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“CONFIDENCE”

A Pentecostal Paper for
Great Britain.

“This is the CONFIDENCE that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired from Him.”

—1 John v., 14-15.

“The Lord shall be thy CONFIDENCE,
and shall keep thy foot from being taken.”

—Prov. iii., 26.

MONKWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND,
ENGLAND.

FREE.

Send stamped Wrapper or large Envelope to the Editors, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland.

Whitsuntide Conference at Sunderland.

In the Name of our Lord and in obedience we believe to His promptings, we invite all who have received their "Pentecost," or who are seeking it, to join with us (as He enables) from June 6th to 11th, 1908 (or part of the time) at All Saints', Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

As these meetings are for Conference and not for controversy, we admit by ticket, which will be freely given to those who can whole-heartedly sign the following (which is printed on the Admission Card):—

DECLARATION.

"I declare that I am in full sympathy with those who are seeking 'Pentecost' with the Sign of the Tongues. I also undertake to accept the ruling of the Chairman."

(These Tickets can be obtained from the Conference Secretaries,
11, Park Lea Road (Roker), Sunderland.)

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME.

Saturday, June 6th—

- 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Preliminary Prayer Meetings (Vestry or Parish Hall).
- 7:30 p.m., Welcome Meeting (Vestry or Parish Hall).

Whit-Sunday, June 7th—

- (In All Saints' Church, Holy Communion at 8 and 10:30 a.m.)
- 3 p.m., Afternoon Meeting in the Parish Hall. Messages by friends from a distance.
- 6:30 p.m., Church Service. 8:10, After-Meeting with Testimonies by Visitors.

Whit-Monday, June 8th—

- 11 a.m., Vestry Prayer Meeting.
- 3 p.m., Parish Hall, Conference Meeting.
- 7:30 p.m., Testimony Meeting in Parish Hall, for Ticket-holders.

Tuesday, June 9th—

- 11 a.m., Introduction Meeting (Visitors, etc.), Parish Hall.
(It is suggested that Visitors wear Cards with name and place from which they come.)
- 3 p.m., On Bible Study and Pentecostal Literature.
- 7:30 p.m., "Tongues" as a Sign of "Pentecost."

Wednesday, June 10th—

- 11 a.m., Reports from the various Centres.
- 3 p.m., Conference as to the Conduct of Meetings.
- 7:30 p.m., "The Coming of the Lord."

Thursday, June 11th—

- 11 a.m., Fraternal Meeting of Visitors.
 - 3 p.m., Divine Life—Health and Healing in Christ.
 - 7:30 p.m., Public Meeting, Parish Hall.
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Prayer and Praise should occupy at least one-third of even our meetings for Conference. It is suggested that everyone should make a point of being very punctual, and, if possible, to have a quiet time of prayer before the meeting, and that there be as little talking as possible in the room before the meetings, but silent prayer only while waiting.

As to choruses, etc., it is suggested that, as far as possible, they should be left to the Leader to commence or control, and friends are asked so to pray (silently) that he may be led aright. Confusion is not always edifying, though sometimes the Holy Spirit works so mightily that there is a divine flood which rises above barriers.

The Chairman's ruling should be promptly and willingly obeyed in cases of difficulty. There should, at those moments, if they occur, be much earnest prayer (in silence) that God may guide aright and get glory through all.

Apartment should be engaged early, as rooms near to the places of meeting are limited in number. Address—"Conference Secretaries," 11 Park Lea Road, Sunderland.

Earnest and victorious prayer is asked for, that all may be done in accord with the will and purpose of God, and to His glory only.

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ALL SAINTS', SUNDERLAND.

April, 1908.

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us,
Guiding all the Way;
Henceforth let us trust Him fully,
Trust Him all the day.

Hitherto the Lord hath loved us,
Caring for His own;
Henceforth let us love Him better,
Live for Him alone.

Hitherto the Lord hath blessed us,
Crowning all our days;
Henceforth let us live to bless Him,
Live to shew His praise.

(F. R. HAVERGAL.)

TO EDITORS AND OTHERS.—Any matter in this Paper may be re-printed on condition that full acknowledgment is made thus:—"From 'Confidence,' a Free Pentecostal Paper, to be obtained from the Editors, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland."

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OUR FIRST NUMBER.

IN absolute faith that this is the Lord's own work we send out this first number of "CONFIDENCE."

Our paper might well be called "Pentecost with signs," as has indeed been suggested by honoured friends in Switzerland. It is meant to be a means of grace and of mutual encouragement. Encouragement to lonely ones and to scattered bands, to those who are attacked by doubt and difficulty, but longing to be loyal to the Almighty Deliverer.

They will find from these columns that they are not alone, as regards even human fellowship, but that there are many who have perfect "Confidence" that this work is of God, and who will be rejoiced to know that His Pentecostal Blessing is spreading all the time.

What hath God wrought? A year ago the writer only knew of some five or six persons in Great Britain who were in the experience. At the time of printing this

there are probably more than 500. This is quite different to 500 conversions. It means a deep work from which it would be terrible to turn back. It is a work which arouses Satan's opposition in the least likely quarters. But Jesus lives and reigns and He is with us. Hallelujah! A.A.B.

Words of Warning.

To keep this work of the Lord as free from reproach as possible, we ask Leaders and others to be very careful *whom* they invite to address their meetings. They should make careful enquiries, and especially as to those who come from other lands. These should possess strong letters of commendation from *well-known* Leaders, and these should be verified.

We are glad to advise so far as we have knowledge, and we certainly have special opportunities, for so many write to us from all parts of the world.

(In kindness to the Brethren and Sisters at different centres, we warn against one (a female), who goes from place to place imposing on the kindness of the people.)

"His Own Blood."

"The life of the flesh is in the Blood. It is the Blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life."

—Lev. xvii., 11 (R.V.)

We praise our God that He is teaching us in these days the wonderful depth, efficacy, and power of the Blood. This wonderful plan of redemption, which only a God could have conceived and only a God could have carried out, goes to the root of the matter. Ever since that sad day when the "seed of the devil" (Gen. iii., 15) corrupted and defiled human life, the despairing cry has been, "*to will* is present with me, but *to do* that which is good is not," Rom. vii., 18, R.V.

For 4,000 years that man whose *life* was corrupt was tried under all circumstances and conditions, but it was always failure, until, "in the fulness of time," God in His infinite love "sent forth His Son, born of a woman, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and as an offering for sin—condemned sin in the flesh," that the requirement (R.V. margin) of the law might be fulfilled in us.

The old man was crucified with Him, the life laid down, God's Lamb, the Lamb of His own providing was slain, and we can now see full deliverance on Calvary. First we see the law—justice, Divine justice—satisfied. "The wages of sin is death." "Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." Perfect Victory over sin, disease, and all the powers of darkness, "for in that He died, He died unto sin once, and in that He liveth, He liveth unto God." "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, for if one died for all, then were all dead." The old life gone, henceforth to live in "newness of life." A life in the spirit, that wonderful secret, "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

On the resurrection morning, when "the first-born among many brethren" arose, we were, in Him, 'a new creature' (2 Cor. xvii.) From henceforth "accepted in the Beloved," "translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son." "*Now*, are ye Light in the Lord—walk as children of Light." Let us keep our mind fixed on things above . . . "where Christ is seated at the right hand of God, *for* ye ARE dead and your life is hid with Christ in God."

IT IS ALL JESUS CHRIST.

He is the first and the last, and this is God's gift to us, so that He can come and make His abode with us.

The Triune God, quickening our mortal bodies, all our faculties vitalized by the Life-giving Spirit into such an apprehension of the risen and glorified Christ that, as we "stand fast in this liberty," walking by faith and not by sight (or feelings), the Holy Ghost can manifest Himself as He wills through us to the building up of His Body and the edifying of His Church. Glory be to Jesus. "We worship by the Spirit and glory in Jesus Christ, and have *no* confidence in the flesh." As we believe the Word of God and receive it into a good heart, that powerful sharp sword slays the old life, produces the new—the eternal Logos—and as we yield to the Spirit, we *are* transformed into the same image from glory to glory. 2 Cor. iii., 18, R.V.

"Let us therefore cast not away our Confidence, which hath great recompense of reward," but keeping low, nay helpless, always at the foot of the Cross, bearing about in our body the "deadness" of Jesus. His Life shall be manifested in our mortal bodies. Thus shall we see the Blessed Holy Ghost manifesting, as HE will, the gifts through the members of the Body of Christ, until He comes and gives to each one His reward. M.B.

Our Secretaries' Testimony.

11, PARK LEA ROAD,
ROKER, SUNDERLAND,
March 31st, 1908.

*"And this is the confidence we have in Him, that,
if we ask anything according to His will,
He HEARETH us."*

—1 John v., 14.

God gave us this confidence and directed us to come to Sunderland and wait here with His children for our "Pentecost," with the signs following. He heard us, and on the night of Sunday, September 1st, 1907, He came "suddenly," as He had promised, and filled these Temples with His glory, simultaneously speaking through us in new Tongues, filling us to the overflow with the joy of His Presence.

To-night, March 31st, at the same hour, *exactly* 7 months since our Baptism of the Holy Ghost, we can both say, "It is *all* of God, the work is His, and the Fire will spread until all the world shall know the salvation of God." Praise Jesus! He has given "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." We entered in through the precious Blood, the only way of perfect cleansing.

While waiting, the Lord led us *to surrender at every point*, and to WORK while we waited; not satisfied till we had the witness of a clean heart, which He gave us through His Word. God can only fill the cleansed Temple. Let *Him* search the heart. Let *Him* cleanse. "Pentecost" has meant for us the Victory of Jesus in the daily life. Victory against the fiercest onslaughts of Satan. "Jesus is Victor."

They overcame him (the Devil) by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their Testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. "These are they which follow the Lamb *whithersoever* He goeth." It means the Way of the Cross, but Jesus is there, and in Him we can even "glory in tribulations also." Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in my throne. There hath not failed *one* word of all His good promise.

Praise Him! Praise Him!! Praise Him!!!

MARGARET E. HOWELL.
MABEL C. SCOTT.

News of Pentecost.

ENGLAND.

Sunderland:—

In the great goodness of God, and through His mercy in Christ Jesus, He began the larger work for Great Britain at Sunderland, and He has continued to work here ever since.

Since the beginning of September about 70 have received a Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Seal of Tongues. Earnest pilgrims have come from all parts, and many have returned rejoicing and have been spreading the fire. (The Testimony of a Lancashire Builder, of a Carlisle Brother, of a Brother from London, of a Trained Nurse, etc., tell of the blessings received and carried home.)

The Lord has graciously used Sunderland also as a centre for free literature, and when we visit any other centre we receive very grateful thanks for blessings received through this channel. While the outlay has been very large, the Lord has met it by the gifts of those who receive blessing, and He has put it into the hearts of His people to help.

Scores of thousands of testimonies and other publications have been sent for, and have travelled to Jamaica, Cuba, Canada, U.S.A., India, South Africa, Switzerland, Holland, Italy, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and all parts of England. Two faithful Secretaries (whose testimony is printed on this page) are at daily work, and at times very hard at work, letter-writing and despatching literature.

A good deal of information as to our meetings will be gleaned from the Testimonies (see list of free literature).

Report from Lytham (Lancashire).

Since God so graciously met and blessed me with the glorious Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and bestowed upon me that, so much despised, but to me precious and wonderful, gift of Tongues, on Nov. 30th, 1907, at All Saints', Sunderland, the Fire has been burning in my soul with an unquenchable desire that others might know God and our adorable Lord in the same way. A travail of soul for others is one of the greatest proofs of Pentecostal Baptism.

Immediately after my Baptism, like the dear Lord, I was driven into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. I was sorely tried with a very dangerous illness, but I sought unto the Lord, and not unto physicians, as did King Asa (Chron. xvi., 12), who, in answer to prayer, apart from all human skill, raised me up again. Praise God, His touch has still its ancient power.

This hunger for souls and to glorify God led me and my dear wife

TO OPEN OUR HOUSE

for meetings to wait upon God for Pentecostal Baptism, which, from the commencement, were well attended, sometimes as many as twenty-five being present. At first many came out of curiosity, just to hear the Tongues. We have continued the meetings nightly, except Saturday nights, for about three months, and God has blessed us in a wonderful manner. Many precious souls have been turned from darkness into light, and from the power of Satan unto God. And many have received their Baptism in the Holy Ghost. At times, great power has pervaded the meetings in a Holy hush, so that the dear people present feared to speak. At other times we were affected in quite a different way. All would be

filled with joy, and many would break out in Holy laughter and songs of victory and praise, and be bowed down in Holy worship and adoration of the Lamb.

A wonderful scene was witnessed the other night when a young sister received her Pentecost and sang and spake in Tongues for an hour and three-quarters.

We have had periods of darkness, as though some unseen foe were present opposing and tying the tongues of the worshippers, thus preventing prayer and praise. But such seasons occurred generally when some person or persons were present out of curiosity, or prejudiced to the movement. On the whole, God has dealt very lovingly, and wonderfully preserved us, and indeed blessed us in measure beyond all we could ask or even think, and to Him be all the Praise.

Yours in the Glorified Lord,

H. MOGRIDGE,

Northlands, Agnew St., Lytham.

Mr. MOGRIDGE has written,—"A Lancashire Builder's Testimony," also "A Safety Signal," (reply to "Danger Signal"). Free from Secretaries

Report from Yorkshire.

BOWLAND STREET MISSION, BRADFORD, has had many days of God's right-hand, and has won many trophies of the Cross and seen much of the working of the mighty hands of God, but none of the past days resemble those of the present. Thank God, we are in the midst of that which might be called the soul's awakening. Those that were lifeless and helpless (having to be carried), are now full of life and prepared to carry others *from the cold, indifferent, formal life to be red-hot, spirit-filled Saints, speaking and singing in Tongues*. They have clearwitnessing power and discernment, and can be counted upon for any real, active, vigilant work. They are full of love and kindness, desiring, longing, earnestly seeking, and beseeching God to open the Windows of Heaven and pour

out a real Revival Power to awaken and shake England and the World. We fully believe we are in the last days, and before the Lord comes we trust to see the mightiest Revival the world has ever seen or witnessed. We have seen demons cast out, and the very devil of disease rebuked, and the continual power and blessing fully resembling Mark xvi., 17. All glory be to God.

One of the clear proofs that Pentecost with Tongues is of God is that all the Scribes and Pharisees of the present day condemn it. I have seen many receive the Gift of Tongues and the Baptism of Power, but never among them were there any critics or a fleshly or proud man or woman. The clean and impure cannot dwell together. Ye cannot have God and Mammon. Pentecost with Tongues is a Holy work, and comes upon Holy people for a Holy purpose, being the beginning of greater days of manifestations. We shall see greater things than Jesus did as we abide in the Vine. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost with Signs is the fulfilment of promise to those that wait.

I hold much fellowship with those that speak and sing with new Tongues. All have one story to tell, viz., that the blessing and joy is beyond describing. Why stop at the barren field of justification, when there are waters of God's Love to swim in? Why live in the experience of Romans vii., when there is Romans viii. full of life in the Spirit without condemnation? Ephes. iii., 20.

"My soul is filled with boundless love
Whilst gazing on the precious blood,
I catch the rays of Jesus' face
Transfixed in me, the Throne of Grace.
Wonders beyond the human mind
Rushing into me, a Life Divine;
I feel the Power of the Holy Dove,
And speak in 'Tongues' of things above.

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH.

London, S.W.

The Meetings at 14 Akerman Road (Brixton) continue to be a blessing. The Lord keeps His work here pure. This was the first centre in Great Britain.

Report from Cudworth, near Barnsley.

The Rev. C. F. Atherton holds waiting meetings at his Manse. The Lord graciously baptized him at Bradford in Mr. Smith Wigglesworth's house about a month ago.

Report from Carlisle.

A faithful Band meets on Wednesday and Sunday nights at Mr. Reid's, 14, Church Street. Several in Carlisle have received their Pentecost with Signs. An open-air meeting was going on in Glasgow a little while ago, and a bystander said to himself, "That man that is speaking now is one of us, I am sure, something tells me he has the 'Tongues.'" It was true, for it was our brother from Carlisle, Mr. Jas. Welsh, of 8, Myddleton Street.

Other centres, near Derby and Shrewsbury, have not sent in their latest reports.

Report from Southsea.

It is a little more than six years ago that a few believers began to meet together in this house daily, with one accord, for prayer and supplication, that God would revive His work in this town and neighbourhood, and that He would pour out the Holy Ghost upon His people and establish a real Pentecostal Church in their midst. They believed that the Church of God cannot afford to be without any of the nine gifts of the Spirit, bestowed on the Day of Pentecost, and that these gifts are essential

for effective service (especially within the Church), in order that the members of the body of Christ may be built up in their faith and perfected in love and unity, that it may be found, at His appearing, a glorious Church, not having a spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be Holy and without blemish.

During these six years they have met with great opposition from the devil, and discouragements from lukewarm believers in the Churches, but, by the grace of God, they are continuing daily to wait on Him with the certain assurance that, as He has now begun to answer their prayers, He will very soon pour out such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

On the 22nd July last, one of their number, Brother Salter by name, was Baptized with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in Tongues and magnify God as the Spirit gave him utterance. At more than 200 meetings since, he has spoken in Tongues and interpreted or prophesied in the Spirit. Another brother and sister in the Lord have also the like gift, accompanied with the speaking in Tongues, interpretation, and prophecy. Several others who are associated with us, and who are members of other small missions in the town, have received their "Pentecost." Praise God for the ministry of the Spirit by whom alone it is possible to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

After eight months' experience of Pentecostal blessings in this small assembly, the believers can testify that, though the devil fights hard against them, yet, thanks be to God, He has given them the Victory through Jesus Christ, and has far greater victories yet in store for all who believe.

E. W. MOSER,
40, Outram Road,
Southsea, Hants.

Bracknell, Berks.

Bro. Sandwith, of Oswaldkirk, who received his Baptism at Sunderland, holds meetings regularly, and the Lord is with him. We shall give in a later number a report of the work.

SCOTLAND.

A Visit to Kilsyth.

(By REV. A. A. BODDY, of Sunderland.)

We read of the Queen of Sheba, after she had seen Solomon's wonders at Jerusalem, that "there was no more spirit in her." (2 Chron. ix., 4.)

The Writer was so overwhelmed by the the sights and scenes which met him on some of the last days of March, that he could say, "Behold, the one half was not told me." Friday night's meeting and those of Saturday and Sunday (March 28-30), were like his Norwegian experiences of just a year before, in those Spirit-swept gatherings in Christiania. In March, 1907, when he returned from the Norwegian Revival, there were perhaps five persons in Great Britain speaking in Tongues as a sign of the Pentecostal Baptism. The March of 1908 tells of probably 500 in Great Britain so Baptized. What hath God wrought in these wonderful twelve months?

As to Kilsyth, it is a small Scottish town twelve miles or so from Glasgow.

Resounding detonations shake the windows as they blast stone in the hillside quarries. Many of the men are miners. (We praise God for the Spirit-filled miners.)

Some critical investigators arrived one day by train. They agreed to test this thing by putting questions to the first Kilsyth man they met. It was the porter

who opened the carriage door.

"Any Meetings being held here?"

"Aye, sir, there are."

"Have you been to any of them?"

"Yes, I've been."

"Is it true that some folks are speaking in Tongues?"

"It's true enough."

"Do you know anyone?"

"Yes, I'm one myself."

Yes, all ranks are represented in this movement, and we have a Policeman, an Engine-driver on the North British Railway (John McNicol, of Kirkintilloch; God bless him), and Miners who have received their "Pentecost" at their work.

A fireman at the Colliery, as he was leaning on his shovel at work, began to speak in Tongues.

A pitman at Motherwell (John McPhee, a Reservist), broke out in the face of the coal—that is, while at work filling his waggon or tub. He was singing,

"How I love that sweet story of old."

He said he felt something go down and then come up. Then, for two hours, he sat on his pile of coal, speaking in Tongues as the Holy Spirit gave him utterance.

The men in the adjoining working soon heard him, and one cried, "There's Jock working in Tongues, and me no saved yet."

A number have been converted just through hearing others speak in Tongues. It was so with young H. He loved cycle-racing, etc., and kept away from the meetings, but when he heard his sister in the house "speaking mysteries," praising God in an unknown tongue, he was broken down. In the Mission Hall, from 3 one afternoon until 2 the next morning, he dealt with God and was saved, sanctified, and Baptized with the Holy Ghost with the Scriptural evidences. He and his dear young brother are now longing for an opening for missionary work, if the Lord

makes the way clear.

A POLICEMAN.

In a village in this part of Scotland the little Chapel got on Fire, and about 20 received their "Pentecost" with Signs following, and 13 have been soundly converted. They were holding a "Fellowship Meeting" for those who had been fully anointed. Outsiders, hearing the vehement cries of praise and the speaking in Tongues, gathered round. A sympathetic policeman kept the door (his wife and daughter, who had received the blessing, were inside).

At last he cried, "Lads, I can stand it no longer, here goes," and he flung open the door, and, putting down his helmet, was soon pleading with God for the Full Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and he received it then and there and came through speaking in Tongues.

PRAYER AND BELT.

At a Testimony Meeting recently, parents stood up and said, "Pentecost in our homes has done, through love, what we have failed to do in years with Prayer and the Belt.

It is touching to see the boys at Kilsyth, (quite a number have got their "Pentecost") all with their Bibles in the meeting, and little girls, too, speaking in Tongues and giving out solemn messages.

In other places children have had to suffer. We heard of one, where father, in the drink, kicked his little girl because she went to these meetings, and she looked up at him and, through her tears, said, "Glory to Jesus

A violent mother tore her girl's hat off her head as she came in (without removing the hat pins), and though it hurt she only answered, "Glory to Jesus."

"Pentecost" takes away bitterness from the home. Love must reign. The first-fruit of the Spirit is love.

RESTITUTION.

A Tobacconist, in a town not very far away from Kilsyth, said to a Christian Worker, "I've been much touched to-day. A young man from your Mission came in and said that he had owed me 2½d. for years, for he got more tobacco than he had paid for. He said, 'Mr. — I've come to apologise. I mean to be true to God. I'm a changed man now and I want to go on with Christ, and I could not rest till I had asked your forgiveness and given you back the twopence-halfpenny.'" He was so overcome that he had to look round his shop and handed him a bottle of "Brilliantine" as his way of recognising real honesty of purpose.

A boy in a Sunday School Trip noticed his teacher drop a shilling. He slyly took it, but he could not get his "Pentecost" until he had been to that teacher and given him the shilling and the explanation.

A man took a pair of tongs home from the Colliery years ago. He had to take them back and confess to the manager before he could get his "Pentecost."

A Draper was retired from business. A woman seeking her "Pentecost" was reminded of a debt of 18/, twenty-five years old. She sent 10/-, and promised to pay the 8/- as soon as possible, and the Lord then gave her her heart's desire.

A "Flesher" (Butcher) said, "Westport Hall is doing a good work. I got 7/- to-day which has been standing 15 years."

A woman got a pound of steak and paid for half-a-pound. She went and put this right and then she got through.

A young woman rose from her knees at an after-meeting and went out. She soon returned, looking happy, and received her "Blessing" quickly. She had remembered someone to whom she had not spoken for long, and had been to her and put things

right again.

THE MEETINGS.

The above are practical results which would appeal even to the unconverted. But there is great Spiritual Power in the meetings. Sometimes, in the after-meetings, everyone will be earnestly engaged in prayer. Strong men wrestling with God, and especially pleading the Blood of the Lord Jesus, His finished work through the Blood, the Victory obtained through the Blood. All this they cover and mean when they just rapidly repeat, "Blood, Blood, Blood," and often they find the Holy Spirit falling upon them and speaking with other Tongues.

The meetings might appear quite disorderly to some minds, and to others who are in sympathy full of the Power of God. Bro. A. Murdoch says, "We are not yet in 1 Cor. xiv., only in Acts ii." He means that too much must not be expected in the early days of this wonderful work, that later it will be time enough at Kilsyth to insist on perfect order.

The meetings at which I was present were, they said, of a very powerful character. It would be strange, indeed, if anyone really seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost should not get it at Kilsyth. Bro. Murdoch, a friend told me, is scarcely equalled in his loving guidance of souls into salvation, sanctification, and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Such a staff, too, of workers! When the long penitent form quickly filled up, there were more men than women seeking, but there were men to help the men, and women to help the women.

But many have come through in Bro. Murdoch's house (26, Eden Grove). His bright kitchen is a holy place for many (see Brother Martin's Testimony). Bro. Rennick, Evangelist of the Christian Alliance, came through here one morning.

The power of God was so great that Mary, the Christian maid and worker, soon came through and had a vision of some Oriental Seaport. She was on a ship gliding in from the sea, and saw flat-roofed, white houses, and high Temples, and dark-faced people running and beseeching the Gospel to be sent. It was 4-30 that day before they got their one o'clock dinner.

The Engine-driver was making his way to the house, and his legs gave way. The Power of God fell on him, and they supported him to this same kitchen, and he was soon “through,” singing as the Spirit gave him utterance, and has been singing ever since.

This Pentecostal Blessing came here via Dunfermline, and to Dunfermline via Sunderland.

The Lord sometimes works through His channels and sometimes direct. But the Blessing is always really from the Lord Himself.

Kilsyth was mightily blessed in the great Revival of 1859.

William Chalmers Burns, one of the first and greatest Missionaries to China, was one of the converts of '59. Hudson Taylor was taken up-country by Burns, and learned through this Kilsyth man the God-given idea of the China Inland Mission.

One of the friends at our Conference at Kilsyth has had a clear call confirmed again and again—that he has to go to China, to the “People of the Sinew” (Chinese Jews). May he make Kilsyth a blessing both to Scotland and to heathen lands.

Many have already travelled to Kilsyth from the East and the West, the North and the South.

In Scotland now there are centres at Edinburgh, “Solberg,” Murrayfield, and 21, Archibald Place; at Glasgow, 141, West George Street (Mr. & Mrs. Miller); at Dunfermline, 11, Abbey Park Place (Mr.

& Mrs. A. Bell); at Motherwell (Mr. A. Victor Wilson, 11, Merry Street); at Stirling; at Clydebank; at Falkirk; Tarbert Toll Cross; Banton, by Kilsyth; Kirkintilloch (Mr. John McNicoll, Back o' Loch Road); Coatbridge, etc., and their number is growing.

Scottish people know their Bibles. They are no fools, not carried away easily. But they know that God has appeared in their midst, and they praise Him and they exalt the ever precious BLOOD by which Victory is assured.

These Scottish friends are hoping to arrange for a special train to the Sunderland Conference on June 5th. Mr. A. Murdoch, Eden Grove, Kilsyth, will soon know particulars. Friends could join at Glasgow and at Edinburgh.]

A Testimony from Edinburgh.

DEAR MR. & MRS. BODDY,

After much prayer and waiting upon God for guidance, I feel it my duty to write my testimony; it may be a help to someone.

I have been a Christian for many years, but have lived an up-and-down life, sometimes bright, but oftener depressed and downcast. I have often been to Consecration and Holiness meetings, and surrendered myself to God, as I thought, and really meant it, but alas, it was only to go down again. Four years ago I was baptized, as I saw clearly it was a command to follow my Saviour in baptism. I expected then to get what I felt was lacking in my life, but I did not get more than the assurance that I had obeyed the command.

About fifteen months ago there was a great revival in the church I belong to (Charlotte Chapel, West Rose Street, Edinburgh). Many seemed to get such a great blessing and were able to say “He has broken my fetters,” but I could not sing these words, I felt I was bound. For a year I was longing and seeking for this blessing. I read of the wonderful work in Norway, where so many were being filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in New Tongues. Then this wonderful work seemed to come nearer, when Pastor Barratt came to Sunderland. I did not quite agree with all that took place, but my husband was very much interested, and was anxious to invite Pastor Barratt to Edinburgh. I was afraid he would do it, as I did not want to go all the way. Little did I know what the Lord had in store for me. When I heard that Pastor Barratt had gone back to Norway I felt relieved, but the Lord sent Mr. and Mrs. Boddy to Edinburgh instead. They spoke in the Faith Mission, Lochrin Hall, on January 1st and 2nd. I went to the meetings and there got such a longing to give myself wholly to God. On Saturday the 4th, my husband asked me if I would go to Sunderland. We got there about seven o'clock the same evening. After finding rooms we

went to

"ALL SAINTS," MONKWEARMOUTH.

It was nine o'clock and the meeting was being held in the vestry. I shall never forget the solemnity of the meeting and the holy awe in that place. No one lifted their head nor looked up when we went in. They seemed to be wholly taken up with God. After they had sung a chorus Mrs. Boddy said, "Shall we have a season of prayer?"

I got up and asked them to pray for us, as we had come from Edinburgh to get the blessing. We all knelt down, and how they prayed; they seemed to know how to lay hold on God. In a very short time I felt the power of God coming upon me as I had never felt it before; my whole being seemed to be filled with a calm rest and peace. Then Mrs. Boddy came over and said "I feel led by the Spirit to lay my hands on your head." Acts viii., 17. I said "Praise God! I am going to get the blessing now." Mrs. Boddy said "Do you believe that Jesus died for you?" I said "Yes." Then she said "Do you believe that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin?" I said "Yes." Then she put this searching question to me, "Do you know of anything between you and God, or any person, that would need to be put right?" After thinking for some time I said "I knew of nothing, but if the Holy Spirit revealed any thing to me, I would get it put right at any cost." Then Mrs. Boddy said these words "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," and by simple faith I received the Holy Ghost.

My life is changed completely, I am now praising my Saviour night and day. Not only did the Blessed Lord fill me with the Holy Ghost, but

HE HEALED MY BODY

at the same time. The doctor had been attending me almost daily for six months, up till the very day I went to Sunderland. I could take no solid food of any kind, but now I am able to eat anything. I have seen my doctor often since and he is amazed. Glory be to God for His great love and kindness to me. I will praise Him, I will praise Him, praise the Lamb for sinners slain.

On Wednesday the 8th, the Lord seemed to say to me, "Would you not like the rest of the blessing?" I really felt as if I had got so much that I hardly knew how I could contain more, but I just said "Lord, I will take all Thou hast for me," and yielded myself entirely to Him. That evening the meeting was in the dining-room of the Vicarage. After the meeting had gone on for about two hours I felt a peculiar struggle going on in my throat and the Devil seemed to say "I'll take good care you do not lose your tongue, any way," (I had presented my body a living sacrifice unto God.) I asked the friends to pray for me, as I did not want the Devil to get the victory. They prayed, and then he seemed to come in double force a second time, I had a terrible struggle; it seemed as if he was going to win, then Mrs. Boddy said, "I feel there is someone in the room hindering the Holy Spirit from working." Immediately a young lady rose and left the room. When the door closed my tongue loosened and I spoke in New Tongues for about two hours. All through the night I was singing heavenly music. I cannot express in words the sweet communion and adoration that filled my whole being. The next forenoon I again spoke for two hours. Then I said, "Lord, what does it all mean," then I got the interpretation, which was, "Ye shall proclaim Jesus to poor sinners," then, "Ye shall teach and preach Jesus to the people in

Peru." I said "Lord, that can never be, how can a mother of a family do that? Tell me again." The same words were given again, Peru coming three times. The Lord seemed to shew me later that it was a message to someone who would hear my testimony. About ten days after I returned from Sunderland I was led to give my testimony in a Mission Hall. After the meeting was over a young man waited outside to speak to me. He said, "While you were delivering your message about Peru, my eyes filled with tears, and my soul seemed to rise within me, and the Lord told me the message was for me." He said he had been waiting upon God for some time to shew him where he was to go.

Once I sought the blessing, but now it is "Himself." Oh, the joy of knowing Jesus, no more worry, just a calm rest, abiding in Him. My daily experience is that to "Trust and Obey" is the secret of a happy life. My prayer is constantly that I may be kept very humble and also that I may be a living branch in the Vine, that I may bring forth much fruit to His Glory.

C. BERULSEN,
EDINBURGH.

(Meetings at Solberg, Morayfield Garden,
Tuesdays, afternoon and evening.)

TESTIMONY FROM MOTHERWELL, N.B.

35, AIRBLES STREET,
MOTHERWELL, N.B.,
6th MARCH, 1908.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

I know you will be glad to learn that I have received my Pentecost with its seal of the New Testament evidence. You will remember I was with you for a week-end and enjoyed it very much, and since that you have mingled in our prayers and in our remembrance continually. I know I ought to have come through when I was with you, I do not know what hindered, unless that I limited the power of the atoning blood of Christ, which alone gives entrance to the "Holiest of All." But now, bless God the Lord, there is sufficiency in His Cross Work, symbolised by the Blood to restore to the image of God again.

I "came through" as it is called, not unaptly, for it is a coming through to the bleeding feet of Christ—in the kitchen of our dear brother, Mr. Andrew Murdoch, the Leader at the Westport Hall, Kilsyth, where perhaps 200 have been sealed. Not two of us come through alike, I was three hours on my back, and when I was in that lowly position, I stripped myself of every hindrance or anything that would in any way prove a hindrance, and offered my vows unto God, at any cost or with any price, but "Give me my Baptism." I said, "Lord, I mean what I say, You will lift a corpse off this floor, but I will see you face to face in this Fiery Baptism." I flung all shame and care to the winds, I feared nobody, I cared not what might be, only His work would be done in me. I was not long in that position when I found I had spiritual enemies hindering my getting through. I felt them. They were like an atmosphere in front of me.

I BEGAN TO PLEAD THE BLOOD.
I assured myself and Satan that it was the all-

atonement Blood, and that Jesus was both Lord and Christ. I pleaded on. I felt myself making headway and renewed my plea of the Blood. Here I began to lose all my English save the one word "Blood," and that seemed getting away. When I began to get on the Bar and felt myself lifting and shaking, but moving forward, at this point, those who were of power coming swept me right in to the sea of Pentecostal Fulness with its unmistakable seal. My English having gone and now, filled with God, I felt impelled to speak and praise God, so I began to speak in three different tongues, a few words in Hebrew, more in an East African Bantu tongue like Swaheli, and what was taken to be an Indian dialect. While in this condition I was taken to the 16th of Mark's Gospel where the promise is, "these signs shall follow them that believe," and then, in an unknown tongue, I went over the signs following, again and again God writing them on my mind as I went over that tongue. All this time I was enjoying the Lord, clapping my hands and praising Him. I wanted the people to leave the room, and to let me lie there till daylight in the morning, so much was I enjoying it, but I had no English to speak to them. I called to them in other tongues but they did not understand me, so, as the night (or early morning) wore on, I got up, staggering like a drunken man filled with new wine. The Comforter had come; the fire was burning in my breast, and the more desire I have for Him the more warm does this fire burn in my body. What is this but just the Holy Spirit in His Temple, like the old time fire that burned on the Altar of the Temple night and day. What is the outcome in my life? Just this—more of the Lord Jesus, more of His love, His tenderness, His prayerfulness, His love for the written Word, more desire to see others saved and love Him too. It makes a complete and utter separation from the world. It deals radically with the thought-life, every imagination being brought into captivity. It deals with levity, idle talking, undue newspaper or book-reading to the neglect of the Word of God. This Baptism is the one cure for all weak Christianity under whatever name it may shelter itself. No wonder Jesus charged His disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high. Hallelujah! the Fire has fallen, and now, Dear Brother, go on. You have been helping us all, even when you stood almost alone. This work no one can stay, God is marching on and sealing His own people.

Yours under His Seal, till He comes,

JOHN MARTIN.

WALES.

We thank the Lord for what He is doing in the Principality. We shall no doubt hear of His Blessing sweeping from end to end of Wales. We are praying very specially for some of His warriors at this time. The Testimonies given below shew how God is working. We must give a word of warning. In two directions we must be on guard. First, there are those

who, under pressure, have gone back from the Lord's own Sign of the Tongues. Let them not forget how mightily the Lord met them and blessed them when they first spoke in Tongues. Beware of giving back God's gift. Then, on the other hand, keep the "flesh" out of the meetings. Do not grieve the Spirit by too much restraint, but let all things be done to edifying. "Speak to thyself and to God" is the command where there is no interpretation (1 Cor. xiv., 28).

News from Monmouthshire.

TABERNACLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, WAUNLWYD.

I am very glad to learn that you have been led to issue the "Confidence." Its pages will provide a meeting-place where many of us who are separated by wide distances, but truly joined in one Spirit, can unite in mutually distributing our experiences, and thus greatly encourage each other in this blessed struggle to regain the lost gifts of the Church.

God be praised for all that He is doing! I am happy to acquaint you all of His gracious working in our midst. Ever since the Welsh Revival, our little Church has nursed the Fire; our meetings have been kept "open"; open-air work and tract distribution, together with cottage prayer meetings and the relieving of the sick and necessitous, have been the means of great blessing to a staunch little band of "Overcomers." Many of us realised that it was better on before, that there was a fount of God waiting to be revealed.

Hallelujah! The Rock has opened, and now we daily quench our thirst in the "living water" He supplies.

The definite seeking for Baptismal Fulness began as a result of a Mission conducted by Pastor Niblock, of Aston, in November last. He very faithfully and boldly taught the Pentecostal Blessing, though he himself had not, at that time, received the definite Baptism, but subsequently he went to Sunderland (God ever bless Sunderland!) and returned with the gift of the Holy Ghost, accompanied by the Sign of Tongues.

Our desires were revived as he narrated to us his experience; we are determined to wait definitely upon God for "Pentecost."

Bro. Niblock, together with Bro. A. H. Post, of Los Angeles (now at Colombo, Ceylon), were greatly used in guiding and counselling us, and ever since December 1st we have pressed on, holding tarrying meetings nightly.

Oh, what a blessed and fruitful time it has been. I can truly say that the tarrying alone provides sufficient recompense. First of all, indeed, comes heart-searching and profitable contrition—we need to get right with God and man—but, afterwards, such abundant joy as words cannot by any means express. We can all say now, "My Beloved is mine, and I am His."

The Lord, very graciously, did not keep us long waiting. I had a prophecy given me concerning the time when heaven's blessing would descend (Dan. ix., 23; x., 13), and surely, on December 22nd, at a wonderful praise meeting held in my study, the Holy Ghost fell upon Bro. John Jones (now one of my deacons), and the temple was filled. I do praise God for thus greatly honouring our dwelling place. I think we can say that, here, Pentecost first broke out in Wales. Since then, glorious experiences, too many to attempt to describe, have been ours, and now, seven in all (including myself, Hallelujah!) have definitely received the Pentecostal Baptism with the sign of Tongues.

Our band is greatly encouraged. Many are receiving wonderful anointings, and are patiently, with rejoicing hearts, expecting the final seal. We are quite a strong number; the Church is practically united upon this great truth, and in spite of the inevitable prejudice and opposition that prevails without, we are marching on to certain victory.

Any night we may have an upper-room experience, for we all are becoming ripe for the Blessing that cannot fail to come to the praising band of one accord.

Pray for us! We need wisdom. Joy overwhelming is ours, but may Jesus, Jesus only, be highly exalted amongst us, by our *living* to His Glory.

Some of us hope, God willing, to be with you at Whitsuntide.

T. M. JEFFREYS, Pastor.

(We have news of an Out-pouring of the Spirit, with the "Signs," in a neighbouring village. Some 13 have received the Seal of "Tongues.")

From a Pastor near Bridgend, S.Wales.

"We never saw it on this fashion."—MARK ii., 12.

Truly, God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. The old "Holly Bush" Public House, the scene in days gone by of so much degradation, drunkenness, and squalor, has been converted into a Mission, yea, a Pentecostal one, too, and is now rightly called the "Holy Bush" Pentecostal Mission.

On the 18th day of December, 1906, we took possession of this place in the Master's Name, and ever since then the "Bush" has burned with Fire, sometimes at white heat, and, glory to God, the "Bush" is not consumed. We are praying here that the Fire will never go out, but will go on increasing until the Bridegroom cometh.

Hallelujah! It makes my heart leap with joy when I see the very same men who used to revel and brawl in their drunken stupidity in the very same place, praising the Love that sought them and the Blood that bought them, and literally drunk with the new wine of the Kingdom; yea, and more, whereas one who came in and went out with a tongue perhaps bloated with curses than nought else, now comes in and goes out speaking in a new Tongue. O glory, glory, glory. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain.

Perhaps the most remarkable meetings held here at present are those held in the open-air, the Lord speaking and interpreting to the hundreds that gather around us. It is needless to say, the people are astonished, held spellbound, and say, as in the days of old, "We never saw it on this fashion."

Another remarkable feature is that the Lord is using one of the brethren among his mates down in the bowels of the earth. One day last week, as they came together at meal-time, one of the company, well known for his infidelity, began to discuss in a scornful way the existence of a God, when suddenly the Lord spoke a direct message to him. His infidelity has been crushed out of him. People say they do not believe in 'Tongues,' and because of their unbelief attribute them to the devil. Let them come down here and see with the naked eye the wonderful works of God. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Who are they that care for the lost? Who are they that spend most of their time in prayer on their behalf? Who are they that groan because of an impotent Church? Who are they that read nought else but the Bible, and are fulfilling Galatians v., 22, to the letter? Need I go on? Comment is needless. The strongest evidence of Christianity is the *power* of a Godly life.

W.G.H.

Letter from Port Talbot (S. Wales).

LYNTON HOUSE,
GROVE PLACE,
PORT TALBOT,
April 7th, 1908.

Glory, glory, glory to Jesus.
Who has bought us with His own precious Blood.
Glory.

Dear Brother and Sister in our dear
Lord and Saviour,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. He alone is worthy to be praised. You can rejoice with me, for the wonderful Power God has given unto me. Last night, April 6th, the power of God came upon me. I shook from head to foot, my lips and all. Please pray for me to receive full Pentecostal Power. As Brother Tomlinson was speaking in Tongues the Power fell. He has seven or eight different languages, and Brother Hill, of Cwnavon, also has Tongues; also they both sing and interpret.

Praise God. I do praise God for showing me my nothingness. Oh, to be more Christ-like. What have I done for Him, and look how much *He* has done for me. *He* was wounded for *my* transgressions. *He* was bruised for *my* iniquities. The chastisement of *my* peace was upon *Him*, and with His stripes I am *healed*. Praise God for healing me from severe pain in the head on April 6th. God's hand of love was very clear. I praise God for the gift of love to me to endure many trials.

Oh, I do praise God for the way He is leading us here. Pray earnestly for me that, if He tarries, He may open the way for me to come to Sunderland to wait upon God for full Pentecost with Signs.

May He still continue to bless all over the land (John iii., 4). We are having very good meetings. A few brethren have come out of the Churches. Pray for our meetings on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. Pray that a Mission Room may be found for us to go out and reap in the harvest in full power to God's Glory. Praise Him.

Yours in the bonds of His everlasting love,
a Sister in Christ,

F. WILLIAMS.

IRELAND.

"Pentecost" with Signs has reached the North of Ireland, both at Belfast and Bangor.

We hope, by the next issue of "Confidence," to have a report from the "Isle of the Saints," and that the days of '59 may soon be repeated.

HOLLAND.

There is a brave little band in Amsterdam shepherded by Pastor and Madam Polman (45, Tilanus-sstraat). Also must be mentioned Bro. Kōk, 169, Bloemgracht. These dear friends can correspond in English. A penny postcard, or a one-ounce letter with a 2½d. stamp on it might cheer them greatly if written in the Spirit. We hope to have a report from them for the next number of "Confidence."

SWITZERLAND.

We have often thanked God for the faithful ones at Zurich, who have stood true while the Enemy has attacked from within and without. They are praying for a God-sent Leader.

Madame Ulrich, of Wenkelried-strasse 13, has written often to us, and I am sure would welcome a real Spirit-filled visitor who could speak to the Swiss Brethren in

English, and she would interpret. God greatly blessed dear Pastor Barratt's recent visit.

Letter from Sweden.

Gothenburg,
Sweden,

6th April, 1908.

REV. A. A. BODDY,

Dear Brother in Jesus, overflowing peace!

I have, with much interest, read your pamphlet, "A Vicar's Testimony," and got much blessing by it. Praise God for His fullness. He is blessing many souls in Gothenburg, Sweden, and everywhere. I have been a believer for about 30 years, but have been unsatisfied the most of these years. But, Hallelujah, at Pentecost, 1907, at Pastor Barratt's meetings in Gothenburg, I got the Blessing, but not the gift of Tongues before last March.

We had a meeting in a place, Lenun, 20 kilometres from Gothenburg, the 11th March. Oh, praise God, His blessing came in showers over me, and I began to speak in Tongues. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

O for the glorious Pentecost. My heart is praising the Lord for His salvation full and free.

Yesterday we had a very good meeting in Talköping, many blessed friends were assembled there. The power of the Holy Ghost poured out over us. Many souls got blessings. Hallelujah. Mrs. Sandblom, from Jönköping, attended the meeting and rejoiced in Jesus for the Pentecostal blessing.

I beg your pardon that I take the liberty and write these few lines. I hope you will understand my letter, though it is bad English. I should be very thankful if you would answer this letter and send me some of your pamphlets. I have loaned some of them from Bro. Efraim Sandblom, in Jönköping.

Oh, may God bless England and Sweden, and every country in the whole world with Pentecostal Blessing, that His children may bear much fruit. Amen.

I send my greetings to all the blessed friends in Sunderland. May God bless us all.

An unknown friend, but known in Christ,

ALFRED AKERMARK,
Olivedalsgatan F,
Gothenburg, Sweden.

Letter from Egypt.

ASSIOUT, EGYPT,
April 4th, 1908.

REV. A. A. BODDY,
Dear Brother in Christ,

How glad I am to know that "Pentecost reached your own land. Oh, when shall the Egyptians know the Lord? and when shall the promise of "Blessed be Egypt, my people" be fulfilled? "O Lord, come to Egypt with this

blessed truth," is my earnest prayer.

Dear Brother, we have gladly and thankfully received your blessed copy of "A Vicar's Testimony." We shall read it over and over, it is indeed helpful. Please pray for Egypt. God is preparing a band to receive our part of "Pentecost," and is also preparing a band of Missionaries from the United States to come here and proclaim this glorious truth, and Egypt shall be really blessed. Please cry with us to the Lord of glory to come with His glory to our dear land, and may all the ends of the British Empire hear and get this glorious light of the old Apostle's Amen.

Yours in Christ,

GHALI HANNA,
Assiout, Egypt.

P.S.—May God in His glory come to this Conference of June and make it an upper-room to those who tarry. Amen.—G.H.

Pastor Barratt in India.

Pastor Barratt's present address is—
c/o A. H. Groves, Mullanoor Estate,
Hillsgrove P.O., Nilgiris, S. India.

We had interesting messages from him as he journeyed by Germany, Switzerland and Italy. In Germany he had helpful talks with Pastor Meyer, and understood more thoroughly about the Barmen Conference. He writes at great length. We must hold him up in his work among the Missionaries at Coonoor. Probably in our next number of "Confidence" we shall have much to tell. In a special Supplement we give an important letter from Pastor Barratt as to the Barmen Conference.

After "Pentecost"—Love.

Pandita Ramabai and Dr. Yoakum alike emphasise *Love* as being the great result of "Pentecost."

It would be surely better to have a real Baptism of Love than anything else, but we have not found in our personal experience that the Seal of "Tongues," when from God, lessened the LOVE. No

more loving people have we met than the great proportion of those who have received this Seal.

But we, who have received need continually to receive. The Apostles were not content with "Pentecost." It had to be repeated (Acts iv., 31). Again they were all filled with the Holy Ghost (Eph. v. 18). Results soon followed. "Lord, make us very practical, and love through us with Thy Love." May our self-denying actions be definite, and done out of love for Christ. May we be *practical*.

Sister Bertha Oakes.

On Thursday afternoon, April 9th, about 5 o'clock, Bertha Augusta Frederica Oakes passed into the presence-chamber of her beloved King. She had hoped to tarry 'till Jesus came,' but, instead, it was permitted to her to fall asleep in Jesus (1 Thess. iv., 14-15). She ever delighted in serving her Lord and His people here, and now she has been translated to higher service.

Her last words to the Writer were: "I . . . should . . . like . . . to . . . send . . . a message . . . to the saints. . . . Tell them . . . it is . . . 'GLORY TO JESUS.'"

The Lord led our beloved friend to Sunderland in October last to receive her full Pentecost, and that His people here might often be encouraged, He kept her with us until at last the home-call came. We were glad when her dear sister, Frances, joined her, and we praise God that she was with her till the last (and that now she remains in Sunderland, at the B.W.T.A. Home). A peaceful resting-place for the weary frame has been chosen near the top of a slope looking eastwards towards the sea. To rest until He comes. A.A.B.

Jesus is coming, wonderful Saviour,
Jesus is coming, I cannot tell how;
Jesus is coming, go forth to meet Him,
Jesus is coming, He's coming soon now.
Glory to Jesus, wonderful Saviour!
Glory to Jesus, the one I adore!
Glory to Jesus—wonderful Saviour!
Glory to Jesus, and praise evermore!

A Pentecostal Talk.

(Notes taken at a Sunderland Meeting of
Baptised Ones.)

Leader—

"We need encouragement at this time. We are a little gathering of those who have received their Pentecost with the Scriptural Sign ("Tongues"). Let us tell one another why we believe this is all of God, why we praise Him with full hearts for Jesus and His finished work. Let us, round our gathering, just tell of the chief things, or some of them, for which we are thanking God in connection with this His great blessing. To begin myself, I will just mention one thing briefly. "I specially praise Him for the love He has given me for His Word. The Enemy would never make us love and honour our Father's Word in such a way."

Member No. 1—

"I thank Him for the most wonderful answers to prayer and for His sure guidance. I am living on His Word as meat."

Member No. 2—

"It has brought such confidence in God. I know now that His promises cannot fail, and I have certain knowledge of Christ within."

Member No. 3—

"Since 'Pentecost,' I have found the Lord to be my Healer. Have had special faith given me, and wonderful answers to prayer. Great light on the Word."

Member No. 4—

"'Pentecost' has given me great power in Sunday School. I long to see all the children saved."

Member No. 5—

"Knew so little before 'Pentecost.' Have now great love for souls and for the little ones. Could weep in the streets for them. Have been enabled to speak clearly to people about their souls."

Member No. 6—

"Not hurt now by unkind words, but see Satan at work using the person and speaking through such an one, so have no resentment."

Member No. 7—

"A deeper work day by day of the Holy Ghost and the Triune God. I believe that the gift of discernment is being given."

Member No. 8—

"'Pentecost' makes me love everybody more."

Member No. 9—

"He makes me love souls and long to bring them to salvation."

Member No. 10—

"He gives me great light on the Word."

Member No. 11—

"'Pentecost' makes Jesus a very great reality."

Member No. 12—

"No cares now (really more reason than ever for care). No bitterness. More patience. I don't look at the black side."

Member No. 13—

"There is no black side now. The Word of God moment by moment is rushing through me. I know what it means to be possessed by the blessed Trinity."

Member No. 14—

"Cannot read anything but the Bible now. If I take up anything else I have to put it down. He protects me at work. I put myself into His hands every day, and He has worked wonderfully to keep in the workshop."

Member No. 15—

"'Pentecost' makes Christ more real. Have a longing for souls and for the Bible. Have prayed God to use me to fellow-workmen. I was led into the cabin at breakfast-time and prayed I might be used. They were arguing as to two men who

were to be hung, and talking of time for repentance being given. One man said he didn't believe in repenting, but another said all should repent, and asked me if that wasn't so, and so I had the opportunity given me of speaking."

Member No. 16—

"'Pentecost' has made the prayer-life more real. Brings me into that condition where the Holy Ghost can pray through me, and so according to God's will. Since the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, an added power in soul-saving. The Holy Fire is burning, and Calvary is often made most strangely real, a real Crucifixion."

Member No. 17—

"Never knew so deeply the significance of Death and Burial with Christ, the Blood has never been so honoured. Never such experimental knowledge of the Triune God. Never before knew what Worship and Praise in the Spirit was."

"Tongues" as a Seal of "Pentecost."

1.—Many have written or spoken slightly of a Gift of God. They should be careful. They say this is the least of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost. But God's Gift must not be disparaged. Many are endeavouring to frighten God's children, when all they should do should be to endeavour to keep God's work pure.

2.—We should be glad that we have been permitted to live to a time when God is wonderfully giving back the Sign of Tongues to sincere seekers after the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

3.—I am glad that He has given me this supernatural sign. I could not have

rested content without it. It is there if ever one is tempted to forget or to doubt. I praise God indeed for the Seal.

4.—I see a difference between (1) the Seal of the Tongues as a sign of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost (given very specially at one point in the Spiritual experience), and (2) a *continuous* Gift of Tongues.

Even in Paul's day *all* (1 Cor. xii., 29) did not continue to speak in Tongues, though St. Paul wishes that all did (1 Cor. xiv. 5). At Cæsarea and Ephesus all spake in Tongues when the Holy Ghost fell, and we are glad to be in their company.

5.—Let us each for ourselves keep as near as possible to what we see in the Scriptures when seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and then let us make all allowance for others who seem to act somewhat differently in detail.

Our kind Heavenly Father makes great allowances for the honest mistakes of His children.

6.—It is soon apparent when any have received a full Baptism of the Holy Ghost. If they show the Christ-life, if they are cleansed from self and are endued with true power from on high, if they love the Blessed Lord with their whole hearts, we must be careful not to judge, even if they received a Pentecost under what seems to us to be very strange conditions.

7.—One is often asked, "Do you think anyone can have had the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and not have had the Sign of Tongues?" I cannot judge another, but for me, "Pentecost means the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of the Tongues."

A.A.B.

“The Bridegroom Cometh.”

“And when these things are beginning to come to pass, unbend and lift up your heads, because that your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke xxi., 28.

Never since the day of Pentecost, with its rushing, mighty wind, its fiery anointing and its Spirit-given utterance in other tongues, confirming the Divine Word to the waiting disciples, and startling the unprepared and unbelieving, has there been a time when the larger fulfilment of the Prophecy of Joel for the last days has become an actual and present reality in hundreds of places as it is to-day.

Never since the day when that initial outpouring of the “Promise of the Father,” with heavenly gifts and signs caused the wondering people to ask “What meaneth this?” has that question of old become the new and absorbing question of so many minds as in the past year of restored signs and gifts.

Never since that Pentecostal outpouring of the “Early Rain” upon the early seed-sowing of the Gospel age, has there been granted to this world anything answering to the promised “Latter Rain,” with its greater outpouring for the speedy ripening of the harvest until the marvellous and solemn visitations of the Spirit of God in the past three years, beginning with the revival in Wales, and moving mightily on in many lands unto the present hour.

Never since that prophetic word of the Psalmist, “*Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power*,” has there been such a searching and widespread out-gathering of those who are willing to be at God’s uttermost disposal, as is going on both in Christian and in heathen lands in this day of His power.

Never since the utterance of that solemn time prophecy from our Lord’s own lips,

“*This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a testimony unto all nations, and then shall the end come,*” has there been such a swift and strategic marshalling of forces to complete that testimony as during the closing years of the nineteenth and the opening years of the twentieth centuries, and each year speeding more intensely toward the predicted consummation.

Never since that love message from our Lord in the glory to His waiting church, “*Behold, I come quickly,*” have there been such sublime and supernatural preparations for that coming, as are girdling the world at this moment.

Never has the midnight cry, “*Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye forth to meet Him,*” been echoed and re-echoed in holy joy from land to land by thousands of Spirit-inspired voices as in these days, and never has the Spirit-given prayer, “*Even so, come, Lord Jesus,*” been made the actual cry of so many illuminated and awakened hearts as during the past year.

Never since the love watch of the faithful few, who were last at the cross and first at the tomb, has there been the call to such a love watch as that in which we may now share; a watch of Spirit-enkindled love and worship, of welcome and expectation; a watch of Spirit-empowered service and co-operation in the divine programme so blessedly nearing fulfilment.

Never since our tender Lord looked upon the city of His love and wept over her, because she knew not the time of her visitation, has there been an hour so full of peril to the Church of His love lest she, too, fail to discern the time of her visitation in the clearer light of to-day, and with glory shining in at the doors.—“TRUST,” a Monthly Paper, can be obtained free from Elim House Rochester, New York.

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An important letter from Pastor Barratt.

The letter printed below gives a somewhat different account of the German Conference to that printed in some of the religious papers a month or two ago. As we cannot obtain any opportunity of reply in the columns of these papers we have been led to issue "Confidence," where the strengthening and affirmative side may appear. The suspicious and negative side has been set forth abundantly. Fears and doubts have caused many to set their eyes on the mistakes of men and the attacks of Satan, but "Jesus is stronger than Satan or Sin." The enemy is trying hard to frighten men and women from God and His best. We seek Him, and as we seek we trust the Blood of Jesus (and all it means) to cleanse and protect us.

On the Mediterranean, S.S. Osiris, March 23rd, 1908.

Dear Brother,

You will have received my letter from Brindisi ere this. When I reached the steamboat I found a letter there from you, or rather the card announcing the Conference at Sunderland. Hallelujah! I wish I could be with you there, but the work I have on hand in India will scarce be finished by that time; however the Lord will lead me aright as I trust Him. I hail with joy, too, the approach of "Confidence." That's just what is needed and I feel the paper will be in good hands. God will give you wisdom and strength for that work as He has done in the past wherever He has been using you. Let us hope that "Confidence" will soon be spread all over the English-speaking world.

We are having a most delightful passage so far, there has been a little rolling of the sea but the sun has been shining brightly, and the scenery along the Grecian coast and through the various groups of islands has been charming. The people on board do not think the heat will be so intense down the Red Sea and across the ocean to Bombay as some have supposed it will be. In a few days I will be able to decide that by way of experience.

Perhaps it will be best for me to give you the translation of Pastor Meyer's last letter now; it will, as I stated in my last, give a clear idea of the proceedings at the Barmen Conference, which has been used as a weapon against this work of God. How unfair this way of acting has been will be seen from Brother Meyer's letter.

My dear Brother Barratt—I am so thankful to have made your acquaintance lately, and to have heard from your own lips what God has done for you and others. Yes, praised be the Lord, He keeps His word to all who trust Him. I have had a similar experience myself and have not been put to shame. He is faithful. My family and fellow workers are also happy to have made your acquaintance, and we are all thankful for the blessed hours of communion we enjoyed together, where Jesus was so assuredly in our midst. Where His children praise Him He remains willingly.

In accordance with your desire I will with pleasure tell you something about this conference which was held at Barmen in December, 1907, and was convened on account of the movement that arose in connection with speaking in tongues. I praise the Lord in the dust that I was able to attend it in company with 33 other leading brethren, and confer about these very important things, and I feel that I was their inferiors. It has not been known in other circles what was discussed there. The wonderful things God has done have been peacefully hushed up.

I do praise the Lord for those days at Barmen I stenographed the proceedings of the Conference and will therefore be able to give an exact account but it is not necessary to enter every detail, and I have prayed to the Lord for evidence to write this letter and to write nothing, there was not to be published, but at the same time to oppose what has been said by others by mistake, thus misrepresenting the Conference.

The procedure of the Conference was as follows:—

Bro. Dallmeyer submitted 13 points at the commencement by which he wanted to prove that the movement was of the enemy, but he hereby only expressed his own personal opinion.

His points were quoted several times, but they were not of such a character that they could put a stamp on the Conference, as they were influenced too much by the personal ill-will of dear Bro. Dallmeyer, and the proof therefore that the whole movement was of the enemy—failed. There followed two days of discussion in which the brethren occupied themselves with the question:—Is the movement of God or of the enemy? There were those present who rejected everything, and others who acknowledged something, and again others who rejected something. I stated that the matter was clear to my soul as I had weighed it well for some time ago, and I prayed constantly: "O Lord prevent us from hindering Thy Work"

Every single case of speaking in tongues in Germany was discussed and although several attempts were made from some cases to condemn the whole movement it was not possible for them to do so. God gave the hearts of my brethren much grace and wisdom.

When on the next morning the discussion of the single cases was continued, the Lord came with His wisdom, to use the words of that dear servant of the Lord, Rev. Schrenk, (Barmen) "the Lord entered with His ability"

On the second day a brother rose to express his opinion, and ended thus "We have met the unclean spirit 1 (as ignorant men) 2 (as powerless men)."

This Bro. proposed several points to the assembly, which contained some of the thoughts later adopted in the published resolution.

The result of the reading aloud of these points was a general humbling of the whole assembly before the Lord. The principal tone of the outcry was this: "Oh Lord, we know nothing!" I am bound to state this as an open declaration in connection with the resolution of the conference, as the general opinion among the public has been that the conference was united in its condemnation of this movement—which was not at all the case. There were several brethren who were united in their condemnation, but the majority did not dare to pass judgment on the movement.

The work of the Lord which He has done at several places could not be passed by, and I say it to the honour of my brethren, they have not dared to censure what God has done. Let this be said of the conference as such. Just because the opinions were so divided, the whole conference was so thankful for the points offered by the brethren afore-mentioned, and the conference only settled on these and found that God had given us them to help us out of our difficult position. It acted thus:—When the movement is acknowledged, where is the limit to be put between what is of God and what the enemy does; or when the movement is not acknowledged how are you to understand the proper relations of these gifts. And the matter ended there, the resolution in fact being a testimonial of our poverty. In this I am united with my brethren.

Now it has been said that the conference, and therefore also the brethren who stand in the midst of the movement, had condemned the whole movement, but this is not the case. You only read, in the resolution, of "some" who had received an unclean gift of tongues. As this was a fact we could subscribe to it also. The gifts the Lord has given us are not mentioned in the whole resolution. Nothing is spoken of and condemned in that resolution but what the enemy has done. But as there were brethren present who condemned everything, we have because of our love to them, not requested that anything we have received of the Lord should be mentioned in the resolution, and really it was not at all necessary, because the Lord knows how to defend His own works.

The Lord's work has therefore not been touched at all in the resolution, I mention this in defence of my brethren. It has also been said that the brethren who stand in this movement have declared there must be no public speaking in tongues allowed in the meetings. This is a misconstruction of the case. In the points before mentioned there was a warning against allowing the speaking of tongues in the meetings unless God had given the brethren the gift of discerning spirits. This matter was also discussed, but in the adopted resolution nothing was said about it, there is only a warning in that against the unclean spirit, requiring a holy watchfulness against it.

What we subscribed to was facts, and we stand by what we have done, a word is a word, but I repeat it again—the work of the Lord has not been judged in this resolution, whatever may have been thought about it in most circles.

Personally I am very thankful that the Lord has shown me at Norway what He can do for people who trust Him in this matter, and I testify with pleasure that I myself have been greatly blest. The will of the Lord has never been so clear to me as since then, love has never been so complete, and the Lord has especially given me streams of love to those of my brethren who do not understand me.

With pleasure I shall also be ready, dear Bro. Barratt, to write to you more fully of the work which God has entrusted me. There are at present 90 men, 13 women and 7 children in our charge, who would otherwise have been exposed to extreme misery.

In the love of Jesus.—Yours truly, EMIL MEYER,

Leader of the Strand Mission, Hamburg, Richardstr 51, Germany.

This letter I trust will open the eyes of many. It is really sad to think that numbers are being prevented in England and elsewhere from seeking the Baptism of Fire because of their terror for counterfeits. This proves satisfactorily to my mind that the way in which some of the leaders of Christian thought in Great Britain have been dealing with the matter has not been a wise one. Surely their efforts ought not to have influenced people to get out of the way of the blessing, but much rather, whilst guarding the way against the difficulties, to make it as easy as possible for them to get to the blessings the sooner the better. As it is now some of the articles we have been reading of late have brought enquirers into a labyrinth of questions and difficulties. God grant that they very soon may find the red thread that leads to the open-air and to the freedom and purity of a sanctified, cleansed and Spirit-filled life in Christ Jesus our Lord. I wish to say as a personal matter that when I sought my Baptism of Fire at New York, I did not do it in order to promote a "movement." I had only one idea, and I know that this is the case with you, that of loving God and my fellow men more and promoting the interests of my Blessed Redeemer.

Yours for ever in the Blood and Fire,—BARRATT.