

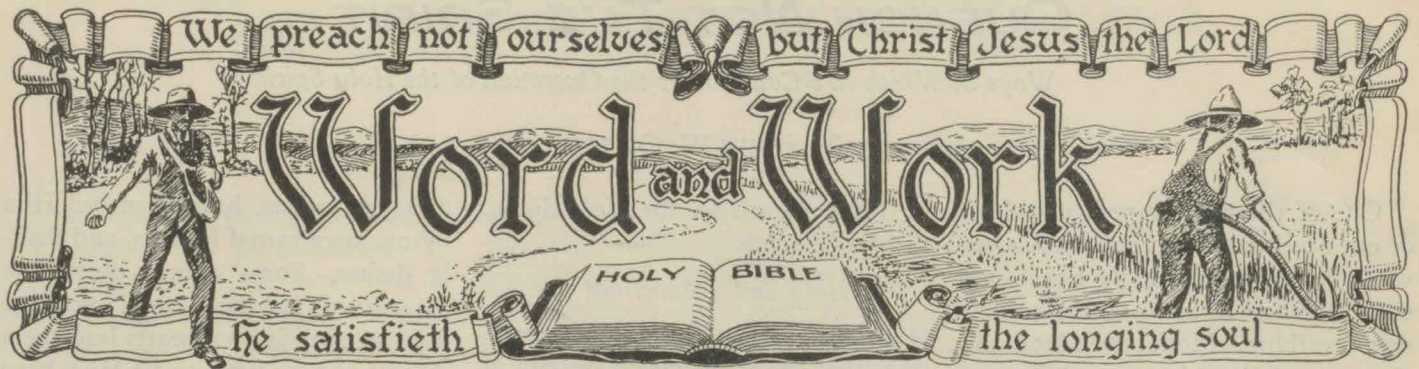
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What God Hath Wrought

LIFE STORY AND WORK OF JAMES G. PEPONIS

By HARVEY McALISTER

My story begins with an incident which took place in conjunction with an Evangelistic Campaign and Christian Healing Mission, conducted by the writer, in the year 1927, in Bethel Temple, Chicago. 'Midst the throngs, who on this particular night had come in quest of healing, was a woman with defective hearing. Instantly, upon being ministered unto, she dashed her mechanical hearing instrument to the floor, threw her arms in the air, crying, "I'm healed! I'm healed!" Her six daughters, sitting separately in different locations in the auditorium, at once sprang to their feet, exclaiming, "Mamma is healed! Mamma is healed!"

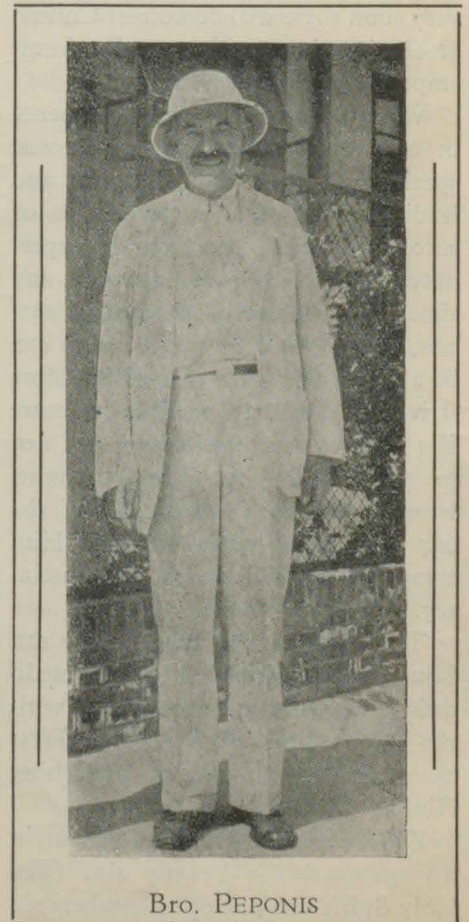
Throughout this meeting there had sat in one of the rear seats a big Greek — James G. Peponis. This was his second night in attendance at the revival meetings — the first night, however, he had left immediately at the conclusion of the preaching. But now, in response to the request of the revivalist, he, with many others, with more than a casual interest aroused within, had moved his position and was occupying a seat nearby where the sick and suffering were being pray-

ed with for healing. "Are these people in reality being healed?" "Does Christ still heal as when He was here upon earth?" "Are miraculous healings still possible as in the days of the Apostles?" "After all, are the Christians of today mistaken in assuming that the days of miracles are passed?" "Is this the genuine work of God?" One can imagine that questions akin to these and many others of a like nature were arising in his heart and mind. For he himself was a great sufferer and, if ever anyone needed healing, he certainly stood in dire need of the great Redeemer's healing touch upon his body.

For four and a half long years he had suffered with ulcers of the stomach — constantly under the doctor's care and constantly taking medicines, but, like the woman that we read about in the Bible, who made her way through the crowd and touched the hem of Jesus' garment, was "nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." In fact, he had reached the stage where he utterly despaired of ever regaining his health and strength. The case of a prominent Chicago sheriff-elect, suffering with the same ailment, and who had recently died as a result, and who, at the time of his death, had 26 doctors at his bedside, had weighed heavily upon his mind. Then there was

the case of Rudolph Valentino, the popular movie actor. He too had recently died as a result of ulcers of the stomach. He would, no doubt, gladly have given every penny of the millions he had earned during his life-

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QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT

Ways in Which We Can Hinder the Operation of the Holy Spirit

By JAMES W. COLLISS

One of the most important things of our Spiritual life is to see that, after we have received the Holy Spirit, we do not, in any form whatever, quench or grieve Him. Moffat translates the above words in this form—"Do not quench the fire of the Spirit," or, in simpler words, "Do not put the heavenly fire out."

Fire is attractive, warming, comforting, in a material sense, it is indispensable in domestic life in some form or other; however should we manage without heat, or the power that heat produces? In the same way, only very much more important, is the Holy Spirit

Essential to the Church.

Yea, He is the very life of it, and if He be quenched, damped, or put out, then very soon there will be no real Church at all, but just a show and a form, empty, and devoid of power.

While we have His blessed Presence in our midst, warming our hearts, speaking to us through the gifts, and leading us on, we can be certain of success, for when you have the supernatural, anything may happen at any time. His Presence is the seal of success, for "if God be for us, who can be against us?" We should therefore strive in every way possible to secure His Presence, and we should seek not to grieve Him by either thought, word or deed. Woe betide us if the day ever comes when we drive Him away by our wilfulness and obstinacy.

The thought may arise, "How can I quench the Spirit?" Now this meditation was not meant to deal with the suppression of Spiritual Gifts; there are other ways of quenching Him beside this.

For instance, I can hinder Him in my personal life by my sin. The Holy Spirit can not operate where sin

is. He is essentially, the *Holy Spirit*, and He demands

A Holy and a Sanctified life.

If I refuse to live this life of separation, then He is unable to operate in or through me. I hinder Him by my obstinate sin, and so quench Him.

Furthermore, we should remember that, in that mystic union of the Spirit, we are members one of another, belonging to the same Body as each other. Thus we not only quench Him in our own personal life, but we also hinder Him in the lives of perhaps the whole Assembly.

Unbelief is one of the commonest forms of frustrating the Spirit. If we really believed God, we should be continually experiencing the "rivers of living waters," instead of just a bare sufficiency which so many of us are content to have. The Spirit's desire for us is that we should believe, for it is only by faith that it will come to pass. If we do not have faith and comply with the Word, then we have hindered Him again by our unbelief.

Then again, feelings play a big part with a number of us. We desire easy things, we like pleasant leadings, and sometimes it comes as quite a shock when the Lord calls us to go in quite a different direction to that we had anticipated. We go our own way, and for a time at least, like Lot, our way appears to be the best: our feet seem to be in pleasant places. Then a change comes, and we realize we have made a mistake. The way we should have taken was the hard way, the black, difficult, stormy way.

Feelings Led Us Astray,

whereas the quiet, gentle voice of the Spirit would have led us on to lasting joy, and permanent happiness. We have stilled His Voice, we have griev-

ed Him, yea, we have quenched Him by our own carnal feelings, and fleshly desires. Some cannot obey Him because of jealousy, envy, etc., the feelings of their own hearts lead them astray. Let us learn to let Him have His way.

If one is to enjoy the full liberty of the Spirit, and not quench Him in any way whatsoever, he must be a fearless exponent of the Truth, withholding nothing, holding nothing back. Sometimes through our personal sensitiveness, we refrain from teaching certain things that hurt, on the grounds that it is too hard to be borne. Be not afraid if the Lord has directed you to say it (providing it is in the right spirit). He has also a vessel that not only needs it, but is also quite ready to receive it. Do not by any means hinder God's work, and quench the Spirit by holding back the Truth.

There are other ways of quenching the Spirit, but one of the foremost is our lack of prayer and meditation upon the Word of God. If we do not pray, when we have opportunity, we shall not get the blessing, and the desired result will be as far off from us as it ever was. God is waiting, eager to do His part, He is anxious to prove to us, His children, the truth of His Word. If we do not pray, believe, and wait upon Him as He has asked us to do, then we are the guilty party. Because of our

Dilatory Prayer Life,

we have not been either fit or ready for the blessing, and so our Lord has not been able to accomplish that which He planned to do. We have hindered Him, we have quenched the Spirit by our refusal to act.

The consequences of quenching Him are great. If we have not the

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THE LAW AND GOSPEL OF HEALING

By HENRY PROCTOR, F. R. S. L.

"Ani Yahveh Rophekha" I am Jehovah thy Physician (Ex. 15:26).

This was more than a privilege, it was a statute and an ordinance (v. 25). The miracle of Marah was a symbol of Divine Healing in that He made the bitter waters sweet. He confirmed His word to *all* Israel, so that there was not one feeble person among their tribes (Psa. 105:37). It was God's will that they should be healthy. The ordinances of the Law were designed to bring about this end. Farrar Fenton renders Lev. 11:44—"Ye shall therefore be healthy."

The kings of Israel and Judah, as well as the people of the land were expected to seek unto Jehovah as—

Their Physician.

Asa died because he did not seek unto the Lord, but to earthly physicians (2 Chron. 16:12). But Hezekiah's prayer for healing was heard and 15 years added to his life even when the fiat had gone forth against him: "Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die and not live" (Isa. 38:1). The Old Testament abounds in promises of healing, so that it was accepted by the saints as a canon: that Jehovah not only forgave all their iniquities, but healed *all* their diseases (Psalm 103:3). Moffat renders vv 3,5—

"He pardons all your sins,
And all your sicknesses He heals,
He saves your life from death
He crowns you with His love and
pity
He gives you all your hearts desire
Renewing your youth like an
eagles."

All the Old Testament promises are confirmed to us in this Dispensation because Christ "came to *confirm* the promises made to the fathers" (Rom. 15:8). And "how many so ever be the promises of God, in Him is the Yea, wherefore through Him is the Amen to the glory of God the Father" (2 Cor. 1:20). "For, many as were

the promises of God, in Christ is the 'Yes' that fulfills them." Therefore through Christ again, let the "Amen rise through us to the glory of God" (20th Century N. T.). We are just as guilty as Asa, therefore, if we do not avail ourselves of His goodness, and just as deserving death, if we do not let the "Amen" rise through us to the glory of God. It is the bounden duty of every Christian to surrender his body to God as a living sacrifice, to be healed and—

Kept In Health

by the Great Physician who has "borne our sicknesses and carried away our pains" (Isa. 53:4; Hebrew) "who Himself took our infirmities and bare our diseases" (Matt. 8:17). So that "He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil" all that were sick in mind or body. They gathered all to Him; lunatics, demoniacs, lepers, maimed, halt and blind as well as the deaf and dumb and He healed them all.

This He regarded as an integral part of the proclamation of the Gospel, for He never preached the Gospel without healing, nor suffered His disciples to do so. For He went round all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and curing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. But, when He saw the crowds, His heart was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and harassed like sheep without a shepherd; and He said to the disciples: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, therefore pray the Owner of the harvest to send laborers to gather in the harvest" (Matt. 9:35-38). Acting upon this He sent out, first, the twelve Apostles, and afterward the 70 disciples, giving them the same authority

and powers as He Himself possessed (Matt. 10:1; Luke 10:1-17). The multitudes followed Him, because they saw the signs, which He did upon them that were sick, and after His resurrection He ordained that the same signs should follow "everywhere"; wherever the Gospel was preached "to the *whole creation*" (Mark 16:15-20). And they *did* follow the preaching of the Apostles, at and after Pentecost for "Many signs and wonders continued to occur among the people, through the instrumentality of the Apostles, whose custom it was to meet all together in the Colonnade of Solomon. The people were full of their praise, and still larger numbers, both of men and women were added to the Lord. The consequence was that the people would bring out their sick even into the streets, and lay them on mattresses and mats, in the hope that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall upon some one of them. Besides this, the inhabitants of the towns round about Jerusalem flocked into the city, bringing with them their sick, and those who were troubled by foul spirits; and they were cured every one" (Acts 5:12-16, xx Cent.).

The healings were more effectual than words, for they were—

Infallible Proofs

of the truths of the Gospel for "God corroborated their testimony with signs and wonders and a variety of miraculous powers, distributing the Holy Spirit as it pleased Him" (Heb. 11:4, Moff.).

The healing of every kind of disease and sickness carried conviction with it; so that: "they could say nothing against it" (Acts 4:14). "So God's Message spread and the number of the disciples continued to increase rapidly in Jerusalem, and a large body of priests accepted the faith."

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

By THE EDITOR

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the masterpiece of God's creation. Someone has said that the world with its glorious heavens, its mighty oceans, and its lofty mountains is God's masterpiece but greater than the universe is the gospel of Jesus Christ which provides through redemption a new heaven and earth for which the whole world groans. Others declare that man is God's masterpiece. Yet wonderful as man is, through this glorious gospel, provision has been made for a new man like unto Christ, perfect in mind and body. Yes, greater than either the universe or the creature man is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for he saw its power in the martyrdom of Stephen as he held the clothes of the slayers and saw the fearless boldness and the transfigured countenance of this first martyr of the Cross. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel for he had felt its regenerating power on the Damascus road, its healing and baptizing power at Damascus when he was prayed for by Ananias, and its miracle working power as he journeyed through the pagan cities of Asia and Europe.

He was not ashamed in ecclesiastical Jerusalem. Jerusalem had Moses but Paul had a Prophet like unto Moses, only greater. Jerusalem had a temple but Paul knew of a temple of living stones for a habitation of God through His Spirit. Jerusalem had a law, the greatest code ever given to man, but Paul had a greater law written on the fleshly tables of the heart by the Spirit.

He was not ashamed in philosophical Athens. Athens had learning but the life was corrupt. Paul had the truth that sets free and cleanses the life.

He was not ashamed at idolatrous

and commercial Ephesus. Ephesus had the great temple of Diana of the Ephesians but Paul had a living Christ. Ephesus had great wealth but Paul, like Moses of old, "esteemed the reproach of Christ, greater riches than the treasures in Egypt."

He was not ashamed at powerful Rome. Rome had the power of brilliant minds, great laws, mighty armies, and world-known deities but Paul had the power that would plant the Cross above the Roman eagle and cause the proud Roman Cæsar to bow before the lowly Nazarene.

We are not ashamed of T. N. T. because it is an insignificant looking gray powder for it can blow to pieces huge rocks and boulders. The gospel is the dynamite of God that can blow to pieces the old life and make place for the new. "Old things pass away and behold, all things are become new." It was said of Paul and his companion that they who have turned the world upside down have come hither also.

Not Communism or Modernism

It is not the good news of Karl Marx and Communism. They promise a heaven of economic prosperity by the destruction of age-long liberties: freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of worship, and right of trial by jury. Their paradise becomes a prison; their heaven becomes a hell of fear, of broken hearts and bodies and of clanking chains.

It is not the good news of Fascism which pledges the individual nation a place in the sun but which, while seeming to assure the safety of religion, home and private property, gradually but surely disintegrates and destroys them to bring about a dictatorship over not only the body but also the mind and spirit which will finally

result in the mark of the Beast and his worship.

It is not the good news of this world with its shows, its dances, its cards, and liquor that dull the mind, shatter the nerves, and break down the body and ruin life.

It is not the good news of Modernism which cuts itself adrift from the Bible and refuses to believe in its infallible inspiration, denying the Virgin birth of Christ, setting aside His deity, repudiating the efficacy of His blood and granting Him only the place of a good man and an able teacher, a way-shower and an example. This reduces Christ to the position of a teacher of ethics which provides a good roadway for the journey of life but furnishes no power to carry the loads and climb the mountains.

It is not the good news of those Christian believers who while believing in the Bible as the inspired Word of God and being unwilling to tear out a single passage, yet will reject the supernatural in the gospels, Acts, Hebrews, and James, as for the church today; and without a single verse of Scriptural proof assign healing and the baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 to the Jews and the early Church; who teach that Paul does away with the teaching of Christ and the Apostles on healing and the baptism in the Spirit. They have never, however, explained away 1 Cor. 12 which enumerates the various supernatural ministries, gifts of healing, speaking in tongues and interpretation of tongues, and other gifts as bestowed on the church. Also 1 Cor. 14 with its regulation of the supernatural ministries cannot be cast aside as for the early church because the epistles to the Corinthians are as definitely for this church age as are any of the books of the New Testa-

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PROPHETIC NEWS

Christian Stewardship

Christian people have been allowed to write pagan wills. It is said that in one local church, during a particular pastorate, people of means died leaving estates totaling \$25,000,000 and out of it all the church received \$15,000. The greatest sin of all is Christians without children leaving most of their property to ungodly relatives.

Heathen World

The world is growing heathen at the rate of 6,000,000 yearly. In the period from 1890 to 1935, Christianity made a net gain of 200,000,000 but in that time the heathen population made a net gain of 470,000,000. One can only wonder how much of the net gain of 200,000,000 are really saved.

Pagan New York

The city of New York with its 7,000,000 inhabitants, has 1,074 churches with 554,000 members. Thus 7% of the population has membership in Protestant churches of the American metropolis. Of these members only forty percent attend church, that is two percent of New York's people will be found in church on a Sunday. In addition there are a total of 194,000 on the rolls of the various Sunday Schools which make up about two percent of the population. This means that New York is one of the greatest pagan centers of the world and one of the greatest needy places for evangelization. — *Revelation*.

Liquor

Liquor production rose sharply during the year 1937 according to the report of the Alcohol Administration submitted to the Treasury Department. More than 5,000,000 more gallons of distilled liquors were made than in the previous year. Whisky stocks increased over fifty percent.

Hearts Failing for Fear

"Certainly there are many evidences that Western civilization is decadent. Our economic structure is in chaos. Our political order is one of blind confusion. There is a widespread revolt against democracy and where revolt has not yet become overt, there is skepticism and fear. Our educational system is a hand whose fingers are all thumbs. Our dominant philosophy is subjectivistic, mole-eyed, humanistic. Its inevitable harvest is social disintegration. The ideology which provides the intellectual framework of modern life is an ideology of the all sufficiency of man. It issues in a consciousness of power and when man takes power into his own hands he falls inevitably upon destruction".

—Charles Clayton Morrison.

Mussolini and the Church

Mussolini's true idea of the Catholic Church is given in his statement, "Within the state, the church is not sovereign and is not even free." He may work along with the Catholic Church for awhile and even support it but he must control. A woman riding on a beast is never free.

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Communism and C. I. O.

"The Consumers' Digest" for January published an article by J. B. Matthews, formerly organizer of The United Front against War and Fascism and a close associate of the Communist leader Earl Browder. Mr. Matthews shows the Communist infiltration into newspapers, magazines and publishing houses.

Ben Stolberg, who was one of John Dewey's jury sent to Mexico to whitewash Trotsky and brand Stalin as a murderer, is writing a series of articles for Scripps-Howard papers showing the Communists' activities in the C. I. O.

Now come along David Dubinsky, co-founder with Lewis of the C. I. O. and Homer Martin, head of the C.I.O. Automobile Union, talking of the Communists in the C.I.O.

No wonder Earl Browder backs the C.I.O. in his pamphlet "The Communists in the People's Front," which is a report delivered to the Meetings of the Communist Party, U.S.A., held June 17-20, 1937.

It seems as if the anti-Semitic purge in Russia has turned many Jewish writers and their friends against the official Communist party but they are for an American controlled Communism. When thieves fall out the people hear the truth.

Five Mortal Wounds

Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Professor of Fundamental Theology at Catholic University, Washington, D.C. preached recently the first of a series of Lenten sermons. He pictured man as a creature of God on the point of annihilation from the five mortal wounds of Darwinism, Marxism, quantitative science, mobilization and the totalitarian State.

Precious Promises

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The Doom of the Devil

By Evangelist J. EARL DOUGLASS

(Continued from last month)

LUCIFER HAS fought back at God from the beginning, and all the way through the Old Testament we can see sin, sickness and death. But glory to God in the fullness of time the Deliverer came into the world, Jesus Christ the Saviour was born. Satan knew why Jesus had come, yea, he remembered the promise that God had placed in the hand of Adam in the Garden. "The seed of the woman, it shall bruise thy head." What shall he do, something must be done quickly. At last he has his plan in operation; he has entered the heart of King Herod. You know the story of how he tried to get the Christ child by having all the male children killed up to two years of age. But God appeared unto Joseph, Hallelujah, and the young child was taken down into Egypt. Lucifer had failed, but he must destroy Jesus. By doing so he will strike a death blow at God's plan. Jesus grew to manhood but Satan never relaxed his vigil. At the age of thirty Christ made His public appearance and was baptized in the River Jordan. Immediately Satan led Him captive into the wilderness to be tempted. Tempted forty days, Jesus conquered by the Word, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God."

One day when Jesus was sleeping on a little ship on the Sea of Galilee, Satan called to himself the powers of the air and immediately a great storm arose. The sky grew dark and the wind shrieked, the lightning flashed and the thunders rolled. The tempest lashed about the little ship and it seemed that it would go down. Hand over hand the disciples made their way to His side, crying: "Carest thou not that we perish." Jesus rose to His feet and spreading out His hand, said, "Peace! Be still." Instantly there was a great calm. Glory to God.

"We didn't get Him this time, but we will get Him," I hear Lucifer say-

ing. Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom, cast out demons and healed the sick during those days of His ministry, but even as He preached and prayed, there was a great net work of false evidence being built up against Him by Satan. The Scribes and Pharisees who listened to Him met together and said: "We do not believe in this preaching. He is preaching not a Gospel of Words, but a Gospel of Power. Let us 'get' Him."

Satan could not come out and kill the Lord so he decided to call upon Rome and have the soldiers do it. He preached a beautiful Gospel, this Man of Galilee, but it was diagonally opposite and opposed to the teachings of those who were in sin and without God. The great storm was brewing. Jesus felt it approaching. Then came the night when He knelt and prayed in dark Gethsemane, with the moon shining down upon the Mount of Olives. His heart was breaking even as He whispered: "Not my will but Thine be done."

They came and led Him away—those soldiers of Pilate. Rough hands were laid upon Him and He was taken before the jury, to Pilate's Judgment hall. False witnesses were brought forward who said all manner of evil things about Him, he was a friend of harlots, a drunkard, a glutton. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, pure and without blemish, with His name linked like that by false witnesses.

It was all in Satan's plan. None of it was true, but that did not matter. Then the cry was heard, "Crucify!" "Crucify!" The Saviour was publicly scourged and led up the long hill to Calvary. There they nailed Him to the great wooden cross and lifted Him up to die.

Drip! Drip! Drip! fell the blood from the wounds, down upon the ground beneath Him.

"We have Him now," Satan chuckled. The heavens grew dark. Deso-

lation seemed to settle over all the trembling earth, and lightning sharp and jagged, shot across the midnight sky. Then the storm broke in all its fury. There between heaven and earth, the Saviour hung upon that swaying cross. It was the devil's hour and the hour of the powers of darkness. In fancy we can see Him now, standing there mocking the Son of God and crying: "Come down, if thou be the Son of God." In the agony of those last moments Jesus bowed His head and said, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani! My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me." And then His last words, "It—is—finished!"

What a day of rejoicing it was for Satan. He had gained a great victory and he rubbed his hands together and smiled with satisfaction upon the scene. What a blow! "Ha—ha—I got Him."

Jesus was taken down and laid away by loving hands in a lonely tomb and a great stone was rolled before the mouth of the sepulchre and the seal was set there. Satan stood guard with the Roman soldiers as Christ lay sealed in the tomb.

"Ah-ha!" laughed Satan, "now let sinners find salvation if they can! I have killed the Saviour. Now let the sick be healed if they may. I have killed the Great Physician!"

The third day was dawning. The sun was coming up from behind the eastern hills and it was then the stone was rolled away. He who was dead was alive again. Jesus Christ came forth from His tomb into glorious and never ending victory. Hallelujah, "Up from the grave He arose."

That morning Jesus met His disciples and gave to them His final admonition. He told them that He was going to the Father to intercede for them and prepare a place for them, that where He was, they might be also; that He would send to them

the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, and that in time He would come and receive them unto Himself.

Then He commanded them, "Preach the Gospel." Jesus had warned them, "They killed me and they will kill you, too. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. They hated me, they will hate you."

Jesus was gone. The disciples were left alone to carry on. Satan chuckled. He had crucified the Shepherd and now he would destroy the sheep. This would be easy. But Satan forgot that Jesus had promised the little flock, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will send you another Comforter." The one hundred twenty tarried and on the day of Pentecost Peter preached a sermon that brought three thousand souls to the feet of the Saviour. In another place, a man who had been lame from birth was healed and this great miracle brought five thousand souls to Jesus.

In the lower regions the devil sat, gritting his teeth in rage. What should he do? He would stir up the high priests in the synagogues and have them lay hands upon Peter and John, and put them in prison.

Praise God, the Lord was with them even behind the cold gray walls, for the jailer was converted and through his conversion many more were brought to Christ. Satan has always fought God's work and he will continue to fight against the power of light until he, himself is conquered. Paul was beheaded, but it did not stop the church in carrying on the Lord's work. Persecution is the life of the church and the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the Kingdom of that day.

Then came the dark ages. Satan's power was still being manifest. Romanism and dark Catholicism ruled and reigned until God raised up against Lucifer and laid it upon Martin Luther, who one day while doing penance heard the voice of God say, "The just shall live by faith," and the "Old Book", the Bible was dug

up again and from hand to hand this great "Old Book" has journeyed through the years.

The time came when even the people in the churches were living ungodly lives and into this atmosphere came John Wesley, who preached consistently and without fear the old rugged Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The devil was stirred up. Such a church as that could not go on. John Wesley felt the opposing tide. He and his followers were stoned and hissed and called "Quakers," "Shakers" and "Ranters," because they shook under the power of God. Even in this day the church of Christ is not a popular church. If it advocated smokers, dancing, card playing and theater going instead of the virgin birth of our Lord, the blood atonement and the born again experience, it might meet with the approval of Satan, but thank God, it does not.

When we take the stand for Jesus, leaving worldly companions behind, we begin to feel the wind blowing and the tide flowing in the opposite direction. The early days of the Salvation Army were much the same. Every great religious movement has been cradled in and attended by an onslaught of the enemy. We come now to the present day. Where is Satan? Is he dead? Or does he still live? Satan still lives. In fact, he is very much alive and right at his post. Soon, however, he is going to be cast down, bound a thousand years, and then cast into the lake of fire forever. In the meantime where is he? This is the hour of darkness. We have seen him moving in our midst. He knows that his time is short and whatever he does, he must do quickly.

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time if only he could have regained his health and have been granted a new lease on life. But the sheriff-elect was dead and the popular movie actor was dead — both having died with ulcers of the stomach. "If people like these," queried the Greek, to himself, "die from ulcers of the stomach — if

all their influence, wealth and popularity are insufficient to secure for them the medical aid necessary for recovery, what chance is there for me?"

Wandering through Union Park, attracted by the singing of Gospel hymns, he stopped to listen to the group of workers from Bethel Temple as they conducted their usual open air meeting. Having at that time made a mental notation of what they represented and of the location of their place of worship, about one year afterwards, one night, passing by Bethel Temple, he, remembering the open air meeting in the park, decided to enter and hear more. Thus a simple open air Gospel service was a link in the chain of causes which brought the Greek under the sound of the Full Gospel.

But let us once more pick up the thread of our story. Seated in the most advantageous position possible for observation, he was bent upon deciding to his own satisfaction whether there was any reality in the claim that the sick were being healed today just as in the days of Christ and his holy apostles.

"I saw a man," he afterwards related, "walking back and forth in front of the platform and with his hands he was feeling his sides. 'What's the matter with you,' the evangelist asked. 'For twenty-three years I have suffered constant pain in my back,' this man replied. 'You offered prayers for me. I have been entirely freed from all pain. I am just testing it out to see if I am really healed.' Next, I noticed a Roman Catholic woman, upon a cot, being carried to the platform. She had heavy steel braces upon her body and was evidently suffering with some kind of spinal disorder. After being ministered unto, she walked off the platform unassisted, apparently having experienced the supernatural cure."

Those coming for healing were wending their way in a long line to

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The Barren Fig Tree

OR

A Fruitless Christian

By ALBERT WEAVER

THE FOLLOWING incident in the life of Jesus is worthy of our attention and consideration and many spiritual lessons can be drawn from it. It has much to do with the small town of Bethany, a quaint little place by the roadside on the way to Jericho and the Jordan river, and about one and one half miles east of Jerusalem. Jesus when He wanted to get away from the crowds and busy life of Jerusalem just ran over to Bethany and spent a few hours with His friends Mary and Martha and Lazarus whom He loved, and who lived in Bethany. The supposed ruins of their house and the sepulchre of Lazarus are still shown to the tourist. As the story goes and as described in the New Testament, Matt. 21:19;—Jesus is journeying with His disciples from Bethany to Jerusalem, early in the morning. Having presumably eaten no breakfast He is hungry and seeing a fig tree by the road side (and even today there are many of them) He seeks fruit thereon to satisfy His hunger. Finding none He pronounces a curse upon it. The tree no doubt was very beautiful to behold in that it was bedecked with leaves but bore no fruit. "Therefore why cumbereth it the ground?" The fact of the matter is, that a fig tree produces fruit first, then the leaves; but upon this tree it was reversed. There was something abnormal about it because fruit and leaves go together on a healthy fig tree.

Spiritually leaves stand for works or service and fruit for righteous acts. Jesus is on His way with His disciples to the city of Jerusalem and He is hungry for the fruits of the Spirit to be exemplified in the lives of His people whom He is soon to meet in Jerusalem but instead they

reject Him absolutely and all that He has to teach them and they go about to kill Him; ignoring utterly the fruits of the Spirit which are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, and so forth. They were religious oh, yes, and like the fig tree were bedecked with pomp and show, all externalities however, long prayers, beautiful places of worship and everything that goes with it; but alas, He is rejected and stands outside, not wanted. "Away with such a fellow," cried they;—"Crucify Him, crucify Him," and yet He was their Messiah whom they were expecting. Was there ever a more pathetic scene witnessed in the annals of history and yet can it not be applied, to a great extent, to the present situation in Christendom, and that after centuries of God-given light. Has not God often come to individual Christians, so called, and the Church of today, hungry to find the fruits of the Spirit exemplified, but alas, none to be found, nothing but leaves. Beautiful it is true on the exterior but inwardly void of the true Spirit of Jesus Christ; lots of pomp and show as in Christ's time, great and beautiful churches, a gentlemanly and highly educated ministry, lots of activity in social work, much money expended and yet is it not true that man is running the entire church and Christ stands outside of many places and the Church and its people individually and collectively powerless to meet the need of the hour and to stem the tide of iniquity. What a sad and pathetic condition which is rapidly increasing. And after all is it not a fulfillment of prophecy. (Read 2 Thess. Chap. 2 and other scriptures). I wonder sometimes why God is so kind, patient and long-suffering with us His people, because we so lack

the Fruits of the Spirit. These we must admit come spontaneously, without struggling, if Christ has His proper place in us. But self is given such a prominent place that it has crowded out the Fruits of the Spirit. This is no doubt the reason why there is so little conviction of sin in the lives of the people of the world. They see nothing but leaves which typify works, in the lives of God's people, and minus divine power, and this drives them from our church doors. Was this ever more in evidence in the Church than at present. How little brotherly love is manifested and this is but one of the Fruits of the Spirit, therefore the world's people have turned away from us. To be a Christian, we should be Christ-like and to be Christ-like is to have power with God and having this it means that He trusts us and we God's people lack this power, we must admit if honest. How often do we see a big congregation of people, professedly Christian, with scarcely a non Christian present and the minister doing His best, preaching a sermon to the unsaved. May I say we have four million Indians, almost at our own doors in South America who need the Gospel. Should we give it to them? Would it not take a revival of the out-pouring of the Spirit of God as on the day of Pentecost to bring back the Church to its true apostolic condition and to carry out Christ's commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Yes, it would call for a time of humbling and repenting, individually and collectively beyond anything the Church has ever witnessed. Self dethroned and Christ enthroned in the heart of a human being, reliving His life unhindered, in word, in thought and in deed is Christianity in its final analysis, as the writer understands it and is experiencing it. A humble teachable spirit, faith in God and in His Word and obedience, are the requisites to a victorious spiritual life. Then the Fruits of the Spirit will be in evidence

as we wholly yield to Him. "Not I but Christ."

With the near coming of Christ and the Tribulation well nigh upon us, is the need not urgent for us God's people to humble ourselves one and all. If not God may have to humble us, by using stringent measures. When we are willing to confess, repent and recognize our sad condition and need of God in His fullness, as the only

source of help, and let Him come forth and not until then will we realize once more His dynamic power. Until then the Lord will keep silent, we do believe and let us work on in the energy of the flesh and remain powerless. Oh, that we might obey Him one and all, but after all it is an individual matter and we who have the light must not wait for the multitude. To let go and let God come

forth in us is the only solution to the whole situation and if the Church will not do it collectively, we must go on alone as did Jesus, who went from Gethsemene the place of prayer to Calvary the place of crucifixion.

Oh, that we one and all might do likewise.

My heart says, Amen and I know there are many who feel likewise and want God's highest will wrought out.

WHEN RICHES INCREASE

By F. ISENSEE

"If riches increase, set not your heart upon them." (Psalms 62:10).

THE GREATEST tragedy that can befall a human being is to pass into eternity in a backslidden condition. That person is worse in the sight of God than one who has never been saved and accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour. 2 Peter 2:21 verifies that:

"For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

In Luke 11:24 we find Jesus telling the people how the unclean spirit leaves a person when he is saved. After wandering about for a place of habitation and finding none, that spirit goes back to his original home, finds it empty and cleaned, so moves in again and brings seven other spirits, more wicked than himself—"and the last state of that man is worse than the first" (Matt. 12:45).

Here we have a picture of a person who let Christ come into his heart. The evil spirit had to leave then. Next we find that homeless spirit looking about for another dwelling-place. Houses for rent are scarce. He wanders back to the old home and finds it vacant and for rent. Something happened to the owner of the house since he was saved. He took his eyes off the Lord. Other attractions drew his interest elsewhere.

Jesus leaves when He is offered di-

vided attention. The Word tells us that God demands *all* our love; He is a jealous God (Nahum 1:2).

The evil spirit was so glad to get back to the old home that he invited seven other spirits more evil than himself to his quarters. What a sad picture to visualize! But do we not see those conditions prevailing all about us? The multiple temptations of modern life are crowding God out of the scene. Those temptations are varied, but we find the "riches of this world" the leading factor.

We must remember that "riches" always has a traveling companion by the wellknown name of "vanity." That is why it is a rare sight to see a wealthy person in a humbled position at the altar. We may pray for hours, but if not in a meek spirit and humble condition, those prayers will never reach beyond the ceiling of the room.

In every congregation of saints we find a vast majority are of the working class, living, as we might say, from hand to mouth, and with no visible bank accounts. We find that the majority came to God for help and were saved at a time of great sorrow or trouble or sickness. They have been all straightened out by a prayer-answering God, Who is able for all things; and something begins to happen. One finds himself a new creature and full of the joy of living. Also

we find the adversary working hard to steal that newly found love from God. The best time for him to do that is when "*riches increase.*"

Many who come to God are in a broken condition both physically and financially. After getting new health from God, their earning capacity has greatly increased. With surplus money on hand, their eyes begin to cast coveting glances upon some of the modern pleasures of the world. The Word tells us that God wishes His children to have plenty of this world's goods: "if we abide in Him and His Word abides in us" (John 7:15).

Trouble starts when we cease to "*abide in Him.*" That new car and those numerous vacation trips and many other temptations that modern life holds for surplus dollars. It is very easy to borrow some of God's time and spend it in the pursuit of worldly pleasure when "*riches increase.*"

"But they that will be rich, fall into temptation and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Tim. 6:9).

God knows our every weakness, and He is willing that none should perish. That is why we find so many warnings throughout His Word. Just what *not* to do, should our "*riches increase*" after we are saved.

Figuratively speaking, we find the

children of Israel delivered from the iron furnace of Egypt (Deut. 4:20). Moses had led them out of their "house of bondage" and then the instructions came. They were told just how to keep this newly-found freedom and enjoy it in all of its fullness.

Then in Deut. 8:11-14 they received the warning of danger. Should their cattle and crops increase and they build beautiful homes and acquire much gold and silver—"Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God in not keeping His commandments."

The greatest tragedy of modern times is the great falling away. The leading cause can be traced directly to the variety of worldly pleasures and pastimes that have increased to such an extent that one finds his time so limited that he has no time for the feeding of his own soul.

"Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17).

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

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ment. Paul's own ministry further proves his faith in the supernatural in his cursing Elymas the sorcerer with blindness, healing the cripple at Lystra, casting out the spirit of divination from the damsel at Philippi, laying on of hands at Ephesus for the bestowal of the Holy Spirit, and healing the father of Publius and the other sick on the island of Melita in the final period of his ministry. Paul was a strong believer in the fact that Jesus was the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Transforming Power

He was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its power to save, change and transform a human life. He had felt it himself on the Damascus road and seen its glorious workings in so many lives. Its power is the same today. I have seen it work in the missions on Halstead St., Chicago, the Bowery of New York, and

8th Avenue, Philadelphia. A man may be down but he is never out. Christ's arm can reach the lowest. It changed the Bluebird of Mulberry Bend, Anthony Zeoli and Mel Trotter.

Africaner was known as the Bona-parto of South Africa. This notorious Hottentot had become the terror of the whole country. He waged cruel and relentless wars with the Boers. In 1817 Moffat, the noted Missionary, started for his kraal—his friends warned him that Africaner would make a drumskin of his hide and a drinking cup of his skull. He was a murderer and a fugitive. A price was set upon his head, but no one would attempt to capture him. Robert Moffat won this monster and until his death he was loyalty itself, and the journey to Cape Town is one of the romances of history. A man whose uncle he had killed saw him, and witnessing the change in his life exclaimed, "O God, what cannot thy grace do! What a miracle of thy power." The sensation produced by Africaner's appearance at Cape Town defies description. No one need be ashamed of a power that can so change and revolutionize a life.

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its healing power. He spoke of the gifts of healing in 1 Cor. 12 as previously mentioned and the many healings in his ministry corroborate his belief in this truth. Before He went away, Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe.....they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," and the Biblical narrative relates how "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, confirming the Word with signs following." The book of Acts opens with the healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate and Peter informed the Sanhedrin that the miracle was wrought by the power of the resurrected Christ. Christ evidently felt that healing was an important part of His ministry while on earth because the record of His work shows

that He spent more time in this than in any other phase of His ministry. Instead of a decrease Christ promised an increase of power in this ministry when He said, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Heb. 13:8 reads, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever." This has been proven through the centuries by healings among the Waldenses, the Moravians at Hernhutt, the early Lutherans especially illustrated in Luther's answered prayer for Melancthon's healing, also the Scotch Covenanters, the early Methodists under the ministry of John Wesley, the Quakers under the preaching of George Fox, and the French Huguenots.

I am not ashamed today of the gospel of Christ in its healing power for many have been healed whom medical skill has been unable to reach. Christ is the same today and as many as press through and touch the hem of His garment are made every whit whole.

Baptizing Power

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its baptizing power. The first question he asked of the Ephesian church was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" As he laid his hand upon them, the entire Ephesian church received the baptism in the Holy Ghost speaking in other languages as the Spirit gave utterance. Jesus told His disciples to tarry at Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high.

Some Christians say that it is wrong to pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but that cannot be true for Peter and John prayed for the Samaritan church as related in the eighth chapter of Acts and Paul prayed for the Ephesian church that they might receive the Holy Spirit, as mentioned before, and they received.

We are not ashamed today of this wonderful baptism in the Holy Ghost

because of the results it produces in witnessing for Christ. This is because the baptism of the Holy Ghost makes Christ so real that people want to talk about Him. The Word is illuminated by the Spirit of Truth until a desire is engendered to share with others the rich treasures of the Word. This new-given power of the Holy Spirit brings a new boldness, liberality, liberty in the Spirit, power in prayer, fire and glory.

The baptism in the Holy Ghost was insisted upon as a necessity in the Christian's life by Charles Finney, America's greatest theologian; by Dwight L. Moody, America's foremost evangelist; by the sainted Andrew Murray; by Jonathan Goforth, one of the most outstanding missionaries to China; by Dr. R. A. Torrey, first principal of the Moody Bible Institute and by Dr. A. J. Gordon, ncted Baptist clergyman of Boston. These all proclaimed the baptism of the Holy Ghost as the rich heritage of every believer.

Paul was not ashamed of Christ's power to bring harmony into the human life. There is discord and heartache in the world. This is seen in the minor chord that is predominant in all great music and poetry. It seems that the wail of the wind among the pines echoes the cries of a broken-hearted world. Christ alone can mend the broken chords, tune to heaven's melody and give a song. An evangelist one time noticed a man in his audience who was not singing. Going down at the close of the service the evangelist asked him if he was not able to sing. The man said, "That is not it. I have a trained voice and have been trained to sing in concerts, oratorios and operas." Why then do you not sing?" asked the evangelist. "Are you out of practice?" "No," he replied, "I have no heart to sing. The song has gone out of my life." Only Jesus can keep the song in our hearts. When His gospel holds sway in our lives, we can say, "Singing I go along life's road for Jesus has lifted my

load." Christ alone can give songs in the night. He alone can give happiness.

"There is never a day so dreary,
There is never a night so long,
But the soul that is trusting Jesus
May somewhere find a song."

Paul was not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ in its rapture glory. "For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Whether we go by the subway or the elevated route to glory, we shall meet together with Christ. In these dark days we are abounding in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost. Before conditions become too bad, we shall be caught up in rapture glory. On Calvary Christ dealt with God's wrath, the penalty for our sins and we shall not have to face tribulation wrath which is God's judgment on a Christ-rejecting world. — H. C. M.

WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT

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the platform, mounting the steps, and across the platform to a position directly beside the speaker's desk, where they were being anointed with oil and hands laid upon them with prayers. Upon witnessing the woman being healed of deafness, the Greek, addressing a worker standing nearby, asked, "What cost me to go up upon that platform?" "Nothing," was the reply. "Give me a card! Help fill out!" Those coming for prayers were being asked to fill out a simple little healing application card. Up to the platform he came. An instantaneous and miraculous healing took place in his body. That very night, upon returning home, he ate a hearty meal. A half hour passed by, no pain; an hour, no pain; an hour and a half, no pain; two hours, no pain. It was

the first time in years that he had been able to eat and not suffer as a result. He said, "I'm going to bed." He fell fast asleep and never awoke until seven o'clock in the morning. Sitting on the side of his bed and stretching himself, next morning, he said, "I'm every whit whole." He dropped on his knees, surrendered his whole heart and life to Christ, and right there and then, in the sanctum of his own bedroom, was remarkably and gloriously converted and saved from a life of sin.

Speaking with reference to his healing, Brother Peponis says: "I say the truth, I did in deep reality humble myself as I walked up upon the platform that night. I handed my card to Brother McAlister. He read it and, dipping his right hand in the oil, placed both of his hands upon my head and prayed for about three minutes. I walked off that platform well and feeling so happy. I went home and collected all of my pills, powders and medicines and carried them out and threw them away. Mrs. Kennedy, of Illinois Training School for Nurses, noticing my action, asked, 'Are you going to start a drug store?' I answered, 'The doctors have been making a drug store out of my stomach for over four years, but now God has healed me.' Then I sat down and ate a hearty meal, including a big beef steak and other good things."

And concerning his conversion, he says: "Next morning, with hands, eyes, heart uplifted, as I knelt upon the bit of carpet in front of my bed, I said: 'Lord Jesus, I was almost dead — the doctors knew it — my friends knew it, but now Thou hast given me new life — I know it — I am a new man. Now, Lord Jesus, I give this new life unto Thee — use it for Thine own glory.' And again: "I gave my life to the Lord Jesus with a full consecration and, forsaking the world, desired only to live for Christ." (To be continued)

"O God, what cannot thy grace do!"



BETHEL HOME NEWS



Located at 7 Auburn Street, Framingham, Massachusetts

MATRON'S REPORT

It is with a feeling of joy and gladness that we view the beautiful Spring landscape here at Bethel, for Bethel Home is situated in delightful surroundings. The giant maples and beech trees leafing, the apple, pear and plum trees with their sweet pink and white blossoms, Billy the horse and Black Beauty the cow grazing on the fresh green banks beside the still waters of our large artificial pond with its little grassy island and evergreen trees, all present a most attractive and restful picture. This is the scene upon which we look from our spacious home with its large windows and porches. It all reminds us of the words of The Song of Solomon, 2: 11, 12: "For, lo, 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, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

The little birds hop about on the lawn and in the trees, singing praises to their Creator, and we too feel like singing with them, praises to our Heavenly Father for His loving care and tender mercies. He who cares for the little birds, cares for us, His redeemed children. Not only does He supply our daily needs, but He gives us the beauties of Nature to enjoy. What a wonderful Father, what a wonderful God!

"Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it; shout ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest and every tree therein; for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel." Isa. 44:23.

"Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted." Isa. 49:13.

"For ye shall go out with joy, and

be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isa. 55:12. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Our friends have remembered us with special gifts this past month, for which we have been most grateful. A kind neighbor gave us seed potatoes for planting; another friend from Houston, Texas, sent a box of clothing; and one of the sweetest and most enjoyable gifts was two gallons of Vermont maple syrup from Bro. George Wallace. At Eastertime Brother and Sister Douglass brought us a gift of groceries and money from the friends in their assembly at Chelsea. Last week, a neighbor donated a few house furnishings. We thank our good friends and neighbors for their kind remembrance of us in these substantial ways. May the Lord bless them as well as those who have sent donations of money for this work, which we gratefully acknowledge under another heading.

For the encouragement of those who have sent requests, we do not forget to hold their needs before the Throne of Grace, and we trust that many of the prayers have been answered.

We are always glad to extend hospitality to visitors and guests at Bethel Home. Last week we were privileged to entertain for one night seven of the District ministers who had been in attendance at the semi-annual Business Meeting of the District Council, at Everett.

Among others who visited us last month was our Sister Evelyn Ferzola of New York City. May God continue to bless her in the service of the Lord.

As a District, we are looking for-

ward with interest to the coming Camp Meeting which is to be held at Bethel, August 10 to 21, inclusive. Although it is a new venture in faith, we know that God is able to provide all that is needed to make things comfortable for the many guests who are planning to attend the meetings. A good site has been selected on our spacious grounds for the large meeting tent. Arrangements are being made for the serving of meals in our dining hall. We feel this will be a good opportunity for our friends to see and become acquainted with the work here at Bethel Home. A great spiritual feast has been planned, as the Lord has given us Brother Allan Swift with his wonderful teaching ministry, and Sister Hattie Hammond who is also especially gifted, as our principal speakers.

Make arrangements now to spend your vacation with us at the District Camp Meeting. Rates for room and board are reasonable. For full information, consult your local Assembly and Pastor, or, if you are not near one of our District Assemblies, write to Bro. Robert Wallace, at Springvale, Maine. Pray with us for God's richest blessing.

Yours in the Master's vineyard,
HOPE E. STALKER, *Matron*.

MISSIONARY DAY AND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES —AT—

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.

There will be a Missionary Day on May 29th at 3. P. M. and 7:45 P. M. Special offering for Missions will be taken. The twenty-fourth Commencement Exercises of the Beulah Heights Bible Training School will be held on Monday, May 30th, at 2:30 P. M.

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DISTRICT CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS RALLY

The Eastern Section of the New England District held a Christ's Ambassadors Rally Saturday, April 16th in the First Pentecostal Church of Chelsea. The rally was opened with prayer by our District Supt. Bro. Wm. J. Mitchell. Bro. J. Earl Douglass, Pastor of the local assembly welcomed all the delegations of Christ's Ambassadors and also the Young People's groups from neighboring churches. Bro. Anthony Vigna, President of the C.A.'s of this section presided over the meeting, and also led in the congregational singing. Sister Douglass led in prayer after which the offering was received and Brother Buchwalter of Pawtucket prayed God's blessing on the offering.

There were reports from seventeen Young People's groups. Christ's Ambassadors were represented from the following churches:- Russian Ukranian and Polish groups of Boston, Full Gospel Assembly and Pentecostal Assembly of God, Cambridge, Mass., Everett, Quincy, Wellesley Park, and Chelsea, Mass., Pawtucket and Provi-

dence, R.I. Visiting delegations were present from The Church of God and Bro. Potter's mission in Cambridge, Salvation Army, Chelsea, Full Gospel Assembly of God, Lynn, Zion Bible Institute, Providence, R. I. and Beulah Heights Bible Institute, North Bergen, N. J. Sandwiched in between the reports were messages in song by Sister Buchwalter, the girl's trio from Z. B. I. and the Christ's Ambassadors chorus.

Sister Melva Gower of Oakland, Md. brought the message of the evening her subject being "Four Steps to a Satisfied Life." For a basis of her remarks she used four questions out of Jonah 1:8, "What is thy country?" "What is thine occupation?" "Of what people art Thou?" and "Whence Cometh Thou?"

The next Christ's Ambassadors Rally will be held Memorial Day, May 30th on the grounds of Bethel Home at Framingham, Mass.

NORTH CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE BUSINESS COLLEGE

A Commercial Department, including shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping has been added to the North Central Bible Institute, 900 Elliot Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota. This Department will begin its classes May 16th, and will continue throughout the summer. Students can enter any Monday morning during the year and will receive personal instruction in such subjects as shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, Business English, and Business Administration. Many of our Bible Students are taking one or more of the above mentioned subjects in addition to their regular Bible Course. Some business training will no doubt be a great asset to the students who enter the Ministry. We are equipped to thoroughly train young people who do not enter the Ministry, for secretarial and accounting work so that when they leave our Institution they will be qualified to accept a position in the business world.

Lady students find no trouble in securing part time work in homes and receive as compensation, room and board, and two to three dollars per week. Men students are also able to obtain part time employment throughout the city.

Inquiries regarding the cost of tuition, board and room, may be addressed to North Central Business College, 900 Elliot Avenue, So. Minneapolis, Minnesota. Only Christian Young People are accepted.

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT

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Presence of God's Spirit with us, the sinners will not be convicted, and that means that souls (fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, etc.) who perhaps would have been saved had we been faithful, are not, because we are not in the Spirit when we ought to be. We are guilty of not living, praying, believing in such a manner that the Spirit of God can have His own way with us. Because of this, we are

Hindering Instead of Helping:

quenching and damping the fire instead of feeding its flames with lives of holy consecration.

The Assembly also will become dry, barren and unfruitful, and Satan is always ready and waiting to fill up a vacant place, that is not filled with God's Precious Gifts, with His own pernicious ways—thorns, thistles and weeds. Let us always try to maintain the constant flow of the Spirit, and so keep Satan out, and ourselves sweet and refreshing. —Selected.

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ALLEGHENY AWAKENING

"Report say they and we will report it." "But His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones" (Jer. 20:9,10).

"The hand of the Lord was upon me and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and sat me down in the midst of the valley which was full of dry bones . . . and behold they were very dry. He said unto me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord, Thou knowest." (Ezek. 37:1-3).

These text portions above seem to fit the situation and conditions present in this western section of the Eastern District Council—better known as the Allegheny Valley section. A great hunger is on here, and the time of reviving and re-awakening of vast numbers of people is now upon us. Beginning with the vast Pittsburgh Metropolitan, industrial area, and continuing up both the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers on to the banks of the Susquehanna west of Harrisburg, lies a fresh challenge to the faith and consecration of God's people. It seems that the very ground is crying out, "Come in and possess me; let the feet of holiness, love and faith be pressed upon my hungry soil." It is harvest time, and ingathering is upon us, and what will we if we are in the gleaning time of that harvest. What is the answer to this crying need? Better,—What is God's answer to this challenge? God is answering the challenge with consecrated, devoted, flaming, Pentecostal baptized young men and young women who have turned their backs on every other earthly ambition and enterprise, and have fallen prostrate before the Lord as a "willing offering in the day of His power." (Psa. 100:3. Margin—a Voluntary Offering).

Into this territory comes our sister Zelma Argue, who needs no introduction to the vast host of Word and Work readers. It seems that her coming among us is timed of the Lord for there has been a great heart cry going up to God in this section for a number of years. Facing an almost impossible situation in Pittsburgh, she with brother H. C. McKinney and his faithful people broke through to a most glorious revival.

From there Sister Argue came to us here in Jeanette, and from the first day God began to answer prayer. The blessing of God was manifest from the opening minute and continued on unabated through the days and nights of heaven upon earth. The way God reclaimed, refilled, and Baptized the young folk in the Holy Spirit; revived and refired the hearts of the older ones, and the manner in which the Spirit fell on many of the long time seekers, some who had checked this Pentecostal experience off as not for them. I have often wished I had the ability to write up a Holy Ghost meeting but since the apostles seemed to be unable to do so, I fear there is no use. When you think of Sister Argue's meeting with us here think of times of holy awe and hush, think of flowing tears, think of groans and strong crying unto Him who is able to save, think of tarrying into the grey hours of the morning, think of young men and women baptized in the Holy Ghost in the early day fashion, think of men and women along in years rejoicing in this new found joy and power, and yet the vision is not complete for it is but the earnest of a greater awakening right through this valley and mountain region. Sister Argue closed her stay with us for the present to fill an engagement with brother Eyler in Johnstown, and there too she enters a section and a work filled with hunger and yearning after God.

Those of God's children who read these lines unite with us in prayer that the rain will continue to fall and that the wind will blow fresh from heaven over these dry bones. We are only beginning a work which is the result of a renewed vision and re-

kindled faith. Our hearts are thankful to God for such devoted consecrated talent as manifest in our sister, and so many other of the young men and women that God is raising up and sending forth. Young people, turn your eyes and your whole heart to God. Give yourself unreservedly into God's hands. Surrender everything, pray, tarry, believe, for hath He not promised that upon the handmaids in those days He will pour out His Spirit, and they shall prophesy; is it not true that the young men will see visions, as the old men dream dreams? It is verily true. The clouds of promise hover over us, they are filled with rain. God waits and the hours are slowly passing. They will never return. When this peak of hunger and desire, fresh from God, passes, the opportunity of thousands shall have passed forever. Do not trifle with this hour; do not fail God in this great crisis. Move now and move quickly to the altars of God, in your own home, at the church, in the woods, anywhere;—in the rag strewn attic, in the morning, at night, throughout the day, cry to God; yield to Him, and He will in faithfulness come forth and thrust you into His harvest field bending low with the richest harvest of souls in the entire dispensation.

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Dear Christian Friends:

It has now been some time that we have been in the home land, and I am sure that we owe it to you to give some account of ourselves, and of God's blessings upon our lives. First of all, I must give credit to our Lord for a wonderful touch physically. Although we have only been in the home land for four months, and I was supposed to take a complete rest for several months, you will be surprised to learn that I have been out in deputation work for more than a month, and that I have been daily growing stronger, even under the strenuous schedule called for by this type of work.

We do ask you to continue to remember us in prayer, that our needs may be met as quickly as possible. We are expected to repay the Foreign Missions Dept. for the money advanced to us for fare to America, and then we must raise over a thousand dollars to take us back to the Field again, so you see that we can ill afford to let grass grow under our feet. I am thankful to say that most of the churches that were supporting our work have kept up their interest, although some have dropped out and have thus put a heavier burden upon us in providing the one hundred dollars which is required each month to maintain the twenty and more Indian workers for whose support we are responsible.

There is a very interesting recent development in India which brings joy to our hearts. This revival reminds us so much of the original outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and has as its seat the Christians of the Lushai hills a very remote section of jungle land, high up in the mountains which separate India from Burma—ten days by mountain trails from the nearest navigable stream. It chanced that some years ago, while in Calcutta, I came in contact with a denominational missionary who works among these Christians—a tribe of thousands

who were baptized en-masse, years ago. This missionary recounted some remarkable experiences among the simple hill folk who comprise one congregation. These people were becoming very demonstrative, were jumping to their feet, and shouting the praises of God, were falling prostrate on the floor, were making strange noises with their lips, and were spending whole days and nights in enjoying this new found radiance of Christian experience. I was greatly impressed at the time, but in the course of events forgot the incident, until the receipt of a letter from one of these Christian men, Bro. Shamliana by name, immediately prior to our departure from India. It appears that from the small beginnings, recounted to me years ago by the denominational missionary, the work has spread until there are hundreds who have received the infilling of the Spirit. Leaders have sprung up here and there, groups have gone forth evangelizing, the fire has spread, many have been healed, and the whole country has been stirred. The crying need of these people is for a missionary, to correct some abuses which have sprung up, and to properly indoctrinate them with the Full Gospel message. Since receipt of this letter, I have been in close correspondence with one of the leaders of the work, and I am praying and working, along with others, for the removal of government restrictions, which prohibit more missionaries from entering this country.

According to all reports from the field, the work is growing along all lines. Bro. Woolever has just finished the house trailer which I helped him start before leaving the field. He and Sister Woolever are now living in the Ghentali area, ministering to the Christians, and preparing several new inquirers for baptism. Great difficulty is here being experienced in regard to a safe supply of drinking water. The village pond has gone dry, and the well which I started some years ago is also dried up. Fifty dollars is needed to finish this well. Bro. Munshie

also sends glowing reports of progress in the East Bengal area. A crying need there is for a Bible School to train young converts for the ministry, that they may be prepared to pastor the dozens of Pentecostal churches which are now dotting the countryside. We feel that these young men can well work while they learn and we present to you the *urgent* need for over a hundred dollars to buy a sugar cane crushing mill, by operating which many Christians can be enabled to support themselves. Sister Simpson also needs special prayer, as she is left alone so much on the station at Purulia, with many burdens upon her shoulders.

We wish that you would pray much that guidance may be given us as to how to deal with several group movements toward Christianity. On two occasions I refused to baptize groups of people; once all the "chamars" or leather workers of a village, and again all the "dhoms" or people who remove dead bodies, in another section; on the grounds that I believe this urge to be in search of better social conditions, rather than because of a desire for a changed life. Rather than baptize all these people, I chose to baptize none. But I have been revising my thinking somewhat of late, as I have become increasingly conscious of the fact that Indians think as a group, rather than as individuals. If we were to baptize a whole group, we would have almost dictatorial powers over them all, and could enforce attendance at church and school, and could reasonably expect many of them to have a genuine change of heart.

Ever requesting an interest in your prayers, we are,

Your missionaries to India,

—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ketcham.

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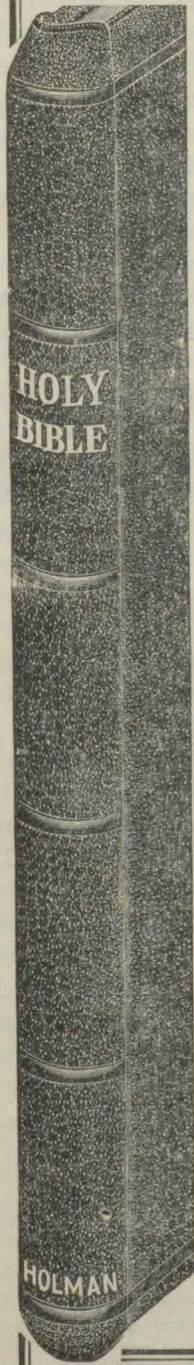
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