The Christ-Child

The Wise men sought their heavenly King.
Their offerings rich, of love to bring;
They thought, perchance, the Lord of earth,
In palace grand would have His birth.
And some rare couch afford a bed.
Whereon to lay the Christ-child's head.
Coverlet of silk and gold
To shield His baby from the cold.
But no, the star of wondrous ray,
To lowly manger led the way.

And would you find your heavenly King?
Your offerings of love to bring?
I charge you seek Him not afar,
Empty thy heart of self and sin,
Gleaneth His grace all around thee,
Live in His will, from pride apart,
May Christ on thee bestow;
Praise Him!

Cold respect. He is not seeking for mere admirers among His creatures, but for true heart worship.

He came to His own, (the Jews) and His own received Him not; but as many as received Him (as THE SON OF GOD from heaven) to them gave He power to become the sons of God, Inspiring them a hope of some day meeting Him in heaven. And these, who truly love Him, look back with real gratitude and praise, and joy of heart to the time of His advent upon earth as a little helpless babe opening His human eyes for the first time upon this sinful world which He came to redeem, and are charmed as they contemplate afresh the mystery of the incarnation, which none can fathom, but all may rejoice over and appreciate. "God manifest in the flesh," marvelously conceived of the Holy Ghost; born of a humble virgin in a stable; and cradled in a manger. Oh, the depth of humility in thus identifying Himself with our humanity; taking upon Himself our nature, and becoming one of us, that we might become part-takers of His divine nature through His atoning sacrifice on the cross.

Profoundest wonder of the ages! A mystery too deep for the angels to fathom, Praise Him!

But nominal Christianity has become so unapostolic that it is not true that the form of godliness without the power seems to prevail everywhere?

There has been handed down to us from time to time, and incorporated into the observance of these holy days (largely instituted by man) drugs of paganism; drugs of Judaism; and drugs of Catholicism; and these, combined with modern innovations, make the general observance of such days as Christmas, Easter, etc., almost a travesty, on account of the spirit in which they are kept. They are chosen by many as times in which to pander to pride, and extravagant display, and to the excessive indulgence in the desires of the human heart, with little or no thought of honoring the One whose birth and life they are claiming to commemorate. This is largely true of many who theoretically believe in Jesus as the Only Saviour, Lord help us. This, however, to grasp the deeper significance of such days, that it may not be said of us as Paul said of the Galatians, "Ye observe days and months and years. I am afraid of you." but that we may do all things heartily as unto the Lord, for whose second advent we are watching and waiting.—J. T. B.

Christmas

For centuries the so-called Christian world has been commemorating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ; and notwithstanding the unspiritual views entertained, through the traditions of men handed down, and generally accepted in connection therewith, wherein the social and sentimental seem to prevail, there still remains something sacred about the observance of the day. A measure of the spirit of good will toward men is in evidence. Something of joy and gladness and reverence is awakened in the heart of the majority at its recurrence; even though it be in the natural, largely.

Every good gift cometh from God, and is in the main acceptable to fallen man, though all have been by him abused; but God's greatest and best gift, (His Son Jesus Christ) has been by the majority of mankind, largely ignored, if not positively rejected. While many acknowledge Him as a wonderful teacher and great religious reformer, and are commending His ethics, complimenting and eulogizing His person; they are denying His higher claims as Lord of all, and only insult Him, by their offer of

A Christmas Wish

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord...be gracious unto thee."—Num. 6:24, 25.

God's love be all around thee,
And closer still enfold,
His tender care surround thee,
His arms of might unshold;
His Presence go before thee,
In all the unknown way;
His outspread wings be o'er thee,
Thy shelter day by day.

"The Lord... open unto thee His good treasure."—Deut. 28:12.

All heavenly benedictions,
All treasures from above,
All infinite outpourings
Of His exceeding love,
All riches of His goodness,
May Christ on thee bestow;
And make thy life a channel
Through which His grace shall flow.

—Ruth Thomas.

Peace On Earth

A day was dawning on a battlefield in Northern France. In the night the Germans had drawn back their lines a little and the French had gone forward, but between the two positions a lonely farmhouse was still standing. As the sun rose, heavy guns began to boom. But suddenly on both sides the firing ceased.

Midway between the trenches, near the shattered farm house, crawling on his hands and knees, was a little baby. It appeared perfectly happy and contented, and the baby's laugh was heard as it clutched a dandelion. Not a shot was fired; scarcely did a soldier on either side dare breathe. This spot which had been an inferno of shot and shell, was now something like a peaceful island. Suddenly a soldier jumped out of a trench and ran to where the child was crawling. He tenderly took it up and carried it back to shelter. No shots came from the trenches, but along both lines there rang out a mighty cheer. The coming of a little babe had brought peace, just as nearly two thousand years ago, when the Prince of Peace was born on that Christmas morning. He brought peace and good will to men.
Some Christmas Meditations

Most of us look forward to spending Christmas time with our own home fireside. I remember, however, one Christmas Eve being on a boat bound for Africa, and oh how loneliness I felt was a stranger to me. Even a friendly roast that settled himself above my bunk was not an unwelcome visitor. I picked up a book in the ship's library, the first chapter of which seemed very appropriate reading for it described Christmas Eve in a lumber camp, where a preacher was doing his best to get the gospel of the Son of God to a number of pretty "tough" lumberjacks. As he told of the little babe born in the Bethlehem stable there was a melting down of some of those stoic hearts and an admission that at Christmas time they did like to have a "peek at the babe." As I read, my heart warmed within me as I went back in spirit to the manger of long ago, and had a "peek at the babe" in the swaddling clothes. Our Jesus! No need to be lonesome with Him as a companion! In the contemplation of that peaceful babe, what a restfulness creeps into our hearts, for we know not as much as the DaySpring from on High who hath visited us, to lighten our darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The angels rejoiced in God's good will to man. 

A Costly Gift.

It was wonderful humility for the Lord of glory to assume the form of man. "Let this be called to our Lord's little acquaintances," that will really be an acceptable present? When, a year ago, presents of books were requested for the soldiers boys in France, someone sent a file of the Undertaker's Review. Some of the fellows did not want any more! Something that is of no use to you won't be of any great value to Him. But in Romans 12:1 He tells us what He wants. He wants us, our bodies, a living sacrifice that He may dwell in us and serve His own purposes through us. Like the benevolent Macedonians, commended by Paul, we need to be not only giving our bounty, but first giving our selves to the Lord. Living love gifts to the Lord of life!

"They people shall be a free-will offering in the day of Thy power," is a literal translation of Psalms 110:3. Deborah sang with joy about those "offered themselves willing." This is a splendid time to sing with a blessed hymn writer of a few years ago.

"Take myself, and I will be ever, only, ALL for Thee.

God gave us Jesus Christ and with Him freely gives all things, and surely the least we can do is to give ourselves willingly to Him, and let us not be stingy with Him with the much or the little He has put in our trust.

We Would See Jesus.

It was wonderful humility for the Lord of glory to come and be born in that rude stable of Bethlehem, but it was far greater humility for Him to come and make His abode, in the unkempt stable of my heart. But that is what the new birth consists of: it is the life of Jesus Christ Himself being implanted within us. "Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is within you?" Paul asked the people at Corinth. A little fellow who had just been saved, describing his experience, said, "It seems as if there was a little baby, inside of me, and I'm being awful kind to Him." Let us recognize Him in one another, and be, "awful kind to Him" this Christmas. If we, by love, serve one another, we are just serving Him in one another. "When saw we Thee hungry?" "Iaismuch... to least of these... to Me." The highest honor of our Lord is to be service to those in need, "Whatsoever you do unto these, you do unto Me." And in this Christian love we have the core of the mystery of Christmas.

Christmas time is giving time. The wise men brought their bounty, offering, and the question arises, what can we bring to others this Christmas? Jesus says that our money in its new form will be waiting our arrival on the other side. The men and women into whose lives we have been exchanging it, will be eagerly looking for us as we go into port. When you get through with your own life down here, you will go up and into the homeland, and I suppose at the first you will have heart and eyes for nobody but Jesus. My dearest friends, it is the wise men that we must look at this Christmas. "I have beheld of old that I would have thought I would like to have a talk with Moses and Elijah, John and Paul," but with the tears of deep emotion filling her eyes, she would say, "I have never been able to get past Jesus yet." But this word of Jesus suggests that as you go in, you will find someone coming eagerly to meet you with outstretched hands and such a glad face, and he will look at you as looking forward so eagerly to see you, Welcome." And you will say: "Well, this is very kind of you, but pardon me, where was it I knew you, in New York?" and he will say, with a flash of earnest feeling, "Oh, no, I never saw New York, my home was over in the heart of China. Our lives were very miserable there. There was a great hunger at my heart that nothing seemed ever to ease. But a day stranger came to our village with some little books, and as we gathered about him, he talked so much about Jesus, and you can imagine how he changed our lives and homes and our village, and since coming up here I have learned it was through you that that man came, and I want to thank you. Next to Jesus I think you are the best friend I have." And you will be thinking—"I'm so glad I gave that money; I had to pinch a bit, but its nothing compared to the joy of this."

And so they come, one after another, welcoming you, where you have never been in person, but where you have gone potentially through your money. That is what Jesus means—Make to yourselves friends by means of money which is a true exchange of lives, that when it falls they may welcome you eagerly into the homeland.

Gold Exchanged Lives.

And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness: that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. Jesus says that our money in its new form will be waiting our arrival on the other side. The men and women into whose lives we have been exchanging it, will be eagerly looking for us as we go into port. When you get through with your own life down here, you will go up and into the homeland, and I suppose at the first you will have heart and eyes for nobody but Jesus. My dearest friends, it is the wise men that we must look at this Christmas. "I have beheld of old that I would have thought I would like to have a talk with Moses and Elijah, John and Paul," but with the tears of deep emotion filling her eyes, she would say, "I have never been able to get past Jesus yet." But this word of Jesus suggests that as you go in, you will find someone coming eagerly to meet you with outstretched hands and such a glad face, and he will look at you as looking forward so eagerly to see you, Welcome." And you will say: "Well, this is very kind of you, but pardon me, where was it I knew you, in New York?" and he will say, with a flash of earnest feeling, "Oh, no, I never saw New York, my home was over in the heart of China. Our lives were very miserable there. There was a great hunger at my heart that nothing seemed ever to ease. But a day stranger came to our village with some little books, and as we gathered about him, he talked so much about Jesus, and you can imagine how he changed our lives and homes and our village, and since coming up here I have learned it was through you that that man came, and I want to thank you. Next to Jesus I think you are the best friend I have." And you will be thinking—"I'm so glad I gave that money; I had to pinch a bit, but its nothing compared to the joy of this."

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Great Things For God

Startling Facts to Face.

God has done more for us Pentecostal people than for any other Christians in the world today. Our hearts are aglow with His presence among us. Moreover we are looking for still greater things to come from God. Already wonderful things are coming to our ears.

All Churches in Expectation.

Just before Christ came to earth of old, all Israel was in great expectation of Him. But He did not come from a kingly palace as they expected, nor to the royal palace as they expected, but to the stable. We are looking for the church of the world. With the church in all its parts, out through the churches. Roughly $10,000,000, about $10,000,000 would be best for God.

The new Missionary Department could use to the glory of Christ and the salvation of the heathen at least $500,000.

Now while the Pentecostal people are generally not rich in money, yet all of them together can easily raise all this. If each working man will give like the working man in the Methodist church above referred to as giving $250, and each man of more means will do his duty, it can be done at once.

A few thousand Baptists in Springfield and the surrounding county are now raising $75,000 to give to outside work. One Baptist church in Mississippi of 58 members has already $75,000-

Now shall the Pentecostal people, more greatly blessed in their souls, not likewise sacrifice and give for God’s glory? Shall we profess greater grace and more blessed experiences, and then by our stinginess bollix our testimony by doing less than others? God forbid! By His grace we shall never bring such shame to our Master! But to prevent it, every man and woman on reading this call to the world to go out of this chaos and strife. They have determined to do unheard of things. Absolutely the greatest program ever undertaken on this line in the history of the world is now on foot among the churches. Some single denominations propose to raise more money for Christian schools, for relief work, for missions, etc., than all the denominations put together have been raising heretofore. The Southern Baptists are raising $75,000,000 where they were raising about $1,000,000. The Baptists north propose greater things. They have already raised about $150,000,000. So on with all the rest. People who never gave much are seeing the possible salvation of souls out beyond the gates, and both rich and poor people are giving as never before.

A poor laboring man just in my office told me how he and his wife gave $250, and said if the man had talked five minutes longer they would have given $300.

Come All Ye to the Great Battle.

At the last General Council, plans for greater things in Extension Work, in Foreign Missions, in the General Council Work, and in the Publishing House Work were proposed. The brethren on faith put three extra men in new places — Bro. J. T. Boddy, Bro. J. R. Flower, and Bro. E. N. Bell was put in the Council Office to help push that work and to produce its desired results. The calls on the field are greater at this moment than can be filled. Bro. Welch has gone on furlough to Winnipeg, Canada, in behalf of Council work. At the same dates the following states (Kansas and Alabama) calling for help in their State Councils, and they need it. The Gospel Publishing House surely needs a new press that will cost to install $6,500. The Gospel Publishing House should have in gifts $10,000 this winter to enable it to do its best work for the best Pentecostal literature. The Extension Work in the new territories of the home field should have $10,000. The General Council office needs at least $10,000 to do its best work for God.

Not Ease or Money for Us.

Some may think that we want great salaries for ourselves. Not so. We want it for our common Master and to prepare souls to meet the Lord. We have girls working here in the House for His glory for less than they can get board and room for, if they had to board out. We have stenographers and a bookkeeper working for about half what they could get in wages from the world. We have printers with family, having to rent and live in the city where everything is high, working for God here at $29 per week, when in New York they are getting from $46 to $75 per week. Besides we all give our tithes out of this, and must of us give more than our tithes. So we are joining all the rest of you in sacrifice and in doing our best for Jesus. The Lord is coming soon, and what we do we must do quickly. Come on, and let us do it NOW.

What Can You Do?

You can give every dollar you can.

You can take subscriptions for your paper, the Pentecostal Evangel. Every dollar you send in for subscriptions we make to set the world on fire.

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Now is your last chance for years to come to get good Bibles at two-thirds of new prices. You likely will never have such another chance. Order at once, if you want one.

Christmas Present to All.

The Evangel at $1.00 and our fine Scripture Text Calendar, a new picture for each month in the year in four rich colors, for $3.00, has been post-paid for another year to every old subscriber who sends us $1.15 for renewal by Christmas so it reaches us before Jan. 1, and the same to every new subscriber who sends us $1.15. We have present to each one is 12 cents. Now is the time for everybody to subscribe, and to renew.

Canadian subscribers, please add 25 cents for extra postage, and send $1.40.

Don’t forget to make gifts worthy of a Pentecostal saint to at least one of the above causes, some for each department if you can. We are going ahead for glorious things for God. Hold us up in your prayers. God bless each one of you richly. Amen.—E. N. Bell.

THERE IS BORN TO YOU . . . A SAVIOUR.

A mother took her little daughter to church, and listened while the minister preached a very earnest sermon against sin, trying to bring the subject nome to the hearts of his hearers. The little girl listened with wide-open eyes, and suddenly turning to her mother, in great distress, she whispered, "Mamma, he means us!" Unto us, to you, to me—he is born a Saviour. It means us.

You asked me to explain how there can be three Persons in one God. I’m not going to try. Explain to me, please, how it is when three animals are feeding in the same field that grow on the horse, wool on the sheep and bristles on the hog? You say, "That’s natural." I say to you the other is supernatural. My Bible tells me that there is One in Three and Three in One, and I accept the same as supernatural. —J. Narver Gortner.

"We do not want the "vision of the Almighty," the opened eyes, to discover innocence in the host and our brethren; but we need to have our eyes opened to see, as God sees, the glory and beauty of the Church."
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THE MINUTES OF THE 1919 COUNCIL are now printed in a booklet of 48 pages and can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House. These minutes give a record of all business transacted at the recent meeting in Chicago and a list of all the missionaries and ministers of the Council. The price is 15¢ per copy, $1.50 per dozen, or $5.90 for 50 postpaid. Send for 50 or 100 for your assembly. Ministers will please note that they will not receive free copies of these minutes, but of the new Combined Minutes which Bro. Bell will be preparing in the New Year. The Combined Minutes will not contain the list of ministers of the Council.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE EVANGEL may be a little late as we have to print the Sunday School Quarterly for the New Year. The next Evangel will contain special Pentecostal features, which will be re-printed in a special EXTRA Pentecostal edition. We printed three extra editions of the last Pentecostal number, but our stock is now entirely exhausted, and so our purpose is to fill all orders for this last edition from the supply of the Pentecostal number to be printed at the beginning of the New Year. Send for a supply of this EXTRA Pentecostal number and distribute them amongst people who have not heard of this truth. They cost 25 c for 25c, or 100 for $1.00.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE for next quarter is of special Pentecostal character, as a large number of the lessons are taken from the Acts. Sisters Alice R. Flower has written the lessons in the Quarterly for the Junior and Primary scholars in her usual bright and breezy way, and Brother E. N. Bell has written the lessons in the Quarterly for the Adult and Intermediate scholars in a scholarly and painstaking manner. Be sure to get a supply of this 100 per cent Pentecostal literature for your Sunday School. An ad. for this appears in another column.

THE LAMB SLAIN FOR THE WILD ASS is the title of an article by Sister Elizabeth Sisson that appeared in a recent issue of the Evangel, and was the means of great blessing to many. We have now gotten this out in a neat 12-page tract, price 15 cents per dozen, or 75 cents per 100. Ask for tract No. 108.

SEND THE PENETECOSTAL EVANGEL as a Christmas present. You can renew your subscription for a year and send the paper to five of your friends for a year for $1.00. (Canadian friends please add $1.50 for additional postage.) We will send the Evangel to two of your friends for 6 months for $1.00. (Canada 25¢ extra). Cheer our hearts by sending us in lots of new subscriptions so that the usefulness of the Evangel may be enlarged.

December 13, 1919.

THE PENETECOSTAL MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR should be in every Pentecostal home. It was prepared with great care by Elder D. W. Kerr, and contains a number of small maps, and helpful hints and the names of practically all our endorsed Pentecostal missionaries, and they are placed in such order that you can pray for each one by name once a week. It will be lots more sensible to send a number of these to your friends this Christmas time than to send them the usual calendar. The Pentecostal Missionary Prayer Calendar may be obtained for 60 cents each from the Gospel Publishing House.

We have on hand a supply of new Art Velvet Mottoes, and there are two of these, embossed in good, clear type, that we would like to see on the walls of every Pentecostal mission. One contains the words of John 3:16 and the other of Luke 6:31. These mottoes are 10 x 13 inches in size, and cost 40 cents each.

If you send a Scripture Text Calendar to a friend this Christmas they will have 366 reminders of your love next year as they read the daily texts. This calendar is better than ever this year, being printed in four colors. They cost 20 cents each, or $1.25, or 12 for $2.75. You can buy these calendars in the English, Norwegian, Swedish or German languages.

God's Message to the Nations, a series of prophetic messages given to a sister in Great Britain, which was published in three recent issues of the Evangel, is now gotten out in a booklet of 20 pages. This timely message should be circulated far and wide. They can be obtained for 20 cents per dozen, or $1.20 per 100. Ask for Evangel tract No. 65.

A Book that Will be Much Appreciated by every lover of the Bible is Dr. Weddell's new book, "Your Study Bible." Speaking of his own Study Bible, the author says, "It went with me through Moody's and Sam Jones' and Gypsy Smith's meetings, and to England and Keswick, where I read it anew under English skies. It is about all I am worth—and more." For forty years Dr. Weddell has been enriching his Study Bible with notes from many sources, and he is now giving us the benefit of this extensive collection. He says, "It is the fruit of my life work with the old Book—and I have stayed pretty close by the Word through these forty years." Dr. Weddell takes you through every book in the Bible, giving the contents of the book, the marginal notes, and marked texts with suitable comments. Personally we can say that we have not seen a book published during the past ten years that has pleased us more. Buy a copy for yourself and make your preacher a present of a copy for Christmas. The book can be obtained for 81.10 postpaid from the Gospel Publishing House.

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Land of the heavenly Bridgework,
Land of the holy Dove.
My winter has departed,
My summer time has come,
The air is full of singing,
The earth is bright with bloom.
I've found the fount of healing,
The Spring of Love Divine,
It is the love of Jesus,
It is the marriage wine.
I've found the fount of pleasure,
A cup without alloy,
It is the love of Jesus,
It is the Bridgework's joy.

He lets me call Him Father,
I have Him always near,
He canvases every tear,
He comforts every fear.
He calls me His Beloved,
I lean upon His breast,
I've reached the land of Beulah,
The promised land of rest.

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785. Will there be degrees in heaven? There is a first, a second, and a third heaven. We understand the throne of God and the angels are in the third heaven, and paradise in the second heaven (2 Cor. 12:2-4). Paul was not caught up into the third heaven, only "up to it," but "into paradise." The departed saints are now in paradise or the second heaven. The first heaven is the region of the air, and Satan is the prince of the air. So at present these three spheres are very differently peopled.

In the next age Satan will be chained in the pit, and Christ and the saints ruling on the earth. All alike are saved by grace, but rewarded according to their works after being saved. Some one will sit on His right hand and another on His left. Others will rule over ten cities, still others over five, and two and so on. Is this what you refer to as "degrees"?

786. What is the difference between sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost? Some say there is no difference. They differ principally in three respects, really in five. The Agents are different, the Means different, and the Purpose is different. The baptism is "by" Christ, but sanctification is "by" the Spirit. We are baptized "with" or in the Spirit, but sanctified "without" or through the blood. That is, the means of the baptism is the Spirit, but the means of sanctification is the blood. We are sanctified to make us clean and holy, but we are baptized to give us power to live and work for God. Moreover, sanctification is only a clean state, it is not a person. The baptism brings our body into the possession of the Holy Spirit, a living, divine person. Sanctification never has been known to give utterance in other tongues, and never will, because only a state and not a person; but when the Holy Ghost takes possession of His temple, already cleansed with the blood, He goes to talking and letting you know He is a Person. So they really differ in these five things. It not this enough to make each distinct from the other?

787. Was Paul talking of a regenerated Christian in Rom. 7:15-20? No, he was talking of a man under the law and outside of Christ, and shows clearly the law condemns such a person. But he says to one "in Christ" there is "no condemnation." So if the fellow in Rom. 7:15-20 had been "in Christ," he would not have been sold in condemnation. Paul said, however, he was certainly under the law, but no Christian is under the law, but all are under grace. In the 7th chapter a man is under law, in the 8th under grace, and in the 7th chapter he is a sinner.

But it is true when a man does not know his privileges under grace, or faith does not appropriate them, and, though regenerated, he tries in his own strength to live out the law as under the law, he has a helpless struggle very much like Rom. 7. Even a baptized saint may sometimes have such a struggle. If a person has not learned how to crucify self and how to live daily the crucified life before he gets the baptism, he must learn it afterward, or he will never become an established saint. If we are to become overcomers, we must learn it before or afterward. There is a beauty, a glory, a sweetness and a rest in the faith life that simply rests in the Lord against every fiery claim of the enemy, that many a saint baptized in the Spirit is still a stranger to.

788. Does the phrase "shall take up serpents" in Mark 16:18, mean a believer must handle poisonous snakes with their hands in the Assembly? Not at all. Only those who are ignorant as to what the original for "shall" in verses 17 and 18 means, ignorant also of other scriptures and the principles involved, will accept a challenge from unbelievers to wilfully handle poisonous snakes to prove they are believers or that they have the power of God.

(1) In the first place nothing is said about these things being done in the Assembly. (2) The original Greek for "shall" in these two verses does not mean "must" at all. Where this is meant the Greek uses "del' to indicate necessity, and "must" be translated. "They shall take up" in the original Greek here is simply "arousing," one word. It is merely the future tense of the Greek verb "aro," which means to "raise up," or "lift up." It is simply a prophecy that something would come to pass, and Paul (Acts 3:3-6). All these future tenses could more properly be translated "will," instead of "shall." Nothing whatever in the original for "shall" here means "must." It only means if a believer in Christ picks up a snake, not intentionally, but as he goes about his duties, as Paul was doing, and has a living faith in Christ for healing, and that the Lord and he will not die from the bite. Positively it does not mean that we are wilfully to drink poison or handle snakes. None of the apostles practiced such. (3) Jesus was often challenged by the unbelieving Jews to work some miracle as a sign from heaven to convince them, and He always refused to attempt it. Satan, ahead of them, set Jesus on the corner of the Mount of Transfiguration. He jumped off, to meet Satan's interpretation of the scripture, "He will give His angels charge concerning Thee; and in their hands they shall bear Thee up." We have "shall" here in Mark. But Jesus refused to jump off. Hallelujah! So should we refuse. He went further, and rebuked the devil for his false interpretation by saying, it is also written: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." shall not make trial of, not test, shall not presume to expose ourselves to danger and expect God to protect us.

Those who accept the challenge of unbelievers to handle poisonous snakes, do what Jesus would not do.

They violate the divine principles on which Jesus acted, both in their own conduct and in their relation to unbelievers. They "tempt God," which they are commanded not to do. Why should we disobey God to please the world or the devil?

The Son of God would not work any miracles to compel gainsears to believe on Him. We are not expected by Christ to work miracles to compel unbelievers to believe the Word of God. But if they will hang around where faith is in the people and where God is miraculously pouring out His Spirit, they will see the miracles, just the same; and can believe, if they are willing to yield to God. If they are not willing to have Christ rule in their hearts, they can deny the miracle, or assign it to the works of the devil, just as the Pharisees did. Jesus said to them, "Ye are of your father the devil. How shall ye escape the damnation of hell?"

789. Is it right for a child of God to be jealous of his wife, and is it right for him to lead in singing? There is nothing under heaven wrong for any man or woman, who is capable, to lead in singing. Why ask such a question? There should be no jealousy on the part of either husband or wife, but in order to keep this sin out of a husband's heart, his wife must conduct herself so as to be above suspicion. The man should do likewise. No wife should be jealous just because her husband leads the singing.

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Well, let us proceed with Jonah. What happened in this case? Just what is happening today. Jonah did not appreciate the privilege of obeying God and he arose to flee from God’s presence. Where will folks go any way? We talk as if to have God worked out in our lives would be an everlasting calamity. We are forever trying to flee from His presence and His will. I know of only one way to account for it. In the book of Ecclesiastes we read that “the heart of man is full of madness.” May I call your attention to that word “madness”? It does not mean (carnal) anger. It means that the heart of man is morally insane. There are two kinds of insanity. There is heart insanity and head insanity. There is insanity that sets the mind wrong, and there is insanity that sets the heart wrong. The only way I can account for our trying to get out of God’s will is that we are morally insane.

If you could rid yourself of your insanity tonight you would come and seek God. There is enough in God’s will to meet the deepest cravings of your heart. Outside of His will you never will be satisfied. Why do you not give God a chance to prove what He will do? If someone had stepped up twenty years ago and told me I would have had such a delightful trip to the skies and that God would do so much for me, I would have said, “It is impossible, these good things will never come my way.” But they have come my way and now instead of looking into the future with dread, I am hurrying forward with joy to embrace it. There are some days I feel like flinging mortality aside and mounting up to meet God in Heaven. Do not flee from His presence. There is much in God’s will for us. God is prepared to do for us tonight “exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think” in this life, and He has a great deal more in store for us ever yonder. You will be an eternal loser if you do not give God a chance. Oh, refuse to flee from the presence of God. If you want to flee from God’s presence the Devil will have a ship ready to go down to Joppa. You do not need to conclude that every ready ship is God’s will, for probably nine out of ten are the Devil’s. Well, Jonah paid the fare. What did it cost? He paid all the shipmaster asked him, but the shipmaster did not know how much it would cost to convey Jonah to Tarshish. Beloved, you have not any ship when it will allow you to flee from the presence of the Lord and to live out of God’s will. God will never force you to surrender to Him. I can tell you it will mean disappointment and heartaches and hours of pain and hours of torture. You will mean more of what you are and times more than all that, if you insist in living out of God’s will. Don’t you think the wisest thing will be to throw up your hands and let Him have His way?

Jonah paid the fare and got on board, but the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea. God always sends out storms to try to overtake people and bring them to see that a lot of sensible people were afraid. Oh, yes, there are a lot of folk going around now defying the Almighty, saying they don’t care for God or the Devil, but just let God shake this old earth a little bit and they become tremendously uneasy. Just let a cyclone or an earthquake or an extraordinary electric storm come and these ungodly folk, who are so brave when everything is going well, begin to feel mighty uneasy. I do not wonder. The mariners were afraid and they began to toss their wares out into the sea. That was the best they knew, and that seems to be the best that a lot of people now do. They get under more or less conviction and they say, “We must do something.” The tobacco user says, “I will give up my tobacco.” That is a mighty good thing if you can keep it. But you never will get free of it. I would not let the Devil turn me into a smoke-stack or a squiring gun for anything. There is not money enough in this world to buy me for a job like that. Another man says, “I will give up drinking.” I hear another says, “I will give up swearing.” Yes, that is good, for swearing is the most nonsensical sin of all, is it not? When a man gets to a place where he has so little confidence in himself that he feels the necessity of taking his oath to every few words that he says, in order that people may believe him, I think it is time he was dead. But you may give up your tobacco and drinking and the rest of it, and never get to Heaven. There is something more required than casting our wares overboard. Where was Jonah all this time? Down in the bottom of the ship having a prayer meeting? Indeed he was not. he was asleep. This man to whom God had spoken just a little while before and who had been commissioned by High Heaven to give a warning message to Nineveh, was down at the bottom of the ship sound asleep. Some of you folk who sit in these services during this convention may be down in the bottom of some ship within a month’s time some dark and stormy night and the thunderings of God’s judgments begin to be heard. Say, if God is speaking to you, my friend, on any particular line, yield to Him: do it quickly, you can’t afford to waste an hour.

A little later the mariners deserted to casting lots in order to find out who was to blame for the storm. They cast lots and the lot fell upon the shipmaster. No. The first mate? No. The lot fell upon the ship’s cook, who was busy serving dinner to the crew. “You,” he said to them, “are the problem. Each of you is him. Then they began to question Jonah. I want to ask you the same questions. What is thine occupation?

I do not refer to your profession, neither am I asking you what is your business or trade. What is thine occupation? The other day there was a man born on this earth who had authority to say things, and He said, “He that is not with me is against me and he that gathereth not shall scatter.” What is thine occupation? Are you with God? Have you found favor with God and what is clean and pure and holy; that which will uplift humanity and bring souls up from the degradation into which they have fallen? or have you lined up with the Devil? What is thine occupation?”

What is thy country? “I am an American citizen,” you say. Good! What is thy country? I am not asking you if you are an American citizen or a British subject, but I ask you, what is thy country? Paul said that his citizenship was in Heaven, and because it was, he was looking for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

What is thy country? Are you a citizen of this world? Do you know that the clouds are gathering and the wrath of an offended God will be poured out without mixture shortly upon all earth-dwellers, but if you are a citizen of the skies you will be up there with Jesus above the storm. If we are not earth-dwellers, but citizens of Heaven, in the time of trouble He will hide us in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle He will hide us, and we will offer in His tabernacles sacrifices of joy, we will sing praises unto the Lord. And of what people art thou? Someone says, “I am mighty glad I do not belong to the Pentecostalites.” Well, perhaps it is just as well you don’t. I do not know that you would be any great asset unless you cleaned yourself up. “Well,” someone says, “so many terrible things have happened in this Pentecostal movement.” Yes, there have been some things that have come to light in the Pentecostal movement are not nearly so bad as the things that have not come to light over at the other places. You say, “How you know all that. Well, I am not born yesterday and if I wanted to I could spend the next hour telling you some things, but I am not in that business. But I want to tell you this, that I have never known a minute in the last thirteen years that I have not felt thankful to God that He let me live long enough to come within the “Rain-belt” and receive an outpouring of the Spirit, such as the disciples received in the upper room on the Day of Pentecost. Yes, you may talk about the Pentecostalites being more or less fanatical, but do you know what God says about them. He says that they are “the precious fruit among you.” Hallelujah. You can call us all the names you like—“sticks and stones will break our bones, but names will never hurt us.” What people art thou? Well, the men rowed hard in their efforts to bring the boat to land. They had a good deal of sympathy, human sympathy, for poor Jonah. If we do not get rid of some of our human sym-
by the Jonahs overboard, we will never get these
morality we are going to founder some of
Our human sympathy was very desirous of saving Jonah. Our human sympathy hinders God more than we know. Finally they tossed him overboard and God had a fish ready that swallowed Jonah. You say, "Oh, I do not believe that.

Just as if God was going to explode hell because some fellow with a peanut brain does not believe. God, who made this world and a thousand and another things bigger than the sun, did not find it such a hard job to make a fish big enough to swallow a man. Then Jonah prayed. I wonder what you are going to make God do with you, my friend, before you will pray. God is going over and over again to adopt methods in dealing with us that He never intended to adopt in His original plan for our lives, but we are forcing Him to do it. We are so stiff-necked, we cannot set against His will, we are so long in yielding to what He wants that He has to go a round-about way before He gets us to pray. He had to get Jonah down into the belly of a fish before He could pray. He came and yourself there before long and then perhaps you will pray. Many a father has resisted God and refused offers of mercy and trampled on the prayers of his wife until at last God, in turn and sneaking from the home the sweetest child of the family, and then the father prayed. Do not make God treat you in a way He does not want to in order to bring you to your senses. Then Jonah prayed! Then he came to this conclusion, that "they that believe lying vanities forsake their own mercy." Have you come to that conclusion? They tell us, for instance, that we may live as we list and go to Heaven at last. But God says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God." Are you believing lying vanities, or are you believing God? Some people say there is no necessity for making such a fuss about religion, all that is necessary is to have just enough to get into Heaven. Well, I think the old colored preacher was right. I think that there is no need for any more people to count on getting a back seat in Heaven as all the back seats were taken long ago. I question very much if you will be able to retain that same kind of God he was when you, if when further light comes you refuse to walk in it, or you do not do your best to obtain all that God has for you. I know of no other way this evening to keep the blessing of God in my soul, but to walk in every ray of light that is flashed from the hills of Heaven on my heart. If within the nearest future I discover anything stronger and cleaner than Pentecost, I will pack my grip and be off to enter into it, for down in the depths of my soul I have entered into covenant with the eternal God that I shall go to the Rapture with the hottest expiation I have had until. I wonder how many folk in here tonight are prepared to do that. Brother or sister, do you remember some vow you made to God in the hour of trouble, or in the hour when you were very conscious that the Holy Ghost was moving your heart, and you have not paid it? It is a great deal better not to vow than to vow and not keep your vow. Will you not renew your covenant with Heaven tonight and settle it that you will pay what you have vowed? Brother, sister, salvation by faith does not come by good works, it does not come by doing penance, it does not come by trying to reason, it is of the Lord, and the Lord is here with His salvation, for the Book says, that "where two or three are gathered together in His Name, there He is in the midst." He is here. I dare you to put Him to the test and see what He will do for you tonight.

I will conclude this address with the first words of the third chapter. "And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying: What? Now you have had a very remarkable experience Jonah, I certainly cannot ask anything further of you. That trip in the belly of a fish to the bottom of the sea is an experience that no man has ever had and I cannot ask anything further of you." Listen, "Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee." That is the same commission as before. You may run round the corner, and try to get away from the presence of God for the next ten years, and at the end of that time you may get up against the same proposition as you are tonight, brother. God has a good memory. He has certain conditions that you have to meet, either now, ten years from now, or sometime between now and Eternity. If you want to enjoy life with Him hereafter. Are you ready to do what God says? Are you ready to believe Him?

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THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.

Why do not God's people lay their sickness as well as their sins upon Jesus, who has borne both?

They are not so unwise as to undertake to bear their sicknesses, but they do try to bear their sicknesses.

God hath laid upon Him the sin of the world, making Him our burden-bearer, who has taken upon Himself the infirmities and borne the sickness of His people.

The one borne down by sin gets rid of it by coming to the cross; but when wracked with pain and sickness he attempts to get rid of them himself or by appealing to the human for help. He goes to the Great Physician with his sin, but to the little human physician with his sickness.

Every time a saint neglects to appeal to the Great Physician, and calls in a human one instead, he inculcates Christ.

Christ is touched with the feeling of our infirmities, and since He feels, He desires to deliver us from them, as well as our severer ailments and chronic diseases. He is touched with our leper. He touched the leper and he was cleansed, He touched blind eyes and they were opened. He has not lost the art of touching. He can touch a seared ear and replace it. He can touch away any disease, visible or invisible, external or internal.

If He puts secret sins in the light of His countenance, hidden sickness can also be exposed. All internal complaints, chronic or malignant diseases, are all open before Him, whose eye can see, and whose hand can touch and heal.

God anointed Jesus to heal all that were oppressed of the devil, and He has never removed the anointing from Him, but has supplemented it with "the oil of gladness above His fellows." While God gave not the Spirit by measure to Jesus (John 3:34), yet the Holy Ghost was not only given till Jesus was fully glorified, and had ascended to the right hand of God, and had received (officially) of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost to shed forth on believers. (See Acts 2:33).

If Christ did so much as a man, how much more can He do now since He has gone to the Father, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost as ascended Lord, not only for Himself as Head, but for His body on earth as well?

The baptism of the Holy Ghost not only gives power to witness, but power for healing. The healing of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple was but the first of the natural sequence of the upper room experience, as likewise was the conversion of the three thousand.

Magnify the offices of Jesus Christ as Saviour, Baptist, and Healer, able to deal with disease when doctors have all failed. We need to see Him not only as the Anointed One, going about doing good, but also as the One anointed to destroy all the works of the devil. Magnify the fulness of His fulness in all His offices. Glorify Him by acknowledging Him in all the Father has done for Him and through Him.
BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE BY PRAYER.

"A Wonderful Experience."

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"About three weeks ago our hearts were greatly stirred on hearing from Pastor C. J. Beetge, of Bloemfontein, that a member of his assembly, Sister Stevens, had been brought back from the dead in answer to prayer. Writing for full particulars, we received the following testimonies, which we publish for the glory of God."

On Friday afternoon, the 29th of August, 1919, my wife complained to me that she was feeling very weak. Towards evening, I noticed that her condition was becoming serious; I decided to ask Pastor Beetge to come over and pray for her, which he did along with several others. Her symptoms were those of the 'Spanish Influenza' and the disease severely attacked her.

During the evening I unfortunately had to leave my wife and go to work, but was not long away when I received a very urgent call through the 'phone to come immediately. On arriving, I found my wife was sinking, and a few moments later she knelt to me and said farewell. Many of us who were with her saw her getting weaker and weaker, until finally she passed away. A doctor was sent for in earnest prayer, believing that God would bring her spirit back, and praise be to His all-glorious Name, He answered prayer about fifteen minutes after we had heard of her passing, and a beautiful Angel, descending in the open air meeting on the Market Square in Bloemfontein, I feel I have no words with which I can express the gratitude and praises I felt my heart for God's goodness to me in restoring my wife, Truly He is the unchangeable One.

Sister Stevens' Testimony.

I saw an Angel descending from above clothed in a beautiful white garment, girded with a broad sash. Her countenance was radiant and her expression very friendly. She announced that she had come to fetch me, and a few moments later another beautiful Angel arrived, who, by blowing a trumpet, announced that my time had returned back to this life. There was no doctor in attendance nor medicine used, we only continued earnestly in prayer which the Almighty was good enough to answer. I give God all the glory.

LONG BEACH, CAL.

Praise God I am still on the up-grade and all breaks off. Had a great day last Sunday, the power fell until there was no place for a message; they stayed until 5 P. M. One brother received the baptism with the initial sign following, praise God, two others seeking, one a holiness preacher, being filled with the Holy Ghost. We are very busy in building, we have not a cent to our name, but we have walls up in Long Beach as they are ready estimated at about 300.

S. M. ULYATE.

I am present at the death-bed of Sister Stevens, and was astonished when she returned back to life. There was no doctor in attendance nor medicine used, we only continued earnestly in prayer which the Almighty is good enough to answer. I give God all the glory.

C. HERBST.

F. M. J. BESTGE.

LONG BEACH, CAL.

With this I gave my testimony of the wonderful power of God in raising the dead. It is the same as of old. I was present when our dear sister breathed out her last, while we continued in earnest prayer God brought her back. Hallelujah!

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Sister Stevens' Testimony.

I saw an Angel descending from above clothed in a beautiful white garment, girded with a broad sash. Her countenance was radiant and her expression very friendly. She announced that she had come to fetch me, and a few moments later another beautiful Angel arrived, who, by blowing a trumpet, announced that my time had returned back. A small voice then whispered to me to say good-bye to my loved ones, which I did. Then a terrible conflict with Satan began, but the Angel, who was always near at hand, continued to encourage me until after I had passed through the dark and deep River of Death. When I arrived at the other side the Angel again sounded a trumpet, and thereupon several other Angels arrived, who rejoiced, saying, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory, honour and praise unto the Lamb. And the wall of Destruction was shown me. Words fail me as I recall the horror and awfulness of it, and the anguish of the countless thousands which it had engulfed. Then I was allowed to pass into Heaven, and knew the brightness and splendor and the glory of the place. It exceeded the brightness of the sun, so that nothing else I had ever seen. We were all so glad and rejoiced and spake in strange tongues. Going higher and higher at last arrived a place where I beheld the Lord Jesus who was surrounded by thousands and thousands of Angels, and before whose majesty and glory I could not stand. Putting up His hand He kindly and tenderly said to me: 'Go back, go back, and work in my Vineyard; many serve are calling; Hearken, hearken, and still you calling, calling for you.' He then showed me a multitude of people who were still in darkness and had not known the life. I felt so grieved at having to go back, but Jesus smiling kindly said, 'Just a little while and I will deliver you all.' Then the Angel took a sandal and laid it down, saying unto me before she left me, 'Trust in the Lord and love one another with brotherly love, even as I have found myself back again in this world.'

(Signed) R. I. STEVENS.

December 13, 1919.

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SCENES AT "REVIVAL" IN WALES

Visions, Healings and Even "Miracles."—Hundrends of Converts.

One of the periodic revivals which have brought South Wales into prominence in years past is now swaying the inhabitants of Aberaman, in the Aberdare Valley.

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W A I T . "Be still before the Lord," and "wait" His will;

Eye hath not seen, nor ear hath heard The things prepared of Him for those who "wait."

If on this earth He paints for us such
gilds with liquid gold the created
waves;

If here such music sweet salutes our ears,
Such as prove that religious faith has
The pen before the thought of what for us He keeps in the Far Land. Well may we
"wait." Yes, "wait" for Him, although the hue of night
Fall o'er the golden waves; though skies
are thick
With darkling clouds above us; though for us
The music of this world be still for aye;
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PRAY FOR RUSSIA.

Cause Thou, Oh Our God, the God that made heaven and earth, cause Thou, we pray, to shine with joy! Oh Lord, let rivers of living water go forth out of Thy Throne and carry healing to poor, bewildered, sorely wounded Russia! There is no other country in which storms (be they natural or technical) rage so fiercely as they do in Russia. Naturally, we do not believe in six or seven miracles, but by experience we dare stand and plead for Russia, with all her inhabitants—180 (a hundred and eighty) million two years ago.

Consider, there is no other country that wades through as fierce conflicts as does Russia just now: blood is counted for naught over there and streams of tears run down haggard faces, the ghost of war, unhindered, travels up and down that vast country, and the days have dawned up on Russia when bread is no more a reality of daytime use but a vision of feverish dreams; the earth muted and dumb and reeling, because no words, held in her shaking hands and on her feele knees these children of men and has no strength to bring forth any comfort. We help them. They actually devour each other over there. My tears flow and my heart is pained for the oppressed.

Hear what the Master said: "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16.

On Sixth street on the East side in New York was held a mission, where some of these "other sheep" are found worshipping 'The Great Shepherd of our souls." First Russian Pentecostal Assembly in New York and the only one really amounting to anything in America for His use. We number over 70, but what is that to so many Russians both here in America and over in Russia?

See, how much we need the prayers of God's children, These 70, and all those that God firmly believe will yet add. How must they be prepared and made ready, so that when there will be a possibility of going back to Russia, fully equipped and filled with the Holy Spirit they will run at God's command?

We are in very great need of much Russian Pentecostal literature and of a building where we can worship unhindered and a place where we can have Pentecostal literature and of a building where we can worship unhindered and a place where we can have correspondence with all the scattered saints in the state, with a view to the formation of a State District Council, if such a step is practicable, and if not to line them up with the Arkansas council work until such time as they might have one of their own.

Please write W. Jethro Walthall, Eldorado, Arkansas.

HEALED OF THE LORD.

For fifteen years I was a continuous sufferer from many infirmities—consumption, heart trouble, a tumor in my left side and other things. I read my Bible and knew it taught healing; I wanted to trust God, but had never heard of any Pentecostal people at that time who could lead me into the way, but I lived the Bible as far as I understood it. I prayed that God would deliver me, I hoped through death, but that His will might be done, and without a person to pray with me, the Lord healed me from every infirmity ten years ago and I have not had occasion to trust in the arm of flesh or to take one drop of medicine. I was a hand filled with the Spirit, healed by the power of God; my father and mother and two sisters all redeemed by the Blood of Jesus and baptized, and all praise be to our wonderful Saviour—Esther Fiddler, New Little Rock, Ark.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL.

THE ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Our District Council was a marvelous success. We had at least one hundred ministers, besides some visitors from different sections of the state. Some ministers, who, hitherto had misgivings, were fully convinced that the Lord was in it and pledged loyalty to it.

We granted license to seventeen applicants and ordained seven, besides referring six or seven, who had but little, if any, experience, back to their home assembly for a local fellowship certificate for further trial beforehand.

A campaign was started to raise a fund for the purchase of two tents to be used in the state missionary work, $75.00 in cash being the initial offering for that purpose.

Bro. E. R. Fitzgerald was chosen chairman for the ensuing year, and anticipates taking up the work at the very beginning of the year.

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AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Brother W. W. Simpson announces the marriage of his daughter Margaret to Brother Elia John Julian on the 7th, and his daughter Louise to Brother James H. Chenoweth on November 12th. We wish Godspeed to these two young couples as they go out from us, but we know that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon their lives and that they may continue their already fruitful ministry among the Chinese.

Ada K. Buchwalter is headed for the "roof of the world" to join Brother and Sister Lower on the borders of Tibet. She writes, "I am expecting to leave for Adenst sometime in November. There are some Baptist missionaries on the way here who are going beyond Adenst and so I can travel with them. Thank God for thus putting me in touch with them. There have been two first-fruits at Adenst and we are looking for great things from God."

"About forty have received the baptism in Yokohama, Tokyo, and the country villagers, so that we have opportunities ahead. The village people are calling for us to come again. Prayer is the key to everything here. The harvest is great at times and God only knows what may come in the next two years. We hope it will be Jesus, but we must occupy till He comes. I am for a well rounded ministry—level-headed, hot-hearted missionaries."—B. S. Moore and Wife.

Ellen and Niels P. Thompson write from India, Banda Distr. They are now restricted to cottage work, and the famine work among the starving, suffering people in the jungles of India than to be a selfish millionaire living in luxury in America, for I know I am the best of it even now, and will continue to get the best of it through all eternity.—W. K. Norton.

Robert F. Cook, writing from Dodballapur, South India, reports the arrival of a little Chinese family. He says the young man is a splendid, strongly-built boy and so far has shown a very good disposition. He also reports that the plague is raging among them. Last month there were 140 deaths in Dodballapur and it looks as though this month the death toll would be greater. Brother and Sister Cook need our prayers that they may be kept during these trying days.

All the missionaries in India are doing some relief work among the famine sufferers. Sister Bernice C. Lee writes from Usha Bazaar: "Famine conditions prevail everywhere, and I feel it on our hearts to do some relief work, so the poor and outcast are coming to this house where we have the opportunity of giving them the Bread of Life as well as ministering to their physical needs. This morning a poor old soul has come to us who has an able bodied son, is forced to beg for a living and has not support her. She is very old and bent almost double, and for some time we have given to her when she has asked me the other night and spoke to me regarding her, giving me Isa. 58:7, so I felt He wanted us to take her right in and care for her. Please unite in prayer with us that this poor, old, darkened, heathen mother, may see the Light of Life and rejoice in Him."

J. ROSWELL FLOWER, Treas.
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We had to remove our goods from our trunk on the way we are trusting the precious blood behind hindering us in many ways, but we are trusting the precious blood over the precipice several hundred feet deep, Prov 1:29. When he turned and we fell to the ground, partly to our right were precipices hundreds of feet, but to those we contend tenaciously for it, such results are inevitable.

A good letter has just been received from Susan R. Chester, of Bangalore, S. India. Her house was sold and she had to move, some time ago, and now nicely settled. The new home is also more centrally located than the other one. Now that she is coming, she expects to get out in the district, touring. Her helper is going out to the villages daily and she expects to get out more often in this work.

Brother Frank Nicodemus, who is in charge of the Bahralh Orphanage work in India under Brother Will K. Norton, reports that they are not to replace the roof of the building which Is at present in bad condition. He says it will cost a lot of money, but feels that God will provide. He says, "The orphan work is growing, for which I am glad. All together we have about 38 orphans, which means a great deal of support in these days, but here again we praise God for His faithfulness. Won't you please pray for me as I go in and out among the boys that they will only see Jesus in me and be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?"

Wills E. Lowther writes from S. China: "A series of revivals has been in progress at several of our stations. Our Sainam family, all except Mrs. Kelley and myself, are now In Cangin holding a meeting at a new mission that Mr. Kelley has recently taken over. A letter from him last night stated that two had just received the baptism and were now nicely settled in their home. This meeting is to be followed by one at Tung Moon by Misses Milligan and Ward, and then some of us at Hakka. We are very much looking forward to these revivals. These are days of conquest. It isn't easy any more to pray down a revival and bring a sense of victory, but to those who contend tenaciously for it, such results are inevitable."

Brother and Sister Forrest G. Barker and J. B. Huriburt have arrived at their destination in Peru, South America, after a perilous journey and much trial of their faith. We had to wait for four days for horses and burros to carry us and our baggage to Macate, where we are now located. We had to remove our goods from our trunks and put them into the sacks as the burros cannot carry loaded trunks. After eight hours' travel over a winding mountain trail, where often two or three feet to our right were precipices hundreds of feet deep, we arrived safely. Notwithstanding, shortly before our arrival, while climbing up a very steep place, the saddle In which I was riding with our child Esther, turned and we fell to the ground, partly under the horse and within three feet of a precipice several hundred feet deep. Providentially, the horse stood perfectly still and we were not injured. May God be praised.

Immediately the Lord began to bless the ministry of these dear missionaries. The home of a business man was opened and the very first service so many came that they couldn't get In. Probably not a hundred heard the Gospel, perhaps for the very first time. The Governor, for whom they prayed and laid on hands, when he was carried on by the people for the privilege of using the city hall at any time, so they are much encouraged in the Lord. Friends desiring to write them may do so by addressing, Darken, Macate, Peru, S. Amer., via Chimbote.
SAVANNAH, GA.

We have a good-sized mission. Had our first meeting, Nov. 16th, with membership of sixteen; ten baptized and six saved. Pray God may have His way here.

—W. H. Workman and Wife.

QUINLAN, TX.

In Sept., 1918, a series of meetings were held by Bro. McCafferty, Bro. Smith and Clemmons and others. About forty souls were saved and baptized in the Spirit. Some backslid, some moved away, but, praise God, a few of us are left, and we are praying as David did: "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, and establish the just." Please pray that we may press on, that others may find God, and that He will help us to erect a place of worship.—J. M. Goodson.

CRISSFIELD, KAN.

I have been to Cadell to hold a meeting for the Assembly there, and God blessed in giving out the word. We got the saints edited, two souls got to God and one got the Baptism as in Acts 2:4. I came home and the Pastor called me again, and continued the meeting for a few nights and four other souls were saved. To God be all the glory. I am on my way to Middletown, Kan., for a meeting with Bro. Jacob Miller, of Ft. Smith, Ark., to begin Nov. 19. Please pray for this meeting. On Dec. 20th, D. V., I will be with Bro. L. L. Riley at Ava, Ark., for a meeting. If any one feels led to invite me to hold a meeting for you, write me at Woodston, Kans.—W. G. Aytes.

LOCAL PENTECOSTAL BALLY AND REVIVAL, RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

DEC. 20-28, 1919.

After consulting with the other Pentecostal pastors whose field of labor is near Russellville, we have agreed that God would be pleased to have a real rally of the Pentecostal forces on this field. God has been very gracious to this section during the last few months. Many souls have been blessed of God in the meetings held by the different workers who are on this field, and we feel that there is an hunger in the people for more; which is shown from the seed sown during days long past. We expect the Lord to meet us in this gathering in a blessed way. I have talked with all our ministers in this section but two, and I know those two so well that I feel free to say they are in for any united effort for the advancement of God's work, so I can freely announce that this gathering will be in unity, for unity, and voluntary cooperation. God is working, and we expect some good evangelistic help. There will also be Bible studies and a series of talks for the benefit of young workers. We do not want this to take the place of a regular Bible school, but we are praying and asking God to make it a revival in deed and in truth to all who attend. There will be no place for hobbies or fias. Jesus Christ will have the preeminence, to the glory of God, If you are hungry, come and get filled. If you are sick and have sickness, come and be healed. If you need help as a worker, come and find help. If you want the baptism in the Holy Ghost, come and receive the Comforter. The Russellville saints are already praying and preparing for this time of refreshing. "Looking unto Jesus" with you for a sweeping victory.—Pastor Fred Lobman, Russellville, Ark.

CENTREVILLE, MO.

We are glad to report a good meeting. God blessed last night; two men received the baptism in the Spirit. One was a Baptist, and he has been standing out against the Spirit, but we know he has been coming our way and when the call was made for seekers he was one of the first to come. Just in a short while we knew he had received the Holy Ghost for we heard him speak with tongues. Hallelujah! Twenty-three have received the Holy Ghost in this meeting, for which we praise the Lord. One man came fifteen miles for services. Pray for us and the saints here.—John Bryan.

DEMAR, ARK.

I have a list of good news to tell our Evangelical family. Our State Council has passed and it was the best State Council by far that we have ever had. A larger attendance than at any State Council yet. The people in Our assembly are convinced that the General Council is of God and a mighty stimulus in the promotion of the pentecostal truths. The last meeting was a few of the smaller assembles in this section but two, and I know those two so well that I feel free to say they are in for any united effort for the advancement of God's work, so I can freely announce that this gathering will be in unity, for unity, and voluntary cooperation. God is working, and we expect some good evangelistic help. There will also be Bible studies and a series of talks for the benefit of young workers. We do not want this to take the place of a regular Bible school, but we are praying and asking God to make it a revival in deed and in truth to all who attend. There will be no place for hobbies or fias. Jesus Christ will have the preeminence, to the glory of God, If you are hungry, come and get filled. If you are sick and have sickness, come and be healed. If you need help as a worker, come and find help. If you want the baptism in the Holy Ghost, come and receive the Comforter. The Russellville saints are already praying and preparing for this time of refreshing. "Looking unto Jesus" with you for a sweeping victory.—Pastor Fred Lobman, Russellville, Ark.

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