In 2 Cor. 13:5 the Apostle writes: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." And especially as we approach the closing days of the year, an epoch in our lives, it is well to conduct a self-examination to correctly determine just where we stand in the faith.

A business concern at the closing of the year must have his inventory, there must be a careful going over his stock in trade to determine its value, and then he is able to determine whether he has profited through the year's business or whether he has lost. A profitable and needful thing for every Christian man or woman to do is to conduct an inventory—just take stock—and determine the quantity and quality of our stock. In the hurry of the age, and the multiplicity of duties, it is comparatively easy for good spiritual folks to come to the close of the year with an over-estimation of their faith, and their accomplishments, and their stock on hand. We seldom under-estimate. It is rather the reverse. It is much easier to over-estimate than it is to under-estimate.

As a lad growing up in Texas we were required when we had "worked" our arithmetic problems to "prove" them. To secure the answer was not sufficient to satisfy the exacting professor. We must prove the result we had obtained. And there is a successful way for a Christian to conduct a self-examination and prove themselves.

I am sure that such an examination would prove no harm—but rather a benefit to those wise enough to conduct such an examination. If we are deficient in faith, charity, patience or godliness it is far better to come to a realization of that fact now, when there is opportunity to rectify it, than to await blindly for the judgment to try your work. Sometimes even the works of good men, thought to be determined singly to the glory of God, under a searching investigation, are found to be determined by a self standpoint, rather than to the glory of God. Sometimes we do things from the standpoint of vainglory. There is one thing certain, whether we conduct such a searching self-examination or not, there is coming a day when "every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

So in order to be on the safe side, conduct the examination yourself first, and then seize the advantage of every opportunity to improve your spirituality. Personally we have noticed professors Pentecostal people as a whole do not relish a searching investigation or heart-searching, life-searching sermon as well as they should. The top layer of the cake is good, and looks better, but the other layers are fine and essential. The froth on the top of the pie is soft and very palatable, but the real pie underneath will furnish more muscle-building qualities. Let's do not just go by our "good feelings" to determine our spirituality, but let's examine our own selves and go down beneath the surface and see what we have stored away in our heart. And as we determine the quality and quantity of our faith—godly life, charity—let's prove our own selves.

The Psalmist David goes one farther and says, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart." David was wise in desiring such a searching inquiry while still under the period of probation, when, if he just short, he could seek God until the deficiency was made up. His was a wise decision. Far better for every one for God to search us and examine us now, while we have the opportunity of improving our spirituality through His grace.
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"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."—Acts 2:4.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Owing to a break in the press we were delayed on Jan. 1st issue and we are combining it with the issue for Jan. 15th.

Kings College Faculty Recital

There is to be a Faculty Recital given at Kings College, Kingfisher, Okla., on Friday night, Feb. 1, 1924. The general public is invited to be present and enjoy this Recital.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Oklahoma Conference

Weatherford P H S S 4.85
Mrs. H. P Pate 1.00
Hobart P H S S 1.00
Oklahoma City Second 5.70
Chandler church 5.61
Union Grove church 80.00
Edmond church 2.90
Denver M P B 15.00
Purcell church 3.00

East Oklahoma Conference

Oklahoma City Second 5.00
Viola Brae 1.00

Texas Conference

Healdton P H S S 4.80

Kansas Conference

Bartlesville church -------- 2.16
Bartlesville church 1.18
Bartlesville P H S S .94
Nioataz church 4.00
Sun City church 13.45
Chanute church 4.00

ORPHANAGE

Barnes --------- --- 1.00
Healdton P H S S .45

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Rev. Lee F. Hargis is now engaged in a revival meeting at the Apache church.

Supt. J. D. Mahaffey is having a very successful revival at the Seminole church.

Rev. O. C. Wilkins has a new home at Enid. Those desiring to write him, please take note of his change in address. His new address is 512 North Davis, Enid, Okla.

Evangelist C. E. Neukirchner, who held a few days meeting at the Washington church, was to begin a revival meeting at the Muskogee church, Jan.

Asst. Supt. N. T. Morgan of the Oklahoma Conference began a series of lectures at the Weatherford church Friday night, last.

It was the editor's privilege recently to visit the Chandler church, where we met with old friends and soldiers of the Cross.

After a Christmas vacation that enabled the students to spend the Holiday days with their parents, Kings College is again moving along with a larger attendance than before Christmas. Some fifteen new students are now enrolled in the school, and we understand that the school is in fine shape, with good teachers.

The Oklahoma City District Quarterly Conference has just closed its second session at the Oklahoma City Second Church.

The Mt. View District Quarterly Conference, the District Young Peoples' Meeting and the Sunday School meeting were held at the Mt. View church.

The next quarterly meeting of the Mt. View District P. Y. P. S is to be held at the Weatherford church.

Evangelist Willa Short began a revival meeting at the Weslaco church Sunday. From this meeting she goes north for a series of meetings.

Rev. Walter Harris held a good meeting at Sapulpa, and the Lord blessed. He is now engaged in a revival meeting at the Henryetta church and the Lord is blessing and moving on hearts.

Tecumseh, Okla., Dec. 13.—Glad to report victory over sin and the devil. Jesus is a wonder in my soul. Bless His holy name. He is still blessing the work here. There has been one saved and the saints are being blessed, and we are looking for greater things from the Lord. Praise God, He is the lily of the valley, the fairest of ten thousand to my soul. Pray for us.

MRS. ADDIE NEIGHBORS.
Reports From the Field

Evangelist Willa Short held a revival meeting at the Okmulgee church. Supt. F. M. Kidd was to be engaged in a meeting at Ardmore over Christmas.

Several have prayed through in the services lately at the Oklahoma City First Church.

Pastor Lee Hargis of the Frederick First Church held a revival meeting at the Hobart Church.

The Oklahoma City Second Church is to begin a revival meeting about the middle of January.

Rev. R. S. Roberts held a revival meeting at Healdton until the epidemic of flu compelled the closing of the meeting.

Rev. O. M. Millsap and Rev. Lewis Sawgalsky are to hold a revival meeting in Nashville, Tenn. and surrounding territory.

Rev. C. Foster and Brother and Sister George Belele have been engaged in a revival campaign at Britton with some success.

Evangelist R. S. Roberts began a revival meeting at the Healdton Church on December 20th, lasting through the holidays.

Evangelist C. E. Neukirchner has been engaged in a revival meeting at the Washington church over the holidays.

Rev. J. H. King is to hold a Bible conference at Ada, Okla., from February 4th to 10th, 1929.

Rev. J. M. Hopkins, formerly of Coffeyville, Kansas, has been appointed pastor of the Rozel, Kansas, church, and has moved to Rozel. Those desiring to write him note change in his address.

Rev. G. W. Stanley, for some 25 years an evangelist, has recently moved to Oklahoma City from Virginia, and is now open for calls here in the west. Those desiring him for a revival can address him as follows: Rev. G. W. Stanley, North Indiana, Oklahoma City, Okla.

There is an epidemic of flu sweeping America at this time, and it has forced this issue of the Faith to be a few days late. Many are hard hit by the disease, but God is still on the throne and is healing all that will come unto Him. Praise His name forever.

In the Missionary report for this issue appears an item that we appreciate indeed. Years ago, a woman felt the call of God for Foreign Mission work, but through influences at home she was never permitted to fulfill her longing for the Mission field. Taking advantage of opportunities to send out the Gospel to heathen lands, Mrs. A. W. Schwartz sent in $80.00 to carry the good tidings to those in heathen darkness.

WONDERFUL REVIVAL AT FREDERICK

Frederick, Okla., Dec. 24.—There is a great outpouring of the Latter Rain here at Frederick. We are having a Christmas meeting. Last night we had a real landslide. Did not get to preach and when we opened the altar call people just came running to the altar. Some of them crying, some of them praying, some were under the power and hardly got to the altar; three were sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. At one time in the testimony service there were about fifteen dancing in the Spirit at once. It seemed as if the whole house shook under the mighty power of God. It lasted about three and a half hours. Truly it was a high time in Zion. As of old it seemed the cloud stood over the tabernacle of the congregation. Glory, I haven’t gotten over it this morning. Pray for us here. Your brother in His love with victory.

LEE F. HARGIS.

Later Report.

Frederick, Okla., Dec. 26.—I want to report the revival spirit is still on, and the tide is rising. Last night, December 25th, we had a large congregation. The power fell in a wonderful way. When we made the altar call three were about thirty came to the altar crying, weeping and praying. Boys and girls, mothers and fathers, came to God. Five were saved. I do not know just how many were sanctified (about 25, I think), and about three filled with the Holy Ghost. One young man got saved and shouted awhile and then went to the door and threw his cigarettes out; and one young lady came crying to the altar to seek the Holy Ghost and God baptized her before she got to the altar, and she turned around to the congregation and began to warn them, talking in tongues. It sure was a refreshing time. We are expecting great things here yet.

LEE F. HARGIS,
601 North Sixth St.

A Bible conference lasting ten days is to be held at the Healdton Church beginning January 17th. Rev. J. H. King will be the speaker. This is held especially in the interest of the Texas Conference and every minister and worker is urged to be present and enjoy this feast of good things from the prophet of God. A welcome is extended to all that may care to take advantage of this opportunity of enjoying this Bible exposition.

GOD BLESSING THE WORK AT SEDALIA

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 26.—Well, praise the Lord, for He is so real to me. It just seems He hovers over 24th and Ohio streets, and always ready for a revival and you are welcome. If you want to be in a good meeting come to Sedalia. Your brother in Christ.

LEE F. HARGIS.
601 North Sixth St.

Mrs. Jane Inskeep requests prayer for her daughter, who was very sick and suffers much. Please pray.
THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.

The year 1928 has marked the passing of many events that indelibly stamp the fact of the soon coming of Jesus afresh upon the hearts of those earnest, yearning, expectant Christians that are looking for His coming. The amazing rapidity with which the events in the world the past decade or so have fulfilled prophecy concerning the coming of Jesus, has fired many a devoted heart to an earnest expectancy as the years roll by. It is true that we do not know the day nor the hour, neither would we try to determine the year. But this we do know, that the Word of God has not left us in ignorance of the times nor the seasons, and according to scores of Scriptures the times and the seasons are here, and scores of happenings reveal the exact conditions in the world that the Master has said would take place at the time of His coming.

From the political, religious, civil, scientific and every other standpoint, the signs are blazing forth the soon coming of Jesus.

From the financial standpoint, wealth is combining into a few hands. There has been such a combination of chain stores and monopolies the past few years as to verily fulfill James 5th chapter. The League of Nations and the Kellogg Peace Pact are rapidly bringing to pass the league of ten kingdoms spoken of in Daniel and Revelation, and the peace and safety cry of 1 Thessalonians, 5th chapter. The gathering of the Jews back to Palestine and their activities in that land definitely point to His soon appearing. The increased motor traffic and the air traffic both point to His soon appearing. The manifest inventions and the multiplied wickedness indicate the time of the end. The religious atmosphere seems just right for His soon coming. The Modernists have all but fulfilled the Laodicean church age with their denying the Creation story, and their evolution tendencies, etc. Then the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit definitely declares His soon coming.

Lately I was speaking about the soon coming of Jesus, and mentioned the apparent nearness of His coming, and a certain minister spoke up in the service and stated that he hoped he didn't come before Sunday as he had an appointment for the coming Sunday, and again that he wanted to preach the Gospel for forty years yet. Well, he may get to fill his appointment, but with that attitude I am sure he will not be expecting the Master, and He is coming to those that love His appearing. I want the world to know that the keeping of all my engagements will fade away if Jesus comes. I have an appointment in the air when the trumpet sounds and Jesus descends with a shout. And all my appointments in this terrestrial sphere are made subject to a sudden cancellation without notice.

It is high time for the true saints to look up and lift up their heads and rejoice, for the redemption draweth nigh.

LIGHTS—FAILING OR SHINING?

There is no light to be had from any human beings in the world except Christians. For only Christians have Christ, and Christ alone is the light of the world. Therefore he could make the amazing statement to those who belong to him: "Ye are the light of the world." And because of this, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." What, then, if those who alone have God's own light fail to let it shine? A writer quoted in the Keswick Calendar asks: "Who can tell the danger to souls when the light of the Christian becomes faint or uncertain? Young beginners are discouraged. The world rejoices, and Satan triumphs." We are living in dark days, and in a dark place, for "the whole world lieth in the evil one" (1 John 5:19), and he is the prince of darkness. If ever the world about us, and the church also, needed light, it is today. Do others look hopefully, trustingly to us for light, only to be disappointed by the darkness of our lives? The same writer continues: "It need not be so. Our light may turn clearly and steadily. Its brightness depends entirely upon the supply of pure oil, the unction of the Holy Ghost. This supply is unlimited. Abundance is always at hand." And the Christian has no option as to whether he should or should not be so filled from this unlimited supply that his light shall shine. "Be filled with the Spirit," is God's command to his children. The way is simple: yield wholly to Him, and trust him wholly. Then the Holy Spirit, filling the whole life, will show forth Christ in us and through us in such heavenly radiance that others will be blessed by God himself. As the keeper of a lighthouse dares not let the light go out for a single moment during the entire night, so we should not dare to let our light fail for a single moment until we come into the eternal presence of Him who is the light.—Sunday School Times.

SONG BOOKS

We have the following song books for sale: Voice of Glory, Winsett's 1928 song book, contains many new songs as well as old songs, 25 cents each, $2.75 per dozen. Joy Bells of Glory, 25 cents each, $2.75 per dozen. Waves of Glory, 25 cents each, $2.75 per dozen. Christ Exalted in Song, 25 cents each, $2.75 per dozen. Songs of the Coming King, 25 cents each, $2.75 per dozen. Pentecostal Revival Songs, 20 cents each, $2.00 per dozen. Songs of Old-Time Power, 35 cents each, $3.50 per dozen. Order from Dan T. Muse, Box 762, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Pentecostal Holiness Church, located on West Third street, has bought the remainder of the half block and the pastor, Rev. Dave Troutman, has recently moved into the parsonage at Third and Erie.

The recent revival was a great success spiritually and many souls prayed through to old-time salvation and Pentecost. God is blessing at every service and the work of the church is advancing.

A course of Bible study has been arranged for 7:45 every Friday evening. All interested in the Bible are cordially invited to come. The first topic will be on "Repentance." Dave Troutman will be in charge. Other services at the regular hours.

Sunday School, 9:45 A.M.
Devotional services, 11 A.M. and 7:15 P.M.; Young Peoples' Society, 6 P.M. Sunday evening; Ladies Home Missionary Society, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:15; devotional services Saturday evening at 7:15.

Everyone heartily invited to be with us at every and all services—it will do you good.—Report in Carnegie Herald.

Have you sent for a copy of Bro. Turner's book "Pioneering in China?" It is a thrilling narrative of actual happenings in China. 75 cents per copy. Order from Dan T. Muse, Box 762, Oklahoma City, Okla.
A GLORIOUS DEPARTURE

When that great Apostle to the Gentiles approached the closing scenes of his life he wrote, "The time of my departure is at hand; I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course." He also declared, "I have kept the faith." There was no fear of death, but rather a glorious forward in the laying aside of the mortal body, for he wrote to the Philippians that he had a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better. The hour of death to that faithful saint who has battled through the journey of life victoriously, is most glorious and filled with the presence of God.

December 31, 1928, the last day of the departing year, marked the passing of such a character from this earth to be with her Lord. Mrs. W. M. Butt, 90 years of age, left to be with the Lord from Shawnee, Okla., on that date. Her body was tenderly placed in the cemetery at Ardmore to await the call of the Master in the first resurrection.

Mrs. Butt was one of the noble characters that have indelibly stamped the imprint of their godly lives on this world. Her life has been one of service. Together with her husband, for three years they were in charge of the Odd Fellows Home at Checotah, following which they spent eight years in charge of the Baptist Orphanage at Oklahoma City. She raised seven other children. While she had no children of her own, she was mother to hundreds of motherless children.

About one year ago, while living at Lone Grove, near Ardmore, she came to Oklahoma City to attend the Oklahoma City First Pentecostal Church to seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. She loved God's word, and some of her relatives had received the experience, and she came anxious to be filled with God's Spirit. The first night she went to the altar she received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and it was such a comfort to her the last year of her life. She was so yielded to God and to God's word that it required no effort in seeking. She doubted not God, and was immediately filled. She was happy in her Christian life, though afflicted with the terrible malady of cancer. She had some wonderful revelations from God on her dying bed. She felt the presence of the Lord so close to her side, and gazed on the portals of glory, and saw the Father on the throne, and Jesus Christ, His Son. Heaven was wonderful, and she said it was more beautiful than we could realize. But that which surpasses all the beauty of heaven was that Jesus smiled at her. She sent word to saints she had met to fight on, that one smile from Jesus would more than repay for every trial and hardship. Jesus appeared to her and said in substance, "In the beginning of this sickness you said you found in Me all that you needed. Do you still find in Me all that you need?" She replied, "Yes, Lord, I find in you all that I need and will unit until I cross over the river." And the Lord smiled such a wonderful, tender smile. She sent many words of encouragement to the saints of the First Church, urging them on to steadfastness in the faith. She was so happy on her death bed, despite all the sufferings from cancer. A heavenly atmosphere was around her and she was filled with praise, and the marks of age seemed to disappear from her face as the end came and her face became as fresh and young looking. "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like His."

She was tenderly cared for at the home of her niece during her illness.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Coffeyville District met with the Coffeyville church Dec. 21 to 23, with Conf. Supt., B. R. Dean in the chair. The Lord blessed in this Conference. Bro. Dean preached a good sermon Friday night, which we all enjoyed. He also preached Saturday morning. Bro. Geo. Wassom preached Saturday night and the Lord blessed in this service and helped Bro. Wassom to give out the Word. There was two wonderfully saved in this service, with several in the altar. One young woman came to the altar crying and the Lord saved her and she did some shouting. Bro. Tripllett, pastor of the Independence church, preached Sunday morning. The Lord blessed him on preaching the Word. After the preaching Sunday morning we took the Lord's Supper. The writer preached Sunday night. The Lord blessed in this service. There was one saved and one sanctified in this service. One man came to the altar and kept praying until he hit the ROCK and the Lord blessed and saved him. This was a wonderful conference.

How the Lord blessed our souls together. The only thing wrong with the Quarterly Conference, they don't last long enough.

Following pastors reported: Sister M. K. Shannon, of the Bartlesville church; A. L. Shannon, of the Wynonna church; J. F. Nolls, of the Coffeyville church; Emma Barnes, of the Center Tree Church; B. E. Dean of the Independence church; Harry Hibbert, of the Niotaze church; Marietta Trader, pastor of the LeRoy church; Evangelists present: Geo. W. Wassom, Olive Noel. Mission Workers present: May Haughn, Allie Nolls, Myrtle Rooms, Roy A. Nichols, J. McGee, written report. Churches reported by delegates: Bartlesville, Pearl Norton; Coffeyville, Lizzie Hartman; Niaton, Artie Miller; Independence, Floyd Davidson; Cherryvale, T. M. Johnson. Written reports: Centerville, Niotaze, Wynonna, LeRoy.

A motion was adopted that every Mission Worker report in person to the Quarterly Conference, and fail to do so for two successive Quarterly Conferences, their names be dropped from the roll, and the secretary notify them to send in their papers. Wynonna was selected for the third Quarterly Conference. I am planning now to be there if I live and Jesus tarries. Are you? You are missing a blessing from the Lord when you miss these Quarterly Conferences. Pastors, evangelists, Mission Workers, let's go Friday to stay over Sunday. General offering for Supt., $7.67, for Secretary, $1.60.

HARRY HIBBERT, Dist. Secy.

"As His birth was the humblest so His death was the lowest and most shameful, for the death of the cross was the punishment of the worst and lowest criminals. No soul ever sinks so low in sin and shame that they cannot be pardoned and saved through the atoning blood of Calvary. Put all your faith and hope and trust in Jesus Christ—the Babe of Bethlehem, the Man of Galilee, the Christ of Calvary and the coming King of Kings, who will soon return to receive us unto Himself according to His promise."

Nothing we can do, even though we give our lives for the sake of the Gospel, will ever repay the debt we owe, but God gave this unspeakable gift free. All He expects in return is that we love Him and do all while this life lasts to bring others to know Him.

GLADYS K. SWAIN.
THE LORD AND HIS LAND

It is fitting to recount some of the steps in the great work of restoring the land for the new nation of Israel. Olive culture is taking on new life. A new mill at Haifa has a crushing capacity of 25,000 tons of olives a year. Jews have planted many thousands of the eucalyptus tree, the myrtle tree of Isaiah 4:13. Work has begun to replace the ancient mountain terraces. Many thousands of vines have been planted. Jewish fishermen from Salonica have undertaken to revitalize the fisheries of Palestine. In August, 1927, the British government issued a statement on the mineral wealth of the Dead Sea, placing it at $1,190,000,000 more than the combined wealth of all the nations of the world. The Palestine Electric Corporation is busy installing works on the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers, which are to furnish power for all Palestine. The Jews have poured into Palestine since the armistice over $50,000,000. Some of the richest Jews in the world are now interested in direct investment in Palestine.

The average rainfall in Palestine has increased over 50 per cent since 1850, fulfilling Joel 2:23 and other predictions. Many prophecies about the rebuilding of the old wastes have had fulfillment in recent years. The city of Tel Aviv was founded on the sands north of Jaffa in 1909, and now has almost 40,000 inhabitants, nearly all Jews. The Hebrew University at Jerusalem was formally opened by Lord Balfour, April 1, 1925, and is becoming the center of a great system of Zionist schools where all teaching is done in Hebrew.

It is evident from Scripture and present events in relation to the Jews that we are nearing the end of the times of the Gentiles. The Messiah must soon come, according to Jewish reckoning. Many Jews in eastern lands are now looking eagerly for His coming. A rabbi in Posen, Germany, writing on Daniel's prophecies, in 1868, declared that there would be a great European war "about 1913," and continuing several years, and that "about sixty years hence" the Jews might look for the Messiah. This brings us to the year 1928. Our Lord Jesus said, after speaking of the signs preceding His return ("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; men's hearts failing them for fear," the very things now seen everywhere), "Behold the fig-tree and all the trees when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now night at hand" Luke 21:25, 26, 29, 30. The fig-tree is the Jewish people, the other trees are the Gentile nations. These all are putting forth leaves, the new life of nationalism. The return of the Jews points to a great revival of Jewish national life in the near future, as is pictured in Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez. 37). Soon the land of Israel will bloom with new beauty when the Jews return to Jehovah.

This is the land of which was written: "The eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it." Deut. 10:12. Surely it is so today. Let us watch it, too. It will grow in significance more and more. It is the center of human and divine interest.—Thomas M. Chalmers, New York Jewish Mission.

THE GREAT RELIGIONS

The great religious beliefs in the world are best seen by contrast. Such contrast is forcibly presented in the following excellent summary: The Moslem seeks Mecca; the Hebrew, Jerusalem; the Catholic, Rome; each looking for the Holy City; the Protestant goes to the inner chamber and finds the door. "Examine then that door." The Moslem finds the tomb of a long dead man; the Hebrew finds only a wall against which to wall; the Catholic finds a self-beleaguered Roman citizen; the Protestant finds the "Father who seeth in secret."—Christian.

MISSING GOD'S BEST

Suppose that just here we glance at a brief list of some of the things that so easily beset us:

- Easily and frequently discouraged.
- Very often under condemnation.
- Very little appetite for prayer.
- Not much desire for God's Word.
- Do not enjoy Christian service.
- Sad only for selfish desires.
- Very little self-control.
- In bondage to fear.
- Very difficult to rejoice and give thanks.
- No delight in the Lord's Day.
- Very little appropriating faith.
- Frequently depressed and cast down.
- Afraid of the full will of God.
- Little or no hope of being any better.
- This is an ugly sample list with which we are altogether too familiar.

This sort of life qualifies us to wear a placard on our backs reading: "THIS IS NOT THE BEST THE GRACE OF GOD CAN DO."—Gospel Gleaners.

Just a few more weeks until the General Conference meets in Oklahoma City. This is to be a great gathering of Pentecostal ministers and workers from all over the Church. Many notable preachers will be present at this Conference, among whom to be expected are Rev. J. H. King, of Franklin Springs, Ga.; Rev. E. D. Reeves, of Toronto, Canada; Bro. Eppe, of Buffalo, N. Y.; G. F. Taylor, of the S. S. literature fame; Paul F. Beacham, of Holiness Bible School, and many others from the Gulf to the Great Lakes. Also Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Turner of China, and J. M. Turner of India are expected. Have you sent in your offering to help take care of the delegates?
The Wages of Sin
Mrs. Ethel Meadows

A wail! A wail! rends the sulphuric air.
A wail from Hell, dear soul how came you there?
A wail, throughout the ages of eternity,
Saith wail, in bondage, to nevermore be.
A wail so sad, still others drown your cry,
A shrieking of the demons which can never die.
A writing 'neath the liquid fire and foam,
A thousand miles from God, or friend or home.

No one to bring a drop of water there,
No God to hear your oft repeated prayer;
No mother there with broken heart for you,
No soul on earth to care for what you do.
Why did you choose, poor soul, the way of death,
Inhaling liquid fire at every breath,
Then being there ten hundred thousand years
There'll be no less to stay, no less of tears.

God's people, whom He loved, you did reject,
"Salvation" that He offered, would neglect.
The Holy Spirit came to "woo you" on the way,
Alas! you put Him off from day to day.
Did you not know, the wages paid for sin,
And that the devil waiteth for the souls of men?
Ah yes, you knew; you meant to turn some day,
But 'twas so hard to leave the "great broad way."

Alas! how had, forever is your plight,
To spend eternal ages in Hell's elusive night.
Why are you there? Poor soul, I'm sure you know:
Yes, I've rejected God; there's nowhere else to go.

—Pentecostal News.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 31, 1928.

Dear Saints of the Living God,—One time I heard Bro. Muse say that he would like to find a place entirely alone where he could shout "Glory to God" as loud as he wanted too, and this afternoon I feel like asking Bro. Muse to send me word when he finds that place, so I can, too.

Truly the Lord is working in these last days. Husband asked me to write a letter to the Faith and tell something of the Norman work. We found both the Lord's presence and knew He was working, though no definite results were seen. There is a sweet spirit of love and unity and a oneness among the Saints that is blessed indeed.

Rev. Mrs. E. E. Evans met with us Sunday, Dec. 30 and we had a good prayer meeting (really a tarry meeting) at Bro. Rowen's in the afternoon.

We were burdened and asked the Lord to save a soul that we might have a better assurance of being in His will. At the night service Bro. Smith and Bro. and Sister Fowler from the Second Church came down. Bro. Smith led the praise service, after which Sister Evans preached. The Lord was present from the first and conviction fell and six backsliders came to the altar—many others refused. One prayed through to the Baptism, one to sanctification. The others left miserably hungry. We believe the Lord will continue to deal. The travail for souls is still upon us and we know that He is dealing with sinners.

Rev. Dan T. Muse lectures on Revelation each Friday. Those who are near enough certainly are missing food and blessings when they fail to come. We take up the last part of the 7th chapter Friday, Jan. 4. We especially invite the Washington church and Barnes and all others in visiting distance. Behold, here is food for souls. Come, pray for the work at Norman, husband and myself.

MRS. TOM V. MANNING.

Kingfisher, Okla.—Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied. I want to sound a word of praise tonight to our God for His matchless love toward us, that when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Am glad that I am saved tonight, and if I know my heart, I want to be just what God would have me to be. I love the way of Holiness and Pentecost. I have been in this way about twelve years and I have not grown tired of the way. Have gone through some hard fights and have not come out as victorious as I would like to over some of them, but the Lord said "Look up," and so I am still looking up. His grace and love have sustained me, thank God. May the dear Lord bless all of you. Anyone desiring me for a meeting may write me at Route B, Kingfisher, Okla.

J. M. HODGES.

Goodwater, Okla.—Thank the Lord for what He is to me. I am so glad that I ever learned to know Jesus, He is so real to me. This is a new field, but souls are hungry to hear the Word of God. We have services in the Methodist church. There has been several of the members sanctified and received the Holy Ghost. Thank God for His atoning Blood. My heart's desire is to throw out a life-line that others can see Jesus in my life, and that they might fall out with sin and turn to Jesus before it is too late. Your sister saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and looking for His soon coming.

NEWMAN BROWN.

The Sunday School rally for District No. 3 was held with the Three Sands Sunday School December 2 by Rev. H. R. Samples. Preaching at 11 A. M. by the chairman; dinner was served at the church. Afternoon session a good report was given by most all the teachers and delegates. The following were present: Three pastors, two mission workers, two Sunday School superintendents, two assistant superintendents, two secretaries, eleven teachers, one cradle roll superintendant. There were 62 present from the Ponca City Sunday School and a number of visitors from other places. A splendid program was rendered, which all present seemed to enjoy. Our city received the district banner, as their Sunday School had the greatest increase in attendance. This was a very successful rally. A large crowd attended. The Three Sands Sunday School certainly knows how to make visitors feel welcome among them. Ponca City was selected for the place of the next rally. Yours for a better Sunday School.

ANNIE E. CARMACK,
District Secretary.

SUPT. MAHAFFEY'S SLATING

1929; Muskogee, Jan. 18 to 20; Ada, Jan. 25 to 27; Troy, Jan. 28 to 30; Durant, Feb. 1 to 3. He asks for prayer that he may be given utterance from God. Bro. Mahaffey's home address is 600 West 6th St., Ada, Okla.
NOTICE OF THE EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE

Our dearly beloved general superintendent, Rev. J. H. King of Franklin Springs, Ga., will hold a Bible conference at the Ada Pentecostal Holiness Church. Don't forget the date, February 4th to 10th, 1929. I want all the preachers and mission workers and all the laitymen that can get there at all to come, as this is for all, and I would be very glad if each church would take up a special offering at some service and send it in for Brother King, also all the preachers bring an offering along with you to give to Brother King.

I want us to make this the best Bible conference that we have ever had in the East Oklahoma Conference, and also give our general superintendent a real good offering and make him feel that we do appreciate him. COME TO THE BIBLE CONFERENCE AT ADA.

For information about a place to stay while at the conference write to the pastor, Rev. Dee McGraw, 400 West Seventh St., Ada, Okla., and please send an offering for Bro. King, stating that it is for that purpose, to Brother McGraw. Don't fail to come.

Yours for a greater conference.

J. D. MAHAFFEY, Conference Superintendent.

OKMULGEE REVIVAL

Evangelist Willa Short closed a three-weeks' revival at the Okmulgee Church Sunday night, December 23. Sister Short's messages were timely and seasoned with the power of the Holy Spirit. The church was helped those who received definite experiences.

The revival seemed to have broken through before Sister Short arrived, and it was (it seemed) impossible for the spiritual tide to ever reach such great heights during the three weeks she was in Okmulgee. However, we feel that great and lasting good was done for the cause which she so nobly represents.

All the services were well attended except a few the last week of the meeting. During that time the "flu" epidemic hit Okmulgee with all its force and many many were forced to stay at home with sick folks.

The period during Sister Short's stay in Okmulgee seemed to be a time of joy. A great number have become interested since she first came. The hours she spent here seem priceless to the children of God. Her association with the church folks and friends was worth all the sacrifices that may have been made in order to make it possible for her to be with us.

In addition to all this there were some real, visible, concrete results. She really prayed through experiences with God.

Written for the church by

RAYFORD BULLARD.

Ada, Okla., Dec. 10.—I want to sound a note of praise to our soon coming King. Oh, glory for the good meeting we have just had, and for the many times the glory of God would sweep over the services, and for the wonderful messages that God helped Sister Ross bring. They were soul stirring. There were three saved and three sanctified and five received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. There were three that came into the church. The church was wonderfully blessed. Sister Ross will be a blessing to any church. I do praise the Lord for the church here. The dear saints are moving out for God. We love them and they love us. And also the work at Stratford is moving along just fine. I praise the dear Lord for the saints there. They are doing fine. We expect to have a revival there in January. Pray for it. We have young people's services at both places, and they are just doing fine. Pray for us in our labor that we will know how to take care of the flock of God. Your brother and sister in Christ, looking for His soon coming.

D. McGRAW AND WIFE.

Wagoner District.

WALNUT SHADE, Mo., Dec. 9.—I want to praise God for His wonderful love and goodness to me, and not to me only, but He is no respecter of persons. We are here in a meeting. We are doing our best to give out the true Word of God. Some are searching their Bibles, and some are under conviction. There is a good spirit among the saints, may God bless their hearts. This is a Union place and we have different kinds of doctrines, but thank God for the doctrine of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. These saints are sure fine. Remember us when you pray, and especially while we are here in this meeting. Some nights the Lord blesses and some nights He doesn't. The school house is full most of the time. One man that was formerly a professor in—

THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS FAITH

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THE SEMINOLE CHURCH

We are in the second week of our meeting, which Rev. J. D. Mahaffey, Conference Supt., is leading. The Lord is blessing with victory, through the Church and the Holy Spirit is manifest in each service. There has been about ten saved, several sanctified and several praying through to Pentecost, as in Acts 2-4. Brother Mahaffey is giving inspiring messages, and his messages are gripping the hearts of the people. We appreciate his clean-cut way of presentation and the people love him.

Our work is growing, God is blessing the old and young alike. We have enjoyed the fine spirit of the membership and the ingathering is beyond our expectation. There has been thirty or more additions to the church, and in round numbers fifty or more saved since Conference. Pray for us.

F. G. BAILEY, Pastor.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Second Quarterly Conference of the Abner District met with the Holder Church December 8, with Conference Supt. F. M. Kidd in the chair. He gave a splendid lesson from the 5th chapter of Ephesians. Evangelists reporting in person: H. B. Stanley, J. F. Hively, F. M. Kidd. Pastors: J. W. Cross, D. P. Thurmond, C. E. Kennedy. Mission Workers: Lottie Thomas. Written reports by Emma A. Pruitt, Ella Griffin. Churches represented by delegates: Healdton, Bro. Sorrells; Ardmore, Sister Russell; Holder, Sister Harris; Woodville, Lace Dillow. Offering for Supt., $6.16. The next Conference, March 10-11, 1929, is to be held with the Ardmore church. You will miss a blessing if you fail to come. There are some of the Mission Workers that have never been to a Quarterly Conference since they joined. Bro. Thurmond preached a good sermon on Saturday night. Some confessed that they wanted to be saved. Saints, let's meet to build up the cause of Jesus.

C. E. KENNEDY, Sec. pro tem.

The Third Quarterly meeting of the 6th District Sunday School Association met with the Mt. View S. S., Jan. 6, 1929. Sec. Henry R. Samples was in charge of this rally, which was held in connection with the Quarterly Conference. Though the weather was unfavorable and quite a lot of sickness, a good crowd attended. Every Sunday School in the district except one was represented. Schools and delegates were as follows: Carnegie, Lula Nix; Apache, Sister West; Mt. View, Nell Savettelle; Gotebo, Sister Moore; Elkhart, Chapel, E. A. Dickinson; Frederick, written report; Hobart, no report. Two S. S. Secretaries were present: five Supts, 17 teachers, two club leaders, 31 pastors and three evangelists. Conf. Supt. Stark and other visitors from the different districts made the rally a very interesting and profitable one. An interesting program from the different schools was enjoyed. Carnegie was selected for the next rally. Carnegie also received the banner for the largest per cent of increase in attendance the past quarter. All the schools reporting showed an increase in attendance, also an increase in interest in the rallies.

MRS. NETTIE WITHROW, Sec.

R. D. McLaughlin, Jr., young son of Mr. Robert D. and Goldie (Reinking) McLaughlin, of Shawnee, Okla., passed on to be with the Lord. Many prayers were offered in his behalf, but God in His unerring wisdom saw fit not to interfere with death and the angels took his spirit to be with Jesus until the resurrection morn. Little R. D. was born in Oklahoma City, Oct. 14, 1925 and died in Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 8, 1929, at the age of 3 years, 2 months and 24 days. The funeral service was held by the writer Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, and the body tenderly placed in the Fairview cemetery, Shawnee. May the Lord comfort this young couple in their sorrow. Just remember little R. D. is safe in the arms of Jesus, and has forever escaped the sins of this world, and will spend eternity with Jesus and the redeemed and the angels, and some day you can meet him again if you will.

DAN T. MUSE, Pastor.

Independence, Kans., Dec. 12.—A few words about our meeting at Caney, where Rev. Ora B. Shively is pastor. God gave us a good meeting. Seven saved, five sanctified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We give God all the glory. We had a hard battle, but God gave the victory. Bro. Corindor stopped with us. There was lots of confessing and asking forgiving, praise the Lord. Just feel good close to Him that a lost world can see Jesus in me, and that my memory will live on after I am gone to be with Him.

ETTA SATTERFIELD.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 28.—Today finds me on victory side, praise the Lord. I praise the Lord for salvation and cleansing power. Oh, Jesus is so real to me today. I hope to do more for the coming year than I have done the past year. I am staying at present with my daughter. Have been here three weeks, but hope to get in a revival soon. Anyone wanting me, my address is Route 10, Box 5, Guthrie, Okla.

IVA HAYS.

Grace does not run in the blood—but corruption does. A sinner begats a sinner—but not a saint, a saint.—Selected.

Let's send the whole Gospel to the whole world.
THE WORLD-WIDE PROCLAMATION

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15. "Hear this, all ye people: give ear all ye inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor, together." Ps. 40:1-2.

It is a general custom practiced by most leading nations to issue a proclamation preceding some special event, such as holidays, or an executive message to legislative bodies, etc. People as a whole regard such, and some reverence the same with due consideration. Men and women of prominence and talent will devote more or less time to the discussion of politics, various programs, and games of play, with very little thought of "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth."

In the inception of time, God created man a holy being, and instructed him in a way that would have been a perpetual blessing to himself and an honor to his Creator. After the elapse of a number of centuries, King David, viewing conditions in his day, became so interrogative he asked, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" There are people who are seemingly astonished at Christian folks who take so much interest in the salvation of lost souls. However, we are aware of the fact that sin is running riot and crime is prevalent most everywhere. For multiplied centuries there have been God-called men and women stressing the Gospel of emancipation to captivated souls, and many times their living messages were delivered under adverse conditions. They were ambassadors of Christ. Their proclamation was world-wide, and thanks be to the Most High, it is still world-wide. "Oh, what a mystery," says the skeptic. Yes, there is a cause—a great cause. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Dear reader, if you have never been saved, or if you are not saved now, please heed this warning, "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God He will abundantly pardon." Ps. 55:6-7. "He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov. 29:1.

If you are in trouble, or an outcast, penniless, friendless and without hope in this world, there is only one remedy for you, and that is salvation through the Blood of Jesus.

W. H. HART.

THE OWER OF THE GOSPEL

The Gideons affirm that they have more calls for Bibles than they can supply. Only 700,000 of the two million hotel rooms in the United States have been provided with Bibles. Testimonies to the value of this ministry are constantly coming in. What other book would call forth such if placed in a room for casual reading? Certainly not Emerson or Spencer or any other in President Eliot's five-foot shelf—a shelf which, by the way, was not long enough to give a place to the Bible. "I never heard of the Gideons until I picked up this Bible," writes a Jew. "I am a thousand miles from home, friendless and alone, but tonight the bar-room loses a customer." Another says, "Please send me particulars about becoming a Gideon. I want to help to do for the other fellow what the Gideon Hotel Bible did for me." A Roman Catholic father says a Gideon Bible saved his son who had absconded with his firm's money. He found the Bible in the hotel room where he was hiding and, convicted of sin, went home and returned the money. There was no Bible in that home before but they read it daily now and have contributed to the Gideon Bible fund. A woman who ran an evil resort in Atlanta, converted by reading a Gideon Bible, gave all her savings, two thousand dollars, to start a Martha House for Girls, of which she is matron. An actor in an agony of loneliness at the loss of his wife "opened the Bible at the Seventy-seventh Psalm, read all night and found solace and hope." Suicides have been restrained. "A drunkard came to this hotel," writes a proprietor. "On leaving he took the Gideon Bible home with him. He began to study it at home and was led to Christ. He sent a friend back to the hotel to pay for the Bible taken."

The British and Foreign Bible Society has started to put Bibles in a hotel in Bangkok, Siam. Three have already taken Bibles, and others are considering the matter. It is planned to supply not only English but Chinese, Hindu, Siamese, Japanese and other hotels. The Bible Society report informs us that the leading hotels in Syria welcome the placing of an English Bible in all their bedrooms, and that many Mohammedan and Syriac hotels are also willing to put Arabic Bibles in their bedrooms. The only lack is the money to supply the Bible.

Ernest Gordon in Sunday School

IN MEMORY

Anna Kinery Parmeuter was born Sept 5, 1889. Departed this life Dec. 14, 1928, at Oklahoma City, Okla. She leaves to mourn her death a husband and infant son, a father and mother three brothers and three sisters and many friends. Her sudden death was indeed a shock to her family and friends. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor and her body was tenderly placed in the Sunny Lane cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection when the dead in Christ shall arise. She was well acquainted with the power of God, and many times we have heard her testify and shout the victory during the past number of years. She was indeed a good woman, and we feel has only slipped away from this world of sorrow to rest in the arms of Jesus. May God bless the remaining members of the family and grant a grand reunion in heaven in that day. She was a member of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church at Oklahoma City.

DAN T. MUSE, Pastor.

Floyd Canary, beautiful baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Canary, southeast of the city, passed away and was buried Jan. 1, 1929. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the presence of many relatives and friends. It was indeed hard to give up this bright jewel, but we can rest in the satisfaction that the beautiful bud plucked away by death will blossom out in the glory world with Jesus. What a wonderful thought that father and mother can again meet this precious jewel in heaven with Jesus, where partings will never come and where death has been forever banished. The body was tenderly placed in Fairlawn cemetery to await the resurrection.

DAN T. MUSE, Pastor.

The way some folks "wire-pull" around you would think the church is theirs, but the Lord "purchased it with His own blood."