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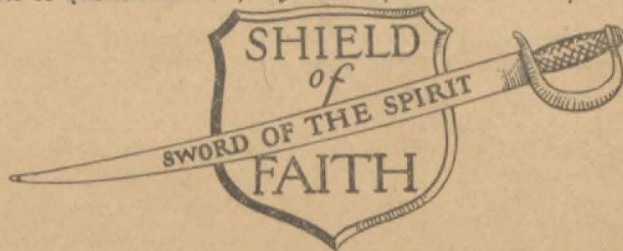
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Above all, take the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.—Eph. 6-16.



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NEW TABERNACLE CHURCH LOOMS FOR FORT WORTH!

BIG TABERNACLE LOOMS FOR NEW FOURSQUARE LIGHT- HOUSE IN FORT WORTH

Secures Branch Church of Foursquare
Gospel Movement.

In all probabilities, Fort Worth will have a big Tabernacle church, to be known as the Foursquare Lighthouse of Fort Worth, within the next few months. Plans are now going forward for launching a city-wide Revival to be conducted by one of America's most outstanding Evangelists of the Foursquare Gospel Faith. A six weeks' campaign will be conducted by this evangelistic party in Dallas beginning at once, and after they have finished the campaign there, we expect to have them here in Fort Worth for a six or eight-weeks campaign. It has not been definitely decided whether or not the meeting will be conducted under a huge tent or that a large tabernacle will be especially constructed for the campaign. In any event, the present Worth Temple congregation is soon to be merged into a Foursquare Lighthouse, and a large Tabernacle Church seems to be in sight. We plan to reach the entire city in our ministry, which is interdenominational, with the fourfold message of Jesus and His great Love to Mankind. We hold no denominational barriers, believing that whosoever is "born again" and knows Jesus in forgiveness of sins, is our brother and we fellowship them. "Look unto me and be ye saved, ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH; for I am God, and there is none else." The invitation is to all, not to just Methodists or Baptists, or Presbyterians, or Assemblies of God, or any other denomination; but ALL YE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

God is pouring out the latter rain in these last days, and we rejoice in the fact that of this realized dream of a church where the "Whole Counsel of God" is proclaimed from service to service and where signs follow believers. We invite you to come and be with us in our present church at Illinois and East Annie Streets, and help roll the old Gospel Chariot along, and join us in our campaign for this new undertaking of the "Whole Gospel for the Whole City" housed in a suitable building and located in a suitable place accessible to all.

REV. AND MRS. H. E. ALFORD
HOME FROM LOS ANGELES

Rev. H. E. Alford returned last week from Los Angeles where they spent the month of January. During their visit there, which was primarily for the purpose of attending the INTERNATIONAL FOURSQUARE

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Congregation of The Worth Temple is elated over the prospects of becoming Foursquare Lighthouse, and having a big new tabernacle church to worship in, seating 2,000 or more people. This is picture of our Sunday School when 60 days old. We have grown so rapidly that we must have larger quarters in order to take care of our rapidly growing crowds.

A QUARTETTE OF FOOLS (Editorial)

"But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise." (1 Cor. 1:27.)

It seems to me that we are living in a very foolish age. Men are doing many foolish things now days.

As we look about, we see people taking chances in many ways—dodging about in cars—taking own lives in their hands—taking chances on every hand—men have even gone so far as to take or cause the death of their wives and innocent children while they took chances on crossing some dangerous railroad crossing or other hazardous place.

This is a foolish age—jazz everywhere—air full of it—streets full of it—ever living in a whirl—in a hurry—someone has characterized this as service station age. A quart of oil—a little air in spare—some water in radiator—I must go.

Fools everywhere and foolishness abroad—that is the spirit of the age. The old Book of Books set forth many examples of fools and foolishness, but I wish to direct your attention to four of the outstanding things, any one of which, if a man or woman does, God calls them a fool. Mind you, it is not me—but God—that makes this statement.

1. "He That Trusteth in His Own Heart Is a Fool."

"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh Flesh HIS ARM, and whose heart departeth from the Lord." (Jer. 17:5.)

Any person who depends wholly upon the world, holds aloof from God—places his trust in bank accounts, Liberty Bonds, oil stock, good position, multitude of friends, personality, education, shrewdness or manifold other things, he is a fool. Such as that won't last. Money can be invested wrongly or squandered or stolen, Liberty Bonds can burn up, deteriorate in value, good positions can be lost overnight, friends will quit for the least little thing, personality will fade away. Every day we grow older—our flower of life is rapidly fading away. We are grad-

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

By W. B. Mc

The Book of Revelation is the Book of "consummations" in contradiction to the Book of Genesis, which is the Book of "beginnings." This is implied in the respective titles, "Genesis," meaning the "generation" of things or the "beginnings," and "Revelation," a word from the Greek "apocalypsis," to uncover, to reveal, to disclose, to make manifest, as of deep mysteries—an end; therefore a consummation; a Book of consummations—see Rev. 10:7.

While the word "Revelation" or "Apocalypse" carries the thought of a grand unveiling of all mysteries pertaining to the divine scheme of things, yet this cannot come to pass apart from the great Person of this great Book—the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore the word and the Book may be properly spoken of as "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." (Rev. 1:1). Not only to things pertaining to Jesus Christ, or of things pertaining to time or eternity, but it is distinctively an unveiling of Jesus Christ Himself in His relation to all things. For since He is the "Beginning" of all things—the Genesis of things, He also is the ending of all things—the "Author and finisher"—the consummation. (Rev. 1:8-11-17; 21:6).

Herein the "mystery of God" is "finished;" shown forth, or disclosed. (Chp 10:7, cf. Eph. 1:9-10).

In it the words of the prophets are filled up and finished. cf. Luke 21:22; Acts 3:21, with Chapter 10:7, later clause.

The Number Seven.

Throughout the Bible there is a pre-dominating number. That is the number "seven." This number is a number denoting completeness, or entirety, signifying dispensational fullness. It is a time number and is associated with the consummation of things in their relation to time and not eternity. This number is found in all the Bible, but more so than elsewhere in the Revelation. The Revelation is distinctly a Book of "sevens," and therefore may rightly be called "The Book of Consummations." Considering this number of completeness or entirety, we find seven churches in mystery—the church complete, dispensationally speaking. (Chapter 1:11).

Seven Golden Candle Sticks—type of the churches. Ch. 1:13.

Seven Stars—symbolical of seven messengers of the churches. Ch. 1:16.

Seven Lamps—seven spirits—i. e. the spiritual power of God in seven aspects—a fullness of divine power. (Chapter 4:5).

Twenty-four elders and four beasts—24 elders, plus 4 beasts, equal 28 in all. Twenty-eight is four times seven. (Ch. 4:4-11).

Seven seals on the great book. (Ch.

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REV. AND MRS. H. E. ALFORD

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GOSPEL CONVENTION, Mrs. Alford filled the pulpit of beautiful Angelus Temple several times, as well as visiting and preaching in other Foursquare churches on the coast. Rev. and Mrs. Alford have been officially appointed as Divisional Officers of the FOUR-SQUARE GOSPEL LIGHTHOUSES, and have under their supervision the States of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. Their headquarters will be 725 West Ninth St., Dallas, Texas.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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5:1).

Seven horns, seven eyes which are seven spirits of the Lamb. (Ch. 5:6).

Seven fold ascriptions of praise. (Ch. 5:12; 7-12).

Seven angels. (Ch. 8:2). Seven Trumpets. (Ch. 8:2). Seven thunders. (Ch. 10:4, 5, 7). (Seven thousand slain by earthquake. (Ch. 11:13).

Seven-headed dragon with seven crowns. (Ch. 12:3). Seven-headed beast. (Ch. 13:1). Seven angels with seven plagues in seven vials. (Ch. 15:1ff). Seven mountains. (Ch. 17:9). Seven Kings. (Ch. 17:10). Twenty-eight articles of merchandise, which is four times seven. (Ch. 18:13). Twelve hundred and sixty days, which is divisible by seven. Forty-two months, which is evenly divided by seven.

Seven, then, is a key number to the Book of Revelation—a number denoting the consummation of temporal things.

Key Text.

The key text of the Revelation is found in Ch. 1:7, "Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced

Him; and all kindred of the earth shall wail because of Him, even so. Amen."

Around this verse and this thought the Book is written. The writer, by this verse, has shown the reason for the Book, and the purpose of its symbols, admonitions and warnings and like a true musician he closed his Book on the key note or key thought. "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus," followed only by his farewell. (Ch. 22:20).

The Writer.

Without doubt, St. John, the author of the Gospel of John and the three Epistles of John, is the writer of the Revelation. He wrote it in the desolate Island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, twenty-four miles from the coast of Asia Minor; having been banished here by the decree of the Roman Emperor Domitian, about 96 A. D.

Divisions.

The Book is divided into three major parts by Christ Himself. (Ch. 1:19) as follows:

(1) "Things Seen"—i. e. the vision of the glorified Christ. (Ch. 1).

(2) "Things which are." The present church age. (Chs. 2 and 3).

(3) "Things which shall be hereafter." (Chp. 4 to 22).

The division resolves itself into the following periods of time:

(1) The church age—1927 plus years. (Chs. 1 to 3).

(2) The great tribulation—forty-two months. Chs. 5 to 19).

(3) The Millennial kingdom—1,000 years. (Ch. 20, cf. ch. 10). This time division of the Book closes at chapter 20 with a division of a new order of things—an eternal order. (Chs. 21 and 22). This Book is the concluding chapter in the Romance of the Redeemed, the triumphant climax to the great Drama of Life, the shifting scenes of which have been ever moving in dispensational sequence to this great denouncement.

Satan as the villain—the arch enemy, who apparently has triumphed in every way, is here signally defeated. The hero, Jesus Christ, is forever triumphant; the heroine, the church, is joined with Him in eternal wedlock, as is befitting such a glorious triumph. The happy result of this true "Romance of two worlds" is that the happy bride is taken to the home of the Bridegroom where "she shall go no more out," but shall abide forever in the eternal home of the saved.

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A QUARTETTE OF FOOLS

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ually slipping down the Western slope of the mountain of time, and soon to land in the twilight of the evening time of life. Then we will have to cross the bar. If you have trusted in the arm of flesh thus far—until this hour—how do you expect to meet your Savior face to face when

you have crossed the Bar. There is no way to stop the onslaught of time. God is running things and we had just as well tune in with the GREAT I AM—place our little hand in His big hand and go on to victory—otherwise, cursed be the man.

11.—"THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD."

I don't know, but possibly the man who makes this colossal mistake is the BIGGEST FOOL OF ALL, that is to say "there is no God."

We read in Psalm 8: "O Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him." And, it is written, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth forth His handy work."

"The invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1:20).

When we look about us at the flowers, birds, running streams, water falls, flying clouds, regularity of the seasons, absolute sureness of day follow night—the very process of nature—the manifold elements at man's disposal—the electrically charged atmosphere—the aetherial waves that carry human voice around the world without the use of wires. Surely, then, we can say it's true as it is written "Because that which may be known of God is manifested in them for God hath shown it unto them."

There is no excuse for such a statement, yet it comes from the lips of man—no wonder God made the astounding statement that "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

Not only is it true that the things about us prove that there is a God, that owns the cattle upon a thousand hills, holds the sea in the palm of His hand—Creator of all things; but we can have actual communication with Him and have the witness in our own hearts, through belief in Jesus Christ. "His spirit shall bear witness with our spirit that we are sons of God." "Any man that willet to know, he shall know," said Jesus.

III.—THE THIRD MAN GOD CALLS A FOOL IS A RICH, SELFISH MAN.

"But God said unto him, thou fool, this very night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall those things be, which thou has provided: Luke 12:20.

This is a pointed statement which God delivered to the rich man who said, "I will tear down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry."

Once I heard a man say, "going is too good on the outside for me to go to church." Others are saying, "Live as you go." "Look out for No. 1, I have no faith in preachers, churches or Christians—I will spend my money in providing enjoyment of life and luxuries for old age."

That was exactly the kind of program the rich man in Luke 12 had planned; but God called him a fool and required his soul. We owe God 10c of every dollar we earn and are due to make offerings over and above this, and unless we obey the law of

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GENESIS, THE SEED PLOT OF
THE BIBLE

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SECOND INSTALLMENT

We pass on again. The scene before us is in the desert. Several millions of people are encamped here. The tabernacle is in the midst. A cloud overshadows it showing that the divine is with them. It is the day of atonement. The priest comes leading two goats into the court. The people lay their hands upon them. One is taken by a fit person and led away into the wilderness to die. On the little goat goes. Not a drop of water—not a blade of grass anywhere—crying pitifully, it wanders on until with glassy eyes and parched tongue it falls upon the desert sands, dying alone. This is the picture of the suffering of our Lord when in that dark hour He, laden with our sins, was forsaken by the Father. He suffered alone. Yes, and in this little goat we have Jesus Christ set forth bearing our iniquity.

The other goat is slain and is offered upon the altar. The smoke goes up as a sweet savor. The blood is carried into the holy of holies. The presence of God is manifested. The high priest and the people are accepted and we, being on the other side of the cross, hear a voice echoing down through the ages saying, "Having boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way, let us draw near."

Another scene rises before us. A Hebrew comes with a lamb into the court of the tabernacle. He is burdened with his sins. He lays his hand upon the head of the lamb and confesses his sins. The lamb, in type, absorbs the man's sins; it becomes sin and is led away to be slain. Then they carry it outside of the camp and burn it upon the fire which they call Gehenna. The lamb was innocent, but it had man's sins upon it, and therefore must die. Look and see Jesus! "He was made sin for us who knew no

sin." Behold the love of God! God forgive us for not more carefully appreciating our salvation through thy dear Son.

Once again we are in the desert. Judgment is falling upon the people. From every crag and rock come fiery serpents bringing death to hundreds as they are bitten and the deadly poison does its work. What are the people to do? Must they all die? A command is given. Make a serpent of brass; place it upon the pole and tell all the people to look upon it and they shall live. No matter how near death they may be—only look, and they shall live! Do you not see Jesus in His sacrificial death on Calvary? A serpent of brass without a sting the very thing that did the mischief is rendered powerless! Praise God! Jesus took out the sting of death and openly triumphed over the devil. "Having spoiled principalities and powers." He made a show of them openly triumphing over them in it. Jesus has told us not to be afraid of the devil but to overcome him through the blood!

We must pass hurriedly along. The scene has changed greatly. We stand with John on the banks of Jordan. John is announcing that someone is coming and that he (John) is unworthy to stoop down and unloose His shoe latches. How the people trembled and quaked under the fiery messages of the prophet! Suddenly, one day, there comes to John a young man, about thirty years of age, wearing a seamless, white robe, with the love of God in His heart, and divinity shining through His eyes. He asks for baptism. John baptized Him and the next day as John sees Him in the crowd, he suddenly calls out in tones of thunder so that all the people may hear, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Hallelujah! The answer to Isaac's question, "Where is the lamb," is solved! Praise God! The Lamb for which all the faithful looked forward to, had come. Very soon this Lamb is led to the slaughter! He was the great anti-type of all the types. Dying on dark Calvary, His blood was shed for all mankind. Salvation through substitution! Salvation through the blood! Beginning in type by the slaying of the animal and clothing Adam and Eve with the skin, we behold the consummation of God's plan in the anti-type—the death of Jesus which provides salvation for all of Adam's race if they will only believe.

Finally we come with John to the isle of Patmos. Mid scenes of splendor and of glories untold, the triumph of the redeemed has come! We hear the harpers harping sweetest music! We listen to the songs filling the universe with melodies such as was never heard! We behold the white-robed throng with faces suffused with the light of God. The great procession of the end of the age is about to begin. But yonder stands One in the midst of the throne who has all power and authority. The angel tells John He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. John looks to see the Lion and lo, a Lamb as it had been slain! Behold the Lion! Behold the Lamb! This conqueror has triumphed in the cross. Oh, yes, in heaven it will be Jesus the Lamb for sinners slain. Having traced the doctrine of the Trinity and salvation through substitution and the shed blood, we return to Genesis and find another cardinal truth in embryonic stage set forth here.

It is the doctrine of the blessed Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We read in Genesis 2:2-3: "And on

the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made."

Now turn to Hebrews 4:1-11, "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, anyone of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them: But the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said. As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He speaks in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all His works." And in this place again, if they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore that it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: again, He limiteth a certain day saying in David, today after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest then would He not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For He that is entered into His rest, He also hath ceased from His own works, as God did from His.

Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." So we see that the Sabbath is a type of God's rest for the believer. Now, if we turn to Isaiah 28:11-12, we read, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, this is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."

So we see that God gives us the definition of "rest." He defines it as the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Paul in correcting the abuses of the gifts of the Spirit as exercised in the Corinthian church, quotes Isaiah 28:11-12, and so we positively know that the rest referred to in Isaiah is the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A great many people of today would have you believe that salvation and the baptism of the Spirit are one and the same thing. But God has separated them in type and God's types are as fixed as the law of mathematics. They can never be changed nor broken.

You may receive salvation and the baptism on the same occasion, but never at the same moment for God has separated them and one must follow the other. Preach the Baptism of the Holy Ghost for believers. It is their inheritance. God teaches that it is for His children in types and shadows through the Old Testament, beginning with the type of His Sabbath day of rest and continuing through the Book until we reach that wonderful day of Pentecost where the Holy Ghost was given to believers. We are told that the promise is for us today, for Peter preaching on the day of Pentecost says, "The promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Thank God for the baptism of the blessed Holy Ghost!

APPRECIATES MINISTRY OF REV.
AND MRS. ALFORD

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To my dear Sister Alford:

This comes to express the deepest regret of my inability to remain over until Friday and accept your kind invitation for a friendly visit. No words of mine could express to you the honor I felt in your recognition of me, in asking me to remain over until Friday that you might see more of me. Dear Sister Alford, these expressions of Christian love will always be treasured in my heart and I want you to know it was only the most pressing needs at home that made it impossible for me to accept your honored invitation for Friday.

Words cannot express my appreciation of your kindness to me, much less can they express my joy at seeing you joining hands with Sister McPherson in the world-wide extension of this marvelous Foursquare Gospel of Jesus Christ. For a long time I have felt that we had failed God by allowing the flesh so much liberty in manifestation, by giving fanaticism almost unrestrained play, and by our neglect of the deeper truths of Holiness unto the Lord and entire consecration to Him. I have seen and I have felt that God was going to take out a new people, give them a message, and send with it the promised latter rain in revival out-pourings, all over the world. Sister McPherson has been given a wonderful vision of the world's needs and God has given her the grace and the truth, as well as the wisdom and the power to meet them. If the rest of us will humble ourselves under the mighty Hand of God, as she has done, and work and labor and pray in agreement and unity with her, setting self and pride and personal ambition entirely aside and having no thought or desire, except to see the world won for Christ, this Foursquare movement will sweep the world and revival fires will burn on every altar of home and church.

I truly believe the happiest time of my life was at the Fifth Foursquare Convention. I never saw God working more surely and more marvelously in great councils. I pray God we all remain true to the vision He gave at those meetings and with eyes single to His glory we march forward, with the Cross of Christ as our banner and with it win and conquer in His Name.

I received true inspiration from your sermon in which you said that we preach by our lives, and the best messages come from lives lived in entire consecration and absolute obedience to Him. And truly, Sister Alford, yours like Sister McPherson's is

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Rev. H. E. Alford, Pastor Bethel Foursquare Lighthouse, Corner Sunset and Tyler Street, Dallas, Texas. Rev. Mr. Alford has recently been appointed Divisional Officer of the Southern States for The International Foursquare Lighthouses, Inc., which organization's general headquarters are located at 1109 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

HOME AND FIELD



Mrs. Mary B. Lynas, 1114 Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Lynas was healed of cancer of spine when Evangelist Roxie Hughes Alford of Dallas, Texas, prayed for her during Mrs. Alford's campaign in San Diego, Cal., May, 1924.

A MIRACLE PERFORMED WOMAN LEAPS FROM WHEEL-CHAIR

Instantly and Permanently Healed of
Cancer of Spine.

To many of us the dawning of a new year is a time of hopeful and eager anticipation. This is especially true of those who, because of sickness or affliction, have felt that a New Year could bring only another succession of dreary, useless days of suffering, but who have come at last to know Jesus as their Savior and Healer and to look joyfully forward to days of service for Him.

Realizing that they have indeed had the prayer of faith gloriously answered—being persuaded that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever, many are testifying to marvelous healings.

One, who after years of suffering and seeming hopelessness, has found Him to be her great Physician, is Mrs. Mary B. Lynas, a consecrated student of the Bible School of Los Angeles, California.

When but seventeen years of age, Mrs. Lynas was thrown from a wagon and lay unconscious for hours. As a result of this accident, she suffered from severe headaches, and a later examination disclosed the fact that the had knit together at the wrong angle. end of her spine had been broken and

For thirty-seven years, she says, she suffered terrible with her spine, growing worse and worse, severe hemorrhages sapping her strength.

"In the spring of 1924, while residing in San Diego," she writes, "I was removed to a hospital, where X-Rays were taken and my trouble diagnosed as cancer of the spine. Surgeons told me that one vertebrae was entirely eaten away, and that the cancer was steadily eating into my vitals."

"My husband was told that the only hope lay in a very serious and extremely delicate operation by which it was planned to remove a part of the shin-bone and fit it into the spine, also to use one gold or silver vertebra."

"I grew worse, but would not consent to the operation, although it seemed as if hot knives were being plunged into my spine and then twisted and plunged deeper. At last I became unconscious, and my case was considered hopeless."

"My husband, who was not a Christian, went home and called on God to

save him and heal his wife. He was saved and God seemed to assure him that prayer would help me. Next morning, when he hurried in and told me, I said, 'I knew you were saved. A wonderful peace came over me in the night, and I am ready to go home to heaven now.' But my husband said 'No. We are going to pray for God to heal you.'

"Then released from the hospital on condition that the surgeons could recall me anytime, I was propped up in a wheel-chair and brought to meeting. Mrs. Roxie Hughes Alford, who is now associate pastor of the Foursquare Gospel Lighthouse at Dallas, Texas, was conducting a campaign in San Diego at the time I was prayed for according to James 5:14."

"Relating to Sister Alford my hopeless condition, I asked her to pray for me. She told me to get my eyes on Jesus for He alone was able to heal. I shall never forget her words, 'Look to Jesus, Look to Jesus.' When she anointed me with oil and laid her hands upon me, I felt as though an electric battery had been turned through my body, and leaping to my feet, I began praising God. The old wheel-chair was discarded—I was well. I grew stronger, and within the year made a trip to Ireland where I visited my mother and sister. While there I had a wonderful opportunity to witness the healing power of Jesus. I am happy as the day is long, and am attending the day session at the Bible School of Angelus Temple and enjoying the four-mile hikes over mountain trails with the other students."

"I was healed in May, 1924, and am perfectly well today."

MRS. MARY B. LYNAS,
1114 Coronado Terrace,
Los Angeles, California.

CHOICE SCRIPTURE IN VERSE— PONDER THEM!

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel.

8:22

While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Psalms 1:1

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

126:6

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Acts 1:8

Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me Both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Revelation 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

A QUARTETTE OF FOOLS

tithing, God will collect it in some way, either in permitting sickness to come, loss of time from work, reverses, or something else, which would more than amount to the tithes on our income. Men give for any thing now adays except for God's work. They spend money for prize fights, shows, baseball games, gamble, drink, invest in "wild cat schemes"—anything except for the kingdom's sake. The very next verse of scripture (Luke 12:21) states, "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God." That is, you are like the rich man in this account, a fool, and your soul will be required of you, if you follow the same program.

Then, lastly, there is another kind of fool mentioned in the Bible.

IV.—"THOU FOOL, THAT WHICH THOU SOWEST IS NOT QUICKENED, EXCEPT IT DIE."

A man would certainly be foolish to say that a grain of corn planted in the ground does not die—that it remains sound and good, yet there comes up from it the stalk of corn or wheat. We all know that this grain must die in order to bring forth fruit—goes through a change. So, likewise, we, into whose life God comes to dwell must die to self and the world in order to bear fruit. The Bible declares that a "Christian shall be known by his fruits." Are you bearing fruits, my brother. Signs shall follow believers. We cannot remain in the same old gang—talk about our neighbors as formerly—curse—cheat attend dances—lie—hold on to filthy habits, and a number of other things we did before we were born again. We must die to such. All things become new, old things are passed away.

We must humble ourselves and let the sunshine of God's great love and showers of His blessings come down into our lives just as it does upon the grain of corn or wheat hidden away under the clods. If we think that we don't have to die to self and world, and seek and set out affections upon things above, then God calls us a FOOL.

God help us to live the life that we might be caught up with the Bride, which is to be "without spot or wrinkle."

To be sure—

1. Cursed is the man who trusteth in his own heart. (Prov. 28:26).
2. There is a God who hold every man responsible for deeds done in the flesh. (Psalms 14:1).
3. You cannot hold aloof from Him your responsibility—you must render an accounting of your money. (Luke 12:20).
4. You must die to self and the world in order to bear fruits. (1 Cor. 15:36).

APPRECIATES MINISTRY

such a life and such a message. My heart welled up with praise to God when I saw how beautiful His Hand had rested upon you since your ministry around the Bay of San Francisco. I only wish you might come with the Foursquare Message to the Dedication Services of the New Temple in February fourteenth to sixteenth. As for me, I am Foursquare forever! I never found any scriptural message or truth which so filled me with love and praise and adoration to God as does the light and grace and power which illumines the Foursquare Gospel, Jesus our Savior, Jesus our Great Physician, Jesus our mighty Baptizer, and Jesus our soon coming King, Jesus our all and in all.

Again expressing the greatest happiness in your remembrance of me and always asking God's blessings upon you and yours, I am, dear Sister Alford,

Yours very lovingly and trustingly,
SARAH FAULKES,
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