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## JUST A TREE

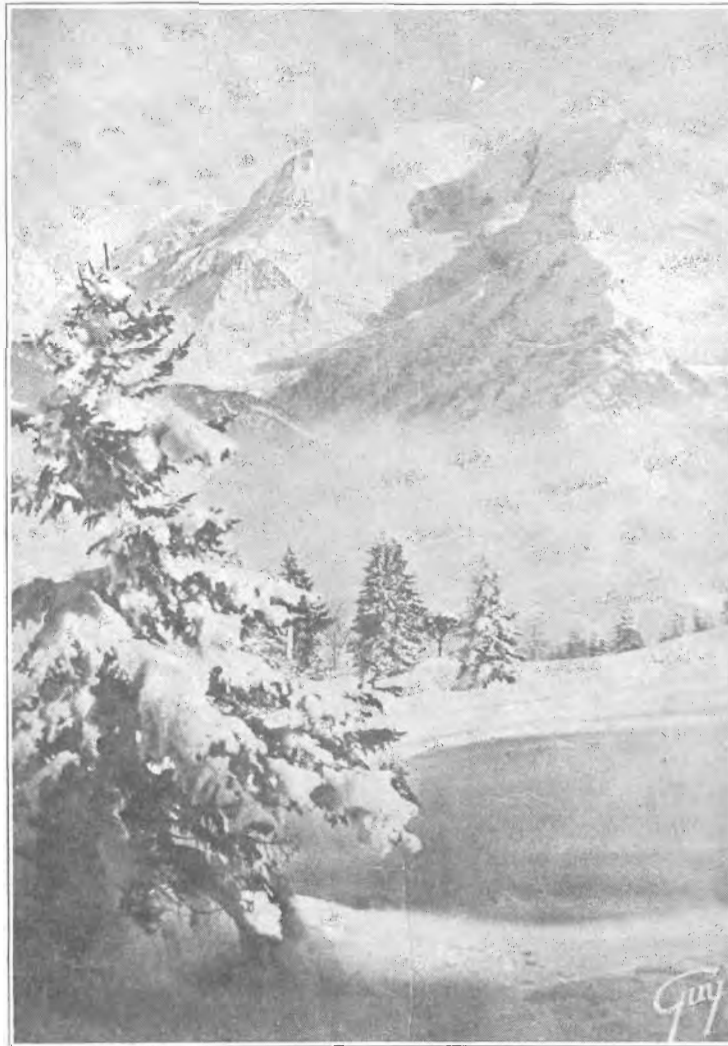
By Evangelist K. V. Reeves, Granite City, Ill.

"Who his ownself bare our sins in his own body **ON THE TREE**, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." I Peter 2:24.

The cross of Jesus, to which He was nailed, was made out of an ordinary tree. It is true that there are different species of trees, and this tree was of a particular specie (perhaps acacia wood), but it was only one tree of many trees like it in the woods. If it were possible for the tree, to which Jesus was nailed, to speak from the grave wherein its dust lies, it would surely bring us a message of eternal importance. With your permission I will try to characterize this tree. Listen to its message . . . :

"As I lay here in my grave I meditate upon those things that are past, and contemplate about those things which shall be hereafter. It has been a long time it seems to me since I was born upon a hillside with host of my kin all about me. I was so small when I first became conscious of my existence, and took knowledge of the things about me. I took a lively interest in the green carpet of grass with its furniture of vegetation. The air and space about me was well papered with birds of various sorts. My environment was pleasant though rugged as I was forced to brave the heat and the cold, along with the pleasant beauties of nature and God.

"Then one day some men came along who seemed to take unusual interest in me and a couple of my brothers. They walked about us and sized us up and down



*For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it.—Isaiah 55:10-11.*

with keen and seemingly cold calculations. It wasn't long until the purpose of their visit was made painfully clear to all three of us. With calm, cold purpose the men began to cut up the vegetation about us and throw it around with an attitude of unconcern. Then before we knew it, the men began to bite into our ankles with sharp instruments of cruelty. I felt myself falling. There was a crash as I hit the ground and I felt bruised and broken. But if I thought the fall was bad, what followed was horrible. My arms were all cut off, my beauty was marred forever. My two brothers I noticed were being treated in the same manner. We were then dragged and hauled mercilessly into a city named Jerusalem. How long we lay there I cannot say, but I ironically noted the two stiff artificial arms that were given our skinned and mutilated bodies. Our arms struck grotesquely straight out. In reality it was one arm fastened in the middle and protruding out on both sides like two arms. My body felt so dry and lifeless and I noticed it had shrunk a great deal. But the future was to be worse.

"One day I noticed a large throng of excited people cursing, crying, and denouncing a sad but benevolent looking man. This man seemed to be so kind looking in contrast to the evil appearance of the vast multitude that opposed Him. They spat upon His bleeding face and pushed Him around with rough hands. I watched as they lacerated His back with a cruel looking whip.

"I could keenly feel  
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## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Greetings in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus. We sincerely hope that the new year will be a very happy one for all in Him and that His blessings shall be yours. We thank you for your faithfulness and support of the United Pentecostal Church official organ and we pledge ourselves anew to give you the best possible paper in the months to come—you can help by sending in good, rich and inspiring material for its pages.

### Our Task

We are entering upon another year and only God knows what 1947 will bring forth, if He carries. The Apostle Paul had a real determination in the things of God and in writing to the Romans in chapter 8 and verses 38 and 39 said, 'For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' Let all of us with renewed courage, fight the good fight of faith, keeping our hearts pure in the sight of God and watching for the coming of the Lord from heaven—our precious Saviour and Lord. Let us launch out further into the deep—cut away the shorelines—ever pressing onward and upward in the name of Him who loved us and redeemed us by His blood.

### Strengthen Thy Brethren

In the 22nd chapter of the gospel of Luke, the 31st and 32nd verses we find the following statement which the Lord spoke to Peter, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." The point which we wish to bring to your prayerful attention is the words "strengthen thy brethren." Jesus knew that it would be necessary for Peter to possess more than he had at that time in order to carry out the words which were spoken to him. The Lord knew that when the New Testament church would become a reality on the day of Pentecost, its inception would be accompanied by the supernatural outpouring of the Holy Ghost from heaven. He also knew the trials and tests which would be the aftermath of the visitation of the Holy Spirit and He impressed upon the mind and heart of Peter the necessity of strengthening the brethren and being a bulwark of defense against the onslaughts of the Pharisees, Sadducees and the other religious groups of that day.

### Weapons of Warfare

He also knew that Peter, as well as the rest of the disciples, would have to be divinely equipped with the weapons necessary to combat the spiritual and natural forces that would arise to destroy, if possible, the infant church. Jesus made the matter of the "strengthening of thy brethren" of primary and utmost importance.

The events which followed Pentecost proved that it was vital that weapons of warfare from God had been given to the warriors of the cross in order to stand. An outstanding scripture which indicates the "strength" of the early church is found in the second chapter of Acts and the 42nd verse—"And they continued *steadfastly* in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

### The Secret of Success

Here was the secret of success and progressiveness of the early Christian church. There was unity of purpose, unity of doctrine, unity of faith and unity of walk with God. It was beset on every hand by those who would fain have destroyed it but the more the hand of oppression and persecution was laid upon it—the more it grew and prospered.

The Apostle Peter, the one who before Pentecost cowered before the questions of a damsel and openly denied and cursed that he was ever acquainted with the Man of Galilee, was a bulwark and tower of strength (after Pentecost), encouraging the weary, giving strength to the weak, healing the sick and afflicted and resolutely and with determination from above, standing strong and true. He was taken before the Sanhedrin and forbidden to preach in the name of Jesus, but he, threatened as he was with dire punishment if he persisted, withstood the whole august body of Jewish religious leaders and boldly and fearlessly declared "We ought to obey God rather than men."

The Bible is filled with examples of men and women who went forth conquering and to conquer when their lives were touched by the mighty, pulsating and regenerating power and grace of God. They faced the hatred and jeers of the ungodly, they braved the terrors of the unknown in their quest to bring the

word of God to the lost and "strengthen those of like precious faith."

The reason for Peter's "turn around" is found in the 4th chapter of Acts and the 8th verse . . . *Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost*. There was the difference between success and failure, between courage and fear, between lukewarmness and boldness.

### Our Heritage

We Jesus name people have been given a marvelous and precious heritage from the Lord. We have received the same commission and message that was preached by Peter, James, John, Paul and the rest of the faithful of old. One of the greatest needs of today is to "strengthen thy brethren." How we need to stand together as one for we have been baptized into one body by the same Spirit of God. We have received a responsibility toward our fellow citizens in Christ. We may not all see eye to eye in every point of service and worship but we need, as never before in these last days, to strengthen one another, to stand one for another, to fight one for another and to let everyone know that "we be brethren." We need to carry the banner of the love of Christ in order that a dying and lost world might see that love and affection of God manifested between brethren of like precious faith and desire to find the Christ of that love. It is the supreme aim of the Devil to put, if possible, a wedge between brethren and cause discord, but those of us that have been made partakers of the divine nature and grace of God must stand and fight **TOGETHER** for the "faith once delivered to the saints."

### Dark Days of War

During the dark days of 1940 following the fall of France when England stood alone against the hordes of Germany with only a narrow strip of water separating the Germans from helpless England, Winston Churchill became Prime Minister in the darkest days of England's history and hurled his defiance at the German legions and dared them to "come and get us." He was not able to offer the English people much but said these memorable words to them—that they would conquer by "Blood and Sweat and Tears." England rallied around him as one man and the German armies were repulsed for "they stood together as one man" and had that indomitable courage that would not be defeated and finally through the help of allies from America, Canada and other nations, the victory was finally won. The English "strengthened each other" in their hour of need. God's "united" people also cannot be defeated for "in unity there is strength."

### Oneness

There are perhaps differences that could bring division among the people of God and nothing would be more pleasing to the Devil and his imps from Hell but if we "who have been filled with the Holy Ghost will stand by one another and strengthen one another" we shall be victorious at all times for "if God be for us, who can be against us." We can only claim this in God as we are "one."

### Responsibility

There is a real burden upon my heart as I write these few words—I love the name of Jesus and His people—but unless we stand together—strengthen one another—and fight (with the word of  
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## ATTENTION PASTORS

Shortly after the first of the year each church affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church, or whose pastor is affiliated with the organization, will receive a questionnaire from the United States Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C. The information requested on this questionnaire is for use in making up the Year Book of American Churches, which is published every five years by the Census Bureau.

We want to urge each pastor to see that this questionnaire is returned to Washington, D. C., just as soon as possible after it is received as your cooperation in this matter will greatly enhance the standing of the United Pentecostal Church when listed in the year book along with other religious organizations. Thank you and God bless you.

S. W. Chambers,  
General Secretary.

# Convention News From Mexico

By Manuel J. Gaxiola, Chairman National Young People's Committee of the Apostolic Church of Mexico

The XV General Convention of the Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus (Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus) of Mexico, held October 24-31, 1946, in the city of Torreon, Coahuila, was a great success. Over 850 brethren from different parts of Mexico attended the convention. Some of them made the trip by plane, train and bus. Others had to walk on foot several days through the high mountains of the central part of Mexico until they came to a place where they could get a train or bus. A few came by "burro." However, everybody was happy and the Lord gave us a great revival in His name.

It was our special privilege to have with us for a few days Brother Howard A. Goss, General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church, who was official representative of that organization to our Convention and also the late

were introduced to the convention the same day at 12 o'clock noon. I must say that our work in Mexico is divided in this manner: the Women's societies work for the building of churches and also to help the poor people; the Young People for the support of missionary work and the Men's societies support the students in our Apostolic Theological Institute in Mexico City.

The Convention officially opened the same day at 6:30 p.m. There were 120 ministers present from different parts of Mexico and also some others from California, Arizona and Texas. Brother F. Rivas H., our General Superintendent, preached that night about "The Progress of the Apostolic Church." He gave an interesting report of the work in Mexico since its beginning in 1914 and told many of his experiences on the field of labor. We also heard from

His salvation. There was also a special meeting on Monday night led by the faculty and students of our Bible School and the graduate students received their diplomas. Bishop Maclovio Gaxiola, the Principal, talked about "The Apostolic Theological Institute; its beginning, its present work and its plans for the future."

Thirty brethren were filled with the Spirit during the Convention and 75 were baptized in the precious name of Jesus. During the Convention the previous year we baptized 66.

The Convention came to a close with a large crowd present on Thursday night, October 31st. Twenty brothers were ordained for the ministry and others were removed from their present fields of labor and sent to open new works in different parts of Mexico. We are looking forward, if Jesus tarries, to



Ministers who attended the XV Convention of the Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus at Torreon, Coahuila, October 24-31, 1946.

Brother Eldredge E. Lewis, from Corpus Christi, Texas, who was official representative of the Pentecostal Conquerors. We all enjoyed their ministry very much and especially the information about the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in the early days of this century in the United States. They made some official representations to our National Officials and we sincerely hope the Lord will unite all His people for the advancement of His kingdom over the earth and especially in Latin America.

The first meeting of the Convention was held on Thursday, October 24th, at 5 a.m. There was a large attendance and Brother Manuel J. Gaxiola preached about the Great Commission (Mark 16:15).

The official delegates of the Women's, Young People's and Men's societies

Brother Goss who preached about the Pentecostal work in the United States and also in the rest of the world. We all praised God to know that this brother has walked with the Lord for over 40 years. The blessings of the Spirit of the Lord were manifested upon all the convention group while listening to Brother Goss.

Services were held every morning at 5 o'clock. Ministers and Young People had their business meetings every day at 9 a.m. the Women's and Men's societies had theirs at 10 a.m. There were prayer meetings every day at 9 o'clock in the morning and also in the afternoon. Night services were held daily from 6:30 to 10:30. On Sunday night there was a Young People's special meeting and we saw over 50 young people at the altar, seeking the Lord and

another great Convention next year and the brethren in Torreon hope to build a large church with accommodations for 2,000 and add other facilities for the increased attendance they expect to have next year.

We all rejoice to be in fellowship with the United Pentecostal Church family of the United States. We sincerely appreciated the visit of Brothers Goss and Lewis to our Convention and hope that more American brethren will be able to attend our future meetings. Please pray for us, that we may send some of our representatives to your General Conference next year. Remember the work of Mexico in your prayers. We want to spread this glorious Jesus Name message throughout Mexico as the people here need the Lord's salvation. (continued on page 12)

# The Heavenly Vision

By D. Elmo Darrah, Albuquerque, N. M.

"Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18.

We often hear the first part of this proverb quoted, but the latter half of it is not so colorful or desirable to many. How wonderful it is to conjure up in our mind's eye a great and inspiring "vision" such as we imagine Columbus had which led him to embark on a hazardous voyage which resulted in the discovery of the New World, or that which Livingstone possessed which led him to the continent of Africa where he opened up that dark place to the word of God.

Yes, there must be an awakening to a vision like that which possessed those great men, and many others, in the hearts of our political and spiritual leaders or we shall be in mortal danger of perishing as a Christian society and nation. But the vision here spoken of does not necessarily mean that romantic, thrilling thing we would often like to make of it. In many places in the Bible, the "vision" is referred to as direct inspiration from God, or His clear revealing of His plans and His will to His prophets and His people.

"And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." I Samuel 3:1.

The usual meaning of *vision* as here spoken of seems to be a direct revelation from God to His prophets or an opening of their understanding of the scriptures and God's will for His people. Sometimes it was a personal interview with His prophet in which God revealed His will and gave His "chosen one" his "march orders" as he did to Moses at the burning bush and with Paul when He struck him blind on the road to Damascus. Paul, in referring to this vision and the commandments which Jesus gave to him there, said in Acts 26:19 that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision but showed it first in Damascus, and at Jerusalem, throughout Judea and then to the Gentiles, "that they should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance."

There were real visions in these two wonderful instances which were manifested to Moses and Paul where the great I AM appeared in His brightness and glory to tell them what He desired of them. This great physical manifestation, wonderful as it was, and to the ones who received it precious and awesome, was not all of the vision. The mission which God gave and impressed upon their hearts, minds and souls and which stayed with them throughout their whole lives, making of them among the world's great human leaders, was, I believe, the REAL vision. If either had failed to pursue their calling, the meaning and significance of the original vision would have been lost to them and would more than likely have become a stumbling block and curse.

Here, in the Apostle Paul's own words, is the positive parallel and gospel fulfilment of Proverbs 29:18 with which our article begins: "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Could we stand

before the least on earth, not to mention her great, and say we are being obedient to the heavenly vision? Shall we be able to stand before the King of Kings and say, "O king Jesus, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision?"

Jesus is calling you. He is calling to every spirit filled child of God to "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 4:35-36. In other places in the scriptures Jesus not only "invites" us to enter the harvest fields but "commands" us to "preach the gospel to every creature." Do you have a clear and impelling vision of the harvest fields? You don't if you have been in the habit of disobeying the little "visions" of usefulness to others and of winning that neighbor or the neglected children of your part of town to the Lord. If you have merited a real vision of a particular harvest field from the Lord, it is because He has trusted you would be obedient. To really obey God is your greatest opportunity and responsibility.

How precious and never failing are the wonderful promises of God. The Lord has given us many wonderful promises and also some fearful ones! Let us not forget the fearful ones. Study the subject of blessings and curses throughout the Bible and view yourself in the light of your findings. See Leviticus 26 - Deuteronomy 28 - etc. Is your spiritual vision dim? Do such scriptures as the one about the harvest fields "leave you cold?" Then you must have failed to obey somewhere along the line. Perhaps it was little by little or maybe it was one big denial of the Lord's demands upon you as His blood bought child. As Lord, He must be first in all things.

He wants us to take His words to heart, to obey every word of His, to preach the gospel wherever and however He gives the opportunity, with the empowering of His Holy Spirit, attesting to His ministry through us with signs following. He wants us to glorify His Holy Name and to lift it high by our living and verbal testimony.

"If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my Name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will curse your blessings; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart." Malachi 2:2.

There is another portion of scripture which ties obedience and vision together: "The law is no more; and her prophets find no vision." This is in the latter half of Lamentations 2:9.

Do you want to hear from God; to be able to deliver the true gospel; to discern between the good and evil ever before us that we may always be able to choose the good and perfect ways which God has for us? Then we must obey in every point and if we have a will to obey, and will humbly and diligently seek to know His will and commandments, He will give us vision, insight and wisdom for every step of the way. He will give them through our searching of the scriptures, yielding ourselves

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to Him and praying always in the Spirit, and by obedient preaching, teaching and ministering to those who need it.

See a man busy obeying God and you will see a man of vision. If you desire a vision from the Lord such as a "Great door, and effectual opened unto me" as Paul saw in the city of Ephesus and recorded in I Corinthians 16:9, just obey God in those things that He is dealing with you and as obedience takes effect and works out His will then God can trust you with bigger things. Invest those little talents of opportunities He is pressing upon you, be they ever so small, and the greater vision, opportunity and anointing will follow.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2; Matt. 9:38.

Obey in every point as Jesus, through the word and the Spirit, reveals Himself to you and He will give you vision, will send you forth, and will reward you even as He has others. Praise the Name of Jesus, our Lord of the Harvest.

By W. T. Witherspoon, Columbus, O.

The thing that has brought us into the glorious latter day light and the revelation of Jesus Christ is that we have been constrained to insist on fulfilling the scripture just as it is. We have insisted on the speaking with other tongues as the evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and that baptism in water must be in the Name of Jesus simply because that is the only Name used in the Word.

Now if the above be so, it is obvious that we will only get at the real truth of other doctrines by sticking to the Word. This brings us to the subject of this article, "Backsliders," which word is not in the New Testament. We use it to designate those who have gone back into the world and have fallen from grace. It is not definitely a wrong term, but it is evidently not God's term or He would have had the Apostles use it. It is not used simply because it cannot be applied to the New Testament saint who breaks with God. The reason it cannot be applied is because of the difference between the New Testament and the Old Testament experience. Old Testament experience consisted of keeping the laws and performing the ceremonies as set forth in the law. This justified the worshipper before God, but in no sense did it clear his conscience of inbred guilt. The most perfect lawkeeper—Saul of Tarsus—was constrained to cry out "Oh, wretched man that I am" when he came into the knowledge of God's righteousness.

By the above you can see that it is possible to backslide only from an experience that was without. You cannot backslide from an experience that is within, no more than you can slip away from your heart and lungs. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a seal unto the day of your redemption. Up to this point it would seem the "Eternal Security" so-called, is correct, and it is so far as God's *thought, intent* and *purpose* is concerned. But the teachers of that doctrine refuse to take into consideration the free moral agency of the saint and the many scriptures that show clearly that one can fall from grace. Paul said concerning the Galatian church "I fear lest I have bestowed labor upon you in vain." What a terrible statement if they were still saved, after taking up with false doctrines.

Of course they were better off no matter how far they would have fallen if they were still saved. Paul, in another place, says "We are not among those that draw back to Perdition," and in still another place, concerning those that have gone back into sin: "The last state of that man is worse than the first." This could not be if they were still saved.

No, there is something far worse than backsliding to a New Testament saint, who sins wilfully and puts Christ to an open shame. He does not backslide, but he conducts a second crucifixion, and this time it is within himself, and Paul says in the 6th chapter of Hebrews when they have done that, there is nothing

ahead of them but a certain fearful looking forward of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversary. Concerning those that have such a high place in God and such a "secure" position, we are reminded that even the angels in heaven were cast out when they obeyed Lucifer.

Concerning his first crucifixion, "He came unto His own," and they crucified Him. Concerning His second crucifixion, again "He came unto His own" and many of them are saying "We will not have this man to rule over us." They persecute Him by rejecting the leading of the spirit; they put Him to an open shame in many ways and many places. If this is persisted in, He will again

say, "It is finished," and "there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin."

You may ask, "What is the sign of this awful condition?" I answer, "When there is no repentance." Someone said, "What is the unpardonable sin." Rather, it is an unpardonable condition. "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," but you can get in a condition where you cannot come. Be careful to foster a spirit of repentance. A broken and a contrite heart are the sacrifices of God. Genuine repentance and confession is getting to be a scarce article. Many will never do it, but, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

## A GREAT SOLDIER HAS FALLEN



With saddened heart we journeyed to McLeod, Texas, where, on December 7, 1946, we participated in the final rites for our beloved friend and brother, Eldredge E. Lewis of Corpus Christi, Texas. Brother Lewis was instantly killed on the morning of

December 5th as a result of a butane gas explosion which took place next door to the plant where he had been working for about two weeks.

A short funeral service was held in the church in Corpus Christi, Texas, where Brother Lewis was pastor, in charge of Brother Oliver F. Fauss of Houston, Texas. From there his body was taken to McLeod, Texas, the home

## HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND

A new and larger Headquarters building and Publishing House is a dire necessity indeed. We understand that it is difficult for you who have never visited your Headquarters office to realize this but you who have been here should know this. We are literally "packed out" especially in the Publishing House to the extent that it has become necessary to infringe on a portion of the living quarters for storage space, etc., and even with that we have insufficient room. The business of the Publishing House is growing very rapidly, which means a greater stock of supplies on hand to meet the needs of our people and consequently more crowded conditions.

Pledges were taken at the last General Conference totalling some \$4,000.00, but very little of this money pledged has come in so far. We hope that you will not fail in your obligation but will take care of your pledge very soon in view of the great need right now.

Your Headquarters officials and Publishing House are endeavoring to give you prompt and efficient service but this is next to impossible with the facilities that we now have.

## FIRE AT TUPELO

*Fire at and Restoration of Classroom Building at the Pentecostal Bible Institute, Tupelo Mississippi*

Despite the fact that fire recently partially destroyed our classroom building, we, at Pentecostal Bible Institute still have the victory in our souls and are expecting bigger and better things from the Lord than ever before. Most of the damage was confined to the roof and upper floor of the building leaving most of the bottom floor untouched by the fire but badly damaged by water. The students and faculty played a great part in helping to fight the blaze which broke out in the early hours of the morning.

As soon as the fire was put out the task of restoration immediately began, and thanks to the cooperation of a willing student body and faculty who provided the labor, and the financial support of those who felt the need, the building has been restored and classes are now being held again. It is impossible to thank all who helped us during this time of trial but truly we are thankful for each and every contribution. We were not only able to replace most of our financial loss in equipment amounting to almost \$2,000 but God supplied us with the materials which were necessary in the reconstruction work. Most of these materials were considered unobtainable, but God graciously supplied all of these needs within a week of the fire.

We had a wonderful service in dedicating the newly finished building for the glory of God and Brother A. D. Gurley preached the dedication service with a nice crowd present.

May we, through the Herald, express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who so kindly assisted in replacing the lost equipment and stood by us in the time of dire need. We can accept between 15 and 20 new students for the second semester which begins January 25, 1947.—C. D. Soper, Principal.

## Bible School Announcement

REV. S. G. NORRIS,

President of Apostolic Bible Institute

St. Paul, Minnesota

Will conduct a five day Bible School, March 24-March 28, 1947, inclusive.

Pastor Walter Guinn's Church—  
White Way Tabernacle,  
Blair and Warren Streets,  
St. Louis, Mo.

Watch February Herald for further announcement.

# DON'T PUT OUT THE FIRE

Text: "Quench not the Spirit." — I Thessalonians 5:19.

A short text, this, whose real vividness has not been too well carried over from the original. It might be rendered: "Don't put out the fire of the Holy Spirit!"

The Holy Spirit as fire! It is a powerful figure, but not a surprising one to those who are familiar with the Scriptures. Over and over fire is taken as a symbol of God: His presence and might, His holiness and glory. The experience of Moses in the desert and Isaiah in the temple are only two among many illustrations in the Old Testament. The symbolism is continued in the New Testament, where it is employed specifically with reference to God as He acts in and through the Holy Spirit. "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire," said John concerning Jesus.

And He did—and still does. Read the second chapter of Acts: the "day of Pentecost fully come" — the disciples "all with one accord in one place"—"a sound from heaven as of rushing mighty wind"—and then!—"there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire." What an amazing combination of scenic symbolism and solid fact! The towering fact was: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

Thus we see the appropriateness of the figure which appears in the text and thus we catch sight of the truth which lies behind it; the truth, namely, that fire is a picture and emblem of the Holy Spirit as He relates Himself to us in His active ministries of grace and guidance, His living energies of love and power. *Fire illuminates, so does the Spirit. Fire warms, so does the Spirit. Fire melts, so does the Spirit. Fire purifies, refines, so does the Spirit. Fire energizes, so does the Spirit. Fire fuses, welds, unites; so does the Spirit.* And on one might go with the analogy.

But here a startling and solemn thing intrudes itself. The text admonishes "quench not!" Don't put out that flame! It is plainly implied that it lies within your power and mine to hinder, to hurt, and to halt the living, loving ministries of the Spirit of God. In this realm of moral relationships and spiritual experiences it is terribly true that the human can hinder the Divine, the finite can frustrate the Infinite. Hence the warning: Take care! Quench not! *Be sensitive—always, at all costs—to the impulses and influences of God's gracious Spirit!*

Now what are some of the fiery ministries of the Holy Ghost which we are in danger of crippling or cancelling? Our answer to this inquiry will be found in a review of four remarkable passages from the New Testament.

*Don't Put Out the Spirit's Testimony Flame!*

Turning to Acts 5:32, we come upon these words: "And we are his witnesses of these things, and so is also the Holy Ghost whom God hath given to them that obey him." It is the speech of Peter. It is intended to explain to their critics the persistency and ardor with which he, John and other Spirit-filled ones have



been testifying to *their experience of Christ*. Previously they had been told that they must desist from their Jesus propaganda, but *neither bans nor threats had silenced their voices*. They have been arrested again, and the authorities complain, "Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled all Jerusalem with your doctrine." Blessed compliment. To the solemn charge Peter makes brave answer: "*We ought to obey God rather than man*." In that "ought" is a flame of fire. We are *Christ's witnesses*, we are made so by the revelation of Christ which has come to us in the gift of the Holy Ghost. *Christ is real! Christ is living! Christ is adequate—all victorious! We have found it so. We must tell it. That—God help us to see it—is normal Christianity.*

Now, sadly enough, there are many among us who have failed to pass on to others the word of life that has come to them. Their failure has become their impoverishment. *Their delinquency in witnessing has carried defeat into the whole of their Christian life*. They have throttled the urge to testify until, alas, the urge is no longer there. John Fletcher has left us the record of his own unhappy experience in this matter. He confesses that five different times he *lost the assurance* of his having been made "perfect in love," simply because he was afraid to bear his testimony.

There is a principle here which even the psychologists recognize. William James taught that no worthy impression should ever be left without its appropriate expression. And someone has more recently remarked, with a nice play on words, that "*impression minus expression equals depression*." The vision must have a voice, or it will fade. The unacknowledged blessing withers in the heart. The shut-in flame goes out for want of a draft. "Quench not the Spirit!"

*Don't Put Out the Spirit's Prayer Flame!*

In Romans 8:26 Paul tells us, "*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit it-*

*self maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.*"

The teaching values here are rich and varied: real prayer without the Holy Spirit is impossible; our human limitations ("infirmities") are such that, without Him, we know neither the how or the what of prayer; His presence and guidance are given to overcome this handicap.

It is the work of the Spirit of God to supply both the impulse and the intelligence for effective praying. The impulse may be common or uncommon; common in the constant, gentle, persuasive "push" of the mind toward communion with God; uncommon in those special "burdens," those seasons of soul "travail," which come again and again in the life of prayer. But an urge or a burden without enlightenment would be a blind and fruitless thing. So the Spirit directs our praying in keeping with the mind and purpose of God. Basic guidance comes through the Holy Scriptures. Special guidance comes through that mysterious play of mind on mind, that voice of the Holy Ghost in the soul.

"I cannot tell why there should come to me

A thought of someone miles and miles away,

In swift insistence on the memory,

Unless there be a need that I should pray.

"Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,

A more appalling weakness, a decay Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right.

And so, in case he needs my prayer, I pray."

But suppose I do not! Suppose I am pettily preoccupied. Suppose I am neglectful and heedless. Then what? The answer is unavoidable; I quench the Spirit; I damp the prayer flame. And the mischief of this sort of thing is that it tends to repeat itself. The Holy Spirit does not leave us on the slightest provocation (God forgive us if we leave that impression with the people who wait upon our ministries!) but these failures, be they ever so small, do have a numbing effect upon us. Shortly the correction and reproof of the inner Monitor must be heeded or paralysis will settle upon our praying. And when this occurs, the defenses of the soul go down and all manner of temptations may tramp in upon us to crush us. And when these evil intruders reach the Holy Place of the now defeated life they find upon its cold altar the dead ashes of a once glowing prayerfulness. Oh God, the pity of it!

*Don't Put Out the Spirit's Love Flame!*

The next scripture to pass before us in this review is Ephesians 5:30-32, which reads: "*And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one*

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# MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

November 1 to 30, 1946

Western District	\$25.00
Full Gospel Church Conference	61.43
T. J. Turkington	50.00
West Australia, Perth Full Gospel Church	23.75
<b>Alabama—</b>	
Eva, Pentecostal Church	15.00
<b>Arizona—</b>	
Phoenix, Augustus H. Schroeder	50.00
Phoenix, Pentecostal Church in Jesus Name	42.00
<b>Arkansas—</b>	
Arkadelphia, First Gospel Church	10.00
Blytheville, Gateway Tabernacle	2.65
Fort Smith, First Apostolic Church	5.23
Hope, Hope Pentecostal Church	36.00
Little Rock, First Pentecostal Church	10.00
Rector, Charles S. Kirkland	10.00
<b>California—</b>	
Los Angeles, Apostolic Temple	44.08
Los Angeles, House of Light	4.00
Los Angeles, Mary Davis	5.90
Los Angeles, Violet McGee	10.00
Lodi, First Pentecostal Church	16.00
Manteca, E. M. Frost	11.00
Modesto, Pentecostal Church	20.63
Modesto, Married Couples' Class	25.00
Modesto, Mike Sullivan	32.00
Oakland, Mary Durst	25.00
Oakland, Big Down Town Mission	92.50
Oakland, Louise Olson	110.00
Orosi, Pentecostal Church	11.00
Riverside, Pentecostal Church	34.00
Sacramento, Emmanuel Pentecostal Church	30.87
San Jose, Rest Haven Chapel	40.00
San Jose, Opal Trout	25.00
Turlock, Full Gospel Tabernacle	90.00
<b>CANADA—</b>	
<b>British Columbia—</b>	
Vancouver, George Ferguson	10.00
<b>Manitoba—</b>	
Clarence Kelbert	20.00
<b>New Brunswick—</b>	
Black's Harbor	45.00
Back Bay	83.75
California Settlement	29.00
Canterbury	11.01
Carlingford	7.25
Chatham	43.50
Chipman	21.50
A. W. Clark, Stickney	6.00
Peter Cosman, Newcastle Bridge	5.00
Cumberland Bay	5.34
Doaktown	45.00
Fredericton	35.00
Grand Manan	9.00
Gray Rapids	22.00
Hatfields Point	52.50
Hopewell Hill	7.30
Hoyt	25.25
Juniper	11.35
Knoxford	30.00
Middlesex	7.06
Millville	35.00
Mill Cove	12.00
Brother Tranquilla	25.00
Fordie Foster	10.00
Mrs. Margaret McLean	2.00
Otis Kierstead	3.00
Arthur Post	25.00
Paul Reed	10.00
Mrs. Genevieve Fletcher	1.00
Mrs. Mary Newraan	1.00
Mrs. Margaret Greene	1.00
Mrs. Evelyn Hooper	1.00
Mrs. Ida Hooper	1.00
Mrs. Allen Tinker	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. Mitchell	1.00
Otis Kierstead	3.00
Paul Peck	10.00
Zesland, New Brunswick	40.00
Sam. Norris	10.00
Gilbert Hatheway	25.00
H. Williams	2.00
Amanda Leslie	10.50
D. A. Mowatt	25.00
Newcastle Bridge Sunday School	10.00
Parth	14.00
Plaster Rock	151.50
Ripples Sunday School	3.79
Ripples Assembly	10.21
Rowena	10.00
St. Stephen	43.79
Springfield	13.55
St. George	6.00
Summerfield	7.50
Tilley	16.00
Waterville	16.25

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## BEG. PARDON

In the December issue of the Herald there was a list of the Missionaries which had been appointed at the last General Conference. Through an oversight, two names were omitted from the list. We regret this very much and are giving you below the two appointments which were omitted:

June Nukida ..... Japan  
Gladys Robinson ..... Liberia, Africa

# MISSIONARY



Brother and Sister French with their Sunday School at Sitka, Alaska.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

After paying over \$3000.00 in rent in Bucaramanga, Colombia, in the past nine years the new church building, 24 by 52, is almost ready for use; Brother Ball started the building before he came home on furlough in December 1945, since then Brother Johnston has finished it. There is also a house on the lot, and room for more buildings; the property is owned by the United Pentecostal Church, Inc., and is in a good location in the city. The population is over 60,000. Brother Johnston reports that new ones are being added to the Church continually.

Brother and Sister Ball are planning to fly soon back to Bucaramanga, Colombia, their field of labor; they have waited for some time for a boat, with no prospects until April 1947, so they have decided to go by plane.

Brother and Sister Teire in Norway are happy over the clothing and money being sent them. God bless these faithful warriors.

Sister Pearl Holmes has been home from Liberia for the past few months; she hopes to return to her field of labor before Christmas much improved in health. Sister Holmes has given over fifty years service to the Lord; she feels this will be her last furlough. Pray for her.

On November 10th, six were baptized in Jesus Name in Jamaica.

Brother George M. Kelley is returning to China soon after December 25th, D. V. Pray for his work in the Tabernacle in Canton which can seat one thousand people.

Brother and Sister Sheets report the Lord's blessing on them in China, and are happy to be back on the field; but see the great need for more laborers. Pray that God will give us two or three young couples for the work in China within the next year or two—Who will go?

Brother and Sister White and Sister Berthoux report the Lord's blessing on them in Java. Sister Berthoux is doing well in learning the language.

## Important Notice

Many in our organization have felt for a long time that we should send material help, along the line of clothing, etc., to the needy and dying in China, India, and other lands.

At last we have found volunteers that are willing to receive, handle and pack such articles for these people. Brother and Sister E. G. Moyer, and the saints of his church in Portland, Oregon, are willing and ready to undertake this worthy job. In fact they are already packing some for China. We know God will bless them in this undertaking. Many will perish with cold and hunger this very year. There is not much we can do toward shipping food; except through your generous missionary offerings we have been able to send some for this purpose—God bless you. But we can ship clothing. We are especially interested in our believers and their children. Will all those that can, send some clothing at once to Rev. E. G. Moyer, 2035 N. E. Gilsan Street, Portland 12, Oregon.

Here are some suggestions:

(1) Do not send old worthless things, postage and shipping is high.

(2) Wash and mend all articles before sending.

(3) Perhaps "Missionary Minded Sisters" could meet once a week in their local church for prayer, washing and mending of clothing.

(4) Send an offering to the Missionary Department designated for the expense of packing and shipping these articles. You will receive credit for it on your pledge, and in the Herald. —W. T. S.

## Report From the UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies  
GREETINGS IN JESUS' NAME FROM SUNNY JAMAICA TO THE PRECIOUS SAINTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES.

We are happy in sending a report to the Pentecostal Herald to express our appreciation of the valuable articles that are so clean and free from error which appear in this paper from time to time. We certainly feel they are a feast of good things to our souls and we look to the Lord for great prosperity in the carrying on of this good work and may all concerned be abundantly blessed.

We are glad for the full fellowship we are enjoying with the United Pentecostal Church and can report great victory in the work here. We have been able to purchase our church property on the installment plan and are having great success in our meetings with a large attendance night after night. Thirty-two precious souls were added to the church during the present year, many of these have received the Holy Ghost.

We are very grateful for the help given to the churches and are looking forward to the coming visit of Elder Wynn T. Stairs, Missionary Secretary, and Brother Ralph Reynolds and family of Lansdowne, Ontario, Canada, who have been given the appointment as Missionaries to the Island.

We have followed, with great interest, the activities and reports of the missionaries in China, India, Africa, South America and the other countries and appreciate the many difficulties that confront them and pray that the Great Captain of our salvation will be their shield and defense. We solicit your sincere prayers for the work in Jamaica.

Wishing the Organization and the Editorial Staff of the Pentecostal Herald much prosperity and God's richest Blessings for 1947.  
Sister J. C. Russell, Home Missionary and Co-Workers.



# DEPARTMENT

## JAMAICA...Land of Tropical Delight

By Sallie Lemons

The cry of mourning doves, the lapping of the waves against the shore—countless limestone caves, mineral springs, hundreds of short rivers and tumultuous streams that tumble down hills and mountains in cascades and waterfalls—this is Jamaica!

We land at Port Antonio with its twin harbors, embowered in hills half wooded with cocoanuts and begin our trip across the island to Kingston, chief city and capital. Cacao, cocoanuts, clumps of bamboo, spreading breadfruit trees and whole valleys full of bananas decorate the rugged landscape as we drive along. We catch sight of the beautiful cloud-capped Blue Mountains, clothed in greenness the year round. The road from Port Antonio to Kingston is a changing panorama of high mountains, deep green valleys, and rich tropical vegetation.

The density of the suburban cottages in the foothills tell us that we are entering the capital city. After some inquiries, we locate THE APOSTOLIC GOSPEL CHURCH, a fine two story structure on Wildman Street, about two miles from the sea front. We are in time for service, though a little late, and slip, unobserved, into the back of the building. A praise service is going on and we are both surprised and delighted with the response. Is it possible that these people on this little island, far away in the Caribbean Sea have had similar experiences and praise the Lord in the same way our people do. We quote a testimony from one sister, whose name, we discover, is Gladys L. Kiddoe:

"I was an Anglican for over twenty years, brought up under strict Anglican parentage and worshipped in the St. Michaels Church, Kingston. As time went on I became dissatisfied with my religion but could not really find out what I needed. I wanted a deeper life in Christ. Some days passed by and I decided to visit the assembly at Wildman Street. I heard Pastor Russell and other saints of God preach and testify. I heard the gospel message of repentance and baptism in Jesus name, the infilling of the Holy Spirit and Speaking in Tongues. I yearned for prayers. I decided to confide my desire to a sister whom I had met in the assembly that night and she introduced me to the pastor. Before I left the building the pastor and a couple of saints prayed for me. In a couple of weeks a baptism was arranged and on March 12, 1944, I was baptized in Jesus name at Hope River, St. Andrew. The oppression from my unsaved family impeded my infilling; nevertheless, on Sunday, October 21, 1945, praise the Lord, I received that precious gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Saints, I did not find it an easy task, reaching up to this Light, but praise the Lord today I can say:

"I have made my choice forever,  
I will walk with Christ my God,  
Naught from Him my soul shall sever,  
For I am trusting in His love."

Preaching follows the testimony serv-

ice, then the altar service. At the close of this we eagerly seek our Pastor Russell and his wife and introduce ourselves. We find them to be charming people and evidently efficient workers, from what we see of their work that night and the days that followed. We ply them with many questions:

"How old is the church?"

"It has been here ten years."

"Is it the only Jesus Name Pentecostal Church on the island?"

"Oh no! We have five other churches; at Glengoffe, Seaforth, Ulster Spring, Duncans and Brown's Town. Each has its own pastor."

We are curious to know how "it all began," and Pastor Russell gives us the story:

### Holy Ghost Falls in Jamaica

"A missionary party consisting of seven left the metropolis, Kingston, Jamaica, to visit a little countryside town known as Brown's Town in the parish of St. Ann in the year 1916. On reaching the town, our hearts were touched with the great poverty which was brought about by a severe drought which had dried up all the crops on which these people had depended for a living, leaving them very little to exist on. It was under these conditions that the people's hearts were opened to call on God. We prayed for the natural rains and so you can imagine when the showers began to fall in answer to our prayers how the sinners became interested in their soul's salvation.

"We began our mission with outdoor meetings; none of us had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at this time, but we were very sincere and tried to live up to what light we had. As the meetings continued we were able to procure a meeting hall, and as the crowds began to increase we had to add to the building by putting up temporary cocoanut booths to accommodate the people. We had stepped out in faith with actually no funds but it was surprising how the Lord took care of us. On the first Sunday after six days of prayer, the Holy Ghost fell copiously when sixty young men and women were filled and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. At this great awakening hundreds were drawn to Christ.

### Learn of Baptism in Jesus' Name; Sixteen Towns Reached

"We heard of the arrival of Elder Arthur Watson of Ontario, Canada, who was a oneness man. He brought the message on the revelation of Jesus Name and water baptism in His Name for the remission of sins. ALL GLADLY RECEIVED THE WORD. Our first baptismal service was held shortly after when 82 were baptized in Jesus' mighty name. On this occasion we had to walk eight miles to the sea and before the service came to a close eight additional souls came forward. After this the revival continued until 16 towns and villages were awakened to the glorious high calling in Christ Jesus. I re-

gret I cannot give the story in a more detailed way but must impress you that the message swept the entire island and here and there witnesses stood boldly for the true and only Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ."

### The Visit of Bro. and Sis. Witherspoon

"Our present work which is now standing for 10 years is the fruit of that revival. The work has been sorely persecuted by other denominations as the membership of such places was greatly reduced just at that time. We were fortunate to have read some of Brother A. D. Urshan's writings which were very helpful to us. In the year 1936, when we felt the need of having someone come from abroad to help us, Bro. Urshan referred us to Brother W. T. Witherspoon of Columbus, Ohio. We prayed and wrote to him and Brother and Sister Witherspoon came to us on their first missionary trip to the island. We had wonderful meetings; during their stay 70 were added to the church. Their coming to us aroused the interest of many and gave us courage to press on."

### Need a Bible School

Curious to know more about this most interesting mission field, we questioned them further: "What are your greatest problems?"

(1) We have found among the young natives a great ambition for further knowledge of the Bible by attending a Bible School.

(2) Transportation is another problem. On account of not owning a service wagon or motor car, we find great difficulty in visiting the interior as the rates asked for mileage on cars are exorbitant.

(3) We find in our work that an occasional visit by our missionaries would help to extend the gospel here as so many do not realize the large body of saints with which we are connected.

(4) We are always in need of a good supply of tracts and books on the Faith. Sunday School literature cannot be obtained in Jamaica.

Note: The above Missionary Story was written before Brother Russell passed away last June. We are happy that Brother and Sister Reynolds of Lansdowne, Ontario, Canada, are going to take over the overseeing of the work early in 1947.—W. T. S.



Brother and Sister Sheets, missionaries in China, with Moses, Mary and Sally Ann, children in their church.

# JUST A TREE

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sympathetic convulsions go through me as I remembered how cruel men had cut me down in like manner as they were doing to Him. Yet I felt that I more deserved my misery than He for I realized that this Man was greater than anyone that I HAD ever seen before. As the tormenting of this prisoner went on I began to see how small I really was in the light of this Man's greatness. He never complained once, and gave never a look of hatred or vengeance. There was only that look of love and tenderness that shined brighter to me than a thousand suns. I repented there of my complainings and self love.

"From where I was I could hear the jeers and cries of mockers and scoffers who seemed to shout 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him.' In this crowd there were poor people and rich people. I noticed some Pharisees with their religious rivals, the Sadducees; they took a very active part in this demonstration. Also there was the High Priest with other priests who seemed to me to have desecrated the very robes and the office of reconciliation; they acted like monsters of the pit. In fact the whole gathering seemed to be an eruption of howling beasts from the Abyss.

"I shuddered as I mentally prophesied the inevitable death of this innocent victim. A man called Pilate argued with this unreasonable mob for a while, but in despair he gave up. He tried to bargain with them, offering Barabbas to their awful designs, but this had no effect.

"I learned the name of this Man from hundreds. Most of them used His name blasphemously; but I noticed a few women and a man or so who spoke His name reverently. With curses the name 'Jesus' hissed from the mouths of men and women who seemed like a mass of vicious serpents. It was just the few women and a man or so who spoke the name 'Jesus' reverently.

"Then the end began to come quickly. This Jesus was sent to Herod. But nothing came of this toward His deliverance, for Jesus was brought back in the mock robe of a king.

"Finally Pilate in exasperation gave up all argument and 'took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.' Then answered all the people, and said, 'His blood be on us, and on our children.'

"I watched the soldiers (who were Roman) take Jesus into the common hall. They removed the mock but gorgeous robe given Him by Herod. They put on Him in its stead a scarlet robe. Upon His head they pressed a crown made from thorns. They placed a reed in His right hand as a mock sceptre. They then mockingly bowed saying 'Hail King of the Jews!'

"They mistreated Him in so many ways that words fail me in describing in proper terms that scene.

"Then comes to me the greatest and most soul terrifying experience of my time. I watched as some men strode viciously eager to where I was. They picked me up and carried me over to where He was. 'Here carry this,' they barked, 'this will make you a good throne to rule from.' Then they laughed uproariously.

"With such humility and meekness I

never realized could be shown, this Jesus took me upon His back and began to stumble along with me. Oh, how I wished that I could have carried Him away from this howling mob of monsters, but lo, I was only a tree!

"With laboring breath and bleeding back Jesus staggered forward. Finally He fell, but not to my surprise. I was only surprised that He had held up so long. Not one time did I hear Him mutter or gasp out anything in the way of complaint. I would of known if He had, for I was held against His neck and head as He bore me on His shoulder.

A man from Cyrenia took me up from the back of Jesus at the command of the soldiers and carried me to the top of the hill. They called this ghastly place Golgotha or 'a place of a skull.' I was never in such a grisly place in my life. With cruel but capable hands they nailed His tender hands to my artificial nails. They pounded spikes through His feet.

"I was so taken up with this excruciating experience, that until now I had not noticed two other trees (my brothers) being used as a background for the bodies of two rough looking individuals. I heard screams and cries pierce the air as nails crashed through their hands and feet.

"But Jesus did not utter one sound. We were all hoisted aloft: three trees and three men. For six gruesome hours Jesus was held aloft in mid-air. He once prayed, 'Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.'

"I learned that the two other men who were borne aloft by my brothers were thieves. When one of them asked Jesus, 'Lord remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom,' I began to grasp the significance as to who Jesus was. But this knowledge increased further when Jesus answered: 'Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise.'

"Like a streak of blinding light I understood why Jesus was so strong though so weak. He was not afraid of death! He knew that His kingdom was not of this world, that death was a means by which He could pass from one state into another state. I could see that Jesus would not be defeated in death, but was, through death, conquering him that had power over death, even the devil.

"I began to think less of my own welfare, and saw the wonderful cause for which He was dying. I was but a tree, but Jesus was the saviour of mankind. His death was to be for sinners. But death on a tree was not going to hold Him; neither was a grave; for He was going to conquer death, hell and the grave.

"As I look back from my grave in reminiscence, I thrill to the Conqueror's tread. Jesus died in my arms, but I can see a light shining from the darkness of that day which will never go out.

"Yes, I am in my grave, and all that I know of Him is His passing and death; but He is out of His grave, He is risen as Conqueror, I cannot save anyone, but I am stained with the blood of ONE who is mighty to save and strong to deliver.

"Over nineteen hundred years have passed and gone. I have been an emblem of suffering and sacrifice. I have been eulogized by preachers, statesmen and



The late Eldredge E. Lewis; F. Rivas H., General Superintendent of the Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus; and Howard A. Goss taken during the convention in Mexico.

## MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

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Wilson's Beach .....	3.43
Woodstock .....	12.28
<b>Connecticut—</b>	
Bristol, Calvary Gospel Temple .....	17.31
Melford, Conn. ....	5.00
Plainville, George W. Stanley .....	40.00
<b>Florida—</b>	
Darlington, George Christoff .....	2.00
Melbourne, P. J. Thomas .....	6.90
Tampa, First Apostolic Church .....	10.00
<b>Idaho—</b>	
Caldwell, First Faith Gospel Church ..	40.00
Idaho Falls, Pentecostal Sunday School	6.45
Meadows, United Pentecostal Church ..	5.90
Parma, Gospel Tabernacle .....	53.63
Rupert, First Pentecostal Church .....	95.40
Twin Falls, First Pentecostal Church ..	46.54
<b>Illinois—</b>	
Atlanta, Apostolic Pentecostal Church	15.13
Belleville, Apostolic Church .....	24.72
Belleville, Apostolic Sunday School ..	24.02
Belleville, Young People .....	4.66
Belleville, Bethel Temple .....	16.00
Bush, Bush Pentecostal Church .....	7.64
Decatur, Pentecostal Church .....	30.00
Henry, Apostolic Tabernacle .....	4.00
Hillview, Apostolic Church .....	15.00
Lebanon, First Pentecostal Church .....	30.00
Moline, Pentecostal Church .....	11.75
Mt. Vernon, Pentecostal Church .....	10.00
Oakland, Christ Temple Sunday School	15.00
Salem, Pentecostal Mission .....	16.00
Shelbyville, First Gospel Church .....	32.50
South Beloit, Pentecostal Church of	
Jesus Christ .....	25.00
Toledo, Grace Tinsman .....	6.40
Villa Grove, Pentecostal Church .....	18.25
White Hall, Pentecostal Church .....	17.00
<b>Indiana—</b>	
Anderson, Nellie Anson .....	10.00
Bloomington, Pentecostal Assembly ..	20.00
Bloomington, E. 16th St. Pentecostal	
Assembly .....	10.00
Brazil, First Gospel Church .....	7.33
Bluffton, Pentecostal Church .....	6.25
Columbus, Apostolic Tabernacle .....	50.00
Crawfordsville, Calvary Tabernacle ..	5.00
Evansville, Radio Tabernacle .....	25.00
Frankfort, Zion Tabernacle Church .....	25.00
Gary, Apostolic Church .....	31.13
Greensburg, Bethel Apostolic Church ..	75.00
Hartford City, Pentecostal Church .....	10.00
Kokomo, Zion Tabernacle .....	22.50
Madison, East Madison Tabernacle .....	12.00
Mishawaka, Greater Midway	
Tabernacle .....	60.00
Monroe County, Pentecostal Young	
People Fellowship Meeting .....	33.25
Templeton, Wilbur Lank .....	2.20
Yevay, Christian Tabernacle .....	6.75
<b>Iowa—</b>	
Davenport, United Pentecostal Church	9.85
Des Moines, Apostolic Faith Assembly	22.67
Spencer, Pentecostal Church .....	77.00
<b>Kansas—</b>	
Leavenworth, M. Hendrickson .....	6.25

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serf. Little images of gold, silver, clay, and wood have been made to represent me. But I AM JUST A TREE. Let the praise go to the Christ of the Cross.

"Though I am but a tree, yet I have a message for every person who will hear me. The agony that He suffered, the stripes that were laid upon Jesus' back, and the spear that pierced His body has purchased for you in one Atonement: Salvation for your soul and healing for your body."

## MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

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<b>Kentucky</b> —	
Russellville, Gospel Tabernacle .....	5.00
<b>Louisiana</b> —	
Bossier City, United Pentecostal Church	10.00
De Quincy, Class No. 3 .....	2.00
De Quincy, First Pentecostal Church..	19.05
De Quincy, Pentecostal Young People's	
Class No. 6 .....	5.00
De Quincy, Young Girls' Class No. 5 ..	5.00
DeRidder, Cypress Pentecostal Sunday	
School .....	3.00
Evangeline, Pentecostal Church .....	7.00
Franklinton, Mt. Zion United Pente-	
costal Church .....	12.40
Hodge, Velma Peterson .....	12.00
Lake Charles, Pentecostal Mission .....	10.00
Lake Charles, Frank Slater .....	5.00
Kinder, Pentecostal Church .....	10.00
Merryville, Oretta Sunday School .....	5.50
New Orleans, First Pentecostal Church	23.59
Pitkin, A. J. Magee .....	5.00
Shreveport, Life Tabernacle .....	75.20
West Monroe, First Pentecostal Church	61.50
<b>Maine</b> —	
Bath .....	4.08
Charleston .....	29.50
Fort Fairfield .....	9.00
Pea Cove, Pentecostal Mission .....	12.55
Vanceboro .....	4.50
Westfield, Pentecostal Mission .....	5.00
Woodland .....	11.11
<b>Massachusetts</b> —	
Quincy, Emeline Rogers .....	5.00
<b>Michigan</b> —	
Benton Harbor, D. D. Flanagan .....	20.00
<b>Minnesota</b> —	
St. Paul Midway Tabernacle	
Children's Church .....	9.00
St. Paul, Midway Tabernacle .....	328.22
<b>Mississippi</b> —	
Laurel, First Pentecostal Church .....	28.12
<b>Missouri</b> —	
Butterfield, Oneness Pentecostal Church	15.00
Cape Girardeau, A. J. Johnson .....	10.00
Hornersville, Pentecostal Young People	5.00
Kennett, Apostolic Assembly of	
Jesus Christ .....	14.85
Morley, Pentecostal Church .....	4.14
Portageville, Walter W. Fox .....	3.00
St. Louis, Apostolic Pentecostal Church	50.00
St. Louis, Helen Black .....	15.00
St. Louis, Robert Daugherty .....	25.00
St. Louis, John Farrior .....	5.00
St. Louis, Naomi Moore .....	25.00
St. Louis, W. R. Robison .....	15.00
St. Louis, Helen Tatum .....	5.00
St. Louis, Whiteway Tabernacle .....	10.00
Springfield, Mrs. Oma Peden .....	10.00
<b>Montana</b> —	
Billings, United Pentecostal Church ..	2.04
<b>New Jersey</b> —	
Camden, Pentecostal Church .....	20.00
Newark, Eleanor Korzikowski .....	5.00
Newark, Slovak Apostolic Faith Church	17.76
<b>New Mexico</b> —	
Albuquerque Bethel Pentecostal Church	18.66
Bayard, Iglesia Apostolica .....	4.25
Hagerman, Pentecostal Church .....	6.42
<b>New York</b> —	
Brooklyn, Apostolic Church .....	40.00
Buffalo, A. A. Mallick .....	29.50
Staten Island, United Pentecostal Church	8.50
Yonkers, A Friend .....	25.00
<b>Ohio</b> —	
Akron, Apostolic Gospel Church .....	87.22
Akron, Slovak Pentecostal Church .....	45.00

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### UNANSWERED YET

Unanswered yet the prayer your lips have pleaded

In agony of heart these many years?  
Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing?  
And think you all in vain those falling tears?

Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;  
You shall have your desire sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Nay do not say ungranted;  
Perhaps your work is not wholly done.  
The work began when first your prayer was uttered.

And God will finish what He has begun.  
If you will keep the incense burning there,  
His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered,  
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;  
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted,  
Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.  
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,  
And cries "It shall be done"—sometime, somewhere.

—Miss Ophelia G. Browning.

# Apostrophe



Ye venerable Scriptures. The senior of all books. I see you coming down the ages: most hated, most loved, most printed, most prized.

Ye began your march when time was young, and, like your Author, without variableness or shadow of turning, right on amidst falling empires and dying kings. I see you crossing the old Roman Empire, which was 300 years in dying, and ye still live!

I see you crossing revolutions, and changes which destroyed other books and the greatest temples and works of man. Clear through the Dark Ages ye came without trace or strain of heathen bias on your brow.

I see you give luster to the morning star of the Reformation, sending light to Reuchlin's pen and putting thunder in the voice of Luther.

I see you in all ages with your hundred lighted lamps of original doctrine, revealing the deformities of idols, until before you, they are broken and banished.

And poor, chattelized woman, crushed for ages . . . I see you take her up, tear away the veil of caste, straighten her feet, and set her rejoicing by her husband.

And after this, I see uncounted and untold benefits to the little children, to the sick, the aged, and the suffering; providing asylums for the poor and provisions for the needy.

I see you making friends of the best intellects and adorning a great host with your virtues as witnesses in all the earth to thy mighty transforming power. I see you enthroning your great Author in the hearts and stirring up love, that mighty sovereign of all the passions, and revealing a kingdom that cannot be shaken, that has no end.

Old Bible—let me go where thou goest, and stay where thou stayest; and never let my sad fate consign me to a place where thou canst never come.

And now, having known something of thy wonderful teachings, I would see whither thou leadest, and mansions thou dost promise, the crown of life thou dost offer.—Joseph H. Creighton.

(Note: The above was found in the fly-leaf of the Bible of an aged Methodist minister of the Gospel many years ago.)

## REPORT OF NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the North Central District of the United Pentecostal Church convened at Duluth, Minnesota, on October 15th through the 18th at the Apostolic Gospel Church of Duluth where Brother Benjamin D. Urshan is the pastor.

We were very happy to have our Assistant General Superintendent, Brother W. T. Witherspoon, and also his wife, with us in this conference. The conference opened at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 15th, with the District Superintendent, Brother S. G. Norris, welcoming all those present after which the host of the conference, Brother B. D. Urshan, gave a few words of exhortation. Brother Witherspoon delivered a very fine Bible study in this service and also in all of the afternoon services. The Pentecostal Conquerors conducted their services at 6:30 each evening, Brother Martin of St. Paul, giving the opening message, with Brother Vernon Johnson, Young People's Youth Leader in charge. The evening message was delivered by Brother Oscar Vouga of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Our first business session opened on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. with Brother Norris presiding. Officers for this district were elected at this meeting as follows:

S. G. Norris, District Superintendent  
L. R. Mitchell, District Secy-Treasurer  
Oscar Vouga, District Presbyter  
J. T. Brooks, District Presbyter  
Geo. P. Dainty, District Presbyter  
M. S. Wasco, District Presbyter  
B. D. Urshan, District Presbyter.

Brother Vernon Johnson was re-elected for the Pentecostal Conquerors' President.

The presence of God was with us from the opening session until the last one. Brother Dainty gave the evening message on Wednesday, Brother M. S. Wasco on Thursday and Brother S. G. Norris on Friday. There was a good representation of pastors and evangelists with their wives. A wonderful spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the whole conference.

Our Spring, 1947, conference will be held in the church pastored by Brother Oscar Vouga in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, d.v., the second week of April, 1947, Tuesday through Thursday, beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

S. G. Norris, District Superintendent  
L. R. Mitchell, Dist. Secretary-Treasurer.

### STORMS

Do you have them in your life? It is strange if you don't. The Psalmist David had many of them—and he said concerning God "He maketh the storm a calm." Once there was a great storm at sea. The raging of the sea finally caused the passengers to become greatly worried. Finally one of them, against orders, made his way laboriously along the slippery deck and on up to the bridge of the ship where he saw the Captain. Upon noticing him, the Captain gave him a reassuring smile to calm the anxiety which showed in the passenger's face. He went back to the rest of the passengers and said "I have seen the Captain and he smiled and reassured me."

Many are the storms which face each child of God in this life but the smile of the Captain will calm the troubled heart and give courage and strength to face "all things."

### HOW BIG IS YOUR BIBLE?

Bibles range in size from a tiny book about half an inch thick, with pages no larger than an ordinary postage stamp, up to a volume of such immense proportions that several men are required to lift it. How big is your Bible? But in this query we are not referring to physical dimensions. The Bible that you really own is just as big as and no bigger than the amount of God's word that you really have made your own through study, meditation and practice of its precepts. How large a place does the Bible occupy in your heart and life? An honest answer to this question will tell how big a Bible you really possess.

# FIELD REPORTS

**Houston, Texas**—We have just recently closed a four weeks' revival at the Gospel Truth Pentecostal Church, with Brother R. E. Glasgow of Union City, Tennessee, as the evangelist. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Brother Glasgow's preaching proved a blessing to all. The saints were encouraged as a number were filled with the Holy Ghost and others sought God for a deeper walk with Him. Quite a number have reported being healed in the meetings. One elderly lady testified that she had been healed of an ailment of over fifty years' standing. Pray for us that the Lord will use us in winning many souls to him.—Chas. E. Lambert, Pastor.  
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**Cobden, Illinois**—We just recently closed a revival with Sister Channey of Murphysboro as our evangelist. The Lord was with us in a mighty way—17 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We can highly recommend Sister Channey to any church.—Roy Simpkins, Pastor.  
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**Salem, Oregon**—We are now pastoring the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church in Salem, Oregon. This church was previously pastored by Brother G. M. Eads. Remember us when you pray and visit us when you can. Our church is located at 445 Ferry Street, Salem, Oregon.  
Clovis Cagle, Pastor.  
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**Cincinnati, Ohio**—We have recently closed a two weeks' revival in which the Lord wonderfully blessed and the saints were stirred to press on in God. The revival was conducted by the Kinzie Evangelistic Party of Plymouth, Indiana. Brother Kinzie's preaching was really God given and the singing of the entire group was really wonderful. Just before the revival began one received the Holy Ghost and during the revival 9 were baptized in Jesus' name. One of these was a minister who had not accepted Jesus' name. He is now preaching Acts 2:38. Thanks be to God for Matthew 11:28 which invite all that labor and are heavy laden to come to Him for rest. Pray for our band of young people who have purposed to go all the way with the Lord.  
F. E. Curtis, Pastor  
M. D. Anderson, Reporter.  
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**Madill, Okla.**—I wish to report victory in Jesus' name in that we have, with the help of our District Superintendent, Brother M. W. Howard, succeeded in getting our church set in order and affiliated with the United Pentecostal Church. Our church will be known as the United Pentecostal Church of Madill, Oklahoma. We wish to extend a welcome and invitation to all the brethren of like precious faith to visit us. We are a small group and need your help. We wish to express our thanks to Brother Howard through the Pentecostal Herald for his splendid cooperation and help here.  
Jess Robinson, Pastor.  
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**Modesto, Calif.**—We wish to report victory in a fine revival conducted by Brother A. R. Brown. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and we appreciated very much the fellowship and preaching of our good brother.  
Mike Sullivan, Pastor.  
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**Portsmouth, Va.**—Greetings in the blessed name of Jesus from the Alexander Park Pentecostal Church. We are happy to report a very successful revival just closed here. Eleven were baptized in Jesus' name and two received the precious Holy Ghost. Brother George Carlisle, chart teacher from Indianapolis, Indiana, gave some wonderful and inspiring messages and everyone was greatly encouraged to press on in the "strait and narrow way" with the help of the Lord. Please remember our little group in prayer, please.  
J. E. Chiera, Pastor  
Doris Russell, Reporter.  
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**Buffalo, N. Y.**—The blessing of the Lord is still upon us in Buffalo. We recently held a revival campaign with Brother T. L. Holmes as the evangelist. His preaching was a great help and blessing to our assembly. One was baptized in Jesus' name and a great stir among others was evident. We gladly recommend Brother Holmes to any assembly.—D. J. Lyons, Pastor.  
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**Atlanta, Ill.**—We have accepted the pastorate of the Atlanta Pentecostal Church, Atlanta, Illinois. Would appreciate any of our ministers passing through to stop and be with us as this is just a new work not two years old as yet. Please remember us in your prayers.  
Carl F. Nelson, Pastor.  
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**Montgomery, La.**—We have just closed a 12 days' revival. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way. The power of the Lord was felt in every service. Brother and Sister Doyle were the evangelists and they proved to be a blessing to all departments of our church. We are moving on with the Lord here. Everyone seems to want to help since the church came under the banner of the United Pentecostal Church. Our Sunday School is growing and we will have to build more room soon. Please remember us in prayer.—John W. Walker, Pastor.  
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**Kenosha, Wisc.**—We have recently closed a very successful revival with Brother Zink. Two were baptized in Jesus name and we are expecting to have another baptismal service soon. Please pray for us.  
Wm. I. Klopp, Pastor.  
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**Bloomington, Ind.**—Greetings in Jesus name. We are happy to report victory. We have just closed a four weeks' revival and the Lord wonderfully blessed and used Brother Mack Petty of Indianapolis in the preaching of His word. The whole church was edified. We can recommend Brother and Sister Petty to any church. We covet your prayers.  
Ben L. Bonney, Pastor.  
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**San Jose, Calif.**—Since coming to San Jose, God has blessed us in a wonderful way. Our Sunday School has greatly increased and recently we had Brother Roy Simmon from Oakland, California, in a two weeks' revival. Many sought the Lord and one young girl who has had crossed eyes was wonderfully healed. To the Lord we give all the praise. Please pray for us.  
Elmer Frayer, Pastor.  
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## LOUISIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the Louisiana District of the United Pentecostal Church will convene at Bethel Pentecostal Church, (W. H. Marshall, Pastor) Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the third Tuesday in February and continue through Friday (February 18-21 inclusive). Meals will be furnished on the free will offering plan and beds will be provided as far as possible.

Rev. C. G. Weeks and church are in a building program but will cooperate as far as possible.

We trust that every affiliated minister in the Louisiana District will make it their business to be present as there will be many matters brought before the conference that are vital to the work of the Lord in the District.

For further information please write Rev. W. H. Marshall, 3626 Winnebago Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, entertaining pastor.

Rev. S. L. Wise, Dist. Supt.

Rev. George L. Glass, Dist. Secy.

## YOUTH IN CHRIST RALLY AT RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN

A wonderful "Youth in Christ" rally was held in the V. F. W. hall in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, on Saturday night, December 7th. The crowd which attended filled the large hall to capacity. Young people participated in the program from Midway Tabernacle, St. Paul, and from the A. B. I. of the same place; Eau Claire Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Winnipeg, Canada; River Falls, Wisconsin; Minneapolis Apostolic Church, Stanley and Marshfield, Wisconsin churches, with also a good representation from Baronett and Spooner, Wisconsin, and some fine special singing from the ever-ready young folks from Red Wing, Minnesota.

Brother Oscar Vouga of Winnipeg, Canada, brought the afternoon and evening messages and with wonderful logic and under a heavy anointing brought forth the word of God in a wonderful way. Everyone stayed until a late hour and the saints and the 16 visiting ministers exclaimed, "What a Meeting." We might add that at the close of the service 22 came forward seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Homer W. Smith, Pastor.

## Convention News from Mexico

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The above report, I am sure, will be of vital interest to our people. While at the conference in Torreon we proposed to the Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus a working basis of fellowship and cooperation with their organization and the United Pentecostal Church and they accepted this proposal. The same proposition was presented to the American branch of said organization in Los Angeles during their conference December 22-29.

Brother Eldredge E. Lewis, who accompanied me to Torreon, has since been killed by a gas explosion at Corpus Christi, Texas. When we parted at Torreon little did I think that we would not see each other again in this life. He certainly was a fine character in the Lord and such an agreeable companion to travel with. God bless and comfort his wife and two children in their loss. The United Pentecostal Church has lost one of its outstanding young ministers.

H. A. Goss,  
General Superintendent.

# PENTECOSTAL CONQUERORS

"We Are More Than Conquerors Through Christ"

## But Prayer

By David Coote, San Antonio, Texas

"Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Acts 12:5.

The greatest power in the world today is not atomic energy, it is **PRAYER**. Atomic energy moves the elements, but prayer moves the God that made the elements, and when His hand is stretched forth, there is no power in heaven, in earth or the regions of hell that can stop Him.

The Bible is filled with examples of how prayer alone brought victory. There is Hannah in the temple, Elijah on Mt. Carmel, Solomon in his desire for wisdom and Hezekiah on his death bed. But a most outstanding example is found in the twelfth chapter of Acts: the case of Peter in prison. In this amazing incident we find three outstanding principles, each of which can be applied to any need, anywhere, today.

First, we see a **DESPERATE DISTRESS**. Peter was in the clutches of Herod, a cruel brutal king who had just killed James with the sword. Peter was guarded by four quarternions of soldiers and was sleeping between two of them. He was bound with two chains, the keepers were at the door and it was the night before his execution! Could any situation have been more desperate?

Perhaps you are in great distress today. But is it any more desperate than the distress of Peter? You say, "But I'm beyond the reach of human help." So was Peter. In the natural there wasn't a thing the church could do for him and he was powerless to help himself. Does the doctor say, "Incurable?" Does your empty pocketbook moan, "No use?" Do the circumstances of your case shout aloud, "Impossible?" Then surely you are in desperate distress. But wait, don't give up. This is the place where God can meet you. Man's extremity is still His opportunity.

And so we come to the second part of our story. "Peter therefore was kept in prison"—that is Act 1. That shows **DESPERATE DISTRESS**. Now comes Act 2, **SHOWING DETERMINED DEPENDENCE**—"But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." Notice it doesn't say, "but weeping was made" or "but a compromise was reached in doctrine" or "but a sum of money was offered for his release." No! It says . . . "but prayer." Get this—"BUT PRAYER!" The saints did one thing and one thing only, but they did the one thing that counted. They went to their knees. They bypassed every human agency and went straight to the Supreme Court of the Universe and before Him who hath "all power in heaven and in earth" they pleaded their case.

And they held on! "Without ceasing," it says. Prayer is only powerful when you prevail in it, when you persist and persevere. When you know you pray in His will, then refuse to take "No" for an answer. Thus it was with Elijah in his prayer for rain. Six times the answer came back, "There is nothing." But he held on and "there was a great rain." Thus it was with Hannah in her request for a son. I Sam. 1:12 says, "she continued praying" and in verse 15 we hear her say to Eli, "I have poured out my soul unto God." She **DEPENDS ON GOD** and Him only and she was **DETERMINED** in it. And so we see this little flock of saints gathered at the home of Mary, John's mother. An hour passes slowly by and they are still praying, another hour and another and they are still holding on. The sun disappears beneath the horizon — still they pray. The shades of evening darken — still they pray. The hour of midnight approaches—still they pray! Something had to happen, and it did.

**ACT 3 — DIVINE DELIVERANCE.** "And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him (Peter) and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands." Oh Glory! The wonder of it all! God is never late. He knew the need, He saw the little band of praying people, He knew that the hour of execution was drawing dangerously near. Then in the very dead of night, in the innermost prison cell — suddenly a light! When God comes, light comes. Friend, though the tunnel of trial seems long and dark, though you be wandering in a dense, seemingly impenetrable fog of tradition and unbelief, though your sins seem as black as hell itself, God is still the God of **LIGHT**.

"And his chains fell off from his hands." A message in itself. When deliverance is Divine, it is complete. Brother, sister, when God saves you He breaks the chains of evil habit. "He that the Lord hath set free is free indeed." Are you a slave to a cigarette? Ask God to deliver you and determine now never to smoke again, and deliverance is yours. The same with every chain of sin — they can and must fall off.

Back to the story. With his garments girded around him and his sandals on his feet, Peter follows the angel. Past the first ward they go, then the second, and finally to the great iron gate that leads into the city. Surely here is defeat—but No, it opens to them of its own accord!

Is it hard to believe? It was for Peter too. He thought he saw a vision. Just a few minutes ago he is chained to two Roman soldiers, surrounded by guards, trapped in the innermost prison ward—

but now he is free! Suddenly he comes to himself and right there in that deserted city street we hear him exclaim: "Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews." But why had it happened. What power was working? Peter knew but one answer—somebody, somewhere had been holding on to God for him. And so it was, for "when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary . . . where many were gathered together **PRAYING!**"

So friend in every **DESPERATE DISTRESS**, your **DETERMINED DEPENDENCE** on God, will always bring **DIVINE DELIVERANCE**. For there is no power like the power of prevailing prayer.

Our beloved Brother Eldredge Lewis, pastor at Corpus Christi, Texas, has departed this life to be with Jesus. His life will ever be an inspiration to the youth of our great movement. Brother Lewis was last President of the P. Y. P. A., the youth organization of the former Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, and as a member of the National Youth Committee of the United Pentecostal Church contributed greatly to the establishment of the Pentecostal Conquerors. Though only 25 years of age, the outstanding spiritual qualities he manifested, the wisdom, humility, and great love for God's work marked him as a young man of rare and beautiful character. The Pentecostal Conquerors charter stands as a monument to him whose life and ministry was always for others. We who worked with him on this Committee will always remember him and the loving, gracious spirit he possessed. His last work for the Pentecostal Conquerors was to represent them at the Annual Conference at Torreón, Mexico, of the "Iglesia Apostolica de la Fe en Cristo Jesus," the Mexican Jesus Name organization. And now, though saddened, we look forward with joyful anticipation to the glad reunion in the resurrection morning! We shall meet thee then, dear Brother!

"Down through our crowded walks and closer air,  
O friend, how beautiful thy footsteps were!

As through the years for Christ they trod,  
A form was with them like the Son of God.

'Twas but a step for those victorious feet  
From their day's path unto the golden street;

And we who watched their walk, so brief, so bright,  
Will strive to meet thee, friend, in heaven's light."

David F. Gray, President,  
Pentecostal Conquerors.

# DON'T PUT OUT THE FIRE

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another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

It is possible to make a distinction between the offense of grieving the Spirit and that of quenching the Spirit. But the difference is not great, and our present purpose is practical; hence this treatment of the matter.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love." Love is at once the inclusive and the indispensable grace. Other Christian virtues are phases and expressions of love. To allow things that are alien to love to have any place in our hearts is to wound and hinder the Spirit of God. Such things as:

**Bitterness!** You, or someone close to you, receives some slight that is either real or imaginary. Instead of committing the matter to God, you brood on it. Soon you open a crack in the door of your mind through which sour-visage censoriousness stealthily passes. He begins to play a steady stream of icy water on the fire of your love. There is trouble ahead.

**Clamor!** There is strife—in the home, in the board meeting, in the church.

**And evil speaking!** How cruel and unfair and hurtful the tongue that has been loosed from the sweet restraints of Christian love!

Look now. Love's fire, once a thing of kindling beauty, is a smouldering bygone or an ashy deadness. Kindness gone! Tender-heartedness gone! Forgiveness gone! Christlikeness gone! Incidentally, is there anything more devilish than a loveless profession of "perfect love?"

**Don't Put Out the Spirit's Hunger Flame!**

Finally we turn to Hebrews 3:7, where we read, "The Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness."

Harden not your hearts! That tenderness of conscience you have felt towards the truth of Christ was created by the Holy Spirit. Be thankful for it and act upon it, lest it turn stony within you. *Those anxieties about the salvation of your soul* were generated by the Holy Spirit. Recognize them as angels of grace and give expression to them in earnest prayer, lest they perish on the threshold of light. Those urgings of the striving Spirit are not coercive; such is not God's way with His morally choosing creatures. You can stifle them all. By your persistent indifference you can kill them dog-dead within your breast. Consider now *the peril of it*, the shame of it, the ultimate and eternal cost of it.

But this passage before us in the Epistle to the Hebrews is particularly and properly a *warning to the saved rather than unsaved*. It is a plea addressed to believers who have begun with Christ in the forgiveness of sins but are hesitant about going on with Christ to the experience of sanctification and to all the higher ranges of holy living. By faith they should "enter in" to the rest that remaineth for the people of God; they should "go unto perfection;" they should partake of the "full assurance of faith;" they should "lay aside every weight and the sin which

doth so easily beset" them; they should "follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man seeth the Lord."

And what are they doing? Like their forefathers who stood hesitant and finally disobedient on the border-line of the land of Canaan, they are failing to advance with their light and enter into their inheritance in the Canaan of full salvation.

To hunger for heart purity and heart fullness without light as to the way of satisfaction, is pathetic; to have such hungers and aspiration with light but without obedience, is tragic. Such hungers, unappeased, will before long lose their strength. Heart-hardening will be the deadly process by which the once enlightened soul goes out into a hapless, hopeless eternity.

*The alternative is obedience, abandonment to God, faith in the power of Christ, through the Holy Spirit, to make us what we ought to be.*

"Self is the only person that can ever bind the soul,  
Love is the only angel that can bid the gates unroll;  
And when He comes to seek thee, arise,  
and follow fast,  
The way may lie through darkness, but  
it leads to light at last."

—Selected.

## Editorial...

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God) for the principles and fundamentals as "brethren" we shall not in these closing days of time reap the harvest that Jesus has sent us to gather. We have made a glorious beginning—let us keep on.

The day of salvation is drawing to a close, the sun of the Gentile Dispensation is sinking below the western horizon and the chilly hand of satanic forces is becoming stronger and stronger and is ever waiting and grasping at every opportunity to feed from those that have fallen in the way. It is up to us who are "converted" to strengthen the hands of each other and present a united front—then the same results will be achieved as was accomplished in the early church when "fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles;" "all that believed were together;" "continuing daily with one accord;" "praising God and having favour with all the people;" "and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

May God help each of us to love one another fervently; fight for one another; stand by one another and move on in ever widening circles of blessing and favor in God.

Let us all make 1947 a successful one in God in the United Pentecostal Church. By each one being determined to "strengthen" and not "weaken" the brethren God will be glorified and Satan's purposes defeated.

May God bless one and all; please remember us all here at Headquarters as we daily in our morning devotions remember all those of "like precious faith" in all parts of the world.

## MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

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Basil, Clyde A. Poling .....	15.18
Bedford-Heights, Pentecostal Tabernacle	4.00
Cincinnati, Marie Zick .....	5.00
Cleveland, Apostolic Oneness Church ..	12.80
Cleveland, Mrs. J. Kapcius .....	10.00
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Newark, Christian Apostolic Church ..	8.23
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Caddo, Pentecostal Church .....	20.00
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Tulsa, Apostolic College .....	145.00
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West Tulsa, First Apostolic Church ..	316.00
Oregon—	
Bend, Harriet Marling .....	55.00
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Portland, William Nortune .....	10.00
Portland, Ellis Scism .....	1.00
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Salem, Mrs. Glenn O'dell .....	15.00
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Springfield, Edward Bates .....	20.00
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Auburn, Young People's Association ..	12.50
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Holsopple, Lillian Stahl .....	4.30
Hydman, Pentecostal Assembly .....	4.36
North Braddock, Apostolic Church .....	38.00
Reynoldsville, Apostolic Faith Church ..	6.00
Schuylkill Haven, Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ .....	15.00
Schuylkill Haven, Young People's Association .....	15.00
Tennessee—	
Alamo, Old Quincy Young People's Group .....	27.00
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Texas—	
Bon Wier, Pentecostal Church .....	18.00
Bovina, Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ .....	5.00
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Reliance, Pentecostal Church .....	57.35
Superior, Mrs. John Boschette .....	10.00
Total .....	\$6,401.51

Correction: Missionary offering in November Herald listed as Meadows, Idaho, Mrs. Ralph Fields, \$5.00, should have been Meadows, Idaho, United Pentecostal Church, \$5.00.

# Children's Page

Boys and Girls—Would you like to write a letter to the Children's Page?  
Address it to us at 3449 South Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Friends:

There are a lot of interesting things on the Children's page and I enjoy every word of it. It tells a lot about Jesus and I think that is who we all should know about. I am 13 years of age. I was baptized in the name of Jesus when I was 11. I am seeking God now. Pray that God will fill me with the Holy Ghost. The children's page has taught me lots about God. So I want to ask you to keep the children's page going.

Bobbie Nell Garner, Rte. 1, Huron, Tennessee.



## JESUS MAY COME THIS YEAR!

A gentleman visiting a certain school gave out that he would give a prize to the pupil whose desk he found in the best order when he returned. "But when will you return?" some of them asked.

"That I cannot tell," was the answer.

A little girl, who had been noted for her disorderly habits, announced that she meant to win the prize.

"You!" her schoolmates jeered; "why, your desk is always out of order."

"Oh! but I mean to clean it the first of every week."

"But suppose he should come at the end of the week?" someone asked.

"Then I will clean it every morning."

"But he may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the little girl was silent. "I know what I'll do," she said decidedly, "I'll just keep it clean."

So it must be with the Lord's servants who would be ready to receive the prize of His coming. It may be at midnight, at cockcrow, or in the morning. The warning is "Be ye ready."

Boys and girls, we can never know the exact time that the Lord Jesus is coming back to the earth. It can be at any time. As we are entering a new year let us remember that Jesus may come this year!

It behooves us to keep our hearts clean every day throughout the entire year. If Jesus does come in 1947 we will be ready to go. Only those with a clean heart will be prepared for Him.

## SCRIPTURE PUZZLES

(The following passages of scripture have the exact number of words and the correct words. However, they are in the wrong location. Can you arrange them causing the verse to read correctly?)

1. Genesis 1:1—"The heaven God created and the earth in the beginning."
2. Genesis 3:9—"Called unto Adam and the Lord God Where art thou? and said unto him."
3. Revelation 22:17—"Come, come, come, let him take the water of life freely. And whosoever will, and the spirit and the bride say, and let him that heareth say, and let him that is athirst."
4. Luke 5:32—"Righteous repentance. I come not to call the but sinners to."
5. John 11:35—"Wept Jesus."
6. Matt. 18:20—"Am I two or three in the midst of them. For where in my name are gathered together there."
7. Matt. 5:5—"Are the meek blessed, for shall they inherit the earth."
8. Matt. 5:8—"Are the pure in heart God, Blessed for they shall see."
9. Exodus 20:12—"The Lord thy God giveth thee thy father and thy mother, which honor that thy days may be long upon the land."
10. Exodus 20:13—"Shalt kill thou not."
11. Exodus 20:8—"Keep the sabbath day, holy remember it to."
12. Matt. 7:1—"Be not judged, that ye judge not."
13. Mark 10:14—"But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and not forbid them for of such the kingdom of God is."
14. Exodus 20:15—"Not steal shalt thou."
15. Psalms 23:1—"I shall not want Lord, my shepherd is the."

Evangelists Norman and Mary Alice Paslay.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

A happy New Year! This is my prayer for each of you. I know that if you will allow Jesus to come into your heart, that is just what it will be. Jesus loves every boy and every girl. In His own words He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

## LI CHI'S FAITHFULNESS

Li Chi walked very thoughtfully along the narrow Chinese street. That evening, in the little church with his dear missionary teacher by his side he had given his heart to Jesus. Now he was going home.

He could no longer worship his father's gods, and he knew that his father and mother would be both grieved and angry at him. If any misfortune came to them they would believe that the gods were angry because Li Chi no longer worshipped them, and he would be blamed.

How well he remembered the troubles of his friend Ling Ju when his father's hens all sickened and died.

"You are an unworthy son," Ling Ju's father had told him. "You have eaten the Jesus religion and the angry gods have sent this trouble upon us."

Li Chi knew that Ling Ju's father was mistaken, but that did not make it any easier for Ling Ju.

Next morning Li Chi did not bow before the idol. "You have forgotten to worship," said his mother. "You must not forget to worship the idols, or trouble will come upon us."

"No, mother," replied Li Chi. "I have already worshipped, but not the idol. I have taken Jesus into my heart and I worship him."

Mrs. Li was greatly surprised. "Oh, dear, dear!" she cried, "what dreadful trouble you have brought upon us! Now we shall have nothing but bad luck, and it will be all your fault. You are a wicked son!"

"No, mother," said Li Chi earnestly. "Jesus will take care of us, and I will ask Him to help me to be a very good son to you. The idols cannot help us if we worship them. They cannot hurt us, either. We need not be afraid of them."

As the weeks passed and no trouble came to the Li family, Mrs. Li became happier. She noticed how much kinder and more thoughtful Li Chi was than he had been before, and one day she went to call on the missionary.

"Li Chi is a good boy," she said, "since he has eaten the Jesus religion. When I see him praying in the morning I know he will be a good son to me all day long."

So Li Chi tried every day to please Jesus, and he too "advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

## MISSIONARY SONG

By Edith M. Casselberry

If we sailed away for many a day to a country far over the seas,  
What would be our surprise to open our eyes, surrounded by little Chinese:

And how grieved we should feel to see them all kneel to idols of brass or of clay,  
And to have them reply, when we questioned them, "Why?" "Because we know no other way."

Or if we should land in far-off Japan,  
Where even the children drink tea,  
Their clothes and their names, their homes and their games  
Would seem queer to you and to me;  
But when we had heard that they knew not a word  
Of God's book or God's house or God's day,  
We'd understand why to their idols they bow—  
Because they know no other way.

So all the world round, wherever are found  
These people who never were told  
Of Jesus, the King, whose praises we'll sing,  
From now till the time when we're old—  
No matter how far nor how close by they are,  
We must find them by night or by day,  
And tell them of Jesus, the helper of all,  
For He is the only true way.

—Katheryn Ruh.

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