksgiving Day of last year. The first meeting had been held Oct. 18, 1922, and for the next two Sundays Wm. O. Singletary preached for us. Brother Paul Smith, ex-cabaret singer, who is saved and baptized in the precious Holy Spirit, proved a great blessing in the Lord's work through his singing. We called Brother Singletary as our pastor. He accepted the call and came here on Nov. 11. A revival started which lasted six weeks. Sister Vera Hoar was with us two weeks during that time. The revival spirit has continued ever since, and more than a hundred have been saved, and most of them have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Still the good work goes on. Brother Roy Scott, of Mercer, Mo., Chairman of this District is commencing his second week of meetings with good results. Many sick have been healed. On February 22 we had an all-day meeting. Brethren and Sisters from several places in Kansas, from Riverton, Nebr., and from Springfield, Mo., were with us. Some found the Lord, and saints were greatly edified. The next union meeting will be in Topeka, Kans. on Memorial Day. We are blessed with the Lord's presence continually. We are planning for a big tent meeting to be held as soon as the weather is warm enough. Pray for a large ingathering of souls at that time.—F. A. Loomis.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL NOTICE

To all the brethren of the Southeastern District Council of the Assemblies of God in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Let us not forget the resolution to keep a record in writing of our fields of labor to submit at our next District Council meeting. Also remember that the chairman of our district is a man of like passions as we are, and don't forget the offering for him. Let every minister in this district support the Evangel by soliciting subscriptions for it, as it is the best Pentecostal paper published, and every assembly in our district should be 100 per cent strong for it. And let us do all we can for the Bible school, which has been endorsed by every district chairman I believe. And let us begin praying for a mighty old-time revival to take place, that Pentecost will become stronger. So, dear brethren, pray for your fellowservant in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Pastor O. J. Steverson, Sec-Treas. Southeastern District, Box 264, Enterprise, Ala.

SUPPOSE—You do your part to help these to be properly trained in the use of the Sword of the Spirit! How about it! Then THEY—the unsaved—will call upon the Name of the Lord and BE SAVED! And the reward will be YOURS!

“GO YE”

O ye who idle stand,
 The teeming millions see—
 Consider what is in each hand,
 And what He asks of thee.
 There is a part for all,
 A holy passion true
 Must fill each heart, control each life
 For God, to dare and do.

The need is quite enough
 To stir all hearts with zeal,
 Compelling every ransomed breast
 A burning fire to feel.
 Dying in anguish sore
 By thousands every day—
 Oh, do not wait some great appeal,
 Nor further make delay.

Ye cannot lift your eyes
 In welcome of our Lord,
 Whose promised coming we await,
 Obedient to His word,
 If ye would shun to heed
 His last declared command,
 “Go ye salvation to proclaim
 In every tribe and land.”

That heart that cries, “So come,
 Lord Jesus for Thine own,”
 Hailing the advent hour,
 When Christ shall be made known,
 Would be ashamed to greet
 His Lord in glory bright,
 Had he withheld from dying souls
 God's living Word and light.
 —Alice Reynolds Flower.

HONAKER, VA.—I praise God for His great hand of love and great blessing upon us, and for the revival that has just closed here. Some gave heed to the Word and accepted our Lord to be theirs. One received the gift of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. We also saw the mighty power of God manifested in convicting souls of sin, which gives me expectation of a greater harvest from this meeting in the future. I desire also to witness the mighty power of Jesus to heal. I stepped off a place about four feet high and put my ankle out of place. When I tried to walk and could not I called for prayer, Brother and Sister Duncan and Sister Hess being present. We began to pray and the power of the Lord came upon me and I began to praise Him. It seemed like a bandage was drawn around my foot and ankle, and I knew that the power of the hand of God was upon me, and I believed and walked in Jesus name, praising Him for it all. I never missed a service. Brother M. B. Hampton, of Tip Top, Va., visited the meeting twice and was a power in the hands of God, and also Sister McKirdy, who has been faithfully with me in the meeting this week, God has used in mighty power to His glory. Praise God for it all.—Evang. Mrs. Maggie Treadway.

Praise God for His love toward mankind. He has wonderfully healed me of tuberculosis of the bowels and many other ailments since July, 1921, and most of all is the healing of my soul.—Mrs. G. A. Fuller. Spring Lake, Wis.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

We know of a Pentecostal preacher who went into a certain town to live, and as he was not interested in the doings of the folks there who were strangers to him, he did not subscribe for the local weekly paper, the cost of which was \$1.25 per year. However, after three years, as the editor had helped his mission, he subscribed for the paper. In the second issue, he saw an ad. by which he saved 75 cents. Some months later, he noticed the sale of boy's suits. A particular suit had been reduced in a January sale from \$12.00 to \$10.00. Now it was advertised for \$5.00. It was bought for the preachers' boy, and the preacher thought he was well repaid for his investment of \$1.25.

Every week the Pentecostal Evangel comes and tells of a free gospel market where every thing can be had without money and without price. The most precious of all gifts offered is eternal life in Christ Jesus, which is far more precious than gold. Every issue of the Evangel tells of this gift. Also of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and how to receive this precious gift and the blessings that accompany it. Simon offered money to receive the Holy Spirit power, but he was told that the gift of God could not be purchased with money. Some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit through reading the Evangel, and many after reading it have been encouraged to seek the fullness of the Spirit.

The truth concerning healing of the body through faith in the atonement, is set forth from time to time, and remarkable testimonies of those who have been thus healed are frequently published. Many have been blessed through reading

these testimonies and quite a few have been healed. The one dollar a year paid for fifty visits from the Evangel is just a third you would have to pay in most places for one visit from an earthly physician. The Evangel tells of a Heavenly Physician who has never lost a case when fully trusted.

Articles telling of the soon coming of Christ, which is the great hope, joy and encouragement of the Lord's people, can be found in most issues. Holiness and the overcoming life is also advocated by many Spirit-filled writers. Missionary news from home and foreign fields and other items of interest can be found in each issue.

The Pentecostal Evangel will now be a weekly visitor instead of coming twice a month as heretofore. Will you try to extend its usefulness? We know that the things mentioned above have been a blessing to you, will they not also be a blessing to your neighbors and friends? The paper will preach the full gospel for you if you will either subscribe for them or get them to subscribe.

Brother Bell describes the Pentecostal Evangel as the best assistant pastor. It will visit and comfort every member of the flock each week when the pastor is not always able to get around to see them. Pastors should see, that their people are subscribing a hundred per cent strong for the paper. We are grateful for every list sent in, but we need another 15,000 subscriptions to get the Evangel on its feet financially. How many of these 15,000 will you send in? There is room for two names on the blank below, but we shall be grateful if you send us more.

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MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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MISSIONARY CONVENTION, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

April 22 to April 29 inclusive

The Assembly of Springfield, Mo. is a Missionary Assembly. Missionary interest has been increasing from month to month and even during times of special revival effort missionary offerings have held up to normal and many times have exceeded our expectations. This missionary interest has been having a gradual normal growth, and the time has now come when this assembly feels they should have a regular missionary convention.

There are many interests of a local and general character in the Springfield assembly and in planning for a missionary convention the school has been considered. Missionary interest runs high in the Central Bible Institute. The students have formed teams representing the various foreign mission fields, and needs of the different fields are brought before the student body each morning for prayer. So it was considered fitting that the closing week of school should be taken up with a rousing missionary convention so that the last impression of school life would be one of zeal to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

In planning this convention it is hoped that a number of missionaries now home on furlough can be with us. It is also planned to have nightly evangelistic services and to pack the convention week full of good things. Pentecostal people far and near will be interested in this convention, and we solicit their prayers, their presence, and their full co-operation to make this convention a great success for God. All are cordially invited to meet with the Springfield assembly from April 22 to 29 inclusive.

J. W. TAYLOR ARRIVES IN THE SOUDAN

In the last mail a letter was received from Harry Wright stating that he had received a message to the effect that Brother Taylor had landed at Grand Basaam on the Ivory Coast, and they were expecting to see him any day. In the same mail we received a letter from Brother Taylor himself dated Feb. 8 and written from Ouagadougou at the end of his journey. Brother Taylor writes,

"We are in the midst of our getting settled in our new home. We left the head of the railroad last Wednesday noon, and arrived here the middle of Saturday night, traveling the greater part of the way by moonlight. We could only afford a chassis

and hardly that, so it was necessary to take the crate in which the Ford truck chassis was packed to make a temporary body. We loaded some of our baggage on, and then put the ladies and boy on top of the pile, and drove off for 900 kilometers without a single spare tire or valve, trusting the Lord to see us through. And He did—no accidents—no sickness—no trouble whatever. All the workers are well, Miss Peoples having just recovered from a slight fever. I was never more busy and tired that I can remember of, and I see no relief in the near future. Brother Wright will accompany me back to the railroad for another load of baggage, and also for a needed change, but not a rest. All the workers seem cheerful and are determined to go on with the work. Trusting this finds you all well, and assuring you of our prayerful co-operation, we remain your co-workers in Mossi."

A HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENT

Brother and Sister E. O. Leeper announce the safe arrival of a daughter, Miss Dorothy Ruth on February 23, 1923. The happy parents only recently returned from the French Sudan and are now at home at 417 Willis Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. While in the homeland, Brother Leeper would be open for a pastorate, so we are informed.

J. E. Varonaeff writes from Odessa, Russia, "God is wonderfully manifesting Himself in our assemblies. He has blessed and saved souls and baptized them in the Holy Spirit. A few days ago we received a letter from Brother F. Krivolenko from the district of Kiev who reports with gladness of heart that the Lord has opened up a good work there, and about sixty have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. You will note that all of these people are Baptists. Our assemblies are growing larger and larger."

L. M. Jacobs writes from Gorakhpur, U. P., India. God is blessing our work here. The other day another young man came asking to be taught about Jesus as he wished to become a Christian. He is a bright young man of about twenty-five years, and seems to be an earnest seeker for the truth. We do praise God for bringing them in one by one, and earnestly covet your prayers that they may stand against the onslaughts of the enemy which are sure to come after they once confess Christ openly to their own people."

"WE HAVE NEVER HEARD"

Miss Bessie V. Gager writes from Basti, U. P., India as follows: "Not long ago, as we were at work on the plains, it was our privilege to tell the story of Calvary's Sacrifice to hundreds of weary pilgrims who had NEVER HEARD. They were passing through our city to worship at a distant shrine. One of these pilgrims, after listening to the preaching for a long time, bought a Gospel portion and asked one of our evangelists to write the name of Jesus on the outside edge, for he said, 'I might forget the name and I do not want to for I want to pray to Him.' Then as we told a Sadhu (Hindu priest) who lived in a little hut beside the river, and whom the pilgrims worshipped, he received the Word with open heart and said that he believed and would leave off idol worship and would teach the people who came to him that Jesus is the Saviour. Many of the pilgrims said: 'These are blessed words and we believe.'

"The following tells of some of the blessed experiences which we met on one trip of nearly four weeks. Misses Rediger, Harris and myself went into one of the villages as a band, playing our tambourines and singing the blessed gospel story to Indian tunes. The people were very much pleased with the music and singing and stayed to listen to what we had to say. Over and over again, as we asked them, they said, 'We have never before heard of Jesus.' There were many also who had never before seen white people.

"While crossing the fields, which are beautiful at this time of the year, with the new grain coming up, our workers met a man who said that for many years he had been seeking salvation and when they told him about the One who died to save him and the awful agonies of Calvary, he wept and beat his breast and said, 'Now I know that it is Jesus who is my Saviour.' This poor hungry heart had never heard of Jesus before.

"One day we told the story of the Cross to a woman who sat in the doorway of her humble little mud house and when we had finished we asked if she ever before heard of Jesus. Her answer was most pathetic, 'How could I have heard?' I thought, true enough, how could she have heard for no one has been here to tell her. All these years have passed by since Jesus gave the command, 'Go tell, all nations, every creature.' And how many have lived and died without EVEN ONCE having heard about Jesus!

"I feel that the time to work is short, for Jesus must be coming soon. 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus.'"

A CORRECTION

We regret to note that there was an error in the last number of the Pentecostal Evangel in the heading of the list of receipts of missionary offerings. This list was headed, "Contributions for Home Missions," and it should have been headed, "Contributions for Home and Foreign Missions."

SUPPOSE—You GIVE YOUR MONEY to support the TEACHERS of the Central Bible Institute! They are giving their time and excellent ability in giving to the students a working knowledge of the Bible, without any stipulated support.

HINTS FOR THE MISSIONARY SERVICE

Some assemblies have a service about once a month. All should have, for it will add new fervor to the other services. It is not necessary to have a missionary in order to have a missionary service. Everyone can have an earnest part in it. We have not exhausted the greatest means of missionary endeavor—PRAYER. Prayer must precede effectual listening and preaching. Do not leave this all for the worker on the field. "For this cause, I bow the knee," said one. First of all make it a bow-the-knee service. We hear the cry, "More money, more men," but will not some one start and emphasize the slogan, "More prayer for missions in 1923."

If several be appointed to get in touch with different fields, they can bring in missionary letters and these are good stimulants to prayer. They invariably contain requests. Definite prayer is better than promiscuous prayer. Pray and wrestle on in the Spirit and weary not.

Our own vast "black" field.

Remember: Pagan Africa, Mohammedan Africa, Christian Africa.

Remember: Different countries: Egypt, Soudan, Congo, Liberia, etc. (It is fine in Bible School or even Sunday School or assembly to appoint one to each country for private prayer between gatherings and report on success of same at meeting).

Remember: Different Societies: Assemblies of God, Soudan United Mission, Africa Inland Mission, Heart of Africa Mission, Christian Alliance, etc.; for many denominational and independent societies are doing splendid work.

Remember: A particular mission worker, tribe, person, or chief for their welfare, blessing or conversion. Stand in faith daily for the victory of Jehovah.

Yours till Jesus comes, for world-wide evangelism,

Jesse A. Barney.

OPENING A NEW STATION IN KANSU

Mrs. Margaret Jamieson writes from Ningantu, Kansu, China, "Mr. Jamieson's days are so full at present with getting settled in this place that he will have to give up writing for the present. He is away on a trip to the villages and has me to write for him.

We praise God for the wonderful way in which He has enabled us to get started here. The people are friendly and come freely to all the meetings. They are all anxious to get tracts and gospels and there is surely an "open door set before us." We have been here just four months and our hearts were made glad last Sunday when one man who has been staying with us to break off opium told us he believed in the Lord and wants to follow Him. He has broken off the habit, can read the Bible well and seems very promising. Please pray with us that the seed that has sprung up in his heart may bear an abundant harvest.



Tibetans who attended the first Gospel service at Tangar, Kansu, on the border of Tibet. Mrs. Plymire in center by doorpost.

ON THE TIBETAN BORDER

Brother and Sister V. G. Plymire have finally located at Tangar in the Kokonor region of Tibet. During the period consumed in looking for a location he reports that he traveled 7845 li through much territory that had not previously been touched by any other missionary, and many Tibetans heard the Gospel for the first time. On his last trip of 2610 li he distributed 2591 portions of the Word.

When they located at Tangar quite a number of Tibetans came out to the first service and Brother Plymire took a group

picture of these visitors. Brother Plymire writes, "Our services for the Tibetans are so very different from those for the Chinese that the Tibetans do not want to come to a public meeting and so we have to deal with them by the ones and twos. Many guests come in continually, and in this way we are reaching many Tibetans. We came here not knowing a human being in the place, and so are beginning at the very bottom of the work; but we are encouraged by His continual presence which is very real to us here in this isolated place."

"Our greatest need at present is for someone to help us, as the opportunities are so many that we cannot begin to take all of them. And kindly pray for us that the Lord will use us as He wills here. We are very happy and intend by His grace to bring the Gospel to these people in such a way that many will believe."

STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Miss Grace Kenning writes from Shansi, N. China as follows: "A year ago we thought that the possibility of a self-supporting church was a thing far off from us. But since then the Christians have started to give their tenth, though that does not amount to much. This last week the Lord led us a step further and a sacrifice offering was taken up. As we sang a song about taking up our cross, the thought came to Miss Stephany of one way we could in a sense take up our cross and deny ourselves. She made the proposition that all who wished to might gather the next Sunday at noon for a time of prayer instead of eating dinner, and bring the money that would have gone for the dinner as an offering

for the spread of the Gospel among those who know it not. At our school the children were all given the choice of either taking their few pennies and offering them to the Lord or eating their dinners. We only expected that four or five altogether would make the sacrifice, but what was our surprise when it came offering time to see every one of the Christians come forward with their offering. Who can tell what will be the result of this small beginning and how many souls will be led to the Saviour who are now sitting in darkness.

"In all the offering did not amount to much, not \$2.00 gold, but it was a beginning and we are expecting to have a sacrifice offering every month beside the tenth offering, and as the Lord blesses, we are expecting to open up a station among the mountain people who have no one to tell them of Jesus. As the Lord blesses their offerings we are expecting that this station will be entirely supported by the Christians themselves and then they will be more earnest in prayer and giving, feeling that they have a real share in the work of spreading the Gospel among their own people."

SUPPOSE— You help the many students who are now in the Central Bible Institute, by paying for their Board and Room. Many will not be able to finish this school year (closing April 29) unless YOU stand by them financially!

PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL IN TRAVANCORE, SOUTH INDIA

Mrs. Mary W. Chapman writes from South India, "I have just returned from our convention, 14 miles distant, where the assembly and workers have put up a nice church. It is not quite finished, but we praise God for what He has wrought in so short a time. Less than a year ago the work was started there and now there is a live fire-baptized assembly of thirty members with their pastor worshipping in their own little church. The power is working mightily among them, and new ones are coming in. Several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the convention and six were baptized in water. They pray like when Pentecost first came in India—all together—and clap their hands and sing and praise with their faces shining with heavenly joy. A great many came from other little assemblies around, walking long distances. On Sunday we had a precious communion service, about sixty partaking, nearly all Spirit-baptized. Two dear missionaries came from Pondicherry, nearly five hundred miles, to meet with us and God used them in giving the Word. Our hearts are all encouraged. Pray for Trivandrum we long to see a great revival here. God is able."

A WORD OF EXPLANATION TO CANADIAN SUBSCRIBERS

A Canadian friend writes, "I must be plain in stating that I am not satisfied at the increased cost of the Evangel to Canadians of 50 cents above your home rate of \$1.00. Why is this?"

Others may be asking the same question, and we are glad to explain ourselves. In the United States the Evangel is a registered newspaper and is entitled to second class rates. This means that when we send our mail down to the Post Office here, we are just charged at the rate of a cent and a quarter a pound for sending the Evangel to any part of the United States or its possessions. Outside the United States we have to put a one cent stamp on every paper we send. This means that we have to put 50 one cent stamps in the course of a year on the 50 papers sent to a Canadian subscriber, whereas when we sent out 25 papers we only had to use 25 one cent stamps. Instead of charging double the price for double the numbers of papers that we shall now send, we are simply increasing the Canadian rate 25 cents, the actual money we are out of pocket for extra stamps in mailing the additional 25 copies. We make no discrimination between Canadian and American readers and should be delighted if we could send Canadian papers at a lower rate. We can send two copies of the Evangel to any one address in Canada still for \$2.50 per year. If Canadian friends will send us in a club of five or more to one city, we can still charge the \$1.25 rate, as we can send the bundle to the postmaster of the city in one bundle for distribution, and can save the additional postage.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

- From March 22 to March 28 Inclusive
(This does not include offerings for expenses of the Foreign Missions Dept.)
\$584.25: Pentecostal Church, Cleveland, Ohio.
240.00: Assembly, E. Akro, Ohio.
175.60: Assembly & S. S., Springfield, Mo.
175.00: Young People of North Ave. Full Gospel Assembly, Chicago, Ill.
137.50: Christian Assembly, Cincinnati, Ohio.
100.00: S. F. N., Faverly Park, Mo.
85.00: C. B. H. Sahaaypur, India.
65.00: Lansdowne Assembly, Pa.
60.00: Bethany Pent'l Assembly, Springfield, Mass.
53.10: Assembly, Gordonville, Pa.
50.00: Assembly, Tacoma, Wash.; California Friends, Fellows, Calif.
47.00: Assembly, Pasadena, Calif.
43.79: Assembly, Russellville, Ark.
40.00: M. C., Kingsville, Texas.
35.00: Rosen Heights Assembly, Ft. Worth, Tex.
33.00: A. J. M., Portland, Ore.
26.00: Assembly, Mattoon, Ill.
25.00: H. S., Warren, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. L. L., Marshfield, Wis.
22.70: Mehida Pent'l Assembly, Canaan, N. H.
20.00: H. J. S., Youngstown, Ohio; L. M., Kusa, Okla.; N. Side Assembly, N. Fort Worth, Texas.
16.65: S. S., Dunsmuir, Calif.
15.00: Assembly, Dayton, Ore.; Assembly, Central Park, N. Y.
13.00: E. D. S., Sandusky, Ohio.
12.35: Assembly, Boston, Mass.
12.00: Mrs. C. C., Pattonburg, Mo.
11.75: F. M., Beggs, Okla.
11.00: S. S., Leeson, Ark.
10.00: Young People's Pent'l Band, Wesson, Ark.; O. E. & M. S., Advance, Mo.; S. T., Chicago, Ill.; Mr. & Mrs. S., Belle Fourche, S. Dak.; C. F., Biloxi, Miss.; Mr. & Mrs. C. F. K., New Woodstock, N. Y.; H. A. E., Bertrand, Neb.; H. C. & Mrs. R. J., Central Park, N. Y.; Mr. & Mrs. C. C., Marengo, Ark.
9.00: Granite City, Young People's Org., Granite City, Ill.; Mrs. P., Tacoma, Wash.; B. N., Tacoma, Wash.; Assembly, Reno, Nev.
7.00: Friends, Hoxie, Ark.; J. H. McN. & Mrs. J. S., Thayer, Mo.
6.43: S. S., El Dorado, Ark.
6.00: G. M., Milan, Tenn.; E. S., & J. W., Lowell, Ariz.
5.60: Mr. & Mrs. J. C. H., Summertown, Tenn.
5.00: Mrs. C. A. B., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mr. & Mrs. E. E. M., Oklahoma City, Okla.; J. B. J., Sondheimer, La.; C. E. S., Mt. Vernon, W. Va.; M. M., Mrs. E. M., Tulsa, Okla.; J. S. E., Harrington, Wash.; S. S., Bellingham, Wash.; J. R. D., Huron, Ohio; Mrs. E. N. J., Madera, Calif.; Mr. & Mrs. E. C. B., Wealthwood, Minn.; Mrs. F. B., Brooklyn, N. Y.; C. V. H., Indiana, Pa.
4.40: M. S. M., Dayton, Ohio.
4.35: S. S., Assembly, Seneca, Mo.
4.00: Mrs. A. B., Wichita, Kans.; Mrs. F. F., San Antonio, Texas; H. A., Riverside, Calif.
3.75: J. S., Trondheim, Norway.
3.62: Assembly, Burlington, Texas.
3.50: Mr. & Mrs. W. B. S., Ithaca, N. Y.; P. A., Fort Bragg, Calif.; Mrs. C. H., Sullivan, Mo.
3.00: Mr. & Mrs. G., Melancthon Station, Ont.; The Webber Sisters, Bazine, Kans.; A. C. Miles City, Mont.; E. W., Cleveland, Ohio.
2.70: Mrs. T. G. M., Lowell, Ariz.
2.50: F. G., Norwood, Mo.; S. S., Moreland, Ark.; Mrs. R. L., Lexington, N. Mex.
2.20: Assembly, Savanna, Okla.
2.00: Mrs. F. E. S., Lannon, Iowa; Mrs. Z. C. R., Douglas, Mich.; A. F., Kingsville, Texas; F. S., Elgin, Texas; F. M., Morocco, N. Africa.
1.90: E. C. H., Lake Arthur, N. Mex.
1.75: C. J. S., Los Angeles, Calif.
1.30: Mrs. W. Hazenmore, Sask.
1.05: Mrs. M. B., Garland, Texas.
1.00: Mrs. J. H. D., Iuka, Miss.; Mrs. M. B. J., New Castle, Ind.; Mrs. K. D., Spadra, Ark.; Mrs. A. N., Mosquite, Texas; L. F. H., Frankston, Texas; E. H., Ivanhoe, N. C.; Mrs. D. C. A., Abbeville, S. C.; Mrs. C. P., Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. C. S. R., Pleasant City, Ohio.
.50: Amount less than \$1.00.
Total, less \$268.00, amounts given direct to missionaries by assemblies, \$ 2,284.22
Amount previously reported, 10,746.43
Total to date, \$13,030.65

OFFERINGS FOR PRESS AND OTHER NEW EQUIPMENT

- From February 28 to March 28 Inclusive
Previously reported, \$6,359.85.
Offerings less than \$1.00, \$7.15.
\$1.00—Mrs. M. K. M., Chewchilla; L. L. L., Lindsay; M. B. M., Newberry; G. H. S., East Auburn; Mrs. E. C. J., Bonanza; O. D. J., Pittsburg; G. M., Huron; S. N. N., Glenwood; M. B., Ft. Worth; G. C., Larson; J. W. M., Saratoga; Mrs. W. W., Longview; Mrs. B. D. H., Rockley; Mrs. C. A., Abbeville; Mrs. W. H., Elba; Mrs. S. L., Whittier; J. H. S., West Graham; O. R., Knobroster; Mrs. H. B. O., Hooker; E. L., Poland; Mrs. W. H. J., Mantua; F. A. R., Toronto; Mrs. E. P., Greensburg; Mrs. W. E., Jefferson; Mrs. S. J. W., Reeves; O. F., Willow Center; M. S.,

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\$1.18—Miss M. Craig & Piltchory.
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\$2.10—T. C. A., Noxapater.
\$2.26—C. A. R., Bristol.
\$2.50—Mrs. C. H.; W. J. W., Malvern; S. R. E., Malvern; S. P., England.
\$3.00—F. M. B. Newark; W. T. T., Reno.
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\$25.00—J. S. S., Olympia.
\$100.00—Mrs. A. M. W., Katy.
Total \$6,829.26

WORKER WANTED FOR NEEDED FIELD

I would like to correspond with any Council preacher who has his papers. Willie Cosly, Route B, Sweetwater, Texas.

Having resigned as pastor at San Marcos, Texas, I am open for evangelistic meetings. Am affiliated with the Texas District and two papers with the General Council—Paul H. Radke, Box 595, Sowlake, Texas.

I would like to get in touch with a hotel man who believes in Pentecost, and who can use a couple experienced in all lines in the culinary department. Any one knowing of such a place, please write Lee Roy, 126 East Second St., Dayton, Ohio.

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DATE OF SPRINGFIELD MISSIONARY CONVENTION CHANGED

A missionary convention will be held in the assembly at Springfield, Mo., from April 22 to 29. Evangelist E. S. Williams, of Philadelphia, is expected to be with us, and we are expecting Miss Laura Leonard, of China, Brother C. E. Jørgensen and family, of Japan, and other missionaries. This will be the last week of the term of the Central Bible Institute, and the faculty and the students will be helping in the meetings.

NEW YORK CITY REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

The sixteenth anniversary revival campaign, in connection with the opening of the Pentecostal work in New York City, will be held at "Glad Tidings Tabernacle," 33d Street, west of 8th Ave., for ten days, beginning May 4 to 13 inclusive. Evangelist Bert Williams, of Perry, N. Y., and other prominent workers will be present. We are expecting this to be the best of all our anniversary services. For further information write Robert A. Brown, Pastor, 337 West 14th St., New York City.

MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP MEETING

April 24 to 27, Galena, Kansas
For southeast Kansas and all other ministers and workers who wish to meet with us. This is a real "Love Feast," a cooperative development, "a gathering together in labor." Brother Welch and Brother Goben are expected to be with us. Let all the ministers and workers who can, come! The assembly at Galena will take care of all who attend. In addition to the Fellowship meeting, Brother Walter Y. Howell, of Chetopa, will conduct a convention at Galena, April 19 to 29.—S. H. Patterson, Chairman.

CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Central District Council, embracing the states of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and the northern half of Illinois, will hold its next session in Bethel Temple, corner Buckeye and Pulaski Sts., Dayton, Ohio, May 8 to 10. The Council will open its session Tuesday afternoon, May 8, at 2 o'clock. All ministers expecting ordination and persons desiring license to preach or expecting renewal of license should appear before the Committee. Further information, if desired, can be obtained by addressing the undersigned.—J. Narver Gortner, Chairman, 1412 East 57th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

TEXAS CAMP MEETING

Second Annual Camp Meeting, Whitt, Parker Co., Texas, beginning August 18, 1923, and continuing until September 9 inclusive. Come prepared to camp in the open or bring your own toilet articles and camp with the workers at a place prepared especially for them; or you may get a home assigned with the people if you notify us in time. For further information write or call Lonnie Whitworth, Pastor, at either of the following:
H. H. Baldwin, Secretary,
J. L. Martin, Trustee.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT MEETING

Having secured the consent of the officers of the Central District and of the Southern Missouri District and of the General Council with a view to organizing Illinois into a District Council, the Committee, consisting of C. M. O'Guin, Clyde Bailey, and A. W. Kortkamp, hereby announces that a meeting will be held in Mattoon, Ill., in the Assembly of God Tabernacle from May 1 to 4 inclusive. All Pentecostal ministers residing in the State of Illinois are hereby requested to attend this meeting. After a time of fellowship and blessing from the field, we are to consider the matter of forming a District Council for the State of Illinois, and have the same in affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God.—C. M. O'Guin, Chairman.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Fourth Annual District Council of Northern California and Nevada will be held at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 1536 Ellis St., San Francisco, April 24-27 inclusive. An interesting and exceedingly profitable council is anticipated. Pastor A. W. Frodsham, of Fredonia, N. Y., is expected to be with us. It is expected that W. K. Norton, of India, will be one of the speakers on missionary problems. Wide-awake speakers from far and near will deal with a variety of themes. Evangelistic services every night. Ordinations, reports from the field, and conferences on the expansion of the work will be in order.
The fourth successful school year of the Glad Tidings Bible Institute will draw to a close on April 27, when graduation exercises will be held in the Tabernacle.
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SUPPOSE—You try and be with us at the Missionary Convention at the close of the school year, April 22 to April 29.

NEEDY FIELDS

TROUP, TEXAS—I am a widow with three children to support, but cannot see how I can get along without the Evangel. It is real food to my hungry soul. We have no preacher here. I get very hungry to hear a real spiritual sermon. Pray for us here. This is an old burnt-over field, nearly all are backslidden. We all had the chills here last summer, myself and little ones. God healed us all. Praise to His sweet name. We are the only ones here who trust Jesus for all. So we need prayer.—Nora L. Gilley, R. 6.

HAMILTON, MONT.—We have a little struggling mission. Two here have the Baptism. About half a dozen faithful ones are praying for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit here. It is a wicked place and needs a terrible shaking. We have brought a lot and are looking to God for a building, as we have a hard time finding a place to worship. Many are afflicted. Pray that the power to heal may be put upon some one.—Mrs. C. E. Anson.

KENNARD, TEXAS—It has been nearly three years since I heard a Pentecostal preacher preach. I get so hungry and thirsty to hear a good sermon that I have big cries. There are about 15 or 20 believers and deep saints. I am praying God to put it on the heart of some Pentecostal preacher to come here.—Mrs. Katie Davis, Route 3.

WYNNEWOOD, OKLA.—Almost all the preaching I get is through the Evangel. I like it the best of any paper I ever read, and am so glad that it is going to be a weekly. I wish that I could get mine on Saturday as the Sundays are so lonely. I feast on the good things in it. This is a destitute corner here. I do wish that some good Council preacher would locate here. I have not received the Baptism but I am sanctified. Pray that I may get the Baptism and that I may be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. N. J. Butt, Star Route.

HAWORTH, OKLA.—We Pentecostal people of this assembly have just got us a new church building and set our Sunday school in order to-day with 4 classes and 40 in attendance. Pentecost is new here and we need help in prayer. We expect to affiliate with the General Council. All brethren and sisters affiliated with the Council and passing this way, please stop over. We are at Willow Springs, 3 miles northeast of Haworth, Okla.—P. P. Owens, Pastor.

INFORMATION WANTED—as to the whereabouts of Willie McNabb, Notary Dony McNabb, Pittsburg, Okla., care of J. J. Howard. \$29.

NOTICE TO OKLAHOMA PREACHERS

As we have had several letters returned with report blanks uncalled for, and also license, also those who have not reserved any report blanks and your license please write Chairman Oscar Jones, Minneka, Okla., Box 144, and be sure to give your full name and address.—Oscar Jones, chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We have had such a run on our Sunday School literature for the present quarter that we have had to reprint both our Adult and Intermediate Quarterlies. We are glad that our Pentecostal people are standing by our own strictly Pentecostal literature. The editor of the Evangel writes the Adult quarterly, and the other quarterlies are written by Pentecostal saints too.

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