

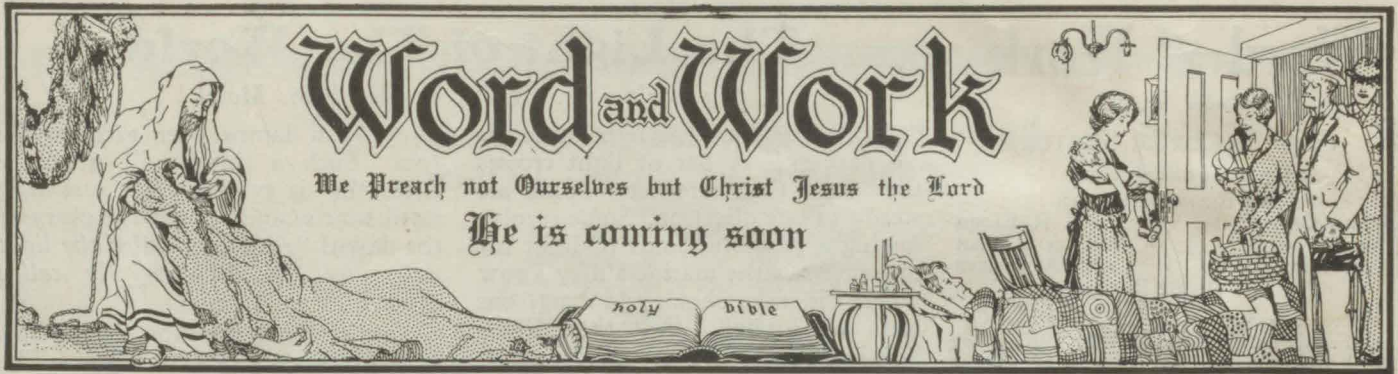
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Black Rumbblings • From Rome!

By Frank Isensee
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IN THE previous article (GOD'S HOOKS IN THE JAWS OF RUSSIA) we wrote how Russia is spreading her Red Terror and of the great struggle that will end in the battle of Armageddon.

Who will be the opposing forces? Who will be in the thick of the conflict, and how near are we living to the time of the final preparation can be judged as the following news items taken from truthful sources are compared with Bible prophecy.

Revelation 17:17 answers why God is allowing the nations to combine under the leadership of one powerful ruler, forming the ten-toed kingdom, according to Dan. 2:42. Rev. 7:18 speaks of that great city of the seven hills that will rule the kings of the earth. Rome, the only city in the world that is actually built on seven hills (God's perfect number seven).

Rome shall be the head of a group of nations in the last days and the following references to news items and Bible prophecy are convincing that we are living on the very brink of a coming struggle which the great world leaders claim will be the end of civilization.

Birth of Fascism

The last great war was a forerunner of the battle of Armageddon according to the many signs about

us. Just after the Armistice was signed, an obscure Italian whose name was never heard by the vast majority arose from obscurity and marching at the head of a group of men, dressed in black shirts, descended upon the palace and told King Emanuel to take a back seat, and the black shirts took charge of the national government. Not a drop of bloodshed. It is significant that God's hand must have been on the whole affair! There we have the birth of Fascism with black as their color emblem. Black a type of sin and death. Black according to science is devoid of all seven of the prismatic colors, the absence of all color.

House Set In Order

Mussolini soon accomplished what centuries of effort had failed to do in setting Italy in house-keeping order and completely wiped out all opposition, including the powerful Mafia organization. A perfect gangster system which had defied all efforts to break.

It was not long until the national currency was at par value and industries began to hum to the wonder of a breathless world that was still upset from the World War. Mussolini took hold of Italy, a broken down debt-ridden nation that used to be called "Dagos," and "Wops," and built the government up to such

an extent that within a couple of years the nation of Italy was one of the leading five powers of the world. The first great task that Mussolini tackled after the house was put in order was to revive Rome. He has said that Rome must be back in her rightful position as center of world culture, and today do we not see practically all roads leading to Rome as the old saying used to be?

The Beast

Rev. 17:8-14 tells us of the beast (a political government) that was and is not, but shall again arise out of the sea. As we trace back in history we find that Rome ruled the world at one time and then broke up into the several nations existing today, which include England, France, Spain, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Austria, Rumania, parts of Germany and the different Balkan states. The ancient Roman boundary ran through the northern part of Africa and includes the Palestine country.

Nowhere in history do we read of a great power that has fallen and then came back to former grandeur. Nowhere do we find a city built on SEVEN hills that becomes such a power. That alone is fully convincing, it is Rome and Rome alone that John speaks of in Rev. 17:9-18.

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The Light of The World

By Walter W. Crofts, Framingham, Mass.

THE LIGHTS of the lighthouse are flashing! A bar of light crosses the sky, then another! Some are steady in one direction. Some revolve casting a powerful shaft of light for miles. Thus the mariners may know where the rocky shoals and dangerous reefs are located. All these lighthouses are carefully described and recorded on the charts they use. They make it possible for them to reach port in safety. Across the land are many beacon lights working on the same principle. They keep the airplanes on their course at night that they may travel in safety. Light can be seen in darkness to guide their pathway.

There is another Light that came from above. This Light shines in darkness, but darkness comprehends it not. "This is the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." It penetrates darkness and discovers the sinful hearts of men. Darkness cannot stand before Him. Light illuminates that with which it comes in contact. Light reveals things. Light makes manifest (Eph. 5:13).

Gen. 1:3 tells the source of light. "God said Let there be light: and there was light." It took very little for God to bring it into existence. Light emanated from Himself. Light always betrays that Godly Presence. I John, 1:5 says, "God is Light." Man is essentially of the darkness, he cannot stand in the presence of God. I Tim. 6:16, speaking of Jesus Christ says, "He is dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto whom no man hath seen, nor can see." Man flees into the darkness from the presence of God unless God's Light has entered into his heart and cleansed and illumined it.

When light was seen in old Israel radiating from the ark, or from the face of Moses, or from the sanctuary, it signified that God was present. A pillar of fire at night was wondrously evident that God had not left them. Supernatural light signifies the presence of a supernatural Being. Light reveals the presence of God.

Man in his puny way devises means to illuminate. It has been estimated that to produce sunlight on the earth's surface it would require overhead a canopy of the entire sky solid with incandescent lamp bulbs,

some 12.6 lamps over each square foot. Such a thing will never be tried, that is evident. But just wait until sunrise and behold the glory of the dawn! "And God called the light day, and the darkness He called night."

God's Word produces light. Psa. 119:130 says, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding to the simple." Psa. 19:8, "the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." Psa. 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path." Jer. 15:16, "Thy words were found and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by Thy name, O Lord God of Hosts." God's Word gives light to the mind, brightens the eyes, guides the feet. The Word of God rejoices the heart. It is food to the mind and soul. John 6:63 says also it is life. It is the light of life.

In John 5:33-35 Jesus makes John the Baptist as a burning and shining light. In John 8:12 we find this remarkable statement, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness but shall see the light of life." In John 12:2 He says that He "came a light into the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not abide in darkness."

In Matt. 5:14 Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." Carrying this still further: Paul speaking of his brethren said in I Thes. 5:5, "Ye are all children of the light and of the day; we are not of the night, nor of the darkness." Peter in I Pet. 2:7-10 says also, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

If the lighthouse fails the ships

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-- A Monthly Devotional Heart Talk --
 "FROM UNDER THE THRESHOLD"

(EZEKIEL 47:1)

By Alice Reynolds Flower

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GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

(John 6:12)

PICTURE THAT sunset episode in the desert bordering Lake Galilee. The hungry multitude, the compassionate Saviour, the perplexed disciples, the willing unnamed laddie and his surrendered lunch—here are the essential factors! Then see the bread and fish in our Lord's hands as He "took," "blessed," "broke," and "gave" until all were filled. Such divine generosity—our Christ is always generous! Yet notice His economy as He commands His disciples in this verse which comes at the conclusion of this wonderful miracle, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost."

"The fragments"—that which we ordinarily overlook! Yet the Great Economist, Jesus Christ, directed that those very fragments be conserved. Could He not have provided another impromptu feast if food was needed in the future? Yes indeed. But there was a deep, underlying lesson to be taught to them, and to us today. That lesson lies in those last words "that nothing be lost." Somehow I feel there is a timely message for us here. The Old Year is closing and we all take inventory in some measure; then our hearts look expectantly to God for a personal watchword as we enter the New Year.

"Gather up the fragments!" Some wonderful creations have come from fragments, and cast-off ones at that. Michael Angelo carved a masterpiece from a cast-off block of marble. Frances Havergal wrote the song

*"I gave my life for thee,
 My precious blood I shed
 That thou mightst ransomed be
 And quickened from the dead.
 I gave, I gave my life for thee
 What hast thou giv'n to Me."*

Dissatisfied with the effort she threw the sheet in the waste basket. A little later she rescued it, and hesitatingly sent it forth. As a result thousands have been saved and moved to fresh consecration. Composers, artists, creators of all kinds have often given the world their masterpiece from a fragment almost discarded—a shadow of possible success.

"Gather up the fragments!" God wastes nothing in nature. Even the decaying leaves form rich soil to produce fresh vegetation. Not a fragment lost! But what of all our lost opportunities for faithful service, self-denying sacrifice, patient endurance of our peculiar cross, victorious suffering, tender forbearance, possible influence exerted for

God. Some of these opportunities are forever gone. Thank God, we can still "gather up the fragments" of others long neglected. Then there are the lost promptings of the Spirit to prayer. Here is the crux of all our need today everywhere. God grant a revival of Holy Ghost intercession until every dear Pentecostal believer diligently, faithfully and obediently gathers each urge of the Spirit to PRAY—PRAY—PRAY. Rich promises of blessing await such united seeking of God's face.

"Gather up the fragments" right after a special moving of God in personal life or the assembly. Good flesh and bread often strews wastefully the ground right after a generous feast from God. He would have us conserve all, and "send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared." It was just after Joseph and Mary visited the temple that they lost Jesus for three days, by "supposing Him to have been in the company." Light conversation, visiting, careless actions have lost precious fragments left from many a wonderful service. Never forget Moses walked on earth with the same glory he had on the mount with God. What a multitude of lost movings of the Holy Spirit there have been in all our lives—neglected impressions, disobeyed promptings, unheeded checks, unfostered inspiration!

"Gather up the fragments" of material things. God's children sometimes are wasteful without realizing it. Pennies, nickles, dimes are carelessly spent when the application of a little ordinary thrift would mean a saving to be invested for eternity. A penny has brought a gospel portion which in turn has been the direct means of a soul's conversion from heathenism. We put ourselves the value on the coin. Remember the widow's mite. Nothing is too small for God to use. This is true with our minutes as well. Consecrated time! I wonder if this is why the busiest of God's servants always have an extra moment for the new need arising before them.

"Gather up the fragments" now especially, for we are nearing the great culminating point of all the ages, "Redeeming the time because the days are evil,"—and our King is at the door! There is forgiveness for the mistakes of the past, but as faithful stewards God would have us delivered from all slothfulness, all carelessness, unashamed to meet our Lord at His appearing. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

A CURE FOR "THE BLUES"

By Clarence H. Jenson, St Paul, Minnesota

"And I (Asaph) said, this is my infirmity. . ." **Psa. 77:10.**

GOD SOMETIMES permits the devil to build a wall around us, but He never allows him to put on a roof. If you find yourself surrounded by difficulties, then look up and the light of Heaven will break forth upon your soul.

While the author of the seventy-seventh Psalm was writing the first nine verses he had a real case of despondency. In relating it and giving us the remedy, we, who are tossed on Life's stormy sea, may be benefited by his testimony. He said, "My soul refused to be comforted."

Did you ever feel like that? When your friends came and said, "Cheer up; better days are coming," your soul felt so downcast that your very countenance seemed to express a refusal of the consolation they were so willing to impart. Thus, instead of their helping you, the contagion of your soul's disease affected them, and they went away afflicted with the same infirmity. Perhaps you felt like Job, who said, "My harp also is turned into mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep" (Job 30:31).

The Psalmist also says, "I remembered God and was troubled." The very thought of God should have made him happy, but because there was something wrong with his attitude toward God, he was troubled.

Complaining

This state of mind is often manifested in complaints. It was so in the case of Asaph, for he said, "I complained and my spirit was overwhelmed." If any one would like to know how to get a real case of old-time, old-fashioned 'blues,' I can tell you how. **COMPLAIN**, and the clouds will gather. Some folk will complain about almost everything that comes their way. They will find fault with one another, and some will even complain about God's dealings with them. But in every instance such a procedure will bring forth the bitter fruit of an overwhelmed spirit. The more they grumble the denser the gloom will become.

Days Gone By

Furthermore, we observe that the Psalmist was suffering with insomnia, for he said to the Lord,

"Thou holdest mine eyes waking." How dreary are long, sleepless nights, when the soul is out of communion with God. Things were getting worse and worse. The darkness became so dense that he exclaimed, "I am so troubled that I cannot speak."

Then he began to think of the good times of days gone by and said, "I have considered the days of old, . . . I call to remembrance my song in the night." The thought of his once having been happy increased his present misery.

There are many people like that today who will testify about experiences and blessings they had twenty, thirty, or forty years ago, but when commenting on their present state, their talk ends with a sigh. The great trouble is that they will examine others and make a diligent search to find out who among their acquaintances is to blame. Their verdict often is, "So and so said such a thing and hurt my feelings terribly; I went all to pieces and lost all the salvation I ever had!" Not so with the Psalmist. He communed with his own heart and made diligent search to find what could be wrong in his own heart and made diligent search to find what could be wrong in his own life. But he did not balance the searching of his own heart with communion with the Lord, for he sank into a place of doubt where he questioned the mercies of God. In three verses of this Psalm he asks six questions: "Will the Lord cast off forever? and will He be favorable no more? Is His mercy clean gone forever? Doth His promise fail forever more? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? Hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?"

Standing Waters

One reason many people get into a state of misery, is that they have come to a standstill in their religious experience, and standing water always gets stale and sour. If this is your case, I would propose that you confess your failing and implore the mercies of God. An unreserved surrender, trusting the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus, permitting Him to take you through His heavenly process, will bring forth the peace-

ful fruit of a sure cure for "the blues."

It is they who have come to a self-resigned reliance on the omnipotent arm of Jehovah that are coming forth more than conquerors today. Through experience they have learned that no matter what befalls them, Jesus doeth all things well.

God's Cure for the Blues

In Deut. 28:1-13 we learn that God offered His people a proposition, saying that if they would "hearken diligently to His voice and walk in obedience, He would set them on high, above the nations of the earth." This contract also holds good, spiritually, for us today. If we hearken to His voice and walk in obedience to His law of grace, we shall be lifted from the low lands of strife to a higher plane of Christian living.

The Word of God is fairly teeming with glorious, glowing promises of blessing for the faithful children of God. "And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee . . ." How glorious that the Lord Jesus will both "overtake" and "undertake," and will carry us up into the spiritual altitude of heavenly places in Christ Jesus! "These blessings shall come on thee." It is wonderful that we can look up and enjoy God's glory as it rains down upon our souls, but the Lord also tells us that there is an experience to be had, "A well of water springing up into everlasting life."

"Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out." Applying this to coming in and going out of our church services, we find plenty of folk who expect such a blessing from God through their pastor or evangelist that they will be blest when they go out from the service. They bring their empty bushel baskets, so to speak, and expect the preacher to fill them. If they do not get as much as they expected to, they will depart with a long face and an expression which plainly says, "I am so disappointed." What about your being blest when you come in? If you are blest when you come in, I can almost guarantee you will be blest when you go out, but if you have not the vic-

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IN THE LAND OF TIBET

By Victor G. Plymire

FOR YEARS many of God's people have been calling unto Him that He would open a door into Tibet for the Gospel. In our day this promise has been fulfilled. God has set before us an open door and effectual. We heard there was to be an extraordinary gathering of the Khyams-ri tribe for ten odd days reading of their sacred writings by the noted Thar-byo lama. Every family MUST be represented. We dare not miss the opportunity to give them the Gospel. We hasten to the place and pitch our tents near the center of this great camp. Each day the lama read from their writings to great crowds—we counted seated at one reading 3200 people. On one occasion the lama passed between the rows and poured water on the hands of the people to exempt them from passing through the river of fire in hell, or the next stage of life. And our heart was stirred as we watched this deception passed on the poor ignorant people by this well fed lama who was only fleecing them. In the morning before the people gathered and after they were dismissed in the afternoon we were always busy preaching to this multitude. Many were here from an adjoining tribe. These seemed interested in our message beyond the ordinary. Many of them spent much time in our tent where we explained to them more fully the Way of Salvation. We hope to visit this tribe soon. We called at each tent in the tribe, gave the Gospel message and a Gospel. To the more interested of those who came to our tent we gave a Testament. Their lamas say they are gods, and the people worship them. But we cornered a few lamas when we asked if a god could or had any sin. They said, "none." But when asked if they committed sin they were silent. This lama yoke can be broken from off these poor people if we continue to "Call unto God." This great lama told the people that they were now in the closing days of the present cycle and that there is coming one whose name is LOVE. Now we need to pray that God will give us much fruit in precious souls. During these ten odd days we evangelized this entire tribe—every tent or family was visited.

Some years ago I gave a copy of

Genesis and Exodus to a lama. We try to get this book to them for it tells of Creation and differs from their records. During an illness that followed this lama read this book and got great comfort from it. He also told us that the Gospel of John is very good. Many believe the Gospel but will not accept it because this would put them to work and this they shun.

Early in July the Chief of the Kan-tsha tribe personally came down to invite us to the wedding of his second brother. For a good number of years we have been talking to him about Jesus. He told us that our Gospel is very good and he also wanted us to come and tell it to his people. He assured us that every family in the tribe will be represented at the wedding, and there are some 1200 families in this tribe. This opportunity would come possibly once in our lifetime so we must go and give them the Gospel. Between us and Kantsha lies Khes-ri Nag-wa, a pass 12,248 feet above sea level, where many travelers are robbed and many killed. God took us over this pass in a very heavy mist. The next danger was the Har-dge Chu, a river now overflowing everywhere with muddy water. Nur-pu forded it twice at different places. But I was carrying with me on my horse our little son David and dare not venture into this raging muddy torrent. For should my horse fall I might lose my precious trust. Higher up stream it was divided into still more smaller ones and here we crossed safely. As we neared his tent the Chief with several attendants came to greet us, the attendants leading our horses near the tent where we dismounted and were escorted inside where bitter tea was served. Following this we were given a lovely place near the Chief's tent where we should put up our five tents. Four sheep and a cow with a lovely calf was given us by the Chief as a gift.

The Bridal Party

During the days preceding the wedding we called at many tents to give the Gospel, also to get better acquainted with more of the people. Many came to our tent where we explained to them more fully the Way of Salvation. Many were keenly interested. Finally the day for the

wedding dawned. The Chief invited us to ride out to meet the Bridal party. The Bride was from the family of the A-rig Chief and they were then coming from that section of the country. Hundreds of Kan-tsha people had gathered. The men mounted on horses, were separated into companies of some two hundred each and sent out at about every two miles and as these would meet the Bridal party they completely encircled and rode round them once then raced off down the valley. But we were first out and met some ten miles up the valley. I was dismounted to photograph them but they raced right up to me then stopped. After proper greeting they lined up and I got my desired photo and off they raced.

Preaching the Gospel to the Tribe of A-rig

At the Chief's tent we again were waiting for them. A great crowd gathered and was separated in two lines. Between these the lama, who came from A-rig with the Bride, first rode up and dismounted and immediately the bride with four bridesmaids followed, dismounting, they stood for just a moment at a matt with the face almost hid in their large sleeve. Now a host of Kantsha women take the bride by the hand and lead her with the others into the tent and up before two lamas who are seated on sort of a throne. Here they bow to the lamas who read a few words from their writings. Now all leave the tent except the bride, the Chief's wife, the A-rig lama and the Kan-tsha Regent. The most interesting thing was that the bridegroom was nowhere to be seen that day. The Chief now requested us to give our literature to his guests from A-rig. And this we were very happy to do. We also were able to preach to some before they returned home next day. After these guests had gone we were again busy preaching to the multitude of guests of this tribe. Again many came to our tent where we were happy in telling them more of the true way to happiness and eternal life.

High Altitude Work Among Tibetans

Leaving this place we traveled northwest up and up till we seemed

to be in dizzy heights. Mrs. Plymire, little David and I were not affected but several of our men were dangerously ill from the extreme high altitude. But God heard our prayer and delivered them. A number such mountains were crossed and several dangerous rivers were forded before we came to A-rig. We spent several days at A-rig gon-pa preaching to many lamas and other people. Here we gave a number of Testaments and many Gospels. We visited many tents and preached to many people. From here we moved on the Headquarters of this Chief where we were well received, and told them the true Way to happiness. Here we gave the Chief a Testament and many Gospels to others as we went from tent to tent telling the story of the Cross. We were invited to another wedding but

as we traveled across the high mountain snow was bad. So we called on the Prince, told him the difficulty asking that he be not offended if we went on due to heavy snow and fear of being snowed in. We gave him a Testament and distributed many gospels among his people. Many high and dangerous mountains were crossed and a few rivers. Rain, snow and wind storms were plenty and fierce at times. One large tent, opposite us, was picked up clear from all inside and carried away up the valley, while we had no harm at all reach us.

There are many hot springs in this part of Tibet and many people spend weeks and months bathing in these hoping thereby to cure them of their disease. We tell them of the Saviour who is able to take away their disease and also their sin. But they say,

"Without a lama in front it is impossible to approach God." Sad indeed.

We are home again for a while. God has been good to us, given us many opportunities to tell people of Jesus. Your prayers and gifts have made this possible. Now let us continue to pray for much fruit, and remember that "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which you showed toward His name, in that you ministered unto saints, and still do minister." "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Do pray for us and God bless you. Faithfully yours in Him, V. G. & Ruth L. Plymire.

THE NEW BIRTH

By Robert A. Brown, Pastor Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City

"**Y**E MUST BE BORN AGAIN," Jesus once said to a religious man and a master in Israel. This took him by surprise. He had never heard of such a thing, not even an expression like that concerning spiritual things. Looking at the Master in amazement, he said, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Nicodemus saw nothing but the natural birth. Jesus was very tender with him and explained that there were two births, a natural and a spiritual. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

This is the secret of leading a Christian (spiritual) life—we must be born again. You might as well try to make the water of the Niagara run backward as to try and lead a spiritual life without being born again. Sin is the work of the devil, but Jesus died to restore to us all that was lost by the fall. Man lost the divine nature when he yielded to sin. He receives it again when by faith he accepts Christ's death upon the cross as a full atonement for his sin before God. We do not grow into this experience. It is a definite transaction between God and man, executed by the Holy Spirit. When man fell it was by the assent of his will to the will of the enemy, hence he became his (the enemy's subject) and by nature his child. Jesus said of those

who were his enemies: "Ye are of your father the devil, and his works ye will do." But when we repent and turn to God, laying hold upon Christ's finished work, we are by faith made partakers of the divine nature and thereby become the sons and daughters of the living God.

The writer well remembers when he was bound with the chains of the devil, doing his bidding and led captive at his will. For years my soul was among the lions, without God and without hope, but there came a time in this awful darkness when I cried mightily to God for deliverance, and Jesus heard my prayer and came to my rescue. The conflict raged for three days as the enemy contended for my soul, but the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Jesus the Lamb of God, burst the bands that bound me and set me free. In the twinkling of an eye I was born from above and became a new creature in Jesus Christ. Then instead of a continual struggle with those things that bound me, it became a delight to serve God. It is now over thirty years since I became a new creature in Jesus, and the pathway grows brighter every day.

This is what God is saying to you who are unsaved, to you who may attend church and be respectable like Nicodemus who was a master in Israel, to you who may be an officer or a Sunday school teacher, and yet not have the new birth.—"Ye must be born again." The new birth is

not reformation or turning over a new leaf. It is the divine life imparted by God through faith in Jesus Christ as our substitute. Oh, mortal man, with an immortal soul, on your way to an eternity without an end, "Ye must be born again."

The Jews under awful conviction after they rejected and crucified the Lord, cried out: "What shall we do?" Peter answered and said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

If you will turn to God with all your heart and forsake all your sin and cry to God for pardon, in an instant God will take away your old carnal desires and in their place establish His divine nature, which will make it a daily pleasure and an unspeakable joy to love and serve your Creator.

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By Henry Proctor, F. R. S. L.

Apostles Doomed to Death

THE APOSTLE Paul uses a most remarkable expression in II Cor. 4:12, "So then death worketh in us, but life in you." How strange and striking this is. Paul is saying of those who had reached the highest pinnacle of spiritual experience that death was working within them, while those who were still carnal babes had life working in them (I Cor. 3:1). "Already ye are filled," he says, "already ye are become rich, ye have reigned without us" (I Cor. 4:8). By us he means the apostles. "For I think that God hath set forth us apostles, last of all, as men doomed to death; for we are made a spectacle to all creation, to the universe, alike to angels as to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ, we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory but we have dishonor. To this very hour we go hungry, thirsty, and naked; we are beaten; we are homeless; we work hard, toiling with our own hands" (I Cor. 4:9-12).

Sufferings of Paul

The second epistle has a marvelous correspondence with the first. In II Cor. 1:8-10 he speaks of the troubles which befell him in Roman Asia, "we were burdened altogether beyond our strength, so much so that we even despaired of life; we renounced all hope even of life. Nay, we have had the presentment of death within ourselves, in order that our confidence may repose, not on ourselves, but on God that raises the dead. He rescued us from so imminent a death, and will do so again."

In II Cor. 11:23 to 27, "I have been flogged times without number; five times I received of the Jews forty lashes, all but one. Thrice I have been beaten with rods, once I have been stoned, thrice I have been shipwrecked, for twenty-four hours I was floating about in the sea. Once I was stoned. I have endured hunger and thirst; I have often been without food; I have known cold and nakedness, toil and hardship."

Pleasure in Suffering for Christ

But yet for all this he could say, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in necessities, in distresses, in insults, in persecutions, in grievous difficulties for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong—most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my

infirmities in order that the power of Christ may overshadow me" (II Cor. 12:9, 10 Weymouth).

Perfection Through Suffering

But though the Apostle Paul gloried in his infirmities, and the "deaths oft" through which he passed, he was simply following the Master who was Himself made perfect through suffering. His deepest desire was to "know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed to His death; if by any means he might attain to the out or extra resurrection, that from among the rest of the dead" (Phil. 3:10).

The perfection for which He was longing and striving was that to which the Lord Himself attained. "For though He were a Son yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered; and having been made perfect; He became unto all them that obey Him, the author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:8, 9).

Reward for Suffering

Christians are too often eager to escape every kind of suffering not knowing that if they can evade the sufferings of Christ, they also evade the glory which is the outcome of those sufferings, for we share His sufferings in order to share His glory.

Present suffering, I hold is a mere nothing compared to the glory that we are to have revealed. "I do not count the sufferings of our present life worthy of mention when compared with the glory that is to be revealed and bestowed upon us" (Rom. 8:17, 18 Moffatt and 20th Century N. T.).

Privilege of Suffering

The apostles counted it a high privilege to suffer for His name. "Unto you, it is granted as a privilege, not only to believe on Him, but to suffer for His name. Inasmuch as we are partakers of the sufferings of Christ we are to rejoice, that at the revelation of His glory we may rejoice with exceeding joy" (I Pet. 4:13).

Paul rejoiced greatly that he was filling up in his own body, what was lacking of the affliction of the Christ (Col. 1:24). So likewise does every member of Christ have to go on filling up in their bodies what is due to the whole Body, which is

the church of the Firstborn, the glorious church "which is the completeness of Him who everywhere fills the universe with Himself" (Eph. 1:23 Weymouth).

Triumph Through Suffering

But though He suffered so much from persecutions, and various natural causes, he always triumphed over every kind of adversity, giving, "All thanks to God, who through our union with Christ, leads us in one continual triumph, and uses us to spread the sweet odour of the knowledge of Him in every place" (II Cor. 2:14-20 Cent. N. T.). "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37). We never hear of him being disabled from service for a single day through sickness, and he took advantage of imprisonments to dictate the highest and most glorious of his epistles, such as those to the Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. The thorn in the flesh was defective eyesight, which prevented him from writing his own epistles, but even this was overcome by the devotion of his nearest and dearest friends.

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Agnes Shirlow's Conversion

WHEN Agnes Shirlow was a child ten and a half years old, we heard of a minister having revival meetings in the Methodist church where we lived in Long Island. We went. It was children's night. After the preacher told the story of his son dying a missionary in a foreign land and how many had been saved through his son, he gave the invitation to the children to stand up who would trust Jesus. My sweet, delicate little girl stood up right away weeping, and gave herself to Jesus, January 22, 1909. Praise God forever for her wonderful conversion. She was so happy afterward that as we were walking home, she wanted me to tell her more of Jesus; but oh, what could I say? I had been brought up in Glasgow, Scotland, a member of a Scotch Presbyterian church, but I was not right with God. I had been ambitious, a writer of poems, but lacked the one thing needful—being born again.

At the time of my daughter's conversion I had broken my heart with sorrow till in secret I had grown to love the cup of toddy to make me sleep. Many a time after that I knew my little girl was praying for me and her father. We came to Los Angeles, in 1911. Agnes joined the Methodist Sunday school and tried to get children to go and would tell them of Jesus.

Gipsy Smith came to the Shrine Auditorium to preach. I had heard him 22 years before in Glasgow. Agnes was praying I would be saved. How it touched me to see her go an hour before the door was opened to get me a seat so I could hear. It was the last night of the meeting; her father came home with a bad cold and she plead with me not to stay home, but to go, so I went. Glory to Jesus forever for that wonderful night, February 12, 1912. I was made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

When I came home I went upstairs and my dear little Agnes was in bed awake, waiting for me. We kissed each other. All she could say was, "I knew it, Mama; I knew Jesus would save you." And since that memorable night I need no toddy to sleep. The blood of Jesus cleanseth us from all sin.

Sickness of Agnes

A lady whom we met there told us of the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We went to their meeting, but I did not believe in it. But on the 27th day of September my little daughter came home from school with typhoid fever. She was then fourteen years old. I nursed her carefully, but she had ruptured herself vomiting. The kidneys were very bad, and she had bed sores, lying very ill for three weeks. On the morning of October 15th I was outside of the bedroom door, when I suddenly heard the most beautiful music, and singing of hallelujahs and glorys. One young man who had a room in the house came in and began to say, "Agnes is dying." I got so frightened I ran down stairs and prayed, if ever I prayed, for I knew she was very ill. I ran up stairs again and when I saw Agnes, her nostrils were working in death, and her eyes were sunken and black.

Rippling Waters from Heaven

But oh, her face was lit up with glory, and she was singing the heavenly anthem as I have never heard it. The hallelujahs were like the sound of rippling waters. For one hour and a half she was speaking to Jesus. I heard her say, "Yes, Jesus, I will go." Then I heard her sing, as it were, the most beautiful singing and lovely music. All this time the hallelujahs were sounding through the house more beautiful than tongue can tell or words express. I was weeping, kneeling at the bedside, watching her. Then the doctor came in, and as he went to feel her pulse, she raised her finger and said with a loud voice, "*Two shall be in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other one shall be left.*" I told the doctor of all the morning, as I thought she was delirious. I wanted to know if there was danger, and he said to me, "You had a good girl; there is always danger with Typhoid. I will be back this evening." I came in the room again, and knelt down by her bed, realizing the danger, but when I looked at her the death-look had gone, and she opened her eyes and said, smiling with great joy, "Don't speak, Mama; I am so happy; Jesus is coming soon. I have been up to the gate of Heaven. I saw

Jesus in His glorified body. I wanted to go in, but Jesus said to me, 'You cannot come in now, little one. You are to go and tell my loved ones I am coming soon, sooner than anyone knows; and preach My Gospel. You are not going to die; I am coming for you.' Oh, if you had just seen Jesus' eyes, so loving, so full of compassion! His face was shining brighter than the sun. I saw my grandma and my sister and little brother. Then she came over to the gate and gave me a message, 'Tell Mama to read her Bible.' " Then Agnes said, "I did not want to come back, Mama; what a change down here. Everything is so beautiful there. Oh, I love Jesus so much. I will never forget His eyes; Jesus is coming soon."

I then went to wash the bed sores with alcohol, but they were all gone. When the doctor came that night he told me the fever had passed; to give her something to eat. The following Lord's day she rose, healed by Jesus. All praise to God! I looked at Agnes as raised almost from the dead, and that night at 11 o'clock, I was resting on a cot at her side, when I heard her speaking in other tongues. I called: "Agnes! Agnes!" not knowing that "*This is that*" the wonderful works of God. Mrs. Hagg came to see Agnes, and when she had prayed, we looked at Agnes, and she had a look not of earth on her face. Mrs. Hagg said, "Agnes has the Baptism." Agnes' joy was great, telling everyone about seeing the Lord. The first Lord's day we could go out, we went to a Pentecostal meeting, and as she stood up to tell how she had seen Jesus, we wept.

Praise God! She loves to work for Jesus. We were both baptized in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and now I want to praise God forever for raising her, and keeping her, by His mighty power, and calling her to work in His vineyard.

Reading Acts 19:2: "*Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed.*" I sought God for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and on November 8, 1914, I was two hours under the power of God. Then I knew the Holy Ghost had come in,

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Just Wondering Why

By Dr. Charles S. Price

A Shining Light

I WAS JUST wondering why they sometimes say of men, "He is on the shady side of sixty-five" or, "He has turned sixty and is on the down hill side of life." I object. It is not true. They are on the uphill side of life. They are climbing the mountain steeps of time and soon will be lost to human gaze in the mountains of eternal glory. They are NOT on the shady side. They are on the sunny side. Does not the Bible tell us that "*The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth MORE and MORE unto the perfect DAY?*" Every step we take brings us nearer and nearer to that great and glorious day that shall never know the fall of night. But to get there we travel not the dark labyrinths of night, we traverse rather the sunlit paths of the just that radiate the light that streams from the throne of God. The man that follows Jesus does NOT walk in darkness, but he possesses the Light of Life.

Are You Through?

I was just wondering why people say that they "ARE THROUGH" when they receive the glorious Baptism of the Holy Ghost. "Are you through" they say, and the answer invariably comes, "Yes, I am through." No you are not. I object. You have only just begun. You never will get through till you get to glory. You can land in New York from England. You are IN the country, but you are not through. There are more "states" in the experience than there are in the Union. There are more blessings to be received ahead than ever you have known in the past. Even though you climb the Alleghenies there are still the Rockies, and they have thousands of gorgeous peaks. No matter what you got yesterday there is still more to follow. And perhaps the blessing of today was given to make possible the experiences of tomorrow. Say not you are through, rather say you have just begun.

Look in the Mirror

I was just wondering why some people seem to get a delight out of talking about the faults of others. I know there is garlic as well as sugar in the world, but to chew on nothing but garlic seems to me to show a distorted appetite. But my doctor

friend tells me you can get an appetite for almost anything if you chew on it long enough. One thing I have noticed about the chronic "fix-it-all" and "talk-about-it" folks is that no matter how sugary they try to testify it always has a garlic flavor. Sometimes you can get it within the testimony. The Bible tells us we should judge, but you see the fellow it tells you to judge the next time you look in the mirror. Have you forgotten the Man who said, "*Father forgive them.*" A soft answer still turneth away wrath.

Spiritual Diamonds

I was just wondering why some people get spiritual diamonds while others only enjoy the lustre that shines from the other fellow's jewels. We see the beauties in others but never get them ourselves. It may be that the other fellow does a little more digging and a little more seeking. One thing is certain—diamonds don't run around looking for you, you have to LOOK for them. Every page of the Bible tells you where they are. Never found any? Well, you have not looked very hard. You have not sought very much. You tell me your life is so dark you could never find them. I tell you that a diamond is nothing more than dark carbon put under heat and pressure. That is what makes it shine. Maybe that pressure in your life is the Lord changing the carbon into a precious stone that will reflect His glory by and by. You won't remember the pain when you see the diamond sparkle.

Just Happened

I was just wondering why it is that a man can look at an eye and ever believe that we came into being just by chance. The most marvelous piece of mechanism that the ages have ever produced. Why not the eye in the back of your head if it "Just Happened" to each one of us. Why not an ear on the cap of the knee, or a hand in the middle of the back? But that eye that can vision miles, that can distinguish color, that can see characters that bring to mind the learning of the ages, an intricate little camera that records the genius of God in the Art Gallery of the universe. Did it just happen? I believe God made it in the creative factories of the eternal will, and He made it out of dust. The fellow that denies it

cannot make ONE blade of grass to grow or manufacture a single egg that will hatch. Just happened so? Do you really believe it? How can you, and yet maintain any respect at all for intellect or judgment?

Christ Exalted

I was just wondering why more of God's people are not alive and awake to the glorious opportunities of these modern days. Men might not be willing to turn to Christians or to churches, but they are willing to turn to Christ. I wonder what Paul would say were he to see the Church page on a Saturday newspaper and read the topics for the Sunday services. I believe I could advertise his subject without any notification from the preacher. I know I would not be far astray if I said "*Jesus Christ and Him Crucified.*" The cross has not lost its magnetism. It is the symbol to a dying world of the undying love of God. The Saviour can still draw all men to Himself. But first He must be exalted. He must be lifted up. He will do the drawing if we do the lifting up. Therein is our opportunity.—*Golden Grain.*

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SOLOMON'S FAILURE

PROVERBS FOR PENTECOST

By Donald Gee

"Vanity of vanity..... all is vanity" (Eccl. 1:2).

THE FAILURE of Solomon is one of the most poignant facts of sacred history. He began with such exceptional advantages; he went on to such amazing prosperity; and ended in such profound bitterness and disappointment.

Added to the sad tragedy of his own life is the wreckage caused by the failure of his son Rehoboam to acquire any of that wisdom which his royal father has so assiduously commended.

When it is recalled that the Book of Proverbs contains so many exhortations to "my son": and that those instructions, so excellent in themselves, proved to be almost entirely fruitless; there is provided sufficient reason to the thoughtful mind for great wonder and deep education in spiritual principles. Why did Solomon fail?

The Inspiration of "Proverbs"

Did he fail? We think so. It may be argued that the truth of his proverbs is beyond question. With this we agree; for we see in them something more than merely human wisdom. We remember the night when the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream, and, in response to that humble prayer that was so pleasing in His sight, gave him not only the wisdom he asked for, but riches and honor also (I Kings 3). The wisdom of Solomon, expressed in the book of Proverbs, constitutes, we believe, an Old Testament manifestation of that first gift of the Spirit which is the "word of wisdom" (I Cor. 12:8). His inspiration as a teacher and preacher is an attested fact; and those who speak in a derogatory way of the spiritual value of the book are taking a dangerous and mistaken line.

Yet he failed. And herein lies the profound lesson for all who taste of Pentecostal gifts and callings. The gifts and inspiration of the Holy Spirit do not, in themselves, even when of an undoubtedly genuine nature, insure anything more than the truth of that which is spoken by them. They do NOT guarantee the final sanctification of the channel; they provide no necessary pledge of personal heart-satisfaction; they may even fail in their avowed objective,

though remaining unanswerably true. Solomon provides an illustration of all these things.

Paul teaches identically the same truth in I Cor. 13:1-3. "*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.*" The failure of Solomon eloquently illustrates the truth of this famous passage. He received priceless spiritual gifts from God; and ended with—"nothing." His summing up of his own gain is "vanity of vanities." Not only did he fail to achieve personal satisfaction; he obviously became "sounding brass" to the very son he was addressing his instruction, and left Rehoboam unmoved both morally and spiritually; unless it were on the downgrade.

The answer lies right on the surface for all to see—"his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God," and later—"his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice" (I Kings 11:4 and 9). The one who wrote, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," did not keep his own heart.

Where the Trouble Began

All the trouble with Solomon began when he let his affections wander into questionable and forbidden directions. He "*made affinity with Pharoah, king of Egypt, and took Pharoah's daughter.*" It was the thin end of the wedge. Later on he "*loved many strange women,*" and "*his wives turned away his heart*" (I Kings 3:1; 11:1, 3).

It was the same with selfish ostentation and love of luxury. He was seven years in building the house of the Lord, "*but Solomon was building his own house thirteen years*" (chap. 7:1). Nearly twice as much time for personal interests as for God. The harvest was bitter—"vanity of vanities."

The superficial reader may be deceived by the blessing of God which

outwardly rested upon Solomon's great work in building the temple; and by the Glory which filled the house after his lengthy and eloquent prayer. One of the most common mistakes among superficial thinkers is that outward "success" attending our work for God, and striking manifestations of "glory," are a proof that all is well with the heart. It does not always follow. It did not in Solomon's case.

In infinite grace the Lord often blesses our ministries pursued through gifts of the Holy Ghost, and crowns them with glory, for the sake of the multitude; even as all Israel reaped the spiritual benefit of the house Solomon built for the Lord, and were greatly inspired and blessed by the manifestation of the glory (I Chron. 7:3).

Shallow reasoning may see a further sign that all is well in the fact that "*the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time*" after he had finished all "*he was pleased to do*"; but a careful reading of the passage reveals that this time warning far outweighed the promise: the key note is "if"; and the last word is a terrible threat of judgment.

Ultimately the outward judgment of God upon Solomon was only delayed for the sake of another—David; and the inflexible inward retribution is summed up in the bitter cry "*all is vanity.*"

And as for Solomon's powerlessness to influence Rehoboam to walk in the path of wisdom he had so carefully preached to him, it has all been summed up again and again in the simple reason that he only SPOKE, but did not DO. Any preacher, however true in doctrine and gifted in eloquence, will inevitably become an ultimate failure if men do not see in his life and character an agreement with his sermons. A preacher who keeps constantly moving around may stave off the final verdict of men a little longer than the settled pastor, but it will surely come in the end.

Final Message for "Pentecost"

What is the final message of Solomon and the book of Proverbs for both individuals and movements that

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BLACK RUMBLINGS FROM ROME*(Continued from page 1)*

If Mussolini had centered his program within the boundaries of Italy and confined his activities to Italian affairs alone, it would be impossible to connect any of the Italian leaders activities to definite signs of the fulfillment of prophecy, but we see his hand stretched out over Europe and the Americas to such an extent that it cannot fail to convince the most skeptic doubter that truly we are living perilously near to that time as recorded in Dan. 11:42.

Dan. 11:44 gives another account of the tidings from the north (Russia), and the East (Asia as a whole), that will trouble this last great ruler, who at that time will be established in the Palestine country, according to Dan. 11:45. We have previously read in Ezekiel 38:13 how the merchants of the Mediterranean and all the allies will cry out because the Russian hordes are coming after all that wealth, but it will do no good because Dan. 11:45 tells us that he will come to his end and none will help him (Ez. 28:7) (Isa. 13:5, 6).

A Political System

We will not assert that Mussolini is the anti-christ and last great ruler to whom Satan gives all power, nevertheless it is exciting to see how near complete is his Roman program, and if there is yet another to complete the fulfillment of the prophecy, he will have to make a very sudden appearance. After all we are dealing with the Beast (a political system), more than we are concerned with a personal leader. That system is Fascism, that mysterious force that is spreading over the land as a plague and in direct opposition, and antagonistic to that other great evil out of the north, Communism. (Jer. 1:14).

Surely those two terrible forces are being prepared today by God in His mysterious way of pouring his wrath upon the sin cursed earth (Zeph. 1:14; Joel 3:9-14; Rev. 14:19).

Mussolini's Eyes On Palestine

Mussolini formed a pact with Albania, a small nation just across the gulf from Italy. Privileges were extended Italy for any troops or aeroplane maneuvering, which she may desire on Albanian soil. Closely following that pact, a similar one was formed with Greece, then across the Black sea to Turkey was a similar deal. Italian troops intermingled with French troops throughout the

French-Syrian mandate and also the British-Palestine mandate.

In Turkey, Mussolini has gone so far as to cause the Roman alphabet to be forced into the schools of the land, and he and the president of Turkey are closest of allies. We now see a right of way cleared of all obstacles straight from Rome to the Holy Land and for what reason? Does not the Word of God tell us that in the last days, when a covenant will be made with the Jews, that the Capital of the Gentile world (the ten-toed kingdom) will be set up in Jerusalem? (Dan. 11:45).

Mussolini utilizes the Italian Royal family as far as possible to realize the Fascists program. In this connection the marriage of King Boris of Bulgaria to Princess Giovanni (Italian Princess) strengthened Italian political influence in the Balkans.

It would not be surprising if Mussolini sought to obtain the Palestine mandate if Britain were willing to release it.

Mussolini's Freedom of Mediterranean

Mussolini is credited with putting Carol on the Rumanian throne. His naval agreement with England and France gives him complete freedom on the Mediterranean sea, a body of water completely controlled by Great Britain. Numerous other pacts and agreements with European nations have taken place according to news items and no one knows what secret diplomacy has been carried on that has been strictly censored in the news. We see in Germany the beginning of the last great struggle. It is apparent that the European dividing line between Communism and Fascism will run somewhere through Germany. There have been open clashes and blood shed between those two forces.

Mussolini Takes Pope's Power

Mussolini is securely entrenched along the north border of Africa and Italy's chief grain fields are now in that territory. It is reported a pact was signed between Mussolini and the Pope which gave Mussolini the support of some sixty million Catholics throughout the world. Shortly after this covenant the Pope made a speech in which he told how God had sent Mussolini to deliver the world from heresy. That is quite a statement when we stop to think that ALL religion is heresy in the eyes of the Pope outside of the Catholic faith.

Since that public utterance Mussolini has strengthened his world position to such an extent that he is now turning from the Pope and taking all power and glory to himself. Certainly we are living in exciting times when we already see political Babylon turning against Ecclesiastical Babylon.

Rev. 17:16 gives a perfect account of how the beast (the political system) will utterly make the other system desolate and burn her with fire. Have not we seen the beginning of that in Spain, Italy and Mexico already? Spain has burned nearly every Catholic Cathedral by now—Mexico is enacting laws that are driving priests out of the land, and in Italy the world has heard how Mussolini has closed the Catholic clubs and has issued a proclamation that all children belong to the state and the state alone, and that all religion must bow to Fascism.

U.S. Trembles at Voice of Mussolini

Let us now take a glimpse of our own glorious land, a democracy, a land of the free and the home of the brave—(at one time). At the time of the last war, Italy was in the sight of the American public, not much more than a land of ignorant people commonly called "wops and dagoes" (not a courteous expression by any means, but it explains the situation). That was only fourteen years previous to the time that our government in behalf of every citizen within this fair land had to send an apology to Rome within 24 hours after a demand from Mussolini over a passing remark by General Butler, one of our high-powered Marines. Something must have happened within the last few years that has made this country tremble at the voice of Mussolini. Mysterious forces have turned our country face about since the war. God's hand is directing the whole procedure in His mysterious way of grouping the ten-toed kingdoms according to Dan 2:42 or the ten kings of Rev. 17:13.

What has taken place in diplomatic circles between the two countries has been strictly censored. Premier Benito Mussolini has ratified a treaty of arbitration between the United States and Italy. Arbitrate what? Nothing more than dictation from Rome. If not, why sign a pact, if we are supposed to be free and moral agents of our own destinies.

Italian Fascists lectures are being conducted throughout many of our leading colleges and before club organizations. Why do national leaders run to Rome? Why Italian propaganda in our schools? Mussolini has said that the world must bow to Fascism. And why to Fascism? Because God has put it in their hearts to fulfill His will (Rev. 17:17). And all because they seek not their guidance from Him (Isa. 31:1-4).

Bank of Italy In California

Shortly after the World War an Italian by the name of Giainini of San Francisco began to command notice on account of the remarkable growth of power in the banking circles. From a produce merchant he suddenly bloomed out as a full fledged banker of great prominence. His banking activities were confined for a period of years in the city of Frisco, and then the branching commenced. About 1923 a branch bank of Gianini, then called the Bank of Italy, made an appearance in Long Beach, California. It was not long until California was covered with 250 Banks of Italy. That fact in itself would not be a cause of much concern in general business circles, but today just a very few years later we see that strange financial, powerful octopus, spread its tentacles over this whole land of the free and has gobbled up thousands of financial institutions. The Bank of Italy assumed control of the Bank of America of California, and is now using that name, a move which looks as though their powerful operations were beginning to concern the American depositors, so the word "Italy" was abolished for diplomatic reasons.

The Seed Bank of Italy

Now we have the Bank of America, a California institution, that has left one little seed to carry on in this state. A seed in the form of about 300 banks, and a like number of insurance branches, plus building and loan associations, mortgage concerns, and not mentioning canneries and orchards and live-stock, and grain etc. About 1927 the headquarters of this powerful institution was transferred from San Francisco to ROME, Italy, and a year or two later the international bank act was signed in the bank of Italy offices in Rome by France, Belgium, England, Italy, United States, Germany and Japan. Why was such an important meeting held in Rome? And especially in the Bank of Italy office? Why not in

Sweden or Spain or elsewhere? Because God is using Rome, and Rome alone for His mysterious work.

The original Bank of Italy of San Francisco is covering most of Europe, and is called the Bank of Europe. Two powerful German banks and one in France were brought into the Roman fold.

The Trans-America Corporation

Leaving a little nest egg of about 1,000 banks and various other affiliations plus an unknown amount of real estate in California, we next see the main body now called Trans-American corporation. How many of the small banks which have failed in the past few years (about 12,000) have gone into the hands of Trans-American Corporation, I do not know, but many huge American institutions the Trans-America either completely controls or has huge blocks of stock: Names, such as the General Foods Corporation, Bell Telephone, Westinghouse, Radio Corporation of America, General Motors, DuPont, General Electric, etc. Our government brought suit in the Federal district court on May 13, 1929 against ten of the largest business institutions in the land because they were violating the Sherman anti-trust laws (which means combining under one power). That suit was a farce for the simple reason that members of congress are stockholders in those very companies and the Trans-America Corporation today is working deeper into the control of those very institutions. Much could be written about the activities of Rome in this country, but I believe enough has been exposed to show beyond any doubt how swiftly we are sliding into complete Roman control, and not by bloodshed and conquest but by peaceful means.

Peaceful Conquest

Does not Daniel tell us in the 8th chapter and the 24th verse that the last mighty ruler shall destroy wonderfully and by peace, without bloodshed?

Does not Daniel tell us again in the 11th chapter and the 21st verse that he, (the beast) will come into power peacefully and also in the 24th verse we again read how he enters the fattest places in a peaceful manner (not by conquest and bloodshed)? Is not the United States today the fattest province of the whole world? Is not today Rome doing just that thing by cunning and powerful diplomacy?

We now ask why and how Rome is able to accomplish such undertakings and find a complete answer in Isa. 14:27. *"For the Lord of Hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"*

Surely these are signs enough to stir God's children to a greater determination to stick on the battle front! Surely these are signs enough to open the blind eyes of unbelievers that they may make their peace with God!

Fascism vs. Communism

The mark of the Beast will then make its appearance and as the children of God are promised deliverance from that day, surely the day of the Rapture is not far away. We see the two great opposing forces that are constantly threatening each other, FASCISM of Rome and COMMUNISM of Moscow. The Pope of Rome asks the world to pray for religion in Russia, and Joseph Stalin in a public address told his audience that he would soon make a museum of the Vatican and drag Mussolini and the Pope about the streets of Rome by the horses' tail.

The world is swiftly dividing into three camps, COMMUNISM, FASCISM, and BLOOD-washed Saints.

The first two forces will meet an awful end at Armageddon, and the last force will come as conquering hosts with Jesus Christ. Will you be with the victorious army? If you are not sure, then seek the Lord while He may be found. (Zeph. 2:3) and hide away until the indignation be overpast (Isa. 26:20).

HEALED OF TYPHOID

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and I praise God for the evidence of speaking as the Spirit gives utterance, Acts 2:4. My one desire is to be ready, watching, and praying always. As I see the Bible fulfilled in these last days, I am glad I am saved, for Mark 16:16, 17 tells us: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues."*

The Coming Crises and the Coming Christ

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tory upon your arrival, I can make no guarantee. Folk who have learned to pray through in their homes, and who come to the services with a victory-note, have proved a greater blessing to the ministry and God's work in general than will ever be fully realized on this side of eternity. When they enter the service with a triumphant smile of victory, their presence is electrifying and their experience proves pleasingly contagious, permeating the very atmosphere with the glory of God.

Such prayer-warriors are so fortified by the power of God that in speaking of them the Word says, *"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way and flee before thee seven ways."*

The Lord's Blessing

"The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee....." Think of the mighty Architect of the Universe, the One with the greatest authority and all power, commanding His refreshing showers of blessing upon us! When He opens Heaven's door and turns loose a wave of glory it will surely come in reviving, lifting, resurrecting power.

"The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself." In these days of sin and corruption, when evil is rampant on every hand, God is looking for a people that will live pure, consecrated, and holy lives. Our God moves on. *"His going forth is prepared as the morning."* We should be established in holiness, not to stand still, but to follow on in God's pathway.

I have a word of cheer for you who are 'blue' because of financial worries, as well as about spiritual needs. God says to you, *"The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure."* Think of the One who owns all the silver and gold and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

God has provided a way whereby we may become triumphant over-comers. Thank God, there is a place of victory in Christ Jesus, where we can be elevated out of the foggy lowlands of despondency to ride on the glory waves, over the mist of gloom.

We are, too often, like children, who, when mother gives them a piece of cake or pie, forget to express their appreciation for it, but rather, in a little while come around again, whining, "Mother, please give me

some more." If God has blessed you, it is well that you ask for more, but do not forget to thank Him for what you have received. The Apostle Paul tells us, *".....With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"* (Phil. 4:6). Show appreciation and God will bless you more abundantly.

Rejoice in the Lord

The Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4, says, *"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice."* The apostle points us directly to the Lord. The Lord is above our trying and puzzling circumstances, and He, Himself, our great God, will solve every problem for them that *"seek Him with rejoicing."*

The prophet, Habakkuk, had learned this secret. He said, *"Although the fig tree shall blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no head in the stall: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*

Praise brings victory. "But," says someone, "I do not believe in praising the Lord unless I feel like it." Is your experience built on feeling? The only man I know of, recorded in the Bible, who went by feeling was Isaac. He felt of his son, Jacob, and was deceived. I want to tell you that multitudes of people have been misled ever since when they have depended on their feelings. Feelings come and feelings go. Yea, your feelings may change seventy-five times in a day, but the Word of God never changes; it liveth and abideth forever. We should praise the Lord, not merely because we feel like it, but because we believe like it. God's order is, first faith, then feeling. The Psalmist says, *"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord."* Constant faith, to praise our God for what He really is, will lead on to constant victory. Where real praise is, there God is. *"The Lord inhabiteth the praises of His people"* (Psa. 22:3).

Billy Bray, the jubilant Cornish saint, who has become so widely known for his simple, child-like faith and joy in the Lord, used to say, "As I walks along, one foot shouts, 'Hallelujah!' and t'other, 'Glory!'" When the glory waves came rolling over his soul, some folk would endeavor to silence him, suggesting for

him to be more quiet, but he would say, "I can't keep from praisin'. If ye put me in a barrel, I'd shout, 'Glory!' out of the bung-hole." He had found a sure cure for "The Blues." Have you?

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Unao, U.P., India

Loving greetings from India. You would love our girls. We will reopen again next week with twenty-one students, all earnest young women preparing themselves for work in the harvest field. Our first graduation class will be ready in December of this year, and how happy we will be then. I am feeling especially happy about Lilavatti. Shall I take time to tell you about her this morning? Dear Lilavatti is the Brahmin girl whose husband cut off her nose, years ago in Bethiah, because she did not feel she could turn from the Lord to the idols of her people.

When she ran away and came to us, we felt the poor disfigured face would forever hinder her from active, public service, so arranged for her to have four years Hospital training, thinking that in some good Mission Hospital for women she could find her place to serve the Lord and still be somewhat sheltered, protected. But His ways are not ours,—and here is Lilavatti, almost through with her Bible training, baptized in the Spirit, and with the call of God upon her to preach the Gospel. She has talked so much of her future work, and I have of course never said a thing to discourage her, but all the time in my heart of hearts has been the question, "Is God really calling her? Will there ever be an open door for her?" You see in India the nose cut off means just one thing, an unchaste woman, an unfaithful wife. Would the people ever believe her story, that she lost her nose because of her love for, loyalty to Jesus?

In India the men, Hindus and Mohammedans, are very often evil, and the life of the Christian Bible woman is difficult indeed as she goes from house to house, from village to village, seeking the women with the Good News. How much more difficult would it be for Lilavatti? Would any of our Missionaries feel they could take her on and send her out? These have been the big questions in my heart. Now God has answered them all. Lilavatti has come back from her vacation radiantly happy, and the door has opened. There is a position waiting for her just as soon as she is through with Bible training. She spent her summer vacation with some missionary friends, and they let her go out with them all the time to the village and zanana work. She was much under the anointing. The Lord gave her a real live message that won the hearts of the women, so much so that the missionary has written me. No one thought to ask about Lilavatti having her nose cut off, so intently were they all listening to the story of Salvation. They write me that they like Lilavatti better than any Bible woman they have ever had, and wish to take her on permanently in January. Praise the Lord!

Among the new girls coming in next week there is another about whom I am especially happy,—our dear Joy girl. She, too, is one of the girls of old Bethiah days, and they always have a corner all their own in my heart. I remember so well the day a poor dying beggar woman came staggering up the path to the mission house and dropped down exhausted on the veranda. There were three frightened little children clinging to her filthy garments, staring at us with wide black eyes, and the middle one, a tiny bit of a starved girl, the woman called Little Worm. In later years that girl became Joy. The woman had come in to beg us for a place where she could die in peace, and to ask us to take in her children, to save them the shame of the life she had lived, and the death she was dying. Poor soul, she found rest in the Saviour before she went. The children? They were more like little wild things from the woods than human beings, screaming as we tried to separate them from the dying woman, fighting as we

gave them the first baths and clothing. But they all grew up to be handsome little things, and one by one accepted Jesus. Joy studied in our school, then went to Uska Bazar to help care for the little ones in the leper work there. I have not seen her in a number of years. Now she has come a tall, lovely girl, with a proposal of marriage if she cares to accept it, but she has chosen instead to take Bible training, and how happy we are in her decision.

Oh, I know of no work so encouraging as this among the young people, no investment so safe and sure, and I do praise God for letting me be here. Yours in His love, eternal—*M. Marguerite Flint.*

Kispest, Bocscai-u, Hungaria

Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

Just a few lines to let you know that our dear Lord helped us to arrive to Hungaria.

On the steamer the first two days it was stormy, and we both were sick about two days, then we began to pray that the Lord would turn away the storm from the line we were going. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He heard our prayer and the storm was moved away.

A few days later the news came through the radio that two freighters almost sunk. It was God, Himself, that protected us from danger. We surely must praise God for the wonderful deliverance, and how we escaped the dangerous storm.

Then again just about two days before we came to the harbor one of the engines broke down on the steamer. For that reason the steamer was late. We reached the harbor at nine o'clock in the evening. The same day we took the train for Budapest, the next day at midnight we arrived at Budapest. It was just wonderful, and it surely was a blessing to us to see about fifty so happy. We did not hope to see so many out.

After that they took us to our prepared room. It was well heated, and a good warm meal was waiting for us. We were very happy to see them, so blessed, and such a good reception they gave us.

We rested just a little because they would like to have us every where. God is still on His throne, and from His throne He is directing the way. Not only His own children are directed by Him, but everything under heaven.

Praise God, for everything! Praise God for the strength He gave us! Praise God for the open doors, so we were able to visit a few assemblies, and how glad they are to have us with them. In the first place about 30 lifted up their hands for salvation, at the second place about 20, third place 21, fourth place about 23. In one place about fifty came out to be prayed for, and for their sickness. Every time they came forward to the altar as we gave them the invitation.

The condition is a sorrowful side here. Many become backsliders, and fall away to the false teaching, even some leaders.

The Spirit of God is quenched very much. Some of them fear even to pray for the sick in a kind of lack of faith.

We surely need very much wisdom in these conditions, and must have the mind of God to help out the needy ones. Please pray for us very much. Ask prayers for us, and for the work of God here.

We thank God for you dear ones, that you are willing to stand by us, and to pray our ways through, so we were able to come here and just about on time. Many are telling us, "Dear Brother and Sister Raroha, we don't know what would become of us if the Lord had not sent

you to us." The power of darkness would like to keep us absent, but now we can see more than ever that it was the blessed will of God for us to come to Hungaria, even if we have to endure many things, but if you dear ones will hold our hands up, the victory belongs to the children of God. The children of God here in Hungaria are also praying for you all, that God's blessings may rest upon you.

May God's richest blessings rest upon every one of you. Yours in the service of the Master, *Brother and Sister David F. Raroha.*

Rustenburg, Transvaal, South Africa

Had you been with us here in Phokeng and attended our 47th Annual campmeeting which was held from Sept. 28th to Oct. 7th, 1934, and seen the wonderful way in which God worked in our midst, you would have had to conclude that the simple un-adulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ still retains its charm and old time power.

It was so different from the past few years. Our people began to arrive early. They were all so happy and full of praises to God. It seemed all came praying. And why should they not be happy. Had not God sent copious rains and given them a nice crop; and besides, it does not take much to satisfy these simple folk. Their cheerful spirit made it quite easy to preach the Gospel to them. Our first service was held at sun-rise Friday morning and it was well attended. Our first message was, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ." The Spirit of God was present and carried home the message and when we got down to pray, one could sense a clearness in the Spiritual atmosphere; a shout of victory went up in the camp. Thank God we were able to keep the victory from start to finish. To God be all the glory. Oh! how the fire did fall and heaven came down into our midst Glory to God.

Every morning there was early prayer and Bible drill on such subjects as justification, the new birth and sanctification. There was a good response, and we were made to feel that our people returned home better rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Day after day souls were saved, some reclaimed, others were sanctified, while quite a number received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. All of our workers seemed to have been under the anointing of the Spirit, for our people declared that they had never heard them preach like it before. Rev. Rhodes preached twice. His messages were quite inspiring, in fact it was just like pouring oil on a burning fire.

Sunday, the last day was indeed a blessed day. It was our day of prayer and fasting. We had one of the very best baptismal services that we have ever held. Among those who were baptized was a man who ran away from his village because the heathen were after him to force him to the circumcision school. He attended the service that morning, got converted and when we went to the river he applied for baptism and we baptized him. Another was very old, heathen man about 95 or more. It happened that some months back I visited his home to pray for his daughter who was very ill. After praying for her, I spoke to the old man about his soul, he quickly yielded to the claims of the Gospel to the delight of his daughter and granddaughter. I might say right here that this same grand-daughter received a severe whipping from her uncle because she dared to become a Christian and got baptized. A son of the very old man also applied for baptism but we had to set him back as there were a few things that he had to make right before we could baptize him. Just a case of Matthew 3:8. It was most remarkable about this old man. Owing to the fact that his

feet are troubling him from age, he had to be carried to the river and back to the church, but after he had partaken of the sacrament he stood up and gave a remarkable testimony and then walked back to his hut, which is about a half mile from the church. Sixty-five were buried with Christ in baptism, ages ranging from fifteen to ninety-five years. I might mention right here that this old man was baptized with his daughter and grand daughter.

Throughout the camp meeting we could feel that some body, somewhere was praying for us. Both Sister Spooner and I were kept up most remarkably. We seemed to have been given special energy for our task. Oh! that we could find words with which to thank Him as well as you dear friends.

We shall soon have to have another baptismal service, for since the camp meeting converts have been coming, making application for baptism and this morning while I have been trying to type this letter a young man came to my office and when I inquired what was his errand, "Moruti" said he, "I want to be baptized." Now this is only one of many such cases.

Are you praying for us friend, will you receive a share in this rich harvest?

We do most certainly praise God for all that we have been able to accomplish this year in answer to your prayers. However, we have had quite a battle to fight in one of our villages, a place called Pala. We have gotten the bricks and most of the material for a small church there, but Satan has withstood us greatly. Please pray that God might remove every obstacle and that we might be able to get this church erected. At present the village is upset, as the people have risen up against the chief.

We wish we could tell you how much we appreciate those who are standing back of us with their means and their prayers and making it possible for us to go ahead with the good work of winning souls for the Master. We can assure you that we are trying our best to be faithful to you and above all to Him who has brought you and us together and made us to be workers together in His vineyard. Let us hold on just a while longer, you doing your part and we doing ours, and when the great Husbandman comes, together we shall receive our reward.

We now wish you a Merry Christmas, and throughout the coming year, we trust that God might bestow upon you the very best that He has in store for those who love Him. Your eternal brother and sister, *Kenneth E. M. Spooner and Wife.*

Sunderland, England

Readers of the *Word and Work* will remember the ministry of Rev. H. Entwisle of Sunderland, England, at the Framingham Camp Meeting several years ago. The Elim Foursquare Gospel Church of which he is the minister, has been enjoying times of rich blessing during the last year. The Deputy Mayor, Alderman E. H. Brown, J. P., supported by Councillor G. Ford, J. P., presided at a presentation meeting when the pastor was presented with a chiming clock and Mrs. Entwisle, with an eiderdown. The gifts were presented by Elder T. Alder, who formerly resided in Canada, and Mrs. W. Hulton, Deaconess. Councillor Ford remarked that Mr. Entwisle was now one of the oldest (not in age) ministers in the town and his interest had extended much farther afield than the churches he had established there. He was a recognised figure in the community, his name being a household word. Thousands had been saved and blessed through his activities.

CONVERTED THEATRICAL CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN
Dr. E. P. Grahame, a convert of the famous Jude, has just concluded a campaign in the Elim Church, Sunderland. The evangelist was

saved whilst engaged in the theatre. He immediately resigned, cancelled his lucrative engagements, forfeited his royalties from his plays and dramas and launched out on God.

His sermons were accompanied by the piano of which he is a master. They were interwoven by classical music. The "writing on the wall" was made poignant as was the "Handel Messiah" from which the Gospel was preached. Brother Entwisle had charge of the services, leading the song services and drawing in the Gospel net with tender appeal. Souls saved and bodies healed were the results.

At the conclusion of the campaign a convention was launched. The principle speaker was a Lancashire business man, Mr. F. Watson. He is an Executive Presbyter of the British Assemblies of God. The other speakers were also Presbyters. Marvelous unction was upon the meetings. The whole congregation was in travail for souls. Brother Entwisle is a minister of the Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance, the founder and president of which is Principal George Jeffreys, the renowned evangelist. Previous to launching the Elim Church in Sunderland he was the founder and pastor of Hebron Tabernacle for over six years in Sunderland. He wishes through the columns of *Word and Work* to greet our readers and friends, and to solicit their prayers for his future ministry.

SOLOMON'S FAILURE

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have tasted the inspiration of the Holy Ghost? It is that spiritual gifts, and truth in doctrine, will all end in vanity unless the heart is kept warm and pure in its love for God.

Unquestioned inspiration from above, great riches and honor, marked outward success, eloquent public prayers and answers of "glory"; all end in bitter disappointment and final failure before God if the altar of personal consecration becomes neglected.

Solomon's spiritual gifts only resulted in a final cry of "vanity of vanities." Paul's spiritual gifts resulted in the triumphant shout, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." The difference in the hearts of these two gifted men, who each of them began with a heavenly vision, was that one lived for self, and the other died to self.

The whole secret of the success or failure of our "Pentecost" is determined by how deeply and sincerely we accept our Calvary.

—Redemption Tidings.

Beacon Chapel News

On December 27, 1934 a joint meeting was held for Miss Lillian Ayres and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hatch, pastors of Beacon Chapel, Boston, Massachusetts. Miss Ayres returns to her studies at the School of the Prophets, Providence, R. I. This was the wedding anniversary of Brother and Sister Hatch. May the Lord bless them in their work.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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are in danger. If the beacon light fails the airplane is in danger. We as little lighthouses or beacon lights, reflecting His glory, must steadily shine in a dark, dreary old world of sin, not fitfully but continually, that others may find a safe haven of rest in Jesus Christ. The night is far spent. The darkness is intense. The darkest hour of sin is upon us. We must be shining the brighter to penetrate into the darkest recesses of sinful hearts. We must be faithful with our lamps trimmed and burning, that we may receive the crown of life.

Jesus is revealed in prophetic revelation as light: His eyes as flames of fire; His face of such brightness that no man can look at Him. Before His presence some day Heaven and earth shall flee away. But He has prepared for those who are faithful, a beautiful city. It is a pearly white city. All the imagination of our finite minds is exhausted in trying to describe and picture the glory that has been revealed to those who have been privileged to see it in vision by the Holy Ghost. Wealth untold, purity, holiness, and glory! But these are all nothing compared to the glory of Him who was, Who is, Who is to come: the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. They will need no light at all over there. The sun will no longer be needed for light by day nor the moon by night. That which God took from the earth when He created or rather placed the light in the sun will be returned in His own presence ever present unfolded and fully revealed to those who are called in the beloved Bride. There shall be no night there. "God shall lighten it and the Lamb is the light thereof." Revelling in His Glory and His Light throughout the endless ages of Eternity! Hallelujah!

"Jesus was faithful as a son over His own house, whose house we are" (Heb. 3:6). He shone with such a brilliance that no man could approach unto Him. He has left His Word for us to SHINE! Are you shining for Him? Are you looking and preparing for the city where the Lamb is the Light? "He that hath this hope within him purifieth himself even as He is pure." You must shine with a clear pure light. Get His light in you to shine through you and you too will truly be the light of the world.

BETHEL HOME NEWS

BELOVED IN THE Lord, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His fellowship in the coming season be more real to you than ever before.

We are praising the Lord none are now sick among us, and we have much for which to praise the Lord.

The blessing of the Lord has been upon the Home and the work here the past year in a very marked and wonderful way; we were blessed with an early Spring and our garden was gotten out very early and was a source of benefit from early Summer to late Fall and we are now enjoying the surplus which we canned and saved.

On April 14th I hatched 160 chicks and raised 159 of them. Surely the Lord knew we would need some chickens for eating, also would need eggs for the winter. I now have fifty of these young hens laying and our egg supply is all we need and have some for sale.

I have told you how good friends supplied us with a real Thanksgiving dinner and the same friends with others made our Christmas a real pleasure and blessing to all. We also were blessed with the presence of Brother Wight and his Sunday school from Natick, Mass., bringing with them a nice lot of candies and fruits for which we thank them and praise the Lord, and we were delightfully entertained by them and brother Carl Edward Hatch and wife on Christmas eve with a very nice and well rendered program, and along with them came many friends to cheer us along the way. We would be delighted to have any of the pastors with workers from their church and Sunday school come any time as the old folks like to be entertained in this way.

The early church prayed in the upper-room, the 20th century church cooks in the supper room. Too much play now, not enough prayer, almost no fasting but much feasting. Prayer in the upper-room will put out the fire in the kitchen range, and if you have ever really prayed you know what prayer in the upper-room will bring.

We are glad 1934 is gone as we think of time passing, but well do we know that all of 1934 is with us and ever shall be. As we reflect over the past year we are brought face to

face with all that we have said and done, and immediately the question confronts us, are we nearer Him who said, "as you have done it unto one of the least you have done it unto Me." The sin or sins of the past year are yet upon us if not covered with the blood.

Real winter is upon us and we thank the Lord that we have not yet gone hungry or cold and surely we will not be forgotten.

A small donation backed by earnest prayer will give you a real and vital share in this work. We much prefer one dollar from 100 friends than \$100.00 from one friend. We love your encouraging letters and are not angered at your criticisms.

We get a few letters reading something like this, "I am enclosing a dollar which the Lord sent me from a friend to get something I wanted, so here it is." Another writes, "I cannot do much, but I have a dollar which I will send, and I can pray." One brother says, "The past year has been the hardest I personally have ever experience His presence has been precious and there is a new hunger in my heart for God."

A near by friend sent in a nice lot of fruit. A few have sent in clothing and other needed things for the Home.

We gratefully acknowledge from a missionary in China four dollars coming to us a few weeks ago, two dollars coming direct from her and two dollars from a friend to whom she had sent it.

All of us know that "Bethel Home" is not our permanent abiding place. We are here for service and we know the hour is coming when we shall pass on—where? To eternity! We must walk softly and humbly, but we must walk fearlessly. We have a Mighty Leader. Let us obey His every command. He will bring us through by His own methods. He seems to be pulling us out of the slough of Despond in which we have been struggling for some time, financially we have managed to keep going and our debts are less than at the beginning of 1934 and we praise the Lord we have been able to pay for everything purchased during the year, many things needed and are needed now but we refuse to go into debt.

Watch night meeting in the Home

was well attended and apparently all were much benefitted. We were glad to have Pastor Wight from Natick, Mass., as leader, also quite a number of friends remained until after the midnight hour. We observed The Lord's Supper just before midnight.

What promise, what expectancy thrills one's soul as we enter this year: If we have no money we can pray. If we are helpless we can pray. If we are blind we can pray. If we have no work we can pray. If we are busy we can and must pray.

If you are praying for wealth, sin no more. If you are praying for fame you will never be famous. If you are praying for strength you may be weak. If you are praying for courage you will be discouraged. If you pray to die, you may have a living death. If you pray, "Thy will alone be done," all the good will come and with it love to God and all mankind, and DEATHLESS LIFE.

*I would have chosen my life to be
Active, tireless and strong;
A constant, ceaseless working for
Him,
Amid the needy throng.*

*But He chose for me a better lot—
A life of frequent pain,
Of strength withheld when 'twas
needed most,
And loss instead of gain.*

*He gave me work of another kind,
Far, far above my thought,
The work of interceding with Him,
For souls that He had bought.*

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