Come, Blessed Spirit

Come, Holy Ghost, and fill my soul
That for Thy power is yearning;
And on the altar of my heart
Keep sacred flames a-burning!

Give me tongues to praise Thy Name,
Baptize my soul with fire,
That through the reaches of Thy grace,
My soul may pinion higher!

Come, Holy Spirit, give me grace,
That I may love Thee dearer;
That every prayer and every task
May serve to draw me nearer!

Give me faith to do Thy will,
Whate'er the task my be,
Knowing Thou wilt show the way,
Will strengthen, comfort me.

Only one guerdon I implore,
O blessed Trinity—
A soul that's worthy of the joy
Of Life eternal with Thee!

—Sadie Church Wilson.

There Will Be No Evangel Next Week
AM going to speak about the emotions of God. I think in these parables in Luke fifteen we often put the emphasis in the wrong place. In this parable of the prodigal son we are apt to put the emphasis on the son, but I think we should put the emphasis on the father. The Lord Jesus Christ did not need to tell men what it was like to be prodigal sons. They knew it too well. He did not have to teach them to be prodigals. They were prodigals without being taught. They knew the experience of a prodigal. But there was one thing the Lord had to teach men because they did not know it, and that was the character of the Father. This was what men needed to learn afresh—the character of our Father who is in heaven.

I said I was going to speak about the emotions of God. Let me say first of all there are a lot of people who find fault with us Pentecostal Christians because we are too emotional for them. We do not apologize. We are not going to be any less emotional. You say, “All these ‘Hallelujahs!’ and ‘Amen!’ all this singing and shouting, all this emotion—we do not like it. We do not think it is right.”

God Is a God of Emotions

Now I am going to make a very startling statement to some of you, and that is that God is a God of emotion. And if God is emotional I am not ashamed of being like my Father. Don’t come to me with your rubbish that there is no emotion in religion. You cannot have real religion without it, and you won’t have a real revival without it. In Scotland they are crying for a revival, but they want a revival without emotion and they will never get it. There never has been a revival without emotion. There never will be.

What is “emotion”? It seems to scare people so terribly; but emotion is a perfectly healthy and normal thing. The word comes from a Latin root, and it simply means “a moving of the mind or soul.” I want to say, with deep and humble thankfulness, that I thank God for the day when He moved me. And I pray that God will keep me movable and save me from ever coming to a place where I cannot be moved. There is nothing to be ashamed of in healthy, proper emotion—“a moving of the mind and the soul.”

Whenever you touch reality in the spiritual realm, you touch things which are so vital that any normal, healthy person cannot fail to be moved; and if we have to-day such ministry in our churches that men and women cannot be moved, there is something wrong with our preaching.

I believe emotion is a proper normal, healthy thing, and I pray God will give us more of it. I am not ashamed of saying “Hallelujah!” because I believe I have something to say Hallelujah about, and I am not ashamed of saying “Amen.” Thank God we have come back to reality in Pentecost. We are not wanting a lot of superficial excitement, but we do want real, true, holy, pure emotion. God is a God of emotion. We never go very far wrong when we are like Him.

The Bible Is An Emotional Book

I wonder how many of us have conceived of the Bible as one of the most emotional books that was ever written. I wonder whether you have thought of the Bible as a great love story. The Bible is the greatest love story that has ever been written. It is breathed with emotion from start to finish.

It begins where a good many of our love stories begin. It begins in the garden. And then in every true love story there is always the villain. And some enough you do not get very far in this true story before he appears. He comes right into the garden, and he does what the villain always does. He sows seeds of doubt and division between the lovers. You get the tragic story where that old serpent the devil came in, and he broke the sweet, tender love relation between God and man.

And the story goes on chapter after chapter. Sometimes as majestic as the thunder, and sometimes as tender as the mother brooding over her babe. The One who has lost His lover is seeking by every means to win the love back again. The enemy is trying to hinder. And on and on the story rolls, until at last He makes the greatest proof of love, “Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends,” and He proves His love by laying down His life, and when all else failed, that succeeded. You get the wonderful story of how the loved is coming back again, and it is my joy to know that there are many here who say, “We love Him because He first loved us.”

The gospel, to us, is not simply a logical formula. It is essentially personal. It is more than believing in Christ. It is loving the Lord Jesus Christ. He is all in all to us.

The story of this wonderful courtship rolls on, and it ends up like all love stories. It ends in a marriage—the marriage of the Lamb. “For His bride hath made herself ready.” And that is the end of the wonderful love story in the Bible. And I thank God they are going to “live happily ever after.” Can we imagine a story like that without emotion? Never!

Three Pictures of the Emotion of God

Jealousy

One. First of all I want to take you to one of the most violent emotions which can possibly sweep the human soul. I refer to Jealousy. Now, it is a clear statement of the Bible that the Lord our God is a jealous God. There are a good many in this meeting that know something about jealousy. Isn’t human jealousy a horrible thing? When men are jealous they see everything through green glasses. People can say the most harmless things and mean no unkindness at all, but when they are jealous they read in all sorts of evil motives. The Lord save us from getting jealous of other churches. And the Lord save other churches from getting jealous of us. A lot of the awful things Christians say about one another arise from nothing but jealousy.

Well, I am telling you that God is jealous. Somebody says: “It is a mystery. We cannot understand it.” God is a jealous God. What is jealousy? Let me put it this way. Jealousy is simply love zealously guarding its interests. If incapable of love you could not be jealous. When you have a capability of love you have a capability of jealousy. The things where
jealousy attack you are the very things where your love lies deepest. 24. As long as your love is imperfect our jealousy can be very sinful. But when we come to God we come to perfect love, a love which has nothing selfish in it. God is love—perfect love.

Now I want to bring you to this. Because His love is perfect, His jealousy is perfect. How was God moved to jealousy? You know the old story of the Book, how He got a people for Himself—those children of Israel—how He said, "You only have I known of all the families of the earth." He chose them and made them His own very own. You will remember how He brought them out of Egypt's bondage and led them through the Red Sea and fed them in the wilderness. He brought water for them out of the rock. He so provided for them that their clothing waxed not old, and when it seems as if He could not show His love any more He said: "Now, I will dwell among you," and He brought Moses to the Mount. What is that that seems below? You know the miserable story. But before you throw stones look in your own heart. You know the story that as soon as Moses was up in the mount the people forgot Moses and they forgot the God of Moses. They came to Aaron and said, "Make us gods!" And you know how he made the calf. And they started dancing and worshiping around the calf and said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which delivered thee from Egypt."

And again and again in the story of Israel what is it that He holds against the people? They have been unfaithful. Jealousy—holy, divine jealousy—is hurt of God. It is hurt of God because the love that ought to have been His is being given to other gods which are no gods.

Let us turn to the New Testament. You say that is all for the Jews. It is for you. Paul thunders exactly the same thing against the Christians in the early churches when they had forsaken the Lord and began to love the world. He thunders at them with the same thing, of being unfaithful. And once again he gives them the revelation that God is moved to jealousy.

He has loved you with an everlasting love, and I believe He loves you still. But, my friend, are you moving Him to jealousy? The Lord help you to lay your life back on the altar and come back to the Lord and say, "Lord, here I am once more. I will give Thee my heart and life. No longer will I move Thee to jealousy, but I will give Thee my heart."

Love

True. I want to speak about another revelation of the emotion of Jehovah, something which parents especially will enter into. I want to speak about grief. In Genesis there is one of the most wonderful verses in the Bible—Gen. 6:6: "And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth and it grieved Him at His heart." This goes into a tremendous depth here. I can understand God's being angry, but I do not understand how He could want to speak about grief. In Genesis there is one of the most wonderful verses in the Bible—Gen. 6:6: "And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth and it grieved Him at His heart." This goes into a tremendous depth here. I can understand God's being angry, but I do not understand how He could want to speak about grief. God is angry as if He could not lose your temper, isn't it? To get angry is the easiest thing in the world. Fathers and mothers will agree with me that it is the easiest thing when your children are naughty to get angry with them. I want to give a word of advice. Never touch your children until you are absolutely cool. Chastisement is a right thing, but not an outlet for your temper. We can all get angry. And I could perhaps have understood God's getting angry, but it says, "It grieved Him at His heart."

This is a wonderful thing, and yet as I mix among men and women I find how it is repeated in the lives of many. Mothers and fathers are thinking of a family I know in Scotland. The eldest son is a scamp. You can hardly find a good thing about him. Not long before I left home he stole the money his mother had been saving up for rent and spent it on drink. Many a time they have called me in to pray. Many a time I have said, "You ought to turn him out. He is only poisoning the other members of the family." The father would have done it, but there was a mother there. One of the things that is most amazing to me is the way that mother clings to that boy. She pleads with him, and prays for him, and she won't let him go. And when he has treated her abominably she never loses her temper. But I have seen her with a broken heart. Oh, what a revelation of the character of God where human sin is concerned. "It grieved Him at His heart." I would to God I were able to preach as I ought to concerning God's attitude toward sin. Sometimes we preach as though God did not bother about sin. We are very wide of the mark, and often we poor, frail creatures go to the other extreme and talk as though God were going round with a great whip to lash every one into hell, and we preach wide of the mark when we get there. We are too narrow in both of them. It is a true preaching about sin that is needed to-day, but we need a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in power to do it.

Perhaps the very letter of the Word can help me now—that Hebrew word translated "grieved." It may be helpful to us to remember the very same Hebrew word is again translated "grieved" in that dramatic passage where David is grieving over his son Absalom. You all are grieved at everythrob of that great heart, for David's was one of the greatest hearts that ever lived. David was a king among men, and that great kingly heart burst in its emotion—that day (he was not ashamed of emotion, if you are). And the city came from him, "O Absalom, Absalom, my son! Would God I had died for thee. Absalom, my son, my son." And it says that David was "grieved." It is the same word. 2 Sam. 19:2.

It is exactly the same word that is used in Genesis 6:6 about God. You think that God is not grieved over sin in your life? God is broken-hearted about it. God does not want you stumbling in the dark. God wants to be with you every day. God wants to be the greatest reality of all in your life. The revelation of God is so tremendous that only as the Spirit of God strengthens us can we take it in at all.

Joy

Three. I want to call attention now to one other emotion of the Lord. I almost talk as if God is a God of infinite sorrow. No, I do not think that is correct. I believe God is a God of joy.

In that matchless chapter—Luke fifteen—there are three stories. First of all, there is the story of the lost sheep; then there is the story of the lost piece of silver; then there is the story of the lost son, and there is a growing revelation as the chapter proceeds. In Luke 15:7 our Lord says: "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." That is a sweet revelation, isn't it? There is joy in meetings if one sinner repents, but nothing compared to the joy up there. There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents. Our Lord leaves it at that. He does not say any more, but He tells another story. And in the second story he has a further touch.

In the story about the lost piece of silver He says: "Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." He puts in a few more divine touches, clearly, now. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God. Sometimes we are not realizing the angels that are rejoicing. It does not say so. That is all right, but it says something more than that. It says there shall be joy in the presence of the angels of God. What is the joy that is referred to that is in the presence of the angels of God? A joy in which I believe the angels strike (Continued on Page Five)
Popularity

There is nothing wrong about being popular providing that popularity is well-earned and comes from a due appreciation of some worth-while accomplishment.

There are two kinds of popularity—that is, it arises in two ways: Out of a skillful appeal to the natural man, moving him to emotional expression. Such appeals are sometimes called “playing to the galleries,” or “grandstand play.” The other arises from the spiritual nature’s having been sensibly moved upon by something which calls forth the nobler desires of the soul, because of which the soul gives expression to sincere and deep gratitude. One is natural and carnal; the other is spiritual and wholesome. One is tinged with the spirit of patronage and flattery; the other is expressed in sincerity and honesty.

But there is grave danger in popularity, however it may come. Many prominent Christian workers who have risen to the point of success in the ministry, and, while standing on the threshold of greater usefulness to the Lord, have lost their spiritual balance through the effects of popular favor. There is something most subtly fascinating about the feel of popularity. It is as intoxicating as wine and it allure as strongly. Through it ministers have lost the clearness of their spiritual vision, and by allowing their vanity and an undue sense of their ego to develop, their power has been dissipated. Drunk on the wine of success, they have exchanged the humbling vision of the cross for the glamour of human praise. They plan each new campaign with a view to catering to the crowds. They substitute personality for the spirit of Christlikeness, cleverness for scripturalness, and natural discernment for spiritual discernment. The preacher’s personality often wins the favor of the people. He is in the favor of the people, but is he in the favor of God?

A person whose line of work calls for a special training to observe and analyze, after attending the services of this type of evangelistic meeting, said, “It is evident that God had some part in the meeting, but the evangelist held first place.” The evangelist was the center and circumference of the message. There was very little of exposition of the Scriptures.

There may be nothing wrong with the sincerity or honesty of purpose of the preachers whose personality is bigger than the message. It may be that they feel they must adopt unusual and spectacular methods to draw the crowds, that they must make themselves attractive to the people in order to draw them. But this is not God’s method. No doubt there are some results in this type of campaign, but how meager! How much more could be accomplished were the minister wholly under the power and anointing of God and giving the Word of God the predominant place in the message!

To those who are faltering or who have yielded to the allurement of popular favor we would say with Paul, “Be not drunk with wine,” “but be filled with the Spirit.” “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you”: that is, “Be careful.” Can we not hear the Apostle Paul, the greatest of New Testament evangelists next to the Lord Jesus, say, “God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ”? His business was to preach a sin-condemning, Christ-exalting gospel at any cost. His purpose was not to come before men with the “excellence of speech,” or the “enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” He set himself against the temptation to dissipate his spiritual power or to yield to the wine of popular favor. Was not this in his mind when he said, “For I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified”?

We can have favor with God and man, and God places absolutely no limitation on the extent of our ministry; but He demands of His ministers that they remember that they are but “stewards of the mysteries of God,” and “it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.” Let the faithful servant flee the wine of popular favor and be filled with God’s Spirit and beware of the flattery of man. “He that glorifieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

Christ in the Scriptures

The Bible has one theme—Law and Gospel, history and prophecy; every part, as well as the completed whole, affirms, defines, and illuminates the one supreme subject. From first to last the Book speaks of Christ and His work—foreshadowed and performed. Thus:

- In Genesis, the Seed of the Woman.
- In Exodus, the Passover Lamb.
- In Leviticus, the Atoning Sacrifice.
- In Numbers, the Smitten Rock.
- In Deuteronomy, the Prophet yet to come.
- In Joshua, the Captain of the Lord’s Host.
- In Judges, the Great Deliverer.
- In Ruth, the Celestial Kinsman.
- In the King Books (6), Jesus, promised King.
- In Ezra, Restorer of the Temple.
- In Nehemiah, Restorer of the Nation.
- In Esther, Advocate and Propitiator.
- In Psalms, My All in All for ardent Souls.
- In Proverbs, the Pattern for prudent Souls.
- In Ecclesiastes, the Goal for seeking Souls.
- In Song of Solomon, the Center of all for loving Souls.
- In the Prophets, the coming Prince of Peace.
- In the Gospels, Christ coming to Seek and Save.
- In the Acts, the Risen Christ working through the Church by the Holy Spirit.
- In the Epistles, Christ the Intercessor waiting at God’s right hand.
- In Revelation, the Christ returning to Reign.—J. W. W.

Warning

Word has come to us that a man has been posing as a Pentecostal minister, professing to be acquainted with well-known ministers of the Assemblies of God. Using this means to gain the confidence of people, he is inducing them to cash checks which have been forged.
THE EMOTIONS OF GOD
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their harps but at the same time I believe how their heads and veil their faces.
And he arose and came to his father. When he was yet a great way off his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck and kissed him." And the final revelation is the joy of the father over the son that came back again. That is the joy that is in heaven in the presence of the angels of God. It is the joy of God himself. Oh, that I might paint in words the joy of the Lord—the joy over sinners returning—and the joy over His people.

There is a wonderful verse in Zephaniah 3:17. "For thy God in the midst of thee is mighty. He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy. He will rest in his love. He will joy over thee with singing." Some of you wonder why we have a good time in our meetings. We are only catching the echo of what is going on in the glory. There is One, unseen, and He comes and walks among us, and I tell you there is joy in His heart as "He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own; and the joy we share as we tarry here none other has ever known"—the joy of the Lord!

There is an exquisite revelation to you when it says (see the margin of your Bible) "He will be silent in His love." It is a wonderful thing when you love anybody so much that it is too full for words. He says, "He will be silent in His love." It is as though God came down among us and the fellowship with Himself is so deep that sometimes it gets too deep for words. Oh, for fellowship with God that is as deep as the ocean and has the strength of eternity within its bosom. Am I speaking of that of which some of you know nothing? Let me tell you, in the Christian life there is a satisfaction beyond words. I feel I have painted my picture so poorly, but I have tried to paint the emotions of the Lord—how that God is a God of intense feeling, how God can feel the life which ought to be His is given to another—how God can be broken-hearted with grief when we sin and turn away from Him; but how God can be swept with a divine joy when a sinner repents and turns to Him. I wonder if we are going to move God to a fresh joy as we bow before Him now. As the Spirit of God is brooding over us I want to ask is there anyone who will come back to the Father now? There will be joy in the presence of the angels of God over you. Who is it that will come to God now?—Pentecostal Testimony.

No Purchase
What Do We Count Our Greatest Possessions?

what it will cost you," answered Mr. B.

GREAT POSSESSIONS FINANCIALLY: The man of financial possessions looks on his holdings, and then on the Bible law of restitution, and says to himself, "Well, my money was made by strict business methods; by the law of 'Business is Business'; and while I am aware that Christ and His precepts would not sanction the devious steps along the way, yet, to make restitution under that law to every one entituled to it, would break me financially and turn me out in the world a wage worker. I cannot for a moment consider such a thing. I must have a more tolerant interpretation of the Bible than that." And so with this counter, he goes away comfortably self-deceived, but with no purchase.

GREAT POSSESSIONS SOCIALLY: Some people have great social wealth, which they are as jealous of as a financier is of his money. A lady once said she would rather die and go to hell with respectable people than to go to heaven, if it cost her the humiliation of espousing an unpopular truth, and putting her at variance with her church and the people of her class. Needless to say she would never purchase the "pearl of great price."
The socially wealthy look upon their standing in society, the joy of being in the public eye, the preferrment, and the financial advantages that go with it, and then upon the New Testament assurance that the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life" are of the world, and that "If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," and revolt at the thought of selling their possessions. They say to themselves: "This is none other than a matter of interpretation: a matter of choosing between a harsh, dogmatic interpretation, and one agreeable and popular, and have we not a right to our choice?" There is no purchase here.

GREAT POSSESSIONS INTELLECTUAL: We have men with great, scholarly titles that have cost years of college training and effort. The letters appended to their names, sometimes of the "Doctor" kind, are "things of beauty and a joy forever," to say nothing of the winds of approbation that fan the human pride upon every display of ability. To repudiate all this, by espousing the cause of a Book whose doctrines are at variance with much of the experience and learning of men, and become the laughing stock of the learned and intellectually great of the world, would be unthinkable. The fact that the "foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men, and that He has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and the weak things of the world to confound the things which are wise; and the lowly things, and the things which are despised, are those which are glorious; and things which are not counted, are counted unto things which are; and the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men, and the lowly things of the world, and the things which are not are stronger and wiser than things which are." The Book must be repudiated, or a paraphrastic system of interpretation worked out, that will not get in the way of man's wisdom.

Again there is no purchase, and so on ad infinitum. For, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."
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Christ the Key to the Scriptures
By A. E. MELLORS

"When opened He their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures."

ROM the beginning of the Bible to the end, the most conspicuous and central figure is the Lord Jesus Christ, for God created all things through Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:19), so also are the Scriptures revealed through Him. He is called the Word; "the Word of God" is one of His names. John 1:1; 1 John 5:7; Rev. 19:13. As truly as Jesus is "the Word," that was in the beginning with God, and that "without Him" was not anything made that was made," so also is the Word of God, the Scriptures, a revelation of Him, a record of "His going forth" to, among, and for the children of men, and "without Him" the Scriptures cannot be understood or rightly divided, even as He hath said, "Apart from Me ye can do nothing."

Jesus Himself said that He was the subject of the Scriptures. "Search them," He said; "and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39. When Philip found Nathanael, he said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses and the prophets did write." John 1:45. To those two troubled, perplexed and saddened disciples as they walked to Emmaus, commingling together and reasoning of all the recent happenings, but coming to no satisfactory conclusion about those things, Jesus Himself drew near and journeyed along with them. They had found no key to unlock what seemed to them a great enigma and mystery, but after the Stranger had entered into conversation with them, "He began at Moses and all the prophets, and expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:27. "Did not our hearts burn within us" while He "talked with us by the way," they afterwards said, "and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

HE OPENS THE SCRIPTURES

If we would have our hearts burn within us and be thrilled and illuminated when we read the Word of God, it was God's plan by reading them "as concerning Himself"—He opens the Scriptures. Then again, when He afterward appeared to the other disciples, and with infallible proof showed Himself alive to them, He gave them the keynote of the Scriptures, saying, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me." Luke 24:44. "Then opened He their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures." v. 45. Peter seems to have obtained of the secret, the key; for to the household of Cornelius he said, "To Him give all the prophets witness." Acts 10:43.

A man who gets out of adjustment with Him soon begins to pervert the Word of God. The Bible is a closed book to all who don't believe that Jesus is the Christ, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:3. Like the bar that ran through all the tables in the tabernacle, so the Lord Jesus is found in all the Scriptures, binding them into one grand volume, revealing through Him God's perfect will, one great story, one beautiful picture.

MOSES IN THE MOUNT

This great fact, that Christ is the key to the Scriptures, is vividly portrayed in the history of Israel. When Moses was in the Mount with God forty days and nights, at the time when God wrote upon the tables of stone the words of the Covenant, the skin of Moses' face, as the Lord talked with him, began to shine—a sign that he was illuminated inside concerning those things he was hearing. Moses knew not that his face shone. Aaron and the children of Israel were afraid to come near him when he came down from the Mount, and he had to put a veil on his face, but took it off when he went to speak with the Lord. The veil on Moses' face was a sign of the veil on their hearts, because they had rejected Him, for the apostle declares that at that time their minds were blinded or hardened. They had before this rejected the Lord and chosen a golden calf, and their hearts remained the same. The result was, and is, that a veil came over their hearts, and they could not see the end of that which is now abolished. "The end of the law for righteousness is Christ." He is, the object of the law (Rom. 10:4): the children of Israel could not see, understand, the end or object of that which is abolished (the law contained in ordinances).

In coming down in glory as He did, Moses typified the coming One, which the law in his hands shadowed forth. To put a veil on his face was to shut out to these the object or end of that which he had written on tables of stone and that which he heard and spake unto them. Had they repented and fully turned to the Lord with all their hearts, he could have taken the veil away.

In the face of all God's sovereign grace and mercy to these people, for Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob's sake, "they believed Him not, but spake against their Rock." And from that time until the days of the apostles, in the heart of this nation, though "in every city and in every synagogue Moses was read" (Acts 13:21), and to our day too, yet the veil is still upon their hearts—they "hear but do not understand." "For until this day remaineth the same veil, untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament, which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless, when it shall turn to Jehovah, the veil shall be taken away." 2 Cor. 3:13-16.

In rejecting Jesus, "the light of the world," they put Him under a bushel in their houses; and even though they read, yet they are still in darkness, the veil still on their heart, which is only done away "in Christ." But when they shall turn to Jehovah, the veil shall be taken away. Thus again is it clearly set forth that Jesus, who is the Christ and Jehovah (Rev. 1:8), is the key to the Scriptures. Real faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), and Jesus is said to be the "author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2. When reading or hearing His precious word, then may we have a heart ever exercised to always be "looking unto Jesus," or "looking off unto Jesus." For the gospel, the whole counsel of God, shall come to us, real, plain and clear, THROUGH THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (Gal. 1:12), and we shall not only know of Christ in the Scriptures and Christ on the throne, but Christ in us also, to the glory of His name forever.
God wants His people to be prosperous. He says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2. Evidently He is not speaking of prospering spiritually, for He says He wants us to prosper as we prosper spiritually. This reminds us of what Jesus said in speaking of food, and clothing, and rainment: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33.

But the rules God has laid down for prosperity are very different from those practiced by the world. The world says, "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." God says, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." 1 Cor. 10:24. The world says, "Do the other fellow before he does you." Jesus says, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so them." Matt. 7:12.

Before I go any further in explaining God’s rules for prosperity I pause to say that I have thoroughly tested, in actual business experience, the truth of what is here set down. I have been down to my last nickel, but before the next meal was due the money had come—came too not by any natural means but miraculously. I have succeeded in business under conditions where any one, familiar with the laws of success, would have said, "failure is certain." I know that what I say in this article is true.

God does not want His people to be poor. When you find an inspired prayer in the Word of God you may be assured that the things prayed for in that prayer are according to the will of God. Here is one: "Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: lest I be full and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord, or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." Prov 30:8, 9. What then are the laws of success laid down by God?

I have always been an earnest preacher of tithes, especially to poor people. I preach tithes not because I want the church to have the money, but because I am deeply interested in the poor and I want the poor to prosper. Paying tithes is one of the laws of prosperity laid down by God. Let me quote: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall your vine cast her fruit before time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10, 11.

Scores of times I have paid tithes when I couldn’t—by all human rules and understanding. I have paid necessary for a man to get on and care for his family, I couldn’t. I paid them first, before I undertook to pay any other obligations. That is God’s plan, and the only way for a poor man to succeed in paying tithes. Let God have the firstfruits. Never fear, He’ll take you through. Another rule of prosperity laid down by God is to be diligent—"not slothful in business." Rom. 12:11, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work," said the Lord Jesus. John 5:17. There is much unemployment in the land, but there is no reason for God’s children to be without work. I have tested that too. I have also watched others for more than forty years, and I declare to you as a result of a long and varied experience, and of a broad observation, that God will give work to His son who pays his tithes faithfully, when he prays for such work. When I see a child of God who cannot get a job, I am sure that I see one who either does not understand God’s rules for prosperity, or at least is not obeying these rules.

Another rule is to be honest. One of the things the old tow-boat captain told young William Colgate as he started to the city, later to become the rich and prosperous maker of Colgate’s soaps, giving actually millions of dollars to the Lord’s work was, "Be a good man; give your heart to the Lord; give the Lord all that belongs to Him out of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap, and give a full pound." God declares that "Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good." Prov. 20:23. The old pastor from whom I learned most of what I know about the Lord used to say to laborers: "If you idle on your job, you are a thief, stealing from the man who hired you, unless at the close of the day you tell him in paying you to keep out the part that you did not earn."

Another rule of prosperity that I have found and used effectively is that I have consistently refused to lay out money for doctors or drugs. I have chosen to trust God, for He has provided as part of His wonderful gift to His children, healing for my body in answer to prayer. To me, to spend money for doctors and drugs is not only dishonoring to God who offers the healing as the free gift of His grace, but is a sheer waste of the money God has enabled me to make. Waste is hateful to God. When the Lord had increased the five barley loaves and the two small fishes so that five thousand men had a sufficiency He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Nothing that can possibly be saved is allowed to go to waste around my home. If I see that any food is likely to spoil I eat it in preference to other food that will keep. I have been greatly distressed to see the waste of good food allowed in many supposedly Christian homes. I could not promise that God would prosper that kind of people.

If you, dear reader, are poor, having less of this world’s goods than you need to make you and your family comfortable. I beseech of you that you begin at once obeying the laws of prosperity laid down by God. Set apart as sacred to the Lord the first tenth out of every bit of money you earn; be diligent; be honest and faithful in service. When you can come to God and out of an honest heart tell Him that you are doing and will continue to do these things, you can ask Him to give you prosperity with perfect assurance that He will do it.

**MISSIONARY EQUIPMENT**

A life yielded to God and controlled by His spirit:

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs;

A sympathetic spirit, and a willingness to take a lowly place;

Tact in dealing with men, and an adaptability towards circumstances;

Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement;

Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word;

Some blessing in the Lord’s work at home, a healthy body and a vigorous mind.—Rosalind Goforth.
After this we came into another village. The Lord remembered me in His loving-kindness. A parcel came for me from the south of Russia with dried bread, a bag of oat cocoa and two rubles one (U. S. dollar). For weeks together we had often been without bread. What a precious gift of God bread is! My heart worshiped in the dust over the kindness of my good Shepherd. I learned, as never before, to thank God for every morsel I was allowed to put into my mouth, which I had not always done in times of plenty. How we get accustomed to regard everything as our due and forget that everything comes from the loving hand of God and that we owe Him endless praise.

When one day I came into the room of a peasant woman I noticed a half-finished crochet coverlet lying on a box. I asked her whether I might make a frock of it for her; she was glad to give it and my offer and gave me some more wool for it. I would earn my daily bread myself and asked the Lord to give me wisdom to make it. As I had done very little crochet work before, I had to undo it three or four times, but then the Lord assisted me and finally the dress was finished. The woman was very glad with it and gave me a few eggs in return, for which I was very grateful to the Lord. She showed the frock to her neighbors, and soon these brought along what they had for me to make coats, jackets and caps with. Later on I crocheted with strings of hemp because there was no other material left. They gave me what they had or were willing to give in return for my work. And now I had so much that I was even able to help others in distress. Truly, His name is Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, and as such He reveals Himself.

As my captors had taken all my possessions from me soon after my arrest they had also deprived me of my gown so I had to travel in my petticoat—I suffered much from cold when lying on the bare cement cause which were mostly wet; my whole body was often numbed. I asked a peasant woman whether she would not give me a sack in return for my crochet work which she was glad to do. From this I made a coat and was thankful to the Lord that I could dress warmer in the biting cold of the North, where so many walked about sick with frozen limbs.

Our Saviour does not look upon the sack-cloth but on the heart! Cloth was not to be bought, as all the shops were empty. How often I look back to the time, when people were dying of cold and hunger, while now I see the worldly fashion in the street! The time may soon be at hand when our modern folks will be deprived of the plenty we at present enjoy. People seem to be at a loss what to put on and how to dress. Even children of God refuse to regard or to live up to the commandments of the world, neither the things that are in the world; if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

And so we lived day in and day out our uneventful life in the backwoods, which made those who had no divine life quite dull; they lived worse than the heathen. None but criminals who had been banished many years ago, and who were not allowed to return to Russia were living there, a generation totally demoralized, depraved in sin and shame.

**MIRACLES UPON MIRACLES**

Our Saviour sometimes grants His children a special surprise, so one day I received a parcel from Petersburg from Baroness Stackelberg. She had heard of me, but had never seen me. It contained a child's frock already worn, six old chemises, five pairs of worn socks, pocket-handkerchiefs and a few rubles. Can you guess my joy over these riches? When I put my chemise which I had worn for five months without being allowed to wash it, into water, it refused to become clean. Do you think that those of those that had been sent in pieces and repaired the others; so I had four or five chemises which lasted the following years. Again and again the faithfulness and mercy of God humbled me down to the dust. The child's frock I sewed on to my petticoat and so I had a Sunday frock; the salt bag was worn on week-days; thus the good Shepherd cared for His little sheep. The Sunday dress lasted until I came home from banishment, although I had to close the holes in it with my hands on my return to Liebenzoll. How happy we can be even though we forego all wishes and claims! Yes, if our eyes were continually directed to Jesus, the All-sufficient One, all our desires and wishes would be satisfied by Himself and through Himself with His unperishable riches, and we should neither lust after nor use the vanity of this world. The multiform covetousness is from Satan. If we would like to forego our earthly desires, we should be free, happy, and godly children of God; the trifles of this world are for those who do not care for God, but they are not for us. A true Christian uses little for himself and gives much for missions, to provide means to proclaim our glorious Redeemer to the heathen. If we all were open-handed, the means would not be lacking to send men and women out into the mission field. It is due to our miserable self-love that we are without the compassionate love that Jesus has for the lost.

**ANOTHER MIRACLE OF THE LOVE AND MIGNANITY OF GOD**

Several epidemics broke out, a physician was wanted, yet the nearest was fully three days' journey away. When he came the peasants told him that there was a German woman with them, a spy. He looked me up at once— and how marvelous, he knew me! He had seen me at Erfurt and had met me at Constanitz. He asked me to move over to his family. We put the matter before the Lord in prayer. He removed all obstacles, and the doctor came and brought me to his home. My landlord threatened to kill the doctor because he took me away, for he had hoped to inherit my few belongings if I died. The doctor received a few blows on his back, but the Lord prevented further harm.

What a kindness of my Saviour in granting me such a meeting with children of God in the midst of the great, far-remote Siberian prairie forest! I could but cry out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" and, "Not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies!" The joy of fellowship was great. We were now also able to have fellowship in prayer! Terrible had been the sufferings of these dear friends, yet also unto them had the Lord shown Himself faithful, so that they did not perish. My longing to return to Germany or to escape into China became greater and greater, for my heart burned within me in the desire to be the Lord's handmaid ministering to souls sunk in sin. Many tried to escape, but we heard again and again that nearly all had perished in their attempts, either being murdered or frozen or starved to death. Therefore I decided to endure and to fall into the hand of God and "not into the hand of man; the times of wait-
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211. When do we receive the blessed resurrection life of Christ; when we are sanctified, or when we receive the Baptism with the Spirit, which?
We receive the resurrection life of Christ when we are born again. "And you hast He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Eph. 2:1. But this life may be received in ever increasing fullness. "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10. "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and being made conformable into His death." Phil. 3:10.

212. Is it God's will for us to step out on God's promises and count the things that be not as though they were and, trusting Him to make them real, testify that we have them when we do not?
Abraham counted the things that were not as though they were. Rom. 4:18-21. But there is no record that Abraham ever testified that he had a son until after the son was born. "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God." Rom. 14:22. "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." Rom. 14:16.

213. During the Great Tribulation no doubt there will be children born to those who take the mark of the Beast. What will happen to those children? Will they be lost?
The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Ezek. 18:20.

214. Are the seven, or eight, covenants? Please name them.
Many teach that there are eight great covenants of Scripture: Edenic, Gen. 1:26-28; Adamic, Gen. 3:14-19; Noahic, Gen. 9:1; Abrahamic, Gen. 15:18; Mosaic, Ex. 19:25; Palestinian, Deut. 28:1-30:3; Davidic, 2 Sam. 7:8-17; and the New Covenant, Heb. 8:8. Others believe there are but seven covenants, the Palestinian really being a reiterated promise to fulfill the Abrahamic covenant.

215. The hundred and twenty received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost and spoke with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. In Acts 4:31 they were filled with the Holy Ghost. Did they then speak with other tongues?
The disciples may, and they may not, have spoken with tongues when they were filled in Acts 4:31. There is but one Baptism with the Spirit, while there may be many fillings, or fresh anointings, and it is not at all essential that they should speak with other tongues each time a fresh anointing comes upon them.

216. When the Samaritans received the Holy Ghost, in Acts 8:15-17, did they speak with tongues?
The inference is that they did, for Simon the sorcerer, when he saw that the Holy Ghost was given, offered money that he might have power to bestow this blessing. Much had already happened in the revival at Samaria which Simon could see, but when the believers received the Holy Ghost, he saw something such as he had not seen before. Most commentators concede it was the speaking with other tongues.

Babies hardly a week old, were regaled with brandy at their baptism; many things I had to witness I cannot express on paper, and yet these also are dear blood-bought souls which I could bring before the Lord in prayer and still can. Which of you, dear readers, will pray daily for Russia and Siberia? The Lord will surely give you a reward on the Day of Recompense! How I should have liked to be a witness for the Saviour if I only had been able to master the Russian language; but I was at least allowed to do a priest's service of intercession.

"I believe God answers prayer! Yes, I know God answers prayer! I am sure God answers prayer! Glory to the Lord!"
On Sunday we generally had a Bible-reading in our house, conducted by the doctor himself; some Russians and Cossacks attended. A Cossack with his wife, also a Russian with his wife and two widows had opened their hearts to the Saviour. What a wonderful seed for eternity from among these depraved people! The Russian brother now preaches the gospel. May the Lord keep them all and bless them and make them a blessing! These six saved souls far outweighed the heavy weight of our captivity.

Hints of Coming Release
As I heard later, my own brothers in Germany and the Mission Board at Liebenzell had repeatedly taken steps and had tried all means to procure my release, yet without success; God's time had not yet come. Time of waiting, time of bliss! For four years and a half I had not received any news from Germany. Many had prayed for years for my deliverance; O Lord, do Thou reward them! In the spring of 1922, I received a letter quite unexpectedly from the War and Civil Prisoners' Office at Moscow. I was asked in it to apply to the Soviet Government at Tomsk for the permission to travel as far as Moscow, from where they would send me on to the border with a transport train; for the Mission Board at Liebenzell had requested them to help me to leave Siberia. This letter had unfortunately been four months on its way. A few days later another letter reached me from the same source in which it was stated that a free passage at Government expense was no longer granted.

Now return from captivity seemed utterly impossible. That letter took away every hope of deliverance and everything seemed darker than ever. I went into the forest and let my tears flow freely. There I spread the letter before God and said about these words, "Lord, hast Thou now after all decreed that I am to remain here till death? If it is Thy will, Thou art still able to lead me out; yet if it is not, I do not want it either! Thy will is sufficient for me. I would fain serve Thee as Thy handmaid among blood-bought souls; but if it is not Thy good pleasure, just do what Thou wilt, and I agree; Thy will is to be mine also. But do put these souls on to my heart, as many as I can carry, and help me to do the service of a priest for them by day and night." (To be continued)
The Gospel in Foreign Lands

ADVICE TO NEW MISSIONARIES
BY A MIDDLE-AGED MISSIONARY

Experience is bought so dearly that it is too valuable to be shelved. No one values new methods, latest discoveries, improved equipment, more than does the experienced missionary. He will acknowledge frankly that in these things he feels himself behind the times; it is five, ten, fifteen years since he went home on furlough. As far as these matters are concerned he is ready to sit at the feet of the newcomer. At the same time years of contact with Eastern minds and Eastern prejudices warn him as to what is likely to prove helpful to the native and what would be otherwise. But it takes considerable grace on the new missionary’s part to hold himself in check and to be guided by the opinion of his seniors.

The problem is as old as the missionary calling. The very first pioneer missionaries doubt found the new recruits crude, self-confident and head-strong. The first batch of new recruits doubtless dubbed the pioneers “dear old fogies, who had got into a rut and needed shaking up!” So it has been since the earliest days, and so it is today.

Being fully aware of these facts, far be it from me to presume to offer advice to newcomers to the field. Rather would I humbly ask permission to record some of my own and my fellow workers’ experiences for the consideration of those who are coming after us, not to “kill our place,” but through the grace of God to accomplish far greater things than we have been able to do.

FINISHING THAT YOU ARE NOBODY

I once overheard a scrap of conversation between two missionaries, one a gray-haired little lady, with lines of experience beautifying her face; the younger young and fresh, with firm mouth and capable, strong hands.

“Yes, I know,” the elder one was saying, “you come out so full of plans and dreams of the great things you are going to do. You feel you really are somebody, and very soon you find—” she hesitated.

“That you are nobody,” cried the younger one with a rueful laugh.

“You find that you are nobody”—the phrase remained with me. We have most self-denial! Is it to be wondered at that before the ship has borne us to our goal, we begin to think that we really are somebody?

I have never forgotten my first encounter with a missionary later. He was traveling on the same ship, and took it upon himself to enlighten me as to the futility of trying to “convert the East,” and concerning the “arrant hypocrisy of all missionaries.” I realized then that not everybody looked upon the missionary as a hero. But more trying than the adverse criticism of outsiders is the limitation of language.

I was present at a mission station the other day when a new missionary arrived, young, ardent, thrilling with the joy of having left all for Christ’s sake, ready to take her place in the ranks of active workers. At the table the older workers were forced to discuss mission matters. Some workers were leaving, others were taking their place. Time was all too short and there were pressing matters to be arranged. The newcomer sat silent while the stream of conversation flowed around her. What did she know of stations, preachers’ salaries, subjects to be put through the customs, and the hundred and one other things which were being discussed? And where did she come in?

A little later she pleaded with a quiver in her voice to be allowed at least to play the organ, “because I feel I am doing nothing.” What was she doing? She was learning the language, and that and only that was what was expected of her during those first months in the field. God willing, there will be many years of hard, active work in front of her, which it will be impossible for her to accomplish without a good working knowledge of that difficult dialect.

“Seek that ye may excel” is the best slogan for language-students. But at the same time it is a common experience during the first year in the field to be tempted to hours of deep despondency and to a sense of restlessness that we, who were so greatly used at home, who held such responsible posts, and were accustomed to be hard at work from morning to night—that we are expected to sit at a table with a portly native teacher, and to strive all our longings after activity, while we acquire the ABC of a new language.

The months of language study are, I admit, months of severe discipline to most of us. But I remember a missionary from India saying fervently that she was more thankful than she could say that new missionaries could not speak the language immediately after they arrived on their stations, for the blunders they would make would be un-speakable!

She considered those months of semi-silence invaluable, for each day was giving the newcomer fresh insight into the mentality and the customs of the East as compared with the West.

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sponsibilities heavier than we have dreamed of rest upon our shoulders, days when we gratefully remember that "responsibility is to the child of God our response to His ability."

During these first days of trial and limitations all God asks of the new missionary is a heart empty of self and willing "nothing," that He may be all in all. The sense of being merely a useless cumberer of the earth is a false sense, to be rejected. These are months of valuable preparation for active work. In years to come, you will be more happy than you can express when you overhear one native whisper to another, "He speaks our language so well!"

I asked a missionary's wife the other day what she considered was the secret of her husband's success. I knew that he was being used continually, almost daily, to bring heathen men to Christ. She thought for a moment, then said, "Just two things: He has such a knowledge of the language that he can get into intimate touch with the people. And then he spends hours in prayer, often getting up before dawn to pray."

She went on: "We have taken away heaven, straight from your table with the dictionary, the First Reader, and the Book of Useful Sentences, would you be surprised to hear the Lord's, "Well done, good and faithful servant? You would say, "The Lord, that is the trouble; I have been doing nothing!"

And He would say, "He that is faithful in his language study, is faithful also in much."

AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Just as we were going to press the sad news of the death of Sister Katherine Kirsch, missionary to Liberia, was received. Sister Kirsch returned from the field on account of sickness and arrived in New York August 11th. She passed on to be with the Lord a few days later. Full particulars have not yet been received.

Faith is a salamander that lives in the fire, a star which moves in a lofty sphere, a diamond which bores its way through the rock.—Spurgeon.

GOD'S PROTECTING ARM

Grace Agor

Two days ago (July 11) Yunnanfu was startled by a terrific explosion of 5 tons of powder, and as a result about 1500 homes are in ruins with many people lying dead beneath them. The wounded are many. Some of us, missionaries and Chinese, have been going out for the last two days dressing wounds of the poor people sitting among the ruins of their homes. Not enough cof­fins to bury the dead. Oh, it is a great affliction! We are praying that many will turn to the true God who only can help.

It is wonderful how the Christian Chinese and the missionaries were saved from death at this time when so many others were thus suddenly hurled into eternity. One mission­ary felt led to leave town in the morning. She told another that the Lord spoke to her in the words "Flee to the mountains," and she left town. In the afternoon about two-thirty, her house fell in ruins with the many other houses near the explosion, and she might have been killed. Another missionary who was leaving town for the coast felt inclined to stay a week longer, but a friend who was going with him almost persuaded him to leave. It must have been the Lord, for his house was completely wrecked after he had packed and moved to the coast. Two other missionaries just got out of their house when the beams and walls fell and the roof was wrecked. Big rocks were hurled. One made a hole right through a brick wall.

It made us weep to see some poor people trying to have a proper funeral for their loved ones amid the great wreckage of life. One girl came home from school to find her father, mother, brother, and sister all lying side by side in the street dead and the house fallen to the ground. Many were being carried away on stretchers. One poor woman whose back was bent with years of hard work was wiping the dust from her loom, and carefully taking from the loom the cotton cloth she had worked on for many days—his house all in ruins around him.

How one marvels to see the way the Chinese recuperate after an affliction like this. The next day many of the fronts of the houses were up again, the inside ruins to be fixed. Our workers were dressing wounds and giving out food and money. The second day a heavy rain fell drenching the afflicted ones. "There are very many without shelter. Surely God's judgments are small, that judgment is no great thing, for He is remembering mercy. We believe He will work in many hearts turning them to Himself at this time of affliction."

The streets near the South gate are being barricaded, with threatening an attack on the city. During the robber scare this explosion came and at first we thought the threatening robbers had actually arrived and had thrown a bomb into the city.

Each family has had to put out a lantern to help light the streets and 4000 soldiers are in town protecting the streets. But our refuge is in God.

REPORT FROM NAGOYA, JAPAN

J. W. Jorgensen

Report for the work in Nagoya city, Japan, and an urgent request for prayer to all who read this. Please gather at the throne of grace for lost and dark Japan. Remember we are in a new territory here for Pentecost, and it is an uphill work and hard to get things accomplished; but our heavenly Father has promised never to leave us nor forsake us, even to the end of this age. So we trust Him. The call of God is just as real as it was fifteen years ago, and I thank God I obeyed. Japan is quite a civilized nation, yet they are far, far away from God. If we could only have a vision of their condition it would bring us into real intercession before Him.

Have been staying here all alone, holding the fort for Jesus, for the rest who were helping us were other missionaries. Even my little girl Grace, I sent to the mountains this year for a change. The burden of the work is heavy so I stayed here to manage things for a while. This year it has been especially hot—the temper­ature about 100 degrees every day and no breeze. Even the natives were complain­ing of the heat. God has given grace, for which I do praise Him. At this writing I have been doing the cooking and the housework for some twenty days, and it surely seems lonely in the home with no one to talk to, but I am having blessed times with my Lord.

The work in the mission is going along nicely. Mr. Yokoi is helping faithfully in the meetings. The mid-week meeting is a Bible study and prayer meeting. The con­verts of Aprill are being brought into a closer walk with the Lord. Oh, how it makes me rejoice when I see the progress they are making. At first they knew noth­ing of the Bible, not even where to look for a reference, but now they can find their references quite readily. Last Sunday night we had two of the most promising ones give their experience. They used their Bibles freely in giving their experience. It made me rejoice. Your prayers are being answered, friends. Praise Jesus! Would you not like to hear that the mission house is too small for all the people to come in? Let us pray then. It is impossible with God if we believe.

I have just heard a report from Ibarkaki ken, a place on the other side of Tokyo, that a young man who stayed with me about two weeks and went here to stay had a prayer meeting with some Christians and they were earnestly seeking more of God. Suddenly one of the women fainted, and he laid on her forehead the fly and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The message or the speaking in tongues lasted about an hour and a half. Some of the interpretation was that Jesus is soon coming and that He was on His way for His bride. Friends, this is what God can do, even though no one has been there to tell them. Rejoice with us that even this has come to pass.

Here in Nagoya there is a group of Chris­tians, about thirty in all, who have heard my testimony on the Baptism and also this one at Ibarkaki ken, so they are earnestly waiting on God. This is a part of the Pentecostal experience, but the Holy Spirit will work if He gets a chance. They are very open-hearted. Please remember them in prayer.

ANOTHER LITTLE MISSIONARY

We are happy to announce the arrival of a little boy baby in the home of Brother and Sister Lief Erickson, of Peru, South America. Willis Dwight Erickson was born on July 20, 1929.

MISSIONARIES SAIL

Jacob J. and Jennie (Kirkland) Mueller

God willing, we are to sail for India, the land of our adoption, the first part of Sep­ember. We have had a blessed time of fellowship during our furlough. Friends have been kind, and we have found the as­semblies open and eager for India's message. We shall not be able to write each dear one, so may we send you greetings through the Evangel?

We shall be glad to hear from you and have you continue your prayer for the work in pagan India and for us both on route and in pest-infested India.

With joy we anticipate having the privilege of again spreading the gospel among the darkened ones.
LOUISIANA REVIVAL

Brethren Elliott and Bradley write: "We closed a 2 weeks' meeting at Doyline, La., Aug. 25. Fourteen were saved, 11 baptized with the Holy Spirit, and 12 baptized in water."

NEW FIELD

Pastor S. E. Pearson, Broken Bow, Okla., writes: "Just closed a 2 weeks' meeting at Cero Gordo, where 8 souls went their way to Calvary. That is practically a new field. Any Council thinking of that way will receive a hearty welcome."

FORTY-EIGHT FILLED

Pastor L. L. Riley, Russellville, Ark., writes: "The Lord is blessing in Russellville. Just closed a 3 weeks' revival with Brother P. F. Ramsey in charge. The power of God was in our midst. Forty-four were saved, 48 baptized with the Holy Spirit, and 44 baptized in water."

THE WORD IS HONORED

Mrs. C. E. Friend, pastor, Seneca, Mo., writes: "We called Brother and Sister C. C. Helvey, of Crocker, Mo., for a meeting, which closed Aug. 11. God honored His Word and 11 souls were saved. Ten followed the Lord in water baptism and 10 names were added to our church roster."

AGED MOTHER BAPTIZED

Pastor Henry D. Kelley writes: "Just closed a reviving at Carlton with Sister Jimmie Glass as evangelist. Sister Irene Hodges and some of her workers also gave us a lift for a few days. The power of God fell, and 5 souls were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost, including my mother, 89 years of age, who came up dancing and shouting like a 16-year-old girl. I had the privilege of baptizing her in water, together with 4 others."

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mrs. F. C. Woodworth writes: "The greatest convention and camp meeting ever held in the Rocky Mountain District convened at Overland Park, Denver, Colo., Aug. 4-14. Brother Ben Hardin, of Chicago, was the evangelist. The large tent was packed to capacity nightly, and hundreds stood on the outside, unable to gain attendance. The glory of the Lord was mightily present, and the power fell in true Pentecostal fashion. A number were saved (it was impossible to keep an exact account), and about 20 or 25 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The divine healing services were outstanding in that the slain of the Lord were many. Many testified to being healed of various diseases. There is splendid unity and co-operation among the brethren of the Rocky Mountain District. With the exception of one or two every assembly was represented, and practically every minister attended at least part of the convention. Brother C. Woodworth was re-elected as District superintendent, Brother O. L. Mabry as secretary-treasurer, and Brethren Guy Cooper, Geo. L. Rose, and J. E. Austell are the new preachers. The Christ's Ambassadors rally was held Aug. 10th. Brother Melvin Hodges was elected president for the ensuing year, and Sister Ida Bernhardt, secretary-treasurer. Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah comprise the Rocky Mountain District."

IMMERSED AT NINETY

The Lord is blessing in our work at Newburgh, N. Y., and bringing the people in to hear the Word. September 1 we held a baptismal service at Brookside Lake. Among the 12 who followed the Lord in baptism was Grandma Decker, 90 years of age, who walked in the lake and was "buried with Christ," and walked out of the water, just like the young folks. Sister Jones, 82 years old, was also "buried with Christ." Some of the unsaved endeavored to prevent the older sister from entering the lake, saying it might stop her heart beating. To this she replied, "If the pastor refuses to baptize me, I shall jump in the lake and dip myself, if I have to go home to Glory. I would rather go from the baptismal service than from any place else." The decision of the aged sister had such an effect upon her unsaved daughter, that she broke down and called the pastor and his wife to pray for her. In answer to prayer the Lord wonderfully saved the daughter, who hastily called for a baptismal robe and followed her old mother into the lake and was immersed. The gospel was preached to a large crowd on the bank, and many were in tears as our young people came up out of the water with hands raised toward heaven, praising the Lord. The missionary meeting in the evening was also blessed of God, and the offering for our Sister Reitz, in Africa, was away above our pledges.—Albert J. Jenkins.

"THEY RECEIVED THE WORD"

Brother Richard Carmichael writes: "Evangelist Adele Carmichael has concluded an 8 weeks' revival at Pittsfield, Ia., a new field for the full gospel. While some in that neighborhood had listened to radio services, they had never before been privileged to be in a service and feel the gripping power of the Holy Spirit. All classes attended—preachers, the mayor, reporter, banker, the baker and the candlestick-makers—and all received the blessing. As many as 6 denominational preachers attended some nights. The evangelist was assisted by some of the young folks from the home church. Miss Lavera Dundy had charge for 2 weeks. Sixty-five were saved and a goodly number received the Baptism. The town hall was secured for regular services without charge. Harold and Velma Hamilton, two young preachers from our home church, are taking the work."

GOOD MEETING AT HENRYETTA

Evangelists Mae McCarty and Cora Bender write: "We have just closed an evangelistic meeting at Henryetta, Okla., Brother Frank Campbell, pastor. God blessed in a very precious way; 8 were saved, 4 reclaimed, 10 filled with the Holy Spirit, 8 baptized in water, and a number healed. The Sunday school attendance doubled during the campaign."

LATTER-RAIN SHOWER

Brother Geo. E. Wright, Redding, Iowa, writes: "The Lord has given us a shower of the Latter Rain at Pleasant Hill; nine saved, 1 received the Baptism and 3 baptized in water. Evangelist Kelly Campbell was with us. Brother Clarence Bell also brought several messages. Often former workers paid us a visit. Our pastor, Brother Basil Bell, will remain with us by unanimous vote."

SAINTS BUILT UP

Brother H. L. Cox writes: "A 4 weeks' revival at Birch Chapel, near Spiro, Okla., resulted in 6 souls being saved, 3 reclaimed, and 4 baptized with the Holy Spirit. Four followed the Lord in water baptism. The first 2 weeks' services were conducted by Brother Johnson, of Ft. Smith, Ark.; during the remainder of the services Brother J. E. Wallander had charge. The saints were greatly built up."

NEW TERRITORY TAKEN

Evangelist Firdman Peppers writes: "The past 8 months of our ministry for Jesus has been a blessed one. We have been breaking new territory in the mountains of Colorado. God gave us a wonderful meeting at Wellington, after which we were called to Kansas City, Kansas, for a revival in Victory Tabernacle. Scores were saved and believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. Marvelous healings were witnessed. Any desiring our services, address Arcadia, Kans."

POTOMAC PARK CAMP MEETING

Brother Harry V. Schaeffer writes: "Our Potomac District camp meeting began Aug. 4, at Marlowe, W. Va., under the direction of Evangelist Hattie Hammond for the first week; and from Aug. 11 to 25 under direction of Brother and Sister Alvin L. Branch and daughter Helen, of Battle Creek, Mich. This was by far the greatest success of any camp meeting in our district, both in a spiritual and in a financial way. From the day workers arrived on the ground, God began to work. Thirty-one campers came with the Branch party and representatives and workers from different states, including Brother McCrary, of Pentecostal Bible Institute, Dayton, Ohio; Sister..."
Perry, of Miami, Fla.; and Sister Hanes, of Pennsylvania, as children's teachers. A number were greatly blessed and built up by Bible work, prayer and the living upon God. People were saved, baptized and healed. The committee decided to purchase the park for a permanent camp—12 acres nicely located on state highway and overlooking the historic Potomac River—for $500, raising half of the amount by cash and subscriptions.

“COME OVER . . . AND HELP US” Evangelist W. E. Wilson and wife write: “We have just closed a 3 weeks’ meeting at Quinton, Okla., with 17 saved, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 9 baptized in water. This is a new field. If any Council minister passing by can stop, inquire for Brother Allen Mannings, Route 1. The Word is much needed there.”

VICTORY AT ANDALUSIA Evangelist P. M. Stokely, Andalusia, Ala., writes: “The Lord met with us in a 5 weeks’ revival just closed. It was a hard battle, but the Lord gave the victory by reaching forth His mighty hand in convicting and saving souls. Two received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Citizens who have lived here 50 years say they never saw anything like it in Andalusia.”

HEALED OF SNAKEBITE Brother and Sister M. Kullman write: “During a 2 weeks’ meeting at Laurel, Miss., 21 were saved, 4 received the Baptism, and 3 were added to the assembly. Mrs. C. F. Holifield, of Soso, R. 3, came to the assembly one night with the fresh marks of a snakebite, having been bitten by a rattlesnake just before coming to service. Her ankle was swollen, but she was prayed for and no ill results came of the bite.”

CAPACITY CROWDS Pastor W. F. Voodre, Warren, Ohio, writes: “Just closed a 3 weeks’ meeting with Wm. Emeneeger and L. C. Hicks in charge. There were good crowds every night from the opening service. On Sunday nights a children’s meeting was held in the prayer room and still we were unable to accommodate the people. Around 20 were at the altar for salvation and 2 received the Baptism of the Spirit. The saints were encouraged.”

SUCCESSFUL SUMMER CAMPAIGNS Pastor J. M. Hart writes: “We have closed a very successful summer campaign. Evangelist Guy L. Lawrence and myself held a meeting at Floyd, Tex., in July in which 34 were saved and 1 received the Holy Ghost. Came home to Farmersville for August. Twenty-two saved and 20 baptized with the Holy Ghost, for which we are praising the Lord. It was good to see the old-time power fall.”

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ATTICA, IND.—Evangelist Joe Roland Hammel and wife, preachers, musicians, and gospel singers, will conduct a revival meeting Sept. 29-Oct. 15. Pastor D. G. Horm.


DURANT, FL.—Camp meeting at Pleasant Grove Camp and a revival from Plymouth to 18 miles from Tampa, Oct. 10-20. N. A. Bell, Secretary-Treasurer.

GRACEVILLE, FL.—Fifth Sunday fellowship meeting, Sept. 29. Services 10:00 a. m., 2:00 p. m. Everybody invited. Bring your lunches. R. M. Miller, preacher.


OKLA.—Southern Bible Bible School will open its fall term on October 1, registration day. Those desiring information and literature or application blanks, write President, Pastor P. C. Nelson, Lock Box 1131.


SCRANTON, PA.—Ten-day Prophetic Conference at Pentecostal Church, 623 Green Ridge St., beginning Oct. 10, to be conducted by J. N. Hooper, of California. For information write Pastor F. Russell Prager.

WOODSTON, KANS.—Revival services beginning Oct. 8, in Sanoy Schoolhouse, 8 miles south of Woodston. Evangelists W. O. and Henrietta Thoroberry, of Stockton, Kans., and Brother Charles Chaifu, in charge. All near-by assemblies are invited—W. O. Thoroberry.

COFFEEVILLE, KANS.—Sunday school and Church's Ambassadors rally, first Sunday in October. Free entertainment. Bring your instruments. C. A. street meeting Saturday night. For further information write C. A. Shelly, 662 W. 11th St., Coffeyville, Kans.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Brother J. N. Hooper, of Santa Cruz Pentecostal Church, 414 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa., will conduct a revival at Grace Pentecostal Church, 414 Franklin St., beginning September 28. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Hooper, a talented musician—Pastor Charles C. Tyler, 47 Jefferson St., Roxbury, Johnstown.

END, OKLA.—The twelfth annual meeting of the Oklahoma District Council will convene at 306 E. Cherokee St., Oct. 22-27. Matters of importance are to be considered. Every minister and one delegate from each assembly are urged to be present. Candidates for license or ordination must make application in person, with reference. Come prepared to take care of your well as much as possible—James Hutsell, District Superintendent.

DOTHAN, ALA.—The Nineteenth Annual Council of the Southeastern District under a tent Oct. 8-13. The camp meeting will follow Oct. 11-20. These drudging ordination or license will please meet the Council with recommendations from assembly and pastor or two ordained Council ministers. The Dothan people will endeavor to furnish rooms for those from a distance. Two Dothan cafes will serve meals at low rates. For further information on entertainment write to Mr. Wm. May, Dothan, Ala. For entertainment information—J. F. Spence, Phyla, Ala., P. O. Box 27.

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