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"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.

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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 Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland."

Song of the Revival.*

Hark the midnight cry ariseth,
Lo! the Bridegroom quickly cometh;
Rise, arise go forth to meet Him.

Lo! our hearts will answer gladly:
Come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly,
Come, for Thee our hearts are waiting.

Yearning with a hope unshaken,
Asking not the hour or moment;
Waiting, watching, working, standing,

Standing with our lamps all burning,
Standing with unstained garments,
Standing with our loins well girded,
Standing with our sandals fastened.

Standing by the world rejected;
Suffering sinner's contradiction,
Witnessing to full salvation,
And the Spirit's confirmation.

Praying, praising in Thy temple,
Singing oft the Psalms of David,
Singing oft the *Gloria Patri*,
Singing oft *Veni Creator*.

First the dead in Christ are raised;
We who still remain are changed,
Changed at the last trump's sounding.

And are then caught up to meet Him,
Caught up in the clouds together;
Soon we shall be ever with Him.

But if you be unprepared;
If your lamp is dimly burning,
If the vessel too is empty.

If your garments are defiled,
If your sandals are unfastened,
And your girdles falling off you.

You will not be caught up with Him,
There'll be weeping, there'll be wailing;
Bitter weeping, bitter wailing,
When you find yourself abandoned.

You will pass through tribulation,
Through the last great tribulation,
Forty-two months' tribulation.

When the Dragon and False Prophet,
Dragon, Beast, and the False Prophet,
Baneful Trinity of Evil.

Comes to persecute the faithful,
When the hour and power of darkness,
Comes to blind a careless people.

If the days had not been shortened,
For the sake of those elected,
Scarcely would a man be saved.

Come then sinners, come to Jesus;
Come to Him your sins confessing,
Come to Him for full forgiveness.

Come to Him for inward cleansing,
Come to Him for quickened body,
Come to Him for your enduement,
Come to Him for mighty power.

Come to Him for gift of wisdom,
Come to Him for gift of knowledge,
Come to Him for faith victorious.

Come to Him for gifts of healing,
Come to Him for mighty wonders,
Come to Him for prophet's warning.

Come to Him for sure discerning,
Come to Him for tongues and utterance,
Come too for interpretations.

Then go forth to witness for Him;
Witnessing a full salvation,
Witnessing with signs and wonders.

Till the Lord return from Heaven,
Till He call His servant to Him,
Till your hear the Master's "well done."

Well done, good and faithful servant,
Well thy talents thou hast used,
Traded with the power entrusted.

Enter thou the Master's presence,
Enter into joys eternal,
Enter into endless glory.

* In the May Number of "Confidence," 1908, we gave the remarkable Testimony of the Rev. Clement Wilberforce Dickinson, M.A., one of the Clergy of the Parish of Ferryhill, Co. Durham. He is the gifted writer of the above Revival Song, whose rhythm reminds us of Hiawatha. Perhaps some young reader of "Confidence" will commit it to memory as a Sacred Recitation.—Ed.

"Caught Up."*

O H, Christian, art thou waiting
And watching for thy Lord?
Intent upon His promise,
His parables, His word?
That when He comes to call us
To meet Him in the air,
I put this solemn question,
"Wilt thou—Shall I—be there?"

I saw two brothers sleeping
Together in one bed,
Unconscious, in the night time,
A symbol of the dead,
When lo! one rose and vanished
As though the wall were cleft
By unseen hand, while sleeping
The other lay still—"left."

I saw two Eastern women
In the quiet early morn,
Both grinding at the millstone,
And taking turn by turn,
When lo! a sudden stoppage,
And there was only one—
One grinder dazed, astounded,
Because her mate was gone!

Rouse, rouse, ye slumbering "Virgins,"
And trim your lamps with speed;
Fill NOW with oil your vessels,
Lest later ye have need:
I hear a Voice approaching
Upon the midnight air;
"Behold the Bridegroom cometh!"
Prepare for Him, prepare!

ALBERT SMITH.

* Can be sung to tune, "O Jesus, I have promised," 271, H.A.M.

THE

P. M. U.

(Our Pentecostal Missionary Union for
Great Britain.)

PRAYER.

O Lord, our Merciful Saviour and Master, give us a heart of love for all Thy Heathen, whether they are in Asia, Africa, America, or the Islands of the Sea. Bless our Missionary Union. Show us, each one, what we may do, and give us grace to do it as unto Thee. Choose Thine own Messengers, and may none refuse to hear Thy call. Guide the Council and those who shall train and teach the Missionaries.

May the World in some way be blessed through our Pentecostal Blessing. We beseech Thee to bless our own Missionaries to-day in the Foreign Field. Hold them up and encourage them. This very day use them to some needy souls. Thou alone shalt have all the glory, for Thou wast slain. Thou alone art worthy, O Master, to receive all we have. All our blessings come from Thee, and only of Thine own do give unto Thee. Amen.

Again, two men were working
Together in the field;
Their honest, lowly labour
Their daily bread must yield:
But one seems stricken helpless
By a mysterious theft,
For lo! the one was "taken,"
The other, frightened, "left!"

Say, Christian, art thou watching
For this mysterious Thief
Who comes to steal His "jewels,"
To set them in relief?
Or art thou slothful, careless,
To pleasure turned aside?
Unready for the "marriage"
Of Bridegroom with His Bride?

Say is thy torchlight burning,
Or is it "going out"?
Thy testimony clearing,
Or flickering in doubt?
Then, though thou art a "Virgin,"
Thy folly shall be known
OUTSIDE the Marriage Chamber,
In darkness, sad and lone!

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Special thanks from Miss Orlebar.

"BEULAH," BOMBAY.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

Just a line to thank all of those who have helped
to send out dear Miss Miller and Miss James to me.

I cannot express the special joy it is to have dear
Miss Miller, as I have seen her before and she
knows this land. Already I feel relieved by her
coming. I so rejoice that she will have such a
background of prayer, and I earnestly ask that I
may always be included in the prayer for her. I
need so much to be upheld. I am so utterly
helpless and ignorant, I feel my deep need of a
far more mighty endowment of power and a double
portion of His grace to enable me to live a life in
the midst of grave difficulties that will please and
glorify the Lord and commend His full Gospel to
the people. Of course I have to meet with even more
opposition than most of His people have to meet

with, for the Lord seems to be continually calling
me to "Go forward," and it is a privilege to have
opportunities for obedience. May the Lord bring
me to the remembrance of His Saints.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

MAUD ORLEBAR.

Latest News from Our Missionaries.

"BEULAH," BOMBAY.

Perhaps you will like to hear a little of our first
week here in this great city. Truly it is a most
cosmopolitan place—the East and West strangely
intermingling—motor cars and electric trams in
the same streets with bumped oxen drawing along
delapidated carts made of bamboo poles, high-
class English shops and offices, and round the
corner the typical Oriental native bazaar, the
shops crowded together, and the shopkeeper
squatting in the front of his open shop. But the
co-mingling and variety of races and peoples is
the most striking. There is every shade of colour,
from the fair, manly English sahib, fresh from
home, to the jet black of the negro, of whom there
are many here. There are Parsi ladies in their
rich, delicate silks so gracefully attired, and the
poorest beggar woman with scarcely rags enough
to cover her. Of religions, there are also many
varieties—Mohammedans, Jews (Beni-Israelites,
i.e., Indian Jews), Parsis, and Hindus. Of lan-
guages, this city is a fair example of Babel. At
Miss Orlebar's little Mission Hall the congregation
always contains men whose native tongue is Hin-
dustani, Marathi, Gwherati, or Hindi. Besides
all these, there are thousands of students and
well-educated Indian gentlemen who understand
English perfectly. Oh, how one's heart goes out
in yearning for all this mass of people, thousands
of whom in this city even know nothing of our
Glorious Saviour! Miss Orlebar is greatly bur-
dened with longing for souls and the necessity of
preaching the Gospel, so she has hired this room
that was a shop and turned it into

A MISSION HALL.

It is the only such place in all Bombay for direct
evangelistic work, and every evening it is well
filled with a well-beloved, attentive crowd of men
(Hindu and Mohammedan women never come out
to meetings in India, hence the need of *Zenana*
work), who seem as though they would stay on
and on as long as ever there is anyone to speak to
them. Of course it is not the same audience all
the time. They come and go. Probably the
whole congregation has changed each half hour,
except a few who are really interested, and sit
down quietly and come night after night. There
is an earnest Indian Christian man, who most
devotedly comes every evening as soon as his
day's work is over and interprets for us. He is
truly a God-send to Miss Orlebar; without him
we should be very helpless with all this motley
crowd. Mr. Post is here, and he and Mr. Bird
always come down with us and give the message
in English. Mrs. Bird remembered her Hindustani
a little last night, and was able to speak straight
to the people.

We expect to leave here the end of this month
to go away to the various hill stations, where Miss
Orlebar has taken houses for missionaries. We
are asking the Lord to send the missionaries now
that the houses are prepared for them; but even
if many should not actually come to stay in them,

(Latest News from our own Missionaries, continued.)

there will be workers in each, and we trust thus to make a centre for prayer and for testimony. We do long for the missionaries to see for themselves, and not to be deceived by false reports and prejudice. I feel it is truly an honour to have been sent to help dear Miss Orlebar. Oh, how great will be her reward in Heaven for all she has suffered for the Master's sake, as well as for all she has done in ministering to the saints and to the heathen! She is full of love to saints and sinners, just yearning to be poured out in any service that may bring glory to God and blessing to souls. Oh, it is wicked and cruel the things people have falsely spoken against her, but she bears no resentment, and goes on straight forward in her testimony to God's Pentecostal work, and in love serving others and living such a life of self-denial as very few ladies in England would think possible, so that every penny may be spent for God and His people and the heathen. All the things she undertakes is wonderful. She gets the conviction and assurance that God wants her to do it, and she goes forward with enterprises that many a stout heart would quail before even with a good backing of promised help, and she is just a little weak woman, but she *knows* God, and, of course, *He* has never failed her, so she does what appears to be the impossible at His command. I do hope that you will all

BEAR HER UP IN PRAYER

very much, and specially pray that God's power may be mightily manifested among the many missionaries at the Hill Stations this hot season. Oh, that we may be so deeply hidden with Christ in God that the life of Christ only may be seen, and thus the Holy Spirit be free to glorify Him mightily through us! We shall probably not be returning here till the end of June, when the rains should begin. Will you therefore please address my letters to "c/o General Post Office, Bombay," then they will be forwarded without any delay. I think it is probable Darjeeling will be the place I shall be sent, and Miss James to Kodaikanal—extreme North and extreme South! We often think of you all at Sunderland, and "thank God at every remembrance of you." Please hold the ropes tight for us out here!

Yours in the joy of the Lord,

KATHLEEN MILLER.

* * *

Since receiving the above, another letter has been received with encouraging news. The first-fruits of the work have been just a Mohammedan and two Eurasian men (nominal Christians). Mr. Bird, "mighty in the Scriptures," has been greatly used in the work connected with the Mission Hall, and Mrs. Bird's Hindustani has been most valuable also. Let all the readers of "Confidence" pray earnestly for these men, especially for the Mohammedan brother, that he may stand under fierce persecution. (It is not well to print par-

ticulars). Miss Miller's letter concludes thus:—

"We are getting in touch with various Missionaries and Europeans; we are constantly in prayer with one or another either upstairs or downstairs. We do feel indeed that it is *God's House*, and that *He* is bringing seeking souls here.

"There is not much of what would be called *Organised Mission work* yet, but one by one and in little ways God is working. We are much in prayer to Him for more *power*—that we may see Him working through us mightily with signs and wonders following. We are praying for a much deeper experience of Calvary and Pentecost. We desire it at any cost for the honour of His Name and the salvation of these hundreds of perishing souls."

Is the Bible Inspired?

Rough Notes of an Address given by
Pastor W. Graham Scroggie.*

Inspiration. We do not mean inspiration of the translations, but of the original Scriptures. That what is written is written as God's Word, and is used by God.

Internal Evidence. The Risen Master speaking with the authority of His Resurrection Life, and therefore not from any point of view a fallible man said (St. Luke xxiv., 44), "All things must be fulfilled which were written (1) in the Law of Moses, and in (2) the Prophets, and in (3) the Psalms, concerning ME."

Here we have the 3 Jewish divisions of the Old Testament indicated:—

(1) **The Law.** Exodus xxiv., 3, 4.
"Moses came and told the people all the

* We do not wish to imply that Pastor Scroggie is identified with the Pentecostal movement. He spoke in All Saints' Parish Hall at the request of the Editor of "Confidence," and all were thankful for his message.

words of the Lord, and all the judgments, and all the people answered with one voice and said, 'All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.'"

Mark vii., 10 & 13. Moses said, "Honour thy father and mother." But ye say, . . . making the Word of God of none effect, etc.

Jesus said of the Law, "Not one jot or tittle shall pass away, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Word shall not pass away."

(2) **The Prophets.** The Word which the Lord of Hosts hath said in His Spirit by the hand of the former prophets. Zech. vii., 12. Write all the words that I have spoken with these in a book. Jer. xxx., 2.

(3) **The Psalms.** (As the Psalms came first in the 3rd division of the Old Testament, the whole of the division was known as "The Psalms.")

The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His Word was on my tongue. 2 Sam. ii., 1, 2.

As to the New Testament.

(a) **GOSPELS.** Matt. xxiv., 35. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My WORDS shall not pass away."

(Note it is "Words," not "Thoughts.")

John vii., 49, 50. "I have not spoken of Myself, but the Father gave a command what I should say and what I should speak."

(b) **EPISTLES.** 2 Cor. ii., 13. "We speak the things which the Holy Ghost teacheth."

(c) **THE REVELATION (Apocalypse).** Rev. xxii., 18. "Every man that heareth the WORDS of the Prophecy of this Book," etc.

(d) **THE NEW TESTAMENT GENERALLY.** Jude 17. "Remember ye the *Words* which were spoken before by the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Peter iii., 2. "That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandments through us the Apostles of the Lord and Saviour."

2 Peter i., 21. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved (borne along) by the Holy Ghost."

In the Old Testament we have 2,000 times "Thus saith the Lord," or "The Word of the Lord came to . . ."

Then as to **Evidence of Unity.** The Unity of such a Library is a Miracle. Sixty-six Books written hundreds of years apart --but all One in Aim.

Never was there such a literary marvel when we think of the different kinds of men who wrote.

In the Old Testament **Salvation** is shewn as (1) **Needed**, (2) **Typified**, (3) **Promised**.

Its Need shewn by the Fall.

Promised in Eden and through the Prophets.

Typified through the Sacrifices.

(A wonderful correspondence between Genesis and Revelation. Take away these two books and all becomes chaos.)

The Prophets placed their Seal on this Divine Book by their utterances (with their fulfilment).

Notice prophecies as to the human pedigree of our Lord:—

Seed of Woman,

Line of Abraham,

Of Judah's Tribe,

Of Daniel's line,

To be born of a Virgin,

And at Bethlehem.

Look at the "**Psalm of Sobs**" (xxii.). A prophecy of the Crucifixion, how it describes accurately the scene and says that His Hands and Feet are to be pierced, etc.

(Is the Bible Inspired? continued.)

(Crucifixion at that time was not a usual punishment.)

The whole Book is about the King and His Kingdom. The prophecies are as to Israel, the Gentiles, or the Messiah.

The Lord fulfilled prophecy at every point, and suffered according to the Scriptures. He rose according to the Scriptures. He ascended according to the Scriptures. He is our High Priest at God's right hand according to the Scriptures. He is most surely coming back soon, and one day will have reign again in Millennial Power, all **according to the Scriptures.**

Pentecostal News, etc.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ENGLAND.

LONDON.

Report from Mr. Cecil Polhill as to recent and forthcoming Meetings.

The change from the Portman Rooms to the Sion College, Thames Embankment, near Blackfriars Station, was certainly better for the work, Sion College being so central. The meetings have been surely growing, especially the Friday afternoon and evening meetings, about 150 to 200 probably being present, and the spirit in the meetings at times especially being very fine. The work done, known and unknown to us, I believe to be wide-reaching and real. On Friday of last week, in conversation afterwards, some said that they were healed during the meeting without the laying-on of hands.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Wigglesworth's visit was greatly blessed, their strong faith being an encouragement and stimulus and help to all. One evening three received

the baptism, another evening two, and another evening two and then one. Altogether it is difficult to tabulate numbers exactly, but throughout individuals have been coming through all the time. One young man, directly after the after-meeting commenced, declared that he had come with his mind undecided, but that during the meeting he was quite convinced that the work was of God, and forthwith determinedly and decidedly began seeking, and within a hour and a half was rejoicing in the fulness and speaking in a tongue.

Others have had burdens lifted. One gentleman from Brighton did not know that anything of the kind was going on in London, and had never been to such a meeting before. A burden of two years' standing rolled away from him during the evening meeting.

At several meetings the spirit of conviction was heavy upon the gathering. One encouraging feature is that we are always meeting and seeing new faces. There is a spirit of great expectancy. I think that everybody is confident that there are great times ahead. The spirit of unity, by the grace of God, is marked, and we ask all your readers please to pray especially for this. I do not think that we can emphasize too much this urgent need for the success of the work.

The next Monthly Conference is on Friday, April 30th, at 3 and 7 p.m., at Sion College. The Rev. A. A. Boddy hopes to be with us that day.

We have just hired the use of the Praed Street Chapel, Paddington (near the Edgware Road), and are having the opening meeting on Saturday, May 1st, at 8 p.m.; all friends are cordially invited. Also Sunday, at 11 and 7, and following Saturdays and Sundays. This is the historic chapel that Dr. Clifford commenced his ministry in. It is not far from the Marble Arch,

and we trust that it may be the birthplace of many souls.

Pastor Niblock's work at 7, Howley Place, Paddington, is being much blessed. Three dear friends from Heathfield lately received, and one healed of a trying illness. His home had its opening ceremony last Wednesday week, which was well attended by friends and well-wishers.

During May, meetings will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7 p.m., and Fridays at 3 and 7 p.m., at Sion College. We hope that Pastor Barratt will be with us all the month and during the Conference at Sion College, May 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th; Praed Street Chapel, 29th and 30th. We are expecting a crowning time.

SUNDERLAND.

Two Dutch Sailors from the Island of Terschelling recently found their way up to the meetings from their vessel which was lying in the River Wear, loading coal for Vlissingen. They were Mynheer Y. Kooyman and Brother A. Bakker. They knew scarcely any English, and the writer could only call to mind a few words of Dutch like the "*Diebar Bloed*," "*Geloof*" (Faith), "*Pryst den Herr*" (Praise the Lord). Brother Bakker's father, mother, and brother and sister had received their Pentecost at Terschelling, and also Brother A. Bakker himself. We had an earnest season of prayer with Brother Kooyman, both in the meeting and afterwards in the Vicarage, and the Holy Spirit came upon him, for he was desperate in seeking the Lord as his Indweller, to be baptized in the Holy Ghost.

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"*Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise.*" A dear young Scottish lassie, aged 13, from a place south of Glasgow, received a full

Pentecostal Baptism lately in our meeting. She had trusted the Lord to heal her from a severe attack of rheumatism. She was sorely tested for a week, but suddenly as she held on in faith it all went. Then she stood up one Sunday night in our prayer meeting in All Saints' Vestry and said, "*I thank the Lord for His healing power. He has healed me.*" As we went to prayer the Holy Spirit fell upon her, and she very soon was speaking in Tongues—at first indistinctly, and soon distinctly. She had also a sudden vision of Jesus, before whom she had to bow very low. She was overwhelmed by His presence. A few nights later she cried in the Spirit, "Jesus is coming." She wants to do what she can now for Him, especially when she goes back to Scotland.

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The Vision of the Blessed Master has been and is being granted at this time to many who are seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The prophet Joel, quoted by St. Peter on the first day of Pentecost, spoke of the visions which should be seen on the last days. As the power of God came upon one who had passed through much sorrow in the loss of her husband—in the loss of a beloved husband some months before—some of us saw her face change as did St. Stephen's. She cried "Oh, I see Jesus at the Right Hand of God; oh, how wonderful!" and soon she was speaking in Tongues. This same sister was listening to an eloquent address on God's Word in our Parish Hall some days later. As the speaker was showing how the blessed Book witnesses to Jesus, His Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, present Glory, and His soon coming again, she felt mightily the Presence of the Lord. Directly the meeting ended she hurried home by herself, and kneeling at her bed-side found herself adoring the Lord in "Tongues" and rejoicing in Him.

(Pentecostal News—Sunderland, continued.)

Testimony by a Sunderland Salvationist.

2, PARK GATE, ROKER.

To-day is one of my birthdays. Twelve months ago, October 10th, 1907, the Lord anointed me with the blessed Holy Spirit and filled me with His own Divine life. I have written down in a book:—"Born May 5th, 1844. Born again February, 1871. Filled with the Spirit, October 10th, 1907."

I was all alone reading when the Spirit convicted me of sin. I knelt down and tried to pray, but I did not know how. My mother had taught me the Lord's Prayer when I was little, but I had not said it for so long. I had nearly forgotten it, but I said what I could remember, and the Lord knew what I wanted. He forgave my past sins and adopted me into His family, and I became a new creation in Christ Jesus. I did not realize what it all meant at first. I was as dark as a heathen, but the Lord taught the way Himself, bless His dear name. A few weeks afterwards I joined the Primitive Methodists, and soon became a local preacher. When I had been converted about thirteen years I heard an American lady, Miss Lenord, preaching on "Holiness," and I felt that that was what I had been longing for, and I began seeking with all my heart. Soon after this time I came in contact with the Salvation Army, and I was attracted to them by their Holiness meetings. When I had been converted about seventeen years I felt that God was calling me into the Salvation Army, but I did not want to go, and I held back for three years, until I lost all my joy, and I felt that I should backslide if I did not obey God. So I left the Primitive Methodists and joined the Salvation Army, and God restored unto me the joy of His salvation. I do not know how I came to attend the meetings at

ALL SAINTS' PARISH

Hall. I remember that at the first meeting there were one or two ladies giving expression to their feelings, and I thought that they were rather hysterical. They were talking about speaking in other Tongues, so I went home and read the first and second of the Acts. The next meeting I attended I told them that I had found out the reason why the early disciples spoke in tongues; it was because Jerusalem was full of foreigners. But I could go out into the streets of Sunderland and tell of the wonderful works of God, and everyone would understand me; and I said in another Scripture it says ye will not believe except ye see signs and wonders. Pastor Barratt said that the signs followed the believing. The next meeting I attended was on Thursday night, October 10th, 1907. Mr. Boddy was away preaching for a brother minister, and Mrs. Boddy read from the fifth chapter of 2 Cor., and while she was reading and commenting on the seventeenth verse I felt the Divine life of the Lord Jesus

FLOWING INTO ME.

I should have testified to the fact only I did not get an opportunity that night. But I went home and had a good night's sleep, which I had not been having for some time. I had suffered from hay-fever every summer for over twenty years, and my nerves were all shattered. I had not been able to attend many meetings for some time; the noise used to affect my head. But since

then, praise the Lord, I have been able to attend meetings every night in the week and sleep like a baby. I have had a few dark times since then. About two weeks after the Lord had filled me with the Spirit, one Tuesday morning when it was time to get up I felt as bad as ever. I had been going to extra meetings and doing extra talking, and the Devil said, "There you are; you have been doing extra work for the Lord, and this is the way He serves you." I was foolish enough to listen to him, and I had three days of darkness. It seemed as though I was

IN A TOMB.

There was not one ray of light. But on the Thursday night I attended a meeting at All Saints' Vestry, and the light streamed in, and I went home rejoicing, Hallelujah! Again, about four weeks after that I caught a cold, and instead of claiming the victory and going to the meeting, I had a warm bath and went to bed. On the Saturday afternoon when I was out I was seized with a pain at the heart. I stood still for a minute and it left me. But I did not feel very well on the Sunday morning, so I thought that I would stay in bed for the day and have a rest, and then I might be better. But the pain came on again, and it was so severe at times that I could not lay or sit; I had to walk the floor. My wife applied hot flannels, but I did not get any better. On Tuesday morning my wife said that she would go for a doctor, or would I rather that she went for Mr. Boddy? I said that I would rather have Mr. Boddy than the doctor, and Mr. Boddy came and prayed with me, but the pain had gone before Mr. Boddy arrived. I often have symptoms of my old complaint, but I claim

THE VICTORY OF CALVARY

and they go away. I do not take notice of feelings now. I know that feelings do not alter the fact that Jesus lives, so I go on praying, and the feelings soon come alright again, praise the Lord. I realize day by day that the devil has been conquered by Jesus, and all that I have to do is to claim the victory and plead the Blood, glory to Jesus. I have had several blessed anointings of the Spirit since the 10th of October, but on the 23rd of August the Lord gave me the

SCRIPTURAL SIGNS

and spoke through me in other tongues as the Spirit gave me utterance. And now, when I am alone with God, it is easier for me to praise Him in an unknown tongue than it is in English. Not that I have already attained. I am forgetting the things that are behind, and am reaching out after the things that are before. I am hungering and thirsting for more of God. I am seeking the very best that He has to give me, not that I may receive glory, but that I may bear fruit and so glorify the Father which is in Heaven.

Yours in His service,

E. J. FIELD.

BOURNEMOUTH.

From the "Hants Gazette" (published at Emsworth, Hants).

PENTECOST RETURNED.

A marvellous story was told by a young man from Birmingham at the P.S.A. meeting at Emsworth, Hants. This young man, Mr. Frank Trevitt, had never been in Emsworth before the previous day, having broken his journey from

Bournemouth to his home for a week-end visit to newly-found friends. He merely went to the meeting to spend a "pleasant" hour, but at the door was asked if he would give the address. He readily assented, and told the audience that he had something to say to the honour of the Lord Jesus. A fortnight ago, he said, he was sent from Birmingham to Bournemouth a

PHYSICAL WRECK.

having consulted several eminent medical specialists and an experienced nurse, and been told that unless something very extraordinary occurred he would be under the soil in six weeks. He was suffering from copious hemorrhage, apparent consumption, and general breakdown, so that he had to crawl with the aid of a stick. At Bournemouth he saw in a local paper an advertisement of a conference in connection of a revival of Pentecostal power, and went to the first meeting at Winton, Bournemouth, a week after His arrival. The Holy Ghost fell upon them as they were worshipping together, and his body was mightily moved as by electrical shocks, and presently, as he adored and worshipped Jesus Christ, his lips and tongue were used by the Holy Spirit to pour forth a volume of speech in some foreign language.

HE SPRANG TO HIS FEET

to praise and magnify God, and then discovered and declared that he was perfectly healed. He shot his arms upward and outward, and hammered his chest with his fists, loudly declaring that he was in perfect health and felt as strong as any man. So he had received the Pentecostal gift of the Holy Ghost and healing at the same time.

He mentioned other cases of divine healing of which he had been a witness at Bournemouth, and also of the "sign" of "new tongues" which during last week had been given to others. He said he was returning to Birmingham, after three weeks' absence instead of six, to testify to those who had looked upon him as doomed what great things God had done for him. He explained that in many parts of the world—in Los Angeles, China, Japan, India, Africa, Germany, in England (Sunderland, London, Southsea, Bournemouth), and many other parts of the world God was pouring out His Spirit, and people were prophesying, seeing visions, speaking in new tongues, casting out devils, healing the sick, the blind, the deaf, the lame—all in the name of the Holy Child Jesus.

Mr. Rogers (Editor) confirmed the young man's statement, remarking that he was present on the occasion. It was while they were sitting in little groups in pleasant conversation, and waiting for a cup of tea between the afternoon and evening meetings. Presently a sister, in the Spirit, rose and began to adore God. Others fell upon their knees to worship and adore, among them being Mr. Trevitt, and in a few moments he broke forth in new tongues "as the Spirit gave him utterance," and rose to his feet a new man.

BRADFORD.

THE EASTER CONFERENCE.

Very stirring times are reported from Bro. Smith Wigglesworth's Conference at Easter. Some 40 to 50 are reported to have received the Baptism of the Holy

Ghost with the Sign of Tongues, and a number healed also. A Brother writes:—"The presence of the Holy Ghost was mighty. He is doing a real work these days."

SCOTLAND.

KIRKINTILLOCH.

A Pentecostal Conference is to be held (b.v.) on Saturday, May 1st, in Emmanuel Hall, Broadcroft, when the expected speakers are Mr. Andrew Murdoch, Kilsyth; Mr. J. Miller, Glasgow; Mr. J. Nelson, Glen Mavis, and Mr. J. Jack, of Coatbridge. Meetings at 4 and 7 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Open-air Meeting at 6.30.

SWITZERLAND.

ZURICH.

Our dear Brother Rev. C. E. D. de Labeliere, M.A., whom many love for his work's sake and for his own sake, went to Zurich some time in the late autumn to take charge of a Pentecostal Pastorate. (His address is Halden Strasse 130, Wieditzon, Zurich.) About Christmas time he went out with his boys sleighing on the ice-covered mountains. The sleigh got beyond control, ran away down a slope, and his right leg was terribly smashed.

Much prayer was offered for him in many places, and now we rejoice to record the intervention by the Lord, who has lengthened the limb shortened by the accident. These quotations will best tell the story.

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I must now tell you of the glorious deliverance the Lord has worked in my broken leg, and in doing so let me warmly thank you for your prayers, which, together with those of others, have contributed to the supernatural healing.

The right leg was so badly broken in three places (indeed *smashed*) that the doctors marvelled that it had not to be amputated below the knee. After the final setting of the leg by the surgeons (no chloroform and no pain!) the X ray photo they took revealed a very serious overlapping of the main bone of the leg by about two inches. As a result they said they must break the news to me that unless I underwent an operation I should be lame for life, and the right leg must always be at least two centimetres shorter than the other. They hoped, however, by this operation considerably, though not entirely, to reduce this shortening. After prayer I was definitely led of the Lord to tell the doctor He would have me *not* undergo the

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God's Quickening Power.

Like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.—ROM. vi., 4.

That ye may know . . . the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead.—EPH. xviii., 20.

God hath quickened us together with Christ.—EPH. ii., 5.

The Welsh Conference.

A brief record of the Tuesday night's gathering at Cardiff, by A.A.B.

The Editor of "Confidence" had the privilege of being present (April 13th) at one of the meetings in the Long Room in the Park Buildings on the opening day of the FIRST WELSH CONFERENCE in connection with the Pentecostal Movement.

Though the proceedings were in English, the majority present were bi-linguists, and the hymns went off quite naturally into Welsh from time to time. It was like one of the days of the Welsh Revival, but

"further on." Pastor Jeffreys, of Waunlwyd, had charge of all the arrangements. Pastor Niblock, of 7, Howley Place, Paddington, was with us, and offered an earnest prayer on opening. As Mr. Cecil Polhill spoke (he was the chairman) with a heart full of love for his Master, the faces of these Welsh brothers glowed with holy joy, and the "DIOLCHS" broke out as they did in the Rhonda Valley in 1904. The Long Room was filled with Welsh delegates and other sympathizers and friends.

Mr. Polhill spoke with power on the need of a teachable spirit and mutual forbearance in this work. That all might bear with one another and learn from one another.

The Writer (after reading St. Luke 24, 45-53) said that the attitude of those tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the signs following should ever be that of

CONTINUALLY PRAISING AND
BLESSING GOD.

After turning to God with their whole hearts, they should accept the perfect cleansing of the precious Blood (1 John i., 7) and then live a life of praise (Luke 24, 53) with times of supplication and prayer (Acts i., 14). When the great Blessing came, let them not get wild, heady, or high-minded, lest the exuberance of the natural man should swamp or hinder the spiritual. Let them be willing to go through Wilderness experiences. When all feeling had gone God was doing a deep work all the time within, even when they did not recognise it.

The Writer spoke of dangers through self-advertizers, Separatists, and cranks, who were used by the Enemy to bring discredit on every great work of God. He also touched on the important subject of Morality, and urged all to the greatest strictness in and out of meetings. No one

who had fallen under temptation should be permitted to teach or take a prominent part in any meeting. Greater conviction of sin is needed. "If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the Temple of God is Holy, which Temple ye are" (1 Cor. iii., 17).

Then Prophecy should be for edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Cor. xiv., 3). While St. Paul said "Despise not prophesyings," he also said "PROVE ALL THINGS." The Lord gives the mind of Christ (1 Cor. ii., 16), and Christ is made unto us "Wisdom" (1 Cor. i., 30) so that we should not seek special and individual prophetic guidance in tongues with interpretation or directly in English. Disaster after disaster had followed this seeking for messages, and this should be taken as a warning from the Lord. The list of sorrows is added to month after month, because loyal children of God will not take warning. No known safeguards prevent it if they are out of the will of God. God gives us after Pentecost, as before, that which we call "common sense." He makes us to will and to do, if we will obey and not shut our eyes to providential circumstances and the guidance of events. When *He* opens the door then let us enter in. The workings of the mind are extremely subtle. We have learned much by experience.

There were many glorious encouragements all over the world. The Lord was taking care of His Pentecostal work, and blessing and increasing it all the time in spite of the honest mistakes of His most loving children.

The Writer testified to the blessing that "Pentecost" had brought to his parish. More Communicants this Easter, a HAPPY VESTRY MEETING, with no balances on the wrong side; souls saved by special Mission work, and a blessed transformation in many, many lives.

On the steps of the Park Buildings, when the meeting was over, a band of dear Christian Welsh brothers sang so sweetly—

"No never alone, no never alone,
He promised He never would leave me,
Never would leave me alone."

Passers-by paused, and shop-keepers hastened to their doors. Was this the Welsh Revival returning?

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As the writer sped homewards past Chepstow, the beautiful River Wye for miles ran beside the rails. It was low tide, and the "bore" had not yet come up from the Bristol Channel. Here and there were vessels high, high above the stream and made fast to the bank. Great stretches of mud were visible. But in a few hours a GLORIOUS SWIFT TIDE was going to sweep up the bed of that river, up and up till the helpless vessels would float on its bosom as things of life. The mud flats did not look promising, but the fishermen waiting there with their boats and nets had no doubt about the tide rising.

It was faith, but faith in an almighty and invisible power in the hands of an all-wise and all-powerful Being. The tide has been out in Wales. It is coming back again with greater force. Everything shall live whither the River cometh.

The International Congress at Sunderland, June 1st—4th.

(SEE BACK PAGE.)

The list of visitors applying for rooms for the Congress at Whitsuntide is growing daily. It is already longer than last year's list. Copies will be provided free on enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to our Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road. They are indefatigable in arranging for lodgings at this time.

(Sunderland International Congress—continued.)

Applicants write from India, California, Sweden, Holland, Ireland, London, Norway, Bournemouth, Edinburgh, Toronto, Liverpool, Glasgow, Berkshire, Croydon, Frankfort-on-Main, Wales, Berlin, Scarborough, Birmingham, Florence, Surrey, Bury, Brighton, Bradford, etc.

We believe that some friends have made their own arrangements as to rooms, and so do not appear in our list.

We shall be glad to hear from them if this is so, and will add their names to the revised list appearing later.

✎ A large quantity of Sunderland Free Literature will be placed in the Hall at the Congress, so that friends can take it back to their Centres, etc.

Anyone wishing to place other Literature also at the disposal of the visitors, is asked to submit specimens first to the Rev. A. A. Boddy. (If possible a week or so before).

Pentecostal Papers.

“**Victory**,” free from Mr. Stanley Frodsham, East Beach Bungalow, Bournemouth. The first number, just issued, is full of deeply interesting matter. (8 pages.)

“**Fragments of Flame**,” free from Mr. Cecil Polhill, Howbury Hall, Bedford, (4 pages.)

“**A Call to Faith**,” free from Pastor Griffin, Wardensville, Va., U.S.A. (16 pages.) Always contains wholesome and nourishing food.

“**The Gift of Tongues**.” A Sketch of the Pentecostal Movement by a Liverpool Business Man. A most useful pamphlet just reprinted from the

“Lytham Times.” Free from the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland. Send for copies for wise distribution.

“**A Cloud of Witnesses**” (in India and elsewhere), free from Mr. Max Wood, Moorhead, G.P.O., Bombay, India.

(Pentecostal News—Switzerland, continued from page 87.)

operation, but commit the limb to Him for healing, and that in His own time and way He Himself would lengthen the limb. The doctor repeated that the leg must always be shorter and I should be lame. It was about this period that you were praying for me in Sunderland, and also Dr. Gentry, of Chicago. The latter wired bidding us join them in believing prayer on a certain Sunday evening at 9 p.m. (when it would be 3 p.m. with them). This we did, breaking bread and waiting on the Lord to do a definite work in the limb. At that very hour the power of God descended, and a current of Life went through me from my head downwards till

MY LIMB WAS, AS IT WERE, GALVANIZED, and I knew the work was done. Shortly after the bandage was removed, and to the amazement of the doctor the leg was healed, the foot moved quite freely, and on careful comparison the right leg proved to be absolutely as long as the left. The Lord Himself had lengthened out the bone, along which passing one's finger to-day not so much as an unevenness is to be felt.

I can now walk three miles at a stretch, though owing to weakness of the muscles I am limping slightly, but this is only a very temporary difficulty. I cannot tell you how wonderfully this “accident” has brought me into touch with my own people and many others of God's children from the mountains and country-side all around. Daily we have had most blessed times of prayer and waiting upon God at my bedside. God has some wonderfully choice and hidden hearts here in Switzerland—hearts prepared and filled with such intimate knowledge and love of Christ as I must confess I have never met with, in the same degree, elsewhere. I believe the Fire is shortly going to fall not only on Zurich, but on His scattered sheep all over those hills and valleys of this land of the Reformers and martyrs of bygone days. We are taking up our work again marvelously blessed by means of my accident. It has brought me into touch with the choicest of God's people here in a way I could not have hoped to realise by two years of pastoral effort. And there is sound of abundance of rain. I hear of small and scattered groups of the Lord's people—some of whom I hope to have fellowship with this summer—in every part of these German lands who are hungry and crying out to God for “rain in this time of the latter rain.” Pray for them and for us, as we will and do for you.

HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM,
DOMSELEAR STRASSE 15,
APRIL 7th, 1909.

BELOVED PASTOR AND MRS. BODDY,

"Hallelujah, praise the Lord! He is the chiefest among ten thousand. He is altogether lovely. This is my Beloved and This is my Friend."

I cannot describe to you the joy and the peace that is in my heart. Truly the Lord Jesus is wonderful in His love and great in His mercy towards His children. Praise, praise Him! I love Him so very much because He loves me, because of His tenderness towards me. Oh, there is glory in serving Jesus, in following Him.

Dear Pastor and Mrs. Boddy, I hope you will not think that we have forgotten you because we have not written for such a long time. But we have been so very busy, after our visit to England in February, that we could hardly find time to do our correspondence. We have done so much visiting that we hardly are at home in the day-time, and in the evening we have our meetings. God is blessing us wonderfully in our meetings. The Holy Spirit is still working mightily. Many brothers who have sought so long for this blessing have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. Among them is dear old Father Visser. You remember him well, I think, dear Pastor. He is gloriously happy, and really, I think, he has become young again. His testimonies are so lovely and deep, and he speaks so sweetly in tongues, everybody is glad because of him. Oh, these big men, when they learn the lesson to become little children, then the dear Lord comes. In one family

EIGHT HAVE RECEIVED—

father, five sons, and three daughters. It is a blessed family. The sons are really a marvel to everybody. Before they were saved and baptized these young men were very rough—smoking, fighting each other, singing vulgar songs, etc. Two of them were hating each other, and the mother told me the other day that she was always in fear that the one would kill the other. And now, blessed be the mighty King,

ALL IS CHANGED.

They are so happy, they love and help each other, they pray for each other. Their faces are shining, and one especially is mightily blessed of the Lord. He is 19 years of age, and was the roughest of all, but is now the best of all. And so I could go on telling of drunkards saved—men and women, boys and girls—weeping for their sins and gloriously saved. But oh, dear Pastor, how we need to pray to get victories. Prayer is wonderful. The more we pray the more victories. How great is God.

Our dear German neighbours are also hungry. We have had twice a visit of

FOUR GERMAN BROTHERS,

and with Easter we shall have some of them again. We had very blessed times with them, God was so wonderfully in our midst. They were blessed mightily. Especially one afternoon I shall not forget very soon. We were with about thirty in our hall, and had a very quiet time with the Lord. A sister received a glorious anointing. At the close of the prayer meeting, when we were standing to receive the blessing, I saw suddenly a bright

light going across the hall. I asked the brothers and sisters if they had not seen it, but suddenly the Holy Spirit fell upon us all, and there came such an outburst of Holy song by the baptized ones, it was overwhelming. A mighty Spirit-given song rose and fell, sometimes very soft, then like a great oratorio, all in tongues and in different tunes, while a brother under the working of the Holy Spirit accompanied the singing with the organ. By the close of singing a sister fell on the ground, struck as by the lightning. I went to her, and she told me the light had suddenly enveloped her as in a cloud, and she fell down and praised God in Tongues. Was that not glorious? The Lord is so good to us.

The "Spade Regen," our little paper, is very much used by the Lord and read by thousands. We are so thankful that God has given us dear Brother and Sister Kok to help us in editing this paper. He is now entirely in charge of the paper, and God is using him wonderfully in this work. We receive many letters from over the whole world, telling us how the little paper is blessing them.

I must tell you also of a dear sister who came from Antwerp, in Belgium. She received some weeks ago from Mr. Polhill "The Fragments of Flame," and read of his visit here in Holland. She got so hungry that she wrote to us if she could come and visit us. Of course, she was welcome. She came on Saturday at 5:30 in the afternoon, and on the same evening

GOD BAPTIZED HER,

and the next day she spoke and sang sweetly in tongues. She is so very happy, please pray for her. She and her husband are in charge of the "Sailors' Rest and Refuge." And so God is going on to bless His children who are hungry for Him.

We feel so unworthy of the great blessing God is bestowing upon us. It is His wondrous, wondrous love. He reveals Himself to them that perfectly trust Him and who only do His will. He is teaching me more and more this great lesson—to be nothing, and Christ all in all. We have a band of faithful, loving brothers and sisters around us, who are helping us in dealing with the young converts and baptized ones. What a wisdom and love we need to keep everything pure. But God uses every feeble instrument if only it is wholly given to Him. What riches and depths are there in Christ Jesus. Wonderful, wonderful. Sometimes I bow before Him in great awe and adoration because of the deep things He is revealing to us. Last Saturday God poured out the gift of prophecy. Deep things of God were revealed through the Holy Spirit about the Birth of Christ, the Blood, the Word, and Mankind. In truth, ear hath not heard and it has not entered into our hearts the things which God revealed unto us through His Spirit. Glory, glory be to Jesus, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

In these days we are meditating very much on the sufferings of Christ, and He is revealing them more and more unto us that we may see His wondrous love and adore the Blessed Lamb.

Unspeakable things come into my heart. I cannot describe it, but there is such an intense longing for my Beloved Lord. May my life be more and more to the glory of His precious Name is my great heart-cry.

We are longing for

THE SUNDERLAND CONFERENCE.

(Pentecostal News—Holland, continued.)

What a gathering that will be. Jesus in our midst! Oh, blessed, blessed Jesus, we want more of Him. We see how little we have of God and how much we have to grow in stature yet that His name may be glorified! But we trust the Heavenly Father. He is *our* Father, and the Christ is our Eldest Brother, and the Blessed Holy Spirit our Comforter and Guide, and the Word and the Blood are our Light and Power. Hallelujah! We pray so much for you, dear Pastor, and Mrs. Boddy.

Please pray for us earnestly. We need all the prayers of the saints, we have so much responsibility. More than a hundred only in Amsterdam have received the Pentecostal baptism with signs following, and in six other cities the fire has fallen and little groups are waiting for God. In Bussum, near Amsterdam, four have received their baptism, and they need leading, of course. But God is making everything well. Praise Him, praise Jesus.

Much love to you both, and love to dear May and Janie and Sarah. May God bless you all.

Yours for the Blood and Fire,

G. & W. POLMAN.

P.S.—We have just received a post-card from Duisburg-Beeck, Germany, from Bro. H. Knippel, telling us that three sisters in his mission have received their baptism and speak in tongues. Three others have also received and have begun to speak in tongues, while Brother Knippel, who visited us twice and went back with great blessings, received a mighty anointing. The power fell upon him and he fell on the ground. "The joy is grand and overflowing," he writes. Praise the Lord for Germany.

WEST AFRICA.

News from Brother Reid

(Formerly of Sunderland. See "Confidence" for December, 1908)

CAPE PALMAS,
LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA,
Xmas Eve, 1908.

DEAR BROTHER BODDY,

Just a few lines to let you know that in a few hours we will be at our destination. We will land early Xmas morning, so, instead of being in a nice service, we will be busy landing our luggage.

We have had a real good trip, and enjoyed it well. The weather was lovely, and everything has passed off real well. It seemed as if I was going to be denied getting to Africa, as I lacked funds, or at least I was told the passage was twenty-four pounds, and I had but eighteen and a few shillings. I was told, however, I could go second class for eighteen pounds, which I intended to do, but the agents arranged things for me, so that I went with the other seven of the party first class for second fare, so I just praised God for His kindness.

When I got on the boat I was about broke, as the Americans say. However,
FATHER IS RICH.

Hallelujah! The ship stopped at several ports on the African coast, and I had a chance to go ashore and visit several mission stations. But I want to tell you of a brother I met yesterday at Monrovia. I had heard evil reports of this dear man, branding him as a fanatic teaching wrong doctrine, and, sorry to say, I believed that, and learnt a lesson never to believe all I hear about Pentecostal men and women. The way I came in contact with him was on this wise: Several of us went ashore yesterday, and while I was strolling round with three others I saw a sign on a house, "Apostolic Faith Mission," and I really felt refreshed on reading the sign. Another sister and I, after wondering whether to go in or not, at last decided, and as we entered the gate Bro. McCauley met us, and in him I met the one "branded fanatic," but his face and looks were too real, and I had perfect fellowship with him. I asked him of the reports, and he denied things blank. He is just as straight a Pentecostal man as is to be found. The ones who are stirred against him are the Methodists I believe, and through them I heard the reports. However, God is with His servant, and quite a number of native people have received Pentecost with Signs. Several have been healed in his meetings, and quite a large number converted and immersed, and he has one hundred and forty-five on his church roll. He has been in Liberia for eleven months, and for seven months has been without fever. He says the last time he had it, the native people (Christians) came and laid hands on him, and he was instantly well. I met one of the native women who had received her Baptism. Glory to God.

Now, Bro. Boddy, perhaps you could write to this brother—Mr. E. McCauley, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, and some of your literature would help him. He is independent of the Mission Boards, yet seems very dependent on God. My talk with him and prayers together really refreshed me, and I do praise God that I met him. I ask the prayers of the brethren in Sunderland on his behalf. I never had so much encouragement to go on as after our conversation, and after seeing the real lasting results of Pentecost. I believe God is about to stir Africa. I pray that another Welsh Revival may take place, only this time in Africa with Signs following. Hallelujah! I tell you the prayers of God's people are to be answered, and I believe right early.

I have been talking to our Father, telling Him I wanted an equipment for service, as "How will they hear without a preacher?" and how shall we preach without a language? Sometimes it seems I get rather bold in talking to God, but I can't help it. He knoweth our infirmities, and it seems I get to places where I say, "Lord, I will and must have it." I believe God is more desirous of our warm, earnest love, which bursts through walls of ceremony and forms and falls prostrate at the feet of Immanuel, than anything else. No doubt God is putting the love of a bride into us. Hallelujah!

Now, dear brother, I won't say anything about our plans this time, but after a while I will let you know how we get along. It seems peculiar spending Xmas in such hot weather, but we won't have much time to think of that, I suppose. About the time you get this, three of us will be busy in building a large native house, about seventy miles inland. Yet our address is Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa.

Greetings to Mrs. Boddy and family and the brethren. Trusting all is well and the Lord is blessing.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, at whom shall I be afraid?"—Psalm xxvii., 1.

Wishing you all a Prosperous New Year,

I am,

Your Brother for Africa,

JOHN REID.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Our beloved Brother, John Martin, of Motherwell, N.B., sailed in the R.M.S. "Armada Castle" for Capetown on April 3rd. He is taking up work in connection with the Compounds and Interior Mission. His address is care of Mr. A. W. Baker, 43, Corrie Street, Jeppestown, Johannesburg, South Africa. We hope to print letters from him before long.

CANADA.

WINNIPEG.

PENTECOST AMONG THE INDIANS OF THE NORTH.

REV. A. A. BODDY,
All Saints' Vicarage,
Sunderland, England.

DEAR BROTHER BODDY,

I do thank you in Jesus' name for the numbers of "Confidence" we received from you. I received numbers of enquiries from many places throughout the land enquiring for Pentecostal literature, and I do feel God does help me to forward the papers you sent to the most needy souls.

I am enclosing your partial quotation from a letter I received from our Indian brother. He says:—

Brother Argue in Christ,—I am very glad to tell you that we are all quite well at present, and our work is going fine again, all in one accord and one mind. Praise the Lord. The Lord is working with us in our meetings, praise His matchless name. Our Chief's wife baptized, also our Brother Stevenson's boy was baptized in our meetings. Glory to Jesus. Have meetings every night, and the people just rush in. Oh, brother, it is a wonderful power in our meetings. At the same time we cast out devils in Jesus' name, the sick they come to my house, and we just pray for them and lay hands on them and the Lord heals them suddenly. Praise God. Our Lord

says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." I have enough work to do; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. We need some Holy Ghost workers. Amen. So I praise God this all belongs to Him. All our baptized saints are well, so we expect someone to come and work with us for the Lord. I cannot work outside much because I have meetings every night, and my people they are very earnest, so I need help for my living, and also some Holy Ghost workers. We are praising the Lord our Maker. Amen, for ever and ever, even in this world, and He says we shall have with Him a thousand years of peace, and we shall have no tempter then.

Yours in Christ till He comes,

JEREMIAH RUNDLE.

Fisher River Reserve, Manitoba.

Truly this glorious Gospel appears to be puncturing as it were the globe. On my way home from Eastern Ontario, where the Lord had called me to help in some meetings, I visited points all the way from Rochester, N.Y., by Detroit, Michigan, Chicago, St. Paul, and Minneapolis, where Pentecost has broken out, and this work seems to be moving on. One of the most interesting places I visited was in the north part of Minnesota, where a large number of the Norwegian people have received the baptism. They said within a radius of fifteen miles at least 150 were baptized with the Holy Ghost and speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance. Truly God is visiting these people.

At Glasston, N. Dak., U.S.A., where we were holding meetings last week, five received the baptism and numbers were quickened, and some gave blessed testimonies as to how God had healed them.

Three Missionaries (Sisters Vey, Murdoch, and Poff) have just left the Apostolic Faith Mission of Winnipeg for China, and the Lord appears to be calling others of our saints to the foreign field. This glorious Gospel does appear to be spreading.

I am, your brother in Christ,

A. H. ARGUE,
299, St. John's Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
April 1st, 1909.

AUSTRALIA.

Good News from VICTORIA.

Mrs. Lancaster (75, Cole Street, Williamstown, Victoria) in sending a generous contribution to the "Confidence" Funds says:—"Time fails to tell you how greatly the copies of 'Confidence' are appreciated. The cry is always for 'more,' but those who cry must begin to remember that you do not print 'Confidence' without expense." In a previous letter written from "Bright," Victoria, she wrote:—

FREEBURG VALLEY.

"The Lord Himself is working, and in this

(Pentecostal News—Australia, continued.)

quiet valley of Freeburg, near Bright (180 miles from Melbourne), *He*, our God, is doing wondrous things. Some three months ago *He* powerfully anointed my present hostess, Mrs. Sloan, so that she is constrained to preach

THE CLEANSING POWER

of the precious blood of Jesus to those who pass by, and as a result six brothers and their sister have been converted and led to seek the baptism in God's Holy Spirit. Three of them are now praising God with new tongues. Brother Sloan and Brother Roggiero have also received the Bible evidence, and this quiet valley is roused out of its apathy. Both curiosity and opposition are raised. May our loving God give His rich blessing and stretch out His mighty arm, confirming His Word by signs following. Regarding the work of the enemy—wisdom to combat whom you prayed might be given us—your prayers were richly answered. When the time was ripe, God Himself shewed His own people who was disapproved by Him. All they had to do was to sit still and see the salvation of God, whilst *He* drove all who were unfaithful from His holy presence, thus Himself cleansing His sanctuary. Praise His Holy Name forever and forever !"

WILLIAMSTOWN.

"The way of the just is uprightness : Thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just."

—Isaiah xxvi., 7.

MY DEAR BROTHER IN THE CHRIST,

Enclosed please find P.O. order for £1 for "Confidence," and accept grateful thanks for your kindness in sending same. How glad I am that the Lord has permitted me to live in this age which is so blessed by the gracious outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Many times I have wondered why, in spite of my training, entreaties, and many prayers, God had not drawn my five sons to Himself. In my ignorance I did not see that it was the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, and that I had not tarried till my dear Lord's glorious ascension promise had been poured out on me. But now, praise His Holy Name, four out of the five have confessed Him as their Saviour, and should the other, who lives in New Zealand, visit us at home, or should the dear Lord take me to him, I have the assurance that he also will call upon the Lord and be saved. All four converts testify that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit led them to seek salvation. I praise Him too that all are determined to put the fear of man away and seek the fulness of the Christ, even though they may thereby become the

OFF-SCOURING OF ALL THINGS.

How wonderfully the Lord is gathering families to Himself. At Bright, where the dear Lord led me this New Year, the Holy Spirit, through two of His servants, convicted six young men and their two sisters of sin, righteousness, and judgment. All these but one have witnessed the good confession by baptism, and the Lord has shown His approval of three by permitting them to praise Him in new tongues.

Again, in the golden city of Victoria (BALLARAT), where fifteen are now praising Him in his own

appointed way, thirteen are all connected with one family. I think I told you of dear Sister Edmonson's baptism. About a dozen of us were waiting on the Lord when she sank gently to the floor, and after some snatches of Heavenly song, etc., glided into a sweet, melodious tongue. The dear Lord is still blessing this dear sister and filling her with His wondrous peace. A dear brother at Wangaratta had a blessed experience one afternoon. He was writing letters when (he says) a great desire came over him to kneel down by his bedside, though when there he could not utter a word, though his soul was filled with praise and adoration. After a little while the Spirit led him to get up and take his Bible, which he did, then went back, knelt beside the bed, and opened the book. The Spirit then led him to take it up in both hands, still open, and bury his face in it. This happened three times. He says he seemed to have such a love for it that he was kissing and loving his Bible. When he had finished doing that, he was at liberty to get up and go on with his writing, feeling so blest and full of praise.

A BUSH FIRE.

How tenderly and graciously the Lord deals with His children is exemplified in His dealings with one of our brethren in the bush. The most terrible enemy of the Australian settler is the bush fire, which often sweeps down carrying all before it, until the labour of years of arduous toil is brought to ashes, and the settler sees ruin and starvation stare him in the face. Brother Ainsworth's barn was filled with millet, and the flames were already licking underneath the flooring. To all human appearance the barn was doomed, but in answer to a fervent prayer for help the flames turned back and the barn was saved. Whilst fighting the fire, this child of God placed his coat on a green stump. When the fire had passed he remembered his coat, and went to look for it, when he found that though the stump of the tree was completely charred with fire the coat was quite uninjured.

Yours in the happy service of our Coming King,

JEANNIE LANCASTER.

75, Cole Street, Williamstown,
February 16th, 1909.

BENDIGO.

DEAR BROTHER IN THE LORD,

I had a paper "Confidence" given me whilst in Melbourne on a visit, and saw by it that I could have them D.V. monthly by writing for it ; therefore would be very pleased to receive your paper.

Praise God for what he is doing for you at Sunderland. Alleluia, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth in Australia as well as in England. He is doing great things here, praise His Name.

The Lord raised up a praying band in Bendigo eight years ago, and laid it upon one lady to pray for my soul. Isn't God gracious ? He's truly no respecter of persons, because I'm the *very least*, and yet in answer to those prayers He has brought me into His most marvellous light. Through this band my sister was also brought into the light. She was home on a visit, and was not satisfied with her Christian life, so I took her up to this friend's house where the meetings were held. Although our friend gave us a lesson on the

Cross, we did not understand; but, praise His Holy name, the end was soon. Nine months afterwards sister came into the light, and wrote me from Melbourne what wonderful things the Lord had done for her. I went to Melbourne last January on a visit. My sister could talk of nothing but Jesus. I was three days with her, when the light came into my soul. By faith we claim the

DELIVERANCE FROM THE BODY OF SIN.

To me it was instantaneous. Glory to my Risen King, it is under the Blood. My sister received her Pentecost in the Gift of Tongues nine months after claiming the fulness. God in His graciousness permitted me to be in the meeting with her when the Tongues came on, a week before I came home. I was home eight weeks, and had come into the fulness four months and three days when the Lord gave me my Pentecost with Tongues. I believe I am the first one in Bendigo to have received the Gift of Tongues, which came on me in song. I both sing and speak in them, not only when the Spirit is on me, but could sing in them at any time.

Dear Sir, we are strangers in a sense, so that I hope you will pardon this long letter. But I couldn't help telling how the Precious Saviour is blessing us in this portion of His vineyard.

Asking His blessing on you on the other side,

Believe me,
Yours in the Master's service,

LENE ENTICKNAP.

373, High Street, Bendigo,
Victoria, Australia.

"Born from Above."*

St. John iii., 2.—"*Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God.*"—A.V. margin.

The great message of love which the Gospel brings to us is that "God hath given to us Eternal Life," and that "this Life is in His Son." (1 John v., 11.)

God offers to take us fallen sin-tainted creatures and to fill us with the Life of His Son, the Eternal Son, who gives *now* to all who accept it, Eternal Life, His own Life. "He that hath the Son hath Life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not Life." (1 John v., 12.)

Men need to see that they have not this Life by nature.

Adam, the father of us all, forfeited that God-life which had been breathed into him (Gen. ii., 7).

Though he lived as a human being for so many years after the Fall (probably over 900 years), God's words were absolutely fulfilled—"In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Gen. ii., 17.)

The Divine nature instantly died in him. "Through the offence of the one the many died." (Rom. v., 15.)

Adam could henceforth only pass on that which was left—a nature which had yielded to Satan. "He begat a son in his own likeness." (Gen. v., 3.)

We have free will left, but we have a tainted nature which turns from God, a fallen nature which is under the dominion of the Prince of this world. But God calls us out of darkness into His marvellous Light. This is the Gospel or Good News. We have been born once, but we must be born twice. A new nature is waiting for all who will accept it and hold it—and all by simple faith in Him Who is the Life.

For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the ONE shall the many be made righteous (Rom. v., 19).

"To as many as receive Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God—even to them that believe on His Name." (St. John i., 12.)

We are not saved as a matter of course, but everyone has his chance.

There seems to be too much preaching in some quarters as if all were saved—all were born from above, too much ignoring of the fact that we are by nature fallen creatures, who can only perish, if Eternal Life in Christ is not practically and actively laid hold of by faith.

Our Lord says, "He that believeth *into* (eis) Me hath everlasting Life" (see St. John vi., 47). The Living Christ can be satisfied with nothing less than our Union by a living faith with Him, our whole-hearted acceptance of the Divine nature and His Life. That "the old Adam in us be so buried that the new man may be raised up in us, that all carnal affections may die in us, and all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us."

If a living being is to have a new life it must first die. We are told that we have died in Christ and have been buried with Him, and raised up with Him. Col. iii., "Ye died." Rom. vi., 6, "Our old man was crucified with Him." Rom. vi., 11, "Reckon ye yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin (in Jesus Christ our Lord)." To allow the Holy Spirit to make this real is truly and experimentally to be Born from above—Born anew.*

Our Lord said so plainly to that religious man who was anxious about his

* A re-print of the Editor's booklet with the above title, written before he received his Pentecost with the Sign of Tongues. Read "A Vicar's Testimony" for a record of further blessing.

* See writer's booklet, "Identification, the secret of Life and Power."

(**"Born from Above"**—continued.)

soul, "Except a man be born from above he cannot see the Kingdom of God," that it behoves everyone to look to it that he really is "Born from above."

Reader, if you have the slightest doubt as to whether you are really "*saved*," accept Christ Jesus now by simple Faith to be your Redeemer and your Eternal Life. Ask the Holy Spirit to make your Union with Christ your Head in His Death and Resurrection Life very real in your experience. Pray that your faith may be Spirit-supplied faith (the faith of God), which may stand the testings from above, and the temptations from below and around. (FAITH IN HIS BLOOD!)

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When a soul lays hold thus of Christ as its Life, it often happens (though not always) that there is a time of rapturous joy.

That soul is new born, and like a new-born babe it knows but little yet of the battle of life. The new-born soul often thinks that no temptations will ever conquer it henceforth. It feels the joy of peace within, and knows the presence of the Holy Ghost of God—for the same Holy Spirit which filled Christ the Head is the life of Christ's Member. (Rom. viii., 11; Ephes. i., 19, 20.) That soul holds sweet converse with God in prayer, and delights in meditation on the Word. It cries, "I reckon myself now to be dead unto sin and alive unto God and all in Jesus Christ my Lord" (Rom. vi., 11). The old temptations seem to have lost their power, and people say, "What a wonderful change has come over such a one." All seems to go well. And yet it may be a time of terrible danger. The soul is tempted sorely to live on happy feelings rather than on God Himself—to think the Battle ended when it is just beginning. It has to learn if it would not go back altogether, as many do, that in all probability it will be permitted to pass through awful times of testing.

Happy is the soul which is prepared for this, and is quite willing to trust God and His Word through weeks and months when delight in prayer seems to have gone, when the Bible seems to speak with but little force. When temptation is so alluring, and possibly seems to be so successful that it seems to come from within—when it seems as if there was positive, if suppressed, delight in that which was for-

bidden, when whirlwinds of worry and passion, doubt and fear, seem to have temporary victory, and the soul cries, "Oh, that it were with me as in the months that are past!" and it whispers to itself, "Though the world may not know it I am an utter failure, I am bringing shame on Christ Himself. Am I really a Member of Christ?"

God is allowing the soul to go through the testing time, as He almost always does, to show it its helplessness. Satan, our undying foe, is hoping to succeed—but God is watching His child, and teaching that soul to trust Him in the dark as well as in the light. Probably at the back of all the failure there is the desire to be loyal to God, and there is deep distress for the backsliding. But the soul must see to it that the "*will*" is on God's side in detail as well as generally.

It has to learn that *flesh* effort cannot obtain the Kingdom. That having been born into a New Nature it must see that self died in Him on the Cross, and that our life is hid with Christ in God. It must see that (trusting in the Holy Spirit) it is made real experimentally, and in detail. These alluring temptations are from without. Satan cunningly simulates for us our old nature and would persuade us that we have not been born again.

"But if any man is in Christ he is a new creation" (v. 17). Remember the words, "Work out your own salvation, for it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure" (Phil. ii., 12, 13). Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Perhaps you have had your time of testing and you feel that you have utterly failed. You are inclined to say, "It is all a mistake—it cannot be done." This is where many turn back from following Him, turn away from a life of victory before the battle has really begun. They were born again but they threw away their birthright, having begun truly in the Spirit they try to continue in the flesh, and fail. At this point you find some seeking refuge in Ceremonial or Formal Religion, and others going back into the world hating religion and all connected with it, and yet in their heart of hearts knowing they are wrong.

People whom the world at one time thought deeply religious go back until the eyes of their spirit are so blinded that they cannot see the Kingdom of God, and they wonder however it was that they once

thought and acted as they did, and yet their memory still tells them that those were the happiest days of their life.

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He is the propitiation for our sins. Thank God that there is the Cleansing Blood always ready—and the Lord always saying, "*Whosoever*" (sinner or backslider) "cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

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Let not those who have taken Christ as their life be discouraged by past failure, or by temporary triumphs of the great enemy. "Discouragement and doubt" it has been well said are from the devil. The true order in the Christian walk is Fact, Faith, Feeling, though new-born babes in the Kingdom nearly always reverse the order, and desire that wrong order of Feeling, Faith, Fact. Some souls are afraid of resting on God's promise until they have some wonderful thrill of joy to endorse the promise. When they hear the promise, "Whoso believeth on the Son of God hath everlasting life," they say, "I wish I had the feeling that I have everlasting life, Christ's life in me."

We dishonour God's Word by not believing it simply and trustfully, and then acting it out.

St. Paul gives us all a very plain direction when he says (Rom. x., 9), "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

We wait for happy feelings too often before we confess Christ as our Saviour, whereas the confession would prove our trust and would be rewarded by joy and peace in believing.

Therefore let us shew forth the praise of Him Who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light.

We show forth these praises by truly being what we are, "the children of God." "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God—and such we are" (1 John iii., 1, R.V.).

Let no child of God cast aside the glorious birthright which has been given him.

Alas! many seem to be in danger of doing this. They have no certainty to-

day that they are children of God, though there was a time when they could rejoice in Christ as their Saviour and their life.

They have yielded to temptation, and darkness has come upon their souls. Their will all the time has been to serve God, but when it came to details their will was to yield to the particular temptation, and this has occurred so often that their will-power seems sadly weakened.

They think they are captives when even now the great Liberator has set them free.

Let the answer to Satan be, when next he comes, "My will is to obey God whatever it costs me."

It is tremendously important that you should be "born from above," and that you should know that you are born from above, and that others should know it too, and that Satan should know it.

Real union with Christ, in the power of the Holy Ghost, is God's will for all, and it is by simple faith, persevering faith.

Time is very swiftly passing, and judgment is approaching very rapidly.

This is the first foundation truth. Let no man lay any other foundation than that which is laid—even Christ Jesus our Lord, our Redeemer, our great Deliverer, the Fulness of Life, and Power, and Salvation to those who believe.

The Spirit of Christ is waiting to help those who long to know that they are born from above. He is waiting to strengthen the faith of those who are weak, waiting to make real the Spirit life, "for they that are in the flesh cannot please God, but ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit if ye allow Christ's Spirit to dwell in you." (Rom. viii., 9.)

"The Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

You are saved not by happy feelings, but by a simple trust in your loving Saviour in times of darkness and depression, as well as in times of light and happiness. Are you born from above?

A PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEW BIRTH.

(i.) I believe and I know that my Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, can save me now and for all eternity.

(ii.) I fully believe that the Lord Jesus is longing to save my soul, and to save it to the uttermost.

(iii.) I desire with my whole heart to trust Him now, and to trust Him absolutely. I trust His precious shed Blood.

("Born from Above"—continued.)

(iv.) Though the great adversary of my soul may seem to gain the victory over me, I will continue to believe that I am saved by Christ ("Reconciled by His death and saved by His life," Rom. v., 10.)

(v.) I read, "Whosoever believeth on Him (the Lord Jesus) shall not perish, but have everlasting life" (John iii., 16). I believe, and therefore I shall not perish, for I accept the gift of God, eternal life.

(vi.) Holy Spirit of God, I trust Thee now to make all this real in my life. I accept in fulness this Birth from above as Thy Divine Gift. I am now a new creature in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Writer's Testimony.

Though God has, in His great mercy, permitted me now for more than twenty-nine years to be in His ministry, I have to confess that in the earlier part of that time I was not truly and experimentally "Born from Above." I believe that in those earlier days I honestly endeavoured to live up to, and preach up to, my light; but I do not wonder at a worthy parishioner once writing a letter of fatherly rebuke to me.

He told me in it that he missed in my ministry the preaching of the glorious doctrine of justification by faith. No wonder, for I could not honestly say then that I knew that my sins were forgiven, though, in a way, I did seek to preach Christ.

At last, in God's goodness, there came one of God's servants, a Missionary, to my Vicarage, and showed me the way of God more perfectly. It was just what I was longing for. He said in answer to a somewhat sad remark of mine, "My dear brother, do you positively mean that you have no assurance of salvation—do you not know that your sins are forgiven?" I confessed with shame that I did not. What a look of loving sympathy and sorrow he gave me, and then proposed we should go into my study and get this matter settled for time and eternity. Praise God for that interview!

We knelt together, and I arose with full assurance that my sins were forgiven me for His Name's Sake. I now had a real message to give, and had not much need of my old manuscript sermons. Yet I still yearned for more power with souls, and God showed me that he was willing to fill me with His Holy Spirit because He had commanded me to be filled (Eph. v., 18).

It was on the 21st September, 1892, at about 8.40 in the morning, in All Saints' Church, Monkwearmouth—my church in Sunderland, that the Holy Spirit in infinite love came upon me, when I was taking part in the Communion Service. I was reading the Epistle for the day (St. Matthew's Day), 2 Cor. iv., 6, when the Holy Spirit came in power. As I read these words (the sixth verse) He fell, "For God which commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." It overwhelmed me; my voice broke, and tears were in my eyes. I knew He had come, and that I was "fulfilled with His grace and heavenly benediction." When the service was over I praised Him in the words of the Doxology. The longing of my heart was satisfied; my constant prayer was answered.

His first fruit was love. I set out to put Him to the proof, and to the great astonishment of one who then I thought hated me, and another who I believed disliked me, God sent me with words of reconciliation and love. A wave of blessing followed, and I have *never been again on the former plane* of my experience, though I was soon led into the wilderness to be sorely tempted of the devil.

I had to learn, however, as others have had to learn, not to trust to past experiences or physical emotion, and when I had learned this, God brought me graciously into greater light.

I would not at the present go back even to the glory of that happy September morning when I received the fulness of the Holy Ghost. For He has taught me (and by strange methods and unexpected messengers) not to place Him—the Holy Spirit—in the place of Christ, but to allow Him to glorify Christ in us and through us. It is Christ alone Who saves. The Holy Spirit has led me to see, and therefore now to teach, our Union with Christ in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension, with its victory over sin and disease. It is all made real now to me by the Holy Spirit. *"The life was manifested, and we bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal Life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us"* (1 John i., 3). A.A.B.

☛ The fuller teaching as to the new life will be found in the Writer's Booklets on "Identification," "Necrosis," and "A Vicar's Testimony," all of which (with the above in booklet form) can be obtained free from the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland

BELIEVING GOD.

"I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me."—Acts 27:35.

When I first came to America, thirty-one years ago, I crossed the Atlantic with the captain of a steamer who was one of the most devoted men I ever knew; and when we were off the banks of Newfoundland he said to me:

"Mr. Inglis, the last time I crossed here, five weeks ago, one of the most extraordinary things happened. that has completely revolutionized the whole of my Christian life. Up to that time I was one of your ordinary Christians. We had a man of God on board, George Mueller, of Bristol. I had been on that bridge for twenty-two hours, and never left it. I was startled by someone tapping me on the shoulder. It was George Mueller."

"Captain," said he, "I have come to tell you that I must be in Quebec on Saturday afternoon." This was Wednesday.

"It is impossible," I said.

"Very well, if your ship can't take me, God will find some other means of locomotion to take me. I have never broken an engagement for fifty-seven years."

"I would willingly help you, but how can I? I am helpless."

"Let us go down to the chart room and pray," he said.

I looked at the man of God and I thought to myself, What lunatic asylum could the man have come from? I never heard of such a thing.

"Mr. Muller," I said, "do you know how dense this fog is?"

"No," he replied, "my eye is not on the density of the fog, but on the living God, who controls every circumstance of my life."

He went down on his knees, and he prayed one of the most simple prayers. I thought to myself, That would suit a children's class, where the children were not more than eight or nine years of age. The burden of his prayer was something like this, "O Lord, if it is consistent with Thy will, please remove this fog in five minutes. You know the engagement You made for me in Quebec for Saturday. I believe it is Your will."

When he had finished, I was going to pray, but he put his hand on my shoulder and told me not to pray.

"First," he said, "you do not believe God will do it; and second, I believe He has, and there is no need whatever for you to pray about it."

I looked at him, and George Mueller said this: "Captain, I have known my Lord for fifty-seven years, and there has never been a single day that I have failed to gain an audience with the King. Get up, captain, and open the door, and you will find the fog is gone." I got up, and the fog was gone.

On Saturday afternoon George Mueller was in Quebec.

This is according to spiritual law. Ask from a true heart in real faith, and God will answer.—C. Inglis.

(QUOTED IN "A Call to Faith.")

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THE PENTECOSTAL CONGRESS

AT WHITSUNTIDE, 1909, BEING THE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Of those who seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Sign of Tongues, together with their friends and sympathizers,

ALL SAINTS' PARISH HALL, FULWELL ROAD, MONKWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND,

JUNE 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 1909.

At the European Conference held in Germany, December, 1908, it was decided that the Congress at Whitsuntide at Sunderland should be the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, to which Pentecostal Leaders and Workers from all lands should be invited.

In the Name of our Beloved Lord, and trusting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we therefore invite friends in full sympathy with "Pentecost with Signs" to join us at Whitsuntide. We are not able to offer expenses or hospitality, the numbers are too large, but the Lord can in answer to individual prayer provide for each one *before leaving their homes*.

We have had difficulties with those who impose upon the kindness of Pentecostal friends at such a time, and therefore in love we would warn such not to give us the pain of refusing them.

It may hurt some to read such warnings, but perhaps they have not had the experiences we have sadly suffered. Every great work of God is attacked by the enemy through self-willed persons, and He is teaching us and using us to protect and keep pure His Work. Therefore to protect our friends who come long distances to those gatherings we find it wise, and we believe in accord with the mind of the Spirit, to ask all to conform to two conditions:—

1st. To be willing to declare that they are in full sympathy with those who seek Pentecost with the Sign of the Tongues.

2nd. To be willing to obey the ruling of the Chairman.

The Lord so wonderfully blessed us under these two conditions last year that we feel He gave His seal to those terms, and that He Himself put them in our minds.

Hymn Books will be supplied ("Songs of Victory," Allan, 143 Sauchiehall St., Glasgow).

Board and Lodging. All arrangements should be made, and made early, through the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland. Comfortable Lodgings, with or without board, can be had at reasonable terms to suit different parties. The Secretaries will be glad if all will arrange through them, so as to secure fairness to all and proportionate uniformity. (British friends are asked to send stamped envelope for reply.) The following is the proposed Programme for the Four Days. The details are liable to be altered, as the Holy Spirit guides:—

Tuesday, June 1st—

9:30—Leaders' Meeting. Germany to open.
(Entrance at back of Parish Hall.)

10:30 to 12:30—Necessity of True Sanctification. (Doors open at 10:25.)

3 p.m.—Social Meeting. (Light Refreshments.) Followed by an Open-air Meeting.

6:30 to 9—Address by Pastor Paul, of Berlin.

Wednesday, June 2nd—

9:30—Leaders' Meeting. America to open.
(Entrance at back of Parish Hall.)

10:30 to 12:30—"Prophetic Messages."

2 p.m.—General Council of the Pentecostal Missionary Union.

2:45 to 4:45—Foreign Missions. Mr. Cecil Polhill.

6:30—"Tongues" the Sign of "Pentecost."

Thursday, June 3rd—

(7 a.m.—The Holy Communion in All Saints' Church.)

9:30—Leaders' Meeting. Holland to open.
(Entrance at back of Parish Hall.)

10:30 to 12:30—Questions of Morality and Conduct. (Doors open at 10:25.)

2:45 to 4:45—Divine Life and Healing, Mrs. Boddy.

6:30 to 9—The Coming of the Lord.

Friday, June 4th—

9:30—Leaders' Meeting. Scandinavia to open. (Entrance at back of Parish Hall.)

10:30 to 1—Interpreted Testimonies from Brethren not speaking English.

2:45—Pastor Barratt on his Journey to the East.

6:30—Testimonies from English-Speaking Brethren.

Preliminary Meetings, especially for those seeking their Pentecost, will be held (God-willing) on Friday, 7:30 (May 28th); Saturday, all day (29th); Sunday (30th), and Monday (31st May).

A DAY OF PRAYER,

The Day of Prayer for the International Conference, will be Thursday, May 20th (Ascension Day). We ask friends right round the world to join us in Fasting and Prayer on that day, both for the Conference and for His Pentecostal Work.

London Meetings.—Special Meetings, before the International Conference, are being arranged by Mr. Cecil Polhill for May 25th to 28th, at which Pastor Barratt and Pastor Paul are the invited speakers.

A List of Visitors, with their Conference Addresses, now ready. Send a stamped envelope to the SECRETARIES, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland.

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REPORTS OF EASTER CONFERENCES.

The Cardiff Conference,

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Easter Week, 1909.

(REPORT BY PASTOR T. M. JEFFREYS).

We expected the Welsh Conference to be a difficult one. Our expectations have been fully realized. Yet so mighty is our God, that He has over-ruled all that seemed like defeat, and converted it into glorious victory, so that many a dear soul who came with hungry heart to Cardiff, has returned home satisfied with a grander, mightier, and more blessed Jesus.

Since the Welsh Revival, hundreds of the new-born babes have been going on in the divine life; but, alas, the churches have been going back. And so, there has been formed all over Wales, dozens of little assemblies of these "Plant y Diwygiad"—The Children of the Revival." In some instances they have come out of the churches, but in other cases, they still retain their church-membership, but meet together in each others homes for prayer and Bible-reading.

In these little cottage gatherings, many have experienced mighty baptisms in the Holy Spirit with signs following (Mark xvi. 17, 18) including the wonderful Tongues.

The sad part is, that through all these experiences they have had no shepherds. True, God can keep them, and He has—gloriously. But in many centres deluding spirits have crept in: the gifts and manifestations have been exalted: strange doctrines and self-opinionated notions have possessed many, and sad havoc has "the wolf" wrought among the little bands.

The Welsh character lacks restraint. Praise God for its happy liberty of thought and feeling; but it is just this sensitiveness to all psychic influence that needs to be understood in dealing with the Celtic people. They need to be taught, for instance, that the wonderful emotions liberated in the soul by the Spirit of God, must needs also be controlled by the same Spirit, and not indulged in riotously to the mere gratification of the animal senses.

Knowing this, I expected trouble at the Cardiff Conference, and consequently prayed for a Great Hand to guide and control.

TUESDAY'S MEETINGS.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, a happy, rejoicing company of some 150 souls, from all parts of Wales, were assembled in the Long Room, Park Hotel, Cardiff. Room was found in the inn, and surely never did hostelry ring with such glad and sanctified song as filled the building.

It was necessary for Rev. T. M. Jeffreys, right at the very commencement, to lovingly but firmly denounce the ecstasies of the flesh which some were indulging in, and also to silence one or two brothers, who were giving vent to vehement ejaculations of Tongues, manifestly not of God. After a little time of definitely upholding 1 Corinthians xiv., 27-28, peace came into the meeting,

and a season of deep, refreshing prayer was engaged in. So real was the sense of God's presence, that some felt for the first time that "Peace which passeth all understanding," entering definitely into their souls. All hail, the Prince of Peace!

Mr. Jeffreys read 1 Corinthians, xiii., and gave a brief address upon that perfect Divine Love, which must be recognized as the essential sign of the Holy Spirit Baptism, and which must be exalted above all gifts. The gifts must be given back to the Giver; their purpose is to the edifying of the body, and therefore the hastening of the coming of the Lord. Let Love reign.

A time of testimony was then enjoyed. It was suggested that a representative from each centre should give a brief testimony; accordingly we soon heard in glowing spiritual words how mightily God had been blessing in Tonypany, Llanelly, Bridgend, Aberkenfig, Tondy, Aberayron, Abertillery, and Waunlwyd.

AFTERNOON MEETING.

The afternoon meeting was addressed by Pastor Niblock of London, one of the pioneers of the work in Wales. It is he, who, under God, first of all brought the wondrous blessing to Waunlwyd, Bracknell, and Croydon, while since, he has gone around the various centres in Wales, doing much to exhort, instruct, and guide the earnest souls into the true paths of spiritual holiness. His message was "The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with signs following."

Mr. Cecil Polhill presided at the afternoon meeting, and gave his happy experience of the life in the Spirit since he had received his own Pentecostal baptism. The assembly was then thrown open for questions. This was most profitable. It served to bring difficulties to light, and enabled one to see how some of God's best children were carried away into delusions by the "enemy of souls." Is it right to use hymn books in the assembly? Do we need to keep within the teaching of the Word of God? Can we say that anyone is not baptized in the Spirit, if he has not received the

Tongues, etc.? These were asked not so much because the questioners themselves were in doubt, but because these questions had caused difficulty and even division in the centres. Mr. Polhill, Pastors Niblock and Jeffreys answered these questions, referring in every instance to the teaching of Scripture, and holding up the Word of God as the only guide in all questions of doctrine and of Church government.

EVENING MEETING.

In the evening Vicar Boddy was with us. How glad we were to see him. A large company had gathered together, and as Mr. Boddy gave the stirring story of God's gracious visitations at Sunderland, one felt that victories were being won in some prejudiced minds. The Lord bless them. We heard of tongues, and healings, and faith, and how under and through and above all, love was made manifest. We felt this was Pentecost. Thank God, too, for the solemn warnings uttered against all extravagance, strange teachings and insidious sins. The whole assembly became united in the One Spirit. Emmanuel! God was with us.

At the end a number of seekers for the "Holy Baptism" and divine healing came forward. One brother from Aberkenfig, Bro. W. Henson, had the witness to his being healed of acute gastritis of many months standing; and others definitely received the Holy Ghost. Glory to Jesus!

THE SPIRIT AND THE FLESH.

The morning meetings of both Wednesday and Thursday were given up to seekers. Several were blessedly baptized and healed. The Lord spoke through Mr. Sidforth of Cardiff, giving him also the interpretation. Praise God! Mrs. Leask, of Cardiff, received the sign of tongues, and was divinely healed of a cancer of many years standing. Truly, He's the very same Jesus!

Wednesday afternoon, Bro. Wigglesworth arrived, fresh from victories won at Bradford. His message upon the power of the Holy Ghost, was a mighty

one, and brought to everyone present a keen hunger for Pentecost. When he concluded, dozens flocked forward to definitely seek. But this part of the meeting culminated in quite an unnecessary outburst of riotous emotion and extravagance, such as, if encouraged, must surely hinder the pure and blessed workings of the Holy Spirit.

Welshmen do not need any inciting to shout, they are only too ready to do this. Praise should be free and unstinted. Hallelujahs must not be quenched, but there is no necessity to work up a shouting competition to an extent that the cries become screams and yells. This may seem hard, but God must not be dishonoured. Our eyes should be on Jesus, the pure example of all conduct, and while under the power of the Holy Ghost, it is to be expected that newly liberated emotions will find free vent, yet praise should always be offered up to a throne, high and lifted up, and rendered as if in the very presence of a Holy, Holy God.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The missionary meeting of Wednesday night was an unqualified success. At the end of Mr. Polhill's interesting but earnest address, a dozen young men volunteered for foreign service. It was a refreshing sight to see these young soldiers, kneeling down and signing their names in the full consciousness of what the step they were so definitely taking must mean. Pastor Jeffreys is enquiring into their fitness, and steps are being taken to provide suitable candidates with some training in Bible-teaching and other necessary equipment, ere they set out for the foreign field.

How graciously God has been working. Praise the Lord for Bro. Polhill with his past experience of missionary needs and organization! Praise Him for the Baptism of Fire that kindles the souls of young men to freely offer themselves to sow in the vast and darkened fields of heathendom! May the Holy Spirit burn the Gospel so into their hearts that they may become flames of fire in delivering the message of the Cross and the resurrection.

THURSDAY'S MEETINGS.

Thursday afternoon, Pastors Niblock and Jeffreys gave accounts of the progress of the work in various centres. Both testified to the reality of this blessed baptism, how God honoured it, and what a difference it made in hearts, lives and service. Dangers were pointed out, and the need of holiness emphasized. A number of ministers (who are sympathetic) were present, and it was felt that much good had been done.

Thursday night's meeting, the last of the conference, was thrown open for testimony. How inspiring it was to listen to testimonies, so fervently given, of blessing, healings and baptisms. The Rev. D. S. Jones, of Bridgend, a seeker for all that the Lord Jesus has to give, made earnest appeals for souls. Mr. Sidforth, of the Seamen's Mission, Cardiff, gave an account of God's dealings with his soul, how he had longed to visit Sunderland to seek the coveted baptism, but God had met him in Cardiff the day before, and spoken through him in an unknown tongue a message, to which He had that same day given him the interpretation. "The Lord Himself." Mrs. Leask's testimony to her healing called forth jubilant "Hallelujahs," and "Praise the Lords," tears flowed, hearts melted, and all faces were aglow. Then Bro. Wigglesworth exalted in his message "The precious Blood," and gave stirring testimonies of God's manifested power in many instances of healing and deliverance.

To a late hour many tarried and were blessed, and as we hurried to the trains, the verdict of many departing ones upon the Conference was "Well, I *have* been blessed, I *have* been blessed." "Diolch iddo!" "Now we shall go on." "Thank God for the lessons we have learned." One felt it was not in vain. Of course not; God is with us! God is with us! Mistakes were made, but so we learn. He rules, Hallelujah!

We will lift up our eyes, looking unto—perhaps to another Conference—but certainly looking unto Jesus!

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—Sensational accounts of some of the meetings at Cardiff appeared

in the South Wales papers, in the "Daily Mail," the "News of the World," etc. We fear that the articles were founded on some scenes which many regretted. The writers for these papers probably made the most of what they saw and heard, and naturally wrote highly interesting accounts from their point of view. We fear that what happened in some

of the meetings, after we left, together with these vividly descriptive articles, will put fear into the hearts of some honest seekers, and also cause many opposers to mock. Whilst we love and respect some of our brethren very especially, we cannot approve in detail of all their methods, especially any which seem to be efforts to work up manifestations.

Easter Conference at Bradford, April 9th to 13th, 1909.

[Extracts from the Notes of one who was there.]

From Good Friday until Easter Monday, a series of Pentecostal Meetings was held at the Boland Street Mission, Bradford (Yorks).

Pastor Hutchinson of Bournemouth, Pastor Niblock of Paddington, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller of Glasgow assisted Brother Smith Wigglesworth and Mrs. Wigglesworth.

The Good Friday was observed as a day of prayer and fasting, and was spent near the Cross.

Our correspondent writes :—

Many of the dear ones who gathered for the first meeting recognized how precious it was to give one's self over to prayer and fasting. As the hour came round we felt quite an inspiration as we looked on the faces of the dear hungry ones, many of whom had come long distances to be present at these gatherings.

Led by the Spirit, Bro. Wigglesworth gave out the opening hymn—

When I survey the wondrous Cross.

We were carried right off in the Spirit to that tragic scene enacted at Calvary, and which this Good Friday morning seemed to bring so fresh to our minds as we sang these words :

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down !
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet ?
Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?

We realized an attempt to restrain a rising emotion which seemed to find relief as we all got down before the Lord in a prolonged season of prayer and supplication with much thanksgiving. And as one and another was led out by the Spirit, we were carried right into His presence chamber, where we waited in silence for a time. It proved a real heart-searching period,

after which we gathered round the table of the Lord, remembering His words : "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."—1 Cor. xi., 26. After which Bro. Wigglesworth gave out a most inspiring though brief message, based upon St. Luke's Gospel, xxii., 14-23. Our beloved brother made much of the value of the precious Blood for heart-cleansing as an essential preparation for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire.

The speaker desired all present, who were earnestly seeking after God in His fulness, to be definite and practical, and bring everything to the Altar, and by a definite surrender get wholly sanctified, then the temples would be ready for the incoming of the Holy Ghost.

And so hearts seemed stirred as we were again led on our faces before God. There seemed to be a spirit of deep conviction of coldness and failure in the life, and so many were the expressions in confessions and repentance.

God graciously baptized with His own divine life and healed two dear ones, and two seeking ones received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke in Tongues.

After a little time of quiet conversation with one another, and introductions to dear ones from distances who had never looked into one another's faces yet seemed to know one another in the Spirit, one could not help raising a deep note of praise for Pentecost.

On resuming the meeting, Sister Miller, of Glasgow, read Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, iii., 14-21, dwelling specially on the 20th verse : "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding

abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." I do praise God for Pentecost: for the wondrous power the Holy Ghost has brought into my life. It's beautiful to know He is in us. God's word declares it so. Turn to John xiv., 17—"For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." What to do? Now turn to Jude, 24th verse, and see what the "exceeding abundantly" means:—"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." Then turn to Romans xvi., 25: "Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began." But, hallelujah! it's no longer a secret (26th) but is now being made manifest, and is being made known to all nations for the obedience of faith, so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

This message was quite an inspiration, as one could realize this dear sister's heart was burning with the fire and fervour of the message she spoke.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT.

Pastor Hutchinson, from Bournemouth, gave a very helpful message on the value of the Blood, based on Exodus xxiv., 6-8, "And Moses took the Blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the Blood of the Covenant, which the Lord hath made with you." In these days the merits and efficacy of the precious shed Blood of the Lord Jesus, are being made very real to many of God's dear ones all over the world, and the Holy Ghost seems to be witnessing to the power and value of that Blood which has been lost sight of in the Church so long: and, alas, so many are still seeking to belittle and minimise. But, praise God, many who are seeking and those who are enjoying Pentecostal blessing, are realizing there is power, power, wonder working power, in the precious Blood of Lamb.

Bro. John Miller, from Glasgow, spoke from S. John's Gospel, 1st chap., ver. 38, "Then Jesus turned and saw them following, and saith

unto them, What seek ye?" Jesus would have us confess to Him the object and motive of our search, for that will determine the reality and extent of blessing we will receive at these Conference gatherings. If we have come to these gatherings with any other motive than to see Jesus, and to receive more of His fulness in order to glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are His, then our object is not a right one. You may have known much of the Spirit's presence and power in your life in the past, but, bless you, there are experiences of fulness you have never yet dreamt of. These two disciples of John had been to John's baptism for repentance, had no doubt formed many loving ties to John and others, but John ever kept before his followers the "One coming after me," who shall baptize with the Holy Ghost, and as soon as He appeared, they were directed right away to Him, and immediately left all their past experiences and followed Him. It was well they did, for they were invited to come and see where He abode, and stayed over the night, and what transpired we know not. We can from the results safely assume they did receive something they had not before, for Andrew findeth his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus. So, get to see Jesus to-day, and you'll bring your brother to-morrow.

SATURDAY'S MEETINGS.

Pastor Hutchinson asked us to turn to the Prophet Amos, vii., 8, God's question to Amos: "What seest thou? and I said, A plumbline." What is a plumbline, and what is its use? It is used by builders to prove the straightness and correctness of the building while in course of construction; and when the plumbline is applied sometimes the builder takes his hammer and knocks and chips in order to get the right perpendicular. And so God uses this in relation to His people, and says He will not pass by them any more, and so He is going to prove the straightness of that life and character we are building. The Holy Ghost, during the meetings, is going to prove the plumbness of the structure, and there may be a good piece of chipping and knocking, and possibly a pulling down of all that is faulty, and perhaps a pulling up from the very foundations.

Pastor Niblock turned us to Rev. xxi., 7—"He that overcometh shall inherit all things." In these days of the outpouring of the Holy Ghost God is separating to Himself a band of overcomers. How are we to be overcomers? In Rev. xii., 11, John tells us Michael and his angels overcame Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death. The Blood of Jesus was both the meritorious and exemplary cause of their victory.

"By the word of their testimony." It's not enough—the Blood being shed—we must bear our testimony of faith in the value of that Blood to cleanse and keep cleansing as we walk in the light. "They loved not their lives unto the death." By patient bearing of the Cross and not shunning the danger of death. Pentecost is bringing many of us into that experience, and only through the Blood are we overcomers.

EASTER DAY MESSAGES.

Sister Miller, Glasgow, gave a blessed message on "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?"—Mark xvi., 3. Luke xxiv.—When the Sabbath was past, the women brought sweet spices to embalm Him very early in the morning, at the rising of the sun, and while they were coming they were very greatly perplexed about who would roll away the stone. But when they got there, the stone was rolled away. "For it was great." The stone seemed to fill their vision and occupy their thoughts and well nigh brought dismay and discouragement to them. But it was rolled away. The devil has always a great stone to put in our way to get us occupied with the hindrances. There may be a stone in the way this morning, but get there and it will be gone. But there are stones in the way we can roll away ourselves, for, you remember, Jesus told the dear ones at Lazarus's grave to roll away the stone, she did not plead inability, but put her own human reason in the way—"He stinketh," and it was true, for there was corruption for lack of life. But the Life-giving One was there to give life. Roll away the stone! Roll away the stone!! Roll away the stone!!! Beloved, the Resurrected One is here and all the corruption of calumny and worldliness and

pride, etc., shall be dispelled and you will know the Resurrection Life Power of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Niblock read Luke's Gospel, 22nd chap. 15-21. He said: I love to turn to the Cross of Christ in these words of the 18th verse—"I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come."

Jesus, previous to going to the Cross, suffered much weakness through loss of Blood. He poured out His Life continually in His sufferings, in Pilate's scourgings, in Gethsemane's Garden, while in an agony He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was as it were drops of Blood falling down to the ground (see verse 44). Then as the crown of thorns was placed on His brow in mockery, the Blood trickled down His face. Then on the Cross from His hands and feet, lacerated by the nails, and finally from the spear-wound in His side.

The more blood we lose the more thirsty we become. Jesus was thirsty and they gave Him vinegar. (Psalm lxi., 21.) How many to-day are giving Him vinegar: how much wine am I giving Him to drink, by my life: how much am I going to give Him to-day. Well, the more the fruit is crushed the more the wine produced, and so the measure in which I am crushed during these meetings that measure will determine the measure I will be able to meet the thirst of Jesus.

Pastor Hutchinson gave a most impressive message on "Seven Dips," rehearsing in a most graphic way the attitude of Naaman in 2 Kings 5th chap., being smitten with leprosy and coming in all his military pomp and splendour to Elisha, the Prophet, full of his own thoughts and ideas as to how the Prophet would meet him, and the awful humbling he suffered at the hands of God through His servant Elisha, as he sent the message to wash seven times in Jordan. This dear brother, having been trained in military discipline, pictured the scene most vividly as Naaman drove off in a passion, vowing vengeance upon Elisha, and the courage of one of his servants to approach his master and said "My father if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it. How much rather then, when he saith to thee Wash and be clean." He went down to Jordan and dipped in its waters

emphasising the truth that although he was in Jordan and had come up for the sixth time, he was still as leprous as before he went in. In Jordan yet still a leper; had he came out at that point he would have died a leper, he had not yet surrendered his will in perfect obedience until he came up for the seventh or perfect number of times. Then, turning the application on the meeting, he very forcefully said "There are some here who had gone a good way in yielding obedience to God, well, praise Him for all the way you have come, but the perfect and complete cleansing is in the *seventh dip*."

"Naaman came out of Jordan with his flesh like unto the flesh of a little child. Get under the Blood, in perfect obedience, and get all that proud, stubborn heart cleansed from all your own ideas and thoughts regarding how you think God will meet you in Pentecostal fulness. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Many Naamans to-day have a better way than by the precious Blood of Jesus, and so go off in a rage. If ever you get Pentecost, and speak with new tongues, it will be on the ground of Blood. May the dear Lord help you to come and get under for the final dip.

Pastor Niblock gave a very helpful and inspiring address based on Hebrews ii., 9-11, "For we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Our blessed Captain has led and shewn us the way, through sinners yet made fit by regeneration and absolute cleansing from sin's pollution. He merited by His sufferings such an inheritance in order to bring us into the glorious experience of the fulness of the Holy Ghost, so as to be able to live a life of victory. He was perfected through suffering, and so accomplished in death, by the Blood of His sacrifice, that complete victory which will enable all who come under the sanctifying power of the Blood to live an overcoming life through the power of the Holy Ghost, coming upon the soul which has been

thoroughly purged, and made ready for His coming upon, as on the day of Pentecost.

EASTER MONDAY (April 12th).

As we sang the opening hymn, the Holy Ghost fell upon the meeting and immediately formed itself into an enquiry meeting. The glory of the Lord seemed to fill the Hall, and for several hours our hands were full leading many dear ones into Pentecost, and quite a number sought anointing for healing, and, praise God, many came through speaking in Tongues. Every meeting there were many anxious ones, and God met many hungry ones. One brother came on his cycle 50 miles to see the work, on Sabbath evening. Bro. Wigglesworth said if he was in earnest to meet God, he would not sleep any till he was baptized. And on Monday morning he came to Bro. Wigglesworth's house crying. The Spirit came upon him, and before 9 o'clock the Holy Ghost came upon him and spoke through him with a new Tongue, and he bore a beautiful testimony as to how God had led him to the meetings and dealt with him in his life on Sabbath Day. Other two dear sisters came to the house at 8 o'clock in the morning. One received Pentecost in the house, the other at the hall.

Altogether God has very signally set His seal to this Conference, and I understand between 40 and 50 received the Holy Ghost and spoke with Tongues, and about 20 cases of Divine Healing. It was a real time of blessing to listen to the testimonies of those who had come long distances and were going back rejoicing to their homes. One will not readily forget their visit to Bradford, feeling we are glad the promised Pentecost has come.

Much credit is due to Bro. and Sis. Wigglesworth for the loving way in which they provided accommodation, and their untiring zeal to meet the wants of visitors with refreshments. The Lord abundantly bless them in their work.

Several other addresses were given.

Pastor Hutchinson gave a loving message on these words from Mark 16th, "Them that Believe." A real Pentecostal message.

Sister Miller seemed to move the hearts by a loving message from Isaiah xli., 10, "Fear thou not, be not dismayed, I am thy God."

Bro. John Miller's closing message from 2 Kings vii., 9, these words "We do not well, this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace. Come that we may tell the king's household."

GOD'S CHOICE WORKERS.

By the late Dr. A. S. Worrell.

These are the ones that labor, and strive, and struggle to win souls to Christ, and actually succeed in doing it; and then, before these saved ones lose their first love, they lead them right on into a life of full surrender to Christ, and into the Trinity-filled life, or a life all under the control of the Spirit, Son, and Father—the highest and most blessed life possible to mortals on this earth. He who wins most souls to Christ, and then leads them, instrumentally, into a life of unreserved consecration to God, is God's choicest worker.

Such a worker may be unknown to the fashionable public; and he may count for little in theological circles of "learning and culture," and where soul-winning and soul-training are little known; but God, Who records the deeds of His people, seeth them; and, at the final assizes, they will shine as the stars of the firmament; while those who had most honors in this world may scarcely be noticed. It will then appear that the soul-winner was the wise man; and, if one is, also, a skilful soul-trainer, leading "babes" to become fully grown men, it will doubtless, add much glory to him.

So, beloved, let us covet to win and train souls for Jesus. Let us give ourselves wholly to Him, that He may make us just such instruments as He would have us be. If we will let Him dwell in our hearts, and have entire control of our lives, He will not only make us real workers for Him, but He will, also, in co-operation with the Spirit and the Father, make us like Himself. Surely there can be nothing better than to be made like Him; nor is there any better way to become a real worker for Him than by having His life perfected in us (2 Cor. 3:18; Eph. 4:13-16). This would fit one for the highest and most efficient service for Him here; since, upon such a person, the Spirit might bestow all His wonderful gifts (2 Cor. 12:8-11), with perfect safety to the cause of Christ and to such an instrument.

We should ever keep before us that

our present lives have to do with leading souls to Christ, and training them for His glory. Whatever, therefore, does not tend, directly or indirectly to accomplish one or other of these results, we should have nothing to do with. Let us, therefore, not be turned aside from this work, but seek to be at our best in pushing it forward—the work of winning souls to Jesus and training them for Him as His instruments.

Let us never forget that we are to receive power and wisdom to win souls to Christ, through the Holy Spirit coming upon us and filling us (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8, 2:4). The more absolutely we are under the control of the Holy Spirit, the more He can accomplish through us, in the way of leading souls to Christ, and training them for Him. Then, let us give ourselves wholly to God, that He may make us ideal workers for Him, by bringing many souls to Christ as His instruments, and leading them into the place of perfect victory in Christ.

What an unspeakable honor it is to be such a worker for God! It brings greater good to others, more glory to God, and more bliss into our lives, than any other type of life can do. Such a life—a life given up wholly to God—brings God—the Spirit, the Son, and the Father—into one's being, as no other life can; and this Divine Companionship and fellowship bring a joy and delight such as no other human beings can know; for neither learning, culture, riches, nor ecclesiastical, social, literary, or commercial honors, nor all these together, can bring any such bliss. No; the honor that comes from unbroken fellowship with Each Person in the Godhead, is infinitely superior to all the honor that can come from all other sources. Yea, God delighteth to dwell in the contrite and lowly heart; and the contrite and lowly ones are His chosen workers. What glorious possibilities lie before His workers, if they will only give Him a chance to work in them all the pleasure of His will!

From the "Pentecostal Witness."

REMEMBER THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS at Whitsuntide, at Sunderland, and pray for it.

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