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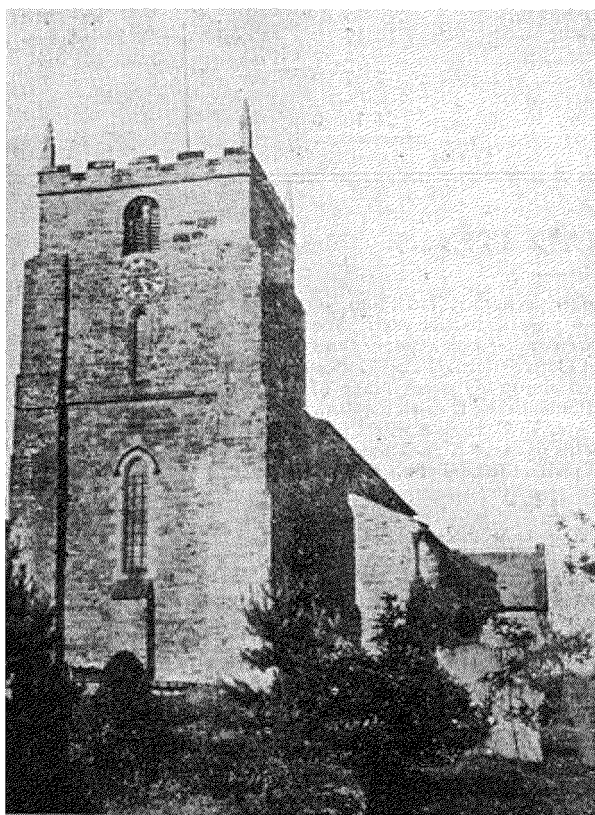
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PERSONAL ITEMS.

A saintly Danish patriarch, Mr. Th. Plum, of Copenhagen, etc., has passed to his rest. We had the privilege of welcoming him at more than one of our Sunderland Conventions. The Editor of "Confidence" visited him in his great place of business at St. Anna Plads, in the Danish Capital. He was deeply interested in Christian work, and brought out for years his paper, "Kirkeklokkens" ("The Church Clock") with the help of his Editor.

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Our Brother Smith Wigglesworth arrived safely in New Zealand after an interesting visit to the friends at Honolulu, in the islands of the Pacific. He greatly enjoyed seeing the natives, especially the children. Many were blessed through his ministry. The voyage across the Pacific was trying because of the heat. Several were healed on the ship.

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Many of the Pentecostal friends welcomed him as he landed in New Zealand. The first meetings were in Auckland, then Hamilton. He expects to visit the chief centres, returning *via* Canada and the States in the spring. A Church Mission of Healing by Mr. James Moore Hickson has also been held in New Zealand. An interesting account is found in his paper, "The Healer" (63d. post free, 130 Sutherland Avenue, London, W. 9).

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PITTINGTON. A Watch-Night Service. As the Church clock struck 12, and 1924 came in, the

Vicar of Pittington and many of his people were on their knees, and soon were joining in a solemn Communion Service. A year of great blessing was ended, and with faith and love we look forward to the future.

'Tis just a little while,
And He shall come again,
Who died that we might live, Who lives
That we with Him may reign.
Then, O my Lord, prepare
My soul for that glad day;
O wash me in Thy precious Blood,
And take my sins away.

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The Rev. Reginald Taylor and Mrs. Taylor (formerly Miss Boddy) are to spend their last days before sailing on the S.S. "Kalgan" (Feb. 15) at Pittington Vicarage. They are to address a number of meetings, etc., and to be on the platform of the Victoria Hall at Sunderland on February 4th. Their address at first will be—c/o C.M.S., Shanghai, China.

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Two Church Army Missioners are visiting Pittington Parish by the invitation of the Vicar. They will live in their C.A. Van, and accept hospitality from the parishioners. Earnest prayer will doubtless bring great blessing to the many meetings.

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The next issue of "Confidence" will of necessity be delayed, unless gifts come in more generously than of late.

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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,' Pittington, Durham."

Mrs. Crisp: A Mother in Israel.

The Editor of "Confidence" has obtained from three different pens thoughts as to our dear friend. How mighty were her words, and how they were driven home by her personality and her godliness! She was loyal to her Lord, with a passion for souls, and a clear judgment in all difficult circumstances.

Mrs. Walshaw, of Rothwell Road, Halifax, Yorkshire, writes:—

"We Pentecostal people have suffered a great loss in the home-going of Mrs. Crisp. She was a 'great woman,' and no one can take her place. On the Saturday before her death Mrs. Saxon and I were in London, and we tripped down to Bromley to see her. She was not well and had stayed in bed, so we sat beside her, talking of the King and the Kingdom, and having such a happy time together. How transparently glad she was to see us! She was always so wise and sane, as I told her of some 'ideas' I had and intended carrying out. She instantly gave a tender, earnest *caution* with *encouragement*. How gifted she was! Her Bible talks, her gift of interpretation, her insight, discernment—so *reliable*, so sympathetic. She was just a darling."

Mrs. K. H. Brodie (35 Arkwright Road, Hampstead, N.W. 3) writes:—

"I count it a sacred privilege to send you a few remembrances of our dear friend, Mrs. Crisp, who is now with Christ. It was over twenty ago that we first met at one of Mrs. Boardman's meetings (3 Highbury Place), and afterwards I had the privilege of being often near her on the platform at

'BETHSHAN.'

She always reminded me of Lydia, 'whose heart the Lord opened' (Acts xvi., 14). She loved to speak of Him, of what He had done for her, and would do for all who trusted Him. Long before she came to 'Bethshan' she had been healed of rheumatism, which so affected her that she became a helpless cripple—so helpless, she could not even turn the pages of her Bible.

HER CONVERSION

took place when she was about twelve years old, and as the plan of redemption was revealed to her, she determined to follow the Lord at any cost. These steps of faith cost her much. They cost separation from some she dearly loved; they

cost loss of reputation, earthly joys and comforts; but she had heard the call, and obeyed His voice.

LIKE LYDIA,

she had said, 'If ye have judged me to be faithful, come into my house, and abide there': and, as that 'house' meant her whole being, spirit, soul, and body, she was 'judged faithful.' He came by His Spirit, and dwelt in her. It was a joy to hear her bold, aggressive testimony to His full salvation, as she pleaded with her hearers in meetings to surrender themselves to Him; and, as her ministry developed, to see how she 'grew in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' (2 Peter iii., 18). She was a

JOYOUS CHRISTIAN,

as well as a faithful witness. Her messages, always from the Word of God, were like breezes from the ocean of His love, and many can testify that she taught them the 'secret of a happy Christian life.' 'The joy of the Lord was her strength.' When 'Bethshan' was closed, numerous requests for prayer (by those who used to write there) were sent to Mrs. Crisp, and many notes of praise (in the 'Christian Herald') told of answers given to those prayers."

Mr. W. Glassby (of Ladyfield, Renhold, Bedford) writes (in "Flames"):—

"It was on Tuesday morning, October 16th, that Mrs. Crisp heard the call of the One whom she had loved and served for so many years; a call that has meant sorrow and sadness to a great number of the Lord's people; but a sorrow tempered in vast measure with the joy that we would seek to share with her in the glorious privilege of her entrance into the Divine Presence.

"It was only a few weeks since that she attended for the last time the fortnightly meeting of the P.M.U. Council, bright and cheerful, and keenly eager in her share of interest in the work she so much loved; seeming to look very tired and worn.

"Mrs. Crisp was born in Devonshire in the year 1856; was converted soon after her family removed to London when she was eleven years of age, and was for many years the only Christian in her family. She was still young when she began to work for the Lord, taking Sunday School and Bible Classes, which were marked not only by increasing attendances, but by spiritual blessing. She was never very strong, and at an early age developed rheumatism in an acute form, which reduced her to a helpless and crippled condition. A sister who knew of the Lord's healing spoke to

(Mrs. Crisp: A Mother in Israel—continued.)

her on the subject; but at first produced little impression. On studying the Bible, however, to see what that had to say on the matter, she discovered that, so far from sickness being sent as a chastisement from God, it stood plainly revealed that God's purpose was to heal; and she was anointed by the late Rev. John Allen, a minister of a church in Hackney, where the Lord's healing power was mightily manifested, with the result that she was completely delivered. It was at this church that she first began to speak in public. She then attended Mrs. Boardman's meetings in Highbury, and later took part in the meetings at

'BETHSHAN.'

When 'Bethshan' was closed, Mrs. Crisp offered to continue to receive the requests for prayer which used to be sent there. This was made known through the columns of the 'Christian

"When the

PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT

first started, Mrs. Crisp was amongst those who received the deeper revelation of truth; and when on the formation of the Pentecostal Missionary Union someone was required to take charge of a Training Home for women workers, Mrs. Crisp was asked to undertake this work. Without giving up one of the other activities in which she was engaged, she at once gave herself wholeheartedly to this new work. This involved not only the actual work of instruction, but such other matters as the furnishing of the Home, the superintendence of the household arrangements, and the selection of outfits for outgoing missionaries. She took a comprehensive course of Bible study, embracing the contents and general characteristics of each book of the Bible in order from Genesis to Revelation; but hardly less important than the Bible study was the individual attention paid to the development and training of character, which

is so important to all who intend to labour for the Lord, whether in the foreign field or elsewhere.

"It was not long before Mrs. Crisp began to be in request as

A SPEAKER AT CONVENTIONS

and other meetings, which were often arranged for her, not only in London, but in all parts of the country; in South Wales, Scotland, and Ireland; and she thus became known to an ever-widening circle of friends. Wherever she went, sinners were converted, Christians were blessed, and the sick were healed. She had



THE LATE MRS. CRISP, WITH MISSIONARIES OF THE P.M.U.
(In Training in the Women's Home, 1914.)

Herald.' It was no unusual thing for over two hundred such letters to be received in the course of a week, each of which was individually prayed over; and many and marvellous were the testimonies received to healing from every kind of disease, and to deliverance from every kind of temporal trouble.

"Mrs. Crisp was then led to open a branch of THE Y.W.C.A. IN HACKNEY,

which rapidly grew from a membership of about half a dozen to over three hundred. Bible classes, prayer meetings, and evangelistic services filled the week, and many were converted and led into blessing at these gatherings. Not a few from time to time offered themselves for service in the foreign mission field, and many are now labouring in India, China, Africa and elsewhere in connection with the P.M.U. and other societies. Though the work is no longer connected with the Y.W.C.A., it still goes on in other premises, and much blessing still results.

a wonderful insight into the Word of God, a comprehensive grasp of Divine truth, and a wide sympathy with all. Even since her strength began to fail, she has gladly taken part in meetings as she was able; and it was only three weeks before the end that she was speaking at Croydon, on 2 Peter i., 11: 'For so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' She said on this occasion that she would rather go home a scarred warrior than not go home a warrior at all; but that she desired, not to enter into glory a battered wreck, but to have an 'abundant entrance,' bringing her sheaves with her. How significant these words seem in the light of what has happened since—for surely the abundant entrance she so desired is hers at last. The very last occasion when she spoke in public was only a week before she passed away, when she addressed a meeting of women at Bromley on Psalm xxxiv.: 'I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth.'

The Word of Knowledge and of Faith.

EVANGELIST SMITH WIGGLESWORTH,

Of 70 Victor Rd., Bradford, Yorkshire, England.

"To another the word of knowledge, by the same Spirit; to another faith, by the same Spirit" (1 Cor. xii., 8, 9).

We have not passed this way hitherto. I believe that Satan has many devices and that they are worse to-day than ever before; but I also believe that there is to be a full manifestation on the earth of the power and glory of God to defeat every device of Satan.

In Ephesians iv. we are told to endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, for there is one body, and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all. The Baptism of the Spirit is to make us all one. Paul tells us in 1 Cor. xii., 13, that by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. It is God's thought that we speak the same thing. If we all have the full revelation of the Spirit of God we shall all see the same thing. Paul asked these Corinthians, "Is Christ divided?" When the Holy Ghost has full control, Christ is never divided, His body is not divided, there is no division, schism and division are the product of the carnal mind.

How important it is that we shall have the manifestation of "the word of knowledge" in our midst. It is the same Spirit who brings forth the word of wisdom that brings forth the word of knowledge. The revelation of the mysteries of God comes by the Spirit, and we must have a supernatural word of knowledge in order to convey to others the things which the Spirit of God has revealed. The Spirit of God reveals Christ in all His wonderful fulness, and He shows Him to us from the beginning to the end of the Scriptures. It is the Scriptures that make us wise unto salvation, that open to us the depths of the kingdom of heaven which reveal all the divine mind to us.

There are thousands of people who read and study the Word of God. But it is not quickened to them. The Bible is a dead letter except by the Spirit. The words that Christ spoke were not just dead words, but they were spirit and life.

And so it is the thought of God that a living word, a word of truth, the word of God, a supernatural word of knowledge, shall come forth from us through the power of the Spirit of God. It is the Holy Ghost who will bring forth utterances from our lips and a divine revelation of all the mind of God.

The child of God ought to thirst for the Word. He should know nothing else but the Word, and should know nothing among men save Jesus. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." It is as we feed on the Word and

MEDITATE ON THE MESSAGE

it contains, that the Spirit of God can vitalise that which we have received, and bring forth through us the word of knowledge that will be as full of power and life as when He, the Spirit of God, moved upon holy men of old and gave them these inspired Scriptures. They were all inbreathed of God as they came forth at the beginning, and through the same Spirit they should come forth from us vitalised, living, powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.

With the gifts of the Spirit should come the fruit of the Spirit. With wisdom we should have love, with knowledge we should have joy, and with the third gift, faith, we should have the fruit of peace. Faith is always accompanied by peace. Faith always rests. Faith laughs at impossibilities. Salvation is by faith, through grace, and it is the gift of God. We are kept by the power of God through faith. God gives faith and nothing can take it away. By faith we have power to enter into the wonderful things of God. There are three positions of faith: saving faith, which is the gift of God; the faith of the Lord Jesus; and the gift of faith. You will remember the word of the Lord Jesus Christ given to Paul, to which he refers in Acts xxvi., where the Lord commissioned him to go to the Gentiles, "to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among them WHICH ARE SANCTIFIED BY FAITH THAT IS IN ME."

Oh, this wonderful faith of the Lord Jesus. Your faith comes to an end. How many times I have been to the place where I have had to tell the Lord, "I have

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Editor—

Alex. A. Boddy, Vicar of Pittington,
Durham.

NOTE.—Gifts are acknowledged upon the inside of the front cover. British letters requesting a reply should contain a stamped directed envelope. The Editor is not able always to answer letters as he has other duties.

The Word of God.

Read Deut. ix., 1-5. God is a covenant-keeping God. His covenant with you and me is life and peace. God is speaking to the children of Israel in this chapter as to why He wanted the wickedness driven out of the land. They were enemies of God, and that is why He wanted them driven out, and why He wanted His people to get their eyes off their own good to be fixed on God. He is a holy God, and did not wish the enemy to possess land belonging to Him. The Anakims, I suppose we all know, represent children of the flesh.

We must always learn spiritual truths from God's Word. I want now to pass on some revelations of the Word of God He has given me lately. Unless you have the Word of God in you, and the Word has become life in you, it is very difficult to stand in these perilous days. The Word is a seed—the very life of God Himself. We can take these verses to inspire us with a new hope, with a new view, let us say, of going in to possess the land. We are hungry for God. But why are we hungry for God? Is it that *we* may be filled with power, or is it that everything contrary to God may be driven out? If it is for that you want God, you will find Him. To get power in your hands is a dangerous thing—the most dangerous thing. The power must be in the hands of the New Creation, the new man in Christ Jesus.

The past year has not been a year of tremendous power, but a year of tremendous weakness—a year of helplessness. Praise God for every failure of our own! We are more helpless than ever before. We

should know why this is. Many do not understand that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a baptism of *fire*, the utter demolishing of everything contrary to God in us—a baptism into death, a baptism in which we shall disappear and Christ shall take our place.

We have come over Jordan into the life of Jesus. It is the life of *Jesus* that has to be proved. That is what God is longing for us to see: to go in and possess the land and turn out the giants great and tall, not because of our own righteousness, or because we are great people, but because God wants them out. O that we might get the eyes of our understanding opened, to see the exceeding greatness of the power of God to us—the same power which raised Jesus from the dead. God is going before us as a consuming fire, bringing us into the power of the resurrection. We have understood something of the power of Calvary—a little of it. As we remain under the power of Calvary we shall understand the power of the Resurrection. God is a consuming fire. He it is that must destroy, first of all of the carnal in spirit, soul, and body. He must do it. The Word of God is being tried, to see if it is true or not. It *is* true, and has proved true. He must destroy, so that we shall simply be a channel and nothing more, so that power can be passing through us to others. There must be nothing but the glory of Jesus Christ. It is not a pleasant process, it is a humbling process. We have had the idea that if we were filled with the Holy Ghost we should become powerful. Power is good; we have realised power in a measure; but God wants us to be vessels, willing to let our thoughts be consumed, that we may receive His thoughts. Let every desire you have go through death, even your desire for good things. He will give you His desire, not only that you should be holy, but that Jesus should be glorified. He will glorify Jesus, and the days are coming when Jesus shall be glorified, and nothing can prevent it. God's children must represent to the world the glory of Jesus Christ.

He is going to prepare a vessel. The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. The devil is counterfeiting everything—counterfeiting power, counterfeiting gifts;—but he cannot counterfeit the life of

Jesus Christ. "Out of you shall flow rivers of living water, and whatever the water shall touch shall live."

We must get our views of Divine healing changed. Praise God for every relief from pain, but it is *Life* we need. Spiritualism, Science, and Theosophy cannot give that. The Word of God will be life in us, and as we speak the Word boldly He will stretch forth His hands and heal, in the name of Jesus only. Not one word Jesus has ever said to me has failed. God has allowed it to be proved that He has defeated the Devil, and that He has life abundant—life that will produce new desires, new habits. We try to get new desires before we have new life. But we need *Life, Life, Life*. Look at the trees, the flowers, the sunshine—that is the glory of God. Let the Holy Ghost purify you through the Word. Let the Word sink into your heart, whether you understand it or not. It is a living thing. The Holy Ghost will quicken it, and it will become life and substance within you. Take the Word of God, and don't let the Devil take it away. Hold it in your heart. It is a living thing; it is a living thing, it is a living thing—it is life, and you will find what you are longing for.

Everything in the universe that lives is held together by love. God is love, and, whether on the just or unjust, God is sending forth from the throne His own love, His own light, His own life, His own glory; and all is held together by the same love. Every atom of the universe is held together by the love of God—pure, disinterested, mighty *Love*. He cannot help loving the world; the love of God brought it into existence. "Because I have done this for you, go and possess it—turn out those enemies. Not because you want to be good, because you want to go to heaven, but because they are enemies of God." You hate them because you love God. Jesus never cared what became of Himself so long as God was glorified. He did not shrink from humiliation, despising, judgment, the shameful death on the Cross. Cost what it would, cost what it did, cost what it might, He was true to His God, and God was true to Him.

He went to the sin-stricken, and said, "An enemy hath done this," and the enemy had to go, for he was an enemy of His Father. The enemies of God had to be overcome, to be robbed of their prey.

He allowed His sacred Body to become *dead*, and His enemies could do no more with it.

You must let your thoughts about God go, and let God put His own thoughts of Himself in you, and you will wonder at the greatness of them. God Himself will work so mightily in and through us that people will be compelled to say: *this* is Jesus, *this* is Christ, *this* is God. The magicians, up to a point, could do all that Moses did; but they came to a point, and that was the point of life, they could do no more. They could not give *Life* to even a little thing like an insect. They had to retire, and confess it was the finger of God.

God will do great things if you listen to Him—listen to His Word, His written Word. Take that, think upon it, hold it, let the Holy Ghost make it real to you. A change will come over your whole being. He will give light, life, and a wonderful view of God. Some are apt to get up and say, "I am filled with the Holy Ghost." God forbid we should use language like that. We are **NOTHING**. The life in Christ is so simple—just to be like a little child, who goes where it is carried, and just knows that it is carried, cared for, kept. It is such a happy life. The devil is always trying to draw us back to the old self life.

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used all the faith I have," and then He has placed His own faith within me.

One of our workers said to me at Christmas time, "Wigglesworth, I never was so near the end of my purse in my life." I replied, "Thank God, you are just at the opening of God's treasures." It is when we are at the end of our own that we can enter into the riches of God's resources. It is when we possess nothing that we can possess all things.

The Lord will always meet you when you are on the line of living. I was

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at one time, and went to a house and said to the lady who came to the door, "Is Brother Wallace here?" She replied, "Oh, he has gone to Bangor, but God has sent you here for me. I need you. Come in." She told me her husband was a deacon of the Presbyterian Church. She had herself received the Baptism while

(The Word of Knowledge and of Faith—continued.)

she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but they did not accept it as from God. The people of the church said to her husband, "This thing cannot go on. We don't want you to be deacon any longer, and your wife is not wanted in the church." The man was very enraged and he became incensed against his wife. It seemed as though an evil spirit possessed him, and the home that had once been peaceful became very terrible. At last he left home and left no money behind him, and the woman asked me what should she do.

We went to prayer, and before we had prayed five minutes the woman was mightily filled with the Holy Ghost. I said to her, "Sit down and let me talk to you. Are you often in the Spirit like this?" She said, "Yes, and what could I do without the Holy Ghost now?" I said to her, "The situation is yours. The Word of God says that you have power to sanctify your husband. Dare to believe the Word of God. Now the first thing we must do is to pray that your husband comes back to-night." She said, "I know he won't." I said, "If we agree together, it is done." She said, "I will agree." I said to her, "When he comes home show him all possible love, lavish everything upon him. If he won't hear what you have to say, let him go to bed. The situation is yours. Get down before God and claim him for the Lord. Get into the glory just as you have got in to-day, and as the Spirit of God prays through you, you will find that God will grant all the desires of your heart."

A month later I saw this sister at a convention. She told how her husband came home that night and that he went to bed, but she prayed right through to victory and then laid her hands upon him. The moment she laid hands upon him he cried out for mercy. The Lord saved him and baptised him in the Holy Spirit. The power of God is beyond all our conception. The trouble is that we do not have the power of God in a full manifestation because of our finite thoughts, but as we go on and let God have His way, there is no limit to what our limitless God will do in response to a limitless faith. But you will never get anywhere except you are in constant pursuit of all the power of God.

One day when I came home from our open-air meeting at eleven o'clock I found

that my wife was out. I asked, "Where is she?" I was told that she was down at Mitchell's. I had seen Mitchell that day and knew that he was at the point of death. I knew that it was impossible for him to survive the day unless the Lord undertook.

There are many who let down in sickness and do not take hold of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ that is provided for them. I was taken to see

A WOMAN WHO WAS DYING and said to her, "How are things with you?" She answered, "I have faith, I believe." I said, "You know that you have not faith, you know that you are dying. It is not faith that you have, it is language." There is a difference between language and faith. I saw that she was in the hands of the devil. There was no possibility of life until he was removed from the premises. I hate the devil, and I laid hold of the woman and shouted, "Come out, you devil of death. I command you to come out in the name of Jesus." In one minute she stood on her feet in victory.

But to return to the case of Brother Mitchell, I hurried down to the house, and as I got near I heard terrible screams. I knew that something had happened. I passed Mrs. Mitchell on the staircase and asked, "What is up?" She replied, "He is gone! He is gone!" I just passed her and went into the room, and immediately I saw that Mitchell had gone. I could not understand it, but I began to pray. My wife was always afraid that I would go too far, and she laid hold of me and said, "Don't, Dad! Don't you see that he is dead?" I continued to pray and my wife continued to cry out to me, "Don't, Dad. Don't you see that he is dead?" But I continued praying. I got as far as I could with my own faith, and then God laid hold of me. Oh, it was such a laying hold that I could believe for anything. The faith of the Lord Jesus laid hold of me, and a solid peace came into my heart. I shouted, "He lives! He lives! He lives!" And he is living to-day. There is a difference between our faith and the faith of the Lord Jesus. The faith of the Lord Jesus is needed. We must change faith from time to time. Your faith may get to a place where it wavers. The faith of Christ never wavers. When you have that faith the thing is finished. When you have that faith you will never look at things as they are, you will see the things of nature give

way to the things of the Spirit, you will see the temporal swallowed up in the eternal.

I was at a camp meeting in

CAZADERO, CALIFORNIA,

about eight years ago, and a remarkable thing happened. A man came there who was stone deaf. I prayed for him and I knew that God had healed him. Then came the test. He would always move his chair up to the platform, and every time I got up to speak he would get up as close as he could and strain his ears to catch what I had to say. The devil said, "It isn't done." I declared, "It is done." This went on for three weeks and then the manifestation came and he could hear distinctly 60 yards away. When his ears were opened he thought it was so great that he had to stop the meeting and tell everybody about it. I met him in Oakland recently and he was hearing perfectly. As we remain steadfast and unmoveable on the ground of faith, we shall see what we believe for in perfect manifestation.

People say to me, "Have you not the gift of faith?" I say that it is an important gift, but what is still more important is for us every moment to be making an advancement in God. Looking at the Word of God to-day I find that its realities are greater to me to-day than they were yesterday. It is the most sublime, joyful truth that God brings an enlargement. Always an enlargement. There is nothing dead, dry, or barren in this life of the Spirit; God is always moving us on to something higher, and as we move on in the Spirit our faith will always rise to the occasion as different circumstances arise.

This is how the gift of faith is manifested. You see an object and you know that your own faith is nothing in the case. The other day I was in San Francisco. I sat on a car and saw a boy in great agonies on the street. I said, "Let me get out." I rushed to where the boy was. He was in agony through cramp of the stomach. I put my hand on his stomach in the name of Jesus. The boy jumped, and stared at me with astonishment. He found himself instantly free. The gift of faith dared in the face of everything. It is as we are in the Spirit that the Spirit of God will operate this gift anywhere and at any time.

When the Spirit of God is operating this gift within a man, He causes him to

know what God is going to do. When the man with the withered hand was in the synagogue, Jesus got all the people to look to see what would happen. The gift of faith always knows the results. He said to the man, "Stretch forth thine hand." His word had creative force. He was not living on the line of speculation. He spoke and something happened. He spake at the beginning and the world came into being. He speaks to-day and these things have to come to pass. He is the Son of God and came to bring us into sonship. He was the first fruit of the resurrection and He calls us to be first fruits, to be the same kind of fruit like to Himself.

There is an important point here. You cannot have the gifts by mere human desire. The Spirit of God distributes them severally as He will. God cannot trust some with the gift, but some who have a lowly, broken, contrite heart He can trust. One day I was in a meeting where there were a lot of doctors and eminent men, and many ministers. It was at a convention, and the power of God fell on the meeting.

ONE HUMBLE LITTLE GIRL

that waited at table opened her being to the Lord and was immediately filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues. All these big men stretched their necks and looked up to see what was happening and were saying, "Who is it?" Then they learned it was "the servant!" Nobody received but "the servant!" These things are hidden and kept back from the wise and prudent, but the little children, the lowly ones, are the ones that receive. we cannot have faith if we have honour one of another. A man who is going on with God won't accept honour from his fellow beings. God honours the man of a broken, contrite spirit. How shall I get there? So many people want to do great things, and to be seen doing them, but the one that God will use is the one that is willing to be bidden. My Lord Jesus never said He could do things, but He did them. When that funeral procession was coming up from Nain with the widow's son carried upon the bier, He made them lay it down. He spoke the word, "Arise!" and gave the son back to the widow. He had compassion for her. And you and I will never do anything except on the line of compassion. We will never be able to remove the cancer until we are immersed so deeply into the power

(The Word of Knowledge and of Faith—continued.)

of the Holy Ghost, that the compassion of Christ is moving through us.

I find that, in all my Lord did, He said that He did not do it, but that another in Him did the work. What a holy submission! He was just an instrument for the glory of God. Have we reached a place where we dare to be trusted with the gift? I see in 1 Corinthians xiii. that if I have faith to remove mountains and have not charity, all is a failure. When my love is so deepened in God that I only move for the glory of God, that I only seek the glory of God, then the gifts can be made manifest. God wants to be manifested, and to manifest His glory to humble spirits.

A faint heart can never have a gift. There are two things essential: first, love; and second, determination—a boldness of faith that will cause God to fulfil His word. When I was baptised I had a wonderful time and had utterances in the Spirit, but for some time afterwards I did not again speak in tongues. But one day as I was helping another, the Lord again gave me utterances in the Spirit. I was one day going down the road and speaking

in tongues a long while. There were some gardeners doing their work, and they stuck their heads out to see what was going on. I said, "Lord, You have something new for me. You said that when a man speaks in tongues, he should ask for the interpretation. I ask for the interpretation, and I'll stay right here till I get it." And from that hour the Lord gave me interpretation.

At one time I was in Lincolnshire in England and came in touch with the old

RECTOR OF THE CHURCH.

He became very interested and asked me into his library. I never heard anything sweeter than the prayer the old man uttered as he got down to pray. He began to pray, "Lord, make me holy. Lord, sanctify me." I called out, "Wake up! Wake up now! Get up and sit in your chair." He sat up and looked at me. I said to him, "I thought you were holy." He answered, "Yes." "Then what makes you ask God to do what He has done for you?" He began to laugh and then to speak in tongues. Let us move into the realm of faith, and live in the realm of faith, and let God have His way.—*The Pentecostal Evangel*.

THE PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY UNION.

(FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.)

Mr. Polhill after reaching Calcutta had an attack of Tenge Fever, which was then prevalent in India, resembling "Flu," not serious but troublesome, accompanied by "aching bones," and we are glad to know that he is now quite free from this and fully employed in his Master's service. In a recent letter received from Mr. Polhill, dated the 15th November, he stated that whilst at Kaliaeuping (up in the Hills where he had stayed for a week)—

"I had an opportunity of speaking on Sunday morning to a large number of Anglo-Indian boys and girls and Scottish teachers in the Scottish Mission School—600 children in all. A number indicated their wish to be Christians. Pray for them!

"I had fine opportunities there of addressing Tibetans at a market. One Tibetan held up his hand as desirous of becoming a Christian, repeated a prayer aloud in the throng, and came after to get a book.

"Returning to Calcutta I spoke in an L.M.S. Indian Church, on the south side of the city, to a good congregation on Sunday, and to the elder girls in a school here in a drawing room on Tuesday. On both occasions a large number responded.

"Last evening I began a Mission in an Indian Baptist Church. A *very* large number responded, and many after were healed of cataract, deafness, blindness, fever, asthma, and rheumatism.

"Please pray for Calcutta! Other missions follow here."

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Our Missionaries, Miss Biggs, Mr. Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood, gave most helpful and hopeful messages at their Farewell Meeting held in Newton Hall, London, on November 23rd, and a large number of friends met and saw them off at Liverpool Street Station the following morning, and several accompanied them to the steamer at Tilbury Docks. Ere this is read they will (D.V.) have been

heartily welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Leigh and others at the Mission Station, Yunnan-fu, and all friends are earnestly asked to follow these precious co-workers of the Lord with loving, believing prayer.

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The weekly meetings formerly held in Sion College, London, are now held in Newton Hall, Fleur-de-Lys Court, Fetter Lane, near the Law Courts, each Friday at 3.30 and 7 p.m.

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GIFTS FOR THE P.M.U. Gifts for the furtherance of the Lord's work in connection with the P.M.U. should be sent direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. W. Moser, "Hebron," St. David's Road, Southsea. Help is urgently needed in order that the allowances to our workers may not have to be reduced.

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"**FLAMES OF FIRE**" will be posted *free* to any address if a postcard is sent direct to Mr. W. Glassby, "Ladyfield," Renhold, near Bedford. Many letters are printed in full from our P.M.U. Missionaries, with illustrations. "Flames" comes out more frequently than "Confidence," and is free, but it must be ordered from Mr. Glassby.

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The Editor of "Confidence" has, after long and careful thought, decided to place in the hands of the Council of the P.M.U. his resignation from the Council. Owing to advancing years and altered circumstances he is quite unable to attend any

of the meetings of the Council. He is sure that it is only right that someone residing nearer to London should be appointed in his place. He would like to record how thankful he is to have been permitted to have had opportunities of bringing before the readers of "Confidence" for all these years the noble work done in China, Africa, and South America, by the devoted missionaries of the P.M.U. He hopes to continue to do in the future as in the past. "Flames of Fire," however, contains much fuller information, with many illustrations, and will be sent, post free, to any address by Mr. W. Glassby, "Ladyfield," Renhold, Bedford.



BURIAL SCENE IN CHINA (IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE P.M.U.)

News from Miss Hannah Rees at Kaihua, Yunnan.

We had cottage meetings at a few of our members' homes a little while ago, and many came to listen to the Gospel who do not attend the meetings at the chapels. They say it is too far to come. Cottage meetings provide a fine opportunity to preach to people who live distances away from the chapel.

We have two chapels in this city. One in the market-place where meetings are held each market day and on Monday evenings, and the other is attached to our living quarters in a fairly busy street outside of the South Gate of the city. Meetings are held here on Sundays and on each evening except Mondays. On Wednesday afternoons is the women's meeting, which is usually very well attended and much blessed of the Lord. Our women members and enquirers far outnumber the men, but men are more in attendance at the

market chapel. This is chiefly because it is situated in a very busy centre, and is open to the street for the purpose of letting all who pass to and fro hear the Gospel. On market days the place is crowded out with villagers and tribesmen who come to the city to buy and sell. A few weeks ago an old lady named Mrs. Fuh, who is over 80 years of age, came into one of these meetings and said she wanted to believe in Jesus, and that she had finished with idols. She prayed to the Lord to save her soul, and is now very happy in her faith in Christ. She is very feeble, and finds it difficult to walk to the meetings, but she has not missed one since she first came. We went to her house last week, and were warmly welcomed by herself and her son, who is also favourable towards the Gospel. We hear that his wife, too, wants to be a Christian. She was not at home when we called. We hope to go there again soon to have a talk with her.

We need a larger chapel to accommodate all who come to the meetings. One of our members said the other day that many more of the city people are interested in the Gospel, and we ourselves find the women very friendly and interested too. Will you please pray that these dear people may be brought face to face with the Saviour, and that they may forsake idols and follow Him.

We need a revival to bring in those who are now halting between two opinions. Please join us in prayer for a downpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us and our Church members, that we may all be made living witnesses of the power of God to deliver from sin and its bondage. Looking at the thousands who are still outside of the fold, we realise that nothing short of a mighty revival will be effectual to bring the people to repentance and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.

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