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Rev. Charles F. Parham, of the "College of Bethel" at Topeka, in line with his determination to conduct revival meetings in an uptown hall, announces that he will have charge of an "old-fashioned love feast" at the Academy of Music, Thirteenth and McGee, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. At 11 o'clock Rev. Mr. Parham will preach at the Academy of Music and again at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Persons who desire to stay all day are invited to take basket dinners with them. Special seats, it is stated, will be reserved for invalids, and no collections will be taken up.

Rev. Mr. Parham is the leader of the Topeka sect which has started out to in____ the world to return to what its exponents call the early "apostolic faith." Rev. Mr. Parham and several of his followers claim to have conferred upon them the "gift of tongues," and a number of the other powers the early apostles are said to have had, among them that of healing. They also believe in a community of goods, and are expecting that the millennium will be hastened by their preaching, its advent being, in their opinion, a matter of only a short time.

Rev. Mr. Parham and seven of his students in his college at Topeka have been conducting a revival service in a small store-room at 1675 Madison avenue, but they have found it too small for their purposes. They believe that by securing a larger room, nearer the heart of the city, they will be able to start an evangelical wave which will ultimate in the conversion of all
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Kansas City. They are expecting big crowds to attend their meetings on Sunday, and intimate that those who attend may have an opportunity to hear some of them speak in foreign tongues and perform remarkable cures on the sick people, who are especially invited to attend.

SIX HOURS OF PRAYERS.
Parham and Students Hold Services at Shelley Park.

C.F. Parham, of "gift of tongues" fame, with seventeen students from the Bethel Bible School at Topeka, Kans., held a "session of prayer" yesterday in a tent at Shelley park. The session lasted six hours, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., during which time over 100 persons offered prayer, including many of the students, who prayed in foreign tongues by means of the "gift."

Last evening the evangelist held a regular prayer meeting, which was attended by about seventy-five persons. Several different languages were used by the students.

The Bethel Bible school, according to its founder and present head, is the only religious institution in the world to the students of which has the "gift of tongues" been given from God.

"We are not working for money," said a student last night. "We do not ask money from anyone. The Lord will provide. If we are worthy, we will have plenty to eat and plenty to wear. If we are not worthy we will starve. The workman is worthy of his hire. We are well fed and receive considerable sums of money from those whom the Lord moves to give."
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When asked to explain the "gift of tongues" a student said, "It came to the students January 1 last, direct from God. We could none of us speak any other language beside the English. When the gift came from above we could speak twenty-one different languages, all by the grace of God. We teach nothing that is not proven by the Bible. Our religion is the religion of truth, not the religion of fashion, as practiced in the churches. We do not preach come-outism or come-inism, but recognize all good Christians anywhere we meet them. Ours is the religion of God."

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