My Beloved

There liveth One whom I love best,
'Tis Jesus, blessed Jesus;
He comforts me when sore distressed,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
From Calvary's crimson flowing stream
I've seen the light of heaven gleam,
From death it doth my soul redeem—
The precious BLOOD of Jesus.—Heb. 10:19.

He wore for me the cruel thorn,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
For me His holy brow was torn,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
To save my soul from pits of sin,
That I the gates might enter in,
He bore the taunts of wicked men—
My precious SAVIOUR Jesus.—Matt. 1:21.

For me He bowed His head and died,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
For me was cruelly crucified,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
The love that filled my Saviour's breast
Was thus to all made manifest,
And that is why I have confessed
The precious NAME of Jesus.
—John 1:12; Acts 4:12.

They laid Him in the rock-hewn tomb,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
They shrouded Him in Death's dark gloom,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
But by the pow'r that in Him lay
He drove the shades of night away—
He rose! He lived! And lives for aye,
My precious RISEN Jesus.—1 Cor. 15:3, 4.

He left old Olivet one day—
My Jesus, blessed Jesus—
And to the heavens soared away,
My Jesus, blessed Jesus;
And now I wait the gladsome day
When saints redeemed shall hear Him say:
"Rise up, My Love, and come away!"
My precious COMING Jesus.—John 14:3.

—William Burton McCafferty.
"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14, 15).

It is quite likely that I shall make some statements that are not in harmony with your previously conceived ideas or opinions. It is possible that I shall make some statements that are out of harmony with the truth as you have been led to see the truth. I once believed as some of you believe; I once preached as some of you preach. But I have been growing in grace and increasing in knowledge and going on unto perfection. May we all thus grow and increase and go on.

The phrases, "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of God," are synonymous; they mean the same thing. Someone has said that, "As the United States is included in North America but is not North America, and as Genesis is included in the Word of God but is not the Word of God, so the kingdom of heaven is included in the kingdom of God but is not the kingdom of God." I say that that statement is not only misleading but is untrue. There is no difference between the "kingdom of heaven" and the "kingdom of God."

Matthew records the words of Jesus, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." Luke records His words, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is THE KINGDOM OF GOD." I could give you other proofs, if necessary, to prove to you that the expressions "kingdom of heaven" and "kingdom of God" are synonymous.

In a note in a certain book we are told that the phrase, "kingdom of heaven," signifies "the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ the Son of David." It is asserted that in the gospel of Matthew this kingdom is presented to us in three aspects: first, as at hand; second, in mystery to be fulfilled during this present age; third, the prophetic aspect, which will have its fulfillment after Christ shall have come in glory. This would be very interesting and helpful if it were true, but it is not true. The "kingdom of heaven" does not signify and never did signify "the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ the Son of David." It is presented to us threefold: first, as at hand: second, in mystery to be fulfilled during this present age: third, the prophetic aspect, which will have its fulfillment after Christ shall have come in glory. This would be very interesting and helpful if it were true, but it is not true. The "kingdom of heaven" does not signify and never did signify "the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ the Son of David." It is presented to us threefold: first, as at hand: second, in mystery to be fulfilled during this present age: third, the prophetic aspect, which will have its fulfillment after Christ shall have come in glory.

In the four gospels this unique personality is Jesus Christ, the Son of Mary and the Son of God, bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh, my Elder Brother, the "first born among many brethren." In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John this one great personality is set forth, and it is recorded not only in one but in each of the four gospels. Someone said to me one day, "Do you believe that every child of God ought to be a tither?" I said, "I do." He said, "I know a woman who is a widow and has seven children, and has to take in washings for a living. Do you think she ought to tithe her income?" I said, "I do." He answered, "That is tithing gone to seed." "I should think so, too," I replied, "if it were not for the fact that in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we are told that Jesus took five barley loaves and two small fishes and fed five thousand men, besides women and children. And twelve basketsful of fragments were afterwards gathered up. If the Lord can take five loaves and two fishes and feed such a vast multitude, I am sure that He can make nine-tenths with His blessing go a good deal farther than ten-tenths without it."
I am ready to admit that in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John we have an account of the betrayal by Judas, and of the denial by Peter and of the trial and crucifixion and literal resurrection of Jesus. But in John I do not admit the four chapters of these gospels we have an account of His resurrection and that all of these gospels point forward to our Lord's second coming; but it is not true that in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John testimony is borne to the assertion that Christ, when He was here in the flesh, offered Himself as King according to Micah. Not only is it not true that all four evangelists make this assertion, not a single one of the four makes it and the simple reason that Christ did not offer Himself as King when here in the flesh. He had come for an altogether different purpose. Once the people tried to take Him by force and make Him King. That happened immediately after the feeding of the five thousand, when the people had seen the great miracle that Jesus had performed. They said, "This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make Him a King, He departed again into a mountain Himself alone." We are told elsewhere that He withdrew to pray. He constrained the disciples to get into a boat and start for the other side of the sea, and then He sent the multitude away and retired to the mountain to be alone with the Father. He had come to offer Himself as King, why did He not at that time accept the crown? Why did He not say, "This is the purpose for which I have come into the world and we shall march together to Jerusalem and ask the rulers to recognize Me as the lawful heir to David's throne?" He had come for an altogether different purpose. This is the dispensation of grace. God did not change His plan. He did not alter His purpose in order to suit certain circumstances, as some people would have us believe. God planned from the beginning that there should be this dispensation of grace, and that Jesus Christ when born of Mary should live among men and then suffer and die upon the accursed tree. Prophecy and type in the Old Testament Scriptures point forward to a suffering Messiah.

Isaiah wrote, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:6-7). Isaiah also wrote, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." These passages not only show a reignning Messiah but they show a suffering Messiah also. The Jews have been trying to get rid of the idea of a suffering Messiah. One of the strongest testimonies we have in the Old Testament that Jesus, the Son of Mary, was Israel's promised Messiah, the Messiah that Isaiah was thinking of when he wrote this wonderful fifty-third chapter, is the testimony that we have in this portion of God's Word.

Somebody told me one day that the Hebrew people in order to get rid of this testimony, had actually eliminated this portion from their scriptures. One day I was in a Hebrew book shop in the city of Cleveland and I pulled down copies of three different editions of the Hebrew Bible from a book shelf. In each of these I found the fifty-second and fifty-fourth chapters of Isaiah but the entire fifty-third chapter was missing. So the Hebrews are doing just what some professedly Christian people are doing, running a penknife through those portions of God's Word they desire to get rid of. Let us accept God's Word as a whole. I once said in a meeting, "I believe the Book all the way through from Genesis to Revelation," and somebody added, "Yes, and I believe it all through Revelation too." It is God's Word. Let us stand by the Word of God.

The kingdom in which we are now living is "the kingdom of heaven." This age is the kingdom age. This is the age of "the kingdom of heaven" or "the kingdom of God." Another kingdom age is ahead of us, the "kingdom of the Son of man." I believe that practically all the confusion among us concerning kingdom teaching has been caused by a failure to distinguish between "the kingdom of heaven" and "the kingdom of the Son of man." The stone cut out of the mountain without hands represents "the kingdom of the Son of man" and not "the kingdom of heaven." And "the kingdom of the Son of man" is "the Messianic earth rule of Jesus Christ the Son of David." John was put into prison. Why? Not because he had announced that another king was about to displace the present monarch; not because he had declared that a new temporal kingdom was about to be set up. Herod had heard John gladly and had done many things, for Herod had been convicted by John's preaching. He regarded John as a prophet of God. He was put in prison for Herodias' sake. She was the legal wife of Philip, Herod's brother, and John, courageous man that he was, had looked into the face of Herod and had said it was not lawful for him to have her. He had been as courageous as Nathan. Herodias had a quarrel against John and persuaded Herod to put him in prison and John was afterwards executed. At a birthday banquet the daughter of Herodias came in and danced and the intoxicated king said, that he would give her whatsoever she would ask. Slipping out, she asked her mother to tell him what she wanted for, and her mother said, "This is the head of John the Baptist." The record says that Herod was sorry, nevertheless for his oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. She carried the gruesome trophy to her polluted mother.

It was after John had been cast into prison that Jesus went throughout Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. Do you want to know what that gospel consisted in? We have not been left in darkness or in doubt. In the fourth chapter of Luke we read that when in Nazareth Jesus went as was His custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He read the passage, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord," then closed the book and sat down. He began to say unto them, "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears." Do you want to know what the gospel of the kingdom of God which Jesus preached consisted in? Then analyze His text on that occasion. You will find it an analysis of that text in an analysis of the gospel of the kingdom of God, the gospel of the grace of God.

(To Be Concluded Next Week)
THE ARROW OF THE LORD’S DELIVERANCE

“Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and they put him in bed among the girdles and sheviers: and when Elisha saw that he was dead, he said, Strike me, I pray thee, with the seven arrows of the sword. And he said, The hand of the Lord’s servant Isaiah is in thine hand. And he struck it thrice. And the man of God was ashamed: And he said, Wherefore hast thou smitten me thrice? And the man of God was ashamed, as he was going out. And he said, Return, O Lord, thy servant, because I fear the sword of the Ammonites.”

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The arrows went forth toward Syria, the enemies of Israel; and they were over the king’s hand in divine encouragement as he was about to shoot towards the land. The prophet of God helping and encouraging the king who was over God’s people!

He struck three times. That meant three successive victories. And he was content with partial victory rather than the complete overthrow of their ancient enemy. If he had struck four, five or six times it would have meant a gradual weakening of the already weakened Syrians and the final victory in the end.

Therefore these things are an allegory. They are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the ages are come. The saints have had their enemy of long standing, restless, constantly raiding them; but the hand of the Prophet—who is a Prophet indeed—and a King indeed—is laid upon our hand. He will strengthen the feeble hands and invigorate them to make them mighty, and He wants to make His arrows sharp against the King’s enemies. He says, “Strike,” and with the command there is no limit to the number of strikes. Some strike only three times. How are you striking? You have had that disease. You have had partial deliverance and you have struck three times and the enemy stuck—has not been routed entirely—and the Prophet is angry because His enemy and your enemy has been allowed to still harass you, one of God’s people.

As long as you have an arrow and the divine hand has been put upon your hand, you have a right to strike into the earth, the world, and at him who is the prince of this world.

You have prayed for that husband, he is partly reformed, the Syrian has been in a measure defeated, and yet there is no victory in the home. Why? You have been content with striking the three arrows and thought that was sufficient. The same could be said of the wife of the believing husband, of parents with their children, a pastor with his assembly, the saints with his intercession, and the saints praying for the coming of their Lord. Men ought always to pray and not to faint. As long as you have enemies, and as long as you have arrows, you ought to strike them.

What are the arrows? The promises of God. What are the arrows? Prayer. What are the arrows? The name of the Lord Jesus. What are the arrows? The blood of His dear Son. What are the arrows? The sword of the Spirit.

Strike, strike, strike, strike, strike. Strike until you know that the enemy is on the run and the final run. Israel loves to have the Canaanite in the land. He is so content and happy to be in the land of Canaan, and so busy seeing about the milk and honey, that he has not time to rid the Canaanite utterly out of the land. If the Canaanite shares the land which is His land, be sure he will share the milk and honey, and you only get what you work at. It is your land and all the milk is yours, and all the honey is yours, and you have enough arrows to shoot at the enemy that he will be clean ridden out of the land. Then you will have time to enjoy the milk and honey, and God will give the victory in the land of the honey.

The enemy is nearer defeat than you think he is, and there are enough arrows for all God’s people to hurl at all the enemies. Remember first of all that they are His enemies intruding in His land, molesting and harassing His people. But in the land is a Prophet, not at the point of death, but who ever liveth and hath all power in heaven and in earth. Amen.

“A courtier, riding with his sovereign amidst the acclamations and splendor of a triumphal procession, asked him, “What is wanting here?” And very emphatic was the reply, “Permanence.” Yes, that is wanting. The music, the huzzas, the parade would soon be over. And so with all those things on which, aside from God, we depend for happiness.”
THE GIFTS ARE THE MANIFESTATION OF THE SPIRIT

(This is the third of an important series of articles on the church of Christ, her endowment of holiness and power.)

We have seen the largeness of the gift or power which the church has had given to her as an earnest of her full inheritance. This has been given her in order that she may serve as a witness of that which she preaches concerning the present Lordship and the future action of Christ. We now come to take a view of the same thing, not as it lies in promise, but as it is in real existence and was in active exertion in the church.

In the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians, the apostle takes up the subject of spiritual gifts or gifts of the Spirit, in contradistinction to charity, which is the more excellent way and the bond of perfectness, that spirit of complete holiness into which we are baptized.

Concerning these, he asserts three things in general in order to point out the several parts which the several persons in the Godhead have therein. He first asserts that there are diversities of gifts dispersed throughout the members of the church, like the diversities of members in the body; and these do not prove that there are many spirits, but that there is one Spirit, the one life of the whole, who divides unto everyone severally as He wills.

The apostle observes secondly, that there are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord. It is His pleasure, as the apostle declares in I Cor. 14:24-23, "But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all: and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you a truth."

We see from this that there is a perfect unity, just as this is expressed in Eph. 4:3-17, where we see unity standing in "one body, one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all"—a sevenfold and perfect unity.

These are the observations of I Cor. 12:4-6 are of great price, as a teaching us that the church, under Christ its Head, and with the Spirit as its inspiration, is the one great instrument of God in which and by which He can carry on His operations: a temple for the eternal God to dwell in; a body for expressing His mind and doing His will. This is a very great and almost inexpressible idea, but it is the only adequate idea of the church considered in relation to God.

The whole mystery of redemption is God's obtaining for Himself such a complete organization of expression and of action, in the finiteness of which the attributes of His own infinite being might be truly and fully expressed. To procure for the Godhead such a fit organ, the Son and the Holy Ghost do, without departing or separating from the Godhead, which is impossible, take connection with the created and from a portion thereof, constitute that most seemly and adequate temple of the eternal God. The glorious habitation thus constructed for God is the church; and the Head of it, or the holder-up of it, is Christ; and the life of it, or holder of it, is the Holy Ghost. The material thus headed up and held together for a dwelling place of God consists of those who have come into the new creation, those who have proved that they have no strength or power or might or wisdom in themselves, and that they needed both a supernatural head and life, a Holder-up and a Holder-together.

The human race from the time of Adam was endowed with the power of generation and received command to multiply. So the church from the time of the second Adam, having received the Holy Ghost, from the time of the Day of Pentecost the power to beget sons of God. The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For I have begotten you through the gospel," and he speaks of Onesimus as one "whom I have begotten in my bonds."

The gifts which the apostle proceeds to enumerate in I Corinthians 12 as possessed by the church are in general called "the manifestation of the Spirit"—that is, the way in which the Spirit takes to manifest or show itself, or make Himself evident to others, to anyone who may choose to enter the assembly and hear and see the things that are said and done. This answers to our first thought that the church is to Christ, while He acts through her in the Spirit, what the body is to the soul—an instrument by which it reveals both its presence and its manifold dispositions and energies. We see also it is His purpose "that by the church may be known to the powers of this world the manifold wisdom of God."

These manifestations of the Spirit, the apostle says, "are given to everyone to profit withal," or for an inestimable use. Not to be hid in a napkin, or buried in the earth, but to be turned to account and used for the common good. As Peter writes, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God: if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth; that God in all things may be glorified, through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Now to fulfill this purpose the constant presence of love is necessary; otherwise the precious talent rusts and corrodes its own possessor. In order that these gifts may be graces, holiness and love are absolutely necessary, to bring us to the same devotedness to God and man in which Christ was, and to keep us ever so. For want of this, many who possess these gifts fall into schism, and some into apostasy. The gifts are not the best thing, but they are some thing, and that no mean thing, given to exhibit God and Christ and the Spirit to the world and to edify the church. This is no mean thing.

Individuals, and companies of people, highly favored of God, have missed God's plan in the past and have been cast off. Safety lies only in following Him EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.
A Million Souls for Christ

Several years ago a university-bred Modernist, for whose reclamation much prayer had been offered, was brought to the Lord through the instrumentality of a leaflet. His modernism disappeared "over night," and he has since been used of God to help point multitudes of others to Christ. Some one had prayed—for whom were you praying?

A successful young business man (a nominal Christian) was powerfully converted. Last year (1923) he led some 3,000 souls (mostly in open-air meetings), not to the signing of cards, but to a definite acceptance of Christ. Some one had prayed—are you praying?

An Irishman was visiting in Chicago. Some one handed him a ticket of invitation to an evangelistic service. That man today is giving a strong testimony in western Canada. Prayer was back of that ticket—are you praying?

The present department head of one of America's great metropolitan stores was brought years ago face to face with the question: "What will you do with Jesus?" Today that man is one of the greatest personal soul-winners on the American continent. Godly parents had prayed—are you praying?

There are some 25,000,000 professing Protestant Christians in America; are there 1,000,000 praying Protestant Christians? Are you? Is it because some one else prayed? For whom are you praying?

There are probably 50,000,000 comparatively unevangelized people on this same continent, at least one-fifth of whom might accept Christ if 1,000,000 "praying Christians" would pray! Will you? But if only one in fifty came to Him, it would still be one million!

A million precious, priceless souls, for whom Christ died!

A puny, paltry million in America out of earth's seventeen hundred millions! And every one of the seventeen hundred millions facing the same direction—towards eternity! A Christless eternity for the unsaved—a rewardless eternity for many of the saved—"for you?"

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest; behold I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). The harvest will soon be past; will your quota of the sheaves be gathered? Or must their bitter, eternal wail be: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!"

"Sad, sad, that bitter wail: 'Almost—but lost!'"

Pray for the revival of America's "million praying Christians." Pray for the evangelization of the 50,000,000 unevangelized. Pray for "a million souls for Christ."

PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

AN ANSWER TO AN OFT-REPEATED QUESTION

Men ask, "Why are great men and good women taken out of the world when they are doing so much good?" A Puttle question!

They are the harbingers, the forerunners of the great translation. At the time of the translation the hypocrites, the deceived ones, the luke-warm ones and the disappointed ones will say, "Why was that great mass of godly people taken out of the earth? They were doing so much good."

Mistaken ones! Foolish ones! When the last ripe, translated saint goes up in the parousia, it will be seeming disaster for the earth, but not total disaster, for these saints will come back in a very short time and will return with their Lord to the earth.

A few migratory birds go south at the first blast of chilly fall winds. They are the pioneers, the forerunners of a great flock of birds who have the migratory instinct. The sparrows don't migrate. They are not wanted south or north. The oriole with its lovely song is welcomed as a harbinger of cool weather in the hot south; and of the warmth, the brightness of spring or summer when he returns to the north.

"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come" (Isa. 57:1). This is as true today as when it was written. You say, "The work will suffer when a great one is removed." Whose work is it? Whom did he serve? Does the saint know better than the Master about His own work? Will not these ripened ones be necessary in the harvest when He comes to be glorified in all His saints and to be admired in all them that believe?

An earthly king has a following of his subjects. And shall the heavenly king be devoid of the following of His first-fruits when He comes to be glorified in His saints? There are heavenly saints as well as saints on earth.

God's cause is never weakened when He removes one of His workers laboring in His cause. You say, "I have known some works fall when the leader was removed." And they deserved to fail. If God removes one from the work He is blessing, His blessing is not removed by His taking the one.

What are you to do? "Pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the harvest fields." Amen.

LOOKING FOR THE LEADER

A minister came from London to study this phenomenon (Welsh revival). He found the church full and climbed through the window close up at the front. Apparently no preacher, people speaking everywhere. After a while, looking at his watch, he said to a man sitting in one of the front seats: "Where is Evan Roberts? I have been waiting an hour and a half to hear him." The answer startled him. "I'm Evan Roberts; you see, they can get along without me." But not without the Holy Spirit.—Moody Bible Institute Monthly.

HIS PRAYER FOR THEE

"He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12). Oh! believer, behold thy Lord upon this lone mountain, stretching forth the arms of His love after thee, and long before thou hadst a being, bearing thee in the arms of His faith before the mercyseat. Well might He plead with thee, and exclaim, "Open to Me, My sister, My love, My dove, My undefiled: for My head is filled with dew, and the drops of the night." And cast thou give thy heart to another? Or wilt thou suffer thy love to grow cold towards such a friend? Dost thou go into solitude to seek Jesus even as He went into solitude to seek thee?—W. P. Balfern.
HEALED OF NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

God wonderfully healed me of a nervous breakdown, also growth on my eyes that the doctor said nothing but an operation would cure—and several other ailments. I have been healed of them all. I give God the glory. Pray that I may always be found in His will.—Mrs. Agnes Miller, St. Louis, Mo.

HUSBAND HEALED

My husband, who is a baptized believer, was stricken with a terrible sickness in Feb., 1923, and he is now only just able to return to wage earning. But we praise God because for some years we have trusted Him to heal our bodies and have not trusted in the carnal flesh. We praise the Lord for His healing. Some months ago in Melbourne at St. Anbuns are holding us up in prayer. We are praying God to bless South Australia. Will you join us in this?—Mrs. A. W. Allen, East Adelaide, South Australia.

HEALED OF HEART TROUBLE

I was a sufferer from heart trouble for many years, and was so bad, doctors thought I could not live long. I was healed instantly. I went to the mission here. All were at the altar praying. I sat down, and almost instantly I felt the healing power go down one side, then down the other, followed soon after with a wonderful assurance in my heart—"I was healed." Glory to God! Such a precious joy to know that Jesus will relieve suffering.—N. Deasy, Spokane, Wash.

LUMP ON CHILDREN'S NECK HEALED

I wish to tell what the Lord has done for me. When my baby girl was about two months old we discovered a lump on her neck. We took her to the doctor who pronounced it a water growth and gave us medicine to put on it and if that did no good, we should leave it alone until she was seven or eight, then it would have to be operated upon. Some said it was a very bad thing. Instead of getting better, it grew larger. When she was six months old I went to Minot. Meetings were in progress there and I had her prayed for. There seemed to be no result at first, but it kept going down until now it cannot be seen, for which I thank the Lord. She is now 14½ months.—Mrs. Pete Olgard, Egeland, North Dakota.

HEALED OF NERVOUS TROUBLE

I want to praise the Lord for healing my body. I was hurt in an automobile accident a few years ago—had a pressure on my heart and came to at times. Five weeks ago my nerves gave way and they called two doctors, but neither could help me: so I asked the saints to pray for me. My pastor came with two other saints. They laid hands on my head and the power fell on me and I was healed. I do give God all the glory for perfect deliverance. I know there is power in the blood of Jesus to heal and to save. Two years ago God baptized me with the Holy Spirit, praise His dear name forever. I love Him so and give Him all the glory.—Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, Ferndale, Mich.

BABY HEALED OF SORE MOUTH

We wish to thank the dear Lord for healing our 18-month-old baby girl of sore mouth. The first we noticed, her teeth seemed to decay, and in a few days her gums began to be sore and cause them to bleed badly. It seemed that the gums were almost rotten. Some advised a doctor, others thought that her teeth would have to be taken out. But we took her to the Lord in prayer; also had other saints pray for her. For a little while she didn't show any improvement and the temper tried to make us think she would not be healed, but deep within our hearts was a settled peace and we knew it was the Lord. Tod. she is perfectly healed for which we continually thank and praise His dear name.—Geo. A. Barnhart and wife, West Salem, Ill.

HEALED OF ABSCESS

I want to praise the Lord for healing me last November. I was in a serious condition. An abscess on the appendix and inflammation of both ovaries. For weeks I could not turn in bed or even raise my head enough to eat, or drink water. I lay several weeks, then began to get worse. The doctor came and went through an examination and said I would have to go to the hospital for an operation at once; that I was on fire from the waist down. He wanted to have the specialist come. I consented. In the meantime I sent for some Holiness people to come and pray for me. I felt the need of the Lord. They came and prayed for me. I put all my trust in the Lord the best I knew how. Immediately I felt a touch from on High, and here I was healed and saved; every pain was gone when the specialist arrived. He thoroughly examined me and said I didn't need any operation now but might later. He didn't want to believe the Lord healed me, so I kept on taking medicine, but something was telling me that I didn't need it. I told the Lord if He did not want me to take the medicine, to show me in some way and I would quit. So I became worse, as bad as ever.

I called my little girl, 8 years old and told her the story of the miracle away. She did. I got up off the bed on my feet praising God. After I began to do my work, the devil tried so hard to make me believe I was not healed. I kept on saying, "Lord, I am healed."—Mrs. L. Winston, Elmwood Place, Ohio.

HEALED OF PNEUMONIA

I feel impressed to write you about the mighty healing power that was manifested in my home about two years ago. I was suddenly seized with a severe attack. I managed to get to the phone to call on some of the saints. They came and prayed for me, but that night I grew worse, and became very ill. All thought I was about to die, but God was with me. One night, while a friend was standing at the foot of the bed, the glory of God came down in such a way that it shook the window. I thought it was the wind. Then it came stronger until it shook the paper on the wall, also a picture. I said, "Oh, it is God!" My friend was frightened and ran out of the room and took it as a warning that I was going to die. My uncle insisted that I take something, so he fixed up some sugar and pepper and vinegar. I took about five teaspoonsfuls and would not take any more.

On Sunday night, they had prayer for me at the church. Three or four who stayed with me, told me there was a bright light in my room. A request for prayer was sent to Fort Smith. Monday evening about 5, the fever left me; Tuesday my appetite came and Wednesday I was up. The power came on me and I praised the Lord in the dance and the unknown tongue. Then I began to spit up corruption. I must have had an ulcer on my lungs, but He healed me completely.

That same winter, one of my little boys had chills. We had the doctor first, but got no help; then I wrote for prayer; and since then the child has had no chills. I cannot deny the healing power of God. I know it is true. We have lived a saved life since 14 in the Baptist church, was a holiness fighter, but over three years ago, the Lord filled me with His Holy Spirit. Pray for me and my family that they may all be saved.—Esther Wiley, Stigler, Okla.
A World-Famed Journalist Visits a Pentecostal Mission
An Interesting Reminiscence of Sixteen Years Ago

The following article appeared in the Chicago Daily News of January 14, 1908, and brings back bright memories of the early days of the present Pentecostal outpouring. Since Mr. Ellis visited Mukti and wrote this descriptive article, both Ramabai and her daughter Monoramabai have gone to be with the Lord. But the good work still goes on.

Kedgaon, India.—I have stumbled upon an extraordinary religious manifestation, as remarkable as anything in connection with the great revival in Wales. So startling and wonderful is it that I feel quite unwilling to pass an opinion upon it, so I shall simply narrate, soberly and cooly, exactly what I have seen and heard concerning this “Baptism with fire” and pouring out of “the gift of tongues,” whereby ignorant Hindoo girls speak in Sanskrit, Hebrew, Greek, English and other languages as yet unidentified.

The name of Pandita Ramabai, “the Hindoo widow’s friend,” is known among educated people all over the world. She is the most famous of all Hindoo women. There is an International Pandita Ramabai association, which co-operates with her in her work of rescuing, training and caring for high-caste widows. She, more than any other woman, has made known to the world the horror of the child widow’s lot in India. Herself a high-caste widow, of rare gifts and education, her appeal has been made to people of culture; nor was her work regarded as strictly religious or missionary, but being associated with any religious body.

World-Famous Work
Ten years ago, at the time of the great famine, Ramabai took hundreds of famine orphans out of India and led them to England. Ever since she has had about 1,400 widows and orphans and deserted girls under her care, as well as 100 famine boys. All caste lines are now down and the whole immense work is known as the Mukti mission, although in certain respects the original enterprise for widows maintains its separate identity.

Because of the fame of Pandita Ramabai and because of the greatness of her work I conceived it to be my duty to take the hot journey out to Kedgaon. Were it not for the more important incidents which follow I should tell at some length the story of this settlement, with its wide acres of farm land, its many modest buildings and its varied forms of industry. Study and work are the rule for every girl; clothes for that multitude must all be woven on the spot and the industrial plant is large. An uncommunicative English woman guided me faithfully to every spot of the settlement that she thought of interest, from the cornfields to the steam engine and the dyeing vats. But not a word did she say that would lead me into a know-

edge of what is by all means the most noteworthy fact concerning this famous institution.

Stumbled on a Revival
For half an hour I had been hearing strange sounds, now of one person shouting in a high voice, then of the mingled utterance of a crowd, and later of song. At last it settled down into a steady roar. “What is that?” I asked.

“It is the girls’ prayer meeting,” was the answer. “Could I visit it?” I pointedly asked my guide, after hints had proved unavailing. “Why—I suppose so—I’ll see.” In a few minutes I found myself witnessing a scene utterly without parallel in all my wide experience of religious gatherings.

In a large, bare room, with cement floor, were gathered between thirty and forty girls, ranging in age from 12 to 20. By a table sat a sweet-faced, refined, native young woman, watching soberly and without disapproval the scene before her. After a few minutes she, too, knelt on the floor in silent prayer.

The other occupants of the room were all praying aloud. Some were crying at the top of their lungs. The tumult was so great that it was with difficulty that any one voice could be distinguished. Some of the girls were bent over with heads touching the floor. Others were sitting on their feet, with shoulders and bodies twitching and jerking in convulsions. A few were swaying to and fro, from side to side or back and forth. Two or three were kneeling upright, with arms and bodies moving.

Moved on Her Knees
One young woman, the loudest, moved on her knees, all unconsciously, two or three yards during the time I watched. She had a motion of her body that must have been exhausting. She was also swaying her arms violently. And often the gestures of the praying figures showed one or both hands outstretched, in dramatic supplication. Several girls would clap hands at the same time, though each seemed unconscious of the others. The contortions of the faces bespoke extreme agony and perspiration streamed over them. One girl fell over sideways, asleep, or fainting, from such exhaustion.

All had their eyes tightly closed, oblivious to surroundings. Such intense, such concentrated devotion I had never witnessed before. It was full fifteen minutes before one of the girls, who had quieted somewhat, espied me. And thereafter she sat silent, praying, or reading her Bible in comparative tranquility. The presence of the visitor had the same effect upon several other girls in the next quarter of an hour. At my request the guide presently asked the leader if I might talk with her and while a dozen of the girls were still left, praying aloud and unaware of the departure of the others, the leader withdrew.

Not All Spirits Holy
“We do not make a special point of the gift of tongues,” Ramabai insisted gently, “our emphasis is always put upon love and life. And undoubtedly the lives of the girls have been changed. About 700 of them have come into this blessing. We do not exhibit the girls that have been gifted with other tongues, nor do we in any wise call attention to them. We try to weed out the false from the true; for there are other spirits than the Holy Spirit and when a girl begins to try to speak in another tongue, apparently imitating her sisters without mentioning the name or blood of Jesus, I go to her and speak to her or touch her on the shoulder, and she stops at once. On the other hand, if a girl is praying in the Spirit I cannot stop her, no matter how sharply I speak to her or shake her.”

“My own hearing is peculiar,” continued Ramabai, “in that I can understand most clearly when there is a loud noise (a well-known characteristic of the
partially dead) and I move among the girls, listening to them in awed wonder. I have heard girls who know no English at all utter beautiful prayers in your tongue. I have heard others pray in Greek and Hebrew and Sanskrit, and others pray in languages that none of us understand. One of my girls was praying in this very room a few nights ago and although in her studies she has not gone beyond the second book she prayed so clearly and beautifully in English that the other teachers marveled who could be praying, since they did not distinguish the voices.

Let me summarize the phenomena of this Indian "revival" as I have learned them from missionaries who have spent a lifetime in the country and in particular the Rev. Warne of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who is issuing in America a booklet upon the subject. Most notable is the fact that the breaking out of the revival in many widely separated parts of the country, occasionally in the absence of the missionaries, has been preceded by praying rather than preaching. Most religious "awakenings" are associated with some one dominating personality; this revival had no Evan Roberts, but there is no corresponding figure in India. One 13-year-old girl, Sansukti, of the Khassia Hills is reported to have been the means of 900 conversions. This reminds one that the prominent place which young girls in praying bands—timid, untutored Hindoo maidens, reared to believe in the complete subjection of women—have had in this revival is a feature altogether amazing to men who know India. Instance after instance of the girls continuing whole nights in prayer; of their having seen glowing visions and particularly of their having been invested with a strange, beautiful and supernatural fire.

Revival at Many Places

The revival has continued in various parts of the empire for more than a year; I have reports from Lucknow, Allahabad, Adassol, Moradabad, Bareilly, Khassia Hills and Kedgao. The Methodists baptized 1,900 new converts in the year, besides the notable result of having secured more than 300 new candidates for the ministry.

While columns more could be written concerning incidents of this remarkable movement, there is only room here to add that it must not be assumed that all India is being stirred by these events. Many churches and missions are estranged to them and the European population of the country as a whole know nothing about them.

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DAILY PORTION FROM THE KING'S BOUNTY

MRS. A. R. FLOWER

Sunday: "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt" (Gen. 41:41).

When God has an important place to fill, He usually begins training His man long beforehand. Moses had eighty years of training for only forty years of service. Joseph had a part of the necessary training to prepare Joseph for the great work ahead. Dear child of God, perhaps His hand rests heavily upon you just now, that you may be the better prepared for His larger service beyond. Praise Him for it!

Monday: "They measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise" (2 Cor. 10:12).

The enemy thinks he has achieved a great triumph if he can only get us to compare our life or our service with that of some other child of God. So long as we attempt to regulate ourselves by others, we are completely missing the individual plan God has for us. We are trying to "use" God instead of letting Him "use" us in any way He sees fit.

Tuesday: "Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to evil doing" (Psa. 37:8, R. V.)

"To anxious, praying thought, And weary, fretting care, The Highest yielded thought; He giveth all to prayer."
A GREAT MISSIONARY NEED

We who are deeply impressed with the temporal needs of the Pentecostal Missionaries feel the necessity of a definite call to pray that God will supply that supreme, urgent, crying need. God says, "I will do these things, but I will be inquired of for it." If you ask, I will do." God's promises are sure but they are fulfilled on the condition that we ask. He sees the need and is more willing to supply it than we are to ask or receive it.

When the great denominations are in need of money, or anything else for that matter, they start a movement. Forceful speakers are paid and sent out to keep the "movement" moving. But when the Pentecostal people see a need it is our custom to flee to our closets and to the throne of God for help, and He never fails us in our need.

Many of us, perhaps, are too much occupied with other needs to fully realize this one great need. Some, and it may be that many, of our missionaries are suffering because of the lack of proper nourishment, and we cannot afford to lose one of these faithful ones through our neglect. If we neglect our duty here, we will have to answer for it before the judgment seat of Christ. We all should do our level best to properly back up our missionaries financially, so that they might have all needs properly supplied.

In view of this gigantic opportunity and enormous possibility, the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Department humbly "begs" the one and all by the mercies of God" and for the sake of Our Missionaries that every pastor, Assembly and individual child of God dedicate a certain time each day to be given in earnest and uninterupted prayer for their needs and ample funds to efficiently carry on the work of Missions. This is what counts tremendously in Missionary activity. Then too, we need united prayer to keep us all in the center of God's will and our cooperation ideal. "These all continued in accord in prayer and supplication." We are pleading today for means to meet the necessary needs of our Missionaries.

William M. Faux
Missionary Secretary.

FINE PROSPECTS

Brother Tommy Anderson of Bolivia writes: "I praise God for the article which was published in the Evangel, in supply to the need for the Mission School and home in Bolivia. We have invested the few hundred dollars which we had on hand designated for building fund, in material for the home and schools, such as lumber for roofs and stones for foundations. The money has come in such small sums that we could not buy the property with it.

"We need no less than $1000 to buy land. We can buy a lot one block square for about $1200, two or three blocks from the business center—with a spring of good water and some big shade trees. "Beloved, pray God to send this money speedily. One certain church that knows of the progress we have made and admits that we have picked out the best center in the Valley for Mission work has offered to pay me about $1200 a year with furnished house and board besides buying and building for us. But I flatly turned it all down and thanked them for their confidence in our work. One rich capitalist an American offered to raise this year $3000 to buy and build besides $1000 a year to support orphans if we would incorporate in the name of a few people. I answered that we would incorporate only in the name of the Assemblies of God at Springfield, Mo.

"Just think if each subscriber of the Evangel would give 20 cents each it would bring us enough to buy and do some building. The people are continually asking us if we are really intending to build a school for the poor children, or are we only playing with them. We are telling them that God will supply the need soon.

"The work is going on nicely, and in the camps we have good crowds and God is blessing His Word."

DIFFICULTIES

Sister Sophia Nygaard of Cape Palmas, Liberia, W. Africa, writes: "I am now at Newaka station waiting to go back to Pahn to take up Miss Bingeman's work which she expects to go home in the spring.

"At present they are having trouble in Pahn. The government soldiers have gone back to gather taxes and the Pahn people say they will fight, or burn their towns, run away and hide in the high bush. The government is determined to conquer them at this time so there may be war.

"We have ten Pahn boys here with us, and Miss De Groot and I will go back as soon as we can.

"A few days ago the Pahn King sent three men to ask us to come back. He said the soldiers had not come and he did not think there would be war, but we also had a letter from the Captain saying the soldiers were ready to go in and they are there now. Please pray for these poor people. It is so hard for them to understand.

"Miss Gollan and I have just returned from a long preaching trip. We went from town to town, slept in the small round mud huts, and the Lord surely blessed. We met many who said, "We know there is a God but no one has ever told us about Jesus, or the way to God's country.'
SOME PLAIN FACTS

At the last General Council Meeting it was voted upon to increase the office force of the Missionary Department which was a very good thing, but since this increase in the office force, no larger offerings are being sent in than formerly, that is, before the Secretary came into office.

At this new innovation all our missionaries rejoiced. They have written in, saying, "Now we will have greater attention given to our problems." This increase of office force means double expense for the upkeep of the office. Only about one out of every ten sending in offerings make any provision for office expense. Many of these give only one per cent and some give varying up to three per cent. This is wholly inadequate to meet the needs. In order to support the office so as to render efficient service we should have an amount equal to, not less than five per cent. Brethren, won't you join us in prayer over the missionary expense fund?

The Missionary Office expense fund is separate from the General Council expense fund. We greatly need your cooperation. Thank You!

Sister Alice C. Wood of Argentina, South America writes: "This week we are uniting with those of nearly all nations in prayer with a fresh consciousness of His presence in answer to His faithful ones everywhere. I trust it is the same in His Church everywhere. There comes a reflex blessing when we really PRAY for others. He is blessing and helping in all that we do, and granting rich opportunities of witnessing and teaching many whom He has prepared for the message. The longer I am here the more I enjoy the work, and I have faith for more fruit and greater things in the future. It requires infinite patience to sow the seed, and let the Lord work out His will, and not get discouraged when we see little but that is what needs in South America especially. The Catholics have their religion, but what costs, is to bring them into practical Christian living, even after they have accepted the Gospel and been baptized. The priests baptize them but never give them the straight truth as to how to get saved. It would make your heart ache to hear some of the most sincere, moral, educated men and women talk. The best of them are in darkness as to the way of salvation. Do pray very earnestly for them.

"The prospects are already brightening for our Day School which begins, with other schools, in March. I shall probably have more scholars than ever before. There were 22 in all last year. There are two girls coming to board with us who are from Christian families in the country and add much to our work, but when one stops to think what it would mean for those precious children to have to go to a public school here, and board among the ungodly, one cannot refuse them. Pray the Lord to give us all the strength and wisdom we shall need for the work. Our annual statistics show progress in all the branches of our work during the past year. Average attendance at Sunday school is over 30.

The offerings are very small but better than last year. The most of our people are poor, working people, who need help oftentimes, and can give little. Yet they taught their privilege of consecrating their means as well as themselves to the Lord. But if they cannot give money, they are good to bring us fruit and vegetables, which is always good help. Next I hope to go to the country where some have asked to be baptized. I can only be gone between Sundays, as the work requires my presence here on the Lord's day. I have two good helpers in the Mission, thank God, Miss Harris, some 60 years of age, and Susan Perreira, over 13 years, who came some six weeks ago and who is learning much in the home in every way which cannot fail to be a blessing to her the rest of her life. She is an orphan, from the country, of a respectable family, accepts the Gospel and is taking hold to help in the work with a good heart. You want to know of my trials and difficulties so as to help in prayer. I thank you. I can truly say that my deepest desire is to see souls fully saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, the sick healed, and God's mighty power working far more in our midst than we are even up to the present, and I want to see it all over the Republic, and in all parts. God is faithful and will hear our cry and help us to meet His conditions, will prepare the atmosphere, and make it just right for a spectacular family, accepts the Gospel and is taking hold to help in the work with a good heart. You want to know of my trials and difficulties so as to help in prayer. I thank you. I can truly say that my deepest desire is to see souls fully saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, the sick healed, and God's mighty power working far more in our midst than we are even up to the present, and I want to see it all over the Republic, and in all parts. God is faithful and will hear our cry and help us to meet His conditions, will prepare the atmosphere, and make it just right for the Latter Rain to fall.

Two weeks ago I was called to visit a sort of witch doctor who was very ill herself with a mysterious pain in her foot. I went and gave her the plain Gospel, which she accepted the best she knew how. Two of the dear young women of our congregation accompanied me and we all prayed vocally. She was anointed with oil, and we left her with the Word of God. Thank God she has never had that severe pain again; but amid opposition from her family she is going on in the faith; but she needs much teaching to get her out of those spookish ideas which she has learned. Please pray for her full enlightenment.

BROKEN IN HEALTH

Sister Spence at Sainam, South China is much in need of a furlough. Her health is in a very critical condition, and her life is in danger if she remains much longer on the field. Let us all pray earnestly that the Lord will speedily provide means for Brother and Sister Spence's home coming that they might be recuperated in their bodies.

MAIL TO LIBERIA LOST

It has been reported that one of the boats carrying mail to Liberia was lost in the Bay of Biscay about the first of February. If you wrote letters to Liberia and mailed them about the middle of January, and have not had a reply from the missionaries, would advise that you write again. It is probable that your letters went down in the lost mail boat.

MISSIONARY GIVING CHART

Well, praise the Lord, we are in the ascendency again in missionary giving. During the months of January and February there has been a steady decline in our missionary offerings. We do praise God, that during March the indicator on the chart has been steadily rising. How this must gladden the hearts of the missionaries!

Do you realize what it means by having your allowances cut down when you are depending on the free-will offerings of the saints and prayer to God? Then to face a declension on the one hand and an increase of the needs on the other? Yet, these missionaries are our missionaries. They are our substitutes. They are making sacrifices in our behalf. How it would gladden their hearts and ours, too, if we would do like a sister who this morning sent in out of her meager income an offering of over eighty dollars.

We CAN, if we WILL. It takes the WILL to do, and WILLING big things enables us to give big missionary offerings for our missionaries who are our substitutes. Come on, Saints, how much are YOU going to WILL to give, to go over the top for Missions?

William M. Faux,
Missionary Secretary.
TALLAPOOSA, MO.—Brother R. T. Vaughan of Kennett, Mo., has been here a week in a meeting. Three have been saved; interest very good.—T. R. O’Bryan, pastor and wife.

WALDO, KANSAS—We just closed an eight-weeks’ meeting here. The Lord was with us, 15 were saved, 6 received the Holy Spirit in the Holy Ghost, and 12 were baptized in water. This is a new field, for which we desire prayer.—Evangelists Lester Cooper, and Leroy Bjork.

TULSA, OKLA.—Sunday night, March 30, our meeting closed in the Tabernacle at Tulsa, Okla. with great crowds attending. Fully 200 were in the healing line and it seemed like every one received a touch from God, as they praised the Lord and testified to their healing. It was a wonderful night; the meeting did not close until nearly 12 o’clock.—Earl W. Clark.

WEST PLAINS, MO.—I want to sound a note of praise for the way God worked in this town. Sister Martha R. Jones, the evangelist, was used of God in giving out the full gospel message in the old-time way. Twenty or 25 were saved; 12 or 15 received the Holy Spirit. I believe the church has been drawn closer together. Pray for us.—Veny L. Clark, pastor.

JOLIET, ILL.—We desire the prayers of our Pentecostal brethren for our work here. It is only a small band of saints; they have gone through many reverses from the adversary, but they are standing true to Jesus. We believe that he who has begun the good work in them is able to perfect the same and to cause all grace to abound toward them.—John G. and Mrs. Malone.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.—Just closed a two-weeks’ special meeting in which the dear Lord gave us 12 precious souls. We truly thank the Lord for sending us a worker like our dear Brother Cooper, who had charge of the services and set the assembly in order, making out the roster roll of 50 charter members. We covet prayer that the Lord will work through each one of us for the salvation of the lost.—W. F. Poynter, Secy.

WEST TULSA, OKLA.—We just had our business meeting. We elected our deacon, pastor, etc. Brother Oscar Jones was with us. He encouraged our hearts with his powerful preaching. We also elected Sam Berryhill for another year. Brother Berryhill has been our pastor for the past 18 months. In that time the assembly roll has increased three times. Brother Jones told us that this assembly was in as good condition as any he had visited this year, for which we give thanks to God. Pray for us.—J. B. Hill, Secy.

SAVANNA, OKLA.—Praise be toward the blessed Lord for the wonderful victory He has given us here. Brother Sanford Moore and wife, of Henagar, Ala, were with us for three weeks. God wonderfully blessed their messages, 29 were saved, 3 were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 15 in water, and others are to follow; 24 were full of the assembly. Our work is in good shape now, and the outlook is good for a sweeping revival. Any assembly needing a meeting will not make any mistake in getting these workers.—J. W. Hudson, pastor, S. M. Jordan, Secy.

GREENBRIER, MO.—After closing the meeting at Zalma, Brother Owens stopped off here for two nights’ service, Thursday and Friday. The Word was given out according to God’s plan, and the evidence is manifest that the Lord has lodged in the hearts of the people. Many comments on the wonderful service were heard. The wife of the leading merchant of the town was gloriously saved and went home to receive. The saints were much strengthened. We are hoping to have Brother Owens back with us, and also we have the promise of our dear Brother Olivart that he would be with us again. We are praising the Lord for victory.—N. Lloyd.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Since coming here last September, we have a very nice little church started in one of the suburbs called Kingstown. There are only a handful of us, about 20, not all have the Holy Spirit Baptism; some have been saved and some backslidden ones, reconverted; we are looking forward to a revival this spring. Will welcome anyone who is affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. We want to begin Sunday school with this new quarter. There is no Pentecostal church here except Swedish and Italian. There is great need of an English-speaking church. Will someone take this needy place on his heart?—Sister Fairy Cook, 2603 11th St.

EMPIRE CITY, OKLA.—The Lord is blessing wonderfully. We just closed an 8-week meeting with about 35 saved and 22 filled with the Holy Spirit. Brother James came and set the assembly in order with 36 enrolled—some others to come in later. Sister Music held the meeting for us. We have a good number of young girls that are surely going on with the Lord. We have been in Empire about two years. There were no Pentecostal people here when we came. This being an oil field, it is hard to get an established work, so many are moving away. A Methodist sister came to the altar last night and received the baptism in the Spirit. Her husband is seeking too.—Praise the Lord.—T. F. Gilbert, pastor.

DRUMRIGHT, OKLA.—We are praising God for old-time Pentecostal power in this place. We held a three-week meeting. Our evangelist was Jacob Miller. Thirty-five received the Baptism in the Spirit (Acts 2:4). We feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed Drumright through these meetings. We ask the prayers of the Evangelical family for this place.—H. Y. Clark, Sec’y-Treas.

BILLINGS, MONT.—We have been here in the battle for the Lord for some time. God is working and the enemy is stirred. A number got to the Lord and have received the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. All praise be to our Lord. We have only a small band of saints. We have had meetings continuously for 5 weeks. Brother Russell, one of our promising young men of this town, has been helping me, also others of our band have proved faithful as we have been in the battle for souls. Anyone passing this way, in fellowship with the Council, will be welcomed here. We have a hall at 2711 Mont Ave., with regular meetings three times a week. Seekers are at the altar at every service. There are many other needy fields out here in the northwest, and great opportunities for real soldiers of the Lord, but it will take real faith and divine power to stand the test, there is so much opposition.—Mrs. Annie Applegate, evangelist, 924 S. 31st St., Billings, Mont.

ENNIS, TEXAS.—I am glad to tell of the work in Ennis, the results of several weeks’ meeting, and how the Lord has been cleansing and baptizing souls in the Spirit. Several cases of healing are really encouraging. A man about seventy years old asked prayer for his hearing. His ear had been so affected that he had not been able to hear out of it for about twenty-seven years. After the prayer was prayed, he said he could hear as well as ever and continues to testify to it. And another case was that of a young man about eighteen years old, an oil-field worker who had an injury which kept him away from work. Two doctors in different towns made X-Ray pictures of the injury and said that his foot was broken in two places. The company furnished the young man with crutches. About four days after his accident he came to our meeting and was persuaded to be prayed for. After prayer he was surprised to know that he could walk. He left his crutches and said he could walk as good as ever and returned to his work the next day. A new mission hall has recently been opened at 207 South Main Street. Our building is brick, twenty-four feet wide and one hundred thirty feet long, well lighted and nicely seated. We expect the Lord to continue helping us. Evangelist Nelson Loris, fourteen-year-old boy preacher, his father and Elder S. T. Green are on the platform. The work at this place is expected to be set in order by members of the General Council Assemblies of God and will be the first Council Assembly in Ellis County.—Charles L. Braswell.
THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

Tabernacle. God is wonderfully blessing Brother Felicy in giving out the Pentecostal Truth. Many Holiness brethren, including prayer ministers, have become hungry and are seeking the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. We had a Union Meeting and Baptismal service and 23 were baptized in water. The other mission is at 717 S. North, led by Brother Trusty. Truly a revival spirit is on in this place. The building is full every night. Many souls have been saved and have received the Baptism in the Spirit. Kansas City area field and God is blessing. We welcome all of God’s true ministers that are passing this way.—Henry Hoar, 258 N. Early St.

CELINA, OHIO.—The Lord confirmed His Word in our midst at the Opera House. The building was filled and people crowded the stairs and lower halls to the street, and the fireman estimated that about 300 were turned away from some basement entrance to gain entrance. Many were turned away, some deciding to return another time. Some of the outlying sections of the town sent representatives to the meeting, and those who could not come in person brought in their offerings. Many of the outlying mission stations sent in offerings. About 100 were saved, reclamed or filled with the Holy Spirit, according to the pattern in Acts 2:4. The work as far as we could discern was deep; bitter tears of repentance were shed. Wonderful was the manifestation; the seekers were instructed to look direct to Jesus for all they received, and He rewarded them. The press opposed us in the editorial columns, but the Lord helped us to look in our eyes on Him. We have about 20 written testimonies of definite healing in the meetings. Miss Gladys Kelly of 503 Huying St., Celina, O., was delivered from bondage. She had suffered from many physicians, but was nothing bettered. After five months of torture, during which time she could take only liquid food, the Lord unlocked her jaws and set her free, saved and filled her with the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Sarah Winemiller of 234 Leon St., was healed of inward gout. Mrs. Minnie Mowery, 715 E. Market St., was delivered from pain of several months’ standing, the result of a broken ankle. She stamped the injured foot on the platform with great joy, leaping and praising God. The Mayor and Chief of Police attended most of the meetings and rendered valuable aid in keeping order. About 90 persons in the town were baptized in the Holy Spirit when the meetings commenced, and there was no Mission Hall there, but the Lord put it in the heart of Oscar Green to convert his restaurant and bar room into a mission hall, and about 100 have agreed to stand by the work. I am sending Brother C. W. Nash to oversee the assembly. Brother Sherer and some of the brethren were the first week assisting with the evangelistic messages. Brother David Wilson and Brother Nash helped with the music and singing. Pray for us—J. Clark Soule, pastor, Byersville, Ohio.

DEDICATION AND REVIVAL, CANTON, OHIO

Bethel Tabernacle was dedicated Sunday, January 23rd. Robert Brown of New York was in charge of this service. Our God was mightily present and His Spirit bore witness with gratitude in the hearts of the saints, who, like Israel of old, had wandered in the wilderness with no certain dwelling place. For over two years they had moved from hall to tent and from tent to hall and now, realizing they had finally moved home, tears of joy flowed as with uplifted hands they offered this building to God in dedication, that it might become a real light house. Our Brother Brown spoke from the words recorded in 2 Chron. 7:1. “When Solomon ceased praying the fire fell.” God anointed our Brother to bring forth a very impressive message.

Brother Bert Williams came on Monday night and held a two-weeks campaign in which God blessed in a marvelous way. We have fruit from this revival that will tell in eternity.

There is one case I want to mention of a sister who came to the altar, was baptized and lay there for 2 hours. She had fallen on the ice four years ago and had thrown her shoulder out of place and she was left crippled in that arm so that she had little use of it, hardly able to get her hand up far enough to arrange her hair, doing it with great difficulty. When the Holy Spirit came in, the magnetic power of God penetrated that arm and to her surprise she found that hand up full height and perfectly healed, and praise God it is still healed.

God has given our Brother Williams a blessed ministry in the Word. The last night of the meeting was a glorious sight, every bit of available space taken at the altar. The meeting was just getting on good footing when our Brother had to leave for another appointment.

Brother J. Edward Howard of Newark, N. J., was with us the meeting for about ten days. Many hearts were blessed in the service he rendered at the piano and song. God has given us one of the most unique tabernacles in this section of the country. Pray for Canton that God may visit it with His power.—O. P. Brann, pastor.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The District Council of Northern California and Nevada will convene at Glad Tidings Tabernacle 1536 Ellis, San Francisco on April 24th and 25th. Graduating exercises of the Bible Institute will occur on April 25th. The power is falling and a glorious refreshing is anticipated.—Chairman R. J. Craig.

CHAFFEE, MO.—God used Brother F. A. Toller of Rocky Ford, Col. in bringing forth the Word in a wonderful manner. He professed faith in the Trinity and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Catholics especially being saved and receiving the Baptism in the Spirit as in apostolic days. My sister, who told me when I received the Latter Rain experience that I had disgraced my whole generation, was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in this meeting. One evening a boy came and asked us to pray for his father. "He is a drunkard, and acts so funny." On arriving, we recognized the ailment. The sister, children and neighbors were very much concerned. We silently prayed, and he began to praise the Lord in the room. We are expecting Brother A. A. Wilson and workers in June.—Basil E. Hillman.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—The annual missionary convention, held here from March 21st to 24th, included with the glorious seal of the Lord and mutual blessing to the saints. Sisters E. Peary and F. Van Dyke, returned missionaries from Venezuela, brought the needs of the foreign fields intelligently and earnestly before us and the offerings and pledges for the ensuing year showed a deep response from the saints. Brother T. K. Leonard of Findlay, Ohio, veteran Bible teacher and evangelist was under a rich anointing of the Holy Spirit for this occasion and the Word was preached with much power to the people. The teaching in the afternoon meetings was excellent and exactly meat in due season. The altar service was crowded and God's blessing manifest. We do return thanks to the dear Lord for one of the best conventions in which we have been permitted to participate. We are glad to commend Brother Leonard as a most efficient Bible teacher and preacher. Our souls are encouraged in the Lord to go forward.—F. D. Drake, pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—We wish to sound a note of praise to our Saviour for His mighty works in Kansas City, Kansas. We had with us Brother and Sister D. W. Kerr and Brother and Sister Peirce for about three weeks, two weeks of this time being given to Bible study. It is true that the brethren of the State enjoyed the Bible Conference and that the influence will be felt over the entire state. After the Bible Conference the Spencer Evangelistic Party followed the week’s revival, in several were saved. From this church we have two other missions. One is under the leadership of Brother Felicy at Seventeenth and Stewart in Princess

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Dear Evangel Reader:

Brother George Kelley of Sainam, South China, was with us a few days ago and he expressed himself amazed to see the growth of the Gospel Publishing House and Council offices since he was with us last in 1916. He noticed that all our thirty-nine workers were as busy as bees, and he told us his conviction that most of us were attempting to do too much, and what we needed was a number of extra workers.

As we talked over the situation together, we explained to him just how things are. The General Council is really a missionary society. Its eleven score and more missionaries are in the four quarters of the globe, and three score new candidates are pressing to be sent forth. We, as Pentecostal people, are attempting to do what, as far as we know, no other missionary society ever attempted, and that is we send out one hundred cents in every dollar of missionary donations direct to the missionaries without ever deducting even the cost of a postage stamp. Not one cent is ever deducted for office expenses, and the workers in our Missionary Department have to trust the Lord for extra donations to keep things going.

In every missionary society, one of the greatest items of expense is publicity. Every missionary society of any size brings out a monthly paper, and although they may receive a few subscriptions, the bulk of the cost of the paper is charged up against the donations received. Because of this, in the majority of societies, from ten to twenty-five per cent of donations has to be deducted before being sent to the field in order to take care of office expenses, the monthly publication, and other publicity.

Now with us, the Pentecostal Evangel carries all our missionary publicity, and not one cent of this expense is charged up to our Missionary Department. Five years ago Brother Bell computed that we saved our Missionary Department at least $5000.00 each year on this, and today the saving is probably double that figure. And we are glad to see that our Missionary Department has nothing to pay for rent, fuel, lights, telephone, etc., and our desire is to do a lot more for them than we are doing now.

As we explained this to Brother Kelley, we said to him that if we could put the Evangel on a good paying basis, raising our subscription list from 20,000 to 30,000, we could do more for the missionaries, and we would be able to put a number of extra workers in at headquarters, and relieve the pressure—a pressure that we have had now for many years. He suggested that if these facts were well-known, that if we told them to our Pentecostal people, they would soon put the circulation of the Pentecostal Evangel on a good paying footing.

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