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LATIN-AMERICAN CONVENTION.



The Seventh Annual Convention of the Latin-American Pentecostal workers was held in San Jose, Calif. The first Annual Convention, held seven years ago in Kingsville, Texas, had only two regularly "set in order" assemblies. Now there are about forty such assemblies. At this convention were Spanish, Porto Ricans, Portuguese, etc. Wonderful love and unity prevailed in the convention held in San Jose. Nearly two hundred registered. We certainly have much for which to praise God for the splendid progress made in the work embracing Latin America.

RIGHTEOUSNESS

Evangelist Smith Wigglesworth

It is written of our blessed Lord, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." It is the purpose of God that we, as we are indwelt by the Spirit of His Son, should likewise love righteousness and hate iniquity. I see that there is a place for us in Christ Jesus where we are no longer under condemnation but where the heavens are always open to us. I see that God has a realm of divine life opening up to us where there are boundless possibilities, where there is limitless power, where there are untold resources, where we have victory over all the power of the devil. I believe that, as we are filled with the desire to press on into this life of true holiness, desiring only the glory of God, there is nothing that can hinder our true advancement.

Peter commences his second epistle with these words, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." It is through faith that we realize that we have a blessed and glorious union with our risen Lord. When He was on earth Jesus told us, "I am in the Father and the Father in me." "The Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." And He prayed to His Father, not only for His disciples, but for those who should believe on Him through their word, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." Oh what an inheritance is ours when the very nature, the very righteousness, the very power of the Father and the Son are made real in us. This is God's purpose, and as we by faith lay hold on the purpose we shall be ever conscious of the fact that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. The purpose of all scripture is to move us on to this wonderful and blessed elevation of faith where our constant experience is the manifestation of God's life and power through us.

Peter goes on writing to these who have obtained like precious faith, saying, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord." We can have the multiplication of this grace and peace only as we live in the realm of faith. Abraham attained to the place where he became a friend of God, on no other line than that of believing God. He believed God and God counted that to him for righteousness. Righteousness was imputed to him on no other ground than that he believed God. Can this be true of anybody else? Yes, every person in the whole wide world who is saved by faith is blessed with faithful Abraham. The promise which came to him because he believed God was that in Him all the families of the earth should be blessed. When we believe God there is no knowing where the blessing of our faith will end.

Some are tied up because, when they are prayed for, the thing that they are expecting does not come off the same night. They say they believe, but you can see that they are really in turmoil of unbelief. Abraham believed God. You can hear him saying to Sarah, "Sarah, there is no life in you and there is nothing in me, but God has promised us a son and I

believe God." And that kind of faith is a joy to our Father in heaven.

One day I was having a meeting in Bury, in Lancashire, England. A young woman was present who came from a place called Ramsbottom, to be healed of goiter. Before she came she said, "I am going to be healed of this goiter, mother." After one meeting she came forward and was prayed for. The next meeting she got up and testified that she had been wonderfully healed, and she said, "I shall be so happy to go and tell mother that I have been wonderfully healed." She went to her home and testified how wonderfully she had been healed, and the next year when we were having the convention she came again. To the natural view it looked as though the goiter was just as big as ever; but that young woman was believing God and she was soon on her feet giving her testimony, and saying, "I was here last year and the Lord wonderfully healed me. I want to tell you that this has been the best year of my life." She seemed to be greatly blessed in that meeting and she went home to testify more strongly than ever that the Lord had healed her. She believed God. The third year she was at the meeting again, and some people who looked at her said, "How big that goiter has become." But when the time came for testimony she was up on her feet and testified, "Two years ago the Lord gloriously healed me of goiter. Oh I had a most wonderful healing. It is grand to be healed by the power of God." That day someone remonstrated with her and said, "People will think there is something the matter with you. Why don't you look in the glass? You will see your goiter is bigger than ever." That good woman went to the Lord about it and said, "Lord; you so wonderfully healed me two years ago. Won't you show all the people that you healed me." She went to sleep peacefully that night still believing God and when she came down the next day there was not a trace or a mark of that goiter.

God's word is from everlasting to everlasting. His word cannot fail. God's word is true and when we rest in the fact of its truth what mighty results we can get. Faith never looks in the glass. Faith has a glass into which it can look. It is the glass of the perfect law of liberty. "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." To the man who looks into this perfect law of God all darkness is removed and he sees his completeness in Christ. There is no darkness in faith. There is only darkness in nature. Darkness only exists when the natural is put in the place of the divine.

Not only is grace multiplied to us through knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ, but peace also. As we really know our God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, we will have peace multiplied to us even in the multiplied fires of ten thousand Nebuchadnezzars. It will be multiplied to us even though we are put into the den of lions, and we will live with joy in the midst of the whole thing. What was the difference between Daniel and the king that night when Daniel was put into the den of lions? Daniel knew, but the king was experimenting: The king came around the next morning and cried, "Oh Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" Daniel answered, "My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths." The thing was done. It was done when Daniel prayed with his windows open toward heaven. All our victories are won before we

go into the fight. Prayer links us on to our lovely God, our abounding God, our multiplying God. Oh I love Him! He is so wonderful!

You will note, as you read these first two verses of the first chapter of the second epistle of Peter, that this grace and peace is multiplied through the knowledge of God, but that first our faith comes through the righteousness of God. Note that righteousness comes first and knowledge afterwards. It cannot be otherwise. If you expect any revelation of God apart from holiness you will have only a mixture. Holiness opens the door to all the treasures of God. He must first bring us to the place where we, like our Lord, love righteousness and hate iniquity, before He opens up to us these good treasures. When we regard iniquity in our hearts the Lord will not hear us, and it is only as we are made righteous and pure and holy through the precious blood of God's Son that we can enter into this life of holiness and righteousness in the Son. It is the righteousness of our Lord Himself made real in us as our faith is stayed in Him.

After I was baptized with the Holy Ghost the Lord gave me a blessed revelation. I saw Adam and Eve turned out of the garden for their disobedience and unable to partake of the tree of life, for the cherubim with flaming sword kept them away from this tree. When I was baptized I saw that I had begun to eat of this tree of life and I saw that the flaming sword was all round about. It was there to keep the devil away. Oh, what privileges are ours when we are born of God. How marvelously He keeps us so that the wicked one touches us not. I see a place in God where Satan dare not come. Hidden in God. And He invites us all to come and share this wonderful hidden place where our lives are hid with Christ in God, where we dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. God has this place for you in this blessed realm of grace.

Peter goes on to say, "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." God is calling us to this realm of glory and virtue where, as we feed on His exceeding great and precious promises, we are made partakers of the divine nature. Faith is the substance of things hoped for right here in this life. It is right here that God would have us partake of His divine nature. It is nothing less than the life of the Lord Himself imparted and flowing into our whole beings, so that our very body is quickened, so that every tissue and every drop of blood and our bones and joints and marrow receive this divine life. I believe that the Lord wants this divine life to flow right into our natural bodies, this law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus that makes us free from the law of sin and death. God wants to establish our faith so that we will lay hold on this divine life, this divine nature of the Son of God, so that our spirit and soul and body will be sanctified wholly and preserved unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When that woman was healed of the issue of blood, Jesus perceived that power had gone out of Him. The woman's faith laid hold and this power was imparted and immediately the woman's being was surcharged with life and her weakness departed. The impartation of this power produces everything you need; but it comes only as our faith moves out for its impartation. Faith is the victory. If thou canst believe, it is thine.

I suffered for many years from piles, till my whole

body was thoroughly weak; the blood used to gush from me. One day I got desperate and I took a bottle of oil and anointed myself. I said to the Lord, "Do what you want to, quickly." I was healed at that very moment. God wants us to have an activity of faith that dares to believe God. There is what seems like faith, an appearance of faith, but real faith believes God right to the end.

What was the difference between Zacharias and Mary? The angel came to Zacharias and told him, "Thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son." Zacharias was there in the holy place, but he began to question this message, saying, "I am an old man, my wife is well stricken in years." Gabriel rebuked him for his unbelief and told him, "Thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words." But note the contrast when the angel came to Mary. She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord." God would have us to lay hold on His word in like manner. He would have us to come with boldness of faith declaring, "You have promised it, Lord. **Now do it.**" God rejoices when we manifest a faith that holds Him to His word. Can we get there?

The Lord has called us to this glory and virtue; and, as our faith lays hold on Him, we shall see this in manifestation. I remember one day I was holding an open-air meeting. My uncle came to that meeting and said, "Aunt Mary would like to see Smith before she dies." I went to see her and she was assuredly dying. I said, "Lord, can't you do something?" All I did was this, to stretch out my hands and lay them on her. It seemed as though there was an immediate impartation of the glory and virtue of the Lord. Aunt Mary cried, "It is going all over my body." And that day she was made perfectly whole.

One day I was preaching and a man brought a boy who was done up in bandages. The boy was in irons and it was impossible for him to walk and it was difficult for them to get him to the platform. They passed him over about six seats. The power of the Lord was present to heal and it entered right into the child as I placed my hands on him. The child cried, "Daddy, it is going all over me." They stripped the boy and found nothing imperfect in him.

The Lord would have us to be walking epistles of His word. Jesus is the Word and is the power in us, and it is His desire to work in and through us His own good pleasure. We must believe that He is in us. There are boundless possibilities for us if we dare to act in God and dare to believe that the wonderful virtue of our living Christ shall be made manifest through us as we lay our hands on the sick in His name.

The exceeding great and precious promises of the Word are given to us that we might be partakers of the divine nature. I feel the Holy Ghost is grieved with us because, when we know these things, we do not do greater exploits for God. Does not the Holy Ghost show us wide-open doors of opportunity? Shall we not let God take us on to greater things? Shall we not believe God to take us on to greater manifestations of His power? His call for us is to forget the things that are behind, and reach forth unto the things which are before and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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"THE LORD IS AT HAND"

I do not know how it may be with others, but I feel that when I can say, the coming of the Lord draweth near, I have a weapon in my hand of no common edge and temper.

I can go to the struggling saint against whom the battle seems to go hardly, and say, "Faint not, the Lord is at hand, and He will bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

To the saint wearied with a vexing world, fretted with its vanities, and troubled with the thickening darkness of its midnight, I can say, "Be of good cheer, the Lord is at hand; but a little while and the world shall cease to vex; sooner than you think the morn will break."

To the suffering saint I can say, "Weep not, the Lord is at hand; the torn heart shall be bound up, and the bitterness of bereavement forgotten in the joy of union forever."

To the flagging saint, heavy and slothful in his walk, I can say, "Up, for the Lord is at hand; work while it is day; look at a dying world, all unready for its Judge, cast off your selfishness and love of ease."

To the covetous saint I can say, "The Lord is coming—it is no time for hoarding now—heap not up treasure for the last days."

Next to our own salvation must come the day of sending the gospel to all. We begin at the inner circle, but woe to us if we stop there. Woe be to us if we preach not the gospel to every creature. For but little time remaineth. The night is falling. The storm is beginning to burst. We cannot heap up treasure for the last days. We must give liberally as long as the time allows. Those who look for a calm, long day, may sit down listlessly, but we dare not. We feel that there is not a moment to be lost; and that whether there are few or many to be saved, it matters not to us. We must fulfil our ministry, not counting even our lives dear unto us, that we may do the will of Him who sends us, and testify the gospel of the grace of God.—Horatius Bonar.

"The precepts of Scripture are given to **GUIDE** the LIFE of a Christian, and their claims are all founded on the Cross of Christ."

THE RIGHT USE OF BOOKS

The Christian must take special care that he do not suffer himself to be **led away from the Word of God** by the many manuals (publications) which in our days are seeing the light. These books will have this result,—whenever a man seeks his instruction **only in what the writer has to say**, he then becomes accustomed to take everything second hand. These books may become a blessing to the reader **only when they bring him always to that portion of God's Word** which is treated of in order that he may meditate further upon it himself and **receive it for himself as from the mouth of God**. Christians, there is in the Word of God an incredible power. The blessing which lies hid in it is inconceivable. See to it that when you have read a portion (of anything written upon the Word.—C.), you always return to that passage of Scripture of which an explanation is given. . . . Hold fellowship with God through the Word. Take time to speak with Him about it, to give an answer to Him concerning it. Then shall you understand what the Lord Jesus says: "The words which I speak unto you **are spirit and life**."—Andrew Murray, in "The Lord's Table."

"Habits of long years formation are but gradually overcome, **except** there be a complete confession, a breaking down and a melting down of SELF."

"The **flesh is enmity against God**. SELF is its OWN GOD. Nay, it doth not appear in its own honest liking; but would **deceive** those who **would seek the right way**."

"The self life has ever been an enemy of man, and ever rising up between him and his God."

"Only as the self nature is **laid down**, crucified and made dead, can man come into fellowship sweet and true with his God."

"The **end of the flesh** doth bring the **power of the Spirit**. Death to self doth but open the door through which shall be ushered in power and great glory."

"Out of ashes (of the flesh consumed by the fires of trial) comes beauty."

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Strengthening the Inner Man

C. C. Garrett

God has made it a law, that to be strengthened in the natural, we must partake of those things "necessary for the body," i. e., food and drink. If unable to obtain natural food, God can and often does miraculously strengthen the bodies of His saints, but when food is obtainable He expects us to partake of it, asking His blessing upon it. Witness the words of Paul in the midst of exposure to the elements and in immediate danger of shipwreck, as they are recorded in Acts 27:33, 36. We find also at the time of Paul's conversion and three day's fasting that he was "strengthened" after he had partaken of meat. People who are exposed to rough weather, wind, snow or rain, especially feel the need of nourishing food, and it is a well-known fact that soldiers can neither march nor fight on an empty stomach.

If God has made these things to be true in the natural life, how much more in the spiritual. While natural food quickens and revives the natural life, only the food that is spiritual can quicken and revive the spiritual. We are living in days when it seems to be quite the popular thing among other modern Christian activities, to organize large Bible classes; and neighboring churches maintain a friendly rivalry for quantity rather than quality. While the writer would not minimize any good that might be done, he does know it to be a fact, that in a great number of cases it is simply gathering a large company of natural-minded people together in an endeavor to feed them on spiritual food. In 1 Cor. 2:14 we read: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

To His children, however, those who have been quickened by His Spirit, and regenerated by the power of the Holy Ghost, the Lord says: "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be that ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:2, 3). Even when we have grown out of spiritual infancy into full-grown manhood in Christ Jesus, the spiritual "milk of the word" still remains a very nourishing food, although God expects us to go on, as our powers develop, and by and by to desire the strong meat of the Word, "having our senses exercised to discern both good and evil." The word, however, upon which we have been commanded to feed is dead and lifeless without the power of the Spirit to energize and make it life unto us. It is only as the Holy Spirit ministers the word unto us, making the things of God real unto us, that we are benefitted. Paul speaking to the Corinthian church tells them that God had made him an "able minister of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth; but the spirit giveth life."

As a boy I frequently used to hear the expression as we went to the table to partake of a meal, that we were now going to have something to satisfy the "inner man." I have found out since Jesus saved me and baptized me in the Spirit how far from the truth it really was. While God is interested in, and supplies our natural bodies' needs, He is more concerned about the growth and vigor of the spiritual life of His children, and to that end has provided "all things necessary unto life and godliness."

Just as at times of bodily stress and trial, we seek

nourishment and strength in earthly food and refreshment, so the Lord expects us to seek His face for spiritual strengthening and refreshment. When on the victory side and all heaven seems to smile upon us, how easy it is to pray and read the written Word of life. When in our Gethsemane or in mighty trials of discouragement, how hard it is then to press through and receive spiritual help and strength. There seems to be something in the makeup of most, if not all, of God's children, that tends to harden under stress and trial, and would turn us away from Him who alone is the One to help us in our extremity. Just at the time we are the most urgently in need of strength for the "inner man" we often feel in ourselves the least like going to the one source of help. How many of us at times like this have, like Elijah, lain down under our juniper bush and tried "to sleep it off." But God is faithful and, as with Elijah, the Lord's Angel comes and tells us to "arise and eat." We think sometimes, when we feel weary and tired in the way, that we will go to bed and have a good rest, only to find on arising that the "inner man" has not been strengthened and we finally have to go to our Lord for needed strength.

James says, "Is any afflicted, let him pray." Don't wait until you feel better and feel like praying, but pray right away. And at other times when everything seems to be pointing our way and our patience is worn very threadbare and almost ready to break, do not wait till after the break, but seek strength for the "inner man" through prayer, and God will "strengthen you with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness." Not just enough strength to grin and bear it, but enough to bear it joyfully. Hallelujah!

Sometimes our "inner man" is so weak that it is about all he can do to bear with patience the buffeting that we deserve for our faults, but the Lord tells us of a place of strength where we can "endure grief, suffering wrongfully," following in the footsteps of Him "who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously" (1 Peter 2:22, 23). We may well say that, in our own strength, we can never reach that place; but we can surely claim from God even as Paul did for the Ephesian church, putting ourselves in place of them, that "He would grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ might dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we might be filled with all the fullness of God."

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "For they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me" (Isa. 49:23).

"This waiting upon God on behalf of His Church and people will depend greatly upon the place that waiting on Him has taken in our personal life. The mind may often have beautiful visions of what God has promised to do, and the lips may speak of them in stirring words, but these are not really the measure of our faith or power. No, it is what we really know of God in our personal experience, His conquering the enemies within, reigning and ruling, revealing Himself in His Holiness and Power in our inmost being,—it is this will be the real measure of the spiritual blessing we expect from Him, and bring to our fellowmen. It is as we know how blessed the waiting on God has become to our own souls, that we shall confidently hope in the blessing to come on the Church around us, and the key-word of all our experience will be, He hath said: 'All they that wait on Me shall not be ashamed.' From what He hath done in us, we shall trust Him to do mighty things around us."

Monday: "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

How fully do we appreciate this wonderful love of God? Rather startling are the following words penned by a poor lunatic in an asylum and found after his death:

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Was every stem on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God, would drain
The ocean dry,

Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

Tuesday: "Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6:6).

Sometimes God tests us in our service for Him just to see how pure our motives really are. He allows others to get credit for what we have laboriously accomplished, perhaps at a great sacrifice; He permits some to minimize our efforts or success and all the while God restrains us from any word of resentment or self-vindication. It is a cutting way oftimes, by which God brings us to the place where we realize our service is done before His eyes alone; but oh what victory, what rest, what peace of mind then is ours! His glory, His love, has become the impelling power of our labor for Him and the strain of self-consideration is forever gone.

Wednesday: "And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them" (Isa. 42:16).

"It is by no means enough to SET

OUT cheerfully with your God on any venture of faith. Tear into small pieces any itinerary for the journey which your imagination may have thrown up. Nothing will fall out as you expect. Your Guide will keep no beaten path. He will lead you by a way such as you never dreamed your eyes would open upon. He knows no fear and He expects you to fear nothing while He is with you. It is your business to learn to be peaceful and safe in God in every situation. To take you to His end by the way you know would profit you little; He chooses for you a way you know not, that you may be lead into a thousand intercourses with Himself which will make the journey forever memorable to Him and to you."

Thursday: "I will praise Thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praises unto Thee" (Psa. 138:1).

God delights in the wholehearted praise of His people, whether in testimony or song! Had you thought that actual lies are sometimes sung right in the house of God? God holds us accountable for what we sing as well as what we say. "Truth in the inward parts" implies a full sincerity in all our worship and conduct, in our home as well as in the house of God.

Friday: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines" (S. S. 2:15).

I wonder if we have forgotten the childhood rhyme we had in school years ago.

"For the want of a nail the shoe was lost;
For the want of a shoe a horse was lost;
For the want of a horse a rider was lost;
For the want of a rider the kingdom was lost."

And all for the want of a horseshoe nail!

Could God's people realize this they would guard more closely the "little doors" of Satan's approach. Every advance of Satan through a "little door" widens that door perceptibly and makes more possible the overthrow of the heavenly citadel within. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Saturday: "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Rom. 8: 18).

The following extract came home to my heart in a new way the other day: "I like that phrase 'worthy to suffer.' It is to those whom God loves best and most that He gives, as He gave to His Son, the chance of suffering. Sympathy, strength, reality, these are some of its fruits for those who allow them to grow. One in pain probably never feels himself of the elect during the actual hour of trial; but afterwards, when the sun shines more brightly and the sky is more tender blue, by contrast he should recognize that life has been translated into higher and holier levels through his pain. One ought never to shrink from suffering;

for it is a great crystalizer by a strange and compensating alchemy, which teaches one canons of judgment; which burns away what is haphazard and slovenly; which purges from hearts and souls that which is impure and untrue."

THE SNARE OF A SPECIOUS HUMILITY

It is generally admitted that humility is the Christian's cardinal virtue. The Bible is unequivocal on this point, and one inspired writer affirms the truth that humility is even before honor.—The teaching and example of our Lord Jesus Christ are emphatic in this direction, and the apostolic writers do not shrink from declaring the same truth. It is natural, therefore, that in the enlightened Christian consciousness there should be a great value attached to the quest of this grace. And yet there is probably no virtue which can so easily be imitated, and which can so readily lend itself to the abuse of affectation. The whole difficulty with so many apparently humble people is that they are aware of their meekness; and such self-consciousness practically destroys what humility they may actually possess. We have to be on our guard, therefore, lest in our earnest desire to possess the best gifts we do not vitiate the charm of humility by a deadening, subtle, and semi-spiritual pride.

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It has been observed that in the department of many professedly humble people there has crept in a curious affectation. Sometimes it is the affectation of manner, sometimes the affectation of language, sometimes the affectation of tone. It has also been observed that very frequently speech which has to do with religious matters has a different accent to that which characterizes the homely speech of everyday life. It may be, of course, the almost unconscious desire to be as good as our words are sweet, but the perils of affectation are very considerable, however we view the situation.

Johnson defined a lie as that which is intended to deceive; we do not suggest for a moment that the affected life intends to deceive; the awkward fact is that somehow it does deceive. Very often we indulge in exalted language when our actual experience is commonplace and meager enough in all conscience; very often the honeyed words of our tongue are sharply contradicted by our heart of pride. It would be a wise and sensible thing, in consequence, if we paid a little more attention to our speech. Let us pull ourselves up sharply at times, and inquire whether the words we are uttering are the honest expressions of an ordered life.

John Mason Neale, in a searching message on "Sins of the Tongue," tells this simple story: "There was once a holy man named Pambo, who served our Lord with prayer and fasting, dwelling by himself in the wilderness for seventy years. When he first began this life, he went to a very aged servant of God and inquired how he ought to live. The old

man took down the Psalter, and began to read the Psalm: 'I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not with my tongue.' 'Stop,' said Pambo, 'that is enough for a whole life; let me go home and practice it.' It should be to us a salutary lesson. There is a specious humility which issues in a nauseating affectation, and in no direction is this more clearly seen than in the language we use. What occurs in social life very frequently occurs in spiritual experience. Men feign what is really not fact.

Says Richard Baxter: "The affectation of imitating fashion-mongers, and bearing a part above one's rank, and to live like them that are a step above us, rather than those that are a step below us, are signs as significant of pride as the robes of a judge or doctor are of their dignities and degrees;" and precisely the same danger threatens in spiritual experience. We can affect to be what really we are not; we can profess a humility which is nullified in the very profession. We can be invested with that most pernicious of all perversities, an arrogant meekness. Christian work in general is not wholly free from the tendency; and while he probably went a little too far, there is nevertheless something vital and sane about the complaint of Ruskin when he speaks of those who are swollen with the wind of man rather than with the breath of God: "Your converted children who teach their parents; your converted convicts who teach honest men; your converted dunces, who, having lived in cretinous stupefaction half their lives, and suddenly awakening to the fact of there being a God, fancy themselves His peculiar people and messengers." These are hard words, but they are not rash, and they are not without some foundation. We have frequently been pained by the aggressive meekness of those who have been born out of due time, who rush in where angels fear to tread, who, with hastily acquired accomplishments, would settle all the problems of criticism, philosophy and ethics. The words of the great art critic may scorch a little, but in so far as they represent a phase of experience, we should profit by their message. The Christian, of all men, should be truly modest, although brave and confident; he should be humble, although settled and determined; he should be honest, although cautious and discreet. Above all things, he should be courageously sincere, with a growing hatred of anything affected, whether it be spirituality, learning, speech, or attainment; and his humility should be as natural and artless as the merry laugh of a happy boy.

II

A specious humility and a cultivated affectation are made to do duty for the real qualities which are missing. We are perfectly sure that the truly humble man never cares a penny-wise about his humility. It is as natural as breathing, and just as necessary. It has become an automatic process of daily living. He does not talk about it; he does not discuss how he acquired it. He lives natur-

ally, thinks quietly, acts sanely, speaks gently. One of the great follies of so many affected people is that they think and speak at the top of their voices. They become the arch-dogmatists of controversy. Some of the attacks on the opponents of the faith have been little short of nauseating. The arguments have been superficial, the deportment has been arrogant, and the spirituality has been vapid. Someone has said that this is always the way. A great champion like the late Professor James Orr was a great Christian gentleman before he was anything, and without the slightest trace of affectation, he was as humble as a little child. The affected soul is striving to produce what is actually lacking. Thus it is that a great thinker like John Bright used very simple words, while the affected student indulges in words of five syllables. The length of the word is supposed to cover the poverty of thought.

These conclusions are not pleasant, but they are obvious to all who are prepared to face the facts. The world is weary of make-believe, exalted professions, specious humility, religious affectation, and longs for the clean wind of a noble honesty.

It is not particularly easy to prescribe any laws in regard to humility, for the simple yet sufficient reason that in the process we want to avoid drawing attention to ourselves. Too much self-examination is unhealthy for the soul. We need to look out rather than in; to look away to Christ rather than to self. But we can start in a very elementary fashion to tread the humble way. There are at least four things that should be observed in the culture of humility, and these we may now indicate.

(1) First, it is necessary that we should purge ourselves from all untrue conceptions. There is in most of us an inherent conceit which is dangerous in the extreme if it is unchecked. We should get free from all ideas of our superiority. As long as heart shall beat we are nothing more than poor, weary, helpless sinners. We brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we shall carry nothing out. These things should not depress us, but should help to secure for us a right point of view. Some one has well remarked that "pride of birth is the most ridiculous of all vanities; it is like a tree boasting of its root instead of its fruit," and Gray, in well-remembered lines, tells us that—

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of pow'r,
And all that beauty, all that wealth,
e'er gave,

Await alike th' inevitable hour;
The paths of glory lead but to the
grave.

(2) Second, we should get a common-sense view of our brethren. It is almost a bad thing when a man is an only son, for the danger is that he will miss a certain stern corrective that one of a number receives. The real value of a college or a university consists not in the amount of compulsory work undertaken, as much as it does in the influence of the

common-room, where a man sees himself simply as one of many. Anything that tends to make a man isolated is to be seriously and steadfastly deprecated.

(3) Third, it is necessary that we should shun everything that tends toward affectation. Let us refrain—even though we are misunderstood—from giving voice to religious sentiments which have no place in our actual experience.

(4) Finally, we should live close to God, naturally, sweetly, without struggle. Then we shall discover, as Thoreau says, that "humility, like darkness, reveals the heavenly light." Men will catch something of the glory of God in the simplicity of our love to Christ.

There is a passage in the letter to the Colossians, which is of peculiar value to our present theme. If we mistake not, it was the identical passage which led the Rev. Hubert Brooke out of uncertainty of experience and feebleness of character into the life which is life indeed. These are the words: "As ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him." "But," complains Charles Simeon, "how few take the Scripture comment in which the context has described what it is to walk in Christ! It is to be 'rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.'" The question naturally arises, How did we receive Christ?

Perhaps the honest answer to such a question may bring with it a great conviction that we have never really accepted Christ. Then here is the evangel as well as a retrospect.

(1) We received Christ in great humility of soul, and in great poverty of spirit, for we had nothing to bring, save our sins and our debts and our fears. There was nothing specious about that early humility; it was not tinged with affectation. We said it, and we honestly meant it—"Nothing in my hands I bring." Then as we received Christ so have we to walk, because our need of Him is as great as ever.

(2) We received Christ in simple, yet very definite faith. It was a transaction completed in a single act. It was not a wearying process of attempting to become like Him. We simply accepted Him as definitely as we take the bread and drink the wine. So must we do still. We must walk with Him in the same spirit of faith, and with the same definiteness of purpose; for only thus shall we be delivered from the hollow make-believe, from the spurious sanctification, from the specious humility, and only thus shall we become in deed, and of a truth, living sons and daughters of the Lord God Almighty.—The Life of Faith.

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"I Am the Lord That Healeth Thee"

"PRAISE THROUGH"

I am going to speak a little about the life of praise. We often hear people say, "pray through," but I think "praise through" is more beautiful.

I think God would have me give a little personal experience of how He taught me to "praise through." I was crossing the country from the west and got as far as my cousins in Detroit, and I was expecting to leave to go to my home in New England on the following day. On the morning of the day before I was going to leave I was in my room writing when I suddenly thought, "Cousin Harry has bought a new house and I have not even seen it; and when I get home they will want to know all about it." I am so blind and deaf to all except the things of God that, unless I am reminded, I am liable to forget all about these things. So I laid down my pen and thought; "Yes, I will take a survey of the house. I remember how the rooms are situated down stairs, so I will take a run around here and see how this is located."

So I ran through the rooms and came to a dark stairway. "Yes" I thought, "Cousin Harry told me there was an attic." So I sprang up, but instead of finding myself on the stairs, I found myself in space! When I realized that I was falling I immediately turned myself into the Lord's hand. That was the first thing, and the second was that the Lord attended to it. I knew no more until I turned a somersault and landed on the next floor, coming down, like a hammer, on the top of my head. I did not come to consciousness for a second or two. When I did so my head was pressed down unto my chest and my limbs were placed in such a way that it looked very serious. I thought as I came to consciousness, "Is it going to be earth or heaven?" Instantly something sprang up and said, "What does it matter, it is going to be the will of God." And then my heart began to leap and dance and rejoice. Presently my cousin came and said, "Oh, Cousin Lizzie, where are you hurt?" I was in such ecstasy in the midst of the terrible pain, and when I tried to speak to her my tongue was so swollen that I could not speak. After a time I made her hear the mumble, "Oh, Cousin Marion, don't be sorry, it is the will of God." Then the glory that was on me fell on her.

Presently my Lord seemed to come to me, not visibly, but I felt Him come and stand by my side and I knew He was come to take care of the case. He seemed to say, "Draw that limb down." I drew down the limb and that gave me a little purchase, then He said, "turn a little." I turned and then my cousin with some effort got me to my feet. Two years later when I was with my cousin again and we were discussing the fall, my cousin asked me if I had felt any

after-effects from it. I mentioned that I had had a little twitch in my right eye, but that soon passed off. Then she told me that, when she came and found me unconscious the right eye was lying out of its socket on the cheek. She quickly pressed it back, and prayed as she did so, but in all the after events she forgot to tell me about it.

When she raised me to my feet I was in such joy in the midst of the great agony, I felt I must lie down, but I knew the Lord had the case in hand and He would tell me what to do. He seemed to say, "Sit in that chair." I said to my cousin as well as I could, "The Lord tells me to sit in that chair." So she helped me to it and I sat there. After a time the Lord said, "Get Marion to help you and go to the drawing room and sit there." When I got there, the Lord said, "Ask for two hot water bottles and have one for your hands and the other for your feet." Then I found that my hands and feet were like ice.

When I told my cousin she said, "Yes, I am sure that is a good thing to do." After I had the hot water bottles I told my cousin to go back to her work; she was preparing the last meal we were going to have together, a sort of feast meal. I wanted to be alone with my Beloved. It was one of those times when "two is company and three is a crowd" and the Lord let me have a taste of what it will be like to have the full presence of Jesus. Presently my cousin came from down town and stood looking at me, saying, "Cousin Lizzie, how did all this happen?" I said, "O Cousin Harry, we don't want to look at it like that. Jesus is here and has the case in hand." With that the glory that was on his wife and on me fell on him too, and we all praised the Lord together. Then he told us that while he was down town a great darkness came on him and he thought something had happened to his wife.

Presently the Lord said to me, "You cannot take that train tomorrow, get your cousin to wire and change your reservations to the next day." Then the telegram was given to me word for word and as economically as it could be. It was the One who commanded to gather up the fragments that remained, though He is ever a bountiful giver. Soon they left me alone again with my Beloved. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! After a while the Lord said, "Get them to help you up-stairs and go to bed until six o'clock and then get up and go to the Bible School where you have an engagement to speak tonight." Shortly after, Marion came in with a bowl of soup and I told her what my Doctor, the Lord Jesus, had said. It took two of them to get me up the stairs, as I had no power over my body, and all the while was in extreme torture, but all the time I was praising and adoring my Lord. Marion undressed me and then left me alone with my

Lord. Soon I fell asleep or dozed and only when I took a deep breath did the pain awaken me; then I awoke praising and fell asleep praising again.

At six o'clock Marion came in to dress me, and with my two cousins I started off to the other side of Detroit. No sooner had we started than I passed from swoon to swoon, and the three of us as happy as could be! There were three changes, and when we got to the last change I was able to walk the block and a half without a swoon. The Lord was doing a mighty miracle, but He did not want me to have any extra strain, so He told me to go into another room while they sang and only go out when I had to speak. So they led me into another room. I must have looked a strange sight to them, one side of my face was black and swollen and the other felt as though a board had been nailed to it. I stayed in that room until it was time for me to speak, but it never occurred to me that if I spoke I should have something to speak about. When I got up I looked to the Lord and He showed me a chapter in Revelation which I had never understood very well and on which I had never had very much light. The Lord blessed us so that the whole body of people rose to their feet and, raising their hands, praised and praised the Lord.

I did not swoon once coming back and my cousin's wife helped me to bed. I had a wonderful night—not much sleep but a vast amount of praise and glory.

The next day the Lord sent in a good many people, some unsaved and they got the testimony to the healing that was going on. They were surprised to see this black face and closed eye and happy heart. One family of backsliders came in and returned to the Lord. Later I said to Marion, "I want you to pray that all this discoloration will leave before morning, and I will pray too."

I had not thought of praying before, but I felt the friends at home would get a shock if they saw me like that, and they sometimes think I am getting too old to go about anyway. This was the only prayer in all that time, and I want you to mark this—it was not answered! The next morning my face was worse, but I started out and travelled that day and the next, and arrived in my home. When I got there, I found that something had happened to the electricity and the whole city was in darkness; our house was in total darkness except for a tiny tallow or something in the drawing room! I sat down and we talked and laughed and I told them a little about the fall, and we laughed over it and went to bed. However, the next day when they saw the face they were horrified, but it very rapidly healed and I was quiet well.

The Lord showed me how rapidly He could work when we were in a spirit of praise. No matter how dark your affairs or your physical condition may be, if you get lost to everything else but praising Jesus. He can work on your behalf quickly. The devil cannot work while we are praising, but he can work when we are praying, when we pass from prayer to praise the devil cannot stand it.

In Rev. 8:3, we read, "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne." Incense is praise and the censer is golden. Everything that is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ is of gold. The censer contained the prayers of all the saints. I suppose that means the left-over prayers of all the saints—those that were not answered in their time.

The saints of all ages are distinctly told that their prayers are to be offered with much incense—much praise. There is a time coming when all the prayers of all the saints from all ages are going to have their complete answer and we have the privilege of living in the end time. It is in this hour that the golden censer is full of much incense. It belongs to this hour to have our whole spirit filled with the praise of Jesus.—Elizabeth Sisson in Things New and Old.

SAVED, HEALED AND BAPTIZED

We know Jesus is the same, yesterday, and today, and forever. Praise be to His name. Husband and I were wonderfully healed, gloriously saved, and filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 a year ago. We were led to Christ through our six-year-old boy who had infantile paralysis so that he could not walk. God wonderfully undertook and he is walking now. I was healed of nervous trouble which I had had since childhood; also of chronic constipation. Husband was delivered from the tobacco habit of 18 years standing, since which time he has gained 39 pounds. All praise and glory be to God. We are anxious to be out in the harvest field as the laborers are few. Pray for us.—Mrs. Catherine McGregor, Bakersfield, Calif., Box 254.

I am saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. I cannot praise my Saviour enough for all His goodness and mercy to me. I have been healed of T. B., of ulcers of the stomach, and of a complication of diseases, when I was not able to walk across the room. The doctors said there was no chance for me except an operation; but, praise His dear name, He healed my frail body. To Him I give all the glory. The next evening I walked one mile to church. I have seen a vision of heaven and it was a most beautiful place. My determination is to reach it whatever the trials and coast may be. Pray for me that His will shall be done in my life.—Mrs. D. A. Nichols, Holly, Colo.

Last summer I suffered very much with my right side, and also had severe spells at times with my stomach—could not sleep at night. I asked the loved ones in Christ to pray for me, and, thank God, prayers have been answered. Pray for me and family that we may grow stronger in His love.

Mrs. Homer Taylor,
Skarda, N. Mex.

LITTLE BOY HEALED OF WHOOPING COUGH AND TYPHOID FEVER

Praise be to my blessed Saviour for all He has been to me and my family. I have been trusting Him for three years for healing, and He has always come to our rescue. Last September my little boy was taken with whooping cough and typhoid fever together. It caught me in a very weak stage and so I decided to call the doctor. We gave him everything and he got worse all the time. His fever continued for five weeks, at one time being 102. It seemed to me I did not have a friend in the world. Just then dear old Sister Timer came over and when she was about to leave I asked the boy if he would like to have us pray for him before she left. He said yes. We knelt down to pray. You know the dear Lord has promised to bless where there are as many as two or three; so we began to pour out our heart to God and, praise His holy name, Jesus did the work. The boy began to improve from that time on and we didn't give him any more medicine.—Lillie McLenore, Glens, Miss.

AN INVALID'S TESTIMONY

I can't walk a step and can never go to church, but the Lord fills me at home with praises and weeping and shouting and the blessed holy laughter. I rejoice at the thought of the coming of the Lord. I do praise God for salvation and His great love. I have had the Baptism in the Holy Spirit nearly eleven years. I am left alone for hours at a time but I have the sweetest communion with the Lord alone. I had a foot amputated because of tuberculosis of the bone. Dear people all over the world, time is too short to put off salvation. Come while yet there is time.—Mrs. M. F. Diehl, Hightower, Texas.

HEALED OF RHEUMATISM

I was not able to help myself at times, and could not lie in bed at night. I told the saints to pray for me and now I am whole. Also a little girl of mine was healed by the Lord. We think she had pneumonia. Please pray for me and my family.—John J. Drawbaugh, Thomasville, York Co., Pa. R. D. 2.

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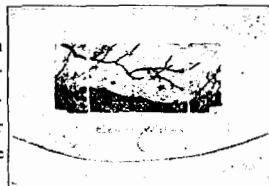
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MISSIONARY REVIVAL

Such are the many reports that come to the office from the foreign fields. Surely the Lord is anxious to open up the windows of heaven upon us, if we are ready and willing to meet the conditions. The Word says, "Tarry until ye be endued with power from on high." "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you." North China, Egypt, and missionaries here and there are having old-time Pentecostal revivals.

The Missionary Secretary has a very strong conviction that all over the world there would burst forth old-time Holy Spirit revivals, spiritual quickening, and heavenly living if we would all go down upon our faces before God in humility, heart-searching, confession, repentance, weeping and forgiveness. Tears of joy would flow and faces would beam with the glory of the Lord. Differences would then vanish; barriers would break down; rough places would become smooth and crooked ways straight, and the way would be prepared for continuous revival waves in every Church and Mission. This would be productive of the unifying and cementing of our hearts into one mighty band of Pentecostal Christians, so that we could storm the strongholds of sin and liberate millions of souls for Jesus. Thus our foreign missionary interests would be fostered to the highest degree of efficiency.

It is up to us missionaries to take the initiative in becoming the forerunners of this world-wide foreign missionary revival movement. It will then stir the home land to take up their burdens and follow in our train. The results will be a preparation for the coming of the King. For this Gospel must first be preached to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Come one, come all. Go down before the Lord. Pray, pray, pray. The revival is coming.

William M. Faux,
Missionary Secretary.

WHAT DO YOU WEAR?

A missionary who was at home on furlough was invited to dinner at a summer resort, where he saw and met many women of prominence and position. After dinner he wrote a letter to his wife. He said: "Dear Wife: I've had dinner at the great Hotel —. The company was wonderful. I saw strange things today. There were some who wore, to my certain knowledge, one church, forty cottage organs, and twenty libraries." In his great longing for money to provide the Gospel for the hungering millions, he could not refrain from estimating the silks, satins, and diamonds of the guests at the dinner in terms of his people's need. What are you wearing? —From Missions.

WORN OUT, YET STRENGTHENED

Our Brother Sorensen writes thus from Argentina: I feel rather worn out this forenoon but the Lord is our portion forever. As we see what the Lord is doing, it just thrills our hearts. Souls are being saved even though we have not seen so many lately as we would like to see. On November 25 we baptized four in water; on December 9, four more; and on Sunday, January 3, there must have been about nine or ten more. Praise the Lord.

A fruit peddler was saved some time ago, but he found it hard to give up selling on Sunday morning. He was under conviction and said that he would think it over. The result was that he went out again, got a good soaking as a heavy rain set in, took sick for several days and lost more than he gained. The result now is that he is going to quit and let the Lord have His day.

GREAT PROGRESS

We praise the Lord for His goodness to us and to the dear Chinese among whom we are laboring. Last week we had a few special meetings, with the result that some accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have also rented buildings for another mission in a very needy part of the city, and hope to have our opening meeting there next Sunday. With the two mission halls in the city we shall have meetings every night, and two Sunday schools Sunday mornings. Brother Creamer has been away for nearly a month, and will not be home till after the fifteenth, as he is helping Brother Simpson for a while in the Bible School.

The North China Pentecostal missionaries have every reason to praise the Lord for a good Bible school to which to send the natives for training. About a month ago I made a trip to Shih Chia Chuang in behalf of the District Council to inspect the lot and buildings already purchased for the use of the Bible School, and to arrange for needed repairs and alterations on same. We found it necessary to alter the buildings a good deal for the better accommodation of the school. When these alterations and additions have been carried out eighty students can be accommodated without overcrowding. The auditorium will seat one hundred easily, and there is a class room for fifty to sixty. There will be also room for two foreign teachers, and for a Chinese teacher and family, with separate cooking arrangements, and two rooms for watchmen, besides two rooms for printing press, or any other needed purpose.

Martin Kvamme and wife,
North China.

ON TOUR IN INDIA AND CEYLON

Brother W. H. Clifford writes of an evangelistic tour in which the blessing of the Lord was marvelously manifest: "Leaving home about midnight, we started for South India and Ceylon. After a pleasant railway journey we reached our destination, Bangalore, where we held our first service in the home of Brother and Sister Mahaffey. A number were prayed for and several backsliders came back to God. The evening service was held at the same place and about thirty were anointed and prayed for. We next went to Salem where we found that many were seeking for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and we had blessed fellowship together.

"In Tuticorin we met the dear friends who, under God, have made it possible for us to take this tour. On Sunday morning, we had the joy of giving the message to the Tamil congregation of the Methodist Church, and the Indian pastor very kindly interpreted for me. At night a Divine Healing service was held in one of the schools, and a vast crowd assembled in spite of the pouring rain. When we gave the altar call, a number came forward seeking peace and pardon through the blood of Jesus. When we gave the invitation for the sick to come, it seemed as though the whole crowd in the building wanted to be prayed for and we wondered whether the whole of Tuticorin were sick. I do not know how many were prayed for, but the doctor here thinks not less than a thousand. We were very tired when it was over, as it was the biggest crowd that we had ever attempted to pray for.

"On Tuesday we had another busy day. In the afternoon, five men and one woman suffering from fits came who had walked seven miles in search of the meetings. We prayed for them one by one, and we believe that some, if not all of them, were delivered from the power of the devil. At night we started meeting in the Municipal Girls' School, and it was packed, crowds standing at the doors and windows. Well over a thousand were present. Several testified to healing from fever, lumbago, asthma and other troubles. A number were saved and hundreds came bringing their families to be prayed for that the blessing of the Lord might be upon them. Never in all my life have I seen such determination among such great crowds to get the blessing of the Lord. It is a strange fact that the doctors support and help us in this work, and that the church, for the most part, who ought to support and carry out this work according to the divine command, work against and put obstacles in the way of such meetings being held.

"After bidding farewell to the kind friends at Tuticorin, we went on board the launch which was to take us out to the ship for Colombo. We were met at Colombo by friends who very kindly entertained us during our stay there. The first public meeting was held in the Jampettah Church, which was filled. In this place also God blessed in a wonderful way. A special service was held for serious cases and for those who could not get to a night service. One of the most touching of these cases was that of a Hindu woman

who had been brought by a Buddhist boy. The boy had attended the earlier services for healing, and had decided that he would follow Christ, though at first he had been reluctant to do so. This boy got some other boys, and they put this woman in a chair and carried her to the meeting. When we looked at her, we thought, 'From her appearance this woman is not far from the grave.' On inquiring about her we found that she had not been able to eat solid food for eight months. We prayed for her, and two days later the following testimony was given, 'After being prayed for, the boys carried her away towards her home, but just before she got there she told them to put her down as she wanted to walk the rest of the way. So they put her down and she walked home and afterwards ate rice and retained it and was getting on all right.' All praise to Jesus!

"Leaving Colombo we went to Jaffna, where we prayed for about two hundred and fifty sick ones. A number were healed and others helped. It was a remarkable time for deaf and dumb children. Several were delivered. A young woman, deaf, dumb, and lame, was carried into the meeting. The evil spirits were rebuked in the name of the Lord and commanded to come out, and we had the joy of knowing that she heard, and she spoke the precious name of Jesus, and took a few faltering steps.

"During our tour of about one-months duration, we traveled several thousand miles, visited twelve places and held thirty-one meetings. Numbers were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and many were healed. All praise to the Lord Jesus Christ who so wonderfully proved that He is the great 'I AM' today."

PENTECOST IN SYRIA

From Miss Yumna G. Malick of Syria comes this report:

I am glad my first report of the work to you carries with it a note of victory in Jesus' name. Though rising out of the midst of a holy fight, and from surrounding elements which oppose and ridicule the Spirit of Pentecost, our God is marching on, I can say. His Word is being sown broadcast, being backed by His promise, "It shall not return unto Me void." The Sunday school children are storing it rapidly in their little hearts, along with many Bible stories. The older folk are bound to form and ritualism and find it hard to break away, even after they are convinced of the truth. They are not used to our kind of worshipping God in Spirit and in truth, and so do not have the patience to tarry before Him in prayer any length of time. There are two now seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and we are asking the Lord to set them free to the praise and honor of His name.

Village work is very interesting. People there show much willingness to hear the Word. Hundreds of villages are scattered on and between the hills of Lebanon and Syria, all in need of the gospel message. Do pray that I may be able to carry it to them in Jesus name, for His coming draweth nigh.

A LEAKY ROOF

Brother J. Perkins from Liberia, Africa, writes: 'We have some dear friends who seem to believe that you have come to the Kingdom for just such a time as this and are insisting that we write you about the roof of the Blebo house, which leaks very badly. A new roof is needed.

"We are not in the habit of begging for money and do not wish to begin now, but to please our friends I shall tell you about this house and ask you to join with us very definitely in prayer that God will supply the money with which to put a new roof on the Blebo Mission house. I believe they have a prayer band at the Bible School there in Springfield, and if you think well you might ask them to join in the petition. In answer to prayer the Lord has graciously and wonderfully supplied the means for our buildings here, and I feel that the "bank of heaven" is not yet broke. In the WORD we are encouraged to ask largely.

"Brother Edgar Personous, now a teacher in the Bethel Bible Training School, Newark, N. J., built this house and could tell you all about it. He and others think that a roofing of asbestos cement shingles from the U. S. A. would be cheaper and better than wooden shingles made here. I have written him asking him to find out the cost of cement shingles and to let me know. If we have the means soon we can easily get the roof fixed before the next rainy season. It is a real good, roomy frame house built on high cement pillars and it seems a pity to have it spoil for lack of a good roof. We are much interested, of course, for the welfare of the house, but still more for that of the missionaries, who live in it.

"We have already taken steps to have the Blebo property and that at other stations here, secured to the General Council, and have reason to believe the matter will come out all right."

FULL OF PRAISES

Sister M. Carlson from Taianfu writes: "Praise God, it is sweet to be a child of the Most High, and my soul is filled with praises unto Him for the wonderful way He has helped and kept me, as well as all in the home here. "Oh, glory be to Jesus, 'tis true, Oh yes, 'tis true; God's wonderful promise is true; for I trusted and tested and tried it, and I know God's promise is true."

Hallelujah!

I am so glad to tell of the wonderful way God has helped in the Home. Souls are seeking God. We had a baptismal service here over two weeks ago. About one hundred children were baptized; also a few women and men. Glory to Jesus! The dear Lord is so good and He answers prayer. May He now bless the little ones that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him who has purchased and redeemed them with His own precious blood. Hallelujah! Continue to pray for them, please, that they may go on from victory unto victory; also that they may be used of God to bring many others to Christ. What a glorious day it will be when their

voices, also, shall be heard around the throne in heaven.

Oh, it pays to serve Jesus. He is coming soon, and His reward is with Him. May He grant that on that day we may have some stars in our crowns, and not come empty-handed before Him.

PRESSING ON

The work on our station is moving along, though not with any glowing reports. It takes much patience, labor and wisdom to deal with these dear people. We are busy with language study. We were hindered in the beginning for several months on account of sickness, but we still feel encouraged to press on and do our best for Him.

We feel we have your prayers on our behalf and trust that by our love for each other and for God we shall all be able to pull together for the advancement of His kingdom in dark India. We do need the confidence of one another in these days to be able to stand against the forces of Satan, for he is trying to hinder in every way possible.

Pray for us as a body of missionaries that there will come again in our midst real love and fellowship and that His work will go on for yet a little while, and that He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

J. Edgar Barrick, India.

RECONSTRUCTION

Sister Jessie Wengler writes thus from Japan: "This is the first Christmas for our Hachioyi Christians. They seem so happy in the Lord. We rejoice in the Lord that He spared our city, and that we can go on with the work here. The devastated districts are recovering somewhat from the awful destruction that came September the first. Temporary buildings have been erected in all these districts, and every one has some kind of a house to live in. Of course it will take years for the real work of reconstruction of such large cities as Yokohama and Tokyo, and the financial loss to Japan is so stupendous that she will not soon recover. We praise God for His continuous care and provision. It is wonderful how He cares, and watches over His own. We praise the Lord for the many gifts of love that have poured in from the States. Many have been gladdened by the generosity of those in the Homeland. May God reward each one according to His riches in glory. Japan at all times is, we think, distinctly a hard place, discouraging we might say if we did not have faith in God; and it is difficult for more reasons than one. Since the earthquake and fire such places as Hachioyi and districts that were not so completely destroyed have responded to the gospel, and more people than ever before have come out to the meetings. But we need to see the breaking forth of a real, spiritual, Pentecostal power, a deepening of hearts in spiritual truths, that will cause them to be rooted and grounded and not soon turned away from the truth. Please pray for us and for Japan, that this Pentecostal power will come and that God will be glorified in and through each of His children.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

BELLINGHAM, WASH.—We are glad to report victory. Our pastor, Robert Gillespie, having received a call to Victoria, B. C., bade us farewell Tuesday evening, January 15. It was a very impressive service. Many spoke words of high appreciation of the ministry of our brother and sister among us.—Thos. Harvey, Sec.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.—The Assembly of God at Drumright was set in order by Brother Oscar Jones, State Chairman, with 25 names enrolled. Brother A. R. Donaldson is pastor. All visitors to this city will find a welcome at the mission, 416 E. Broadway. Any preacher in good standing with the Council, and passing this way, is welcome to visit with us.—H. Y. Clark, Sec-treas.

TAMPA, FLA.—I am holding a revival at Oak Park Tabernacle here for three weeks. God is wonderfully blessing. The assistant pastor here is J. L. Webb. There are three beautiful churches near one another in the vicinity and they need badly the co-operation of the General Council. I. J. Bolton, the pastor at Oak Park, is a fine evangelist, besides being a song leader and pastor.—Otto Lunsford, Linton, Ind.

SUSQUEHANNA, PA.—A little over a year ago some people came and held meetings in a little schoolhouse near where I live. I went a few times and God showed me the lost condition of my soul. I began to seek the Lord and He met and saved me. A few weeks later He baptized me in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. I thank Jesus for leading me into the Pentecostal way. Four others are praying with me that God will give us a Pentecostal work here in this place. One has received the Baptism, two others are seeking. We have a population of about 4,000 people, who need to hear about Pentecost. Please pray for us.—Theodore A. Squires.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—God is blessing in every service. There are many hungry souls here. We are in need of a revival at this time. We have a tent 30x50. It is pitched at the corner of Third and Arrowhead in the main business part of the town. I would like to get in touch with a good evangelist, also some one that can take charge of the singing. We would like to begin a meeting about the 15th of April or the 1st of May. This place is about 65 miles east of Los Angeles and the population is about 35,000. There are many Mexicans here who need the gospel. Any evangelistic party that is used by the Lord and feels lead may write to me at 815 3rd St., San Bernardino, Calif. We are in full fellowship with the Council and so desire a Council party to hold the meeting.—C. W. Maupin.

BOSS, MO.—Just closed a two-weeks meeting at Dotson schoolhouse. Nine souls were saved and reclaimed and four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Interest was good from first to last. Although the weather was very cold—snow and rain and ice—it didn't hinder the meeting. People came, some walking three and four miles. The saints were encouraged to go through for Jesus. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was done at that place. Brother George Brooks of Boss preached the Word. Pray that he may be the means of many more souls being saved. Pray for us.—Grace Brooks.

WILLITS, CALIF.—God is still blessing here. This is a town of about 2000, in northern California. When we came here the mission was about to close; but, praise the Lord, under Him we were able to get the work on a good scriptural foundation and a goodly number have been added to the church. Sixteen have been saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:4, and there have been some remarkable healings. Among them was a man 72 years old, who was healed of paralysis; also a sister, whose jaws were so twisted that her teeth did not meet at all, and whose tongue was in such shape that she could scarcely speak. Jesus in his great mercy healed them both, and also a case of blood poisoning. Fourteen have been baptized in water according to Matthew 28:19, and a number are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We have a good Sunday school and are using the Pentecostal quarterlies. Please pray for a greater outpouring of the Spirit's power.—Fred Scott and wife, pastors-in-charge.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS.—Surely Jesus is passing this way. Brother George Harrison from Wesson, Ark., assisted by his brother, W. M. Harrison, came down to hold us a Christmas meeting. It lasted three weeks and it was wonderful how the Lord worked and blessed in breaking the bread of life to hungry souls and in giving out interpretations with words of encouragement in other tongues. Twenty-seven received the Baptism with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. Six others were saved. About twenty were seeking the Lord when the meetings closed. Thirteen were baptized in water and others are to be baptized later. We have just built a new church house and have a nice piano for it. We invite any Spirit-filled minister who is in harmony with the General Council to stop with us in passing by. We ask the saints everywhere to pray for the seekers here. We trust the Lord will give us another good revival later that other souls may find their way to God. Also pray for the saints here.—H. F. Greer.

MORELAND, ARK.—We, the Pentecostal people of Moreland, have started to build a mission and ask the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will open the hearts of the people. Our building is 32x36 with an addition 16x12.—Building Committee, A. S. Barton, R. H. Roberts, H. S. Wright.

CHARTER OAK, MO.—We will report victory, for we surely have some victory. We have been here three or four days and the second night at the altar five were saved. We are starting to build a church and desire the prayers of all of the Evangel family that God will bless us in the effort.—Pastor E. O. Robins and Evangelist Wm. Griffin of Parma, Mo.

BRISTOW, OKLA.—Praise God for the way He is still blessing this part of the country. Wife and I have just spent a few nights at the little new church 4 miles south of Bristow, which they have recently built. The assembly was set in order not long ago by Brother Oscar Jones. Any one in fellowship with the General Council and passing this way I am sure will find a hearty welcome.—Bert Webster.

EL DORADO, KANS.—Pray for this city that God will send in an evangelist, singer, and workers. There are about 8 or 10 saints here that I know of and there may be more. We are very hungry for a leader sent from God. It is a very wicked city and can be touched only by the Full Gospel with the signs following. Pray for me as I feel weak and am young in experience.—Mrs. Clyde J. Blair, 423 W. 4th St.

LOXLEY, ALA.—We are in a part of the country where there is not a Pentecostal preacher. My wife and I desire that one may come this way. There are four different denominational churches here and not a preacher for any of them. The people are thirsty for some one to preach for them. Some one is needed who is willing to work at some other vocation. My wife and I are members of the Assemblies of God. We are poor as far as this world's goods are concerned. Pray for us to be ever ready for the coming King.—Wm. R. Gregory, R. 1.

EDOM, TEXAS.—As we read the good reports from other fields we want to tell what the Lord is doing for us in the Flatwood community. We had meetings for a few days during the holidays, and the Lord wonderfully blessed; souls were saved and backsliders came back—7 in all—and the people were interested. The power of God fell wonderfully. Saints who have been in the faith several years said that it was the best meeting they were ever in. The people seemed to realize that the coming of the Lord is near and that it behooves us to be watching and ready. Pray for me and mine as we are doing our best to serve the Lord and to bring our babies up to serve and honor Him.—Pastor Monroe Clemmons and wife.

PASSAIC, N. J.—Last November we opened an Italian Pentecostal church, and the Lord has already done a great work. About 10 have been saved and all are waiting for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One man had rheumatism and was healed. Before, he could not work; now he works. We have English services also, and the Lord is starting a revival. Pray for us that the Lord will continue His work and baptize the believers. Glory to Jesus forever.—R. Santamaria.

ROGERS, TEXAS.—We have moved to this new territory, Sandy Ridge, from Buckholts. I expect to hold up Christ to these people. I intend to begin with prayer meetings in my home; then a good Sunday school. I feel sure that it is God's will for me to be here and expect to hold a revival in the summer. I earnestly request prayer of the Evangel family and of our friends in Texas. I would be glad to have a letter of encouragement from any of God's children who feel an interest in this new field. I want to say to my friends that I received my Baptism in the Spirit December, 3, 1923—the sweetest moments of my life.—Will Cunningham.

CLANTON, ALA.—Brother Dan Dubose has just closed a most wonderful meeting here. About 30 were saved and 16 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Praise His dear name! Our souls have been stirred to seek the Lord as never before. The young people have been having some wonderful meetings since the campaign closed. Several have been saved and have received the Baptism in the Spirit. One day, just as the meeting closed, a report came that Lee Headley's baby was dying. Brother Dubose went and prayed for it and the Lord healed it instantly. Praise be to His dear name. Pray for us that we may do His blessed will and be ready when He comes.—R. Moattz.

GOLDEN GATE, ILL.—We are glad to report victory at the beginning of this year. For the past week there has been a real spirit of revival here, and quite a number have been saved. On Sunday morning, January 13, the dear Lord took charge of the service. Before we could do anything in the Sunday school, the Spirit fell upon us and one little Holiness woman received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, for we heard her speak with tongues and magnify God. We had made no special effort to have a revival; but on Sunday night, January 6, the Spirit came sweeping into the church and seemed to make His presence felt by every one in the house. Sinners could hardly keep from the altar; and many came and knelt at the feet of Jesus for cleansing and filling. Much the same condition continued for the week following. No preaching could be done for several nights. It seemed like old-time Pentecost. He said there should be "rain in the time of the latter rain."—M. F. Cunningham.

DEVALLS BLUFF, ARK.—The Lord is blessing here. Brother Giliam of North Little Rock is with us on Saturdays and Sundays as temporary pastor. Sunday night, January 13, the Lord wonderfully saved 4 souls, 2 of whom received the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. The saints were all connected up and we had a real Holy Spirit meeting, praise the Lord. Wednesday night we met for prayer meeting. Brother Phiifer preached and a young man was saved and received the Baptism in the Spirit. Many hearts are hungry and several are almost ready to give up. Pray much for this place and for me, also for my husband that he may be saved.—Mrs. J. C. Harris.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—We sound a note of praise to God for what He has done in our midst in the past year. It is truly wonderful, and very encouraging. Last spring we opened a work down on Main St. in the city, as our chapel is in the suburbs, and so it is rather difficult to reach the unsaved there. God truly was in the move, for several have been gloriously saved and kept. Eleven of them have been baptized in water and a number have received the gift of the Holy Spirit as they did at the beginning. We have received 15 or 16 into full fellowship, and more are to follow soon. We also have had a very good convention, in which God met us all in a most glorious way. We truly from our hearts ascribe unto God every bit of honor and glory, for without Him we can do nothing. Pray for us.—H. T. Carpenter, pastor.

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS.—We had a very profitable meeting here during the holidays. Brother B. A. Love from Vernon was here. He surely did some fine preaching. The saints are in better unity than they have been in for some time. Conviction was on the people Sunday night—sinners wept. Our baby seemed not to do well, as we had to raise him on the bottle. His food disagreed with him. At the age of about six weeks he rapidly grew worse and was at death's door. We trusted our great Physician and asked the saints to pray but did not get healing. Everybody had given him up. One of our saints was a trained nurse. She said that his finger nails were purple and his eyes were almost set. He had the death rattle. His pulse was at the limit. Sunday evening, after we had preached, at 11:30 we returned to the parsonage and found our baby almost gone. I took him in my arms and began to walk the floor and cry. Brother Black, one of our deacons, was with us. We cried and prayed for 30 minutes or more. As I passed by the promise box, which was on the dresser, I felt impressed to draw out a promise. I did so, and passed the box to Brother Black. My promises were: "The Lord will see," or, "provide;" and "I will work and who can turn it back." Brother Black's promise was, "I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears; behold, I will heal thee" (margin). Oh, glory to God! The work was done! We knelt

beside the bed as we left the baby, as it were, in the arms of Jesus; and we shed a few more tears—of joy—praising dear Jesus for what He had done. As we looked again into the face of our baby we saw, not a dying baby, but, "Behold, he liveth!" No one but Jesus knows how we felt. We could almost see the sympathizing Jesus, weeping as we wept; then we could almost hear Jesus say, "Come forth." And, blessed be God, we saw the baby as he came forth. We then arose and carried the baby to his mother, as Elijah of old delivered the child to its mother, alive. Then there was a time of rejoicing. When the nurse came next day she said, "Oh, its pulse is so much better!" She says now that this was the most wonderful miracle she ever witnessed. Today the baby is the picture of health. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." If you need a meeting, pray. If it pleases God I will be glad to assist you. Any Council minister coming this way please stop off.—S. A. Thorp, pastor.

REDEMPTION

1 Peter 1:18, 19.

O, depths of mercy! can it be
That such a price was paid for me,
That Jesus' blood, and it alone,
Did for my wretched soul atone?

When silver, gold and precious gems,
When moral virtues of lost men
Could never pay the debt of sin
And make me pure and clean within—

'Twas Christ, the Son of God, who died;
'Twas from His precious wounded side
There flowed a stream which paid the debt
For sin. Thank God 'tis flowing yet.

I bring no virtues of my own
To claim my right at heaven's throne;
But bow in weakness at His feet;
His blood atones full and complete.

Then, while on earth, my songs shall be
Of Him who died on Calvary;
When done on earth I'll join the throng
That still doth sing redemption's song.
Read Rev. 5:9.

Roy E. Scott.

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SEDALIA, MO., REVIVAL CAMPAIGN.—

Evangelist A. Watson Argue and party will conduct a revival campaign at the Assembly of God Tabernacle, from March 9 to 23 inclusive.—R. Elder Baker, Pastor.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Evang. John H. Bostrom will conduct a revival campaign in the Upper Room Assembly, 253 Monroe Ave., beginning January 29, and continuing through the month of February. We are looking to the Lord for a feast of good things.—Rollin M. Severance, Pastor, Apt. 903, Y. M. C. A., Grand Rapids, Mich.

MC ALESTER, OKLA.—A big evangelistic campaign for lost souls conducted by Evangelist E. W. and Beula O. Clark and party, in the M. E. Church (seating 1200) in the center of the city, beginning January 25 and closing February 25. Saints in the surrounding community are urged to attend and help in the salvation of lost souls. Bring the sick. For further information address J. W. Hudson, Savannah, Okla.

MIDWINTER REVIVAL, at Philadelphia, Pa. Evangelist Bert Williams of Perry, N. Y., will hold special revival meetings at HIGHWAY MISSION TABERNACLE, Ridge Avenue and Oxford Streets, February 13 to 24. A time of spiritual blessing and salvation is expected. Friends from neighboring communities are invited to share the benefits of these meetings with the local assembly.

BIBLE CONFERENCE, NEAR CALHOUN, LA., beginning February 15, D. V., for ten days, at the Pleasant Valley Assembly. Brother W. J. Walthall, Chairman of the Arkansas District Council, will give the Bible lessons. There will be evangelistic services each night. We especially urge the brethren of this part of the district to attend this conference. Trains will be met on the V. S. & P. railroad on the 14th, 15th and 16th, and the assembly at Pleasant Valley will arrange to take care of all who attend.—E. L. Tanner, Summerfield, La.

KANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCE February 15 to March 2, at the Assembly of God Church, 7th & Riverside, Kansas City, Mo. Brother and Sister D. W. Keer in charge of Bible conference, assisted by Brother and Sister W. C. Peirce and other workers. We expect all the Kansas District preachers and workers to come to this conference, that we may "study to shew ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed." Let each assembly take an offering for the pastor's expenses. Entertainment will be furnished free to all ministers, and accredited workers. This Bible conference is for all the saints. We will have a list of rooms at reasonable rates. For further information write to Fred Vogler, Wakarusa, Kans., Chairman Kansas District.

IOWA AND NORTH MISSOURI CONVENTION.—God willing, we will have our regular winter convention in Des Moines, Iowa, February 7 to 17. We wish that all the ministers in the district would arrange to be present.

Elder D. H. McDowell will be with us for the entire time. Everybody come, as we have some business to come up; and we want you to be present when it is discussed; also we want your presence, to show your co-operation in the work in the district. Business meeting, February 14, 15 and 16. Meals on the free-plate-offering plan and the saints will entertain as many in their homes as they possibly can.

All persons wishing ordination, and new workers wishing license, can be present for the business days.

Roy E. Scott, District Chairman, Mercer, Mo., J. H. Bostrom, Sec'y, Brookfield, Mo.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, PENTECOSTAL CONVENTION AND DEDICATION SERVICES

An old-time Pentecostal Convention will be held in the new Full-Gospel Church, 2823 Hillman St., Youngstown, Ohio, February 3 to 17 inclusive. We are expecting Chairman J. W. Welch of Springfield, Brother V. S. Mumbulo of Rochester, N. Y., possibly, J. Narver Gortner of Cleveland, Ohio, also T. K. Leonard of Findlay, Ohio, and other preachers and missionaries.

Sunday, February 10, will be set apart for the dedication of the new church building. We will endeavor to provide free entertainment for all ministers and missionaries in fellowship with the General Council, but can guarantee no financial remuneration only for those engaged as special workers. For further information, address G. E. Smith, pastor, 829 Parkwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

REVIVAL SERVICES PITTSBURG, PA.—Evangelist Nimrod Park, of Chambersburg, Pa., will hold special revival services at Grace Street and Lang Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., February 1 to 17 inclusive. Take Frankstown Avenue or Hamilton Avenue cars and get off at the corner of Lang and Frankstown, or Lang and Kelly Street.

TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelists Earl W. and Beula O. Clark of Indianapolis, will open a revival campaign, Sunday, March 2, in the large Tulsa Tabernacle, seating 6,500, with a choir of 400 voices and 90 personal workers and 60 ushers, where Ritchey conducted his two meetings in that city. The Clark's covet the prayers of the Evangel readers for this great campaign for lost souls. Plan to attend.

REVIVAL MEETING AT CANTON, OHIO, February 7 to 17, inclusive; in charge of Brother Wrick-Walker, Cherokee Indian evangelist. Everyone in Canton and vicinity cordially invited. Old Brick German church on East Tuscarora St. has been rented for the occasion. Mission hall, 415 Third St., N. E., Canton, Ohio. First three meetings in the hall. For further information address M. W. Richards, Jr., Probate office, Canton, Ohio.

TO THE MINISTERS AND ASSEMBLIES OF GOD OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

We greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master. The Tenth Annual District Council of the Assemblies of God in Southern Missouri will convene with the Assembly at Thayer, Mo., March 4, 1924. The date of this council was changed by the District Presbyters. Thayer is about 100 miles south of Springfield, Mo., on the main line of the Frisco. The Assembly at Thayer will furnish beds and meals free. For additional information write to Pastor Marvin Hartz, Thayer, Mo. We advise that all the ministers of this district begin now to make their preparations to attend this council. We appeal to the Assemblies to elect and send delegates to this council, and see that your pastor's expense to and from this council is met.

Those expecting to be ordained or licensed at this council will please write to me for an application blank, and after filling it out have it endorsed by your pastor or assembly or some council minister and return it to me. Let the ministers announce this in their meetings.

We advise that the licensed ministers of the district renew their Fellowship Certificate by the time the council meets or at the council. This does not apply to ordained ministers. Ordained ministers renew at Springfield, Mo., to Elder J. W. Welch; licensed ministers renew to their district chairman.

Beloved in the Lord, let us pray that the will of the Lord will be worked out in this district council, and that His wisdom will be given to guide us in every matter that may come before us, and above all things, that fervent love will cover and prevail over every difference that may arise, and that we may with one heart and voice show forth His glory and praise in the face of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and loving Master. Amen.

Don't forget the date of this council—March 4 to 9, 1924.

J. E. Spence, Chairman.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

From January 18 to 24 inclusive (This does not include offerings for expenses of the Foreign Missions Dept.)

- \$195.00: Glad Tidings Taber New York N Y
127.02: S S Tulsa Okla
110.00: Light House Assembly Brooklyn N Y
105.00: Assembly Pittsburg, Pa
100.00: Assembly Terre Haute Ind; Upper Room Mission San Jose Calif
80.00: A P Westbrook Me
75.00: Lettish Pent'l Church New York N Y
69.00: Mrs C L J Bemtjd Minn
64.00: Gospel in S Alton Ill
50.00: Assembly Vineland N J; Mrs C Weekawkin N J; II C Wechawkin N J; Fernwood S S East Lansdowne Pa
43.13: Missy Society of S. Calif Bible School Los Angeles Calif
41.23: Assembly Pueblo Colo
35.00: S S Milford Neb
30.00: J H Lake Huntington N Y; F M Los Angeles Calif; G P Byesville Ohio; Assembly Braddock Pa
25.00: Mr & Mrs H C H Earle Ark; Mrs C D Miami Fla; E D Butler N Y
21.80: Assembly York Pa
20.00: Mrs E M Milton N Y; H B Plainview Minn; C L F San Diego Calif; G B P Watsonville Calif; Mrs E L Chicago Ill; Assembly & S S Spokane Wash
19.58: Assembly Collinsville Okla
18.70: Assembly New Haven Conn
15.00: S S Danvers Ill
16.00: Assembly Endicott N Y
15.00: Assembly Pasadena Calif; Friends in New York N Y; Assembly Harvey's Lake Pa; Assembly Ewing Mo; M & C D Ocean Grove N J

- 13:00: Pent'l Church of Christ St Louis Mo
12:47: Assembly Monroe Iowa
12:22: Full Gospel Assembly Eureka Calif
12:15: Pent'l Church Lankershim Calif
11:70: Melhida Assembly Canaan New Hamp
10:95: S S Lockbart Ala
10:50: S S Bazine Kans
10:00: Mrs F B Brooklyn N Y; E S Springfield Mo; R C G Clarissa Minn; W E L Knoxville Ia; Assembly Rosebud Mo; K M G Osborne Kans; Mr & Mrs H B Chicago Ill; J P B Pawtucket R I
9:00: Assembly Corning N Y; Full Gospel Assembly Lancaster Calif
8:00: Mrs K B Brooklyn N Y; Assembly Newburgh N Y; P R McRoberts Ky; Full Gospel Mission Michigan City Ind
7:00: Glad Tidings Taber Reading Pa
6:50: Assembly Browning Ill; J T F Marionville Mo
6:00: W B F Corvallis Ore; Assembly Strain Mo; F W A Wichita Kans; D G & S G Montreal Can; E A W Cleveland Ohio
5:65: S S Ilmo Mo
5:55: S S Paris Ark
5:50: L M T Parsons Kans; Assembly Hartford Ala; Mrs J B Carlou Mo
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4:50: Assembly Creston Ia
4:28: Assembly Chetopa Kans
4:00: W M H Poston Tex
3:65: Assembly Warrior Ala
3:64: Mrs L W B Hiawatha Neb
3:25: Assembly Riverside Okla; Assembly Geneva Ala
3:07: S S Knoxville Ia
3:00: D E O'N San Gabriel Calif; L V N Rochester N Y; W S Saginaw Kans; S S Saginaw Mich; Bro S Flint Mich; A Friend Flint Mich; Mrs M E W Boswell Pa
2:50: R L B Rocky Ford Colo; S H Thicket Tex
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1:50: Mrs C A M Shreveport La
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Plus check returned 5.00

Total \$2,101.70
Amount previously reported \$7,067.06
Total amount received during month of January \$9,168.76

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HOME MISSIONS

- \$4.00: Assembly Strain Mo
2.50: S H Thicket Tex; Glad Tidings Assembly Sacramento Calif
1.00: Mrs L W B Hiawatha Neb
Total amount previously reported 34.78
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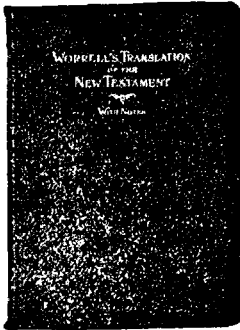
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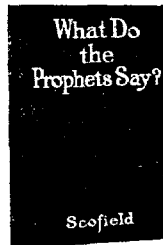


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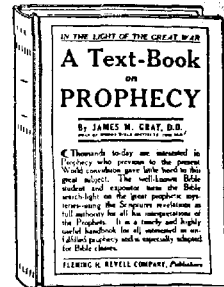
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