Azusa's First Camp-Meeting

By The Editor

At the time of the marvelous outpouring of the Holy Spirit in 1906 and 1907, Rachel Harper Sizelove was living in Hermon, California. While she lay asleep one night she dreamed of seeing many little white tents pitched at the Arroyo Seco, at the foot of the hill there in Hermon. When she awoke, she pondered as to the meaning of the dream.

"Oh, Jesus!" she said. "Can it be possible You will let us have a camp-meeting right here near my own people, the Free Methodist Colony?"

They were the people with whom she had labored for twenty years and ministered as an evangelist, traveling and preaching all through Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Indiana. She was delighted to discover that it seemed to be the will of the Lord to have a camp-meeting there so that the Free Methodist people could receive the light on Pentecost and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit according to the Scripture.

She arose early and told her husband of the dream. Then she hastened down into Los Angeles to the Azusa Street Mission to tell the saints what the Lord had revealed to her about the camp-ground. Brother Seymour and the saints had been praying about a camp-meeting and had been looking for a place for the summer. The Azusa mission could not hold all the people, for they kept coming from all parts of the earth to see and hear of the wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit as on the day of Pentecost.

She arrived at the Azusa street mission early in the morning and went into the office. Some of the consecrated workers were already at work folding and mailing out the Azusa papers. Before the papers were sent out the saints would lay on their hands and pray over them and many were healed when they received the paper, so strong was the faith, as in the days of the apostles, when they prayed and laid hands on aprons and clothes and sent to the sick. The faithful saints worked here without receiving money for themselves.

Brother Rheuborn Clark was working in the office. He was a Civil War veteran, and received a pension and was able to devote his time to this work. He was such a pillar in the office to see about sending out the papers. He was never married. Brother Tommie Anderson, who is now a missionary in South America was also there. Sister Lum was also there.

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Signs and Wonders

By Frank Isensee, Modesto, California

"And He worketh signs and wonders in the heaven and in the earth" (Daniel 6:27).

In this present day of speed, the world does not pause very long to give thought to the various celestial and earthly phenomena which have taken place in the last few years, especially the past several months.

In Daniel 6:27 we see that great king, Darius acknowledge the mighty greatness of Daniel's God and the signs and wonders He worketh in heaven and the earth. The Bible and world history both quote innumerable instances of super-natural mysteries that have taken place in the earth and heavens. In Job 9:18 the Word tells us that God alone is the One Who spreadeth out the heavens and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. The Great Living God who commands the heavens and the earth, to Him it is a small matter to produce signs and wonders.

We know that God has a purpose for all things. Many are past finding out, according to Job 9:10, but to God's children. He reveals those things that are deemed necessary in order that through them a sinner may be warned of his wicked ways. Deuteronomy 29:29: "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."

A short time after the World War, I had a returned soldier work for me. He had been in some of the thickest fighting of the English trenches. Well educated and a good talker, he told of some very remarkable and mysterious signs that occurred on the battle fields. At that time I was not saved and had very little interest in the Bible. Naturally, there were thoughts in my mind that maybe a mental strain produced hallucination in the soldiers' minds during those battle engagements. Since those days, I have had the privilege of hearing practically the same stories from other (Continued on page 10)
Word and Work

Word and Work is now beginning its fifty ninth year. Its ministry has been blessed and much fruit has been brought forth. In spite of adverse winds that have blown, we have been enabled to hold fast and cannot but acknowledge that had it not been for the powerful leading of the Lord, this ministry could not have been carried on, and brought its blessing to many in all parts of the earth. It is only the Grace of God that has accomplished this and we cannot but praise Him for having been so very mindful of us.

Sunshine and shadow have mingled, in the year that has passed away; sunshine and shadow will mingle, in the year that I meet today. But hand in hand with the Master I fear not what it will bring.

If you do not wish for His Kingdom don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it, you must work for it.—Ruskin.

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go: my own wisdom and that of all around me seemed insufficient for the day.—Abraham Lincoln.

When we climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds of love to men.—Whittier.

He who loves best his fellow man is loving God the holiest way he can.—Alice Cary.

Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.—George Meredith.

Be thankful. The earth is full of the loving kindness of the Lord.—Psa. 33:5.

Once to every man and nation, comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side.—Lowell.

Beware of despairing about yourself: you are commanded to put your trust in God, not in yourself.—St. Augustine.

Remembrance is the sweetest flower of all this world perfuming, for love doth guard it, sun or shower, and friendship keeps it blooming.—Clifton Bingham.

Our todays make our tomorrows, and our present lives determine the grade on which we must enter any next life.—Minot J. Savage.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—Lowell.

Make your mortal dreams come true, with the work I fain would do: clothe with life the weak intent, let me be the thing I meant: let me find in Thy employ, peace that dearer is than joy.—Whittier.

To mourn a miscarriage that is past and gone, is the best way to bring fresh miscarriage on.—Shakespeare.

THE LAW OF USE

"I am almost afraid to use this beautiful table," said the owner. The cabinet-maker ran his hand over the smooth, polished surface, and felt of the thickness of the wood. "What are you afraid of?" he asked.

"You can not wear out that table. Why, do you know they would make fifty veneered tables out of the wood you've got in this one? But this— the more you use it the better for it, madam. The only flaw on it now is the worm-hole you say came there when you had it stored away in the attic."

"You are too bright and lovely to be wearing yourself out doing so much for other people," said one girl to another. "I can not be made of very good stuff to begin with then," was the girl's retort. "Trying to live happily with one's neighbors never wore anybody out yet, unless the person was of such thin veneer that she was afraid that some people would find her out."

There is one law for the solid people and for the solid woods, that is the law of well-sunned, well-aired, constant and cheery use. Only veneer is injured by the common practical, wholesome duties of every day life.—Forward.

It is easy when you have a seat to tell the other man how to stand up.

Set-backs are often the secret of success.

To find his place and fill it is success for a man.—Phillip Brooks.

Making up for lost time doesn’t restore it.
A another year gone! The New Year has opened and we tremblingly step forth upon its untried ways. Another year to live for Jesus! Another year to continue on in the blessed blood-sprinkled way that leads to glory! God make it the best year of our lives—not just another year added to the rest.

So much lies ahead for every one of us—new undertakings, opportunities, problems, victories. We are eager to be up and at these new enterprises. However a lesson of our childhood days comes to mind—that rule of finishing one task before we were allowed to begin a second one. Can't you hear mother saying, 'Yes dear, you can start THAT when you have finished THIS.' It applied for work and play alike, and saved us some complicated 'mix-ups' oftentimes.

For all of us a glance backward might be very helpful—just to see if we have really finished the tasks God gave us for the year past. How well do our moral and spiritual books balance, and will our final inventory bring joy to our loving Redeemer, who called us to be a co-worker with Him? Or will He look disappointedly at the uncompleted tasks, the unbalanced accounts?

Starting new things is generally far more interesting and enlivening than finishing the old. But is our Lord less practical in His working methods for us than were our wise mothers? I think not. His best workers, past and present, are "good finishers" as well as "good beginners."

In most of our factories we have employees known as "finishers." It is their job to put the final touches to the manufactured product before it is finally examined, labelled and shipped out to meet the particular demand. "Finishers"—a unique class of workers, and very important if there are to be finished productions!

Life in general can show many unfinished things. In music there is that beautiful unfinished symphony of Schubert. 'Tis true other great musicians have effected a very pleasing climax; but do we not always wonder how Schubert himself would have woven its final harmonies. He had the first symphonic dream, and no other creative genius could express his inner-flowing melody. This has been true of other musical creations. Sometimes a prize has been offered for a proper ending to an unfinished song, or poem, or book.

Take it in art, painting, sculpture, architecture—creative work of any kind. Only one had the vision, then the burden of its expression. Rarely does that creative vision come to another. Even if we see the endeavor seemingly concluded, there ever lurks the haunting lament, "If only the originator could have been the finisher!" Still an unfinished task!

Is there not a pathetic side to this—almost a tragic aspect? It all speaks so finally of life's vanity. Death comes to the man of vision and ability as well as to the unlettered one. Of course it is wonderful to serve and create to the very end, nevertheless a warning is here of life's fleeting span: or, to us who look for Him, of His immediate return. We must embrace all the opportunities of the only certain NOW.

The closing of the day, the week, the year—each bring the urge to complete the attempted labor for that particular period of time. Eager fingers oftentimes over hasten to finish a garment, a work of art, a task, a required responsibility within the allotted moments. Are men so wise for natural demands, yet sadly negligent in many vital spiritual issues? Make it personal—are we?

We pledge time, money, intercession for various undertakings under the spur of some great enthusiasm or moment of inspiration. We fulfill our pledge a while—then gradually our ardor wanes. A few more months finds some plodding missionary's needs unmet, some place of service untended, the trusting hour of prayer neglected, forgotten. In God's sight the task is still ours—but unfinished, perhaps for all eternity. Rather solemn to contemplate, is it not?

What is a faithful steward? One who keeps faith with his master of course. Can we leave any God-given task willfully, carelessly, indefinitely unfinished and not be classed as an unfaithful steward? The French were the most brilliant fighters in the World War, they tell us; but the British were the most persistent. Stopping only a short distance from the end means defeat, however the battle may have been going. We hear of the last mile, the last half-hour as contributive to every final triumph and reward. "Good finishers!" Paul was one, you know. He had a heavenly vision; then as he labored he bore testimony that he was not disobedient thereto. Finally he could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

It may take fresh courage, grace, and inspiration to pick up again the discarded duty, the unfinished task, the neglected burden. Jesus can help us, for He said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to FINISH His work." Once He had accomplished that end He sent from the cross that cry of victory, "It is finished." Such unspeakably vital issues are involved—souls, souls, in the balance on every hand. God help us to diligently search for our uncompleted tasks everywhere—and really finish them. Then with what bounding hearts we can undertake new things for God in the days to come. May we not say with Paul, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:24).
Leaders of Azusa Mission in 1907

Above are the little company who tarried before the Lord for cleansing and sanctification; and were the first, at the old Azusa Street Mission, Los Angeles, California, to be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire according to Acts 2:4—This began in April, 1906. Seated are Sister Evans, Brother Hiram W. Smith, Brother J. W. Seymour, Sister Lum. Standing, second are Brother Evans, Sister Moon, Brother Cook, Sister Crawford and at the end is Sister Prince. Inset Sister Sizelove. The little mission was carefully organized along scriptural lines. The twelve shown in the picture (not including the little girl) were the twelve selected to examine the candidates for license as missionaries and evangelists. The licenses were signed by the Pastor, J. W. Seymour and Elder Hiram W. Smith, who had formerly been a Methodist pastor. These twelve acted as the credential committee, and after a candidate had been approved, they laid on their hands and prayed as did the apostles of old.

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that morning, God surely had chosen her. She took down so many of the testimonies at Azusa in short hand, which were published in the Azusa paper. She had never married, and her life was given to the Lord. Sister Mayo and her sister, Mrs. Perkins were there. All were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Sizelove told them what the Lord had revealed to her and asked them where to find Brother and Sister Scott. While they were talking Brother Scott came into the office. Brother Scott had been a prosperous farmer in Canada, but the Lord had called him to Azusa and into the ministry. He had come with his wife and little daughter Catherine, then twelve years of age. The Lord mightily used the little girl. At one time she gave a message in tongues and a man who had come from Chicago to investigate Azusa understood the language. It was a message to him to come to the Lord. He knew the little girl did not understand the language. He surrendered to the Lord and was saved. Before that he had been an infidel.

That morning the people gathered around and prayed for the Lord to direct them where to have the first Pentecostal Camp-Meeting. Then Sister Sizelove, Sister Lum, Sister Mayo, Brother Scott and Brother Anderson got on the street car and later got off at 60th and Pasadena Avenue. They went down near the Los Angeles river where there was a large grove of sycamore trees, called the Arroyo Seco at the foot of the hill near the Free Methodist Colony. After wading around through the tall grass and weeds and locating a lovely spot where the camp-meeting was to be they went over to the home of Sister Williams which was close by. In her yard was a well where hung an old oaken bucket. They drew the cool water from the well and all drank for they were thirsty. Then they looked out over the camp-
ground to be and Mrs. Sizelove began to sing:—

"By Samaria's way-side well,
Once a blessed message fell,
On a woman's thirsty soul long ago."

Then they all sang the song in the Spirit until it seemed the old earth was losing its gravity and they would be translated right there. Surely the Spirit of God witnessed to the choice of the camp-ground, a place to which many thirsty souls would come and drink of the living water.

They went back to Azusa and told how the Spirit had witnessed to the spot where the first Pentecostal camp-meeting should be held. A camp-meeting committee was appointed and the meeting was to begin June 1st, 1907, and was to last three month’s or as long as the Lord willed. Brother Seymour had charge at the beginning.

At this time the Lord laid it on the heart of Mrs. Sizelove to carry the message of the latter rain out-pouring of the Holy Spirit back to Springfield, Missouri. She held a number of cottage meetings out of which later grew the great Pentecostal work at Springfield.

Then she hurried back to California. More than three hundred tents were pitched on the camp-ground. Surely her dream had been fulfilled.

After a glorious time for two months Brother Seymour was called to Chicago and the East. The camp was then placed in charge of different ones and when they were called to other fields of labor the committee met on September 1st and appointed Mrs. Sizelove in charge and it seemed the meetings could not come to a close even when the cold chilly nights of autumn began to creep on, because the people kept coming. It seemed that they came from every part of the world.

Many souls were born into the Kingdom of God. The Holy Ghost was poured out as a great flood tide. Joel’s prophecy of the latter rain out-pouring of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. As people received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues the first interpretation almost always was, “Jesus is coming soon!” Many were called to labor in the great whitened harvest fields of the earth, and the message has been carried to all countries of the earth. This movement has so often been called “God’s last call to mankind.”

**AN “INWARD WITNESS”**

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‘Let the peace which Christ gives settle all questionings in your hearts’ (Col. 3:15; Weymouth).

Guidance by an “inward witness” is probably one of the most common methods by which children of God profess to receive the direction of the Holy Spirit, and yet the phrase seems but clumsily to express what we really mean.

When we say that “we have a witness” to something, we mean that deep down in our hearts there is an approval or disapproval that constitutes the “inward witness.”

More than Conscience

At first glance this “witness” may seem to be little more than the functioning of a normal, healthy conscience. But conscience only operates in the moral sphere, to tell us whether a thing is right or wrong. An enlightened and unseared conscience will recognize that it would only be presumption to seek for special “guidance” on a moral question. Those who do so are playing with truth—at great danger to their souls.

The witness of the Holy Spirit with our spirits is based upon, and arises out of, the fact that we are children of God (Rom. 8:16). Conscience has to do with freedom from known sin—a negative thing; but the “witness” has to do with fellowship and relationship—a positive thing.

We may often need to seek guidance as children of God upon matters where no moral issue is raised and upon things where the question is quite open as far as any revealed will of our Father in heaven is concerned. Nevertheless we may be convinced that there is a plan of God which we can discover, and into which we greatly wish to be directed. Then we find that the guidance of the inward witness comes to us on the line of a strengthened sense of fellowship with God on the right line, and a weakened sense of fellowship with God on the wrong line.

A pure conscience will agree with every true witness of the spirit within, and will also act as a welcome check upon deception where a mistaken “witness” would lead us astray into a pathway of questionable conduct.

More than Whims and Feelings

There is undoubtedly great danger of people who are prone to fanaticism allowing themselves to become controlled by every passing whim and feeling under a belief that the Spirit is “leading” them in this manner. We often feel like voicing a protest against the cheap way in which people say with such assurance that “the Lord told them” such and such a thing.

On the other hand this inward guidance of the Holy Spirit which we describe as a “witness” ought to be a very real thing to all God’s Spirit-filled children. Perhaps, in view of His indwelling, it ought to be the most common form in which they might expect to hear His voice.

An initial urge from within should not, as a general rule, be acted upon too hastily. A suggestion provided by an “inward witness” should be prayerfully examined in the light of Scripture and of circumstances. Sometimes it can be made the subject of wise counsel. Special care should be taken if it conflicts with generally accepted rules of conduct, or with “common-sense.”

Generally speaking, a genuine inward witness from the Holy Spirit may be proved by the fact that it persists; whereas a mere whim or feeling of our own soon passes away if not speedily satisfied.

A sudden impulse by an inward witness from the Spirit may occasionally be given in an urgent matter. Perhaps the Spirit’s voice telling Philip to join the chariot was a case in point (Acts 8:39). But we believe that immediate guidance of this nature is normally given only to mature believers (like Philip) who, by continued walking with God, have formed habits calculated to perceive immediately the true from the false.

Specially Valuable as Conformation

The special value of guidance by an inward witness is often experienced on the line of CONFORMATION by a peace, or dis-peace, in the heart after a decision has been made, and a certain course of action determined.

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The beautiful words of Col. 3:15 are very helpful here. "Let the peace of God arbitrate, preside, or settle all questionings in your hearts." Such is the force of the word "rule" used in the A.V.

After we have prayerfully and carefully made a decision as to the will of God in any matter in our lives, there may still linger "questionings" in the heart, quite possibly provoked by the fears and criticisms of others. Our own natural struggles with unbelief may still linger "questionings" in the heart, quite possibly provoked by the fears and criticisms of others. The peace of soul which will be granted if we are really moving in the will of God should make us very carefully re-examine the course we had decided upon.

It should be noted that the "peace", that thus settles "all questionings" (as Weymouth beautifully puts it) is the true peace of unclouded personal fellowship with God. It is not the false peace of a doped conscience; neither is it the dishonest peace of a deliberate evasion of the consequences of applying the Scriptures. The peace of the inward witness is the enjoyment of full and unbroken communion between the child and the Father.

The sons of God are made to do the will of God as truly as the railway carriage is made to run along the metals. The measure of our personal fitting into God's perfect will can be likened to the smoothness of the running along the track. The express train may meet many violent storms, climb many steep gradients, and go through many dark tunnels on its way: but nothing disturbs the inherent smoothness of its running while it keeps to the rails. The jolting of getting off the lines would soon tell the driver that something was radically wrong. In our own lives it is not the meeting of outward storms, hard difficulties and dark testings that prove we are out of God's will. The very reverse may probably be true. It is the jolting of lost inward peace, and the ceaseless friction of not fitting in anywhere without, that should warn us that somewhere we are missing our Father's will.

"Barometer"

The inward witness of our own spirits can become very sensitive if cultivated by a close walk with God. People of certain temperaments, perhaps with a slight tilt toward the neurotic side, need to be very careful that they do not confuse every feeling and passing prejudice as a "witness" of the spirit. But healthy, sensible folk who are used to forming sound judgments about things in general can know a very precious witness within to truth and error that genuinely touches the supernatural at times, and provides a most helpful guide as to the will of God.

Of Its Own Accord
Acts 12:16

Of its own accord,
Do the iron gate,
Swing open by unseen force?
It's the hand of God.
It is not of fate,
And theaptive speeds on his course.
Of its own accord,
Has the pathway cleared,—
A miracle-move unknown?
Like the den of lions
When the king had feared,
But where Daniel had prayed alone.
Of its own accord,
A provident move,
The bars have been swept away;
And the prison house
As the Scriptures prove
Has been emptied without delay.
—J. A. Barneu.

There is an inward light and joy and gladness that can laugh and sing and enjoy a deep calm in the spirit in the midst of apparent failure and violent opposition, just so long as there is a deep inward witness in the heart that things are moving in the line of God's will.

On the other hand there is an un-easiness and sadness of soul and heaviness of spirit that no outward efforts at a superficial hilarity can dispel when the spirit KNOWS, by an unmistakable "witness" within that things, somewhere, are not right with God and not expressing His perfect will.

An extremely valuable Pentecostal sphere for this inward witness is on the line of judging or discerning manifestations of the Spirit, and utterances through spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14:29). The Anointing which we have received of Him teacheth all things (1 John 2:27), and can be relied upon in a true heart to give an unmistakable "witness," either for or against, a manifestation or a message.

Those baptized in the Holy Spirit know with what joy their spirits leap out in response to a genuine operation of the Spirit of God. And perhaps some of us know that deadness which rests upon our spirits when encountering a "manifestation" that is purely carnal. Still worse is that shrinking horror within if ever we meet the satanic.

Pure hearts are needed for this kind of guidance. Nothing makes it more absolutely unreliable than the existence of some personal prejudice.

Blessed are those children of God who are careful to walk in the light of unclouded fellowship with their Father in heaven, through the blood of His Son, and thus become so accustomed to the witness of the Holy Spirit within that their own spirits become a spiritual "barometer" to tell them continually whether the will of God is being fulfilled, or not.

"He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully."

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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least ye have done it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40).
The New Creation

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17).

This is the New Man which is begotten of God (Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10), a new personality growing up in us, which is the Seed of Christ. The Seed in which He prolongs His days on the earth, (Isa. 53:10). This New Man or New Creature (Gal. 6:15) is that which has been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the living Word of God. (I Pet. 1:23).

This New Man, therefore, is that which cannot sin because he is begotten of God (I John 3:9). The New Man or New Creature is being renewed into full knowledge, after the image of Him that created him. (Col. 3:10). For it is upon his face, and not upon that of the outward man, that the glory of God is shining. It is he that is reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, and so being changed into the same image, or as Moffat translates, "We all mirror the glory of the Lord with face unveiled, and so are being transformed into the same likeness as Himself, passing from one glory to another" (II Cor. 3:18) or from one degree of glory to another and a higher degree of glory.

So that the New Man is becoming more like God, every day, "shining more and more unto the Perfect Day." And if God is Love, then the New Man, begotten in His Image, and growing up in all things into Him, must also be Love. He is to be perfect in love, as his Heavenly Father is perfect (Matt. 5:48). Because God loves His enemies, the Christian must love his own enemies: pray for his persecutors; must bless them that curse him, and do good to them that hate him, for this proves him to be the true son of the Father, who is continually giving good gifts, on the natural plane, to those who hate him (Matt. 5:43-45).

For we have the same Christ in us who died for His enemies, who prayed even for those who were crucifying Him. If we let the New Man the Christ within hold full sway, He will do just the same in us, for we have Him in us who has overcome all things, all enemies, even the last enemy, which is death. "For herein is love made perfect with us—because as He is, even so are we in this world." This is why we are commanded to be "CLOTHED with the New Man" (Eph. 4:24). He is already within us, but we are to let Him permeate our whole being, so that we become clothed with Him. So that the Life of Christ which is hidden within us, shall be made manifest without: may "come out in our mortal flesh" (I Pet. 3:18).

THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS
By Jeanette Florance

This poem was written by a high school girl. It gives a glimpse of the godless atmosphere of many high schools.

The high school students are the ones
Who surely need your prayers.
O yes, they have their learning,
But you rarely find Christ there.
His Name? O yes, it's mentioned
By lips that blaspheme Him,
By tongues that yield to Satan,
By youths marred black with sin.

The boys and girls seem happy,
They laugh and talk and shout,
But dates and cards and dances
Are all they talk about.
And if you mention Christ there
And He died for men,
They look at you amazed and say,
"Fanatic! One of them!"

"I never would have thought it,
You seem quite happy, too,
But when I come to think of it
There isn't much you do:
You don't go to the movies,
And dance—never one.
I beg of you, please tell me
How do you have some fun?"

And then when you explain to them
The joy you have in Him
Because you know He lives in you
And saves from power of sin,
They laugh at you, and laugh, and say,
"Oh boy! You have it bad.
I'm glad it's not contagious, 'cause
I'd miss the fun I've had."

The high school students are the ones,
Who surely need your prayers.
Oh, yes, they have their learning
But you rarely find Christ there.
So let us give them one and all
The precious Book of Love,
That shows the folly of mere fun,
And tells of God above.

2:9) show to the world as Jesus did, what the character of God is. For this reason, we are to become "imitators of God as beloved children," to have the mind of Christ who possessing all the riches of the universe, yet "for our sakes became poor"; who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not, who having all authority in heaven and earth and power to annihilate, in a moment, the forces that come against Him, yet allowed Himself to be crucified through weakness.

The Christ who is in us, "the New Man," is the same who died on Calvary, who was dead and is alive for evermore. That is one reason why we can say that we are jointly crucified, buried, raised and ascended with Him, because the New Man in us, is identical with the Christ who has experienced this.

The outward man is still liable to temptation to sin and to sickness, and there is always a possibility of his fall into either, but the New Man is being renewed day by day—re-molded "into the Image of God, and as 'he cannot sin,'" so it is impossible that he should ever be sick, for we ourselves are like the Master Himself in this, that we have been "put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit." Ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God. The Christ in you, becomes your life. (Col. 3:3-4.)

It is by means of the Overcomer within, that we are to overcome all things. His strength, His energy, by means of which the Inward Man is being continually renewed, and re-moulded, to "come out" be manifested, and exhibited in our mortal flesh (II Cor. 4:11) so that every day we are overcoming death in the body, by means of the Indweller, who "daily leadeth us in the train of His triumphs," so that we are more than conquerors over sin, death and disease, for the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. And just as the law of sin formerly energized my members to bring forth fruit unto death, so now the Law of the Spirit of Life is working in my members to bring forth fruit unto God. It is with the New Man that God deals, the inner shrine of the New Man, which is the Holy of Holies, where the Light of God is always shining, like the Shekinah Light in the tabernacle and Temple of old. (Heb. 8:10.)

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Part of address recently given at Memphis, Tenn., by Dr. J. N. Hoover

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he dearest and most precious place to man in all the world is home, the place where we find food, shelter, and protection. Whether in the frosty region of the north, or in the sunny land of the south, man loves his home and will gladly face the most difficult problem, and bravely fight for his home. We live in a country where the government is "of the people, for the people, and by the people," and if it is not what we desire, it is within our power to make such alterations as may be necessary without dictation of a dictator.

The people who have come to this country and will not harmoniously adjust themselves to our system of government should not be permitted to remain among us. The one who finds food, shelter, and freedom in the home of a friend, and at the same time seeks to destroy the life of that friend, is not only a hypocrite, but a dangerous person, and should be immediately expelled from that home.

Such is the condition we find our country in today. A malicious enemy has come into our home, and in every conceivable way is seeking to destroy the Constitution of our country and bring us into subjection to a foreign power. One hundred and fifty-nine years ago our fathers brought forth a Declaration of Independence, setting aside the one-man power and the one-man government, and now we, their children, are called to the firing line beneath the folds of the Stars and Stripes to protect this political and religious liberty which God alone ordained.

A foreign enemy is worming its way not only into every part of our State and National government, but also into our educational system, and is even now propagating its doctrines under the high-floating banner of organized Christianity, an organization that would destroy our government, our Bible, our church, and our standard of living.

Bolsheviks or Communists, as they are more commonly called, are spreading their foreign doctrines systematically in every part of our country, and especially in the large manufacturing centers, educational institutions, and even in our Christian schools.

Communism perfected its organization in Russia, but it is generally believed it had its origin by Russian exiles, who, before the death of the Czars, were housed and protected by France. Special kindness to some often means destruction to many. "The first attempts to form the Third International date back to 1915, when, on the initiative of Lenin, a conference was held at Zimmerwald, in Switzerland. Eleven Socialist Parties were represented. At the conclusion of this conference a resolution was adopted recommending sabotage, the general strike, and armed risings, in the hope of provoking a general social revolution. This resolution was con-

Many of us feel it was unfortunate to recognize Russia. President Coolidge said: "I will not barter away the principles of the United States for trade." But the present administration did, and it was the beginning of a series of serious complications. It is impossible for a Christian nation to federate with an atheist nation harmoniously, for the propaganda of one will soon interfere with the laws of the other. There is no mutual ground for a peaceful cooperation between Christianity and atheism.

Powerful organizations sent to the White House urgent requests to not recognize the Soviet government of Russia, but they were cast aside and the Soviet government was recognized by the President. Mr. Bullitt, who had spent much time in Russia, was sent to Moscow as the American Ambassador. Such an appointment should never be made final where there is a serious objection, and especially without the consent of Congress.

At the close of the European war, "Mr. Bullitt," says "Time," "made a tentative recognition deal with Dictator Nikolai Lenin, and rushed proudly back to Paris where shocked President Wilson consigned their work to the wastebasket. Too rich to keep his mouth shut, Bill Bullitt exploded: "I'm going to the Riviera, lie in the sand and watch the world go to Hell!" There has just recently been presented to the committee in charge of such matters a "resolution to withdraw diplomatic recognition of Soviet Russia," but "the State Department objected." Surely the time has come for Americans to awaken. The recognition of Soviet Russia opened new avenues for the propaganda of Communists within America. The most powerful and outstanding publisher in America in an article recently said: "We recognized Russia." Now it is just as well to recognize what we recognized. Is it not about time for us to realize that peace, progress and happiness only thrive in the soil of liberty and free democracy?

"There is in Los Angeles a college for training Communist agitators. The courses include street riots, propaganda works in colleges, propaganda in the Army, Navy, and National Guard; and propaganda in government relief camps," says the Associated Press.
“The United States has been divided into twenty-six districts by the Communist party, with 187 sub-districts in over 500 cities. There are in the United States 600 national Communist organizations which have to do with every phase of our business, social, and religious life. The Communist maintain over 400 regular newspapers, magazines, and news bulletins. There are more than 300 schools in the United States maintained by the Communists, teaching revolutionary strike tactics, hatred of our government and institutions,” according to L. D. Owen in the Chicago Herald and Examiner.

Can we as loyal Americans view the wide spread propaganda directed from Moscow, against our system of government without protest? Shall we continue to permit Communist influence in our schools by teachers supported by the taxpayers? Can we view with indifference the division of government relief funds for the establishing of Communist doctrines? Have we failed to recognize the seriousness of the communists who are propagating their doctrine in our Army and Navy? Are we ‘doing our part’ in this ‘recovery experiment’ by permitting nationally known Communist agitators to foment labor strikes? Surely the time has come, regardless of party or creed, for every loyal American to rally beneath the Stars and Stripes, and defend the Constitution against this foreign foe, which is making its way into every department of our government, industrial organizations, and educational institutions. Chief Justice Stone of the Illinois Supreme Court, in a recent address said that American liberties are being endangered by ‘teachers and professors who are teaching the ideas of Soviet Russia and seeking to put into the school curriculum, textbooks containing such teaching.’

Such a warning should arouse the school boards throughout the nation to not only investigate, but to clean house. Communists advance the theory that if progress can be made in the United States, the world will soon be at their mercy. Stalin recently said: ‘Before the Soviet power can fulfill its function, it must be established throughout the world. The American Communist party must be improved and Bolshevized. For that end we must work in order to forge real revolutionary cadets, and a real revolutionary leadership of the proletariat, capable of leading the many millions of the American working class toward the revolutionary class struggles.’ Why should our administration permit Stalin to bring about and perpetuate a political party in our nation which party has for its goal the destruction of our government? It was the general understanding if America recognized Soviet Russia she would stop her propaganda within our territory, but this she did not and does not intend to do.

In a recent Bolshevik or Communist meeting in Moscow, Russia, one of their outstanding leaders said: “The elements of a revolutionary crisis are growing everywhere. Under the banner of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin, we will conquer the world.” The Wisconsin News gives us the following: “Moscow Films poison United States screens. The red movie octopus grabs control of 152 American theatres to widen spread of propaganda. The Moscow government controls all of these 152 American theatres through the AM-INO Corporation of 723 Seventh Ave., New York City.

A speaker at a Communist meeting in Chicago, according to a reliable publisher said: “We are proceeding in America just as we are in Europe and throughout the world. We Communists and Socialists will haul down the dirty American rag and fly our own red flag over the White House. We will infiltrate into the American Army and Navy and stamp the men with our cause. Don’t think we can’t do it. We will put into your legislature and into Congress and into the Senate those who will do our work for us.”

There are four things the Communists are seeking to establish: First, the overthrow of our government by force or violence; Second, the substitution of a Soviet form of government by abolishing elected representatives in both legislative and executive branches, which would bring our nation under a one-man rule or dictatorship; Third, the confiscation of private property for government use, and Fourth, restriction of the rights of religious freedom, freedom of the press and free speech. Do we want such a government here?

In the State legislature of Missouri, the House Committee on elections approved a bill which will bar from election ballots in Missouri any party which advocates the overthrow of local or national government by force or violence, or carries on a program of sedition or treason against existing government. It also provides that no newly organized political party shall be given a place on the ballot until its officers and representatives have made affidavits that the party does not advocate the overthrow of existing governments. This is a step in the right direction, and let us hope other States will assume a similar responsibility. Such a system must be put into action or the people will be brought into slavery before they are conscious of what has taken place. Shall we permit a foreign power to come into America, take over our government, and make slaves of our people? God help us to awake, and to remember the Constitution when we go to the polls to vote.

There is plenty of money and food in the nation for everyone, but peace and prosperity will never return until confidence is restored. The Master of masters gave us in His sermon on the mount, the principles by which all difficulties may be solved, but this doctrine will never be realized until graft and hate is taken out of the heart of man. It is not the unemployed that are crying against the government, but it is the trained Communist agitator with foreign ideas that is poisoning the mind of the innocent, fomenting strikes, and causing general dissatisfaction. Many of these agitators are not American citizens, and should be sent back to the country from which they came.

I am informed through reliable publications that seventy percent of the strikes in the United States during the past 12 months were fomented by Communists. This in fact is a part of their program. They are disturbing workers in all manufacturing centers throughout the nation. The struggle between Capital and labor is nothing new. It is as old as history. It is like an old volcano which periodically sends forth its fires of destruction. To destroy the property of a man or company, or to take advantage of a laboring class is a very poor system by which to obtain a peaceable agreement. The “American Federation of Labor is loyal to the government,” William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, said: “It would be too long a story to recall all of the struggles which our Unions have had with Communist invaders. The American Federation of Labor knows perfectly well, as does every one else who has given the subject even a casual study, that the Communist philosophy is completely revolution
Word and Work

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The average person in America is a peaceful citizen and does not know the seriousness of the present propaganda of this Communist movement. Their procedure is to join any organization in which to sow their doctrine and then wait for, or create, a grievance which can be fanned into an outbreak or strike at the least provocation. If this un-American aggression continues without government interference, it will not be long until it will grip our nation and take our property from us, run our business, close our churches, and banish our Bible. This is what the Communists have done in Russia, and this is their sworn purpose here.

Men of State and National influence, regardless of party or creed, are stepping to the front and are loyally defending the Constitution from the vicious and clever attacks of Communism. There is not enough room under the Stars and Stripes for Americanism and Communism.

Because of what they have done and are doing, the Bolsheviks or Communists have forced loyal American citizens to look upon them as God-denyers, law-defiers, and civilization-destroyers. They have no God but self; and no eternity but the present. The Communist government of Russia has put a ban on God, the Bible, and divine worship. Stalin, according to the London Morning Post, has signed a decree that 'By May 1st, 1937, there must not remain on the territory of the Union of Soviet Socialists Republics a single house of prayer to God.' This is Bolshevism or Communism. Do we want such government here? Thousands of Russians, according to reliable reports, have been taken from their homes, thrown into prison, sent into Siberia, shot down, or forced to starve to death, for no other cause than that they were not in sympathy with the Communist system of government, and refused to give up their Bibles, their faith in Jesus Christ, and the hope of a home in heaven.

You ask what do the Bolsheviks believe anyway? The London Times, quoting one of their outstanding leaders: 'We will grapple with the Lord in due season. We shall banish Him in His highest heaven forever.' What a threat! What blasphemy! What an impossibility! The God who made the heavens and the earth is still on His throne, and Justice somewhere, sometime will be done, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Yes, God is on His throne, and God will still be on His throne when all the atheists are dead and gone.

Let him who seeks to take from man the divine blessing of religious and political freedom know he is fighting against God, and that out of every martyr's grave comes a hundred churches, free schools, free speech, and a free press. Beneath the splendid arch of the Star Spangled banner, let us take our stand for God, home, and the Constitution of our glorious country. If from this standard we drift, our liberty will be turned into slavery, and our rejoicing into mourning.

SIGNS AND WONDERS
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One outstanding experience this British soldier told me, and verified by others was as follows: 'It was zero hour in the trenches and the command to go over the top. At that moment a vision appeared on no man's land.' It was a row of ancient English archers with their bows and arrows held in perfect battle formation, facing the German trenches. The vision lasted for several seconds and was interpreted by some Christian soldiers as God's defenders. Not a man was lost on that particular charge and the vision was the means of turning an unknown number to God,' according to this soldier's story.

No doubt the reader of this article has heard of different mysterious signs in the past few years. I can only attempt to cover a very small portion of experience and data that I have gathered from different sources. The following are so outstanding and coincide so closely with God's Word that it surely proves to one that we are living on the very brink of this present civilization.

Let us turn to Luke 21:11: 'And fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.' Also Luke 21:25: 'And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity: the sea and the waves roaring.'

Here we learn from the teachings of Jesus in the Temple just what is to happen on this earth prior to His second coming. Note carefully, 'great signs from heaven.'

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Signs and wonders and perplexity of nations are growing in intensity. We cannot dodge that fact. It is the plain truth from God's Word.

We should take heed to the warnings and, according to Deut. 29:29: "that we may do all the words of this law."

VELLAPPANARY, KYATOR SOUTH INDIA

Greetings once again in the mighty Name of our Lord Jesus, May God of all grace through His Divine power sustain and uphold in these terrible times of trials and tests. God is simply marking the time but He won't allow the diabolical adventures of the devil to overthrow His work. When the time is ripe for our Commander in Chief to sound the trumpet to march forth into the fray, Satan shall vanish like the dew drop on the grass when the bright light of the beautiful sun begins to play upon it and we shall sing gloriously the victor's song. Everything in this world becomes old and worn out but the Word of God never becomes old or loses its power. If it is said that "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass" then how can it be possible for the words of Life, power and salvation to be become old? As once they went away without speaking a word.

At first when I entered into His ministry I had to endure difficulties of unspeakable sufferings and my sorrows were unmeasurable. But now, Dear Brethren, I am very, very happy and rejoice in the Lord for all the difficulties, disasters and disappointments in behalf of His sweet service. Because I know I am suffering, mocked and laughed at for the sake of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our Lord alone knows my sufferings, sorrows, my tears and groanings in behalf of the Lord's work in this Dark South India.

Who are willing to suffer, if need be, who are willing to pour out their lives for Christ and for His Gospel's sake in this besieged land. Oh! How I will be glad and happy on that day to tell Him that I was mocked and seceded at for the sake of His Gospel. Dear saints what are you going to tell Him on that day of judgment before the white throne of grace. Make use of the time for that day is fast advancing.

May God abundantly and richly bless and keep you in all things for His will and work.


HONG KONG, CHINA

Rev. A. H. Argue sent me some copies of your excellent paper and you may be sure we enjoyed it much.

We are trying to look after an English work here in the colony and five stations in inland China. This involves much traveling and expense, but it is worth it for souls are getting through to God and we lately have had some real trophies of grace. Thirty-one have been added to the Church at Sz Wui this year and they are doing quite a bit in supporting their own work, yet they cannot do so fully. In June we baptized seventeen in a lumber town away among the mountains. One. man has to wade up to the waist in water to get there. Now they are renting a building for a chapel but were unable to give for the fittings, seats, etc. So their young preacher came down and made an appeal to the mother church at Sz Wui and they gave of their poverty twenty seven dollars which was enough to make a stand to follow the Lord.

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Praying God's blessing on your work and asking an interest in your prayers I am, Yours for Christ in China. - F. Rutherford Spence.

PESTZENTLORING, BOKAI ARPAD-UTCA, HUNGARY

Since we wrote you last, God did great works in the Stevard, not only taking us closer to Him self, but also the members in our assembly. Two testified that before they knew us only by hearsay, they hated us, and every one of us in our assembly, but the Lord through His wisdom put more hunger in their hearts, and they were dissatisfied with their former Christian experience. Lately some of them took courage and came to our meeting. They were surprised that we don't hate them, but were praying for them. The dear Lord was so good to us, and helped us to hold our peace.

A few months ago a poor woman came to our assembly, and brought her crippled husband in a wheel chair to be prayed for, which we did. In the name of the Lord Jesus. We didn't hear much from them for a while, but on the opening of our new place, to our surprise, he came in on his feet. It was wonderful what the Lord did.

We had a blessed service that evening, the Lord was very near to us. Some preachers, and believers were with us from different assemblies. The new hall holds about 200 seats. Please pray much for these souls, that they may hold on even unto the end.

October 27th at evening, we had a wedding. There were more than 300 people. About 35 people raised their hands for salvation, and took a stand to follow the Lord.

The longer we stay in Hungary, the more we are convinced that this is our field of labor, as long as the Lord will permit us to stay.

The devil tried very hard to hinder, but praise God for the victory.

Thank you all for the devotedness of your prayerful faith. You surely shall have your reward at the resurrection of the just. It is not always mountain top experience with us, but we know that without God's knowledge nothing shall happen. We are praying for you all, and may God help you and us also to use one another's prayers in the corner where the Lord puts us. Thank God that He is hearing His own little ones' prayer.

May the heaven's best est upon you all that are praying for us and the work in Hungary.

-Bro. & Sis. D. F. Rorob.


My Dear Fellow Pastors:

We are very happy to be able to earnestly invite you and your flock to come and enjoy with us a two weeks nightly demonstration of the most profound mysteries of Divine Truth, by means of an electrical spectacular apparatus called "A Little Starry Universe in Operation" that has recently been shown across the continent with great success, by the nationally known Evangelist, A. N. Kelly of New York City.

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Dispensational Truth
1. A study of the dispensations or ages reveals very clearly the fact that the workings of God are systematic and that there has been an unmistakable order in the history of the world. As a yardstick is divided into feet and inches, so time is divided into "Ages," each of which has a definite beginning and ending.
2. It establishes the unfailing certainty of the law of retribution—the law of sin and judgment. We have entered into a time of great laxity of opinion along this line, and on every hand one hears it asserted that God is too benevolent and merciful to precipitate judgment upon human beings: this may be comforting news to self-loving sinners, but it is diametrically opposite to the teachings of Scripture.
3. Dispensational truth shows God's desire to take mankind into partnership and cooperation with Himself. He does not work alone. He uses human instruments to further His excellent schemes. He has a part for each of us to play, and promises us a share in the rewards which He will dispense.
4. Also, it furnishes proof that God is not detached from the affairs of this world. Some seem to have the idea that God made the world, "wound it up like a clock, and then ran off and left it to take care of itself." That this is not the case will shortly be demonstrated beyond all doubt to every man and woman alive on the earth.

The Dispensations
Each age has certain ear-marks by which it is identified. Each, except the third has a representative man. Each has a predominant characteristic, from which it gets its name. Each begins with grace and ends in judgment. In each, man proves himself to be a dismal failure, when out of conformity to the revealed will of God. Also there is to be found an apostasy—a down-grade movement in each age.

Innocence
This age is called the dispensation of innocence, because that was the outstanding characteristic. Adam was, of course, the representative man. God gave just one command to Adam and Eve: that was abstinence from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had selected the most beautiful spot on earth—

the garden of Eden—for Adam and Eve and had surrounded them with all that would tend to make them happy. This happiness was not of long duration, however, for Satan presently entered the Garden of Eden, hiding himself beneath the skin of a serpent. Eve yielded to his subtle argument, partook of the forbidden fruit, called her husband and gave him some of it. "And the eyes of them both were opened." Innocence took flight and fear of the consequences of their misconduct began to fill their hearts, causing them to hide themselves among the trees. Presently the Lord enters the Garden, discovers their sin, pronounces His curse, and, as punishment for their disobedience, expels them from Eden. The age ends with Gen. 3:24. "So He drove out the man."

Conscience
The second age opens with man in possession of a knowledge of good and evil: that is conscience. God expects man to, "Eschew evil and do good." Man multiplied upon the earth, and there was a semblance of what the modernist would call progress. Cities were built, musicians sprang forth exhibiting their skill upon the instruments of their own invention; also there were articles of brass and iron produced by clever artificers and a general increase of knowledge was to be noted. But God looking down upon His creation saw more than invention and music and art. He "saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

God now chooses Noah as the representative man of the age. Noah builds an ark under divine instruction, and warns the people that a flood is coming and that their only hope of safety is in entering the ark. However, Noah's converts are mostly among the members of the animal kingdom. After one hundred and twenty years of grace, God tells Noah to enter the ark, which he does, together with seven of his immediate relatives and with the specified number of beasts and birds. The flood comes and all who are outside the ark perish. Thus the second age closes in judgment on sin as did the first.

Human Government
After the waters of the flood subsided the ark rested on Mt. Ararat. Noah and his wife and his sons with their wives stepped out of the ark on to dry ground and must have felt a bit lonely as they realized that they were the only people alive in the whole world. This brings us into the third age, that of human government. The race multiplied and increased and again there was moral decline, and failure. Sin reached its zenith down on the plains of Shinar where the Tower of Babel was erected. There the thought seemed to be to dethrone God and deify man. But God, whose eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, beheld their mischievous scheme and pronounced His judgment upon the rebels. The description of this judgment is given in Gen. 11:9. "The Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth." So ended the third dispensation.

Promise
Now Jehovah looks for another man through whom He may display His power. Abraham is chosen and great and precious promises are made to him by the Lord. Hence the fourth age is called "Promise." Gen. 12:2, 3 says, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Here we have the origin of the great Israelitish race. The promises made to Abraham were confirmed to Isaac and Jacob. They included a "Land," and a twofold posterity—natural, and spiritual. Abraham was to have a seed as numerous as the stars of heaven (Gen. 15:5): that was the spiritual seed—Christ and His Church. Also his seed was to be as the dust of the earth (Gen. 13:16): that indicated the natural posterity.

Some of the promises made to Abraham and his descendants were conditional. God required faithfulness and obedience but there was such gross failure on the part of the Israelites, that judgment overtook them, and we find the groaning under Egyptian bondage.

Law
Again Jehovah seeks a partner and Moses is selected. He is to be Israel's deliverer. He is reluctant, and fearful,
however, and would have been pleased to escape the task set before him; but God encourages him, saying, "Certainly I will be with thee." Eventually, Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt, through the miraculously opened Red Sea. Now Jehovah proposes the covenant of the Law, from which the age derives its name; but, instead of asking for a continuation of grace, they accepted the covenant, saying (Ex. 19:8), "All that the Lord hath spoken will we do." But they did not "do"; they trampled every commandment into the dust beneath their feet; and, as a result of their sin and backsliding, God allowed them to be overcome by their enemies, taken captive by the king of Babylon, and dispersed to the four corners of the earth.

Grace

Here the sixth age begins, which age extends to the present time, and is known as the age of "Grace," and certainly no other term could be more descriptive of this dispensation. In due time Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, coming as the fulfillment of a line of prophecy. He was rejected and crucified; arose the third day, giving "many infallible proofs" of His literal resurrection. Forty days later He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He still remains, to make intercession for His people. He is the Prophet-Priest, and as such, is the representative man of the age.

This age of grace, like the others, is to end in judgment. This period of judgment is called in the Word of God, "The Day of the Lord," and is spoken of in Daniel 12:1 as a "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation," and in Matthew 24:21 as "great tribulation, such as was not from the beginning of the world." This "age-end" has come to be called by Bible students "The Great Tribulation," and is considered as having a duration of about seven years. On the chart it is called Daniel's 70th Week. In Daniel 9:24 it says, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (the Jews) ...." That is, seventy sevens of years, or 490 years. Daniel informs us that "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto Messiah," would be sixty-nine "weeks," that is 483 years, which was the actual length of time from the commission to Nehemiah by Artaxerxes, King of Persia (Neh. 2), to the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Between the presentation of Christ and the final "week" of the seventy, there is a parenthesis, which will end with the confirmation of a covenant by the Anti-Christ with the Jews (Dan. 9:27) which covenant will be made for "one week," or seven years; hence the theory that the tribulation will be of seven year's duration. At its beginning Christ comes for His faithful followers. See I Thess. 4:16, 17. At the end of the tribulation, Christ comes again to establish His kingdom on earth. This coming is called His "Revelation." The "revelation" of Christ closes the sixth age. He then begins His reign as "The King of kings, "

Millennium

This brings us to the seventh and last dispensation, called the Millennium because of its duration of a thousand years. See Rev. 20:4. The Scriptures speak of it as a time of great peace and prosperity; a time when the curse, to some extent at least, will be lifted from the earth. Wild animals become tame, losing their carnivorous nature so that they shall "eat straw like the bullock." The fecundity of the earth will be greatly increased, and "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree." Christ, the King, is the representative man. One might well expect that this age would have no judgment ending. But such is not the case. We are told that at the end of the thousand years Satan gathers from the earth an army like the sand of the sea for multitude, and they actually array themselves against the Son of God, and come up against Jerusalem at the battle of Gog and Magog. Fire comes down from God out of Heaven and devours this rebel host; and the millennium comes to a close.

The great white throne judgment opens in heaven, where the wicked dead, having come forth from their graves, are judged and then cast into the Lake of Fire, there to remain for ever. See Rev. 20:11-15. The New Jerusalem, which is probably the abode of the saints during the Millennium as shown on the chart, continues as such. Evidently, however, it does not come down "out of heaven" until after the appearance of the New Heaven and New Earth, which usher in the eternally perfect state.

Satan

At the middle of the Tribulation, Satan comes down to earth, having great wrath. He continues on the earth until the battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation, when he is cast into the bottomless pit, where he is confined under chains during the millennial period of a thousand years. At the end of this period he is loosed for a little season, during which he gathers the nations together to battle against the Lord at what has been called the battle of Gog and Magog, from Rev. 20:8. This battle is not in progress long until fire comes down from heaven consuming every human participant; and Satan is cast alive into the Lake of Fire.

The Times of the Gentiles

Jesus says, in Luke 21:24, that Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. This seems to indicate a definite period of time, a time of Gentile dominion which we believe began about the year 589 B.C., when Nebuchadnezzar took Jerusalem. See II Kings 25:1-17. The word "times" as used by Jesus in the above quotation is thought to mean "years," in which sense it is used in Rev. 12:14, where it mentions a time, times, and half a time. Rev. 12:6 shows that this expression means three years and a half, so that a "time" means a year. In Lev. 26, over and over the Lord says He will punish the children of Israel "seven times." This evidently refers to the "times" of the Gentiles. Now it appears that the "year for a day" principle is here involved as in Num. 14:34. The length of the prophetic year is 360 days; therefore if we multiply 360 by 7, we get 2520 years as the length of the times of the Gentiles, which times are to end with the battle of Armageddon. So then, the establishment of the "Throne of David" is near at hand.

Without doubt 1917 was a prophetic year. We all remember the taking of Jerusalem by General Allenby, without shot or bloodshed, on October 31st of that year. That marked the beginning of the liberation of Palestine.

Also, it is interesting to know that 1917 was the 1335th year of the Turkish calendar, and strangely enough, the Turks discarded their lunar calendar that year, and have been using ours ever since. In Dan. 12:1 we read, "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days (years) ...." This is an example of the precision of prophecy. It is indeed a "sure word."

In the spring of 1922, Jews from all over the world made a sacred pilgrimage to Jerusalem, to celebrate
their Passover. This was the first celebration of its kind in nearly two thousand years. Many of those who made the journey became permanent residents of the Holy Land. Recently a college has been instituted in Jerusalem, where young men of Levitical ancestry are now being taught how to offer the Jewish sacrifices according to the original pattern, and to conduct the Temple worship. The “Fig tree” is budding; “Summer is nigh.”

Paradise and Hades
Paradise represents the abode of the righteous dead previous to the resurrection of Christ, at which time it is thought to have been transferred to the presence of God. Christ promised the dying thief an entrance into Paradise, which was evidently not in the presence of God, for after the resurrection He said to Mary, “Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father.” But Paul speaks of being caught up into Paradise. So there must have been a transfer.

Hades is simply the Greek word for Hell, and represents the abode of the wicked dead. The rich man of Luke 16, died and in “Hades” he awoke, being in torment. Jesus announces Himself in Rev. 1:18, as having the keys of “Hades,” and in Rev. 20:14, we are informed that the souls in “Hades” whose names are not found in the book of life will be cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennium. We believe the Scriptures teach that since the resurrection of Christ, every redeemed person, who dies, goes straight into the presence of the Lord. See II Cor. 5:8.

Bethel Home News
By J. J. Corum

New Year greetings in Jesus name.
Again we are praising God for good health for all in the Home. We have had some real cold weather but not much snow. Our coal pile seems to be of the disappearing type. Our furnace is not a white elephant as we do not feed it except in cold weather but it takes $7.50 to purchase one ton of coal.

Mrs. John Wilson of Wilson Brothers’ Jewelery Company of Boston, Mass., made us a present of four tons of coal several days before Christmas but she was so quiet about it we did not discover she was the one who sent it until the coal was almost gone. Praise the Lord and thank you again sister Wilson.

We wish it were possible for us to meet with you in person and tell you how much we need you in these trying days to hold on to God for us and the work here. We need to hold together in prayer for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit with the power and demonstration of Almighty God before the bursting upon this old world of the dark cloud now hanging over our heads.

We received a donation of $20.00 from a good friend in Wisconsin without the name of the donor. This donation reminds me of something I learned when very young in years, also the service of the King, when I felt the call and urge to go as a missionary to Africa. “If you are not willing to send another you are unfit to go yourself.”

Quoting the old folks in the Home, “This is the best Christmas we have ever had in the Home” and some said the best of all their life. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner with turkey and all that goes with it, made possible by the same good friend who furnished most of our Thanksgiving dinner.

Some of our friends were a little late in sending their orders for books, tracts, etc., wanted for Christmas. All orders filled as promptly as possible but some orders not received until the day before Christmas.

To our Canadian and other friends outside of United States territory. Many of you seem to overlook our subscription rate of $1.25 outside U. S. territory. We are compelled to pay full rate postage outside of U. S. territory.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a good supply of Christmas candy from good friends of New York.

Quite a number of donations for $1.00 to $5.00 received for coal, aggregating to about half enough to purchase necessary coal. Thank you. Our day is saturated with seven deadly sins; politics without principle; wealth without work; pleasure without conscience; knowledge without character; industry without morality; science without humanity and worship without sacrifice. Preachers, ministers, missionaries or personal workers who are ready to sacrifice will find results of their work. The world is ready and will respond to such and no other.

Please remember the next few months will be trying ones, as most of the winter is yet to come.

One of the old ladies received a very nice box of Florida fruits from her nephew in Sarasota, Florida, and she as usual shared it with others.

We are very anxious at this time about getting more subscribers for Word and Work that we may reach more people and be better able to carry on the work here. We appreciate the friends who so generously sent in so many subscriptions the last month. Many subscriptions expire the last of the year and we need your renewal at once. Your friends will enjoy your subscribing for them. Why not give them a blessing that will last them twelve months. This will help them, you and us.

The man who does not try to help others will soon find that his own soul is shrinking.

Brother Alfred Wight, pastor of Wellesley Park, Natick, Mass., with members of his Sunday school were with us Christmas Eve and rendered a very nice program which all enjoyed. We appreciate having our ministers and friends visit us. The door is always open to you. We are usually very busy but always ready to welcome you. If you cannot visit us your letters of encouragement will help us bear the burden a while longer. Many people can tell us of our mistakes and errors but we do not find many who can tell us the way out and help us out by lending a helping hand.

There are two main reasons why some people can’t mind their own business, the first is that they haven’t any business and the second is that they haven’t any mind.

Looking back over the year 1935 we have many things for which to praise the Lord and urge us on to better service. The two deaths in the Home came very unexpected, one without any sickness and the other only a few days. Very few in the Home have been absent from any meals caused from sickness. Truly this is cause for much praise to God. We have been supplied with enough
for the year. We could have used much more but at the beginning of the year our prayer was that our needs be supplied, the Lord heard and answered. We have not purchased anything on credit or borrowed for our use from anyone. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The death of Mrs. Slocum, our oldest inmate incurred a funeral debt and we have been very fortunate in getting the funeral director to accept printing for all except $100.00 which is now due and payable in cash. Mrs. Slocum had sufficient funds with which to pay funeral expense and thought this would be done and so did we, but her guardian who was appointed against her wishes and instruction refused to pay this bill thereby compelling the Home to meet this unexpected expense and lose all that Mrs. Slocum fully intended and expected the funeral director to accept printing for all in the Home for which they will please accept the thanks and appreciation of the entire Home.

Let us gird up our loins for service, and see to it that our lamps are trimmed and burning, so that if the Bridgemon should unexpectedly come in 1936 to claim His kingdom, we may be found watching and waiting to welcome Him. God bless you. Pray for us.

ETERNAL LIFE MAY BE LOST

By W. B. McCafferty

One has ask: “If the life received in conversion is ‘eternal life,’ how is it then said that one may backslide from the grace of God and lose that which in its very nature is eternal? If I have ‘eternal life’ it can mean nothing less than that I shall never die.” The answer is, that none of us possess “eternal life” in the abstract — apart from Christ. Eternal life is in Christ; and it is only when we possess Christ that we have “eternal life.” When we turn away from Christ, we turn from “eternal life.” When we return to Christ we return to “eternal life.” Christ is eternal, therefore the life of Christ is “eternal life.” “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (I John 5:12). See also verse 13). Eternal life does not cease to be eternal, but we may cease to “hold it.” I may give someone a gold ring. The ring was gold before the one to whom I gave it came into possession of it. It is gold while he possesses it. It will still be gold, even though he may cast it away from him. So it is with “eternal life,” or “eternal salvation.” It does not cease to be eternal. It is ever eternal, even though one cast it away; but as the gold ring cannot afford profit nor pleasure to one who has cast it away, neither can “eternal life” be of any benefit to one who has cast it aside. It is possible to “cast off the first faith,” (I Tim. 5:12), and thereby lose eternal life. — From “Notes on Hebrews.”

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT NEWS

The New England District Council convened November 5th and 6th, in the United Pentecostal Church, Bridgeport, Conn. Brother H. T. Carpenter was elected as the District Superintendent and Brother H. L. Ettinger, who so faithfully served as District Treasurer, was re-elected, and Brother H. H. Shelley for Secretary. Brother E. E. Voland was elected President for the State of Connecticut, Brother W. J. Mitchell for Massachusetts, and Brother John Reed for Vermont.

It was decided to organize a Christ Ambassadors in the District. Brothers W. E. Babcock and Anthony Vigna were elected Sectional Presidents. Brother Vigna is in charge of the Eastern end of the District and Brother Babcock the Western end of the District.

After much prayer and consideration on the part of many of the Brethren, the need was felt of a closer co-operation and fellowship among God’s ministers and saints of New England. This resulted in a precious Fellowship supper, at the Bridgeport Church.

Sister Christine Gibson of East Providence and Brother George Phillips of Cambridge, and Evangelist Harvey McAlister of Canada were the speakers.

December 3rd, at 2:30 and 7:30 a great Fellowship meeting was held in the South Dennis Church. Sister Jessie Bright and a faithful band of saints built a new chapel which was dedicated to the Lord’s service. It is a beautiful and commodious church. The Lord has blessed among the young people and a real revival is on among them. Sister Bright was ordained to the Full Gospel ministry in her new church.

Brother Wight brought the message.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

A New England Fellowship Meeting is to be held at East Providence, January 20th, at Faith Home.

Brother Lindsay announces a Washington’s Birthday Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 22nd, at 3:00 and 7:30 P. M. Lunch will be served at 6:00 P. M. All the brethren are kindly urged to be present with our Brother Lindsay and his people.

We are happy to announce the arrival of two new comers in our District. Brother and Sister Frank Stalter have been blessed with a son; also Brother and Sister Wilson E. Babcock with a son, Gordon W. Babcock. — H. H. Shelley, Secretary, Brockton, Mass.

SCRIPTURE CALENDARS

Sister A. E. Brown of Jerusalem, Palestine, has published her “Search the Scripture Calendars” for 1936. Bible Readings are arranged by subjects and there is a verse for each day. All free will offerings received for these calendars will be sent Miss Brown for her work. They will be sent to anyone for as small a donation as 10c.

— Milton E. Fish, 340 West 55th St., New York, N. Y.
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Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1936 and continuing indefinitely. Evangelist and Mrs. Gideon De Merchant of Oklahoma will be with us. Sundays at 3 and 7 P. M., Week days (except Monday) at 7:45 P. M. Sister De Merchant is a former student of Southwestern Bible School, Enid, Oklahoma.

There will be stirring messages and lively music. Come and receive new inspiration, new hope, new joy, new blessing. A cordial invitation is extended to all.—**Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Babcock, Pastors.**

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**Mrs. G. O. De Merchant**

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