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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.

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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).

7:30 p.m., Welcome Meeting (Vestry).

N.B.—The SIDE DOOR of the Parish Hall, in Stranton Terrace, will be used during these Meetings.

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. Address by Miss Sisson (U.S.A.)

Hall open for Prayer, 2:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m., Church Service. 8:10, After-Meeting with Testimonies by Miss Lathbury, of Wimbledon, and others.

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. (For sympathisers only.)

Additional Meetings to discuss difficulties may be arranged at 9 o'clock each morning in Vestry or Parish Hall.

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.

Apartments 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.

May, 1908.

My soul desireth Thee, dear Lord,
My soul desireth Thee ;
And that desire is given by Thee,
For *Thou* desirest me.
My heart longs after Thee, dear Lord,
My heart longs after Thee ;
And Thou hast put that longing there,
For *Thy* Heart longs for me.

But fears will often come, dear Lord,
Lest Satan should deceive ;
" Fear not, my child, for thou art safe,
My Blood doth shelter thee."
Then I will praise, yea, always praise
That hidden deep in Thee ;
What I've committed to Thy care
Is *safe*, O Lord, in Thee.

Verses given by the Spirit.—MAY 7th, 1908.—M.B.

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."

Our Faithful God.

GOD is speaking to many in these last days. He is doing strange things, which cause many to pause and ask themselves, "Am I a true child of God? Am I all my Heavenly Father wishes me to be, and all He can and will make me if I yield to Him? Have I really received the Holy Spirit?"

The World is pulling hard at many, and the god of this world blinds many eyes. The Flesh and the self-life is also striving to keep men from going all the way with God.

But worst of all is the Devil's cunning, using God's children to inject fears and doubts as to our Heavenly Father's love, and as to the almightiness of our Christ. Especially has he succeeded of late in making men afraid of seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost "with the Scriptural evidences."

The voice of Him who is the Truth saith, "How much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him."—St. Luke xi., 13.

Other voices say, "It is more than likely that, when you ask for the Holy Spirit, you

will get a very unholy spirit instead. You are seeking the Holy Ghost, but you are going to get a devil." Shall we believe Jesus, our unfailing Saviour, who said, "I will send you another Comforter, and He shall abide with you for ever," or shall we yield to man-made doubts and fears, and open the door thus to Satan's emissaries?

We read, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it" (1 Thess. v., 24). Let us believe our faithful God, rather than fearful men and women.

The Risen Lord and Master said, "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." He did not say, "Take great care, however, lest ye receive power from *below*, instead of power from on high." Men act as if Jesus had said, "Tarry, but be looking out all the time for the Devil, for he is hard after you."

Doubts and fears yielded to and nursed do dishonour the Holy Comforter; they grieve Him, and they may soon open the door to other influences. Those who sow these doubts and fears little think of their fearful responsibility. They are actually manufacturing infidels. Many, through this work of our living God, have found a

new love for the Lord, a new delight in His precious Word, a longing to bring souls to the Lord, a perfect hatred of sin and of all that belongs to Satan.

If you persuade them that all this is of the Devil, if you persuade them that, when they were trusting in their faithful God, He will not or can not help them, you will manufacture infidels who can never more believe God's Word or trust His Power.

And what will be your reward, you who thus cause God's little ones to stumble? Is there not, in these days, a terrible danger of magnifying Satan's power, and of minimising the Almighty power of Jesus? Satan will eagerly seize all the power that is offered to him, but he has otherwise no power over Christ's redeemed ones.

The Lord said, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth." We believe it. (There is none left for Satan.) The Blood of the everlasting Covenant is sufficient to overcome the Enemy to-day. We are safe under the Blood. The pleading of the Blood in the power of the Holy Spirit will put to flight all the powers of darkness. Best of all, let us magnify Jesus until he is so great as to completely shut out the Devil from our thoughts. A GREAT CHRIST means a very small devil. Let Christ be all and in all. Hallelujah. Amen. A.A.B.

The Gift of Tongues.

In Conybeare and Howson's "Life and Epistles of St. Paul," we have the following paragraph on pp. 401-2 (Vol. 1):—

Besides the power of working miracles, other supernatural gifts of a less extraordinary character were bestowed upon the early Church. The most important were the *gift of tongues*, and the *gift of prophecy*. With regard to the former there

is much difficulty, from the notices of it in Scripture, in fully comprehending its nature. But from the passages where it is mentioned we may gather thus much concerning it: *first*, that it was not a *knowledge* of foreign languages, as is often supposed; we never read of its being exercised for the conversion of foreign nations, nor (except on the day of Pentecost alone) for that of individual foreigners; and even on that occasion the foreigners present were all Jewish proselytes, and most of them understood the Hellenistic² dialect. *Secondly*, we learn that this gift was the result of a sudden influx of supernatural inspiration, which came upon the new believer immediately after his baptism, and recurred afterwards at uncertain intervals. *Thirdly*, we find that while under its influence the exercise of the *understanding* was suspended, while the *spirit* was rapt into a state of ecstasy by the immediate communication of the Spirit of God. In this ecstatic trance the believer was constrained by an irresistible³ power to pour forth his feelings of thanksgiving and rapture in words; yet the words which issued from his mouth were not his own; he was even (usually) ignorant of their meaning. St. Paul desired that those who possessed this gift should not be suffered to exercise it in the congregation, unless someone present possessed another gift (subsidiary to this), called the *interpretation of tongues*, by which the ecstatic utterance of the former might be rendered available for general edification. Another gift, also, was needful for the checking of false pretensions to this and some other

¹ Viz., Mark xvi., 17; Acts ii., 4, &c.; Acts x., 46; Acts xi., 15-17; Acts xix., 6; 1 Cor. xii., and 1 Cor. xiv.

² This must probably have been the case with all the foreigners mentioned, except the Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and Arabians, and the Jews from these latter countries would probably understand the Aramaic of Palestine. [For a different view of the *gift of tongues* we may refer to Dr. Wordsworth's note on Acts ii., 4 ff.]

³ His spirit was not subject to his will. See 1 Cor. xiv., 32. [Some power of self-control does appear distinctly implied in this passage and v. 28 ff.]

charisms, viz., the gift of *discerning of spirits*, the recipients of which could distinguish between the real and the imaginary possessors of spiritual gifts.⁴

No writers are more trusted in conservative and orthodox circles than these eminent scholars and Anglican Divines. They wrote about the year 1850, and have both passed away. Dr. Howson became Dean of Chester Cathedral. They would have rejoiced if they had been spared to the days of the Latter Rain, and themselves received the Gift of Tongues, in the Lord's great goodness.

⁴ This latter charism seems to have been requisite for the presbyters. See 1 Thess. v., 21

The Whitsuntide Conference at Sunderland.

(Wednesday, June 3rd, a Preparatory Day of Prayer and Fasting.)

A friend at Wimbleton writes:—

"I feel this Conference may have as important consequences as the Oxford and Brighton ones had under God, to the formation of Keswick. Sooner or later those who received the present outpouring are bound to feel the union of the body more definitely, and be led to take a corporate stand of waiting ones for the Lord's coming—and it cannot be other than a Divine privilege to be amongst the early ones the Lord gathers out, outwardly."

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A Brother writes from Hertfordshire:—

"I am exceedingly pleased that you are having a conference; it is just the thing that is needed. It will be a great blessing to many, and it will give an impetus to the work. I believe God will manifest Himself in a most wonderful manner. One thing ought to precede the conference, that is a week of fasting and prayer with all those devoutly in sympathy with the movement; or if it was only part of a week it would be a great benefit if you suggested it to your followers and left it to the discretion of the individual. I believe all would fast at least one day, many two or three, and many a whole week. The great revival must break out, and is there any more likely place than at a conference of true disciples. Not long ago, but before I knew that anyone had received their Pentecost, I said I believed that the Church of God would in our generation become as perfect as the first Church that was formed at Jerusalem, possessing the same gifts."

It will be a time when many return to their spiritual Home (where "the Fire fell")—to their "Jerusalem"—where they once tarried until the Holy Ghost came unmistakably to His Temple. If not their own Spiritual Home, it may have been the place where those who were a help to them received their blessing (or even a step further back). The Lord can meet His people anywhere, and we trust that very many will be blessed as they wait upon God in their own homes. We shall not forget to claim "Victory through the Blood" for them also.

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We do not invite hostile critics, or even waverers to this Conference. Sufficient kindness has been shown to such in the past. We hope none will ask to enter but those who can whole-heartedly sign the declaration "I am in full sympathy with those who are seeking 'Pentecost' with the Sign of the Tongues." We seek to be with one accord in one place. Conference, not controversy, is our need just now.

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The "Conference Secretaries" have had no easy task in obtaining apartments for the many visitors, but have joyfully carried out the arrangements. Friends who need rooms should at once write to them. They will do their very best. Failing rooms there are the following Temperance Hotels:—The Victoria Hotel, Roker; Park Hotel, Toward Road; Blandford Hotel, Tatham Street; Manor Hotel, Athenæum Street; Mrs. Simpson's, in Bridge Street.

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At the Conference, the two Secretaries will wear a distinguishing Rosette (Red and White). The other Helpers a Red token.

About All Saints' Parish Hall (Sunderland).

WHERE THE WHITSUNTIDE CONFERENCE
IS TO BE HELD.

Strangers to Sunderland will doubtless be interested to know something of this "Shipbuilding Borough" of about 150,000 inhabitants, at the mouth of the River Wear. On the North side is the district of Monkwearmouth which stretches down to the North Sea, where angry grey waves often beat on the shore. There is a seaside resort called Roker, and behind this, half a mile inland, is the smoke smitten Church of All Saints', with the Vicarage adjoining some busy iron-works. Not far away in Fulwell Road is the new large Parish Hall with a deep cut stone to the right of the entrance, which says—

SEPTEMBER, 1907.
WHEN THE FIRE OF THE
LORD FELL IT BURNT UP
THE DEBT.

Many passers-by are puzzled as they read the inscription. Quite recently a young lady visitor came back from a walk and said to her relative:—

"Well M.—I've seen some strange gravestones in my time and some strange advertisements, but I've seen something this morning that beats all." "Whatever was it?" said her cousin. "You know I was walking along Fulwell Road when I passed a place like a Chapel or a Mission Room, and suddenly I saw a stone in the wall and it had on it, '*When the fire fell it burnt up the debt.*' I couldn't believe my eyes, and I had to go back twice and look at it. I never read anything like THAT. Do you know what it means?"

"Yes I do, and I'll tell you. That building belongs to All Saints' Church, where we go. You know they had some meetings lately there to pray for the Holy Spirit to come down on them.

"Well, some of the people there got a great blessing, and they thought that there ought not to be a debt on a Room where the Holy Spirit had come down. So they prayed earnestly that God would take away the debt. Then God showed one of them that He had given her money to pay it with. So it was done."

"Well, thank you for telling me. I'll not forget it."

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On the other side of the door is the foundation stone with the words "Living Stones" on it. Embedded in this stone is a good-sized piece of stone from the wall of Jerusalem, brought back as a memento by the Vicar some years ago. Over the platform (inside) in very large letters are the words—

FERVENT IN SPIRIT

May the Lord grant to us all at this Conference to be "fervent" as we draw nigh to the Divine Fire of the Holy Ghost.

ROUND THE WORLD.

ENGLAND.

SUNDERLAND.

Testimony of a Vicar's Daughter.

"He will silently plan for you."

That is what Christ has done, and is still doing for me ever since He baptized me with the Holy Ghost on Saturday night, September 21st, 1907. It was a wonderful night, and one never-to-be-forgotten, when the Holy Ghost descended in my own

home. I had thought beforehand that it was not for me, and so I had never really sought for it in earnest, but Pastor Barratt said, “Supposing somebody had a five-pound note for you, what would you do?” “I would go and get it,” I said. “Well, then, that is just what you have to do now, God has His gift waiting for you, why not go and take it?” So we prayed, and the Holy Ghost fell upon me in great power, causing me to shake very much and praise His Holy Name. This went on for some time, until a wonderful power seized my tongue and jaws, and I spoke in “an unknown tongue.” Great joy and peace came to me, and power seemed to be passing through my body and shaking it very much. Several messages were given, but it was not me at all, but Christ in me. I was powerless. Once I looked up and saw a wonderful light shining, and although I saw no form I knew it was the Lord, and I praised Him for it, He is so good.

Since then Christ is my one aim, life is not worth living without Him, He is such a wonderful reality.

One day, as I knelt in prayer, I felt coming over me a wonderful sensation; it was like a veil covering every part of my body from head to foot, and the words came, “The Blood of Jesus,” and I knew it was His protection from all evil and assaults of the Devil.

Jesus is always with me, silently planning for me, and it is very wonderful and real. When I was confirmed this year He was very present, it was like “The peace of God, which passeth all understanding.” My first Holy Communion was a source of great help and filled me with new spiritual life. I long to do more in His service and bring others to know of the same blessing which I have experienced. I can do but little, although my daily prayer is that I may do everything to His glory and for the sake of His dear Son.

My great wish is to be a Foreign Missionary, and tell the heathen of His wondrous love, but He will lead, and if the Lord tarries He will open the way, I am sure, for He never fails us. Glory to His Name.

JANE VAZEILLE BODDY.

BRIGHTON.

A.M.W. writes:—“The little Band of Waiting Ones who did meet at 10, St. Michael’s Place, now meet at 124, Waldegrave Road, Preston Park (Brighton).

Two have received their “Pentecost” in this town, and the rest of us are very hungry. Praise God, we feel it will not be long before we see the Glory of God here. We shall be grateful for your prayers.

County of Durham.

Testimony of a Clergyman.

MAY, 1908.

In November, 1884, when an Undergraduate at Oxford, the Holy Spirit graciously witnessed to me that I was indeed God’s child. For nearly seven years I went on working for Christ, trusting to the Holy Spirit to empower me. But I knew that I had never received Pentecost, and I was aware that there was some hindrance to my absolute surrender. In 1891 I was ordained, and had to go on a trying path for some years, witnessing to a full salvation in a church mingled with the world. But all this was used of the Spirit to lead me into a deeper union with Christ in His crucifixion, death, and resurrection. I had accepted these truths before as according to the Word, now the Lord began to make them real. But the Spirit brought me into still deeper depths. I was thrown to a great extent into a life of faith, with a delicate wife, and few friends able to help us. I was, too, on one occasion brought in contact with a mixture of the true and the false fire, which cast me into much perplexity. It seemed as though I was further than ever from obtaining

THE REAL PENTECOST.

That was at the beginning of the year 1907. Soon after, my way was again opened for work in the ministry, and some blessing in it followed. In October last I was called to a work in a village in the North of England. Another was called there to lay work at the same time. We had known each other nearly two years. And not long after our rejoining each other there, we determined to seek definitely for Pentecost. On the night of November 8th we went down before the Lord in one of the rooms of the Vicarage. All known hindrances in the past were mutually owned in the presence of the searcher of all hearts. Saturday

and Sunday followed with much blessing attendant. On Sunday night we again waited with much expectation. On Monday morning, November 11th, four of us met in the Parish Room (one of these had already received his Pentecost). I felt tempted to think that the blessing might still be delayed. But I had grace given to look right away to Christ upon the throne. And about 12:15 a.m. the power fell. I began to speak in other tongues, and fell prostrate upon the floor. I sang new hymns to new tunes; the Holy Scriptures and the Prayer Book poured from me like a torrent of water. Next day I received another anointing, and the day after. It was easy to read the Bible in tongues, which I had until now studied with difficulty. It was easy to go about the Parish and witness to high and low, young and old, that the Bridegroom was at hand, and that all must get ready. It was easy to keep on praising God at all times. The only thing not easy at first was to get "the spirit of the prophet subject to the prophet." I saw that the spirit of love and of power must be perfected by

THE SPIRIT OF A SOUND MIND

My fellow-worker also received his Pentecost when I did. It has opened up to me a new life. And as yet I stand as a child looking to be guided, step by step, in the unknown future. I stand covered with the Blood, trusting in the Righteousness, giving up all of the flesh to the Cross, and going on in the power of the victorious Name. I feel sure that He, which hath begun the good work in me, will perform it, that the good gifts will become perfect gifts. I rejoice unto Him with trembling. I seek to be beside myself to Him, to be sober for His Body's sake. I count not myself to have apprehended, but I press on to apprehend and to be found in Him when He comes to take away His own. And I send forth this testimony for His glory and for the sake of those members of His Body as are hungering for a personal Pentecost. To such I say, "Though the vision tarry, wait for it, for at the end it will surely speak."

Time appointed may be long,
But the vision will be sure;
Certainty will make us strong,
Joyful patience can endure.

C. W. D.

Report from Lytham (Lancashire).

Letter from a Seeker.

Blessings on Bro. Mogridge's Waiting Meetings.

DEAR FELLOW-CHRISTIANS,

It affords me great joy to make a careful report to you of the "new thing" which the Lord did for us in our Waiting Meeting last night. This time, it was my daughter, Mavis, a girl of fifteen years, who received the Pentecostal blessing.

Exactly four weeks ago my eldest daughter, Fanny, a girl of 16 years, "got through," as we put it. You remember that we were singing the chorus:—

"Hallelujah 'tis done, I believe on the Son,
I'm saved through the blood of the crucified one."

Fanny, joining heartily in the singing of this refrain, felt the Holy Spirit to come upon her with great power. She was carried away of the Spirit in a beautiful soprano voice which, beginning in a

somewhat sharp or harsh note, developed into a remarkable sweetness of voice, singing in tongues. Shortly afterwards, hands tightly clasped and kneeling, she began to speak in tongues, continuing for one and three quarter hours and developing about five different kinds of "utterance." And I may add that, rising early next morning, she spent two full hours speaking in tongues at home. She has been a Christian from a baby, and is at the present time a member of

THE WESLEYAN METHODIST

Church. But it must be confessed that, since her "Pentecost," her life at home evidences more than ever that the Holy Spirit, *showing the things of Jesus*, makes the claim of our Lord more real to us when He said that all power was given to Him *on earth*, etc. There is no doubt that the highest type of "holy living" is known to those who are "endued with power from on high," as "at the beginning."

But my object in this brief statement was to sketch all that is necessary of last night's blessing. You will remember that a few nights ago the child so developed the spirit of prayer in this room, so impassioned, and so long sustained, far beyond our expectation at her tender years, that we all felt that the "best blessing of God" was to be expected. Indeed, Mr. Mogridge began to cry aloud to God that the child might there and then receive the overflowing fullness of the Holy Spirit. However, as events proved, that was reserved for last night. Mavis, again present in the meeting, engaged in prayer and impressed us with her earnest supplications. Added to this was a general feeling around the meeting that

GOD WAS ABOUT TO MANIFEST

Himself unusually. Brother Barrett's prayer particularly indicated this as also did Sister Wildman's. But time passed away quickly and it became urgent that friends must make for home; hence Brother Mogridge began to conclude the service. But just at this moment (as Mavis told me when we got home) it came into the child's heart to whisper to Mrs. Mogridge a request for the prayers of the meeting, but she failed in courage to do so. A second time the feeling came and a second time she failed to comply; then a third time and she obeyed. Mrs. Mogridge at once interrupted her husband's concluding prayer, stating the request. Hence the meeting was continued until everyone, excepting Mr. and Mrs. Mogridge and myself, had been compelled, because of the lateness of the hour, to leave for home. It was about 11 p.m. We were all engaged in silent prayer. Looking again at the clock it was 11:15 p.m. To human appearance everything seemed usual; and the wisest thing for all concerned was to advise the girl to go home. Not wishing to grieve the Holy Spirit, I ventured nevertheless to address myself to the child, suggesting that God would bless her at His own time and in His own way. It might be on the very threshold of the house when leaving for home; it might be along the street; it might be when at school to-morrow. Ought we not to go home? Always anxious to respect a parent's wishes, I observed a mixed expression upon the face which told me that she was intent upon the blessing there and then. Immediately, she complained of a feeling of faintness. When her elder sister obtained the blessing she felt that some strange power seized her jaws and all the organs of speech as though determined to make use of them, together with a sensation in the hands and wrists similar to that given by a powerful galvanic battery. Mavis was

different; she felt faint and presently fell backwards upon the floor. Then, apparently remembering instructions given to her during the evening by Mrs. Mogridge, she began exclamations of praise, repeating the words "Praise Jesus" with ever-increasing rapidity, gradually losing the power of articulation until it ended in a mere sound; which, however, in its turn, quickly grew into the unknown or other tongue so familiar to the Corinthian and contemporaneous churches.

Uttering herself in this tongue, she appeared at the first to speak in words of rebuke and the countenance indicated displeasure. Presently she laughed, folded her arms, and seemed most happy. Then followed a song done in very quick time, the body swaying from side to side and the heels softly beating time. Afterwards she did something like an action song in a deep, mellow, alto voice, time slow, with gesture most perfect. Again, she resumed laughter for a few moments and then began to talk in tongues during which her left hand struck against one of my legs. (I am a paralytic in both legs.) Immediately and repeatedly, she seized the limb and shook it with great tenderness, speaking all the time as though delivering some message. Again and again she addressed herself to Mr. and Mrs. Mogridge and myself in the most solemn manner. Then, her face manifesting great resolution and earnestness, she rose to her feet, went with great rapidity around the room, touching every seat that had been occupied in the meeting that night and delivering some message. Returning quickly, she re-seated herself upon the floor, continuing to speak in tongues occasionally intermixed with laughter. Finally, she rose to her knees, rested her elbows upon the drawing-room table, and, clasping her hands, began to pray, still in other tongues. The style was most deliberate, the voice solemn and face upturned. Then, slowly unclasping hands, she raised first

ONE INDEX FINGER

and then the other pointing toward the ceiling, with face still upturned and voice deliberate and solemn, making an expression and an attitude of worshipfulness or devotion that artists might weep to secure. Most certainly her spirit was filled with thoughts and stirred with emotions of the sublimest degree possible to saints outside of heaven. Finishing the prayer she returned to the floor, continuing in tongues soon to cease for the time. Rising quickly to her feet, her face beaming with brightness like the brightest sun in a cloudless sky, she cheerily and unaffectedly exclaimed, "Praise the Lord." It plainly spoke of personal gratitude and victory. The whole thing was over in half-an-hour. Nothing further needs be added except that we all feel a most exalted sense of gratitude to God for this Pentecostal experience. Concluding we may indeed ask what are some of the lessons to be learned from these manifestations or outpourings of the Holy Spirit to those attending these "waiting meetings"?

(a) That a simple, definite, earnest expectation never gets disappointed.

(b) That while the laying on of hands and the ministry of persons who themselves have received the Holy Spirit as "at the beginning," may be greatly helpful and according to the mind of God, yet they are not always or absolutely necessary.

(c) That the gifts of God are indeed "without repentance"; that the prophecy of Joel does apply to these "last days"; that Peter was correct when he said that that promise was "to them that are afar off"; and for "as many as the Lord our God should call."

J. H. W.

BRADFORD.

Bro. Smith Wigglesworth of Bowland Street Mission reports:—The Lord is mightily blessing us. The results are that sinners are being saved and saints being filled with the fulness of the Holy Ghost with the signs.

We are realising the blessing that comes to us through pleading the Blood. There is certain Victory if the pleader keeps the precious Jesus before him. Then the Holy Ghost commences to plead through him. This is the commencement of signs.

THE MIDLANDS.

In a letter from a respected writer who has had many years' experience, he writes that—

1. "Sign" and not "Seal" should be used concerning the Tongues. He refers to an instance where he believes a person spoke in Tongues who could not satisfactorily meet the test of 1 John iv. 1-3. Therefore it was not in that case the "Seal."

2. He applies the test (1 John iv., 1-3) to every case, "I receive no Tongue, Vision, or Message without it." Of course the question must be put when it is manifest that the person tested is not answering—but another through him. The question is not put to the person, but to the Spirit speaking through such a one.

WALES.

Someone sent us the following cutting from the advertising columns of the "Cardiff Echo." We do not know who the "T.B." there mentioned is, but we

are expecting a contingent from South Wales, and shall be glad to see them.

This is the Notice from the "Cardiff Echo":—

**PENTECOST WITH SIGNS,
TO ALL IN SYMPATHY.
SIX DAYS' CONVENTION AT SUNDER-
LAND, JUNE 6th to 17th, Whitsun Holidays.**
Cheap Excursions.
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Report from South Wales.

WAUNLWYD.

"Confidence" is warmly welcomed. May it circulate till Jesus comes! We feel it to be just the necessary medium through which, in God's good will, may flow all encouragement and the grace that comes from united testimony, to those in the United Kingdom who believe in the definite and Scriptural Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

There are numbers of isolated believers, and again, solitary little bands, surrounded by prejudice and even bitter antagonism, to whom "Confidence" will prove a heaven-sent messenger. May the Spirit of a comforting and victorious Christ breathe through all its pages!

Praise God—HE LIVES! and continues to say, "Because I live, ye shall live also." We are becoming increasingly assured that a living, reigning Saviour is directly interested in this wonderful work. Of course, He is. It is Himself, come in Person to call His people together. Great is the joy of all those who realise this blessed fact. "Fear not, little flock."

Since my last letter, we have been greatly encouraged. After a quiet time of some weeks, during which the faith of many was tried, it seems as if we were again made ripe for a further outpouring of His Spirit, and during the past fortnight seven more sisters and three brothers have been baptized, whilst many

others are filled with the Spirit and daily expect the Lord to speak through them in "Tongues."

All these are Members of this church. But the Fire is spreading, and the Lord seems to honour our little place by making it a centre of blessing to the adjoining valleys. We have visitors from Abettillery. Maesycrommer. Dowlais, and Merthyr, who are earnest seeking the Gift of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Fry, the leader of the Salvation Army Corps at Cwm—a neighbouring village, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles away—was baptized in my study, Thursday morning, April 16th.

It was my birthday, and as we knelt down together to wait upon God I asked for this dear brother's baptism as a birthday present from the Throne. Hallelujah! I could not have obtained a better. The room was filled with glory, and I shall never forget the shining face of this faithful warrior in Christ's army as the Lord spoke through him. He says he never expected one tithe of such a blessing as that which flooded his whole being while the Power of the Eternal fell upon him.

Easter-Tuesday night was again a wonderful time. Four young brethren from Dowlais, who have been quietly tarrying in one another's homes, came over to our meeting, and, praise God, all four were baptized that very evening. No wonder we sang and shouted praises, and they, well! they were lost to earth for the season.

We should, indeed, be cold-blooded mortals to refrain from exalting our Lord for a blessing so like a "Pentecost." Crowds were attracted by the sounds, which, indeed, were unintelligible to any who were outside, but we understood, and Jesus understood too, for He was in the midst.

There is still much scoffing and derision.

Oh, heathen England! It would be amusing, if it were not too sad, to listen to the conflicting opinions of those Christians who do not believe. The idea of our being demon-possessed has by this time been given up, as being too palpably ridiculous; now, some say that we are deluded. They *do actually* believe that we speak in "tongues" *ourselves*, and work ourselves up into a kind of hysteria. The Lord give them sight, for, truly, Satan hath blinded them.

It should be very evident to any unprejudiced observer that these mighty ejaculations of praise and the wonderful outbursts in "tongues" are the work of a power within.

Let us unite in prayer for them, that, ere the midnight cry comes, they, too, may have their vessels filled, and may our blessed Lord give us grace to watch and to pray.

T. M. JEFFREYS,
PASTOR.

SCOTLAND.

Report from Motherwell.

The work in Motherwell is going on quietly in the face of great opposition. All kinds of devices are being used to frighten the dear ones, and also to put them against us, but we leave it all to Jesus, unless where we can correct error or misstatement. We do praise the dear Lord for all the opposition. An argument used in ——— was rather good, so I pass it on. There is an elder in the Established Church there who was going all over the town saying that the Corinthian Church only had the "Tongues" when the Church was at a low ebb spiritually. Bro. ———, in replying in his own inimitable fashion, told the Hall people that if Tongues were an

indication of low spirituality, then Paul was worse than all the others in Corinth. Adding, as an aside, that if low spiritual life was the condition for the gift of Tongues, the whole of the Churches in ——— should have the gift, and that in a marked degree. The absence of spiritual power in the Churches there is very marked, hence the point. The work is going steadily on, and seems to be deepening greatly. Souls are being saved and sanctified, and the sweet atmosphere of the Love of God is being shed abroad.

We cannot express all that these days are meaning for us here, they are, indeed, days of heaven upon earth.

A Testimony from Glasgow.

141 WEST GEORGE STREET,
GLASGOW, 2nd MAY, 1908.

DEAR BROTHER BODDY,

Your postcard received, desiring a report of the Lord's goings in Glasgow, or a personal testimony for your May number of "Confidence."

After waiting upon God for guidance and wisdom, the Holy Spirit seems leading me to send my own personal experience; therefore to the glory of Jesus, and a desire that others may be helped into a fuller Life of Victory and Power, I now pen you these words, praying to be kept from exalting the flesh, have committed myself to my Covenant keeping Father. I depend absolutely on the Holy Ghost for inspiration. Twenty-two and half years has passed since I, by the good Spirit of God, was led to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. I then knew the experience of Rom. 3-1 for the first time, notwithstanding the fact I was a member of the Church, a Sabbath school teacher, and did a lot of active Church work. I was convicted upon Isaiah 64-6, "Our righteousness are as filthy rags." I accepted God's word as true, in John 5, 24 and so believing it found Peace through Faith alone. And so entered into work with greater zeal and fervour, and was much blessed and made a blessing to others. But for many years had the deep conviction in my soul there was something lacking in my life, as instead of victory I suffered defeat, and could not claim the experience of Rom. 8-1, but rather lived in the experience of Rom. 7-19, 24. But a deep yearning seized hold of me for

AN EXPERIENCE OF VICTORY,
day by day, in my life, but did not know how to attain thereunto, and so I felt as time went on "sometimes joyful," "sometimes sad," with no great satisfaction or brightness in my work for God. And so with a deep hunger in my heart and a thirst in my soul after the Fountain of Living Waters, God began to deal with me in a way altogether different to my thoughts by a very serious illness to my wife,

which laid her aside as well as myself for four months without a break, during which time God proved the truth of Isaiah 55-8 very clearly, and so taught me Hebrews 12-11 in a very blessed sense. "Afterwards," when the process of emptying and cleansing from self and sin had been completed, I cried "Lord is it not enough yet?" He said I have got all but your *Isaac*, referring to my wife, whom I had not yet been able to yield a living sacrifice. I could not yield her up, and so had to be brought to sit in the place of *Death* as I believed, for the Nurse pronounced that she was dead. I was seized with such a spirit of remorse at my disobedience, and, broken in heart, I cried for God to forgive me solely on the merits of His shed blood, and yielding my will and all I had without reserve, there came immediately a gurgle in her throat and signs of animation, and after a lapse of half-an-hour regained consciousness, you can imagine the unbounding joy which filled my soul and the gratitude to God in my heart, I passed into the experience of Rom. 12-1. And then knew the second definite work of Grace, namely, "Sanctification," and received power to witness ever since to that Blessing, and a more constant walk with God, and victory over the many things in my life which caused defeat.

But yet a deep hunger for more power in my life and service for God seemed to take possession of me, and would plead with a fervency at the throne for greater power, and so in this condition was returning from a conference in September last year, and in the train was a number of Christians, one of them a Baptist Pastor, a dear Brother in the Lord, whom I love with all my heart.

Began to read a paragraph from a Secular evening paper about wonderful things in Sunderland and people being prostrated to the floor and coming through speaking in tongues. Never will I forget how, after reading a short time, he cast the paper aside saying,

WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH

of this." At that moment there was born in me the desire to see this as it was from God. My wife and I began to pray for our way to be opened up, and in three weeks' time got the answer and everything made plain to go, and so set out in middle of November, and never shall I forget the first meeting I attended. I went home sad, as everything seemed cold and formal; but the following morning the Power of God was very manifest, and each meeting afterwards seemed charged with greater power until the Monday evening, the last night of my visit, the meeting seemed charged with the Holy Ghost, and the fire fell upon me and I was compelled to cry for the first time, Lord, fill me with the Holy Ghost. I began to shake and ultimately slid down on to the floor. The under part of mouth began to move quickly, I raised my hand to stop it, but could not; my tongue began to move quickly. I cried out loudly, and prayed in my heart, Lord, if it's Thy way to baptize me, send some one to lay hands on, and immediately Bro. Boddy was led to come and lay hands on. I began to utter some strange sounds, and after a few sentences the joy of the Holy Ghost filled me with unbounding joy. I had to rise from the floor under the Power, and run for my train. I did not speak much with the New Tongue until the 5th February, when in Brother Murdoch's house praying at Kilsyth. I began to plead the Blood for the perfecting of the gift and glory to

Jesus. I began to speak very fluently, and glorified God as never before, and, praise Jesus, have seen many receive their Pentecost with signs following. "Hallelujah."

J. MILLER.

Report from Coatbridge.

A SCOTTISH WORKMAN'S TESTIMONY.

"The Vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."—HABAKKUK ii., 3.

When visiting Kilsyth, I was led by the Lord to the above message (Hab. ii., 3). As I went home to Coatbridge there was a thing the Spirit was telling me I had to put right before I would get the blessing. I may let you know I got a pound in my pay-box 15 years ago. I had to pray much about it, but the dear Lord opened up the way, and my master, who is a Christian, forgave me for it. I went to our Prayer Meeting, there were only four of us, I asked them if they were willing to lay their all on the altar, and they did so. We promised we would wait on God for the blessing. As the Heb. x., 36 says, "For you have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." We waited on God from house to house

EVERY NIGHT FOR FIVE WEEKS.

One Thursday night, at the Prayer Meeting, the Power came, and one of the sisters received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, singing in Tongues. Glory to Jesus for the power of the Holy Ghost.

On Saturday night we had a deputation from the Pentecostal Church, Parkhead. I had just given the meeting over to them when the Power came, and I also was baptized, speaking in tongues. That night we retired to a kitchen to thank God for His wonderful Gift, when another brother got the victory. We still went on waiting on God, and every one who has claimed their sanctification has come through. There were 10 of us. But now they are seeing it is of God, and they are coming in all directions. I may say one woman came to our meeting. I spoke to her and told her to plead the Blood; she was ready for it, but she did not come through till she went home. She belonged to the Salvation Army. She went as usual to the Sabbath morning Prayer Meeting, and she spoke in tongues, and they put her out, but

we know when the blind man got his eyes opened he was cast out of the Church also, but the dear Lord took him in. Glory to Jesus for His precious promise: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Two or three from Airdrie have got through also, and other Churches, whose members are coming for curiosity, are getting broken up. There are two from the Baptist Church, four from U.P., and four or five from U.F., and two from the Congregational Church. This week we have had great victory, five through, and more to follow.

JOHN MILLER.

Report from Kilsyth.

Bro. A. Murdoch reports the continuance of blessing at Kilsyth, the work being quieter, but deep and true.

We are hoping to welcome the Kilsyth friends and others from Bonnie Scotland at our Sunderland Conference at Whitsuntide. It will do good to the friends from the South and from the North to meet together. We love to hear the Scotch dialects, and their quaint way of putting Gospel Truth.

INDIA.

Pastor Barratt was warmly welcomed on landing at Bombay. Pentecostal Meetings were commenced in a commodious Bungalow, which had formerly been a Judge's residence.

Workers in the Christian and Missionary Alliance were supporting him. His plans were to hold the meetings at Bombay for a short time, and then to take the long railway journey to South India, where many Missionaries were to be gathered in the Nilgiris Hills during the hot weather, and to hold meetings at Coonoor. His address was to be:—

Care of A. H. GROVES,
Mullanoor Estate,
Hillsgrove P.O.,
Nilgiris, S. India.

NORWAY.

Our paper "Confidence" is being much appreciated by English-reading Scandinavian brethren.

Several letters have recently come across the North Sea to us. We print one below from dear Brother Larson, whom we met a year ago in the wonder-meetings in Norway's capital.

CHRISTIANIA,
May 7, 1908.

DEAR BROTHER,

Peace from God by our Lord Jesus Christ!

I have been reading in "Bypostin" about your new paper, "The Confidence," and would be very glad to receive one or more of them. I remember with pleasure that time you visited us here and preached in Turnhallen and Torvegaden 7. And now I hear that you have received the Pentecostal baptism with Tongues. We can only praise God for his wonderful blessings to us, and for His works in England which, I believe, will be to more blessing on earth than any other country, because of her connections with other countries. I have not received the full baptism yet, but am constantly praying for it. Why I don't get it I don't know, but God knows it, and He will give it to me in His time I am sure. I would have been very glad to be present at your conference meetings which is to be held, for they who seek the Power, and for they who have received it, but I can't get away from my business. Here in Christiania there's many who have received the Power; but the enemy is doing great work too on account of the fact that we hav'n't any leaders here who are filled; there is some of them of course, and they say that they are filled, but as long as God doesn't manifest Himself in them by Tongues, Interpretation, Healing, or any other sign, I don't believe that they are filled with the Holy Spirit; therefore pray God that He send to this place Leaders who are filled with His Power, and who have some of the gifts, and I am sure that great things will be done here.

Yours in Christ,

KJOBMAND LARSEN,
Motzfeldtsgaden 32,
Christiania, Norway.

SWEDEN.

A Christian Countess writes:—

"It was with great gratitude, interest, and gladness, I received "Confidence." It has been a joy to me to distribute the extra numbers. We are all five so grateful to you for sending us them, and are looking forward to the next number. I hope you will 'remember' all the readers."

HOLLAND.**Dutch and Norwegian Pentecostal Newspapers.**

Wewere glad to receive from dear Pastor Polman, of Amsterdam (45 Tilanus-sstraat), the first number of "Stade Regen" (Latter Rain).

News is given of Pentecost in different countries. Here is a sentence in Dutch about "Pentecost" (Pinksterdoop) at Sunderland :—

ENGELAND.

DS. Alex. A. Boddy van Sunderland schrijft, dat het vuur geworpen is in meer dan twintig plaatsen in Engeland. Hij zelf, zijne vrouw en twee dochttertjes van 13 en 15 jaar ontvingen den vollen Pinksterdoop en spraken in vreemde talen . . . De groote Parish Hall is voor velen heilige grond, etc.

Then, in another language, Norwegian, we read a reference to our approaching Conference at Whitsuntide (*Pintse*). The first two lines are, "If the Lord tarry," and "Pentecost with Signs."

„Dersom Herren bier,"

Pintse med tegnene.

En

konference i Sunderland.

Pintse 1908 (om Gud vil). Fra juni 6te (lordag) til juni 11te (torsdag).

Ledere og arbeidere fra de forskjellige dele af Storbritannien indbydes at komme og deltag. (Moderne er for alle, som enten søger „Pintsedaaben," eller har „modtaget" den.)

Pastor A. A. Boddy. Indbyder.

This is from Pastor Barratt's paper, "Byposten," published every fortnight at Christiania, the capital of Norway. Madame Barratt is coming over to Sunderland (God willing) for the Conference and will stay at the Vicarage. "Pentecost makes us all one in Christ Jesus.

Letter from Pastor Polman :—

AMSTERDAM,

29th April, 1908.

REV. ALEX. A. BODDY,

SUNDERLAND,

MY DEAR PASTOR,

Thank you very much for the Papers you sent me. We praise God for "Confidence." We were very much blessed in reading it, and we have circulated the papers among the English-reading brothers and sisters.

We received with joy your Invitation Cards for the Conference, and, God willing, Bro. Kok and I hope to come to Sunderland. Our hearts are rejoicing for what God will do in those days, and we pray God that He will mightily bless us.

We will soon send you a report of the work in Holland. God is blessing us wonderfully, and we are going forward with courage. Jesus is Conqueror! Pray for our little band.

Much love to all the dear brothers and sisters in Sunderland.

Yours in the Blood and Fire,

J. R. POLMAN

SWITZERLAND.

LES PRALIES,

DUILLIER, PRES NYON.

DEAR MR BODDY,

You will like to hear how the work at Zürich is going on. Fräulein Ulrich, a German lady who is in the Baptism, gave us a full account of the state of affairs. We like her so much and believe her to be in real blessing. On the Sunday morning, going into the meeting, we at once felt the Lord's Presence there in power. We had met Pastor Barratt at breakfast, as we were staying at the same hotel (one of the Christliche hofs). We liked him at once, and saw a good deal of him during the day.

The simple German hymns were sung with great power by the people. After prayer and an introductory word by Pastor Barratt, he gave an

address on Rev. i., 17: "Fear Not." Just the message needed. Then followed testimonies from the people. I gave them an account of the Lord's working here, and an Alsatian friend, M. Siefer (who is, with his wife, waiting on the Lord with us) gave a testimony to heart-purity.

In the afternoon, Pastor Barratt spoke from 1 Peter i., 13-16: "Be ye Holy," emphasizing the necessity of holiness, deliverance from the old man, quoting Rom. vii. & viii., and 2 Cor. vi., 14; vii., 1. He used a beautiful illustration of the harmony of the household of Solomon (Queen of Sheba), picturing God's purpose of harmony in His temple. There was much prayer and speaking in Tongues, with interpretation. The Lord graciously gave me a manifestation of Himself, with laughter and tears bringing me down before him. One woman, who was said to be dying the day before of cancer, praised the Lord for deliverance, and I have heard since from Fraülein Ulrich that her husband, who was a terrible man to her formerly, has since been broken down, and for two days almost in tears.

The evening meeting was in the larger hall of the Olivenbanm (Temperance Hotel). The Pastor spoke on, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Fraülein Ulrich translating capitally. At the close of the first meeting very few left, and there was a prayer meeting for those seeking Pentecost.

At Lausanne, the Italian (Waldensian) Pastor, who had taken sides against this work of God, was brought down before the Lord through reading the account of speaking in tongues given by a Pastor Bost, who wrote of the work in the Cevennes (France) at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The Pastor humbled himself publicly before the people at Lausanne, confessing his sin of attributing the work of God to the devil.

(May other dear Christian teachers take heed also.)

Yours in the same Lord,

S. ELIZABETH COOKE-COLLIS.

CUBA.

There is a little band of faithful ones on this dark island, who are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We have been able to send them supplies of literature, and we will specially join them on June 6th in earnest prayer (D.V.).

JARUCO, CUBA,

April 17th, 1908.

REV. A. A. BODDY,

My dear Brother in Jesus our Lord,

I thank you so much for the tracts to hand, and would ask for all the information you can give me. And not only this, but that you may be able to have an especial prayer meeting with your dear ones for us here. Will you please settle a date so that we can join in prayer here at the same time. I send you our names—(Mrs.) Ellen Woody Pain, Arthur E. L. Pain, Celedonio Leal, Maria Gil, Margarita Puerta. I do feel in the depth of my soul the need of the Full Power of the

Holy Spirit not only for me but for the work, and more than that, that Jesus our Lord may have full right of way in Cuba. Oh, how we need the power in this land of sin. I know you will help us, as the Lord may lead. Also in the conference at Sunderland will you ask prayer for us. (We shall specially remember Cuba on June 6th at 3 p.m., and invite all who are with us to do this also.—A.A.B.) Ps. 42, 1-11, is the word given me.

Please ask other Christians for prayer for us, and if you can send me names I will gladly write to them. "Pray for us"—pray, and God will reward you.

The Lord bless you all and make you all a blessing.

Yours in the love of Jesus our Lord,

ARTHUR ED. PAIN.

UNITED STATES.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

The name of our dear Brother G. B. Studd is well known in Great Britain.

For some years he has been in the Lord's work in California. We last met on the platform of Exeter Hall at a Pentecostal League anniversary. Recently we have had several helpful letters, and have had the privilege of sending him at his request quantities of our Sunderland Testimonies. Sunderland and Los Angeles are linked together, by receiving and by handing back testimonies of God's love and wonder-working power. Mr. Studd sent with his letter specimens of little Pentecostal Tracts he is now willingly supplying. Write direct to him for

"The Latter Rain,"

"This is That,"

"Helpers together by Prayer," etc.

His address is—

PENIEL HALL,

227 So. Main Street,

Los Angeles, Cal., U.S.A.

He says in closing his last letter—

There are lights and shadows in the work here—but God has *many* most beautiful Saints amongst His baptized ones in Los Angeles.

May God keep us all steady and true, and

full of His courage in these wonderfully privileged and responsible times.

Yours sincerely in His Name,

GEORGE B. STUDD.

April 16.—At a small but very precious Pentecostal prayer meeting to-day we read your "Smith-Wigglesworth" testimony, and had real access in prayer for your coming Convention. Were I to be in England then, I should certainly desire to be present. May the Holy Ghost have complete right of way in the Convention, and may many hearts be baptized and blessed.

HEALTH and HEALING in Jesus.

 In this issue of "Confidence" we are devoting a good deal of space to the important subject of Divine Healing. Whenever the "Pentecostal Baptism" is received, this question becomes prominent. (A. A. B.)

"Surely, He hath borne our griefs (Sicknesses). He healed all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled."

—MATT. viii., 17.

The Lord Jesus, in fulfilling this Scripture, was doing His Father's will, for it is written in Heb. x., 9, "Lo, I come to do Thy will," and we find in Acts x., 30, that God anointed Him "With the Holy Ghost and with power" for this purpose, for He went about doing good and healing *all* that were oppressed of the devil.

We continually read in the Word that in all the chief events of His life, Jesus was "fulfilling the Scriptures." So we find that, in healing the sick, He was just accomplishing the work which His Father had given Him to do, thus manifesting the Love of the Father to poor, diseased, sin-stricken humanity.

"*Jehovah Rophi*" was still the same God of love and compassion as He dwelt in the Divine Man Jesus. Praise the Lord, He is just the same to-day. But for us it is, if possible, better than either in the Old or New Testament days. For on Calvary the cry, "It is finished," proclaimed to the whole world the *fact* that the *whole* of the Curse had been done away with. That the will of the Father was established for ever as a new covenant (a death having

taken place) Heb. ix., 15, R.V., and henceforth our inheritance.

On Calvary we can rejoice to-day that the Redeemer fulfilled the Scriptures and *bore away* not only our sin, but our sickness. God's children are proving to-day that "He that believeth can be saved—made whole," and as we stand fast on God's Word He confirms the Word by the signs following.

Not only do we find ourselves "loosed" from our infirmities by the precious Blood, but we find that, according to the Word, we may accept our position as "one of many brethren" in the "first-born."

What wonderful teaching we have in the "first-born," both of man and beast, right through the Old Testament, shewing us so plainly that the will of God has never changed, but has been confirmed once and for all in His own precious Son—the first and the last. A new life for body, soul, and spirit; a *new* creation (see 2 Cor. v., 17)

A man of over 50 years of age, who had been helpless for many years through locomotor ataxy, believed this Word. God confirmed the Word, and after 6 years' helplessness rose and walked that very evening.

We hear it said frequently, sickness sanctifies. Doubtless many of us thank God to-day for the discipline of sickness, but we thank Him still more for the Truth He then shewed us, that "Christ is our sanctification" as well as our *Life*.

The Writer can never forget the wonderful hope that came to her 9 years ago, when an invalid with no prospect of health before her, as the Holy Spirit quickened the Word of God. "Ye will not come to *Me* that ye may have Life."

How gladly she received by simple faith Jesus to be her Life for body and soul, and how faithful has He been all these years.

How many can also praise God to-day that the Cross has separated them from disease, and the Blessed Holy Spirit quickened their mortal bodies.

Brother, sister, stand fast on *all* that Calvary has done for you. Receive the Holy Ghost in *all* His fulness. He is the Lord and Giver of Life, and though Satan may tempt and the Lord may permit our faith at times to be tested, yet He always causeth us to triumph in Christ, or, as Conybeare and Howson have it, causes us "to celebrate Christ's triumph." Praise His Holy Name for ever. He still loves to have first-born ones (prototokoi) without blemish, till He comes, or, if He tarry, till we fall asleep in Jesus. (M.B.)

We are expecting the Gifts of Healing to be largely bestowed in these days of the Latter Rain. The disciples certainly healed before their Pentecost as well as afterwards, yet not less but more after Pentecost.

Our Lord Himself said, "These signs SHALL follow them that BELIEVE. In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with (new) Tongues; they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

(*St. Mark xvi., 17-18.*)

Healings at Kilsyth.

Several authentic cases of healing were brought before me at this place. One, Mrs. Miller, who had been fearfully ill with diphtheria; so ill was she that both speech and hearing were gone, and her throat was one white mass of disease. Robert Pinkerton, who had been anointed with the Spirit, laid hands on her, when

The Fire of God Went through Her,

the pain left her, the throat returned to its normal state again. Then she got up and dressed herself, and went down to the Baptist Church, giving thanks to God and mingling in the tongues with the others. All her disease had instantly gone. A year ago, when I was taking the meetings for the week-end at this Hall, the girl who played the organ for me told me she was going out to Australia, as she had consumption, and she said this would be her last day in the church. I said I had been there too, and knew it well, and that there was a splendid sanatorium at Echuka,

on the banks of the Murray River. After going out to Newcastle, seventy miles above Sydney, she grew worse and worse, and the doctors said to her father, "Take her home to Scotland again, as she is just dying here." She arrived home at Kilsyth a week before the outpouring took place. When it began she entered into it, weak as she was, and received her Pentecost with the gift of tongues; but the most marvellous thing was, all her consumption was taken out of her, and she is simply transformed in body and soul, so that one can scarcely believe that she is the same girl. All this is just as it should be. Other cases came before me, of which I will write you again. To God be the praise!—(JOHN MARTIN, 35, Airbles Street, Motherwell.)

Gertie's Pentecost.

In days when children get old all too soon it is pleasant to some of us to meet with young people who are natural. Gertie is an unaffected schoolgirl, who hopes one day to be a teacher.

She gave her heart to Jesus in our meetings a few months ago. She could not get to many meetings, and so it was one Sunday night after Service in a Prayer-meeting in our large vestry that the Lord lovingly met her and mightily filled her with His Holy Spirit. We were all overcome with joy when she in Tongues and in the Spirit, in English, triumphantly assured the Writer that she had got her "Pentecost." We all knew it, and we all were equally sure it was so, that the Lord had come to His Temple. Her joy was shared by all. We shall never forget it. There was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with joy.

Not many days after, a dear sister of hers seemed to be dying. The doctor said, "She is done, syncope will set in." She had had dreadful hæmorrhage for some five days. But a message came to Spirit-filled Gertie. The Lord took her up into her sister's room, and she laid upon her hands, vibrating with power, and she spoke in the Spirit the message: "Jesus has cured you, Jesus has cured you."

It was not many days before the sister,

who, from the human point of view, was "done," might be seen sitting up, and then, later, going out, and now is taking long walks nearly every day. The Lord worked a miracle indeed, for which we praise Him. Gertie received her "Pentecost" just in time to be a channel of blessing to her sister.

A very practical result of the coming of the Latter Rain in our midst.

A.A.B.

Healing of Cancer at Southsea.

As an humble follower of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ I desire to witness to His glory and honour, and testify to His divine and miraculous interposition in my behalf, hoping that it may help some other poor sufferer. In November 1898 I was suffering from cancer in the breast, for which my doctor advised me to have no operation, telling me I should live a little longer without. I also had a severe stomach cough in an advanced stage, producing excessive hemorrhage. And in reference to my severe cough two doctors told me they had done all that medical skill could do; at the same time it was getting worse. Also I was troubled with a fearful nervous disease of many years' standing when, to all human appearances, my life was nearing its close. Then the Lord mercifully brought me into contact with a lady who had been healed of the Lord about thirteen years previous, who told me what the Lord had done for her. He was able and willing to do for me and, praise the Lord, He enabled me to believe in His power and willingness to heal. On the eighteenth day of the same month I was prayed with by those in the faith, when I definitely put my poor diseased body into the Lord's hands, and rested upon that finished work of our blessed Saviour, who bears our sins and sickness Himself. Next day I collected all medicines, etc., which were very numerous, and destroyed them, then I wrote to my doctor asking him to send in his account, as I had put my case into the Lord's hands and was

TRUSTING HIM TO

heal me; therefore I should not require his services again. Although for years previously I had taken large quantities of medicines, but from that day to the present I have had none. To God be all the glory. About a month after I was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord according to James 5, 14-15, after which I had several severe testings of faith, as my diseases appeared to get worse rather than better for about a month; after that I gradually improved, and by the end of September, 1899, I was perfectly well, and I am well to-day. I am a living witness of the Lord's healing and keeping power. Hallelujah.

E. GODFREY,
15 Waverley Road,
Southsea, April 23rd, 1908.

Report from the Channel Islands.

3 NEW STREET, JERSEY.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

I must thank you through Christ for the blessing I have received in reading your little book "HEALTH IN CHRIST." I had for many years suffered from a weak knee, that at times I could hardly walk. A friend of mine lent me your little book, and as I was reading all alone with God, I believed there and then that he had power to heal the body as well as the soul. I began to walk in my room better, and said Yes Lord I believe it, and went to the stairs, and the Devil said Hold on to the handrail, you are going to fall. I told him he was a liar, and praise God, I went running down the stairs. My friends were surprised, they could hardly believe it; even some worldly relations of mine say it is wonderful. The devil tells me sometimes that it is not true; but I cling to God, and say yes I believe, help me, and he departs for a time. Ever since you came to Jersey I have not forgotten to pray for you every morning that your books may be a blessing to all those that would read them. So dear Mr. Boddy, I wish you God speed in your work. God bless you and make you still a greater blessing to many more; it is the prayer of my heart.

I remain, yours in Christ,

ADELINA AMY.

Letter from a Nurse.

Letter from a Nurse healed by God after reading "Health in Christ," and acting upon its teaching:—

UPPER GEORGE STREET,
LONDON, W.

DEAR SIR,

Will you send me some more Booklets "Health in Christ."

I had a copy of "Health in Christ" sent me some time ago when very ill, and it proved to me such a help and blessing that I long for others to read it with the same result, that they may by faith through the teaching of the Holy Spirit take Jesus as their Divine Healer. Just before seeing your book I had been under five different doctors, two of them saying I would never do any more work (Hospital Sister) so must give it all up, as I had heart trouble, also lung affection. So I just took it all to the Master for He knew that I consecrated my whole life to Him when I took up the work, and I did not feel it was His will for me to lay it down so quickly. Then it was the Holy Spirit gave me such faith to trust in Christ that I never before thought it possible to have.

Now I am so well, and have commenced my work again with renewed energy and love for the Master. Now instead of taking a dose of medicine when feeling tired, I take an extra five

minutes at the Throne of Grace with great results.

Praying this little booklet may yet have a still further circulation with God's blessing.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. M.

To the Rev. A. A. Boddy,
All Saints' Vicarage, Sunderland.

Further Reports as to "Pentecost."

WEST AFRICA.

A dear Brother recently received a letter from one who is far away up the Congo in a very isolated station. He writes:—

"Very many thanks for your two very kind and interesting letters which arrived recently; one with a lot of booklets on the Gift of Tongues, and the other with a cutting from the Edinburgh Evening News.

"We were very interested to read your accounts of this movement, which is evidently accompanied by wonders, which can only be brought about under the mighty influence of the Spirit of God.

"After reading the various accounts I passed the booklets on to my fellow-workers, who are likewise greatly interested in it.

"We continue to pray that similar workings may be manifest among these heathen."

CANADA.

TORONTO.

We are constantly rejoiced by good news from Canada. At Toronto Brother and Sister Murray (of 430 Markham Street) tell me of seven or eight different Missions, where the Pentecostal work is going on, and that loving unity prevails amongst them. A monthly union of all Pentecostal people is held in the different Missions in turn.

WINNIPEG.

A dear brother, Charles E. Waterhouse, has written the following letter to one of our Secretaries:—

"Heartily do I agree with you when you state 'there is a different witness to those who have received the Sign of Tongues, and those who have received a great blessing, and still have not the sign. I speak from experience. The latter blessing the dear Lord graciously poured upon me many times during the years 1905, 6 and 7, which were very blessed; but the full baptism received April 15th, 1907, has once and forever satisfied my longing soul, and, thank God, never left me, only with a heartfelt cry 'Make me more like Thee, Saviour, make me more like Thee; that others in my conduct Thine image they may see. I know Thou hast redeemed me, Thy blood is all my plea; But still my heart keeps praying, Saviour make me more like Thee. Amen.' Thank God the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire, Acts 2, 4, stands the attacks and storms, yea everything that comes from Satan, and causes tears of joy and thanksgiving, and sometimes vociferous praise to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, under every trial, sorrow, heartache, *misunderstanding*, difficulty, test, persecution, labour, and all that makes the Christian life and walk with Jesus so beautiful and blessed. Hallelujah!"

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32 Blackpool (S.)	0	5	0
33 Belfast (B.)	0	5	0
34 Stirling (M.)	0	2	0
35 Wimbledon (W.)	0	4	0
36 Bournemouth (F.)	0	2	6
37 Holloway (C.)	0	1	0
38 Plumstead (B.)	0	2	0
39 Margate (P.)	0	1	0
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The cost of the first issue of "Confidence" with Supplement and postage (3,000 copies), was a little over £15. This heavy item was met by one of the Lord's Stewards (T. B. W.). In the days before us we hope that He will enable others to share the privilege of spreading the blessed news. It must mean some sacrifice, but it is His work.

A special Supplement is supplied with this copy of "Confidence," containing important letters from China, on the subject of "Tongues."

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Thursday, in Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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- 7.—Identification with Christ.
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- 9.—Christian Science: A Soul Danger.
- 10.—Systematic Prayer.
- 11.—The New Creation.
- 12.—Divine Necrosis: or the Deadness of the Lord Jesus. (Also a leaflet—Divine Health and Healing—by Mrs. Boddy.)

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT to "Confidence,"

MAY, 1908.

TONGUES IN THE FOREIGN FIELD.

INTERESTING LETTERS.

CHINA.

Some months ago articles appeared in religious papers referring to the disappointment of those who had gone from their homes to distant lands after receiving their "Pentecost", and hoping to speak fluently the language of the natives. Many did not then fully realize that the gift of "Tongues" is not the gift of any known language in its entirety. We are sure that God honoured their zeal, and we are sure that He has permitted them to be a blessing though not as they expected. The Lord raised up Interpreters for some of them, and always they reached English speaking people with their Pentecostal message, while missionaries with whom they came in contact were encouraged to seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A letter from Macao in South China runs thus;—

Dear Bro. Boddy,

This will inform that I received yours some few days ago. I was glad to hear from you, and in answer to your question I will say I have not come in contact with anybody that is able to preach to natives in their own tongue, so that they could understand; I mean preach to them as I could preach in English. As to myself the Holy Spirit was the other day speaking with my tongue and a Hindoo Man of the town, who runs a store near, said that he understood some sentences. He said that I preached about the Creation of the World. (His name is Cassim Musso.) When we first came here and started to hold our meetings, one day a man from Calcutta came to the meeting and he translated a whole sermon in the Malay Language—or rather the Holy Spirit did it. I believe that it is a real language that the Spirit speaks with my tongue. God has given me a call to go to Shaaraim, in Palestine. We may come by your place when we leave Palestine for the U.S.A. I hope that I may yet come into contact with the people that speak the Language that the Spirit spoke with my tongue. Let us hold on to God and keep

humble at His feet, and let Him have His way with us. God bless you in your work and keep you true to Him. Pray for us.

J. P. McINTOSH

Macao, China.

A letter from Bro. Garr.

Hong Kong, China,

15th March, 1908,

c/o Thos. Cook & Son.

Rev. A. A. Boddy,

All Saints' Vicarage, Sunderland.

Dear Brother in Jesus,

Your card and "Counsel to Leaders" received. We are glad to know you are sending them abroad. They are much needed in these days of conflict.

As to whether I know of any who have received a language, I know of no one having received a language so as to be able to converse intelligently, or to preach in the same with the understanding, in the Pentecostal movement.

Regarding the language I have, that was given to me in Los Angeles, Cal., about two years ago. I can speak it at will, and feel the power of God in most every instance when I speak at length, and can truly bear witness to the scripture that "Speaking in tongues edifies the one speaking."

Regarding the question of an Indian language. When I was baptised with the Spirit in Los Angeles, I began speaking in tongues immediately, and a day or two after a young man, about 25 years of age, came to the meeting and hearing me pray in the unknown tongue, said I was speaking things he could understand, and desired that I should pray for him. I did so, he kneeling with me, and as I prayed it seemed he was moved to desperation, and began to cry to the Lord for himself, and presently began to shout and proclaim that the Lord had saved him. During the course of these meetings he informed me that I had been speaking in several

LANGUAGES OF INDIA.

One of them his mother tongue. I know for some time I was saying the word, 'Bengalee,'

and when I reached India I found myself in the Bengal Province. Their language is called Bengalee, but I never knew there was such a language before until after starting for India. However, before leaving America I noticed that the languages changed and I was talking quite a different tongue, and after reaching Calcutta I noticed another change but could not understand the words.

It would be very impossible for me to believe that these were not real languages, as they are spoken with such accuracy and entirely free from guidance by my own mind. Whether or not I was speaking an Indian language in Los Angeles does not shake my faith or even cause me anxiety. I know that God was talking through me, and what it was He knew all about it, and that was quite enough for me.

If some one was to come to me to-day and tell me that I was speaking Greek, and afterwards I should find that I was not, it would not cause me to doubt that I was speaking some language, neither would I doubt God. I would more likely doubt the one who informed me of having known anything concerning what he was telling me. I surely in no case would doubt the Lord Jesus Christ and the work He has done in me. I do praise Him with my whole heart that He poured out His Spirit upon me and spoke through me—and is yet speaking!

I shall forever praise Him whether I ever learn one word or syllable of any utterance He has given or not.

I KNOW THAT GOD GAVE IT.

I know it is scriptural. I know that some of the best men that ever lived talked in tongues, and if the devil can make a fellow talk in tongues, then God can, and if the magicians of Egypt can turn a stick to a snake, then our God has one to swallow all of them, so I am not uneasy. I am delighted with all God has done for me on this line. I supposed He would let us talk to the natives of India in their own tongue, but He did not, and as far as I can see, will not use that means by which to convert the heathen, but will employ the gifts—such as wonderful signs of healing and other powers, that the heathen can see for themselves and know that there is no cheat to the performance.

For instance, there are people here in China, from England and America, who can speak the Chinese language as well as the Chinese themselves, yet their work for the Master is, in some cases, as dead as one

could possibly imagine. Well then, the problem is not solved by knowing the language of a nation perfectly. If I could speak Chinese perfectly and explain to the Chinese that God had given it to me without studying it, they would not believe, but would think I was deceiving them, and at the least there would be great room for doubt in their minds. But if we can come to them in the faith "once delivered to the saints," and in the name of Jesus heal their sick, lame, and blind, they cannot doubt that the blind were blind, nor the lame lame, but will have to know that this work is supernatural.

Then to be able to give them such deliverance, and then to tell them that the Jesus we preach is the one doing these things; they will then believe, as the Samaritans believed Philip, because of the signs he did, and the people at the Temple believed when they saw the lame man to walk, etc.

While I do not understand all there is connected with this movement; yet I see enough to know that God is pleased to work miracles among the people to-day in the same manner as the early saints. I know He performed a miracle on me, and have seen him do the same on many, and because the devil counterfeits, backbites, scandalizes and misrepresents God's work, does not shake my faith, but rather confirms it in the present movement as being of God. (Of course there will be devil performances wherever he can slip them in, but we may know the devices of the devil, as Paul, if we but ask to)

So far I have not seen any one who is able to preach to the natives in their own tongue with the languages given with the Holy Ghost. Here in Hong Kong, we preached the word to the Chinese through an interpreter, and God has saved some, and there are about twenty-five or thirty that were baptised with the Spirit of God and spoke in other tongues, seen visions, and received interpretations, etc.

God has kindly granted enough signs and miracles to His Church in this movement already to cause us to rejoice with all our hearts, and to expect the fulness of the power as was given to the disciples in the first century.

We are waiting on the Lord here in China to give the power and bring the church to her former strength. We do not

feel that it is presumption to ask it. As the disciples prayed that God would grant signs and wonders to be done as they preached, which He did!

China is the ripest field I have seen yet. Would you kindly remember us in prayer, as the opposition from some, especially the native pastors and missionaries, is very severe. The personal onslaughts of the devil are very trying at times

Please excuse this lengthy letter, but felt I should write thus to fully explain myself in answer to your questions.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

All glory and honour to Him forever,

Respectfully,

H. G. GARR.

May God abundantly bless dear Bro. Garr. So much was written against him, that we were thankful when dear Sister Oakes told us how true he is to his Lord. She stayed in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Garr, in India.

GOOD NEWS FROM IRELAND.

A Message from Bro. Kerr, of Belfast.

We do praise the Lord, He has visited our land, and has poured out His Spirit upon some of the seeking ones.

We have been waiting for a Pentecostal Outpouring of the Holy Spirit ever since we heard how the Lord was pouring out His Spirit, at Los Angeles. But how we did rejoice when we heard how the Lord had visited Sunderland, and was pouring out His Spirit in Pentecostal fullness.

We had such confidence in you, having received great blessing during your visit, (with a dear Brother) to Belfast, when some of us received Blessed anointings with the Holy Spirit. Then at Christmas, 1907, the Lord gave me the blessed privilege of spending twelve days in your midst, twelve days of wonderful blessing, when the Lord graciously baptized me with the Holy Ghost and with Fire with the Sign of Tongues, Hallelujah.

At a waiting meeting about a week after I arrived home, the Lord poured out His Spirit upon a dear Sister who spake and sang in tongues, then there was a time of wond-

erful praise, we never experienced anything like it before Glory to Jesus. But since then there was a time of coldness in my life, but praise the Lord He has graciously restored me again.

A few of us had the privilege of spending a short time at Kilsyth, at Easter, when Sister Harbinson and Brother Finlay, received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with Signs following. Glory to Jesus. The Lord also restored me, Hallelujah. Since our return home the Lord has been working with us, some have received their Pentecost with the Sign of Tongues. But some have been a little frightened because of bitter opposition from a most unexpected source. But we believe it will only help to purify the work, and throw us more on the Lord.

There are seven or eight in Belfast who received their Pentecost and are speaking in Tongues, Hallelujah. We meet every night at Brother and Sister Finlays, 20 Cavour Street, [Old Lodge Road.] Week nights 8 p.m. Lords day, 11 30 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. All are welcome who are seeking the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal Fullness.

Some who were frightened from the meeting by those who were opposing, after waiting and watching were convinced that the work was from the Lord. They are now meeting with us again, and are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord. The results in the lives of those who have received their Pentecost are most blessed, Love, Joy, Peace and Victory through Jesus. And Jesus is so real, and so precious. Glory to Jesus. We believe that God will do great things for Ireland. Brethren pray for us.

Yours in the Coming Lord.

ROBERT J. KERR,

1 Wyndham Street, Belfast.

A Testimony from Kent.

17 Durban Road,
Beckenham Kent.
10 May 1908.

My dear Brother Boddy.

After reading "Confidence" I feel I must add to it my experience of what the Lord has done for me. Three years ago this month, I was performing on the stage and in private circles, engaged in the subtle and most deceptive of all the devil's devices known as hypnotism and mesmerism. It

was about this time Torrey and Alexander were at Bristol. It was there that the dear Lord met me and I sought to study God's way with an abandonment of self, sin and all its defects, through the precious Blood. The Lord took away drinking, smoking, and all chains of vice and evil habits, but though I was brought so far, and was empty and unworthy, praise God! I could do nothing. There I've stood almost ever since, wanting something more, and yet I could not tell what. One thing I know, I wanted more of God within, when I read my Bible I saw at once the church (as it is) was in awful state of sin, worldliness, and unbelief and could get no good hardly by attending, so my only source was to seek God on my knees, and praise Him, that's where the church will find Him too.

Just after conversion, another young fellow and myself started a prayer circle for Revival (connected with Keswick House, London) and we have had some wonderful times and they still continue.

About 2 years ago I remember 3 of us young fellows were left to close up, when we thought we should like to have a sing. The Hymn "There is Power in the Blood", we started, but we never finished it in words, it was finished in a holy sacred laughter with joy unspeakable, when as suddenly as we started, one of us prayed in the Holy Ghost, my tongue was loosed to pray so fluently as I never remembered before. "Praise God." In fact we all did. We felt like going out to have an open air meeting although it was 10 30 p.m., so full were we. That was on a Whit Monday. This coming Whitsun leaves one baptized in the Holy Ghost, the Bible sign followed, that is myself, all glory be to Jesus through the Precious Blood. I was baptized fully about a month ago, at Mr. Price's at Brixton, London S.E. There are several seekers at this place, but at present I am alone, as Beckenham is about 7 miles off Brixton. I go when I can and as the Spirit leads. Will the saints remember in their meeting at Sunderland as I feel I need some one at present to hold me up and prayer is power, for the enemy is strong, but of course the power of the Blood is stronger. Plead for me and tell the Saints also. I am just waiting now for a fuller revelation of himself, that I may be entirely led by the Spirit, for that is the source of all true success to obey the Spirit's promptings.

Greetings to the Saints and to all those who are looking for His coming.

I am yours in Christ thro' the precious Blood—EDWARD A. LEACH.

Heb. xi, 5-6. Put in your name, and take Enoch's out, for that will be my experience and yours when He comes.

"THE LATTER RAIN IN SCOTLAND."

"From Liberty and Gladness." (1d. per month.)

We have again reason to praise God that in His goodness the Latter Rain is still falling on our land. The Conference at Kilsyth has come and gone. At all the meetings the power of God was very great, and there was much real work done by God in many different ways. The testimonies as to God's blessing were wonderful and very touching. We have yet to learn much of God's power as He has now opened up the word by His Spirit revealing the hidden treasures of His Majesty and abundant provision for all our needs of body, soul and spirit. God gave a real time of glorious victory for His saints. At several times the hall was full of the glory of God, and again, as the power of the Cross to deliver from all the curse of sin was shown and made real by the Spirit, the awe that always gathers round the Cross fell on the meeting, and we felt the Master's presence and something of fellowship with Him in His sufferings. We praise God for the Ever-Victorious Blood of the Lord Jesus, which has brought to us the wonderful gift of the Holy Ghost. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bell of Dumferline were present, and their presence and messages were much appreciated by the Saints gathered, "A King shall reign in righteousness." His reign on earth cannot begin till it has begun in the hearts of His children by His Spirit. John Martin of Motherwell, late of South Africa, was blessed with much of the power of the Spirit in his message on the "Gospel of the Latter Rain," Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered."

Of all that happened we cannot write, the Hall echoed and re-echoed with praise to the One who holds sway in our hearts.

Surely Pentecost means joy as well as perfect peace and the Masters Righteousness.