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WILFRED C. PARHAM
Chorister and Solo Singer



ALICE LYNN WILSON PARHAM
Evangelist—Preacher

This splendid couple of Gospel workers were united in marriage by the grooms father Chas. F. Parham in Bakersfield, Calif., April 2nd, 1925. They went immediately to the meeting then being conducted in Taft, Calif., which was finished in a successful way after which they enjoyed a two weeks honeymoon at Long Beach, then held a mammoth meeting in San Bernardino, Calif., after a weeks rest they began a meeting in an immense tent in Sacramento, Calif., where the groom is well known and which bids fair to exceed any meeting yet held. Mrs. Alice L. Parham is one of the leading Evangelist of the coast and has held many successful meetings. Those wishing meeting any where over the country will not be disappointed in securing her services. This couple are highly prepared for work with their own tent and equipment. Mr. Wilfred C. Parham is most proficient as a choir leader and solo singer. A happy combination that bids fair to supply the country with one of the best Evangelistic partys has thus been consummated by the marriage of these two young people, the groom having been thoroughly trained by his father, for his part in the work whereunto he has been called and the bride was one of the strongest workers under Mrs. McPerson, have held the largest congregation out side of Angeles Temple itself in her work at Pomona. A full account of their work will be published in the July number.

NOTE—In each paper we will have the pictures and account of successful Evangelist and pastors, all who would like us to do so will send in cuts and accounts of their work which we will get to as quickly as possible.—Editor.

LATER:—A letter just here states that an airship was engaged to ascend over the city of Sacramento and drop thousands of bills advertising the campaign there, truly these young people are up to date. Their address for the coming six months will be 1026 Echo Park Ave., Los Angeles, California.

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE TONGUES QUESTION.

The purpose of this article is to set right many false ideas about Tongues as a Bible teaching. And clear it from the mist fanaticism and smudge with which the so called Holy Rollers have besmirched it. To ask what is the use of Tongues, for if they are of no more value than at this time evidenced, surely we may just as well discard them altogether for unless a gift is of some valuable utility and can be of practical use to the church we had better not waste time in the exercise of the same. At the present time there seems to be nothing connected with the use of the Tongues but to get about the alters and get worked up and chatter, jabber, shake and shimmy, and fall about like dead or simply a sensual gratification, electrifying magnetism; pleasing to the flesh but of no practical benefit. As most Pentecostals are no deeper in God and the things of God than those who do not have the tongues. Brethern is this all or can we look for a real power of world benefit in this renewed blessing. In all the early Apostolic meetings oersins understanding foreign tongues, Government interpreters, and foreigners themselves understood the workers. Now such things are scarcely ever heard of and yet the meetings both in the halls and on the streets have many foreigners in them and to my knowledge not a single missionary in the foreign fields speaks in the tongue of the natives as a gift from God. If this was ever in the church a return of the same may be anticipated and ought to be welcomed with joy by all lovers of the worlds salvation as the greatest means to that end, and I believe if the Pentecost people will produce the goods they have so widely advertised, every honest preacher in the world will welcome it with enthusiasm.

At the tower of Babel, God worked an evident miracle in the confusion of tongues. If this is so, and all believers in the Bible accept then God can do the same today. He has the same power to give languages that would be instrumental in reaching every mission field in the world.

When the first preacher (for money) started out to preach for a stated income, his ass was so disgusted that he stopped in the middle of the road and gave Balaa, a lecture in the

arabic, the hardest of all languages since God used Balaams mule to speak in tongues, he surely can use any one who has horse sense enough to fully yield up to his purpose and truly if the mule spake in another tongue, its possible for man with all his vocal fixtures ready. For God used to do the same, and if the world is ever Evangelized this will have to come to the church. This does not permit to learn all these difficult languages.

In Mark 16-20 one of the special signs (or credentials) of believers was they SHALL speak in other tongues. Lets have Bible credentials or none modern preacher go to a Theological Cemetery. I call it CEMETERY for a challenge any young man or woman to attend any theological school of modern churches, with so much of evolution and modernism and not loose their spirituality and come out with their heads full but their hearts woefully empty. Get a diploma (Die-ploma) from these cemetaries to show how dead they are. Then Ordination papers and license to preach with a satchel of forma—dyded sermons. These are modern credentials but turn your Bibles to Mark 16. 16-20. Read what God says are, our credentials and among them is this "They Shall Speak With Other Tongues". Dr. Adam Clarke and other noted commentors say this means to speak in a language with which the individual was not previously familiar. Now as to the gift of tongues spoken of among the nine gifts in the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians. This is the gift of a language and can be obtained with or without the Pentecostal blessing and is available for every missionary. When a gift of tongues is bestowed the recipient can speak and understand the language at will when you have received the Pencostal blessing you can only speak in a Foreign Tongue as the SPIRIT giveth utterance, many have received this gift of tongues and gone to foreigins fields in late years but did not have the Pencostal endowment.

Brother and Sister Dwight L. Norton left old Orchard Baptist convention nearly 40 years ago and were enabled to speak in 21 provinces in Italy in that language about 18 years ago. Sister Norton received the Pentecostal blessing in my meetings in W. C. T. U. Temple, Los Angeles and spake in many languages as the spirit gave utterance but could yet freely use the Italian. Bishop Taylor the great M. E.

Missionary leader placing scores of Missionaries in Africa, states in his book that he left a lady in Africa and returned a few months later to find her speaking fluently in the language of the natives.

Brother Enos sent out by the Central Christian Church, Los Angeles to the Azore Islands received the language as a gift from God understanding it as well. A Christial Missionary going to Tasmania is reported to have received the language of the natives. I heard a returned Missionary of the Quaker Church lecturing at the yearly meeting of the FRIENDS, Lawrence, Kansas.

He had gone to Africa, was thorough convinced he could never master that language for it is the junk of all languages. The Arabs themselves say laughingly that when God confused the languages at the Tower of Babel he had a lot of junk left over that no one seemed able to use and so gave it to them and they have been chewing on it ever since.

Well this preacher said "Lord thou has't not sent me here I was mistaken in my leading but if thou didst send me here give me the language", and he said from that hour he was able both to speak and understand it. I afterward heard of another Quaker who was given the Eskimo language as a gift.

Under Pentecostal blessing, Dr. Keys' daughter Lillian, of Los Angeles was able to speak the Chinese, the Morton Sisters have spoken to many Foreigners in American and prayed them through in their own tongue and when some of these benighted foreigners were made to understand that this was an evident miracle akkiwed these ladies to help bring them to God and the true religion, they worshiped God the more. Years ago before Pentecost fell in Azura Street, Los Angeles, and the work was booming in Kansas, Mo., and Texas, we brought a very light colored woman, Lucy Farrow (a niece of Fred Douglas, the great Negro Orator), from Texas to care for our children she received the Baptism in our home and went out to work for God and she was one of the first helpers Brother Seymour had in the work in California, afterward she felt a call to Africa and by direction of Providence was led to the Free Negroes.

Sammy Morris own people for whom Sammy prayed and fasted till death overtook his emaniated frame when some of the natives

heard her preaching in their own tongue they reported it to the King, who sent for her and he gathered in his entire people, and they heard, accepted and were baptized, hearing the gospel in their own tongues as a Pentecostal endowment. So that Sammy Morris, who came to Stephen Merit in New York many years ago to get the Holy Ghost and did receive the anointing that abideth had his prayers answered years after he died by one who had received the Pentecostal blessing. It's true that all the early missionaries for five hundred years spake in the languages of the natives on langin in other countrys. Why not to day, my contention is that, if God ever gave this gift he can to day and that it should be the proof of the calling of every one going to the foreign fields that they should be thus equipped by God with the gift of tongues. For 25 years I have spoken and prayed in other languages to the conversion of foreigners in my meetings.

The usual wild eyed fanatical Holy Roller comes through the country declaring loudly that you have no Holy Ghost unless you speak in tongues. Well I propose to give you the various phases wherein the Holy Spirit has special work. For to him is given all the work of God in this day of grace so that he bestows the fruits and the gifts upon all severally as he wills, and has charge of all the operations of God since Christ ascended.

He enlightened every one that cometh into the world. Next he is the author of all conviction upon sinners leading them to Godly sorrows and restitution in repentance. When a thorough repentance is accomplished in the life of the sinner he the Holy Spirit applies the blood and witnesses the forgiveness of sins and an old time conversion, then leading, teaching, and guiding the believer he soon convinces all properly taught Christians of a deeper experience and through consecration full and complete, lead the Christian to where he can apply the blood in sanctifying power and witnesses the forgiveness of sins and an old time conversion to this second definite experiences thus lift the Christian to the plane of true holiness not howliness, santification, not crantification, preserved, not pickled. When one is thus cleansed they are ready for the anointing that abideth which many M. E. Free Methodists and Holiness people have mistaken for the Pentecostal blessing. Stephen Merritt, Dr. Gor-

don of First Baptist Church Boston, Dr. Keen and Chaplain McCabe of the M. E. Church and many others have taken this blessing for the baptism or Pentecost. I taught the same for years but this was the blessing received in the upper room when the door was locked. The first night after Jesus came from the tomb in the morning. Jesus came into the room full of frightened Apostles and said as he breathed on them "Receive Ye The Holy Ghost" and they did and their eyes were opened, their hearts were illuminated and from that hour they were filled with joy, and day after day went from house to house breaking bread with joy and singleness of heart this was seven weeks before the Pentecost fell, now this is what all Christians like John Wesley and thousands since have received and mistook for the Pentecostal blessing.

Seven weeks later they were again in an upper room doors unlocked here fell the Pentecostal Power witnessed to by speaking in other tongues. While there are many other evidences of the Baptism this is the sure incontrovertible sign. No one can say they have the PENTECOSTAL BAPTISM unless they speak in other tongues as the Spirit giveth utterance our experience must tally with the Bible. They had tarried for the promise when it came Tongues of Fire and Speaking in Tongues came with it. It was the Tongues that attracted the people and caused them to marvel, and Peter said when asked what this was specially referring to the manifestation of Tongues "This is that" later he said that Jesus having ascended to the Father has shed forth ye now see and hear one of the proofs of the ascension was the manifestation of Tongues, and when asked what they should do He said repent and be baptized; and Ye Shall Receive the Holy Spirit." For "The promises to you and your children and to as many as afar off, even as many as the Lord Our God shall call". It is incontrovertible that it was a universal blessing for the church and all denominations teach it is a present blessing for believers this Baptism of the Holy Ghost but, if He come in Pentecostal Power we affirm that He would prove it the same way with the same signs to-day, this is a logical as well as a theological conclusion.

Now the special features separating the anointing from the Baptisms are as following: The anointing makes you a radio receiving sta-

tion tuned in with God. You are able to get truth, light, wisdom knowledge on the word of God and being a receiving station have within you a fountain of knowledge ever increasing or as the word designates it a "Well of living water springing up within us." While the Pentecostal blessing makes you a transmitting station to pour out the truth and wisdom God gives you in the anointing of the Holy Ghost to others, which the word says "Out from your inward parts shall flow rivers of living water." Moses indeed got the law written on tablets of stone but Pentecost writes it on our inward parts and the fleshy tablets of our hearts. Praise God.

Tongues were the evidence in Bible times, when ever the Pentecostal blessing fell it was this that convinced the stiff necked narrow Jews, who came with Peter from Joppa to the house of Cornelius. For while Peter yet spake the Holy Ghost fell on all that heard the word, and as many as came with Peter were astonished that on the Gentiles, were poured out the Holy Ghost. How did they know, did Cornelius throw a fit and shimmy or act a fool like Holy Rollers? No. For they heard them speak with tongues. This was the convincing proof of the blessing so that afterwards when Peter was called to account by the Apostolic College at Jerusalem and recounting the experience He said, "When I beheld that God gave them the like gift He did us at the beginning what was I, that I should resist God." He had also used it in His argument with the Joppa Brethern about Baptism in water saying "Who can forbid water that these should be baptized seeing they have received the Holy Ghost as well as we." When Paul had passed through Corinth and came to Ephesus he found a certain disciple there and said to him, "Have ye receied the Hvolly Ghost since ye believe", and they said to him "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost or another transalation gives it whether the Holy Ghost be yet given. This latter is perhaps the best translation for being Johns disciples they, would have preached what he did and he preached that, "I indeed baptize you in water but there cometh one after me whose shoes latches I am unworthy to loose, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. Truly Brethern real Christian Baptism as taught in the word is the Baptism of Pentecost

Have you received the same? Brethern let's have the real thing, if the stuff pawned off as Pentecost in most mission today is all there is to it we may as well shut up our Mission Churches and Temples and dismiss our preachers and go back to the old line churches for it seems that all these new houses of worship afford is a place where that many new kind of preachers can gain a living. But listen, I again, affirm my Faith in a real Pentecost and again swear my allegiance to the Faith and fight to unfurl a new the banner until we shall be able to challenge the world with such a real thing and real languages, then not a yellow dog shall be able to bark against the Faith, once delivered and hundreds of soldiers of the cross shall go forth to every country preaching in the languages of the natives.

The reason for so many imperfect experiences today is found in the fact, many Pentecostal preachers repudiate sanctification as a definite work of grace, you can get a worked up animalism or a spiritualistic counterfeit of the real blessing without sanctification, but if you want the real 2nd chapter of acts, Pentecostal blessing you will have to come to God with a clean life.

To excuse many strange and animalistic sounds and chattering, and jabbering in modern Pentecostal Missions they say its the unknown tongue. Well now who could charge the Holy Ghost with being a box of lost motion and putting us through lots of action and sounds without any benefit to any one. The Bible says, "Everything done in public worship is to be done to the exhortation, edification and comfort of the body and the church."

The word unknown does not occur in the original text and is put in our Bibles in Italics showing this was supplied by the translators and can be left out entirely. To correct this error the American revised version uses the word in a foreign tongue which is correct. Sometimes they say when some peculiar chattering, squealing ridiculous sounds emanate from some poor twisted fanatic who is all worked up in a frenzy and shaking and also jerking. Oh that's a heavenly language; Yes, Paul spoke of speaking with the tongue of men and Angels. Say, this is ignorance personified. Paul had no reference to tongues when he speaks on that point. Well a hundred years ago the Methodist in New York had the jumping

blessing, jumping until they fell under the power then gave messages on what they called the Light. The Quakers quaked and Shakers shaked. In Cartrights meetings 60 years ago they jerked till they were nearly torned limb from limb, among Negroes. Free Methodists and Holiness people they have fallen under the power for many years before Pentecost came yet all these are now reckoned to be part of Pentecost, but they are no proof of the presence of the Holy Sprit or of any depth of Spirituality at all. Usually they follow people who are very nervous or ignorant who must have a good deal of the fleshly manisfestations like children to go with what Spirituality they have to keep them going on; but wise virgins with more intelect use their brains and common sense along with their Spirituality and with all their ransomed power pour out their life in sane sensible service for God and souls.

The more of the Holy Ghost you have in your life, the more decent, dignified you will be. Your whole worship will be full of precision and propriety. God never absolves us from the use of common sense and good judgment in all our service and worship. This movement never had these unseemly things in it till after the Holy Rollers and kindred fanatics came along in many places. Pentecostal meetings are putting on the worst Prostitution of religious worship known to the world doing things that would shame people in a dance hall and laying it on the Holy Ghost. In praying for the real, a person who receives the Pentecostal blessing need not roll on the floor, go under the power or act the fool. While they may tremble under the blessing and chatter at the out-set of the blessing when not fully yielded up to God they will soon come through to a real language and with it will come a glory flooding the soul. Falling under the power of any such, are no proof of the Pentecostal blessing but frill that have come into the meetings and bring unspeakable discredit and drive more people away than we can ever win to the full Gospel. Let's shake ourselves and give to the world a restored Pentecost that will prove the discipline of, Cor. 14th chapter.

Note, I believe in shouting but not in screaming, in dancing, like Miriam and David but not these dirty side show dances that are pulled off in Pentecostal meetings and laid on the Holy Spirit. I believe in falling under power. By people who may unconsciously resist God

till he performs a work in their life. But this promiscious falling now don't seem to bring any blessing, pentecost or healing. In healing meeting where they fall two thirds to nine tenths of them are not healed, surely God means to give us some thing more than physical manifestations. God gives us reality or we perish hunting flesh, fanaticism and familiar spirits to counterfeit your true work.

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EDITORIAL

This paper is the official organ of 100,000 Apostolic Faith believers who are firmly established in the following truths: Conviction for sins, followed by repentance to God and man; this results in a real conversion—thus conceived of God and made alive. To remain justified we seek, through entire consecration, sanctifying grace and thus enter a life of true holiness. In this grace of sanctification we teach deliverance from all disease, inbred and acquired, as well as the law of sin in our members, which enables us to live above disease as well as sin.

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or latter rain work to all the world. This will mean that some will have to give into the hundreds to do this.

To those who desire truth, coming from any source what ever this paper is reverently dedicated.

Many people realize that a change has overtaken the earth, and the sign forshadowing a dissolution of all things human.

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the latter days". The rain fell, and yet all had seen rain may be before. But later it began to dawn upon them that this was no ordinary rain and that destruction was slowly, but certainly creeping upon them. In this age, the prophecies are as rapidly fulfilling, and already many minds are searching for the meaning of the present day phenomena.

Some seek consolation in the oft-reiterated statement that these things are in no way out of the ordinary, but the instinctive faculties of nature warn us that Natures God is decidedly manifesting His power and is bringing about great changes in accordance with His forordained plans.

So apparent, even to the casual observer, are these enroaching miseries and woes, that thousands are beginning to inquire the whys and wherefors of these manifestations. To these this paper is extended as a measure to make straight the path, and to shed light into dark places. Many years has this work been going forward mightily developing; in the midst of Satan oppositions it has grown, waiting for Gods time to place these mighty truths before the world. What Gods word has to say about these things that are coming on the earth is the paramount question confronting mankind.

A careful perusal and an equitable comparison of the Topics in these papers will convince many that it behooves us to prepare to meet God.

Instead of heeding the warnings and seeking safety while safety might yet be found, the human family odstinately and vain-gloriously plunge deeper into the mad race for the things of this world, and amid ribaldry and debauchery sneer at God and his plans, flaunting evolution at the word of God and enthroning intellectualism in their heads instead of God in their hearts more completely immerse them-

selves into the wildest speculations, more cruelly fleece the unwary, and oppress the Poor, heaping to themselves treasures for the last days. James 5th Chapter.

When the Fig tree puts forth its leaves ye know spring is nigh. Just as surely we may see the signs and hear through His chosen Trumpeters, and read in His written message that very shortly the world will enter into the stultifying calamities, such as the world has never seen. (Dan 12th Ch.) And never see again. The unleashed passions of mankind, the brutality of greed, avarice, envy, malice, hatred the haughty, self-exalted egotist, will unbridle force they cannot check and will themselves find burial beneath the ruins of the Temple which they builded upon shifting sands.

Too frequently it is dinned into our ears, when we called attention to the gathering storms, "I wont allow myself to worry about those things", "On with the Dance: let joy be unconfined," was the flaunt hurled into the face of fate years ago when France was in the throes of the Black plague, and citizens were falling dead on the streets by thousands, as they did then they do now instead of repenting and calling upon God they, with unseemly bravado, inject themselves into the giddy whirl of debauchery and crime, daring the powers of satan, and spurn the mercies of cut ragged Deity.

Self-exaltation preceeds a fall and Millions of Spiritually (?) Dignified Dandies fill the pulpits and pews litter the earth, and have become as dung to enrich the ground. Self effacement and repentance restoring old time religion once more acceptance of extended mercies and an unwavering dependence in Gods promises is the only Highway to genuine Spiritual exultation and the only Hope of the nations and continuation of peace on earth.

REVIEW

By Chas. F. Parham

Since first printing the Apostolic Magazine in 1897 from which time we have continued to print as means came in and to give free to the world. The Apostolic Faith Pentecostal Full Gospel Movements have girthed the globe, winning to their standards ten million people and thousands of preachers. So that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the accompanying evidence of speaking in other tongues and the co-

ordinate gifts of Healing the sick and casting out of Devils in Jesus name, together with the warning message of the downfall of the present so-called Civilization and the soon coming of our Lord, until all nations have received the witness. Multiplied Millions have not only heard the old time Gospel of saving Grace, but have witnessed in a great measure the return to Apostolic Faith and Power, and have received healing as in the early church. Thousands have been sanctified, some for Soul and Body and Spirit 1. Thess 5:23. Thousand have received the Anointing and like manner the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the Promise of the Father.

Great therefore is my Joy (on this the anniversary of my Birth, 53 today) that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

Nevertheless there is much to be regretted, because of the imperfect consecration to God, many have yielded themselves up for spiritual influences merely lusting and craving after sensation of the flesh, signs, and wonders, SEEKING A SIGN FROM HEAVEN, and having become possessed by demon spirits. Large numbers of which have been transformed into angels of light have become excited intoxicated and deceived by them, rushing madly into religious bigotry and zeal, with out knowledge, have become known as Holly Rollers full of Wildfire, fanaticism and hypnotism.

From this same prolific source of error, remnants of deed creeds and worn out doctrines of men that have deluded the people from the beginning of the dark ages until now, have crept or been dragged into this movement and made to receive the Stamp Apostolic or Pentecostal.

Eminent men and women who have been converted from their creedbound, earthborn religious organizations have been instrumental in this. The preaching of Native immortality of the soul instead of immortality through Christ alone as clearly set forth in the scriptures unbalances the scales of Gods Justice in distributing rewards and punishments—not prolonging the punishment of each sinner proportionately to His guilt nor varying the rewards in the resurrection (one star differing from another in glory) according to the devotion and service of the Children of God.

The redemption of the body for which we in this tabernacle do groan, has been glossed over

and neglected almost to rejection entirely. All distinction between the Church, Bride and the manchild has been done away with and a vague and dismal eschatologue has been preached as the full Gospel.

This condition should not subsist. The fact that the ten lost tribes of Israel constitute the present Cultured world ruling protestant Nations should be brought from under cover and mightily emphasized in order that the scriptures bearing on Jacobs trouble and the ten-toed, ten-horned, ten-kinged powers might be understood and preparations made in our living. The coming stirring events and fulfilling of the sure word of Prophecy.

We shall continue this paper as long as God moves upon the hearts of the people to provide the means to print it. Each months issue cost about 175 Dollars yet it reaches out to deserts barren where it alone is the only spiritual food in the small settlements away into the mountain fastness and across the seas. Anyone receiving this paper who does not care for it will save us considerable expense if you will drop us a card and ask the editor to discontinue it and others wishing it continued should from month to month send in all they can to keep it going and ask their neighbors to subscribe and mail in what ever donations they give for the paper. I give my time and talent and labor many times away into the night and many others donate time to get it to you so let every one aid in this most important work. Hundreds of letters keep coming of a multitude of people who have been saved, reclaimed, healed, or lead into the deeper things by reading this paper.

Note: It seems strange indeed that many clergymen permit all sorts of heresies to grow rank in their churches—even Spiritualist, Christian Scientists and Evolutionists to teach classes in their Sunday schools, but should one happen to be healed by the true orthodox prayer of Faith and laying on of hands, that person must be ostracized and silenced in the Church and the doctrine anathematized by the minister. For instance the M. E. preacher in our town here was wonderfully healed from Consumption so he confided to one of our ladies but don't say much about it he said, well his bread and butter is the reason for that.

The Apostolic Faith Movement—which had its origin in Topeka, Kans., Jan. 1, 1901—is a

dignified work, and as such has had the most rapid growth of any religious movement in history. This paper will afford a chance for all to hear the original teachings of this Movement, and let people judge for themselves the teaching that has produced in 30 years a world-wide missionary work, winning to its standard all classes in Christian unity. While we believe that the recipient of the baptism of the Holy Ghost in Pentecostal power will speak clearly in other languages, as our work attests throughout the world, we do not preach or believe in the chattering or jabbering accompanied by fits, spasms, jerks and uncontrollable actions of the body which has counterfeited the real work on the Pacific Coast and spread throughout the country, being produced by hypnotism, sympathetic magnetism, spiritism and animalism.

THE BIRTHDAY MEETING

Sunday's Gathering at Baxter Springs, Kans.,
June 7th.

It is with a happy heart that I assume the duty to write something reminiscent, along the line of last Sunday's gathering. Oh God, I thank thee that thou didst choose me for such a blessed task—that thou didst make it possible to put my own personality into this wondrous scheme of sending this gospel of the kingdom to uttermost boundaries of the world. Now, Oh Lord please to bless the paper with healing power for the bodies and the souls of men. Load it down with frankincense and myrrh, and let its fragrance be wafted into the regions beyond; when we tell to the world how happy we were on last Sunday as we thought in our hearts, "What hath God wrought?", and we are witnesses to these things.

The flock of God is widely and sometimes, cruelly, scattered, and they cry out like little children frightened in the night, homeless and hungry God's children cry for bread. Shall we not love them a little more, honor them a little higher, and living together in staunch friendship, we shall all be taught of God.

Don't you hear those songs that were sung by the young brother? I hear them still. They have not died out on the air—and they never will. They were broadcasted then and they will be picked up here and there and everywhere in the days long to come. God will

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Speak thru them to many in the lands afar. They satisfy—they fill—they thrill.

Faces beamed again for us that we had not seen during the years, and a touch of heaven lay upon the heart for an instant and then passed away again.

Hundreds met some who had not seen each other for many years, what hand shakes, what fond embracing, happy tears streaming down over happier faces as old comrades of the cross met each other, now and then two could be seen in solemn tearful embrace as one tried dumbly to comfort another who lately had suffered loss of loved ones, well the tide flowed on a great Chorus seated in front soon took up the mighty strains and sang as only full Gospel people can sing, a 20 piece orchestra led by, Brother Fred Campbell swelled the anthems on, there was singing. Oh such singing in the old fashioned airs by these old fashioned people, you ought to have been here, loved one. Then the ringing testimonies unequalled in power and inspiration with choruses between rang out thru the trees. Benny Stanbury the boy singer, sang some of those wonderful pieces for which he is noted, till the multitude shouted or wept for Joy, then came the boys chorus from Carthage, Mo., with their fine selections and flags to wave as they sang a welcome to our returning Lord and all knelt and repeated the Lords prayer. Many were the compliments heard about these wonderful little singers. Floyd Rawlings gave too selections in readings to the delight of the people, truly he is talented and all enjoyed these. A short exhortation to renew the battle and close up the ranks for greater things and mightier work for God by Brother Parham after he had thanked the people who by the hundreds had come to cheer him on for the Restoration of the faith one delivered. Among the wonderful things he told the people was that since the beginning of all Apostolic Pentecostal work that began under his ministry 30 years ago. Ten millions of people had been won to the faith and thousands of preachers with meetings now being held around the world from little store building Missions to churches and mighty Temples, all declaring the Faith God so marvelously called Him to Declare as the first preacher of in modern times.

Then a great feast was spread, those from great distances who were unable to prepare

baskets were eagerly sought out by others and invited to participate, a great multitude that seated about the park talked, laughed and shouted to each other, visiting after years of separations. Truly this was the home coming of Brother Parham's children in the Lord and all were happy and it goes without saying he was extremely so.

At the afternoon session nearly 2,000 came wondrous singing special songs as well as in the forenoon, then about 50 were forward for healing, many shouted to victory as the power of healing penetrated their bodies. A storm broke over the city about this time and the Library Auditorium was thrown open and packed, while about a thousand were compelled to find shelter or return home. At the after meeting ten ministers who had been duly proven as called of God were ordained to the ministry. A mighty sermon then fell from the lips of Brother Parham and after many handshakes and God bless you's the multitude melted away, truly they were fed up on fat things and this feast of good things will not be soon forgotten. Brother Parham was the recipient of many useful presents and scores of letters and telegrams of congratulations came from afar, from those unable to be here, God bless our Senior warrior and preserve Him many years to go on and fight the good fight of Faith.

ONE OF THEM.

HIS BIRTHDAY

Rev. Chas. Parham Fifty-Third Birthday Celebrated in Library Park.

Baxter Springs Herald.—The twentieth annual all day meeting in celebration of the fifty-third birthday anniversary of the Rev. Charles F. Parham, was held Sunday at the Library Park. Over a thousand people attended this all-day meeting many coming from a distance. There was a large representation from Wichita, Kans., Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Barnsdale, Pawhuska and Wyandotte, Okla. A great many came from Nevada, Mo., Cherryvale and Kansas City, Kans., Cave Springs and Lowell, Ark. Of course a great crowd of representatives came from our neighboring towns of Joplin, Carthage, Galena, Miami, Picher and Webb City.

The morning service was opened by several selections by an excellent fifteen-piece orches-

tra, composed of players from Melrose, Oklahoma City and Baxter Springs. Floyd Ames Rawlings gave a reading entitled, "Calls" which proved a big success. He gave as an encore, "Why Adam Fell." Several solo numbers were rendered by Mr. Stansbury of Joplin. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Parham.

Immediately following the morning service a basket dinner was enjoyed by about five-hundred people.

The afternoon service was also opened with selections by the large orchestra. A Boy's Chorus of Carthage gave a musical program of great merit. Mr. Becknell of Wyandotte, Okla. and Mr. Stansbury of Joplin gave several vocal selections, and the Male Chorus of Lowell, Kans., sang a special selection entitled, "Jerusalem." Ten workers were ordained into the ministry at the afternoon service.

The afternoon session was interrupted by the rain, causing over half of the people to go home but the others moved into the Library Hall, which was packed and a great many were not able to get in.

Mr. Parham received a great many letters and gifts from ministers and mission throughout the United States.

Chicago, Ill., June, 5th 1925

My Own Dear Brother Parham:—

Happy birthday greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Praise His Holy name! And praise Him, eternally, for His blessings! How manifold are they! How wonderful He cares for us thru the years, keeping us always under the shadow of his wing. Even in the darkest hours of our despair—He is there—if we only call upon Him. My heart overflows with love for Him this morning.

The announcement of your birthday celebration as it appears in the Apostolic Faith, stirs me with a tremendous desire to be present. How I would enjoy meeting with the dear ones of God. His laborers in the whitening harvest, but it does seem that He cannot let me come. So many things demand my attention here at this time, and my labor is for Him too, so I must be content, but how I would enjoy being there.

The enclosed is for your birthday. I am so sorry that my new book, "Gospel Melodies" is not off the press. You would be sent one for

your birthday. It is a glorious book, 256 pages Praise the Lord! And it is free from all pagan lies or suggestions of such. We must uphold the truths of the Bible. To that end is my life work dedicated, and I glory in the Faith which upholds me.

I know I would be the recipient of much inspiration and spiritual communion could I be present. May the Lord bless you all.

Please give my sincerest regards to Sister Parham and also the dear ones gathered with you.

Yours in the hope of His soon coming,

THORO HARRIS.

Hedley, Texas, June 4th, 1925.

Dear Brother Parham and all the dear friends,
Greetings and Love:—

We are so sorry we cannot be with you in the coming good day at Baxter, great joy it would be to see all of the dear old soldiers of the Cross in uniform and to see the new recruits coming in from far and near, but we cannot. The meeting is just started here, we have some influence at the Court of Heaven, and our prayers have already gone on for a high day in Zion. The Thompson Sisters and Beulah Geruad were with us in the Amarillo meeting, they are fine real soul winners, preach with old time Pentecostal fire and power. In their last meeting 30 were saved, they are splendid and they have many calls, it is a joy to hear them. The work would have gone on O. K. on these plains had we stayed over the pond, we see, yet how sweet to be in the homeland, feeling the foundation beneath steady, not Moslem or Catholic.

The Hare twins are here with their trumpets to help us herald His soon coming. They are dear girls. They expect to start for Baxter tomorrow. We are nicely started, last night the first service 300 were present and a hungry absorbant lot they were. If you haven't sent our papers yet, please will you send them here.

We are getting a trunk ready to send to the Jewish Mission in Jerusalem, of clothing and bedding. Our Steamship Company said they would take it without charge for the orphans, refugees and missionaries.

If any of the friends have anything they wish to send, old or new clothes, wool, cotton or linens and will mail them to us we will be so

happy to send them and they are so needy, and it is the only strictly mission to the Jews in Jerusalem. Please pray on for us.

Dearest Love to the dear friends.

THE MORTON SISTERS.

FANATICISM, FLESH, FAMILIAR SPIRITS.

Under this caption I wish to treat of the elements which are detrimental in many meetings now conducted as Pentecostal.

Many religious people of deep spirituality are being possessed by the above forces, and their spiritual powers wrecked.

All these forces have been manifested in such a manner as to draw large crowds and work upon the people, but meetings built upon these extreme demonstrations soon lose their influence. Error runs faster than truth, but it runs itself out sooner. Familiar spirits are finding access into the lives of many Christians today and working havoc.

The first distinguishing sign of fanaticism is an unteachable spirit, followed by extremes in unnatural actions, accompanied by strained condition of body, voice or mind.

We are machines built to be operated by the Holy Ghost, and when He comes in to oil that machine it works without tension.

The difference between those controlled by the Holy Ghost and those controlled by familiar spirits is that the former are able to control themselves, and are also under the courteous control of the Assembly, while those controlled by familiar spirits are unable to control themselves, and will not be controlled by others. At most inopportune times they jump up in a disorderly way and do things that utterly disrupt the worship of God.

Falling under the power, shouting, jerks, etc., have accompanied many religious extremes; but what I now desire to witness is that none of these things are necessary to obtain one's Pentecost.

People are welcome to these demonstrations if they desire them, but they are not a feature of the Pentecostal blessing. Although your body may tremble under the glory of your blessing and you may chatter for a few moments, you should at once obtain a clear language. Much chattering and jabbering has occurred in many meetings without ever obtaining a clear language, while others have yielded to familiar spirits and are subject to

"fits and spasms," and many such manifestations, while others have yielded to the hypnotic suggestions of over-zealous, ignorant helpers and through laying on of hands and jerking of chin and massaging of the throat have yielded to a repetition of sounds, but have no Baptism at all.

An oldtime fad has arisen again, of working up the power until a magnetic force sweeps through the audience, and all sorts of extravagant things are done in a fleshly way animated by the same power that lends zest to the dance hall.

We believe in enthusiasm and intensity when it comes from the Holy Ghost and is not worked up; but hysteria, unreasonable actions, and all extremes are to be avoided, and all things done "decently and in order."

My whole contention in this matter is that all meetings should be conducted according to 1 Cor. 14, which is not man's discipline, but God's; and all fanaticism should be taken in hand in its infancy, before it reaches the uncontrollable age.

Some say that we can not avoid these forces in our meetings, but I contend that if a person is counseled and prayed with by kind, intelligent workers when the first signs of fanaticism is manifested it can all be avoided and the work of God saved from these detrimental exhibitions.

HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND OUR SICKNESSES

On whose authority, if so, were miracles discontinued? Quote chapter and verse, please.

Were miracles the sign of Jesus' divinity? If so, why were not Moses, Elijah, Peter and Paul divine?

If doctors are given power from God to heal the sick, why so many infidel doctors, and why so many crimes committed by them?

James 5:13-15 mentions the "prayer of faith." If the oil there spoken of is medicine, would not this grant to all, by doctors the "prayer of faith"? Then why did Jesus say, "will I find faith on the earth when I come," for nearly all trust in doctors? Jesus said "have faith in God."

Do God's people charge for their services? If so, they sell their Lord for silver, if so be that they have him. Then fillup the measure

of Gehazi and Judas your fathers. "Come ye without money, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:1-2.

Who is the author of sickness? If it is of God, can you overthrow it? If sickness is God's will, was not Jesus a rebel for undoing his Father's will? Why not bear his will and why try to be relieved of it? "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

If doctors represent God, and sickness is God's work, then God must be divided against himself. Sickness is either of the Devil or doctors are not of God. "Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the Devil." 1 John 3:8.

The body of man is God's temple. Why the doctors ? ? his representatives ? ? , should carve, whittle, butcher, and take from his temple is indeed a marvel. "He that defileth the temple of God, him shall God destroy." 1 Cor. 3:16-17.

"Ye are bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh." Eph. 5:30. Does he need man to care for his body, and the Scripture says no man hateth his own body—much less then will God despise his own temple.

One of the signs to follow believers is casting out demons. Try medicine for this. Medicine and physicians are evidently failing—if they be of God then he is failing. Luke 12:33.

In Jesus' day many went to the physicians in vain. A woman with 12 years of sickness spent all her living with them and "was not bettered but rather grew worse." Mark 5:26 Does God fail or does he change? Neither of these characteristics is in him. James 1:17.

I am not a Christian Scientist, neither am I of any other breed or creed; but I know in whom I believe, and he is able to keep all I have committed unto him. I believe in God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that the "soul that sinneth shall die," and that "Jesus' BLOOD was shed for the remission of SINS and his BODY was broken for our HEALING" for we are his temple or house. Then "make not my Father's house a house of merchandise" or money making. Physicians, Christian Scientists, and Modern Churchianity.—Scribes, Pharisees, Sadduces, Hypocrites—WOE UNTO YOU.

If Christians can honorably seek to the physicians for healing, others can honorably seek to the Priests, Magicians, Spiritualists, Christian Scientists and Fortune Tellers for salvation and advice for they are all co-workers with Satan.

"Cursed be the man that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, whose heart departeth from the Lord." Jeremiah 17:5.

The hour cometh and now is, when pestilences shall be in divers places, and they who are healed will receive it of the Lord. "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee who make the Truth thy shield and buckler." Ps. 91:1-9.

The Spirit and the Word agree that—"Jesus is the SAME—Yesterday, Today and Forever." Hebrews 13:8.

Here are a few Bible references on the subject. Ex. 15:26, Deut. 7:15, 2 Kings 5:21-27, 2 Chron. 16:12-13, Job 2:7, Psalms 103:2-3 107:17-20, Prov. 3:7-8, Isaiah 53:5, Joel 3:21, Mat. 8:16-17 10:7-8 28:20, Mark 5:25-29, 34, 16:17-18, Luke 4:18, 7:19-22, 10-9, John 5:14, Acts 3:16, 10:38, 2 Cor. 7:1, 1 Thes. 5; 23-24, James 5:14-15, 1 Peter 2:24.

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the Saints," Jude 3rd verse.

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A MIRACLE OF HEALING

INSTANTLY HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS OF THE SPINE BY THE DIVINE TOUCH OF JESUS

To you dear ones who are sick in soul or in body, I want to leave my testimony, of how God so wonderfully healed me of tuberculosis of the spine, when I had but very little hope from any other source, and how He so richly blessed my soul and filled my life with joy and peace. Bless His name!

When a boy of eight, I bruised my left knee in an accident, and tuberculosis of the bone was the result. I suffered severely at times, and at times I had to use crutches, until in the fall of 1916 when home from college on my Thanksgiving vacation, I slipped and tore the bones of my knee joint apart, from which fall I never recovered. Finally at the advice of my physician, I had an operation on the knee (a resection of the joint). This never healed, and so I had to have another operation (a bone split), the purpose of which was to force the first operation to heal. Following this, a tubercular infection set in, and in order to save my life it

was necessary to have my leg amputated between the knee and hip joint.

Immediately, I began to gain, and in a few months I went to work, and supposed I was free from the disease, but the poison had gotten into my system, and about two years after I lost my leg, the disease appeared in my spine (Pott's disease), the X-ray showing the upper part of the second Lumbar vertebra affected. I was put to bed, and about four months later a plaster of paris corset was put on me. After being in bed nearly a year, being no better than when I first went to bed, at the advice of my local physician, I went to Portland, Oregon, to consult a specialist. The specialist, after a thorough examination, advised me to have an operation on my spine, (the Hibb's operation), and he added if all went well, I would be in bed three or four months after the operation, and it would be many, many months before I was well, if ever, and then he told me what I would have to do toward building up my resistance to aid nature, as he put it, to overcome the disease the operation which he proposed not touching the diseased area, but merely made for the purpose of strengthening the spine at that place. Having already had four operations (one of which I did not mention, because it was a mistake on the part of the physician and should not have been) without getting rid of the disease, I considered his advice not very hopeful.

Through a dear man who had been healed by the power of God, I learned of Dr. Lake's Divine Healing Institute, 129 Fourth Street, Portland, Ore., and as a last resort, not knowing at that time anything about the promises of God to heal the body, I went to see Dr. Lake.

After listening to their encouraging words, I decided to stay and give them a trial, not having much faith, but considered it my only hope. My faith grew by leaps and bounds as I saw others healed, and heard the testimonies of many who had been healed, until on the third day I was there, while the saints of God were laying hands on me and praying the prayer of faith according to James 5:14, 15 and Mark 16:17, 18 the Lord spoke to my soul and said, "If you will trust me fully and remove that cast, I will heal you." Praise His Holy Name, a few moments after I took it off, I was instantly healed by the divine touch of Jesus, direct from heaven, February 14, 1921. Glory

to God!

I surely praise the Lord and continually give thanks to Him for that touch that delivered me from the disease which human ability and methods failed to do. And I ever bless God for Dr. Lake and his institute where I found those who had faith enough in God to step out on His promises and pray for the sick. Glory to God, it is blessed to be healed by Jesus.

Some, who because of unbelief, were not willing to admit God's power to heal, said, "It would not last," but thanks be to God at this, the printing of the second edition of this testimony, March 15, 1924, over three years after my healing, I am well and strong, with no symptoms of the disease. Blessed be God!

Dear sick one, Jesus loves you and wants to heal you. When Jesus walked on earth. He healed all manner of diseases—Matt. 4:23; 9:35, and He healed all that were sick and all that had need of healing—Matt. 8:7, 16, 17; Luke 9:11, and He did it because He had compassion on them—Matt. 20:34; Mark 1:41.

Neither is Jesus any respecter of persons; the same faith brings the same power today. And best of all, He is not far off where you cannot reach Him, but He says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt. 28:20. So, dear one, turn to Jesus, trust Him, and He will heal you the same as He healed me.

After I was healed, I consecrated my life to His service, and more and more I am coming to realize the force of that scripture, "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price."—1 Cor. 6:19, 20, and I am daily endeavoring to glorify God in my body and in my spirit, and my life is being richly blessed by His presence. I would, my dear Christian friend, point you to the joy and blessing of a completely surrendered life to Jesus. You are saved and know the power of Jesus to save, but do you know the blessings and the sweetness that go with a life yielded to Him? Paul saw the cross in two different aspects where Christ was crucified for him (his Savior) and where he was crucified with Christ (a yielded life—a life of service with Christ.) See the broader Christian life as set forth by Paul in 2 Cor. 5:15, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him which died unto them and rose again." Yield your life as clay in the potter's

hands, and then the Lord can work out His purpose with you and bless you and make your life a blessing to others. Don't be afraid to yield yourself into the hands of the Lord, for He who loved you so much as to send His only begotten Son into this world to die for you will function your life only in the way that will be your greatest good and His glory.

While in Portland at Dr. Lake's, I came in contact with people who claimed to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Although I had been a Christian since I was twelve years of age, I realized they had something which I didn't have, and which I felt I wanted and needed. Therefore, I went to praying for it, as the promise, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" was for me as well as them. I sought earnestly for about two months for this gift, tarrying for hours at a time in prayer; then one day while I was praying for others, the Lord took my hands and raised them in the air, then like a wave, the Holy Spirit poured in through my hands and arms into the very depth of my soul, until I felt as if all heaven had come down to dwell in my soul, and my heart felt as if it would burst with the joy of the indwelling of the Spirit. Words fail to tell how blessed it all was and how happy I felt. For two days, I felt the power of God race up and down my body in waves, and I shook like a leaf in a heavy wind. Two days later I began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave me utterance.—Acts 2:4. I thank God for a conscious baptism of the Holy Spirit, one that at least in a measure comes up to the standard set on the day of Pentecost. Thus is the scripture fulfilled, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."—Matt. 5:6.

Beloved, this promise is for you (Luke 24:49; Acts 2:39) and if you pray earnestly and yield your life to Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit will also be given to you, and then, "out of your innermost being will flow rivers of living water."—John 7:38, and all that you come in contact with will be blessed and the Lord God glorified in your life.

Just a few words to you, my sinner friend, to encourage you to accept Jesus as your personal Savior. Whether you realize it or not,

He is the best friend you have, and loves you more than any earthly friend can. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Don't think your sins are too great for Christ to forgive, for He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," and "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Christ loves you and needs you, and you need Him. Down through the ages comes the call, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Come! Come! dear sinner," is the call of the Savior.

I bless God for a Savior that is sufficient for our every need. He saves the lost, heals the sick, and sanctifies and baptizes the saved.

May the Lord use this testimony to the blessing of many until He comes again, is the prayer of

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JOHN WESLEY PRAYING FOR THE SICK.

In his old journal there have been found many accounts of healing in answer to prayer. We quote a few:

"My horse was exceedingly lame, and my head ached more than it had done for many months. (What I here aver is the naked fact. Let every man account for it as he sees good.) I then thought, 'Cannot God heal either man or beast, by any means or without any? Immediately my weariness and headache ceased, and my horse's lameness in the same instant; nor did he halt any more either that day or the next.'"

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"My friend, Mr. Myrick, was ill. The physicians did not expect him to live till morning. I went to him, but his pulse was gone. He had been speechless and senseless for some time. A few of us immediately joined in prayer. Before we had done his sense and his speech returned. Now, he that will account for this by natural causes has my free leave; but I choose to say, this is the power of God."

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"It was desired to visit one who was eminently pious, but had now been confined to her bed for several months, and was utterly unable to raise herself up. She desired us to pray so that the chain might be broken. A few of us

prayed in faith. Presently she rose up, dressed herself, came down stairs, and, I believe, had no further complaint."

He reports the following instances as told him by a friend:

"I called upon Mr. Kingsford, a man of substance as well as piety. He informed me, 'Seven years ago I entirely lost the use of my ankles and knees, that I could no more stand than a new-born child. Indeed, I could not be in bed without a pillow between my legs, one of them being unable to bear the weight of the other. I could not move from place to place but on crutches. All the advice I had profited me nothing. In this state I continued about six years. At Bath I sent for a physician; but before he came, as I sat reading the Bible, I thought, 'Asa sought to the physicians, and not to God; but God can do more for me than any physician.' Soon after I heard a noise in the street, and rising up found I could stand. Being much surprised, I walked several times about the room; then I walked into the square, and afterwards on the Bristol road. And from that time I have been perfectly well.'"

Mr. Wesley regarded these results as from the Lord, and he had a simple faith in calling upon God for the needs of his body as well as spiritual help.

If we should live more in the atmosphere of prayer and keep our eye upon God, we would understand continually His promise to us, "If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it."

VICTORY

Life is but a schoolroom,
So the Sages say,
And many are the lessons,
We're learning every day!

Sometimes the heart is saddened,
For we cannot understand,
Just why it was not granted,
The future we had planned.

Many lonely hours
Has been our lot to bear,
None to understand us,
None our burdens share.

Yet One is ever watchful,
He sees with jealous eye,
The unshed tear is noted,
He hears the inward sigh.

Within thy secrete soul,
He makes His Kingly Throne,
Tho' all thy friends forsake thee,
Thou are not left alone!

Soul, learn thy lesson quickly,
That thou mayst know His Voice,
And in the darkest hour,
Thou canst in Him rejoice.

Yes, Life is but the schoolroom,
The "Teacher", "The Divine",
Just a few more showers,
And then the Sun shall shine!

The rainbow in its beauty,
Soon thru' the mists appears,
And Christ in radiant beauty,
Shall wipe away all tears!

Thus in His blessed keeping,
Trust all unto the end,
For He can help and counsel give,
As can no earthly friend!

Lillian, Thistlewaite.

YE CAN DO NOTHING

John 15:5.

Your efforts, child, are all in vain,
Your struggle can but bring you pain,
Your holiest works must first be slain,
For without Me, ye can do nothing.

Your love so full of nature's zeal,
Your warning word, your fond appeal
Must first receive the Spirit's seal,
For without Me, ye can say nothing.

Lay up your treasure in the sky,
Let friendship's ties be forged on high,
You'll find them yonder, bye and bye,
For without Me, ye can have nothing.

Your plans of holier living here,
Your thoughts of courage without fear,
Your purposes,—all disappear,
For without Me, ye can be nothing.

L. S. P.

No.207.

GREETINGS FROM DENVER

Denver, Col., June 8th 1925.

Dear Ones in Christ:—

Praise the Lord, we are having a wonderful

time in the Lord. We are at the present time holding meetings in the 19th street Mission. Many have been saved and sanctified and two have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. About 40 have been to the altar since we started. We have street meetings every night, sometimes two meeting in one night. Four meetings on Sunday. Had a wonderful time yesterday, seven were saved, three of them at the Communion Service in the afternoon. My, it is wonderful to hear the testimonies of people who have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb. One young man from the cabarets of New York is wonderfully saved and has a ringing testimony. Another sailor boy who was in the deepest of sin and sailed the seven Seas is now saved and gives his testimony on the street to the poor lost boys. One man from Africa is attending our meetings and says that while he was in Africa in did not see any missionaries as they would not allow them in the district he was in. A young lady from Alabama said she had never heard of the Full Gospel before and wished that we might come to her town with the wonderful Gospel. How our hearts ache when we see the poor boys on the streets filled with drugs and liquor, listening anxiously to the Gospel of Jesus. One poor boy comes to the meeting nearly every night, won't you help us pray that God will deliver him from the terrible drug habit and set him free that he might be a living witness for Jesus. We have good crowds and can't seat them on Sundays and Wednesdays. We are to have a baptising in water next Sunday. It seems that a large field is opening up here for us to hold meetings, so you people back in the Sunflower State continue to remember us in your prayers. Sr. Patton is preaching some fine sermons with the help of the Holy Spirit. They can't understand why we have such good meetings without any organization backing us, we told them that the reason we did have success that we were free to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness and the Lord gave us the increase and that the signs followed the preaching of God's word when we don't compromise. Oh, I do Praise the Lord for his wonderful works to the children of men. He is supplying all our needs in a glorious way. Sr. Francis Scott was wonderfully anointed one evening on the street and preached a sermon to many different nationalities. Including the

Japs, Germans, Swedes, Colored people, Spaniards, Mexicans and white people. Sr. Ostrander has given some wonderful talks on the streets. The Lord has strengthened my voice for song service, and filled my soul with Victory. The climate here is fine, so cool we wear our winter coats nearly all the time. The nights are usually cool. We have different nationalities attending. It sure does my heart good to see the honest hearted Swedes wade right in and get everything God has for them. We have a young Spaniard in our meetings who is wonderfully filled with the Holy Spirit, and often goes to the Spanish Mission and preaches to the ones who cannot understand our language. Many times they come into our mission and cannot understand hardly a word we say but are so hungry for the Gospel. Bro. Bueno (B-way'no) sings in Spanish for us. His family have all come to the Lord thru him, they were all Catholics. He was the youngest one in the family. It is awful to see the marks of sin on the poor lost ones who pace the streets seeking rest. God surely is on the giving hand though, as so many of the men who testify told how they were saved from the drink habit, gambling and all kinds of vice.

There are certainly some fine people here in charge of the Mission, they have meetings every night and the young lady Sr. Bennett, who has charge most of the time has been attending every night for four years.

We have one young man here seeking the Baptism who is in the U. S. Army at Ft. Collins, about 60 miles from here. He comes over ever chance he gets. He is also a member of the Military band and says he believes that is what is holding him back from the Lord. So pray that God will have his way in his life.

I am not homesick for Kansas at all, but I surely would like to be with the children of the Lord who I left back there. We do not forget you and remember you in our prayers. God is answering prayer on every hand. Sr. Patton had been praying for some painted signs to put where we hold meetings and the other night a man walked up and handed her one beautifully painted, red letters on white oil cloth, and said he would paint another big one with anything on it that we wanted. So the Lord knows just what we need.

I certainly do enjoy this City work, it is wonderful to see the Lord pick up these poor

creatures and put the joy bells ringing in their hearts.

Well I must close, and again asking your prayers that the Lord will have his way in everything, I remain,

Your sister in Christ,
DORA E. PRESTON,
3746 High St., Denver, Col.

SHARANNAGER,
Nawabganj (Gonda), U. P., India.
April 22nd, 1925.

Dear Brother Parham:—

Today I received a copy of your paper. I should be glad to receive it regularly. Before I came to India I worked with Mother Lang in Pt. Huron and got to learn of you thru her.

We are pushing the work of God in India and doing all in our power to get people saved and cleaned up. Trust you will remember us in prayer.

Yours in His Service.
ESTHER B. HARVEY.

Corona, N. M.
June, 10, 1925

Dear Brother Parham:—

Well here we are about seven preachers in big meeting near Corona, will start another in Corona Sunday night the Lord willing.

Alfred Whiteley and Chas. Hickman have the meeting going two weeks, 15 saved and reclaimed up to date. Oh, how we need prayer for conviction is on so many and they won't make a move. House full and running over every night, there are something like 50 to 75 testimonies. Folks come from about six different towns and communities 40 and 50 miles away. There was not a preacher living within 50 miles, I was never in a place that was so glad to hear the Gospel. There is work here for all. Thought I might get a little of this report in this month's paper.

Pray for us. I never wanted to preach so badly in all my life and have the victory, thank God.

H. L. WATKINS,
Lovington, N. M.

REVIVAL MEETING

Revival meetings of the Full Gospel Believers (Pentecostal) will begin Saturday night, July 4th, at Arbor at Healing Springs,

Arkansas, conducted by W. B. Brogan of Healing Springs and E. W. Durbin of Gravette, assisted by the ministers and workers. Services daily at 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. For further information write to minister in charge.

W. P. BROGAN,
Healing Springs, Ark.

IMPORTANT

We have had hundreds of calls for the summer months work and many States want State meetings and we have been careful to weigh all before God to go where He would have us to go. Have about decided that the next move will be to Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, so let all who live in these states let us hear from you, we may be able to come your way and hold a few open air meetings and pray for the sick, will do most of our work in the open air in parks, etc., and on the street as we shall be able to reach the greater number that way with little expense and I am not able financially to put on hall campaigns now. We shall get as far north as Port Huron and Detroit, Mich., stopping in South Bend, Ind., and Lansing, Mich., on the way and any other point available.

MARVELOUS STATEMENT BY JEWISH RABBI.

At the time of the didication of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, the Jews of Tulsa held a celebration and a noted Jewish Rabbi, we are not able to give his name said during his talk that the three Mountain peaks of Jewish history were the giving of the law to Moses on Sinia, the sermon on the Mount and the Dedication of the Hebrew University.

SCATTERING THE POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE. DAN. 12-7.

When the Lord gave Daniel a vision of the time of trouble, He (Daniel) asked how long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And the Lord said, when he (the devil) shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the Holy people, all these things shall be finished. It brings a sadness to our hearts, when we see the people of God so divided and scattered, then again when we remember the saying of Jesus, all these things must needs come to pass, then we lift up our heads, realizing our redemption draweth nigh. Luke 16-8 says, the children of this world are in their generation wiser than

the children of light, seemingly the people of God do not realize we are drawing toward the critical hour, when we need to stand together as one in a breast, to face the enemy. But the enemy (the devil) has sought and succeeded in a great measure to scatter the power (or oneness) of the Holy people that in the final struggle we will be found in little groups here and there on the battle field in a weakened condition. What did Jesus say should be the test of our disciple ship?

It is because we all speak in tongues? or by some special gift of the spirit? No, It is by one of the fruits of the spirit, Love. By this shall all men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. I would like to know how we would find all the full gospel people in a strange town in this day by that test, for we would not only find several missions in one town, but in one mission would find such a spirit of biting and devouring, they would not all go to the mission at the same time. Jesus said. It needs be that offense cometh, but woe unto him by whom it cometh.

The prophesy of the scattering of the Holy people will be fulfilled, but woe unto him by whom it is fulfilled, lest we speak with the tongues of men and angels, and become as sounding brass and a tinkling symbol, because we have not charity or love, by which the world may know we are His disciples. This little message of rebuke is written in the name of the Lord, that His children may see the need of answering His last prayer. Be ye one as I and the Father are one.

LOU LOVE, Evangelist.

Wilmington, Calif.
1302 East O. Street
June, 3rd, 1925

Mr. C. T. Parham,
Dear Brother:—

I am penning a few lines for the little paper which I enjoy so much. Greeting from the Golden West, I am glad to report victory in the Lord. I came to California three years ago next November, and I can say the time spent has been indeed a great schooling, have been in active service excepting the first three months. Being a stranger to the people of Calif., I had to trust the Lord in a more full way than I ever had before, that He might open the doors for me and to supply my needs, and how wonder-

fully He has done it. I had charge of the full gospel mission in Compton, California, last winter for which I was very thankful, and the Lord saved and healed many. This May the first, the Lord promoted me to Wilmington, California., Los Angeles harbor, a wonderful place to work to reach the sea men a people who are not Gospel hardened, and they are glad for the full gospel message. I have charge of the full gospel community church of East Wilmington and the Lord is sweetly blessing the work. But the most wonderful thing the Lord has done for me is that He has given my two youngest sisters to me for His service, Zeltha and Vivian Roberts. They are preparing for gospel work and at the same time working for the salvation of lost souls. So when they have taken music a while longer they will be entering the Evangelistic field. They have both consecrated their lives and have received the baptism of the holy spirit and sister Zeltha has the message for the Evangelistic field. Will you help us pray for our brother Denver Roberts that the Lord will bring him back to himself. He is a young man of 23 years of age and is a power for God when he is living true, and we need him in our party. I pray blessings to come to all the dear readers. I am sure it is indeed a blessing to me to get the little paper and know the whereabouts of the dear ones of the workers. Isn't this a fine way to correspond with everybody? I am your sister in the service for Christ.

ZORA ROBERTS.

MR. PARHAM TELLS THE TRUTH

Article in Wichita, Kan., Paper, Descriptive of Mr. Parham's Meeting.

The attendance at the revival meetings conducted by Elder Parham, is increasing daily, while the interest in the same is becoming wider spread through the city.

Elder Parham speaks straight out from the shoulder and deals in facts. He does not hesitate to call a spade a spade and to handle social evils and economic problems in a manner that clearly defines his position thereon.

He brings a message to the people of Wichita that should be heard by all. He advocates the daily practice and living of those eternal truths, as taught in the apostolic age and enunciated by primitive christians.

Shams in churches and existing hypocrisy

among so called christians are as severely condemned as the scarlet sins of the sinners.

If some of the mothers and fathers in Wichita and Southwest Kansas would follow his advice, a less number of their daughters would go astray, while their sons would grow up and be more manly men.

During his discourses and sermons Elder Parham quite often indulges in narrative and description of his experience in various parts of the country while conducting his meetings. At times he grows eloquent, then humorous, pathetic, and then stern as he solemnly denounces the glaring evils practiced upon working men in factories and plants owned by men who pretend to be christians, give large sums to charity, but at the same time are grinding wage earners down to the last penny and pay starvation wages.

His reference to a Kansas City lumberman, with a rating of several million dollars, who gave one hundred thousand dollars to the laymen's missionary movement, and had closed his mills in the South, while the men and their families were compelled to live upon sweet potatoes and water, shocked as well as startled his hearers as the words of truth cut the air like a two edged sword.

OBITUARY

The many friends at home wish to express their sympathy through this paper to Mrs. Mary Warner, (mother) Loyd Turner and wife (brother) and Cora Carter (sister) Athen Hill, of Oildale, Calif., of the loss of their son and brother Charlie Turner. There was a service conducted at his home town, then he was brought back to the home town of his boyhood days where he was converted and lived faithful until death. There a large number of friends gathered to express their sympathy and bring their flowers of eulogy. The absence of mother, sister and brother, added to the solemnity of the hour. But as friends passed by we felt that we sorrowed not as those which have no hope. May these words bear a message of comfort to those for whom they are written.

LOU LOVE.

Brother Parham's plan presents a scripturally organized Apostolic ministry, operating on exactly the same principles as St. Paul's great movement to evangelize the Gentile

world, and is the most scriptural extant. The Baptists believe in Church sovereignty, but go to the extreme of interfering with the ministry. The Methodists believe that "Preachers are sent, not called," and go to the opposite extreme of abolishing the sovereignty of the churches. The Apostolic Faith Movement has a ministry that is perfectly free in its movement and message; is sent, not called, and at the same time a laity that is free and sovereign. If the history of the Church since the apostasy presents any such an adjustment of the respective rights, duties and privileges of ministry and laity, I have not seen it. Mr. Wesley came very near it with his "traveling preachers" and "class leaders."

NOTICE

The next big meeting conducted by Chas. F. Parham will be held in Lansing, Mich., 319½ East Franklin Ave., beginning July 5th. The 2:30 P. M. Service will be devoted to splendid Bible Lesson. Let everyone in coming distance prepare to attend.

COMING MEETINGS

Floyd Durham and Co., are holding meeting four miles from Stella, Mo.

S. W. Ditto is holding tent meetings in Houston, Texas

Geo. L. Rose is holding meetings in Denver, Colo.

Ed Durbin having a fine Revival in the new Mission Church we dedicated May 30th in Cherryvale, Kans.

Piercy Campbell is in meetings in Barnsdale, Okla.

Mrs. Patton and Dora E. Preston and Mrs. Ostrander are in meetings at 19th and Lawrence, Denver, Colo.

Mr. Waterbury is at present in Cave Springs Arkansas, address him there.

Mrs. Emma Lang has accepted a call to pastor a Mission in Detroit. Any mail will reach her for the present at 1503 Lyon Street, Port Huron, Mich.

Dave Given is healed and fast recovering his strength from T. B. in Pheonix, Ariz.

Bert Doss can be addressed in Sanger, Calif. The Morton Sisters are in big meetings in Hedley, Texas.

Homer Coberley is Pastoring the Mission in Roswell and working all the country about

in meetings preparing for a great Camp meeting there this fall.

Wilfred C. Parham and wife are to begin meetings in great tent in Sacramento, Calif., June 14th.

Mr. Ed Durbin will conduct a Camp Meeting 9 miles southwest of Adrian, Mo., beginning August 8th, for further particulars address h'm Gravette, Arkansas.

The big Inter State Camp meeting for Kansas, Colo., Okla., Texas, Nebr., and Mo., will be held in Kingman, Kans., in September. Chas. F. Parham in charge. The meetings everywhere are running in great victory and power as never before, all proven ministers are over crowded with calls.

It is possible that Brother Parham and Co., will make an Evangelistic trip thru Ill., Ind., and Michigan next month. Pray that they may be led in all things by the Holy Spirit.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

June 4th, I passed another milestone. Fifty-three years have rolled by in my very eventful life, thirty-five of which have been spent in almost constant service for the Master in preaching the Gospel of The Kingdom.

It seems impossible to think that the zenith of life has come; the glorious triumph of His grace seems only to have begun. Saved at fourteen, sanctified and healed at eighteen, my body sanctified at twenty-four, I have lived in almost freedom from conscious sin, and thirty years with scarcely a pain in my body. Praise His Name!

Twenty-five years ago God wonderfully baptized me in the Holy Ghost, evidenced by speaking in other tongues. This has never gone from me, and has been a constant, blessed uplift, with power to speak in many languages.

The introduction of new—old truths has been freighted with many hardships and sorrows, yet the toils of the road have been nothing compared to the glory. Glory to His Name!

The dews of night, and the sun by day,

have drawn and burned my feet till they bled, but dashing the tears from my eyes, I shouted on, refusing to even shed a tear "when the footsteps of Jesus made the pathway bright."

Though in trials, persecutions, mobs, oft slanders and scandals, though many times in great straits among false brethren and followed by hired assassins for years, yet, through it all, "HE has always caused me to triumph."

I am more than grateful to the many thousands of my faithful friends for their sustaining prayers and financial help through all these years. Brought by the grace of God from a life of utmost sin and sickness, you have been my helpers and support. God bless you all.

For my enemies I have only an abiding sympathy; no words of condemnation, but only sorrow for the souls, who, through their fight on me, have been wrecked and ruined. I think the greatest sorrow of my life is the thought that my enemies, in seeking my destruction, have ruined and destroyed so many precious souls.

I come to you, my brethren, and offer to God and you a life ripe in experience, strong and vigorous for the battle, trusting I may still merit your approval, feel your upholding prayers, and yield to God a more unselfish devotion than ever before. The tokens of your multiplied friendships begin to pour in upon me. Again, I say, God bless you.

There are those who continually and everlastingly throw mud into the stream of life. If they cannot find enough present day mud, they will hunt away back for ten or twelve years or more, and rake up all the old dry scraps of their memorized mud holes, and cast it forth at the call of the temper and plaster a double coat of imagined nastiness on the good name of the victim of their personal spite. They are gleefully backed up and reinforced by the old Devil himself, while he takes good care that those who do his work are surely besmirched themselves.