

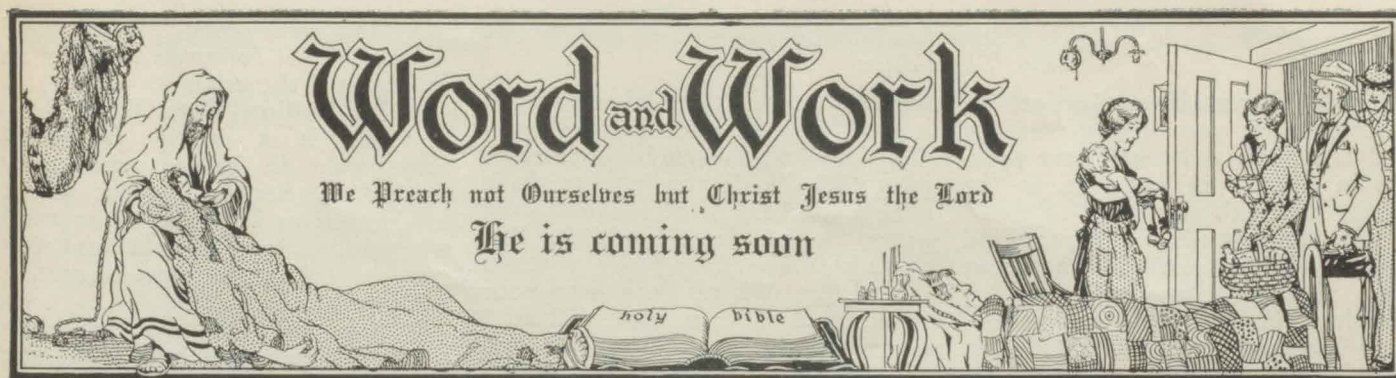
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The Close Of This Age

By Albert Weaver, Rockrimmon, Springfield, Mass.

(Editor's Note. The writer of this article, who has contributed many articles for Word and Work, is now past seventy years of age, and has been an intensive student of the Bible for fifty years. He was present in Wales during the great Welsh Revival, and was in India during the great revival there and at the Mission of Panditta Ramabai when the Holy Spirit was so marvelously out-poured. He has traveled extensively throughout the world, and has first hand information of world-wide conditions.)

Is the world coming to an end? Many people are asking this question at the present time. According to my understanding of the Scriptures, I would answer emphatically, "No." But this Age is rapidly coming to its close, and like all preceding Ages with wickedness in the ascendancy. According to the Word of God the Millennial Age of a thousand years will follow this Age. Christ will return in person to this earth and will set up His Kingdom and rule in righteousness. A time of peace on earth will then be realized. The Coming of Christ then in person to translate His people will be the next outstanding event, as I understand it. Millions of people all over the earth believe this, among whom, if space would permit, I could quote many outstanding authorities.

After the Translation of God's people will come the awful Tribulation, too dreadful to describe, spoken of in the 24th chapter of Matthew. After this the Anti-Christ, or Law-

less One, referred to in II Thessalonians, 2nd chapter, will take the reins of government and will rule with a "Rod of Iron," for a period of seven years according to many Bible students.

At this time Christ returns the second time but with His people to set up His kingdom upon the earth. But He must first destroy the Anti-Christ and bring to an end his wicked reign.

Scripture warns us against setting dates, therefore no one knows the day nor the hour of Christ's coming, but we are commanded to watch, pray, and be ready. Jesus however

gave signs by which we could be guided. The two outstanding signs are the return of the Jews to their Promised Land, Palestine; and the increase of lawlessness and wickedness in general in the earth. Then, too, there will be, as predicted, rumors of wars, wars, earthquakes, pestilences, unrest, growing unbelief in God, signs in the heavens and other phenomena. All of which are being literally and rapidly fulfilled now.

I have travelled extensively in the last thirty years, especially throughout the Orient and the Far East and have been a close observer of the

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America Beloved, Awake!

By Mrs. Mettie Wood, Lakewood, N. J.

The author of this article writes, "I am almost blind, 85 years old, but full of fire and love for God and souls."

The United States has as emblems the Goddess of Liberty and the Grey Forest Eagle, the King of the Sky.

The first stands for freedom of speech and press, and liberty to worship God unhindered.

The second, the eagle with vision keen and with strength of wing mounting up, is a fine type of our young nation just learning to lift her pinions to soar.

Our watchword has been "United we stand, divided we fall," and "E Pluribus Unum." Our motto is, "In God we Trust." Our flag we call "Old Glory." The red speaks of the shed blood which cleanseth; the white, purity and stainlessness;

and the azure blue, the depth of God's infinite love.

Our fair nation's corner stone was laid on God's Word. Salvation did He appoint for her walls and bulwarks, that the righteous nation which keeps His commands might be blessed. Her foundations were laid with fair colors, righteousness, truth, equity, liberty and freedom to worship God. Built on these truths, she has become one of the foremost nations.

"Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept His commandments. Amos 2:4. In sorrow and shame let us look at the three great evils that have put a

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

By The Editor

Plant Yourself a Garden

Come plant yourself a garden for rest, and hope, and peace. Lose yourself in serenity in fragrance, in the beauty of God's creation.

Life has so much of bitterness and cloying animosities that in a garden soon give way to the beauty of growing things. One just cannot hold bad and bitter thoughts when working among the countless springing forms, where sunbeams steal so softly to greet with fond caress, and waken from its slumber a world of loveliness, where the flowers greet you with a smile, and bid you rest a while, and whisper tenderness and words of love.

All these are yours if you lose yourself in the sweetness and joy of your garden. You will find a bit of heaven alive in every plant. When the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, the trees putteth forth their fruit, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell, then there is joy and rest and peace amidst these beauties.

Plant yourself a garden of beautiful thoughts and the seed will grow and ripen into exceeding beauty and pleasure.

Plant yourself a garden of friendships amidst your fellowmen and you will be greeted in a friendly sort of way.

Chain Letters

Back in 1929 it was a frequent thing to see crowds of people milling about a bank that had closed its doors. They were gripped with the hysteria of fear. In recent weeks a hysteria of getting something for nothing through the system called "chain letters" has seized thousands of people.

A stenographer next door received \$200 in one morning's mail, another received over \$1000 within a week after joining a "chain." Such reports have stirred the imagination and the greed of getting something for nothing has made thousands of people lose their common sense.

The theory of getting a lot of money as "charity donations" is perfect except for the fact that it does not take into consideration the fact that those who participate are motivated by the element of greed. This racket is not only immoral but vicious.

Usually the designators of these let-

ters add a touch of religion by heading the letter "In God we Trust." They are designed "to bring prosperity to you." All you have to do is send a certain sum of money to the person whose name heads the list, strike his name off and place yours at the bottom and send copies to your friends and they in turn will send money to the head of the list and add their names at the bottom and send to their friends. Through this process of multiplication when your name reaches the head of the list there will be thousands of people sending money to you as "charity donations." The letters usually end by placing you on your honor not to "break this chain of friendship and goodwill."

"Have the confidence your friend who sent you the letter had in you." Thousands have religiously or superstitiously followed instructions and have written their letters to others urging them to send money to the heads of the lists. Any system or racket for making money without thrift and industry is demoralizing.

However, the deceit in this racket is very mild compared to what is taking place in some of the missionary rackets, wherein by the use of fair speech, pitiful tales and even tears, appeals are made to the generosity of sincere Christians to spread the Gospel in foreign lands. But most of the funds go to the promoters, who have worked out a carefully organized racket, designed to deceive in the de-

tails, but with enough truth and enough honest followers to cover up and mislead the unwary.

Graduation—Then What?

There is a certain feeling of achievement in having successfully finished a school year. But school life is more or less amidst unnatural surroundings and life begins after you are out; and come in contact with realities.

It is hoped that your school or college training may have made you not only aggressive and capable but poised and given more or less knowledge that you may mix successfully with men of affairs of life and honor the Lord Jesus Christ and be a truly successful Christian man, and thus fulfill the Lord's purpose in your life.

A CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MAN

A CHRISTIAN business man is one who acknowledges responsibility to God in all of life's activities. He is a man who opens the day of busy toil with reverence and holy love; who in his office, at his desk, on his farm, in every act and step seeks to know God's will, to do His word, to love, honor and revere His name. He enlarges his business without corrupting his religion, he swells his income without starving his soul. Religion with him is the business of life, not the avocation, and his business is permeated with his religion. Both are thoroughly mixed together, with Christ always ascendant. The business man's soul is not secularized in the process. Money does not usurp God's place in his heart. While alive to good investments in stocks and in estates he is not slow or doubtful about investments for the betterment of his fellows.

The Christian business man finds time for prayer; his account book does not supplant his Bible. He conducts his business in the name of God and seeks prosperity therein, happy in the thought of his increasing helpfulness and his kindly administrations to the needy. A Christian, God-fearing, man-loving business man is influenced by the purest of motives; he is impelled by the most powerful of moral incentives. And whether in business or in his religion, in congress or in the church, in the parlor or in the kitchen, the Christian business man strives to acquit himself in such a way that he may eventually stand before God and say, as a steward of life's opportunities: "Lord, thou deliverest unto me five talents; lo, I have gained other five talents."

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BINDING THE SCARLET LINE

By Alice Reynolds Flower

IN READING over the story of Rahab recently, I was forcibly impressed with these words, "*She bound the scarlet line in the window.*" The safety of herself and all her household depended solely on that act; and Rahab realized this so fully that she lost no time in performing the deed. Joshua 2:21. Again it brings before me in all its tremendous importance this question of household salvation. It is always vital to me as I touch many homes of every description. Vital again, because it was my own parents who led me to Jesus in tender childhood, and among my earliest recollections is the family altar that always had its place in our home.

Let me give you those words in Deuteronomy depicting of a Godly household. I can almost hear my mother reading them as she so often did. "*And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates*" (Deut. 6:7-9).

Mother duly practiced this. Timid, she was, and retiring, but true as steel to her convictions. In her quiet way she could preach it to those who came to her for help in those early days when so few knew the reality of God's power. People accepted her simple preaching because she practiced it. So for me there was example as well as precept, and the inspiration of that mother's humble, consecrated life still moves my heart and life. Truly, "*she bound the scarlet line in the window*" of our home.

Those words from Deuteronomy are beautiful words, full of deep and holy meaning. I wonder why more ministers don't catch the inspiration from them and give their people some real heart messages on what a Godly home is, and how to have it. So many far less vital subjects are stressed, conjectured about, and over-emphasized. But here is stressed a paramount need of today, and I find there is a surprising response to such heart messages. In a recent convention we attended, one of the outstanding services was of this nature. Whole families as well as individuals crowded to that altar in repentance for careless home living of the past, and fresh consecration for days to come. No wonder God came down most manifestly as fathers and mothers wept before God. Deep Holy Ghost revivals have been born thus. Somebody "*bound the scarlet line in the window.*" And it was God's faithful servant who stirred up that somebody's pure mind by way of remembrance.

Furthermore, this subject is vital to me be-

cause I am a mother with six boys and girls of my own. As one of their parents I have felt responsible before God for their souls as well as their bodies. This has made it necessary to walk openly and honestly before them myself. No one detects sham or "religious cant" sooner than a child or young person. Have dancing blue or brown eyes ever searched your face with the query, "Mother is it really true?" They are not deceived so readily as some parents seem to believe. For over twenty years holding their confidence has concerned me greatly. Here is the pivotal point of helping all young people as well as children—others as well as your own.

Suppose you as a parent have failed, somewhere in private or public life, and your children know it. Don't excuse or cover it over through a false self-pride. Recognize your children's intelligence and meet the issue. Ask forgiveness where needed, even from your own boy or girl. Be honest, be truthful under every circumstance and you will hold their respect, despite the failure. Children are naturally trusting, as well as forgiving, if that trust is not betrayed.

"Be real thyself in every part
Reality will fill thy heart."

Perhaps you have never noticed a little verse in Canticles 1—"they made me keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept." What about your vineyard, father, mother? How far do you expect your influence to reach if you are not master of your home situation? You must bind the scarlet line in your window before you can help others to bind their scarlet line. If the situation is beyond you now, it is just because you did not start soon enough, or else you have lost their confidence.

With all the activities of a busy life I have always felt the mother obligation was first. "Mine own vineyard!" Ready and glad to help in every other needy vineyard possible; yet if I cannot lead my own to Jesus what approach can I have to others. There have been perplexing times—oh yes in abundance—but God has always been ready to give grace and strength and wisdom as to how and when and where to bind the scarlet line in the window. Does it mean sacrifice? Sure! But the returns are so worthwhile—thank God!

We all know what the average home is today. Unfortunately the homes of many professed believers carry a similar stamp. What can we expect from the children any more than we have? God pity the boys and girls of today. My heart is still so full perhaps we shall have another heart talk on this subject. Meanwhile be sure you have "*bound the scarlet line in the window.*"

USE THE SWORD

By Zelma Argue

"Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

We have an adversary. We are in a conflict. There is an enemy with 6,000 years experience in attacking God's children, who still *"goeth about, seeking whom he may devour."* At unexpected places and times he is seeking opportunity to injure. Therefore we need to *"be sober, be vigilant."*

In many ways he is on our track, with spirits of sloth, slumber, and love of ease and turning from the cross. At such times, no matter from where the temptation comes, we can remember the words of Christ, *"Get thee behind me, Satan; thou savourest not the things that be of God."*

Looking beyond Peter's words, He perceived the Tempter. Often when things around us oppress us, when we see snares laid for our feet, when a blanket seems to keep us from power in prayer, God can enable us to see behind the circumstance to the wily snares of the adversary. Then it is good to face him, as Jesus did, uncover his snare, and bid him be gone! God will answer with victory, as we keep our eyes upon Him.

Sometimes we are permitted to see our own failures very strongly, and they would well nigh cast us down. Certainly they would occupy our thoughts to distraction, hindering our usefulness. Some are so borne down by such consciousness of having failed to be obedient, or walk in the light at some point, that all their tears and prayers do not appear to bring victory. At such times, or in the case of souls in such a position, we must get our eyes upon the power in the Blood. If there is any need of confessing, let that be taken care of, then get our eyes off our failures, and onto Jesus. We are saved by His grace, and not, after all, by our works. And our victory is through the power in His Name, which we can shout in the face of every foe. We are weak but He is strong.

"Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you." Jesus resisted him in the great three-fold temptation in the wilderness by drawing the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and giving a thrust at each new temptation. Christ was weak and faint when the conflict was over, so that angels came unto Him and

ministered unto Him. But the victory was won, and we are told, *"then the Devil leaveth him."* We too can wield the sword of the Spirit when tempted, so that the Devil will leave us, and the angels come and minister to us.

Armour, shield, and sword are given to us—and of what use are these if there is no battle! Triumphs, victories, crowns, these are won only out of conflicts. If we set our will to have the victory God wishes to give us, He will surely see us through.

Behold, He gives us power over all the power of the adversary, *"whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions*

are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Victory! Victory!

Over all the powers of darkness
Victory!

When the battle's in array,
Angels help us in the fray,
And God fights for those who pray,
Victory!

If we hide the Word of God in our hearts, it will be there to use in the hour of need. We can use it not merely to comfort our own hearts, but knowing the power of the living God is in it, and with its power put to flight the forces of darkness, until they are routed, and victory is truly ours.

PRAYER

By Leila M. Conway

Unto you, O reader, is heaven's invitation graciously extended, *"In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving (unceasing gratitude for past answers) let your requests be made known unto God."* Phil. 4:6. For *"if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us"* (I John 5:14), and for the sake of Christ. Walk in all the gospel light given you, *"that your prayers be not hindered."* Then *"all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."* Matt. 21:22.

Prayer! Who can tell its worth? A wise sage writes: "In the quiet of the home, in the heat of life and strife, in the face of death, the privilege of speech with God is inestimable." Is there a little trysting place to meet with our Lord? Have we set aside time for prayer? Let us never diminish the time but rather increase it." As an author says, "God must long to have us pray more. Will we? Throughout the entire Word He pleads with men to pray; and throughout that entire Word the Holy Spirit keeps telling us of the wonders that followed when men prayed." Unfathomed depths of prayer lie before us. Let us *"come boldly unto the throne of grace,"* for "prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness." Hear it, O praying one, *"He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* Rom. 8:

32. For *"no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."* Psal. 84:11. Oh, we would stress the prayer of faith. And to deal a death blow with the hammer of the Word at ugly, insidious unbelief in its varied forms, for *"he that cometh to God must believe that He is,"* —the living God, the unchanging God—*"and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."* Heb. 11:6. Hallelujah!

Beloved, pray on. *"Continuing instant in prayer."* Rom. 12:12. As a dear soul testifies, "Never was a faithful prayer lost at sea. No merchant trades with such certainty as the praying saint. Some prayers, indeed, have a longer voyage than others; but they come with the richer lading." Thanks be unto the Lord! Listen to His call, *"I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."* I Tim. 2:8

Paul the apostle exhorted that prayer *"be made for all men."* As a writer aptly puts it, "He who embraces in his prayers the widest circle of his fellow creatures is most in sympathy with the mind of God."

Yea, *"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit,"* Eph. 6:18 —"not letting the fires grow dim" on the altar of our heart, but "let us stir the fires to burn brighter till Jesus comes." We are living in the last days. Dark shadows of the oncoming great tribulation fall athwart the world.

AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

By Frank Isensee, Modesto, California

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (II Cor. 11:14).

A character that is mentioned 174 times in the Bible and powerful enough to deceive whole nations. (Isaiah 14:12; Rev. 20:3) Surely it is important to be better acquainted with him and his ways so as to be equipped for this warfare against his continual stroke. (Isaiah 14:6). Critics continue to ask why God made the Devil. Isaiah the fourteenth chapter gives us a very clear answer to that question. As Lucifer, the anointed cherub that "covereth," (Ezek. 28:14) we read that he was a perfect being who had charge of a perfect world, but we read where he gets the idea that he would rule independently of God, thus placing his own will in opposition to the will of God. He was therefore "cast out," (Ezek. 28:16) and from that time on he was known as Satan, and became the world's deceiver.

He deceives by blinding the minds of the unbelieving world. (II Cor. 4:3,4) He has a "gospel" and plenty of preachers to preach it for him. The Bible calls them "false teachers." (II Peter 2:1, 2) Much could be written concerning Satan's work and his great power down through past generations and how he even comes in the presence of God and attempts to hinder. (Zech. 3:1, 2) (Job 1:6) No wonder, for he is still Prince of the Powers of the air. (Eph. 2:2; II Cor. 4:4) If it were not for God's restraining hand upon the present civilization, (I Peter 5:6,8) every living being would be swept into hell by one stroke of Satan's hand.

God is long-suffering and not willing that any should perish (II Peter 3:9), but we are now fast approaching the day when His invitation will be withdrawn, and the unbelieving will be left to their fate. (Zech. 7:13; Amos 8:11)

The world is today seething with unrest. Why? Because they have not entered that glorious rest under the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ the only stronghold Satan cannot enter. All forms of government have failed. We see Democracy crumbling in a heap and the masses realizing the existing confusion. Like a drowning man who grabs at a straw, they are turning to this fiery orator and that public haranguer. Whoever has a

glittering promise of doing a better job of running the government.

There we have the rise of dictators. There we have the death of man's heritage—freedom. Not looking to God for help, He in turn will make man to believe a lie. (II Thess. 2:11) Right there is where Satan gets in his master stroke for the reason that he is the father of lies. (John 8:44)

In these last days of increased knowledge, (Dan. 12:4) Satan realizes his time is short and that he must employ more clever tactics to blind the eyes of an intelligent world, so "as an angel of light," he is swiftly organizing this sin-cursed world into a camp of Dictators. A group of smooth talking blasphemers who demand the praise and worship of the masses. Leaders who are either destroying the churches altogether or dictating what shall be preached from the pulpits.

Today we see the rise of dictators all over the world. The word dictator is even spoken of frequently in our democracy. We read in Daniel and Revelation that the last dictator over the leading powers will head a political system. (Dan. 7:23; Rev. 13:1; Rev. 17:9, 18). Just like putting some black spiders in a bottle. It would not be long till there would be one big fat spider left. So it will be with this present group of blaspheming dictators. A survival of the fittest through conquest or diplomacy. Mussolini (who never leaves Italy) has made the remark that Fascism must eventually rule the world before there will be lasting peace. At the present time that political system is sweeping the capitalistic world under some name or other.

During the last session of the Legislature of California, a committee was appointed to study the Fascist system of taxation so as to adopt some of the principals. Mussolini says the N.R.A. is a copy of Fascism.

Fascism demands worship above God for the reason that in its creed all must bow to Fascism. There we have blasphemy. There we have the spirit of Satan getting in the master strokes. Blinding the eyes of a people by man-made miracles of leadership.

In Rev. 13:1 we read of the beast

with seven heads and ten horns with crowns. That is the last political system of ten kingdoms which are in league under the banner of that great city (Rome) Rev. 17:18. Now if we read carefully Rev. 13:11-18, we find that another beast comes up out of the earth. (Not out of the sea of humanity as in Rev. 13:1). It has two horns like a lamb. Through the rest of the chapter we read of the superhuman power that he manifests. There we have a clear picture of Satan himself as an imitator of the Lamb of God, as an angel of light, taking personal charge of world affairs, incarnated in the human dictator and working as the Anti-Christ.

His number is 666. (Rev. 13:14) Today we see three great, powerful dictators about to battle it out for supremacy and each has but six letters in his true name.

Il Duce, Hitler, and Stalin. That may be a coincidence, but it looks very much like one of God's mysterious ways of doing things by numbers.

Nations are as a drop in the bucket to God. (Isaiah 40:15) According to the 38th chapter of Ezekiel, God will use the northern kingdoms as His rod of anger (Isaiah 10:5) to punish the deceiving Anti-Christ and his followers. As the children of God know, that will end in the great battle of Armageddon.

Today we see Russia and her oriental allies becoming a real threat to this capitalistic civilization and according to Daniel 11:44, those evil tidings out of the north and east shall trouble the Anti-Christ Dictator and he shall go forth with great fury to do away with them, but *"he shall come to his end and none shall help him."* How shall he come to his end? Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Conquering King with His saints (Dan. 7:27; II Thess. 2:8; Rev. 19:11) shall come in power and glory and set up His reign. (Rev. 20:6) and that world's deceiver and false angel of light, the Devil, will be cast into a bottomless pit. (Rev. 20:3)

Are you ready to escape the tribulation rule of the Anti-Christ? That Godless system is about to break

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HOLINESS

By T. B. Barrat,
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The spiritual growth commences in regeneration, when life is received, but is furthered by the cleansing process, and continues until we enter the eternal rest. (Phil. 3:7, 16; I Cor. 2:6-10). "*Be ye holy; for I am holy*" says God, (I Pet. 1:16). And Paul writes, "*For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.*"

The inner cleansing is necessary, as there may still be war between the "flesh" and the "spirit" in the regenerated soul. The "*body of sin*" is NOT "*destroyed*," (Rom. 6:6, 7; Gal. 2:20). The Word of God claims, that "*body, soul and spirit*," shall be sanctified "*WHOLLY*," (I Thes. 5:23, 24). The conditions to obtain it are a full confession of the real state, a full consecration to God, and FAITH in the cleansing POWER of the BLOOD OF JESUS. (I John 1:7; Acts 15:9). Then we experience Romans 8:2-4. This liberty is for ALL believers. (Col. 3:11-15).

The Apostle Peter explains the work more definitely by the term, "*SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, AND SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS*," (I Pet. 1:2; cf. II Thes. 2:13; I Cor. 6:11; Rom. 8:13, 14; Gal. 5:24). The BLOOD—the atonement has MADE POSSIBLE our justification, and is always the FOUNDATION for all we seek, but the Spirit is the operating power in heart and life.

By FAITH in the atonement, we are imputed the righteousness of Christ without works (Rom. 4:3-8) and the Spirit performs the work of regeneration IN us (Rom. 5:1; John 3:6-8), and when the regenerated soul seeks the DEATH of the "*body of sin*" (Rom. 6:6), a perfect crucifixion in Christ must take place (Gal. 2:20), and FAITH in the sanctifying power of the sacrifice. (Heb. 9:13, 14; 10:5-15). Then the SPIRIT performs the miracle of renewal in us (Tit. 3:3-7; Rom. 7:6; Heb. 10:22; I Thes. 3:12-13). There is a difference between CLEANSING and MATURITY. Maturity in the spiritual life can only be obtained by a constant development in grace in Christ Jesus, but the cleansing process removes the hindrances for growth and the work of LOVE in and through us, and is a PERSONAL experience for all who BELIEVE. (Acts 15:9).

The Relation of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to Sanctification

Much depends on the light we have

received in the Word of God. Some experience the work of cleansing, as a special experience BEFORE the Baptism. Others receive it in connection with the Baptism. They are cleansed and filled at the same time. (Acts 15:8-9) But there are many who get their eyes opened to see their privileges AFTER the Baptism. There MUST of course be a full consecration before the Baptism, according to the light we have obtained, but the POWER that accompanies it (Acts 1:8), always stimulates toward a LIFE IN HOLINESS (Zec. 4:6, 7; Gal. 5: 22, 23). Perhaps some inner, hidden corruption, that has hitherto not been observed, may, by this light be detected and shown up, when the Holy Spirit in rich fullness flows into the soul, and this He always does when we are baptized.

The Baptism is not the finite object for the soul, but should be experienced by every Christian, at the commencement of the spiritual life. When this has not taken place, it arises from a defective teaching and conception of the Word of God, or from spiritual slothfulness. It is therefore necessary to seek it wholeheartedly. We then become filled with HIM, who is the eternal well-spring of life, power and holiness, IN and THROUGH the BLOOD OF JESUS. Compare Genesis 14:14-18.

Not Adamitical Perfection

We do not teach a perfection similar to that Adam had before the FALL, as we are constantly haunted by wants and weaknesses, temptations and suffering, and death. A want of knowledge, intelligence, judgment, etc., leads to a wrong opinion of people and conditions, and wrong conclusions and views, that may NOT be sinful in character, but are caused by the FALL, and must be put under the BLOOD of the atonement.

God Alone is Absolutely Perfect

We do not therefore demand to be perfect gods, but perfect CHRISTIANS. There is a great difference between the highest Christian perfection and God's, the same difference that exists between the created and finite being and the infinite and eternal God. Even the ANGELS are not absolutely perfect as God. But the idea we have concerning the angels, place them on a higher level of perfection than ours, both in knowledge, glory and power. We do not therefore expect

to attain an "ANGELIC" perfection in this life.

Our ability and possibilities cannot possibly be as great as Adam's before the fall. Even if the "*body of sin*" be "*destroyed*," this will not therefore perfectly remove its influence. The person, who has lived a life in vice, may, even if inbred sin be removed, still have the *marks* of his sinful life in the body. In the same manner the highest perfection we obtain now will be less than the adamitic before the fall.

We do not therefore teach a perfection, that in every point satisfies the claims of the LAW. The Law is just as perfect and faultless as God himself. No one has a right to break it, but the only one, who has perfectly fulfilled it in all its strong demands, is JESUS CHRIST, who was perfection itself (Heb. 9:26, 27). Its relation to us is that of a "SCHOOLMASTER," to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24). The best and most perfect Christian is defective in the presence of the LAW. God does not therefore SAVE us by Law, but by JESUS CHRIST. Not because we have kept the law, but by GRACE ALONE. We are constantly dependent on the blood of Christ and HIS merits. The best people will therefore be incapable of attaining salvation, except by and through HIM, their imperfection would condemn them.

The perfection THE BIBLE proclaims concerns therefore our character, not a FINISHED perfection, as there will always be a possibility of development. It claims, that we shall LOVE GOD above everything, and our neighbor as ourselves (although this even will be imperfect according to the highest claims of the law). The plan of God's SALVATION will thus be realized in us. The weak, helpless, depraved human being, will enter fully into CHRIST, and is PERFECT IN HIM, and in no respect without Him.

In the resurrection, or by transformation, "*this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality*" (I Cor. 15:54), and will then attain to a perfection, in EVERY RESPECT, which is not attainable here. The BEST WINE is left for the last and eternal festival in Heaven!

Remember Bethel Home for the Aged in your prayers.

THE SPIRIT SPEAKING

By Donald Gee of London, England

Restoration of Prophetic Utterance

THE PENTECOSTAL Revival has come from God to testify to this generation that the voice of the Holy Spirit in the Church should still be a present fact. Not that spiritual believers everywhere do not believe in the guidance of the Holy Spirit—they do. But the possibility of inspired utterance through His gifts has been doubted and forgotten. The restoration of prophetic utterances through spiritual gifts has once again made the voice of the Holy Spirit an intense and unspeakably precious reality to tens of thousands of God's people all over the world.

Inspired utterance has done even more; it has made the PRESENCE OF GOD real in the assemblies of His people. This is exactly as it should be according to the New Testament; *"If all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all; and thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in (among) you of a truth"* (I Cor. 14:24-25).

Not HOW but WHY Does the Holy Spirit Speak

But in this earnestly contending for the truth of the voice of the Spirit in the church today, we must be careful not to encourage a misplaced emphasis upon HOW He speaks, at all.

We are guilty of a vital mistake when we become more interested in HOW the Holy Spirit speaks, than in WHY He speaks. When a ship in urgent need sends out an S.O.S. the captain calls for action; not a learned technical discussion upon the principles and methods of wireless telegraphy.

In some quarters exaggerated importance, and unscriptural infallibility, have undoubtedly been given to the gift of prophecy and the office of the "prophet" as a mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit on the line of guidance. In such cases the voice of the Holy Spirit and the word of the prophet have very mistakenly become almost synonymous terms. We believe that the unscripturalness of this view, and the dangers of the error involved when it is worked up into a system

of guidance and supposedly "apostolic" church government, have now become generally recognized.

Mistaken Views On the Gifts

In other directions an emphasis upon the spiritual gifts of *"diversities of tongues"* and *"interpretation of tongues"* for messages of a directive nature, rather than for devotional utterances of worship and prayer, have also tended to an unhealthy condition of things; so that there has been a mistaken idea that the Holy Spirit has not had His way in a meeting at all unless these two particular gifts have been in evidence.

In yet other places visions and dreams have become the unbalanced order of the day.

But it is significant that in the book of Acts the precise method by which the Holy Spirit speaks is usually left undetermined. For instance we have the direct statement in chapters 7:29; and 10:19; that the Spirit gave a definite word of direction to individuals, but the recipient was entirely alone in each case. In Acts 13:2, the method by which the Spirit gave the command to the church at Antioch is not stated; neither are we told (in chapter 16:6) HOW He forbade Paul to preach in Asia. The central fact that the Spirit DID speak to guide and control the Lord's servants shines like a beacon however, and it is the central truth that is vital.

Why Does the Spirit Speak?

The ultimate question is—WHY did the Spirit speak? The compelling answer can be crystalized in one word—EVANGELISM.

In each case quoted above, the voice of the Spirit came to direct some new advance along the lines of the great commission to *"preach the gospel to every creature."*

With Philip it was to join the chariot of the eunuch, and conduct a bit of personal evangelism that doubtless had some far-reaching effects (which tradition confirms) after the Ethiopian reached his own distant country.

With Peter it was to re-assure and command concerning throwing the door of salvation wide open to the Gentiles.

With the church at Antioch it was to command the separation of two of their most gifted leaders for

the inauguration of a great missionary crusade.

With Paul in Asia it was to direct his steps toward the needy waiting field of Macedonia, and ultimately Europe.

In each and every case the voice of the Spirit came in connection with a forward movement of aggressive activity.

How significant all this is! World-wide experience today proves that the Pentecostal Revival has always flourished and made its most conspicuous successes where it has remained intensely evangelical and missionary. Incidentally it has also kept purest in doctrine and freest from fanaticism where these two activities have been most marked.

This is perfectly in accordance with the New Testament; which provides the inspired Scriptural authority upon which the Pentecostal Movement is based. The same Spirit still speaks to guide and inspire to the same work. The bride is only truly in unity with the Spirit when she is inviting thirsty souls to "come." Prophesying and teaching have their own essential place which can only be neglected at peril; but they are always the handmaids of evangelism. They can never provide a true substitute for it. Apostolic evangelism is the one great reason for the Church's continued presence upon the earth, and all the ministry gifts with which she has been endowed by her Lord are only intended to consolidate its results, and then inspire and instruct for its further advancement.

We are well justified in questioning how much genuine inspiration from the Spirit of God still remains in spiritual gifts when they contain within them no ultimate incentive to evangelistic effort, and no pulsation of that love of God for the world that gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

The call to take the message of that love to a perishing world is always at the heart of the Spirit speaking.—*Redemption Tidings.*

"The Outpoured Life"

By ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER

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New Church in Brookline, Mass.

AFTER THREE years of Radio ministry and evangelistic work Rev. John Jacob Smith, known to thousands of radio listeners as "Happy Jack," has opened a new church in Brookline, Mass., one of the most beautiful suburban towns of Boston.

The building was erected for an art museum by the late Desmond Fitzgerald, a philanthropist. In the rear is a spacious lawn with beautiful shrubbery and flowers.

Dedication was held Sunday, June 2nd. A welcome on behalf of the town of Brookline was presented by Hon. Philip W. Bowker, who has served six years on the Board of Selectmen of Brookline, and is now serving his second term in the Legislature.

He stated that the late Desmond Fitzgerald, who was Chairman of the Park Commission had erected the building as an art museum and that it had contained many paintings and works of art he had gathered. The many varieties of beautiful lilac bushes which stand fifteen to twenty feet high all around the border of the rear lawn, he had gathered from many parts of the world.

He said the place represents beauty. It had already been dedicated to beauty, and what is more beautiful than to now dedicate it to the Lord's work. He said, "Your spontaneity of effort will contribute to Brookline, and your presence here shows to the people of Brookline the spirit that motivates your organization. This is a fitting place to worship our Saviour, and I hope your abode in Brookline will be pleasant and beneficial. I officially welcome you on behalf of the State and the Town of Brookline."

A welcome was also presented by Rev. John S. Franklin, assistant pastor of the Lincoln Park Baptist Church who stated he was sorry to lose several of the members of his church, who were uniting their efforts with "Happy Jack," but he cannot hold onto folks who had found larger opportunities for service.

He hoped there would be set up in this place a

dynamo of spiritual energy for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Floral tributes were donated by "The Brookline Florist Shop" and by "Penn The Florist."



Happy Jack Smith

An adjoining building is to be taken over for a book room and place of prayer.

The Church Speaks

By Wm. Burton McCafferty

I am the church!

I am the temple in which the faithful offer unto God the sweet-smelling incense of prayer and praise.



CALVARY TEMPLE

416 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts

My columns and pillars are storied with the achievements of the witnesses of faith and love.

Grave deep within the stones of my walls are the illustrious names of the martyrs of Christ; and written with an iron pen on my pillars of truth are the deeds of the holy ones of God.

My spire reaches far above the clouds of stormy rain, and higher than the mountains of pride.

My windows are glazed with crystal truth, through which men may see clearly the "vision of God."

Over my portal is the rainbow of hope, whose bright iridescence shows the splendors of grace.

My floors are paved with the sapphire stones of holiness and truth.

I am the gleaming light that shines out o'er the dark vale of time.

Forth from my sacred desk flow the water of life, as a well in the wilderness.

On my altar burns the Spirit's fire and the flame of a godly zeal.

Within my walls dwells the triumvirate of truth—Faith, Hope and Charity; and Charity is supreme.

I am a refuge for souls persued by sin—a sheepfold for wandering sheep, and Christ is the Door of the sheep.

I am the source of knowledge in the ways of God—the pillar and ground of the truth.

I am the divine Ecclesia, standing alone and separates from the philosophical structures of men.

I am builded by an eternal Hand, and shall endure as long as the everlasting hills.

My foundations are laid on the immovable Rock. I shall never be moved though the earth be removed like a cottage.

In the cataclysmic crash of the cosmos my wall shall stand unshaken.

I am the pearl of great price—the treasure hid in the field. I am the church!

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JERUSALEM TRODDEN DOWN

By George Jeffreys of England, in *Elim Evangel*

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Lk. 21:24).

DURING our recent tour in Bible lands we have been privileged to visit scenes of profound interest from the eternal Pyramids of Egypt to the lofty Lebanons of Syria. We have followed the Master's footsteps into Transjordan and the trail of His Apostles in the isles of the Mediterranean, even into Greece, and all along our souls have been strangely moved. But if at any time my soul was stirred to its depths more than another it was when we viewed the City of God from the Mount of Olives. Kings and queens, noblemen and artisans in endless procession have trekked their way across these lands and like ourselves have viewed with awe the historic sites and sacred places. We have looked at the gigantic Pyramid of Cheops and have pondered over the purpose for which this enduring colossus was raised. Here scientists and mathematicians have patiently examined figures and measurements with infinitesimal exactitude in their endeavours to wrest from its heart the secrets it is said to hold. We have stood among the buried ruins of the once glorious city of Memphis where Moses and Aaron, some thirty-five centuries ago, demanded the release of God's chosen people and withstood the rage of an infuriated Pharaoh. We have passed over miles of that same boundless desert along which Moses led the children of Israel. Bethlehem, Bethany, Nazareth, Galilee, Gethsemane, Calvary, and the Garden Tomb have been included in our extensive itinerary, and it would take more than the pen of a ready writer to express the stirrings within. But it was on the tranquil Mount overlooking Jerusalem that we were thrilled most.

Viewing the Holy City from the Mount of Olives, the prophecy of Luke 21, uttered by our Lord nearly two thousand years ago seemed to rivet itself upon my mind and I indulged in a mental pageant in which scenes relating to Jerusalem, past, present, and future, were vividly portrayed. Before me lay the old city with its medley of Moslem minarets, mosque domes, church spires, flat roofs, and narrow cobbled streets, all enclosed within its prodigious walls, a fitting stage for so great a drama. The many vicissitudes through which Jerusalem had passed

combined with those as yet wrapped up in prophecy, so crowded in upon me that it seemed almost incredible that I was actually on the Mount. There I stood reviewing facts from the pages of history or contemplating the fulfillment of startling events found in the Book of prophecy relating to the very city before me. The past filled me with great awe, the future with alternate fluctuations of joy and sorrow, while the present touched every chord of compassion in my soul.

In my meditation I could understand as never before why Jesus wept over this city. Jerusalem, whose name means the "Inheritance of peace," seems to have inherited anything but peace in its day. A long line of conquerors in quest of fresh glories have led their armies against it. Oft times have its mighty fortifications been stormed, its gates battered in and its walls razed to the ground. Its helpless inhabitants have been ruthlessly crushed and it is estimated that in one of its many massacres over ninety thousand were cruelly butchered. Hordes of fierce warriors have swept down upon the city, terrorizing its people and committing outrages that have blackened the pages of history. Its churches and sacred places have been sacked and its glorious Temple defiled even with the offering of swine upon the altar. Jerusalem destroyed and rebuilt so many times seems to have suffered more than any other city from maddened despots who have wielded power with uncontrolled lust and fury. Within its walls terrible civil wars have been waged when turbulent factions have shown fanatical delight in the destruction of one another, and legendary taskmasters have enforced oppressive taxation upon a subjugated people until the resultant fires of revolt could only be extinguished by blood.

This was the Jerusalem over which Jesus wept and said, *"If thou hadst known in this thy day the things which belong to thy peace,"* and again, *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee."* *"Thou knewest not the time of thy visitation."* The King of Peace was at her gates and the things belonging to her peace in His heart. Had He been received, the last nine-

teen centuries would have been so different. But our Lord knew of the humiliation that awaited Him, of the ignominy of His coming crucifixion and how the city would soon decide, not for peace and salvation through His Cross, but for further desolation and war. He was just departing from the Temple when He uttered a prophecy that was to be fulfilled to the letter. The city was to be compassed with armies, the people were to fall by the sword, others led captive into all nations, and Jerusalem was to be trodden down until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Destruction of Jerusalem A.D. 70

Forty years afterwards, Jerusalem with the most terrible civil war in its history raging within its walls, was besieged by the thirty-year-old Roman general, Titus and a force estimated to be between sixty and eighty thousand troops. Josephus, the renowned Jewish historian, gives a vivid description of the sufferings of the Jews during the siege. "The miseries they underwent were unspeakable, for if so much as the shadow of any kind of food did anywhere appear the dearest of friends fell fighting one with another about it, snatching from each other the most miserable supports of life." Six months the siege went on, at the end of which the city was completely destroyed, multitudes fell by the sword and the Jews were taken captive into all nations. All that was left for a Roman legion to guard was a smoking ruin. The words uttered by Christ were literally fulfilled.

The Times of the Gentiles be Fulfilled

Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21:24 The scope of the prophecy in the verse before us sweeps on much further than the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in A.D. 70. Some fifty years ago Dr. Grattan Guinness, who is considered to be one of the weightiest expositors of Bible prophecy, declared that the times of the Gentiles would be fulfilled in our day. Briefly, the learned doctor belonged to the Historicist School which in general teaches that God through His prophets foretold a period of punishment and exile for Israel lasting

exactly 2,520 years. The time of Israel's dispersion outside of Palestine started in 604 B.C., when the King of Babylon came into military possession of Palestine and the treading down by the Gentiles commenced. From the years 604 B.C. to A.D. 1917 is exactly a period of 2,520 years. Singularly enough it was in 1917 that the British troops under General Allenby (now Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Felixtowe) entered into military possession of the Promised Land. Thus the rule of oppression came to an end and the way was prepared for establishment of a National Home for the Jews.

When in Jerusalem we listened with delight to the story of a most reliable eye-witness of the scenes that transpired when the British troops entered into the city. That day emotionalism knew no bounds—men, women, and children crowded the streets dancing, cheering, laughing, praying, and even weeping with sheer delight. They kissed not only the hands of the soldiers but their guns and gun carriages as well. The mothers of Jerusalem showered flowers upon the victorious troops and cried words of welcome to their deliverers. Many young men who had been hiding from the Turks in all kinds of peculiar places suddenly rushed into the streets to be embraced by loved ones who had mourned them as dead. It was a veritable day of resurrection.

If this interpretation of the 2,520 years period is correct, and I cannot find anything to disprove it, God, by fulfilling the prophecy at the exact time and in the right place, has put into our hands a mighty weapon against the forces of Higher Criticism and Modernism. Never shall I forget the day when the news reached us that Jerusalem had fallen into the hands of the British. Being conversant with the year-day interpretation of the seven-times punishment prophecy as taught by the Historicist School, we were watching the fortunes of Jerusalem. The day the Turks abandoned the city I received a telegram from a dear friend, "Jerusalem taken. Another great landmark in prophecy reached. Hallelujah!" Words fail to describe the thanksgiving meeting that followed, for we felt that we were nearer the end of the Great War. Had not one of its main purposes been accomplished!

Things Begin to Come to Pass

And, when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift

up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28.

Again the prophecy sweeps on beyond the fulfilment of the times of the Gentiles. It undoubtedly carries us on to the Second Advent of Christ. The word "begin" suggests a definite starting point somewhere. It cannot mean the beginning of distress, for there has been distress among the nations from the first. Again the people who were to see the beginning of these things were to look up for their redemption was drawing nigh. This seems to point to a period of time the beginning and ending of which is confined to one generation. If the year 1917 saw the end of the 2,520 years of the times of the Gentiles, might we not conclude that this was the event that signalized the beginning of the definite period of signs that were to precede the Second Advent of Christ!

There Shall Be Signs

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. Luke 21:26.

The holding of peace conferences and signing of peace pacts seem to be the order of the day, yet the whole world is like a rumbling volcano ready to burst forth at any moment. Instead of a world made "safe for democracy" we have a toll of military dictators holding their large conscript armies ready for the wars of extermination. The Great War ushered in a period of distress and perplexity such as the world has never known. Its seething unrest, feverish anxiety, paralyzing fear, frightful pestilences, terrible earthquakes, economic chaos, millions of unemployed, make substantial contributions toward the fulfilment of the prophecy since the times of the Gentiles were fulfilled. Millions of people are simply eking out a semi-starvation existence while economic conferences with selfish national interests bar the way to the overflowing wheat granaries of the world.

It would be a very sad outlook for all if the prophetic utterances did not lead us on further. In the darkness of this indescribable tribulation a light shines forth—the Son of Man is coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Armageddon

Ezek. 38, 39.

Alas! before He comes, Jerusalem is destined to pass through its brief, final, but most terrible struggle of all. If ever I had the experience

of the Spirit within interceding with groanings that cannot be uttered it was during the hours I spent in and near the Plain of Megiddo. I saw Ezekiel 38 and 39 live before my eyes, and my mind instinctively went back to Jerusalem where the last phase of these future wars will take place just before our Lord comes. I could not help but try to identify the forces who would defend Jerusalem against the hordes of oppression that would sweep down upon it. I had seen the Union Jack flying over the Government House in the Holy City and I watched the smart and happy contingent of British soldiers marching through its streets to the place of worship on a Sunday morning. Were these the forerunners of the British troops that will soon be called upon to defend Jerusalem, and might they see Christ coming in a cloud with great glory to deliver, just when all hope is gone? It is difficult to see how any other empire can hold the Mandate for Palestine. Speaking to one of the Protestant missionaries who has been mightily used in the spreading of the Full Gospel in Palestine, she said, "If the British leave, every missionary will have to leave too." With these thoughts passing through my mind I felt constrained more than ever to pray for a revival in England. If the British Empire is destined to defend Jerusalem against the multitudes Ezekiel saw "riding upon horses" towards the Holy Land, then it behoves her to get back to God, back to the Bible and the principles of the great Reformation. Dependence upon the arm of flesh, the might of troops, and ingenuity in war will only prolong the agony of Armageddon. The Bible alone shows the way of revival and deliverance. It is the way of individual salvation; let every one repent, be baptised for the remission of sins, receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and put their trust in the God of the supernatural. He who regenerates the soul and performs the miracle of Pentecost can deliver miraculously in the days of Armageddon. Let every church cleanse and sanctify itself from all sacerdotalism, destroy its confessional boxes, cast out every idol, and render obedience to the commands of Christ, for the day is at hand.

This Generation Shall Not Pass Away Till

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Luke 21:32.

Although we must avoid fixing a

time limit for the return of Christ, yet we cannot help but ponder over this verse. Our Lord could not possibly mean the generation of His day for it certainly passed away in due time. He evidently spoke of a generation that would be on earth at His Second Coming. It was to that particular people He addressed the con-

soling message, "*When these things begin to come to pass then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*" What things? The end of the times of the Gentiles, the distress among nations with perplexity, and the return of the Jews to Palestine.

Are we living in that generation?

Pentecostal Prayer League

In Luke 18:1 we read, "*Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*" With these direct words, the Lord Jesus places the strongest emphasis on prayer. We are not told merely that we can pray, or that prayer is a desirable adjunct, but we are told it is imperative that we pray. In fact, we "*ought always to pray.*" One great and sufficient reason for so doing is, Christ commands that we do so. That we will be tempted to faint and most likely will faint if we do not pray may be inferred.

Our text forms the introduction to a parable in which Christ vividly portrays the plight of a poor widow who is cruelly beset by an adversary. She appears to have but one course open in seeking redress, a personal appeal to an unjust judge. Under circumstances that are clearly most discouraging this feeble and much harrassed woman carries her case to court and persistently makes her plea for punishment of the adversary. The fact that she will not admit defeat and ultimately carries her case through is a tribute to faith and opportunity.

The lesson is obvious, no matter how weak we may seem to be and how great the difficulties are, God will help and bless if we pray through. Satan, our adversary, may go about like a roaring lion seeking to devour us but God is still our deliverer. It has been well said, "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees."

Are we praying as we should? Do you place the emphasis on prayer that Jesus did when He said, "*Men ought always to pray and not to faint.*" Ask the veteran missionaries what they value most and the reply will be the prayers of God's true people. Repeat the question to the busy pastor, evangelist and all Christian workers who possess both vision and burden for God's work, and the reply is the same, "We covet your prayers." "*Prayer changes things*"

still. What a need there is for a great awakening among Christians and Christian workers to the essential and vital character of prayer.

Brother, do you really pray? Sister, do you really pray? Is there a time or times when you are to be found each day pleading with God definitely for perishing souls and the furtherance of Christ's work in the earth? You have burdens, are you taking them to the great Burden Bearer? If not, you are failing at a vital point in your life and service as a Christian and your life cannot be the blessing it might be if you were a praying Christian.

Why not stop, weigh this matter carefully now. The issues are plain; a prayerless life is a powerless life, while a truly prayerful life is an empowered life. Purpose now to pray more each day and you will find Christ more real, and that you have entered a sphere of larger fellowship and service.

With a view to encouraging among our Pentecostal people the practice of daily prayer, it was resolved at the recent Eastern District Council, held April 23rd to 26th inclusive, at Richmond Hill, N.Y., to foster a Pentecostal Prayer League and in connection with the same that four prayer conferences be held each year, one in the Eastern end of the District, one in the Northern end, one in the Western end and one at Maranatha Park. Further, that a column be conducted in the interests of this Prayer League in the "*Overcomer*" by the requested cooperation of the editor, and a pastor designated by the District Superintendent be appointed to foster the interests of the Pentecostal Prayer League. We are happy to say that the idea of a Pentecostal Prayer League had its inception following a prayer conference conducted at Scranton, Pa. by our District Superintendent J. Roswell Flower and that during the revival services held later by Sister

Flower it took form when a number of our people pledged themselves definitely before the Lord to pray at least 30 minutes each day. Among those who entered into this covenant were a number of our young people, which was much to our delight.

Arrangements are being made to issue an attractive little prayer covenant that will be mailed on receipt of postage to anyone, or more, willing to pledge themselves to give at least 30 minutes each day to the sacred ministry of prayer. With this prayer covenant there are given a number of helpful suggestions as to what to pray for. We would suggest that each pastor send postage for a copy of this covenant and if favorably impressed, form a local prayer league unit in their church. Copies of this Prayer League Covenant will be furnished at cost.

Has the Lord been encouraging your heart with some definite and remarkable answer to prayer, write us about it. Your testimony will help others. —Fred. D. Drake. "Pentecostal Prayer League," 825 Green Ridge St., Scranton, Pa.

A true Christian can disagree with other people's belief without being personally disagreeable (1 Pet. 3:8).

THE CLOSE OF THIS AGE

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march of events and especially the fulfillment of prophecy. In Palestine where I have spent much time, I have watched the return of the Jews coming in great numbers and the rapid development of the country by them. It was wonderful to behold. The curse which was plainly visible in those days of thorns and thistles has been rapidly removed. Owing to the agricultural improvements of the Jews, waving fields of grain, vegetables, fruits and flowers have taken their place. There is now a Jewish city, Tel-Aviv, which has a population of one hundred and twenty five thousand and it is only twenty-five years old. Did God not say that He would scatter the Jews throughout the world and gather them again to their own land? When? In the last days of this Age. The late war came to a close, when the land that was promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which is Canaan, was taken out of the hands of Turkey. This is from the River Nile in Egypt, to the River Euphrates in Mesopotamia, a distance of about 1000 miles. Pre-war Palestine was

never any more than 150 miles by 80, or from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River.

In 1904 it took our party ten days to go from Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee and back. Now the same journey is made in one day.

The numerous earthquakes world-wide, the unrest and signs in the heavens, etc., are unquestionably a proof of Jesus Christ's soon return. The following are a few signs out of many. The writer was leaving Beirut, Syria, one afternoon in an automobile with a friend. The sun was just going down and we saw in it the distinct formation of a cross, and the form of a man on the right side pointing to it. Again two months before the outbreak of the late war a friend and the writer were going into the city of Jerusalem about five o'clock one afternoon and we saw in the sky over the city the formation of a large sickle. This was indicative of the awful war soon to follow, with its wholesale slaughtering of lives. On the slopes of Mount Scopus, to the northeast of Jerusalem there is a cemetery in which five thousand of our young men, who fell in the war are buried. During the Welsh Revival of 1904 and 1905 many times a Cross and Holy lights were seen in the sky and other supernatural phenomena. A lady living in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, at the time of the war was going to her home one afternoon in an electric car. Suddenly the conductor cried, "Look! Look!" and stopped the car. A number of men and women were in it, and they at once turned and looked and there in the western sky they saw the distinct form of a man from the waist up. His arms were extended and a radiance shone about His head. He had as it were a beseeching look. All on the car were solemnized. Again, one hundred girls from a missionary home in Bombay, India, were holding a gospel service on the street one evening, when they beheld in the sky an immense semi-circle of letters of fire, "Jesus is coming soon." Another incident which happened in India. Two girls were praying one evening when there appeared and disappeared in the heavens the words, "The end, I come quickly." In Portland, Oregon, a poor woman, one day at work in her kitchen, suddenly saw handwriting appearing on the wall, "Jesus is coming soon, go and tell it." In Stavanger, Norway, there appeared a most remarkable vision in the Heavens, a large black cloud

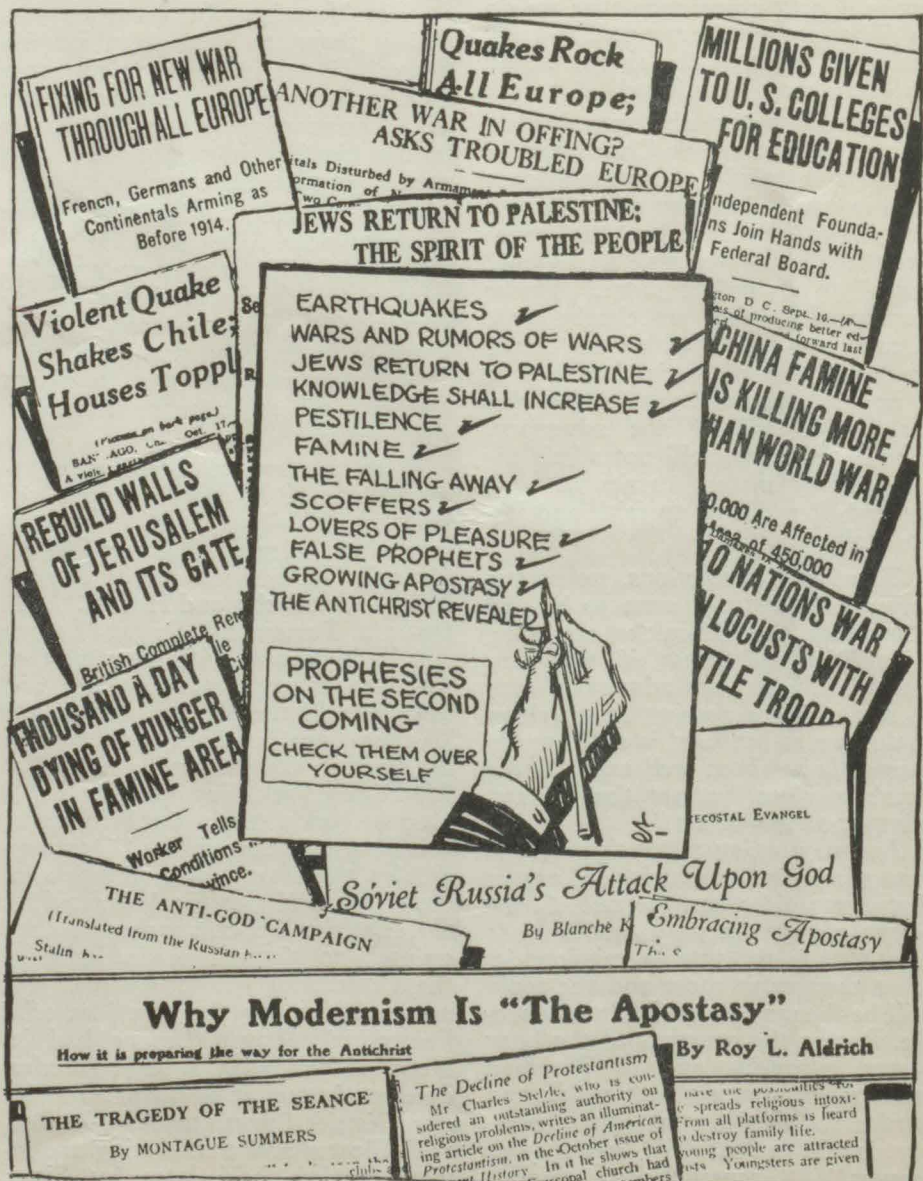
arose in the West, becoming very red, as though it were all fire and forming an arch out of which appeared great letters, "Be ye converted, for Jesus is coming soon." There then appeared an angel with large white wings at whose side arose a large Cross and below stood the word, "Amen."

The Word of God says that there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity. This is God's verdict as found in Luke 21:25. These signs are so numerous that we can only give but a few, owing to our limited space. According to the plain prophetic teaching of the Bible and the rapid fulfillment of prophecy it would appear that the most awful time of trouble that the world has ever witnessed is due to take place

soon. To this a great host of people agree.

The Pope said not long ago;—"Our only hope now is in God," and called upon the people of God world-wide to pray. Again a great politician said that we were drifting toward the rocks. Another said that these were days in which men's hearts were being tried.

Among the most solemn and significant words uttered by Jesus Christ before His Ascension are the following;—"Watch ye therefore and pray that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:36. Surely in the face of the many startling signs it is no time to trifle with God's mercy. Let us be wise therefore, seek His face and obey Him.



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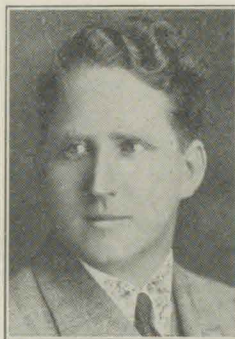
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ALFRED N. TROTTER

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East Providence, R. I.

Graduation exercises were held at Zion Tabernacle in East Providence, R. I. on May 30th. During the convention Rev. Harvey McAlister of Toronto, Canada was the evangelist. Rev. Allan A. Swift, pastor of the Assembly of God Church of Elizabeth, N. J. preached the Baccalaureate sermon. Elder George A. Phillips of Cambridge, Mass., and Evangelist Kathleen Fischer, of Old Orchard, Maine, Ma and Pa Sweeney of Maine and many other Christian workers participated during the convention.

Christine A. Gibson, president and manager of the Bible School, gave the story of her life as the graduating address on the final night of the convention.

This year the school had the largest enrollment of students since the beginning of the school. The school is operated on the faith plan with no charge for tuition or board.

There were twenty in the graduating class and are as follows:— Lillian E. Ayer, Somerville, Mass., Eva V. Clark, Houlton, Maine, Thelma E. Frazier, Savage, Maryland, Sylvia C. Gibbs, East Providence, R.I., Malva J. Gower, Washington, D.C., Earl E. Hart, Lyons, New York, Florence S. Hickling, Houlton, Maine, Edward B. Hill, Cambridge, Mass., Gertrude M. Hill, Cambridge, Mass., Martha V. Koskella, Townsend, Mass., Thelma McAteer, Newport, Kentucky, Gertrude E. McConaghy, St. John, N.B., Canada, Wilbur L. Nedeau, Caribou, Maine, Jasmine M. Palmer, Millinocket, Maine, Edith M. Parsons, Alliston, Mass., Eleanor W. Platts, Haverill, Mass., Dorothy J. Shepherd, Greenfield, Mass., Albert G. Spaeder, Elizabeth, N.J., Mary J. White, Cambridge, Mass., Richard B. Yunker, Union Beach, N.J.

Each graduating student said a few words of appreciation of the work of Mrs. Gibson and what she had meant to them in their training.

The following poem was written for the class of '35 by Henry G. Sinclair:—

THE ANSWERED CALL

*I hear the sound
Of eager footsteps passing through the hall,
As youthful hearts
Respond with gladness to the Master's call.*

*Untried they are,
Yet bravely do they face the stern array
Of alien hosts,
Hell's armies, who would seek their steps to stay.*

*I hear the din
Of conflict sore, but o'er the noise of strife,
I hear a shout,*

*As heaven's armies join the conflict rife.
The Master's voice
Cheers them while they storm the "Gates of Hell."*

*Some leave the field,
But others gird themselves, and serve Him well.*

*I hear a song.
The victory's won, each warrior takes his place;
As side by side
With hearts on fire, a sin-bound world they face.*

*No might have they,
But they have learned to wield the Spirit's sword.*

*God keeps their hearts
In His great love, and guides them with His Word.*

*I hear the tread
Of marching feet, as bravely out they go;
An "Answered Call"
Their motto now, because they've loved Him so.*

*The sound grows dim;
The little hands are lost to sight of view,
But yet I trust,
Who kept them here, will surely take them through.*

Brockton, Mass.

Fellowship meeting at the Full Gospel Church, 105 Pleasant Street, Brockton, Mass., June 10th at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. — Rev. H. H. Shelly, Pastor

WESTERN NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

To be held at the beautiful Evangelical Park, Ebenezer, N. Y. eight miles southeast from Buffalo, N.Y. From July 3rd to 14th. The speakers will be Evangelist Jack D. Saunders, Bible Teacher, Rev. J. Roswell Flower, assisted by ministers of the section.

For Further information write Rev. G. R. Bender, 688 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, N.Y.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

SPECIAL REVIVAL SERVICES

June 2nd to 16th 1935 or longer D. V. Services: Sunday at 3 P. M. and every night at 7:30 o'clock except Mondays.

Evangelist Joseph Flower, Trombonist, son of District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Will be held at the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, 11 Grove Street (Near Gate, Pine, Center, and Jefferson Streets, two blocks from Adriance Library) Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. Flower has a message for the spiritual needs of the hour!

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CAMP MEETING at CADMAN'S NECK June 16, 1935

Cadman's Neck is part way between New Bedford and Fall River, in the Town of Westport, Mass.

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Christine A. Gibson, from East Providence, R. I., Kathleen Fischer and other Spirit-filled workers will be present.

Spend the day with us. Bring Basket Lunch.

AMERICA BELOVED AWAKE!

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dark blotch upon her escutcheon and is bringing upon her the just punishment of a holy God. The three woes spoken of do not cover the beginnings of her unfaithfulness to the Lord, but are the most prominent today and call loudly for correction, if we are to keep our place of honor and power among nations.

First of all, we will mention the little cigarette that is so simple and harmless looking, but full of deadly poison—so seductive in its way into homes, and parents and children alike are using it. Its poison acts first of the brain and nerves, destroying and deadening all the finer faculties and high moral principles, and undermining health in growing children. The latter are poisoned even before they are born into the world. No need of giving details—doctors know its deadly work upon the youth.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9:17 *"For three transgressions..... I will not turn away the punishment thereof."* The next great national evil is drink. *"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him."* Hab. 2:15. For love of money and pleasure and because of greed and graft we have opened wide our gates to let rivers of rum and booze sweep over our fair land. It is an unmitigated evil. Not one word can be spoken in its favor. It adds one hundred percent to all crime. Burdens, suffering, shame, and death are in its wake.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34. In defiance of God's laws the Hollywood Screen School has been set up in city, village, and hamlet—caring nought for the good of the nation nor for the youth of the land. Because it teaches through the eye and ear, it becomes one of the most dangerous agencies to allure and destroy; it uses all the beauties of nature and art to charm and draw its victims. The marriage vows and social purity are treated with scorn and contempt. Dope, heroin, cigarettes, booze, and immorality are evils, which, when seen in the light of the screen, look so thrilling and charming. Such bravery and courage are shown until the young mind is filled with the same spirit and longs to do something similar. But its lovers say that there is much that is

lovely and even educational and we do not question this or else the world would not be running after it. But behind the loveliness they sit and sip the cup of deadly poison and flatter themselves that all is good. And so, when the youth graduate from these schools, where every kind of evil and crime and immorality are held before their eyes, is it any wonder they are criminals and harlots who are fit subjects for jails,

Beyond

By Jessie MacDonald

Beyond it's bright,
For not a shadow nor a thing that's dark exists
in that fair land
Where Jesus is the Light.
And He who is the Uncreated Light, God's
Lamp doth light that City
Where there is no night.

Beyond it's bright,
For every one in that fair Land is filled with
Light
That streams from Him, the Light.
And they reflect Him, shining there like precious
gems, His diadem,
As faith is lost in sight.

Beyond it's bright,
And nothing that would cloud that Light can
enter in that Land so fair.
The former things have passed away;
All pain and tears are gone; and sorrow's
darkest night
Is merged in perfect day.

Beyond it's bright,
For God is Light, and He dwells there with
Christ,
And those who fell asleep in Him are
there
Awake, and never more to sleep, with eyes un-
dimmed to gaze upon His face
and worship Him,
Up there where it is fair.

O God, Thou who art Light,
Make me like Thee. E'en here below in this dark
world may I be filled with Light.
Prepare me for that greater light above
That radiates from Thee, O Lord and fills that
City fair, and those whom Thou
hast saved,
Thou God of Light and Love.

prisons, and insane asylums, and the electric chair? It is so intrenched in politics, with the gold barons backing it up, that it seems useless to try and clean "The Augians' Stables."

"Yea, for four, He will not turn aside the punishment." The fourth evil is in extending the hand of friendship to a God-defying, God-denying, Christ-rejecting nation and in letting them flood us with this atheistic propaganda in our modern churches, colleges, schools, and homes as well as in our press and radio. All of this is in direct opposition to our foundation truth; "In

God we trust." They teach utter disregard of all government, law, and order. Nothing is sacred to them—not even life. Already we are beginning to reap what we have so freely sown—and the end is not yet. Can we as a nation and people afford to provoke God's fierce wrath and hot displeasure? The Almighty Himself is beginning to take a hand in the business and before He is through with us we will begin to think that these are the days spoken of by the prophet Zephaniah 1st chapter, verse 14, *"The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress a day of wateness and desolation a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring distress upon all men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath, but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy."*

"How shall we escape the damnation of hell?"—Matt. 23:33. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."—Isa. 55:7.

Let every American citizen awake! Lift up the standard that is being trampled under foot! Arouse yourself! Once again rally 'round the flag! Be loyal to God, loyal to the nation, and loyal to the flag. Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just, and this be our motto: "In God is our trust." And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Bethel Home News

Again we are thanking the Lord for His favor toward us and His blessings upon us.

We are glad to report that all are well or at least there is no serious sickness among us, but all the old people realize that they are no longer young.

One of the calamities which can happen to the old as well as the young is to find satisfaction and rest or appear to find them, without God. Smooth and pleasant roads do not usually lead to mountain tops, but often end in a precipice.

Most of our garden is planted and some of it growing, but the weather has been so cold growth has been very slow, and some will have to be replanted. Our chickens are growing nicely, but we lost several of them and our hens are not producing eggs as expected. We now have only about fifty as cost of feed will not permit us to keep more.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of some curtains from a good sister in Chicago, also some clothing from a sister in Boston.

We welcomed a number of visitors this month; some for the first time and some we had never met, some leaving subscription for *Word and Work*, some purchasing Bibles, books and tracts and some with a God bless the Home hand shake.

We feel as many others that we are nearing the end of this age, evidence of this is shown quite often. We are not endeavoring to build, lay by, or gather unnecessary supplies for time but eternity. Hoarding is useless and foolish now.

We were gladly surprised a few days ago by receiving a card and supply of curtains, a nice bed spread and other useful articles for the Home from Mrs. Della Bushaw Ricketts of Washington, D.C. We knew Mrs. Ricketts as Miss. Bushaw who was with us in our old Kentucky home during most of 1898 and 1899.

The more you give out the Gospel the more you will rejoice in the Gospel. Spiritual selfishness usually leads to fanaticism. No one enjoys a fanatic. Christianity should grow and spread. Living streams move. Are you moving? Stagnant pools endanger life. Do not be a pool even though you may be big. Be sure to visit Bethel Home while attending the camp-meeting during July and August. You are welcome.

Our good friend living in a near

by town is a frequent visitor who prays for us and answers her prayers by bringing with her a good supply of fish, lamb quarters or something we need. Your presence cheers us along the way and you are welcome without the loaves and fishes.

We still welcome your offerings to Bethel Home and with each dollar give us the name and address of a friend and we will send *Word and Work* free for one year. We were much encouraged a few days ago by receiving a communication from a young man in one of the C.C.C. camps, by reading one of our tracts he had accepted Jesus as his Saviour and asked for prayers. We are glad to send bundles of *Word and Work* or tracts to such camps for the asking, if you cannot pay possibly others will donate to our free literature fund for this purpose.

God has honored some men, the world has honored many, and many important questions have been asked. The greatest of all questions concerning the human family is contained in seven short words, "What must I do to be saved?" The answer is given in five short words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus."

Spread abroad this good news. Renew your subscription to *Word and Work*, subscribe for your friends, take a bundle for your church. Order books and tracts from us helping the Home as well as doing missionary work. We can do your printing.

Decoration day brought us a new calf and all are glad as our milk supply was coming from tin cans. We had a much needed rain May 31st and June 1st.

Remember we are doing our part to keep things going here and are asking our friends to stand with us that the Home may keep going.

Pray for us. —J. J. Corum.

AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

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forth in this land of ours. We are living in the days of speed and the false teachings of the Devil's disciples will sweep multitudes into destruction before they are aware of the fact.

That deceiving hand is reaching out into schools, libraries, playgrounds, lodges, luke-warm churches, homes, and every other place that is not covered by the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Are you under the blood? If not, God still invites you to get there and wait until the fury it poured out upon this sin-cursed world. (Zeph. 3:8). After that the real Dictator and Angel of Light, the Son of God, will take charge and rule and reign with His blood-washed saints for one thousand years. (Rev. 20:4; Zech. 14:5; Dan. 7:22)

Glorify to His Name forever!

QUESTION BOX

By Milton E. Fish

Question:—What does "damnation" signify in I Tim. 5:12?

Answer:—This is literally "condemnation." When this word is used with the word "eternal" or when it is intensified with a certain preposition "kata" the meaning is clearly eternal sentence to doom. The word "condemnation" may refer either to God's or man's judgment. The condemnation is declaration that these women have repudiated the inner faith-relation to Christ. This is indeed a deadly sin.

Question:—Explain I Tim. 5:23.

Literally "be no longer a water drinker" that is one who makes water his exclusive drink. Evidently Timothy was a total abstainer from wine. We are not told why he practiced abstinence. The counsel to use a "little wine" was given as medical advice. No inference can be drawn from this in favor of using wine for beverage purposes. Since now there are medicines known that render the use of wine unnecessary for any sort of sickness, we can not infer that today men should use alcoholic liquors for medicine.

Chelsea, Mass.

Brother Harvey McAlister has been with us for a three weeks Evangelistic Campaign and Divine Healing Mission. Our Brother's messages on Divine Healing and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost were greatly appreciated by all and were blessed of the Lord. At the close of each service our prayer room was filled with hungry seekers after God. Night after night a great shout of victory was heard in the camp as God graciously healed the sick in answer to the prayer of faith and filled those tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The campaign has come to a close but the blessing of the Lord still lingers with us in a marked way. At practically every service our altars are full of hungry people seeking God and the Latter Rain is falling. To God be the glory. —Alexander Lindsay, Pastor



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