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Because so bitter was the rain.
St. Martin slashed his coat in twain
And gave the beggar half of it.
To shelter him and cease the pain.

But being now himself ill clad,
The saint's own case no less was sad.
So piteously cold the night,
Tho' glad at heart he was, right glad.

Thus, singing on his way he passed,
While Satan, grim and overcast,
Vowing the saint should rue his gift.
Released the cruel northern blast.

Charity

By E. V. Lucas

Away it sprang with shriek and roar.
And buffeted the saint full sore.
Yet ne'er repented he a wit.
And Satan bade the deluge pour.

Huge hailstones fell in fierce attack.
And dealt St. Martin many a thwack.
"My poor old head!" he smiling said,
Yet never wished his mantle back.

"He must, he shall," cried Satan, "know
Regret for such an act," and low,
E'en as he spake the world was dark
With fog and frost and snow.

St. Martin, struggling toward his goal,
Mused thoughtfully, "Poor soul!
Poor soul!
What use to him was half a cloak?
I should have given him the whole."

The cold grew terrible to bear,
The birds fell frozen in the air.
"Fall thou," said Satan, "on the ice.
Fall thou asleep and perish there."

He fell and slept, despite the storm,
And dreamed he saw the Christ
Wrapped in the half the beggar took.
And seeing Him, was warm, so warm.

Symptoms of a Declining State of Grace

To be read and pondered alone with God

1. When you grow bolder with sin, or with temptations to sin than you were in your more watchful state—then be sure something is wrong.

2. When you make a small matter of those sins and infirmities which once seemed grievous to you and almost intolerable.

3. When you settle down to a course of Christian life that gives you but little labor, and leave out the hard and costly part.

4. When your God and Saviour grows a little strange to you, and your religion is conversing with men and their books and not with God and His Book.

5. When you delight more in hearing and talking, than in secret prayer and the Word.

6. When you read the Word more as a matter of duty, than as food in which your soul delights.

7. When you regard too much the eye of man, and too little the eye of God.

8. When you grow hot and eager for some disputed point, or in forwarding the interests of some party of Christians, more than about those matters which concern the great cause of Christ.

9. When you grow harsh and bitter towards those who differ from you, instead of feeling tenderly towards all who love Christ.

10. When you make light of preparing for the Lord's day, and the Lord's Table, and think more of outward ordinances than you do of heart work.

11. When the joys of heaven and the love of God do not interest you, but you are thirsting for some worldly enjoyment and grow eager for it.

12. When the world grows sweeter to you and death and eternity are distasteful subjects.

When these are wholly or partly true you know you are in a Declining State—Adapted.
SEND ME! SEND ME!
It is said that Bishop Hedding of New York once addressed a candidate for the foreign mission field as follows: "Have you considered that you will have to go away from home and friends, and be among strangers and enemies?" "I have," replied the young man. "Have you considered that you must leave your native land, with all its institutions and privileges and be a foreigner in a strange land, where everybody will regard you with suspicion and prejudice?" "I have considered it all," said the preacher. "Have you considered that in that land your health may fail, you may be prostrated with malaria and fevers of violence?" "Yes," continued the young man. "and if I had a thousand lives, I would give them all to Jesus. Bishop, please don't ask me any more questions, but send me, send me!"

To be called of God into special Christian service is a rare privilege indeed. And how carefully and jealously one thus called should guard the privilege, and see to it that it is fully obeyed in due time. Stonewall Jackson was once asked why he never went home to change his clothes. replied the great military general who had learned well the lesson of strict and instantaneous obedience. One time questioned regarding the terrible consequences of a bombardment which he was directing, he replied, "It is not mine to consider results, but to obey orders."

May the child of God be as careful to obey his Master. How many times we are tempted to draw back from known duty because the consequences of strict obedience to the will of God may bring us criticism or some other personal discomfort. May we never forget that only one thing counts in the life of the Christian, namely: STRICT OBEDIENCE to the revealed will of God.

SMILE
In the vestibule of a certain hospital visitors see a card giving the following advice: "Never utter a discouraging word while you are in this hospital. You should come here only for the purpose of helping. Keep your hindering, sad looks for other places; and if you can't smile, don't go in."

One day a Christian worker went to visit a sick little girl in a wretched tenement house where, because of drunkenness and sin, she had known nothing but sadness and abuse. As the visitor sat beside the sick bed, so anxious to do something to help, she asked, "What is there, dear child, that I can do to help you?" "Just smile at me a little," came the answer.

One cold winter's day a big policeman saw a little news boy shivering on the corner of the street. His clothes were ragged, his face was dirty, and his heart was sad because no one would buy his paper. Presently the policeman walked over to him, and throwing the skirt of his thick overcoat about him, and hugging him close to his own warm body, he held him but for a moment or two, and then asked, "Sonny, are you cold?" "No, not now," came the child's answer of appreciation.

Somewhere I have read the following: "Smile awhile. And while you smile, another smiles. And soon there's miles and miles of smiles, and life's worth while, because you smile."

I maintain it to be the Christian's duty to smile whenever possible to do so sincerely and helpfully.

"Nobody ever added up
The value of a smile, We know how much a dollar's worth
And how much is a mile, We know the distance to the sun, The size and weight of earth. But no one on earth can tell us just How much a smile is worth."

SNAKES IN AN ATHEIST'S GRAVE
In North Benton, Ohio, is to be seen one of the strangest sights that any person could wish to gaze upon. A short distance from the village is the cemetery in which is to be found the monument of Chester Bedell. This monument has a tall stone base and is crowned with a bronze statue of Bedell himself, holding high in his right hand a scroll bearing the words, "Universal Mental Liberty." Under his left foot is an-
other scroll, representing the Bible, on which is the word "Superstition." All around the base of this monument are snake holes. In fact the ground is literally infested with these venomous creatures, which can be seen in quantities on most any warm day of the year. This is strange indeed in view of the fact that there are none to be found in any other part of the cemetery.

Who was Bedell?
Who was this man Chester Bedell? He was an atheist who had lived in the community many years and died in 1908 at the age of 82 years. During his lifetime he claimed there was no God and never did believe in a God. He did not hesitate to speak freely his belief in these matters, and had this monument erected to his own memory while he was yet living. Occasionally he would attend the Presbyterian Church in North Benton, and it is said that his presence would cause such a coldness to come over the meeting as to well-nigh break up the service.

How Came the Snakes?
But how came the snakes to infest this monument when none are to be found in other parts of the cemetery? The writer does not claim to know, but here are some interesting facts: Before this man's death he challenged God to prove his own existence and the truth of the Bible if these things be so. He said, "If there be a God or any truth in the Bible let my body be infested with snakes." And now the family lot is infested with snakes which can be seen by anyone who will go to North Benton to investigate. The neighbors say that the more they kill the more of them there seems to be. It is reported that on the day of the funeral of this bold, blatant atheist it was necessary to remove a snake from the grave before his body could be lowered into it. Not long ago a nearby resident remarked to a stranger who was inquiring the way to the monument, "Well, if Bedell did ask for snakes, he sure got 'em."

Many Have Seen Them
Numbers of reliable persons have visited this monument and have stated that they have seen snakes in various numbers during their investigations. One party states that he saw three on the day of his visit. Another person says that he counted twenty the day that he was at the scene. And still another states that he saw six on the day of his visit, and that the sexton told him he had killed four on the morning of the same day. The sexton also remarked, "I don't know, maybe the Lord did have something to do with it." The snakes found at the monument are garter and black snakes.

Benton is said to have owned about twenty-five acres of land in the community, and that he had twenty-one lawsuits during his lifetime. Being told that he had once written a book, and that his daughter, now over seventy-five years of age and residing in Berlin Center, might possess a copy, a party went to see her, but she answered, "No, I wouldn't have any of the old devil's literature in the house."

OLD AND NEW REVELATION
The writer has before him a fine letter from pastor Williard C. Peirce of Evangel Temple, Toronto, Canada, in which he remarks, "We're not looking for anything 'NEW' in revelation, but we are surely needing and looking for the OLD revelation to be made 'NEW' and 'FRESH' every morning by the touch of His hand."

The Situation Well Stated
We deem the situation to be well stated in this pointed remark. Why are so many looking about for something-new when we are not half living up to the privileges of the old. To carry out the provisions and discharge the duties of the four-fold Gospel upon which the movement of Pentecost has been built, will exhaust all the energies and require all the talents of which all of us are capable. One is reminded of the minister who preached the same sermon over and over again during the first few weeks of labor on his new charge. Finally the officers of the church waited on him to ask if he did not have another sermon that he could preach to them. "Oh yes, indeed," he replied, "I have many more, but what is the use preaching another one when you have not yet lived up to the one I have already given you?"

"Beware of the Vaudeville Mind."
Yes, may the Lord help us to be faithful to the OLD REVELATION, and not be so eager for the NEW REVELATION. Again the writer is reminded of the title of a lecture he once saw advertised: "The Vaudeville Mind." We fear some have carried this mind over into their Christian experiences and are never satisfied unless spiritual truth is given a vaudeville aspect. That is to say: as it is in the theatre, there must always be something new to attract them, or their interest will lag.

How many times seasoned saints of God have been grieved at the conduct of new-born babes in Christ, and sometimes at others who have been longer on the way, as they prattle about "new revelations," and "deep teaching," when it is obvious to everyone that the fruits of the Spirit are very much lacking in their lives. We yield to none in our appreciation of the fact that God has given to some a very precious ministry of delving deeply into the Scriptures, and that He has endowed such persons with the ability to bring up out of the depth of the ocean of divine revelation, truths that are often hidden from the casual reader of the Bible. But this is a God-given faculty, and whatever they produce is always in strict accord with the great basic doctrines of the Word of God.

New Truth is Never Hurtful
And these new revelations of deep truth are never hurtful in their effect upon the true Assembly of God. The fact that many so-called revelations of new truth have resulted in spiritual stagnation or in hurtful divisions, is very good evidence that such revelations were not from the Spirit of the Lord at all, but were the concoctions and deceptions of ambitiously minded persons. Strange indeed it is that all the heresy, resulting in so much inertia and so many divisions in Pentecostal ranks, has always come along the avenue of so-called "new revelations" and "deeper teachings." Personally, we are afraid of them.

YES, WE SAW THE U.S.S. AKRON
Yes, we saw the U. S. S. Akron, the world's greatest dirigible airship. On a trip eastward from Columbus, Ohio, we motored to Akron to view this mighty implement of modern warfare. As has already been stated, its magnitude is almost beyond human comprehension. From the souvenir purchased on the ground, we quote the following: Length, 785 feet. Diameter, 132.9 feet. Gross lift, 403,000 lbs. Useful lift, 182,000
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l. Number of engines. 8. Total horsepower, 4,480. Maximum speed, 83.8 miles per hour. Range without refueling at 50 knots cruising speed, land miles 10,580. Nominal gas volume, cubic feet, 6,500,000.

*Built to Assure Peace*

As an instrument of mechanical skill it is a glorious achievement, but when one considers the purpose for which it has been built—warfare—the heart sinks and enthusiasm wanes. It is an engine of death with powers of destruction unprecedented in the annals of warfare.

But it is repeatedly claimed that it has been built to assure peace. The writer is reminded of an inscription to be seen just inside the door of the Educational Building in Albany, N. Y.: "It reads something like this: "To be prepared for war is the surest guarantee of peace." There may be a grain of truth in such a statement in view of the policies of the nations of the world, but fundamentally, the principle is wrong and self-destroying. Strange indeed it is that with the nations "armed to the teeth," there is greater fear of war breaking out than at any time for many years.

*Two Men With Guns*

Imagine if you will, two farmers who are angry at each other through a long drawn-out quarrel. They go to town to buy the usual supply of groceries, and each says to himself, "I'll buy me a revolver, and if my neighbor gets too overbearing I'll be able to protect myself." It happens that soon after they do meet, and the old quarrel is revived, but each feels that he can afford to be a bit more aggressive than before, for he has secretly tucked away in his back pocket, a revolver which he can whip out in a second of time and thereby protect himself. Is any one so stupid as to believe that these guns will make for peace and harmony between these two men? We all know by experience that they will do just the opposite. What a vast difference there is between theory and practice. What obtains with individuals obtains with nations, for nations are but collections of individuals. And, in fact, after all, it is usually but an individual or two in any given nation who determine whether or not that nation shall fight.

*The Dew of Death*

Recently Lady Cynthia Mosley, member of the English Parliament said, (according to a United Press dispatch) that the next war, if it should come, "will be the absolute end of civilization." She said that the newly discovered explosive, "the dew of death," is so powerful "that if a spoonful were dropped on a city it would kill a million persons. A bomb carried in a handbag would be sufficient to raze London."

"Wars and rumors of wars," continue, and will continue until He comes whose right it is to reign. May His anointed ones look up, for the day of our redemption draweth nigh.

**FAILING BECAUSE OF FEAR**

United States Senator, James J. Davies, addressing a group of three hundred business men in Erie, Pa., recently, said, "At this time, fear is playing a leading part among the factors which are retarding the stabilization of world-wide economic conditions and the revival of our own national prosperity. Fear is clutching at the hearts of the majority of our gainfully employed people."

Following these remarks, Judge Theodore G. Risley, acting secretary of the Department of Labor, also said, "What we need is courage, because it is FEAR largely that is paralyzing the business of the country. It should be supplanted by hope."

Quite interesting and suggestive indeed. One cannot refrain from recalling the Master's words as recorded in Luke 21:25, 26, where he foretells a time when it shall be even so. Jesus said, "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity: Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." It is evident that these conditions do not develop suddenly, but gradually. Yet who would have supposed that the whole world would be so soon held in the relentless clutch of this monster—fear?

However, fear is right if we fear God instead of one another, and the very beginning of wisdom is in the fear of God. Prov. 9:10 declares it to be so: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Paul speaks of man in his natural wisdom as follows: their "mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: their feet are swift to shed blood: destruction and misery are in their ways: and the way of peace have they not known: THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES." Rom. 14:18.

Here is the cause of the present world trouble: men have been living and business has been operating for self alone. There has been "no fear of God before their eyes," therefore there has been the lack of wisdom in managing the affairs of the world. Where God is ignored, distress will always follow.

Judge Risley significantly suggests that "FEAR... should be supplanted by HOPE." "The Hope of what?" one might properly ask. Why the coming of Him who alone is able to dispel fear and establish peace and confidence and prosperity.

"TURNING THE GRACE OF OUR GOD INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS"

In the fourth verse of Jude we read as follows: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Many have troubled over the meaning of this passage, and it may be that the writer's word will throw a bit of light upon the interpretation. Please observe that those who are guilty of "turning the grace of God into lasciviousness," deny both the "only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

So it is plain to be seen that "turning the grace of God into lasciviousness," is an act which involves both the Father and the Son. Observe again that this is an act which denies the "grace of God," and turns it "into lasciviousness." That is to say: "certain ungodly men," who have "crept into the church "unawares," have made the grace of God to appear as a lascivious act.

What is Lasciviousness?

Lasciviousness is sexual immorality or living in a lewd manner. Hence we see at once that the denial of the "virgin birth," turns the "grace of God" into lasciviousness or lewd conduct. Instead of Jesus coming into the world by the virgin, through an act of God's grace, these "ungodly men" would have it believed that he came as the result of "lasciviousness"—an immoral sexual act on the part of Mary.

This is Being Taught Today.

This is exactly what modernism
is teaching today. In schools, colleges, seminaries and pulpits it can be heard. Many books and magazine articles are spreading the same doctrine. A young minister in Philadelphia said recently: "Jesus Christ is not the eternal Son of God," and further declared that he does not know who was the father of Jesus. Another minister has said, "We know that he was a man even as Lincoln, even as you and I." Still another minister says, "We must conceive of Jesus as being only a Jewish peasant, with no greater outlook than was possible for a good and intelligent man of that day with his limits and environments."

Thus we might go on almost indefinitely with these denials of the fact of the virgin birth, but enough have been cited to illustrate the claim presented by the writer. According to those referred to, Jesus came into the world through "natural" means—only given to certain members of the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:9); whereas faith as a Fruit should be found in all believers.

Yet neither is Faith as a Fruit of the Spirit to be understood primarily with regard to our belief in God and His Word: although that great essential for God-pleasing will most assuredly grow continually in the soul that is walking in the Spirit.

The Fruit of the Spirit has essentially to do with Christian character, and "Faith" in this connection signifies Faithfulness, Fidelity, Sincerity of character and Loyalty. We find that the Revised Version in Gal. 5:22 gives us "faithfulness," while Weymouth renders it "Good Faith," and Moffatt "Fidelity," etc.

Parallel passages where the word "faith" carries this same significance occur in Matt. 23:23, where Christ accuses the Pharisees of omitting "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith", obviously meaning faithfulness. Also in Rom. 3:3—"Shall their (the Jews) unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" Meaning, as Newberry shows in his margin, the faithfulness of God. In Titus 2:10 we have the word translated directly in the Authorized Version "showing all good fidelity."

Faith as a Fruit of the Spirit therefore has to do particularly with fidelity of character, with sincerity, loyalty, dependability, truthfulness, and all that we mean by general faithfulness.

Faithfulness in Business

"A faithful man shall abound with blessing" says the Word (Prov. 28:20); and even the world has proved that good faith is good business in the long run. No customer takes his business to a house that has not given him a square deal, if he can possibly avoid it. But to the man that fears God faithfulness is a first essential under any circumstances. "Not with eyeservice as menpleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God . . . for ye serve the Lord Christ." Col. 3:22.

The Scriptures give a fine illustration of fidelity with money in the case of the overseers under Jehoiada: "They reckoned not with the men into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen, for they dealt faithfully." 2 Kings 12:15. Or again, in connection with labour conscientiously accomplished by the workmen who repaired the temple in the time of Josiah: "The artificers and builders . . . did the work faithfully." 2 Chron. 34:12.

Joseph is outstanding for his faithfulness in purely business matters, enjoying the absolute confidence of his master (Gen. 39:6): while Daniel gave his jealous political associates a hopeless task when they tried to find a weak spot in his fidelity. "They could find none occasion nor fault: forasmuch as he was faithful." Dan. 6:4. The one was a slave, the other an officer of state, but it is men of this type who bring glory to the God they serve in any sphere, time, or place. They may be persecuted and hated, but they shine as lights in the world with a lustre which nothing can ultimately dim.

Faithfulness is honored all through the Bible. "My servant Moses who is faithful in all Mine house." Num. 12:7. "My servant Caleb, because he hath followed Me fully." Num. 14:24. "Yet have I left me seven thousand . . . which have not bowed the knee to Baal," 1 Kings 19:18. "I gave Hanani . . . charge over Jerusalem, for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many." Neh. 7:2. "Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother." Col. 4:9. "Silvanus, a faithful brother." 1 Pet. 5:12. "They that are with Him are chosen, called and faithful." Rev. 17:14.

Faithfulness in the Ministry

But fidelity of character reaches its place of deepest necessity and highest reward when it has to do with the service of God in the work of the ministry. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful" says Paul (1 Cor. 4:2); and he lifts this admitted requirement of the natural and business realm into the higher and sacred realm of ser-
vice for the Divine Master in the Gospel. An absolutely spotless record of business and general integrity should certainly be required in all who desire to minister in holy things. "The same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2:2.

Faithfulness is several times mentioned as a special mark of a good minister of Jesus Christ. "Epaphras ... a faithful minister of Christ." Col. 1:7. "Tychicus ... a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord." Col. 4:7. "Timothy, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord." Col. 4:7. "I count ed me faithful, putting me into the ministry." 1 Tim. 1:12. "I give credit to the true faithfulness of God has found in me a rock, and the intelligence was brought to the king, who said, "Well then, Nell must take lodgings in the city." All the court was shocked at Dr. Ken’s rigid conduct, saying that he had ruined his fortune, and would never rise in the church. Some time afterwards the bishopric of Bath and Wells became vacant; the ministers recommended some learned and pious divines, but the king answered, "No, none of them shall have it, I assure you. What is the name of that little man at Winchester that would not let Nell Gwyn lodge at his house?" "Dr. Ken, please your majesty." "Well, he shall have it, then; I resolved that he should have the first bishopric that fell, if it had been Canterbury."

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And it is the Spirit of this Faithful One, abiding within, and continually obeyed, that brings forth in the Christian that same Faithfulness of Character that marks with dependability, truthfulness, sincerity, and loyalty the man who always walks in the Spirit.

Faithfulness Rewarded

There is a fine story in connection with Bishop Ken. When Charles II went to Winchester with the Court, the house of Dr. Ken was destined to be the residence of Nell Gwyn, the king’s paramour. The good little man declared that she should not rest under his roof. He was as steady as a rock, and the intelligence was brought to the king, who said, "Well then, Nell must take lodgings in the city." All the court was shocked at Dr. Ken’s rigid conduct, saying that he had ruined his fortune, and would never rise in the church. Some time afterwards the bishopric of Bath and Wells became vacant; the ministers recommended some learned and pious divines, but the king answered, "No, none of them shall have it, I assure you. What is the name of that little man at Winchester that would not let Nell Gwyn lodge at his house?"

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Gossip

The Meanest Habit in the World

Edgar A. Guest

"A gossip is a public menace, and richly deserves to be muzzled, for a biting, dishonest, human tongue can do more harm than the snapping jaws of a dog. A gossip can ruin your reputation, start a run on a bank, break up a church, make neighbors hate one another, and shatter the happiness of a town. And no man is immune to the serpent-like flashing of a gossip’s tongue.

'Some years ago, a story became current that I had been a life convict in a Minnesota prison, sent there for choking my wife to death! I gained my release, so the story went, by writing a bit of verse which attracted the attention of the governor. He pardoned me on my promise to choke no more wives! The tale spread and spread, until people who had known me for years began to ask if it were true. The slander didn’t worry me, but it did worry my wife and my mother. I had to laugh them out of it. Another report about me is that I am an habitual drunkard. The fact that I never drink did not deter the gossip who started it, and those other gossips who keep it going.

"But what can we do about these unbridled tongues that cause so much trouble? Just this: First of all, we can control our own tongues; and, next, we can refuse to keep company with any person who indulges in harmful gossip. Give the scandal-spreader the cold shoulder. He’ll starve to death on that diet!"

SAVED, BUT—

I am saved, BUT is self buried? Is my ONE, my ONLY aim Just to honor CHRIST my Saviour, Just to glorify HIS name?

I am saved, BUT is my home life What the LORD would have it be? Is it SEEN in EVERY action, Jesus has CONTROL of me?

I am saved, BUT am I doing, EVERYTHING that I can do, That the DYING SOULS around me May be BROUGHT to JESUS too?

I am saved, NOW could I GLADLY, Lord, leave ALL and follow THEE? If THOU callest, can I ANSWER, HERE am I, SEND ME, SEND ME?
THE WONDERS OF PRAYER

By B. A. Partridge

Thomas Carlyle wrote a book on "Hero Worship" in which he was inclined to ridicule the idea of paying so much tribute to heroes. Yet the writer thinks that God, in His Word, speaks of such characters as Joseph, David, and Daniel in a way that might justly be called hero worship. Be that as it may, we have a weakness in that direction, and my hero is a woman. Not Joan of Arc, not Frances Willard but a woman whom is otherwise unknown in history, save as God writes history, then perhaps the name of this humble woman will appear as coupled with the wonders which she has wrought in prayer. Of course she will be surprised beyond measure if this tribute should reach her humble home, for she is yet living and is still active in faith and prayer.

What Has She Done?

What has she done? In other words, what has God accomplished through her? First, in Oklahoma, she and her husband lived and toiled and prayed. Of course she will be surprised beyond measure if this tribute should reach her humble home, for she is yet living and is still active in faith and prayer.

When Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, was a fifteen-year-old boy, he was working as a newsboy on a train and at the same time making some chemical experiments in a rear car. One day the train lurched, upset the chemicals, and very nearly set fire to the train. The conductor in a fit of temper boxed young Edison's ears so soundly as to cause deafness. Most people would regard this as a great calamity. Not so, Edison; in a characteristic way he saw the compensations. That is what he says: "This deafness has been of great advantage to me in various ways. Among very many other advantages I know that it has preserved my nerves intact. Busy Broadway is as quiet to me as a country village is to a person with normal hearing."

Alongside of this we may put the statement of a prominent business man who went blind early in his career and has devoted himself to aiding his fellow-sufferers. After a close study of the hundreds of blind cases he has to say: "I have known many persons who never amounted to anything when they had eyes to distract them from useful work. On losing their eyesight they immediately learned to concentrate on something and became useful."

It is a characteristic of all truly brave souls that they refuse to be crushed by adverse circumstances. More than that, they receive the severest discipline of life, not with dumb resignation but with the firm conviction that there must be some compensations. From behind prison walls the Apostle Paul wrote letters which have been a tremendous enrichment to the human race. He declared that the apparent misfortunes which had happened unto him had fallen out rather for the furtherance of the Gospel. Since his day a vast number have had a similar experience. No burden need crush, no misfortune overwhelm those who believe in the goodness and wisdom of God. —The Church Herald.

OUR ARCHITECT

An artist was at work one day, upon a marble white.

His little boy was there at play, among the chips so bright.

"Daddy, what makes you mar that stone, so beautiful and true?"

"Play on my boy, let Dad alone, he'll show when he's thru."

The artist chiseled there alone, until his task was done.

He saw an image in that stone of his beloved son.

"My work is done, I'm satisfied, I'll bring my boy to see."

The little boy looked up and cried,

"Daddy, it looks like me."

Just so with God, our architect, his work in us begun,

Will cut and chisel and perfect, the image of His Son.

And when that perfect One above, we there His face shall see.

"We'll hear the words of perfect love, 'Father, they look like me."

—H. C. Hartranft.

THE DEVIL HAS NONE OF THESE

One day A. J. Gordon met an old man singing. "Friend," said Dr. Gordon, "why should an old man be so cheerful?" "Not all are." "Well, then, why are you?" "Because I belong to the Lord." "And are none others happy at your time of life?" "No, not one, my friendly questioner," said he, and his form straightened. "Listen to the truth from one who knows, and no man of three-score and ten years shall be found to deny it: The devil has no happy old men!"—Biblical Recorder

"KEEP THYSELF PURE."

Don't use your mind as a sponge to soak up the dirty water of the gutter.
The Loving God and the Suffering Saviour

By Bert Edw. Williams

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Christ suffered. He swallowed the bitter cup of the world's sin. The shock which came to Him in the garden almost killed Him. In that cup were all the sins of the world reduced to a tripeple extract of infamy. Oh the awful bitterness of that cup! And your sin was in that cup. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and by His stripes we are healed.

Come and avail yourself of the salvation which He purchased for you. Come and reckon your sins to be borne away from your soul in the precious broken body of Christ.

Don't do as so many did who are lost in perdition. Don't spurn a love such as His.

The founder of the Russian Empire left his spacious throne room and all his royal honors and went to a Dutch seaport that he might acquire the art of shipbuilding. He learned the art that he might teach it to his subjects. He became a servant that he might be the better master, and lay in Russia the foundation of a great naval power. And his country has not been ungrateful. For her Capitol which bore his name so many years, is adorned with a beautiful monument, erected in memory of his noble deed.

It is indeed, a noble act for a king to consent to become a subject, that he might the better rule his people. Such an act deserves a mighty memorial. But here is a greater sacrifice. Here is God condescending to become a slave. The highest Sovereign of all mankind, lowering Himself to the station of the meanest subject, that He might lift with Him a fallen race.

Russia's hero was honored with a mighty memorial. But heaven's hero was despised and rejected by these for whom He was so benevolently suffering. They blasphemed His name and attributed His mighty works to the power of the devil. They hunted Him as they would an idiot boy dying in an attic in London. They killed Him as they did the carpenter's son. They secured His betrayal with money and hired false witnesses to swear to a lie that they might accuse Him. They struck Him with their hands and spit in His face. They robed Him in disgrace and put a flimsy reed in His hand to mock His claim of kingship. They secured His sentence to death at the hands of Pilate by choosing Barabbas. They said, "His blood be on us and on our children," and then led Him away to Calvary. They crucified Him between two thieves as though He were the vilest of all. They laughed and jeered and shouted, "Aha, aha, He saved others, himself he cannot save." And as darkness was settling down over all the earth, they pushed Him out of the world on the point of a spear.

Under an Eastern sky,
Amid a rebel's cry
A man went forth to die
For me.

Thorn-crowned His bleeding head.
Blood-stained His every tread.
Cross-laden, on He sped
For me.

Pierced glow His hands and feet.
Three hours o'er Him beat
Fierce rays of noon tide heat
For me.

Thus wert Thou made all mine.
Lord, make me wholly Thine;
Give grace and strength divine
To me.

In thought and word and deed,
Thy will to do. O lead
My soul, even though it bleed.
To Thee.

HE DIED FOR HUMANITY.

So Christ not only came by means of an humble birth: He not only suffered untold agony and shame: He was not only, "sorrowful unto death," but, blessed be His precious name forever! He did actually die for me, that He might reveal His love for me.

And as Madam deGasparin has said, "He did not vanquish death from afar, like some god of the ancient Olympus: He did not strike down the foe by arrow shot from the height of the empyrean. No: He Himself, came down. Himself wrestled with death: for a moment its cold hand was laid upon His heart, and then He arose."

And it was not enough that He should die, but He must die the most shameful and cruel death known to the mind of depraved humanity. As to that death, listen to Beaumont's description of the crucifixion.

There see the head, that was filled with treasures of knowledge, sinking lifeless upon His bosom. See those hands that mixed the ointment for the eyes of the blind, that multiplied the loaves for the starving people, that stretched out upon the sick and dying, to recover and serve them, see those hands stretched on the accursed tree. See those feet that were bedewed with the tears and anointed with the ointment of Mary, and that carried Him about upon His journeys of pity and charity, pierced with rugged iron. And the heart that throbbed with love for the human race, and glowed with zeal for the honor of His Father, pierced with a cruel spear. Behold, all ye that pass by and see if ever was sorrow like unto His sorrow in the day when the Lord afflicted Him in the fierceness of His anger.

What part of His flesh was exempt from suffering? He bore our sins in His own body upon the tree. What part of His body was exempt from anguish? Was it His hands and feet?—they were pierced with nails. Was it His temples?—they were punctured with thorns. Was it His side?—that was broken by a hostile spear. Was it His bones?—they were all, as it were, out of joint. Was it His muscles?—they were stretched upon the gibbet. Was it His veins?—they were deprived of their purple fluid. Was it His nerves?—those canals of feeling, those rivers of sensation?—they were wrung with anguish. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree."

Harry Monroe tells of finding an idiot boy dying in an attic in London. Kneeling beside him, the boy drew his face close to his own and whispered, "I'll tell you the sweetest story you ever heard.

Three in one and one in three.
But the One in the middle died for me."

May the Holy Spirit help us to more fully comprehend and appreciate the significance of this unapproachable act of divine love and grace.

THE PLACE OF HIS DEATH.

As to the place where He died, consider it for a moment. We all hope, if we must die, that it may be
in our own homes, and surrounded by our friends and those we love. But where did your Saviour die? 'They led Him away to Calvary and there they crucified Him.' A place strewn with human bones and saturated with human blood. A place most disgraced and noted for its infamy. Crucified between two thieves as though He were the vilest of men. It was out upon Calvary that your Saviour died.

THE CROSS

Behold, the Lamb of God!

For us He shed His precious blood.

Draw near, and see your Saviour die.

Behold His arms extended wide!

Behold His bleeding hands and side!

The sun withholds his rays of light.

While Jesus doth with devils fight.

The rocks do rend, the mountains quake,

While Jesus doth atonement make,

And now the mighty deed is done.

To heaven He turns His languid eyes:

"Tis finish'd!" now the Conquerer cries:

Then bows His sacred head, and dies.

Where'er I go I'll tell the story.

In nothing else my soul shall glory.

That Jesus tasted death for me.

Why?

Why this life of suffering? Why this terrible death? Why? It was all to manifest the love of God for us. To prove by an undeniable, in-

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How I Received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

By Mrs. Alex. Clattenburg

It was during an old fashioned Methodist revival that I first found myself interested in my soul's salvation. My mother was a godly woman and reared her children in the fear of the Lord as well as instructing them in the Bible and Christian living. I lost no time in yielding to the Lord and found a deep longing in my heart for spiritual things. However, as many young converts do, I neglected my morning prayer and the reading of the Word, becoming interested in my chums and school.

After graduating from high school a desire came into my heart to become a teacher. As a result, I was sent to the Maryland State Normal School at Towson, Md., where I remained for two years. It was here that the blessed Jesus began to speak to my heart again. He had been speaking to me all through high school but it just seemed I was so bound that I could not fully respond to Him.

Healed of Disease

About this time I developed gland trouble and consulted eight doctors, besides being examined at Johns Hopkins University. Each one suggested that I go under an operation and have my glands taken out. Somehow God would not consent to having this done and I would go to another doctor instead. One physician lanced my gland which was under my ear and this never would heal because of the poisoned blood and pus which were continually coming from the sore. No one knows what I suffered and many times I would say to myself, "There is no help for me."

At this time I was keeping company with a backslidden young man to whom I was engaged. I had tried to get him to live right but he loved the things of the present world, such as movies, tobacco, etc., better than he loved Jesus. He thought it strange that I refused to walk as he did. Of course we could not agree and the question the Lord brought to me was: "Choose this day whom you will serve." It was not an easy thing for me to say "yes" to God, but oh how clearly I see today that God's ways are not our ways. And it is wonderful how He has blessed my soul and rewarded me in every way for following Him. When I gave this young man up, God immediately drew near to me in a precious way, making himself closer than a brother.

After graduating from Normal School, I returned home, sick in body and soul and willing to do anything to find relief. Many saints, including my parents, were holding me up to our Father in prayer. Their wise counsel led me to seek God. I went to a Pentecostal mission in Philadelphia one evening and when the altar call was given it found me at the feet of Jesus, seeking Him. Until this time I had never received an anointing of the Spirit, nor did I know that I might have such an experience. But as I began to sing, "When I See the Blood," the Spirit of God took control of my voice and also sang through me in English. Oh, bless His name, that was glory for my tired soul! As my body was prostrated on the floor, the Spirit began to pray through me for healing.

THE LOST OPPORTUNITY

By Robert W. Schuman

This typical wedding scene which involves the five wise and the five foolish virgins was used by our Lord to teach us the supreme lesson of life. Namely: How to meet the emergency of eternity. Of all things to be dreaded in this life it is to meet God unprepared. Man is able to prepare for many things within the scope of his earthly existence. He is able to meet the emergencies of his living and the support of his family, of the "rainy day," of old age, of the future of his business, and even of his country. But often fails utterly in his preparation to meet his God.

"ONE THING THOU LACKEST," Jesus said to the rich young ruler who evidently had the capacity to prepare for the needs of this life, but had made no preparation for the life to come. Mk. 10:21. So many are like this young man: gifted in many ways, blessed with the things

Jesus for what He was going to do for me.

The Glory Came

It was not long before the glory came and I went down. God began to have His way. My soul fills with new joy as I think about it. It was wonderful. The Spirit, so like a dove, so gentle, so holy, filled my heart. I wept, but weeping turned to praises and the precious Spirit began to speak for Himself. Hallelujah! One language followed another, among which was Chinese. Then the interpretation followed. Songs were sung in other languages, one of which I was scarcely familiar with—"We Shall Wear a Crown." Everyone seemed edified and praised God as the Spirit spoke. One could not help but feel that we were standing on holy ground because of His presence. A message came in English, which was prophecy. This was a warning to the saints. No one understood it then, but it was not long until all realized its meaning.

Praise God for the experience of Acts 2:4 which has proved to be a blessing that tongue can never fully express. God is just the same today. He is willing to fill every hungry soul with His precious Holy Spirit. The fire of God is still burning in my soul today. Glory! Glory! Glory!

Hunger Increased

After this experience my hunger to know the fulness of this blessed baptism was increased. Before receiving the experience of Acts 2:4, God gave me many wonderful infillings and anointings which added to my hunger for Jesus. One night while in a Pentecostal meeting in Oxford, Penna., the pastor asked the question: "How many believe they will receive the baptism tonight?" Silence reigned. God spoke to my heart: "Do you believe you will receive the baptism to-night?" I felt ashamed, for unbelief had crept in and doubt came to my mind. Turning from doubt and unbelief, I looked to Jesus who said, "All things are possible to him that believeth." My hand was raised and in a few minutes I was kneeling at the altar, praising...
The Truth About Divine Healing

By W. E. Moody

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We turn now to the New Testament and particularly to the teaching of the Four Gospels—and surely the Gospels are full of divine healing.

We are told by some that the miracles of Christ were simply a sort of divine credential for the purpose of proving His divinity and rightful authority; and that as soon as that was accomplished, they ceased, as being no longer necessary.

If Christianity needed credentials when the Son of God Himself walked on the earth, certainly the weak, feeble, halting, hesitating, compromising church of today needs something to establish its divinity before the people of this critical, analytical age. Men who assert that miracles ceased with the apostolic age only disclose their ignorance. All students of history know that the miraculous healing of the sick was common until the close of the first century, frequent throughout the second, and occasional all through the third and fourth centuries: while signs and miracles have reappeared with every great multitude. and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Matt. 14:14.

"And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them." Matt. 15:30.

"And great multitudes followed him: and he healed them there." Matt. 19:2.

"For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses, and cast out devils." Mark 3:10, 14, 15.

"And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them." Mark 6:13.

"Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them." Luke 4:40.

"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 9:1, 2.

Other scriptures could be added indefinitely to these. Suffice it to say that Jesus healed all who had need of healing, and he never turned one away. Has He changed?

We are safe in saying that at the center of all sound doctrine or teaching stands Jesus the Saviour—the Healer—the Life.

The Master Bible defines Saviour
as one who saves from evil, danger, or disease.

Some one has said that there are 341 names and titles given to Christ in the Old and New Testaments. From the standpoint of human need the most precious is Jesus—Saviour.

"Salvation is the great all-inclusive word of the Gospel, gathering into itself all the redemptive acts and processes. The Hebrew and Greek words for salvation imply the ideas of deliverance, safety, preservation, healing, and soundness."

It would seem that all whom Jesus touched, and all who touched Him were both saved and healed. Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole;" the correct reading of which is, according to the Newberry Bible. "Thy faith hath saved thee whole."

To the woman with the issue of blood Jesus said (Luke 8:48), "Thy faith hath made thee whole;" which is another way of saying, "Thy faith hath saved thee."

The revision of which Jesus was a Samaritan and who was the only one of the ten lepers to return to give thanks. Jesus said also (Luke 17:19), "Thy faith hath saved thee" or "made thee whole."

And to the blind man (Luke 18:42) Jesus said, "Thy faith hath saved thee." In each case Jesus wrought the double cure—they were both saved and healed.

God's will for us is perfect soundness. In Acts 3:16 we read, "And this name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know; yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

Jesus did not partially heal. Matt. 14:36 tells us that as many as touched Him were made perfectly whole. The Revised Version omits the word perfectly. The revisers evidently regarded the word perfectly as superfluous. When a thing is whole it is perfect. Strong gives it "to save thoroughly, or make perfectly whole." Newberry (Margin) gives it saved entirely.

It is true that in the case of the nobleman's son (John 4:52), the father asked his servants as to the hour the son began to amend. But the answer he got was clear and decisive. "Yesterday at the seventh hour"—which was the exact time that Jesus spoke the words. "Thy son liveth"—"the fever left him."

It is also true that the blind man of Mark 8:22-26 required a second touch before he saw perfectly. There was evidently some definite reason why the first touch of Jesus did not bring perfect healing. We are safe, however, in saying that practically all those who were healed by Jesus and through the hands of the Apostles and others, were immediate and perfect healings.

It is also safe to say that in the miracles of Christ there was a very close connection between salvation and healing. Jesus was continually working the double cure—the salvation of the soul and the healing of the body.

We are then face to face with the vital question. Is Jesus the same today as when He trod the shores of Galilee? In other words, has He changed? If He is no longer the healer, then what of the other 340 names and titles given to Him? In answering the question, "Has Christ changed?" two familiar scriptures may be cited.

1st. Malachi 3:6, "I am the Lord, I change not.
2nd. Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

"To these might be added a third—Ex. 15:26, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." For these words carry the thought of an eternal now. The Lord always has been and always will be the healer of those who trust Him."

Malachi 3:6 tells us in crisp terms, "I am the Lord. I change not." He is the Immutable one, with whom there is "no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

And when the writer to the Hebrews uttered those words, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever," he gave utterance to a truth that has brought comfort and healing to many a troubled mind and to many a disease-stricken body. Let me emphasize three comforting truths which these words contain for those who are sick in body.

1st. His power is the same. He touches the leper—he is made whole.

He sneaks the word — Lazarus comes forth.

He raises His hand—the tempest is hushed.

He blesses the five loaves—the hungry are fed.

With a word He forgives sins, heals the body, and casts out demons. His power is the same today—power to forgive, power to heal, power to deliver.

2nd. His love is the same. It was His love that led Him to exercise His power. It was love that moved Him with compassion. He "went about doing good." He could not help it. His love constrained Him, and He did not hesitate to go miles out of His way in order to meet with and heal those who were oppressed. And His love is the same today.

3rd. His will is the same. In healing the sick He was doing His Father's will. In that He delighted.

And it is still His will to pardon, cleanse, baptize, and heal. He wants to continue through us the works that He performed on the shores of Galilee: for He has promised in John 14:12 that those who believe on Him shall do the same works that He did and even greater works. When God said to Jeremiah (Jer. 32:27), "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" He meant what He said. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. May He help us to believe and thus "see the glory of God."

THE OPEN DOOR

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not only to be found in the schools of infidelity, but often the most suitable agents the Devil employs in his effort to impede the progress of the Gospel are to be found in the ranks of the church. Under that much exaggerated word "prudence" many a beginner has been discouraged and persuaded not to proceed. Lord give us backbone!

The vertebrae of the church. His body, is composed of two elements: evangelism and missionary effort. Many churches are suffering from spinal curvature because of the absence of either one of these activities. The lack of both will also destroy the true channel of communication between us as members of His body, just as injury to the spine will effect the spinal cord and destroy the communication between the brain and the nervous system, bringing on paralysis and lack of power. Let us put on the whole armor of God and "stand." Then at His command, "go," for the door is open, and the world needs Christ.

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JONAH AND THE WHALE

Though the following article has appeared in various periodicals from time to time during recent years, it is given here for the benefit of those who have not read it before, and also to show the easy possibility of the truth of Jonah's story. The article is from the Literary Digest, Vol. XII, No. 3, page 681, the issue of April 4th, 1896.

"In the month of February, 1891, a whaling vessel cruising in the Mediterranean Sea, not greatly distant from the coast of Palestine, indeed, one might almost say in the very waters where Jonah was cast overboard, this whaling ship, 'The Star of the East,' the account narrates, launched two whaleboats with an equipment of men to pursue a superb whale that was observed at some distance. The huge creature was harpooned and wounded to death. While it was writhing in its last agonies, one of the whaleboats was struck by its tail and shattered to pieces. The sailors who were in it were thrown into the water. All but two were saved shortly afterward by the other boat. The body of one was recovered, but the other, a man named Jas. Bartley, could not be found. When the monster had ceased moving and its death was quite certain, it was hoisted alongside the ship, and the work of cutting it up began. A day and a night was devoted to this task. When it was ended, the stomach of the whale was opened. What was the surprise of the whalermen to find in it their lost comrade. James Bartley, unconscious, but alive. They had much trouble in reviving him. For several days he was delirious and could not speak an intelligent word. Not till three weeks had elapsed did he recover his reason and he was able to narrate his impressions.

He said, 'I remember very well the moment when the whale threw me into the air. Then I was swallowed and found myself enclosed in a firm slippery channel whose contractions forced me constantly downward. This lasted only an instant. Then I found myself in a very large sac and by feeling about I realized that I had been swallowed by a whale and that I was in his stomach. I could still breathe, though with much difficulty. I had a feeling of insupportable heat, and it seemed as if I were being boiled alive. A truly horrible thought that I was doomed to perish in the whale's belly, and my anguish was intensified by the calm silence that reigned about me. Finally I lost consciousness of my frightful condition.

James Bartley, the English papers said, in the accounts published at the time, is known to be one of the most hardy of whalemen, but his experience in the whale's stomach was so terrible that he was obliged to undergo treatment in a London hospital on his return. Nevertheless, his general state of health was not seriously affected by this incident. The only effect was that his skin was as it were, tarnished by the action of the gastric juices. The captain of "The Star of the East" adds that: "Cases where furious whales have swallowed men are not rare," but that this was the first time he ever saw the victim come out alive after his experience.

Will the Present Day Merging Lead to The Mark of the Beast?

By Albert J. Lebeck

I wish to make it clear before I enter into my subject that it is not the purpose of this article to combat the chain stores and other mergers which I shall mention: but to bring out the significance of the present day merging and its relationship to prophecy, the mark of the beast, and the second coming of Christ.

In Rev. 13:16-18 we read, "And he (the Anti-Christ) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

.... And his number is six hundred, three score and six."

According to 2 Thess. 2:3, 4 we know that when the Antichrist shall be revealed, the second coming of Christ (His glorious appearing) will not be far hence. In order for the Antichrist to be able to force all the people to receive the mark of the beast, before they can buy or sell, he will have to have supreme power in the world. The question arises. How will it be possible for the Antichrist to obtain such great authority? Evidently he will have to be at the head of a gigantic commercial union. When we note the active merging of the business world today we can readily see how this great union can be effected.

Labor and Farmers' Unions

Today nearly all trades of any significance are unionized. Unless a tradesman belongs to his respective trade union it is almost impossible for him to get work. This is especially so in the large industrial cities. The farmers also have formed unions or co-operative associations such as "The Poultry Producers' Association" and the "Apple Growers Union." In many places, unless the farmer belongs to such an organization, it is practically impossible for him to dispose of his products at a reasonable price.

Chain Stores

We already have quite a number of chain stores. Mr. J. C. Penney (founder and head of the J. C. Penney Stores) stated in a recent radio broadcast, that the chain stores are now to be found in almost every community of the country: that they did a gross business in 1929 of $9,000,000,000 and spent $20,000,000 for advertising. He said that there were now 32,841 chain grocery stores which, together with units of small local concerns, would bring the total number, classed as chain units, to 59,000. In the course of time these various chain stores may combine into a union of chain stores, thus practically monopolizing all the retail business. They would then be able to sell to whom they would at their own prices.

Raw Material Producers Combine

There are also the big producers of raw material such as oil, lumber, mining products, and manufacturing companies who are merging into great trusts in order to be able to control production and prices. On July 27, 1929, the coal capitalists met at Cleveland, Ohio, and formed a merger of all the bituminous coal interests of seven states amounting to $2,000,000,000. This is one example of the many mergers that are taking place today among the producers of raw material. They will
no doubt work together with the chain stores who are the retailers and thus control prices.

Transportation Consolidations

Again, the merging spirit is manifested among the transportation systems such as the taxicab, bus, railroad, steamship and aviation companies. For example, a New York paper, (dated Sept. 17, 1929) stated that sixteen eastern railroad lines, covering 13,553 miles of railroad and totaling the immense sum of $2,629,381,328 were asking permission to combine. By the amalgamation of the various transportation companies they would, in time, be in the position to monopolize all commercial transportation.

Propaganda Mediums Merging

Newspaper presses have formed into syndicates. Mr. Herbert Tracey has stated in the Labor Magazine, *“A dozen men around a dining room table have within their power to decide what the millions of newspaper readers shall see or not see. These combines, which have arisen in the last few years, control the newspapers in nearly every city and district in this country.”* The International Paper Company, with its capital of $500,000,000 is regarded by the New York World, as the most profound disturbing development in the history of the American Press for many years.

The radio stations are combining and are forming great chain hook-ups such as the National Broadcasting Company. They have at times as many as fifty to sixty stations on their hook-ups.

The moving picture theatres are also consolidating into large companies. Through these three mediums the press, the radio stations, and the theatres it would be possible for a few capitalists to direct the news and the propaganda of the world.

Bank Trusts

Just recently the writer noticed in a newspaper that two banks in New York were planning to combine and form the largest bank in the world, with resources of over $3,000,000,000. If a dollar weighs an ounce, then this $3,000,000,000 would weigh 93,750 tons and if loaded on five-ton trucks it would take about 18,750 trucks to convey this silver. Allowing about 100 feet of space between trucks, they would make a parade of about 400 miles long. If this is the value of one bank, what a powerful trust all the banks combined would make. The completion of this vast combination may not be far hence if the rapidity with which the banks are now merging into great trusts shall continue.

Federation of Churches

Even the churches are getting the merging spirit. Already we have the Federated Council of Churches and the ministerial associations. Rev. Stagg has said that alert Christian minds, the world over, see the futility of the present competitive system and are looking forward to great mergers in the Christian organization. He personally hopes that the present flouting of the Methodists and the Presbyterians will end in matrimony. In a few years the leading churches will no doubt unite, creating a powerful influence in the world, which will be in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Nations Uniting

Nations are being brought into union through the League of Nations, the World Court, the Kellogg Peace Pact and by secret treaties. Quite recently the French Minister of Foreign affairs, Aristide Briand, suggested that the best solution of Europe’s many problems would be the formation of a “United States of Europe.” This may be the beginning of the “Restoration of the Roman Empire,” over which the Antichrist will reign.

Since we have these various unions, mergers, and trusts, the next step naturally will be for all these various consolidations to amalgamate into one great federation, having one leader. This leader will of course be the Antichrist, chosen because of his super executive ability. This gigantic world union would control labor, capital, industry, production, religion, and the nations with their large armies. We can readily see, with the Antichrist at the head of this union, that he would be able to compel all the people of the world to take his mark. And if they should refuse, they would not be permitted to buy or sell nor carry on any commercial business. Not only would they be subject to starvation but would be persecuted as slackers, law breakers, criminals, rebels, and traitors: as the people today are persecuted in Russia if they will not unite with the communists.

The world has seen some terrible times: such as the slaughter of the Jews by Titus, the cruel oppression of the Roman Emperors, the tortures of the Inquisition, and the bloody French and Russian revolutions. It is now seeing frightful times in Russia under the communistic rule, but the Word of God says that the coming tribulation will be such as the world has never seen. This terrible persecution will come upon those people who refuse to take the mark of the beast. This mark will, no doubt, be the license number or the membership certificate of this great world-wide union under the leadership of the Antichrist.

In Rev. 14:9-12 God warns all people against taking the mark of the beast. All people who receive this mark will be terribly tormented during the tribulation and will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire. It will pay all Christians to be true to God and abstain from taking this mark. It may cost us our lives, but by so doing we shall retain our salvation, obtain life everlasting, and escape the terrible judgments of God. Better still: let us watch and pray that we may be found worthy to escape through the rapture of the saints at the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 4:16, 17), all these things which will come upon the world. Luke 21:36.

WATCH YOUR WORDS

*“Keep watch of your words, my darling.*

For words are wonderful things. They are sweet, like the bees’ fresh honey.

Like the bees, they have terrible stings.

They may cheer like the warm, glad sunlight.

And gladden a lonely life.

They may cut in the strife of anger.

Like a cruel, two-edged knife.

*Kee p them back if they are cold and cruel.*

Under bar, and lock and seal.

For the wounds that they make, my darling.

Are always slow to heal.

May truth guard your lips forever.

From the time of your earliest youth,

And the words that you daily utter.

Be the beautiful words of truth.”

*Unknown.*

“When thou prayest, rather let thy heart be without words, than thy words without heart,” counsels Bunyan.
II. But more than that follows. If His return does not take place then the world and we ourselves are without hope.

How could He be “Our Hope” if His own words did not come true! But think of what is linked in the Scriptures with His second coming. There is to my knowledge no doctrine in the Bible which does not stand in some connection and is more or less dependent on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. If He does not return, then all must be abandoned or it must be read and understood in the light of the modern new thought.

We mention but a few things which will answer our question, If Christ should not return — What? If the Lord Jesus Christ does not return then nothing will come of the hope of the church. “According to Scripture” the hope of the church is not in this world, nor in this present age. The hope of the church is heavenly, it is linked with Himself and His glory. There can be no glory for the church apart from His glorious and visible manifestation. The Scriptures promise a glorious consummation for the church, but only when He comes again and not before. Then all the saints of God will see Him as He is and be like Him. To the church is promised a share in His glory to rule with Him and to be manifested with Him. Now if Christ never comes back this hope of the church is a vain thing and the millions who waited for it and died in the expectation of it were miserably deceived.

“According to Scripture” if He does not return there can be no reward for faithful service. All the martyrs died in vain. No crowns are ever put upon their heads. All the faithful servants of Christ, the missionaries of the cross, who left homes and kindreds, who sacrificed their lives, have no reward. Then we too might just as well stop serving and sacrificing for the hope of reward and future and eternal fruit, for service is an ideal dream, if Christ does not come back. You ask why? Because the Bible knows nothing whatever of reward for servants and the joys of those who served here below, apart from the second coming of Christ.

If Christ does not return, not a single grave will ever be opened again. “According to Scripture” the resurrection of the bodies of departed saints is linked with His coming. If Christ does not come again then our loved ones will never rise. We shall not see them again nor our reunion with those who have preceded us is only promised when the Lord comes for His saints with the shout from heaven. No second coming — no resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. Then our hope would be nothing else than disease and the grave and corruption of the grave, our bodies consumed. never to rise again.

If He does not come back, the world may well go on securely and continue to dream of prosperity and peace. Crime and lust, wickedness and oppression will flourish unhindered and undisturbed. Let the world have a good time for there is no judgment in sight and those who obey not the Gospel need not fear anything whatever. The devil's old lie would then be truth, Peace and Safety! The return of the Lord will mean judgment for this earth. When He is revealed out of heaven, it will be, “according to Scripture,” with flaming fire and with His mighty angels to take vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. All this will never take place if He does not return.

But see how utterly hopeless all will be if Christ does not return. There is no hope for that peculiar people, the Jews. Their national salvation can only take place, and I want to say it again “according to Scripture” when He appears for the second time. They are to look upon Him whom they have pierced and receive Him as their king. If He never returns, as promised in the Word of God, to establish His kingdom on this earth, that people will never know Him nor receive Him as their Messiah-King. Their case will then be hopeless. They must continue to wander as homeless strangers among the nations of the earth: their sufferings and woes will find no end.

If He does not return then let the nations continue to train millions of soldiers, build their dreadnoughts, prepare for war. Wars will then continue, the order of things for this earth will be greater battles, greater bloodshed, revolutions, oppressions, and unrighteousness. For “according to Scripture” there can be no peace on earth, no cessation of bloodshed, till the Prince of Peace appears. No second coming of Christ means to leave forever this earth in the hands and under the control of man and Satan. No world conversion then, no universal righteousness. For all this is promised with His return.

If Christ should not return — What? All creation must then continue under the curse and no relief can be expected. Some tell us of the great progress which is being made and the many new discoveries to combat disease and conquer the forces of nature. They tell us “give us more time and all wrong will be righted and all disease and other evils will be banished and conquered.” Thus speaks boasting man. It is true we have made great discoveries. The germs of diseases have been discovered, classified, named. But the more germs have been discovered the more diseases spring up and science stands helpless in the conquest of disease. It is true we have now great and wonderful telescopes and can measure the distances of stars, analyze the substance of which they are composed, and do many other wonderful things. But who can prevent the sun spots with their baneful influence upon the atmosphere? We have invented a wonderful instrument with a fine needle, which records an earthquake to the minute at a distance of 10,000 miles or more. But who can prevent our great cities from being shaken into dust by some great catastrophe in nature?

There is no hope “according to Scripture” apart from His personal return for creation. The Lord and Master of creation, the second Man as the Head of the new creation alone can deliver groaning creation and if He never returns earthquakes, pestilences, and famines must continue and devastate the fair creation of God.

If Christ should not return — ah, friends, it is a horrible nightmare; it would be the most awful outlook with no hope whatever but instead of it the blackness of darkness forever. We might just as well close our Bi- (Concluded on Page 18)
The Get Acquainted Page

Mounted by Evangelist Watson Argue

PRESENTING THE INDIANAPOLIS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Argue Campaign Recently Conducted

The Man — The Tabernacle

In the heart of North America is a state called Indiana!
In the heart of Indiana you will find a city called Indianapolis!
In the heart of Indianapolis is located the Indianapolis Gospel Tabernacle!
In the heart of the Indianapolis Gospel Tabernacle you will discover H. V. Cook, the founder!
Could you look into the heart of Brother Cook. I am sure you would find the Lord there!

H. V. Cook
Founder

Were it not for the presence of the Lord with our brother, we feel sure there would not be standing today, the beautiful Indianapolis Gospel Tabernacle.

The Indianapolis Gospel Tabernacle

The lower auditorium, which is used for the Sunday School, is also seated with opera chairs. It has two upright pianos and an organ, as well as other fine equipment.

Brother Cook, the founder of the tabernacle, has been a prominent businessman in the city for several years. Some time ago he felt the Lord definitely leading him to promote large evangelistic campaigns in the city. These campaigns he backed with his prayers, his finances and his business ability. Several successful campaigns were held in rented auditoriums.

Soon the need was felt of a large permanent tabernacle in which to carry on interdenominational evangelistic meetings. Many wonderful revival campaigns have been conducted in the new building.

When no special campaign is in progress, Brother Cook does the preaching and also carries on his business.

The prayer of the writer is that God's richest blessings will continue to rest upon Brother Cook and the people of the tabernacle. A wonderful privilege is theirs in keeping this work going in this city which has a population of over 400,000.

At this time, Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue are conducting a campaign in the tabernacle. It is their first visit to Indianapolis. God is richly blessing. Large crowds are attending, many are seeking Christ and a beautiful spirit of fellowship and co-operation is felt in the services.

Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue have just closed a successful campaign in this fine building. It was their first visit to Indianapolis. God richly blessed. Large crowds attended, and many sought Christ. A fine spirit of fellowship prevailed.

GOOD REPORT FROM SHREVEPORT, LA.

Evangelist and Mrs. Watson Argue have recently been privileged to spend five days in Shreveport, Louisiana, conducting special services at the First Pentecostal Church.

Brother G. C. Lout, the pastor, made a trip over to Dallas during the Argue campaign there and gave an invitation to the young evangelists to visit his church.

Time was short, but we believe much was accomplished for the Lord. A beautiful spiritual atmosphere prevailed during the services and many answered the altar calls for salvation.

May the Lord continue to use and bless Brother and Sister Lout in a wonderful way and reward them for their faithfulness in Shreveport.
THE LOVING GOD AND THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR

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fallible evidence that God really loves us.
1 John 4:10. “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
1 John 3:16. “Hereby perceive we the love of God because he laid down his life for us.”

And is it possible that so much humiliation and sorrow, so much suffering and anguish, so much pain and grief should count for nothing in your eyes? Is it possible that so wonderful and so significant a sacrifice of love could be made for you and you not accept it?

“What Hast Thou Done for Me?”

Some years ago a young woman sat in a cottage overlooking Lake Erie, weeping over a photograph which she held in her hand. A friend observing her sorrow asked the cause. “Sit down,” she said, “and I will tell you.” When I was but a little girl, mother and father and I took a steamboat to cross the lake. After riding some distance, the captain announced the terrible news that the boat had sprung a leak, and that we were all in great danger.

“Presently my father said, ‘My wife and child, I am a good swimmer, and I think I can swim safely to shore with you.’ So mother and I took hold of his clothes and we started out. But we had not gone far when father said, ‘I’m afraid I cannot hold out.’ But he still struggled on. Again he said, ‘No, I can’t hold out. I have not the strength. One of you will have to let go or we will all perish.’

“As father made that sad announcement, mother instantly let go and father, again and again. ‘Thou gavest Thy life for me, what have I given for thee?’

Here is a great question. May the reader ask it himself, and repeat it to his heart again and again. “Thou gavest Thy life for me, what have I given for thee?”

This will I say
That firm I tread the road
I cannot see,
Because the hand of
One who loves me
Is leading me.

—Takamoto Sato (Japanese)

Find a great thing to do.
Do it with all thy might.
And have no regrets.

“ONE CANNOT LEARN until he realizes that he does not know. The satisfied ignoramus has shut and bolted the door against knowledge, growth, and all the delightful pleasures of the mind.”

Leon T. Frank, Conneaut, Ohio.
DOLORES LEE DUDLEY
CHILD EVANGELIST

This happy, vivacious little girl with her long brown curls is preaching night after night to the crowds that gather at the church of Pastor R. A. Babcock located at 40 Prospect Street, Cambridge, Mass. She has a strong, vibrating, musical voice that fills the whole building, and she is winning many to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

She first began preaching when she was nine years old. Because she was so small, she stood on a table so that the crowds could see her. Soon after she was saved she was asked to preach and did try once, but forgot her text. Then the Lord baptized her in the Holy Spirit and gave her boldness and power to face the throngs as few veterans have.

At first she did not want to preach, but when she received calls and refused to go it seemed she always became ill. She has preached for nine years in many cities including St. Louis, Detroit, Dayton, Canton, O., Minneapolis, Sioux City, New York City, Cincinnati, Louisville and Norfolk, Virginia.

She says the story of her conversion is that of the lamb in Luke 15:4 that was lost, but the Shepherd sought until he found her, though he had to climb the rugged hill of Calvary to bring her into the fold. The Sunday Schools she had attended ever since she could remember only talked of shows, parties and seemed a waste of time as the girls only talked of shows, parties and pleasure, and she detested the long drawn out church services, little dreaming that soon she would be spending practically every night of her life in church, loving and enjoying it.

Nine years ago this October she was visiting her grandparents in New Philadelphia, Ohio. They attended no church and considered professing Christians as hypocrites. But nearby was a little mission where the people sung and shouted as if they were happy. Their curiosity got the better of them and she and her grandparents went one night and of course sat in the back, as they did not know what strange people might do. She was surprised to hear most everyone give a testimony. She heard them say "Amen" and "Praise the Lord". It seemed funny to them, but they came back the next night. The crowds were too great for the mission and the next night service was held in a theatre. They felt at home in this building and did not mind going near the front. At the close of the service it seemed she heard a voice say, "Dolores, you need that salvation" and without a moment's hesitation she stepped away from her seat into the aisle and down to the improvised altar. She did not know its use, but soon learned. Her grandparents followed behind her and Jesus saved them all. She had never been emotional, but as she knelt at the altar it seemed she was kneeling at the feet of Jesus. His presence was so real, and she wept as if her little heart would break. She felt she was the meanest sinner on the earth and prayed, "Oh Jesus, please make me a happy Christian like these people. Take away all my wicked ways. Oh, I believe you do it Jesus." The burden was lifted and in her long life of nine years this was her first real true happiness.

Some folks said, "Oh, she is such a little girl. She does not know what she is doing. Little children should not be allowed at the altar like that." But she says that she did know what she was doing. She was deeply convicted and sorry for her sins.

The throngs flocked to hear her preach the pure, sweet, simple Gospel message of salvation through the atonement and of the mighty power of God to baptize people with the Holy Ghost. The harvest truly is ripe and the laborers are few. How we ought to thank God for raising up this handmaiden for His service.

I sometimes wonder why people who have been Christians for many years devote such little time or energy in showing others the way of salvation. Do they not know that as we labor for God so will He reward us? When the greatest harvest is over and the Lord of the harvest says, "Gather in the grain", this little maid will come rejoicing with her arms full of sheaves.

—F. T. Corum

IF CHRIST DOES NOT RETURN—WHAT THEN?

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bles and sit down in despair, should Christ never come back. Then the wicked and blasphemous remarks of a certain professor of Chicago will come true "a period of time in the history of the world will be reached in which the name of Jesus Christ is forgotten."

But blessed be God just as surely as He came the first time, so will He come the second time. That He will never come back is inconceivable. What His return will mean is fully revealed in Scripture. And yet no mind can grasp and no tongue can tell, what it all will mean when that blessed One once more enters the world, not to suffer, but to reign.

—From Our Hope.

THE POWER OF A BAD BOOK

Some years ago there was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison a man by the name of Martin Thorn. He paid the extreme penalty for the foul murder of a man by the name of Golden. A little time before his death he said to his spiritual advisor: "I was not always bad. I was a good boy and a good man at first. I believed in the Bible, and in God and the future life. I liked the company of good people. The fatal mistake of my life was the reading of one of Ingersoll's books. I am sorry that Robert Ingersoll ever lived. I am sorry that I ever read a line of his. The reading of that book was the first step away from God and heaven and my course has been downward ever since, till I have come to the blackest crime and am now to face a most shameful disgrace."
News From Our Mission Field

EXPONDING THE WORD TILL DAWN
By David Boyar, Woronow, Poland

I wish to inform you briefly of the workings of God in our district. There are not many new incidents to relate but, praise God, He is keeping His own. He has manifested Himself through His Holy Spirit and deep heart searchings, which have brought many secret things to light, have been the result. This has caused the members to humbly themselves and many have been heard to say, "Indeed God is with you."

In Shalanka a sister who contracted typhoid fever was critically ill. After prayer with her she arose and went out into the yard, testifying to the others saying, "I am healed. Praise the Lord for healing me!"

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On the 21st Brother Ilchuk paid us a visit and we had a blessed evangelistic meeting, and although this was a week night about 40 came to listen to the Word, showing much interest.

The following day he left for another village, a distance of about 25 miles, where he was to baptize believers in water. As I could not go along, I remained in Karonow where we spent the day in prayer and fasting, and also had the breaking of bread. During the day many confessed their faults and sins forgiving one another their shortcomings before the Lord. Hallelujah!

On the 31st I went to Zeleznica to hold a baptismal service and on my way had to stop in Niewerka where I remained over night. However, it was not to sleep, for about 40 persons came to the meeting to whom we expounded the Word of God till dawn. The Lord was very kind and helped us.

God has been very gracious and everywhere we see the moving of the Spirit. Continue to pray for us.

BIBLE STUDENTS ON FIRE FOR GOD
By A. L. Clause, Ruda-Pabjanicha, Poland

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." John 1:3.

We praise the Lord for giving us health and strength during the past month to labor in His harvest field.

Gospel work in the country is a little slow just now owing to its being the harvesting season, which will last until the latter part of August. As the people work until dark, our meetings do not begin until 9 or 9:30 p.m., and when they come they are tired.

During our visit to Rakowa we met precious saints who were really hungry for the Pentecostal experience and we are praying that the longing of their hearts may be satisfied.

We were again privileged to visit Brother Rieske's district in Pelchanka. Although he himself had to be in Danzig, the students who had been in the Bible School furnished real inspiration, and it was a blessing to be with them. Their fire and enthusiasm for God are of great help to the young people and we are sure the Lord will use them in His vineyard.

A sister who was seriously ill was anointed with oil and after prayer arose and accompanied us to Lodz. It was felt the change would do her good. She stood the trip of 135 miles well and when we reached Lodz felt stronger than when we started. She is rejoicing in the Lord who has so wonderfully healed her.

BAPTISM IN PRIVATE GARDEN
By K. Domokos, Osca, Hungary

The last week in July found us doing missionary work in a neighboring district. At our Monday evening prayer meeting an unbeliever, who through a previous service had become interested, was gloriously saved. Praise the Lord!

The meetings were well attended throughout the week. On Saturday we made preparations for a baptismal service to be held the following day. As we had not place where to baptize we dug a large hole in the garden of one of the believers. We did this Saturday evening, finishing about 9 o'clock. A service, lasting till 10:30 was then held, after which I returned home, making the 5 mile trip by bicycle.

Sunday was a day of real blessing. A season of prayer in the morning in our assembly prepared us for the coming service. In the afternoon the members of our assembly went by bicycle and train to Inarc, where the baptismal service was to be held. Here we found the 7 candidates, 6 women and 1 man, attired in their white clothes, ready for the ceremony. After we had baptized the last candidate a girl came to me saying that she also wanted to follow the Lord and be immersed. We were happy to step back into the water and baptize her, making 8.

When the girl came up out of the water she removed her jewelry — a gold ring, ear rings, and a gold necklace — as a proof of the reality of her conversion. Her action deeply touched the onlookers, of whom there were about 100.

It had been a very dry season and the land was parched, so after the Lord's Supper the people asked me to pray for rain. We did so with upraised hands, asking God to water the dry ground and also the hearts of the people. The Lord heard and early the next morning it started to thunder and rain, which continued to be a downpour continuing throughout the day. How good the Lord is.

BUILDING A PRAYER HALL
By J. Polubishek, Radoszkowicz, Poland

I received your letter and allowance, for which I thank my Lord and also those who are so faithfully supporting this good work. May He reward them for their faithfulness. The Lord is saving sinners and the work of God is growing in our district.

On the 14th of last month Brothers Wolodko and I walked 27 miles to Ryeczyno which lies in a direction of Shechuki. Here we had a baptismal service where 28 made a covenant with the Lord through the watery grave. Quite a crowd assembled and after the service we gave out literature. We then returned to the hall where we had the breaking of bread, the Lord being with us.

After the communion service we called a business meeting where leaders were appointed for the purpose of serving in the assembly, as well as the Lord's supper, the blessing of children, and conducting of funeral services. In the presence of about 65 members they appointed Brethren Zuricho, Tilimowicz, and Rakski, after which we commenced them to the Lord, asking His blessing upon

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Monthly Bible Readings and Illustrations

SEVEN REASONS FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

1. It is God's command. John 5:39.
2. It is God's power to save. Rom. 1:16.
3. It is God's power to keep. Psa. 119:9-11.
4. It is the wisdom of God. 2 Tim. 3:10.
6. Because we will be judged by it. John 12:48; Rev. 20:12.
7. Because of the rewards promised.
   a. Honor me and I will honor you. 1 Sam. 2:30.
   b. Keep my word and I will keep you. Rev. 3:10.
   c. Hear when I speak, I will hear when you call. John 15:1.
8. Apply the Word of God to:
   a. Personal habits.
   b. Domestic arrangements.
   c. Commercial pursuits.
   d. Social position.
   e. Religious associations.
9. Subject yourself to the Word by
   a. Walking in its light.
   b. Bowing to its authority.
   c. Obeying every precept.
   d. Heeding every warning.
   e. Expecting every prophecy.
   f. Cherishing every promise.
   g. Hiding it in the heart.

THE SPIRITUAL MAN

1. Spiritual life is obtained by spiritual birth. John 3:3.
2. Spiritual birth is characterized by spiritual life. Rom. 8:13.
3. Spiritual life is shown by spiritual walk. Gal. 5:16.

THE BIBLE

No book is like the Bible,
For childhood, youth and age;
Our duty, plain and simple,
We find on every page.

It came by inspiration.
A light to guide our way.
A voice from Him who gave it,
Reproving when we stray.

—Fanny Crosby.

APPLY THE BIBLE

A noted German scholar used to have the following motto upon the wall of His study, which he said greatly influenced his life.

APPLY THYSELF WHOLLY TO THE BIBLE.
APPLY THE BIBLE WHOLLY TO THYSELF.

There is a great deal of difference in these two acts. Ingersoll applied himself to the Bible, but Charles H. Spurgeon applied the Bible to himself. This fact made the great difference in the lives of these two men. The same principle holds true today and marks the difference between Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York City, and Mark A. Matthews of Seattle, Washington.

Nobility is an attribute of the human soul that never dies. But it sleeps so soundly at times that nothing short of a police siren and a pulmotor will arouse it.

SEVEN LOOKS

2. Look around for service. Fields are white. John 4:35.
5. Look to yourself, full reward. 2 John 8.
7. Look for the Lord. He is coming. Phil. 3:20.

CRITIC OR CRITICIZED

A commercial traveler, who was also a Gideon and made a practice of reading his pocket Bible while on his railway trips, was asked by an unbelieving fellow traveler why he spent so much time reading a book which everybody criticized these days. "My main object," replied the Gideon drummer, "is not to criticize the Bible but to let it criticize me."—The Christian Advocate.

ONE OF THE HINDRANCES to Christian influence is that so many people would rather argue about their religion than live it.

TROUBLES

A crowd of troubles passed him by. As he with courage waited. He said, "Where do your troubles fly When you are thus belated?"

"We go," they said, "to those who mope.
Who look on life dejected.
Who weakly say, 'Good bye' to hope
We go where we're expected."

To send a message is well: to carry a message is better.

"CAN YOU COMMAND YOURSELF? If not, you have no right to command others."

VERY ANGELIC

A man who surprised his wife by calling her an angel, was asked to explain his unusual compliment.

"Well, Mary," he said, "in the first place, you are always flitting about; secondly, you are continually harping on things; thirdly, by your own account you have nothing to wear; and fourthly, you are up in the air most of the time."—Sel.

HE'S JUST THE SAME

"The sick, the lame, the blind, He healed while on His way; Their faith was all He asked—He's just the same today."

THE CHURCH is the place where the best thoughts of a group of minds can coalesce and be made to operate for the general good. It is the place where men are made to think and to live better lives. It is the place where men are converted from sin to the Gospel of our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The great Christ found a small man and took him along.
And they traveled together every day.
And a man said, "Who are those two big men?"
And someone said, "The one on the left is Smith:
He's got religion. I do not know the One on the Right, but they look like brothers."
A Mother’s Meditation

(A True Story)

A sweet-faced old lady sat in her easy chair by the cheery fire. The wind whistled outside; the clouds hung low as if it were going to snow. It was her birthday and she was wondering if her children would remember her, or if they were all so wrapped up in their own families and business that they had forgotten that it was her birthday. She held up her little thin hand, placing it to her forehead as she recalled the days when she held her rollicking tots in her once plump arms. Her heart and soul overflowed with love as her fond husband bent over their babies with delight. His tall handsome figure with his dark hair and eyes made a striking contrast to her fair face and merry blue eyes.

Their first baby was a beautiful little girl with blue eyes and yellow curls. She was just beginning to sleep her evening prayer when her little brother came. It seemed the parents’ joy was complete, for he had papa’s black hair and eyes. But another lover looks upon the scene with jealous eyes, for our God is a jealous God. “I will pluck the fairest flower that I may have my own. I will keep it in my treasure, and no one will remember it when I am dead.”

He did not hesitate. Picking up the scalpel he completed the operation. A great actor can never be happy unless he is the center of attention. So he left the unconscious form on the table or floor and hurried to the theatre where he was about to act his famous role. But a surgeon who was also a surgeon, was struck to know that he had forgotten the truthfulness of God’s promises and she knows He will never leave her nor forsake her.

The great Creator gave her another baby girl, to love, then another. And as her heart was bubbling with joy, again the reaper came and took the younger child. The mother has now learned to surrender, knowing that death can not hold these fair ones, but that they are safely housed in the home not made with hands. Now her affections are in heaven.

Another baby girl was given to her and God in His wisdom gave her two more daughters and two more sons to bless their home. The Holy Bible was read in the home and the little ones were taught about Him, the great Creator. The children grew up and then like birds out of their nests, left the dear old home. But mother’s prayers are entwined around her dear children, and the children feel the force of those prayers even though they are far away.

The testing time comes again, when father and companion is taken from her, in her declining years. Death claims him as his victim, leaving mother alone. The same Jesus who said to John, “Behold thy mother,” spoke to her children, “Behold thy mother.” By faith she gazed into the glory land and sang, “Saviour, more than life to me.”

It was nearly noon when she awoke from her reverie and heard a cheery voice saying, “Mother here is some mail for you; this is your birthday.” A sweet-faced little woman came into the living room with her hands full of letters and packages from the dear absent ones.

Her dear eyes ever see by faith, and now it seems she is saying, “My cup runneth over.” Mother is eighty-two today, yet in her old age she is still bearing fruit as God has promised. Her trials and hardships have taught her the truthfulness of God’s promises and she knows He will never leave her nor forsake her. She holds the letters and packages in her trembling old hands a moment while she closes her eyes and thanks God, first of all for His loving care, and then for her dear children whom He has given her, and their loving thoughts of her on this, her eighty-second birthday.—Nancy.

BUILDING A PRAYER HALL

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them for this great work in His vineyard.

The same evening I set out for the assembly in Klouse, about 6 miles away, which distance I had to walk. After resting for a night we had a meeting the following morning, marked by the presence of God.

On the 15th we went to Wilejka. To reach this village we had to go by train to Radoszkwiczew, and then 21 miles by foot because I did not have sufficient money for a ticket. Through all this God is helping—to Him be all the glory.

With the help of God we have started to build a prayer hall in Pieciule. The walls are already up but there is still much work to be done. Additional funds are needed to finish it.

WHY HE DID NOT GO

Years ago the Church of the Transfiguration in New York City was attended by nearly all the actors who went to church at all, and was considered by them as the actor’s church. Yet strange as it may seem, Dr. Houghton, the rector, whom they all so loved, never attended their playhouses. One day the great actor, Mr. Booth, who was calling upon the minister in his study, said to him: “Doctor, how is it you never come to the theatre to see us play? Are you down on us all?”

“No,” said the doctor, “it is not that. Mr. Booth, suppose some night you were suddenly stricken down with a great illness. I hope you would send for me. If you did, where would you like your messenger to find me, about my Master’s business or in the parquet of some theatre?”

“Doctor, I would want to find you in your place of duty,” replied the great actor. “I understand.”

A TRYING ORDEAL

A surgeon, assisted by his son, who was also a surgeon, was stricken with heart disease while performing an operation. The son had to instantly choose between duty to the unconscious form on the table or to the unconscious form on the floor. He did not hesitate. Picking up the fallen scalpel he completed the operation, and when the patient was safe his father was dead.

The power to instantly reach the right decision under most trying circumstances is not a matter of impulse, but of right training. The judgment must be disciplined and educated as well as the heart.

There come times in the religious world when duty seems to lie in opposite directions, and the most careful judgment is puzzled to know what course to take. AT SUCH TIMES THE HOLY SPIRIT IS VERY NEAR TO THE DEVOUT HEART TO GIVE THE LIGHT AND GUIDANCE NEEDED.

—(The Speaking Oak).
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Gratefully acknowledged.
Otto Karlson, Treasurer
Praise the Lord!

WORD AND WORK

ENTRANCE TO BETHEL HOME SOUGHT BY MANY

Many aged persons have written desiring to enter this Pentecostal Home for the aged. How it grieves our hearts to tell them that where they are unable to pay their expenses we cannot take them in. We have a small endowment and the friends of the Home have been generous, but it is hardly more than sufficient to care for those for whom we are responsible. However, our faith looks into the future and we know our God will supply every need. Meanwhile we wish we did not have to have the lump rise in our throat as we have to deny these dear old souls an entrance into this haven of rest.

We have letters from several who have stated that they have remembered Bethel Home in their wills. Our hearts are grateful for the fact that some great soul, unknown to the writer, is supplying the Home with coal for the winter. This is a large item and surely God answers prayer. One good friend of the Home is sending five hundred pounds of prunes from sunny California. Our blessings come from all parts of the country. We are thankful to the farmer that he has produced a hundred bushel of potatoes, and also a fine flock of chickens. Any in this vicinity who wish to have some good young broilers should purchase them from the Home.

No doubt many would like to know what our needs are. The farm is not developed to the best of its capacity. As it has lain idle for many years the soil must be built up. We need to hire a team to break several acres of sod, then we can cultivate it with the horse we have. More of the land needs to be fenced. The barn is too small for the stock we have, and material for an addition will cost about two hundred dollars. An ice house should be built so that ice from our ponds could be harvested in the winter, thus saving our ice bill. Additional poultry houses are needed, and an incubator so we can do our own hatching.

Many of our friends have sent in printing business for which we are grateful and we will appreciate the opportunity of serving others. Send in a sample of what you wish done and we will quote our price. Thus will you not only benefit, but also it will keep our printery busy and furnish an income for this worthy cause.—F. T. C.

NEW YORK CONVENTION

Evangelist Otto J. Klink, a former atheist, anarchist and evolutionist, but now a noted and powerful evangelist of the Gospel of Christ, will speak throughout the convention to be held at Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325 West 33rd St., New York City, Nov. 13 to 29, inc.

The evangelist will be assisted by Pastor Joseph Tunmore, of Pittsburgh, Pa., throughout the convention. Meetings will be held on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.; 3 and 7:30 p.m., and every day except Mondays, at 7:45 p.m. There will be after­noon services on Tuesdays, Wednes­days, Thursdays, and Fridays, at 3 p.m. A special program of music and singing has been arranged and will be rendered under the leadership of Ben Cockerham, Musical Director.

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SPRINGFIELD, MASS. Bethany Pentecostal Church, Cor. Springfield and Armory Sts. Sundays: S. S. 2:00; Preaching, 3:00 and 7:30. Tues. and Fri. 7:45. H. T. Carpenter, pastor, 38 Beauchamp St.


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SYRACUSE, N. Y. Glad Tidings Mission, 321 North West Sts. Sundays: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.

SYRACUSE, N. Y. Bethel Faith Home, 129 McLennan Ave. Services: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Tues. 7:30 p.m., Young People’s Service; Wed. All day fasting and prayer; Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Niles, pastors.

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TORONTO, ONT. Evangel Temple, Bond and Dundas Sts. Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. “Midnite Evangel.” broadcast over CFRB-690 Kilocycles. Sunday, 11:15 a.m. Christine Kerr Peiere, Evangelist; William C. Peiere, pastor.


WHITE PLANES, N. Y. Maple Ave., between S. Lexington and Davis Aves. Sunday: S. S., 9:45 a.m.; Preaching, 11 a.m. Evangelistic, 7:45 p.m.; Tues. Prayer, 7:45 p.m.; Thurs. Bible Study, 7:45 p.m.

WORCESTER, MASS. Pentecostal Latter Rain Church, 556 Main St., Sunday: 3 & 8 p.m., Tues., Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m. Special all day union service, the 5th Sunday of a month.

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