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"On Earth Peace—Good Will Toward Men"

Editorial...

THIS IS December, the last month of what may be recorded by history as one of the most eventful years of human history. Certainly, it has brought much relief to us here on this continent and to others of the Allied Nations who have been victorious over the enemy, but it has not brought victory over the strife torn world in many other ways. However, it seems certain that 1945 has been one of the turning points in human history, to say the least. Actually, two great wars have been brought to an end, millions of men in the service of many nations have been returned to their homes and families. Therefore, with gratitude we bow our hearts to God, thanking Him from whom all blessings flow that our boys will not be required to spend weeks in fox holes, in snow and cold, but may at least have a warm place in which to sleep at night. At this the end of the year let us not forget to humble ourselves before God, and give Him the glory for that which we have been delivered from.

While we meditate on our present circumstances let us remember that there are untold millions who are living in the worse kind of poverty imaginable; starvation will be the lot of a great multitude. Are we forgetting that these are souls for whom Jesus died? Some may say, *They are our enemies*; true they have been our enemies, but God has commanded us to *love our enemies*. This however, is not the end of the matter for there are other things to consider. You may say, *And what else is there to be considered regarding these nations?* In an effort to answer this question is the outstanding fact that Nazism is only the logical results of Materialism, and if it had not been for the spiritually minded people (*the salt of the earth*) in our own land, we would have been the same kind of brutes that we hear of our enemies being.

Today, in the nations known as Christian Nations, there is a very definite trend toward Materialism in the Church. Many have long ago forgotten that it is *not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts*. The tendencies are away from Pentecost, and on toward Laodicea, that cold, heartless, selfish, self-satisfied, rich, but spiritless church. The attitude is simply this, *We are able to take care of ourselves, we have money, education, organization and with these material things we can get along*. The power of God is denied; it is

a bloodless religion, without the Holy Ghost, and the Bible as the Word of God is rejected in part or in whole. With this attitude, men who are sinners to the man, become brutes and beasts; instruments of Satan and destroyers of all that is noble and worthy of the best that God would impart unto us.

Pentecostal people, we must win the peace. The nations who have won the war are losing the peace, for the oppressed peoples of Europe and Asia will be filled with greater hatred than ever before, and will long remember our bombs and tanks; in the midst of surrender there will be greater inward resistance against us. It is even so at times in congregations, we win against the outward enemy, and have great revivals bringing in many souls, then comes the great tragedy of losing the peace among ourselves. The Scriptures admonish us to *be at peace among ourselves*, and if we fail in this, we are greater failures than we realize. A congregation without the *peace of God* will become a bitter gathering of carnal people, and die as surely as the Bible says, *If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die*.

The peace among the nations cannot be won by force, and it can only be the results of love among the people. This, a world that is full of bitter memories, and void of the Holy Ghost can never achieve; for *the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us*. The world does not have it, sinners do not have it; it is not natural to love ones enemies. This love that is so sorely needed is given of God, *Ye must be born again* to possess this love. The Holy Ghost is given, then the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, but first we must receive the Holy Ghost. Only by the Holy Ghost can we truly have the peace of God, for *the kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*.

Again, it is not enough to have received the Holy Ghost, but Paul admonishes us with these words, *Be ye filled with the Spirit*. That is to say, *once ye have received the Spirit, walk in the Spirit*, be led of the Spirit, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*. Our sonship is not merely based on some named experience, but on the fact that we are led by the Spirit of God; if we will always keep this in mind it will help us to live at peace among ourselves, and then are we truly the sons of God.

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As an Organization, we, the United Pentecostal Church, have won one of the greatest battles in the history of this great movement; we have won the war against division and have become one against a common enemy, but now we *must win the peace*. It will require as great an effort to win the peace as it did to win the war we have just won, but by His Spirit we will win. If we can walk in the Spirit, we will have the PEACE OF GOD, if we walk after the flesh we cannot expect anything but *the works of the flesh, which are these: hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, and such like*. Also, let us remember, *that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God*.

Yes, we will win the peace, and that by much prayer, praying until we see another outpouring of the Spirit of God. Beloved, let us pray for a Holy Ghost revival, and walk in the Spirit so that there will be the *fruit of the Spirit* which is, *love, joy, peace, etc.* Thus the world will know that we are the children of God.

O. V.

In Bethlehem

By Kenneth V. Reeves



AND THOU Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

Great is the eternal plan of God. Bit by bit and time to time God revealed an isolated portion of His great plan of Salvation to His holy prophets.

The entire scheme of God's plan centered around a person who was to be born. And in this person all of God's intentions for the human race would be consummated.

His person was to *bruise* the serpent's head; and also by the serpent have His heel bruised.

It was finally revealed to Abraham several hundred years later that it would be in his seed (even Jesus) that all nations of the earth should be blessed.

As time passed on it was made clear that this seed or person would come out of the tribe of Judah, the fourth son of Jacob by Leah. It is prophesied at this time that this person is to have a sceptre, which suggests rulership; and He was to be a law giver; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

The revelation is progressively showing some new phase of the life, person, and position of this coming person as Redeemer, Ruler, Lawgiver, etc.

Balaam calls Him the *Star out of Jacob*, the hope that Israel could look forward to.

Moses boldly prophesies that He will be a *Prophet from the midst of thee (Israel) of the brethren, like unto me*. Moses further stated the words of God would be in His mouth, and for Israel to hearken unto those words. And did not Jesus say: "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I shall say, and what I shall speak."

Witness after witness has spoken of Jesus with prophetic exactness; each witness testifying of that part of the revelation concerning Jesus, that God had given them.

David calls Jesus *Anointed — King — Son* and other such titles. And to David is the promise given that Jesus will

come out of his loins and sit upon his throne. This prophesy points to the millennial reign of Jesus in the not too distant future, if the signs of the times are any proof.

A close scrutiny of the Scriptures alluded to heretofore, make it manifestly clear that the human side of Jesus is the only revelation being given. That is up until the time of Isaiah who calls Jesus "Immanuel" (God with us).

The revelation becomes clearer. The vague line of truth begins to brighten with divine lustre and brightness. The miraculous is now being associated with the normal human expectations concerning Jesus. Why Isaiah! "You intimate that a *virgin shall conceive and bear a Son*." Amazing! Stupendous! Mystifying! Here it is revealed that a virgin, not an ordinary married woman, is to have a child. Well, this is sufficient to curb any more wishful thinking on the part of any future wife anxiously hoping that she will bring forth the Messiah!

Not only a miracle birth by a virgin; but the person is to be more than a great man: prophet, judge, lawgiver, king, son of David; He is to be called *God with us* (Immanuel Matt. 1:23).

Slowly through the ages the light of prophecy continuously pressed its way through the jungle of sin and idolatry. One could see it flicker its ray of hope—then fade behind a hill or a patch of heavy timber out of sight. Periods of darkness as Israel would move into sin, idolatry, and captivity. Then a prophet would catch a fresh glimpse of Jesus closer and brighter than when the last prophet spoke.

Isaiah takes a closer look at this *Immanuel* and then in the Spirit elucidates the first announcement with a second prediction. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called *Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*" (Isa. 9:6).

With a spiritual perception far beyond that of by gone prophets Isaiah boldly startles the whole family of Is-

rael with a prophecy that places Jesus as God Himself. This revelation has been clouded over by human speculation of modern day teachers; but the message of the absolute Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ is still ringing out from hundreds of pulpits with renewed vigor and intelligence. May God endue us with His power to turn the theological lack of human speculation over, and preach that Jesus is more than man—He is also God!

The text we have taken is from a prediction made by Micah. Micah states that Jesus is to be born not only in Judah, but in a special town of Judah—Bethlehem!

Bethlehem! a small town. It was here that Jacob buried his beloved wife Rachel. The name Bethlehem means the house of bread. And surely it was here that Jesus the *bread of life* that came down from heaven was presented to the world as a babe in the arms of His virgin mother.

Mary was not divine—just a humble little daughter of David; but she was exalted to the grand privilege of bringing forth the world's only Savior.

It was Boaz, a mighty man of wealth, who married the humble Gentile widow from Moab called Ruth. Boaz was a great man in Bethlehem. And by the way Boaz is a beautiful type of the Lord Jesus—and Ruth a pre-picture of the Church which consists of Gentile peoples of every nation, as well as Jews who have accepted Jesus as Kinsman-Redeemer.

Here in Bethlehem Samuel finds David as a young lad and anoints him with oil as king over Israel in the place of rejected Saul. When Samuel anointed David the *Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward*.

At the same time, however, the *Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him*.

So it can surely be seen that Bethlehem is a small town of some import.

David's father was named Jesse. He was in turn the Son of Obed. Now Obed
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The Road Back

By Raymond G. Hoekstra



RAYMOND G. HOEKSTRA

WHAT MUST a backslider do to get back to God, and to get the joy of Salvation restored to their soul?

Many thousands of men and women who at one time were walking with God in blessed Christian fellowship are now drifting on a troubled sea, away from God, miserable and discontented, wondering if ever again they will know the peace of God and the joy of the Lord.

How true are the words of the anointed song writer who said, "You're a million miles from the gates of peace, when you're one little step from God."

Are you among that discouraged army of Satan's "prisoners of war?" Once you were happy and active in the service of King Jesus, but now are you idle and unhappy?

Of all the people in this world, the backslider must be the most wretched. I have known many thousands of persons in all parts of America, men and women in all walks of life, but the most unhappy men and women I know are those who have wandered away from God.

I pray that every one of you who has strayed from the good shepherd's fold will give earnest heed to my every word, and quickly find your way back to God.

Let us first seek the answer to this question: Will God receive backsliders again into His fellowship, and does He want them to return unto Him?

Mal. 3:7: "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The entire nation of Israel was gone away from God, but they were not conscious of their dangerous condition.

God said, *Ye are gone away from mine ordinances.*

To go away from the ordinances of God is to go away from God, for God meets men in the ordinances that He has ordained.

The entire nation had backslidden from God. They had robbed God in their failure to bring to His house the tithe that was the Lord's. Only by returning and restoring their tithes and offerings to God could Israel come back to God.

The ordinances that God has commanded His Church to follow are not difficult nor burdensome. It is not hard to live the Christian life. But *the way of the transgressor is hard.*

God expected Israel to repent of their sin, and to *bring forth fruit, meet for repentance. To show their faith by their works.*

There are many backsliders who have never convinced themselves nor anyone else that their fellowship has been restored, simply because they have not added works to their faith.

In the fifteenth chapter of St. Luke, Jesus gave three parables: "The Lost Sheep," "The Lost Coin" and "The Prodigal Son."

The lamb was lost through ignorance when it became separated from the flock. And a child of God will soon become lost through ignorance when he becomes separated from the flock. No man can stay at home and be as good a Christian as those who *Forsake not the assembling of themselves together.*

If you are an invalid, or for some such reason unable to come to God's house, you can reasonably expect God to come to you, as you are and where you are. But if you are able to come to God's house and do not come to His house, He who is able will not come to your house.

The lamb was lost through a separation from the fold.

Oftentimes when Christians move from one city to another they become lost sheep because they fail to immediately identify themselves with God's Church in their new city.

Did the shepherd care about the sheep that was lost? He surely did. He left the ninety and nine secure in the fold, and went out, and sought the one that was lost. If you are a lost sheep today, Christ is searching for you.

In Luke 17:8, we read of the woman that had ten pieces of silver, and one of these she lost. What did she do? She lit a candle, and swept the house, and searched until she found it.

This silver coin was lost in the woman's own house.

We have some people who get lost in the Church. Only a house cleaning

will reveal them, and bring them to light. Why are they lost in the Church? Possibly through the carelessness of the woman. Because they are not in their proper place, they are out of use, and of no service. Every week the Church searches for the souls that are lost in its house.

But the parable that has given hope to millions of wanderers is the parable of the Prodigal Son. By his own choice he left his father's house. He brought dishonor and disgrace upon his father's name. He brought poverty and misery upon himself. But his father longed for him all the while.

Just as surely as the prodigal son represents the souls that have left their father's house to live their own life of sinful pleasure, the father represents our heavenly Father, who loves and waits for His wandering ones to come back.

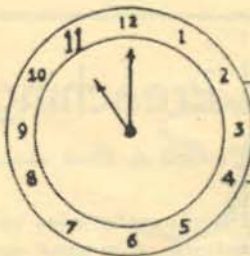
The father did not go to the wicked city to get his son. The son had to come home of his own accord. For his father knew that even though he were to bring the son back by physical force, the boy would not be satisfied at home, until he had first learned by bitter experience that sin does not bring happiness.

O, when will men and women learn this lesson of life. Sin does not bring happiness. It led the prodigal son to poverty, loneliness and shame. When his money was gone, his fair weather friends could not be found. He left the city, went out into the country, and joined himself to a citizen of that country. He was put to the task of feeding swine. They were filled, while he hungered; and then, he came to himself.

Can any man come back to God before he first comes to himself?

You can never come to terms with God, until you come to grips with yourself. This young man preached to him-

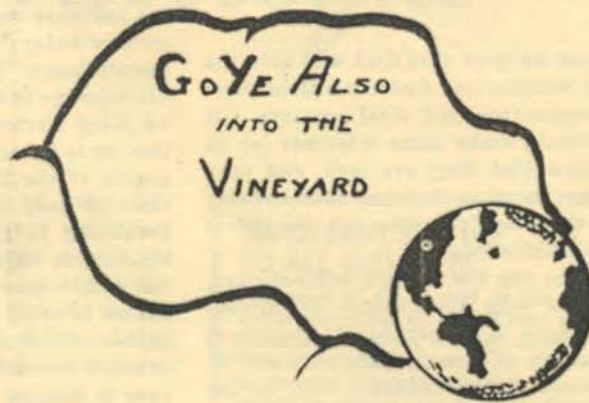
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AND ABOUT . . .

The Eleventh Hour

HE WENT OUT AND FINDETH OTHERS
STANDING IDLE AND SAITH UNTO THEM:



T. R. Dungan

THIS IS the clarion call that rings out in the world today, but oh! how many heed not the cry. Souls are going down into eternal damnation because no one feels the burden or hears the cry of souls struggling in darkness.

Victory in Germany and Japan has opened wide many doors to Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and the Isles of the Seas. Gross darkness covers those nations and countries, and God has said through Matthew, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." In Luke we find these words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That command is for today as well as then.

Pentecostal people, awaken! to the glorious fact that you are the possessor of THE message of the Kingdom. How can you be content to sit back and bask in the experience that you had five, ten or fifteen years ago. Forget what you have lived in the past and look forward to the goal which lies ahead.

The vineyard of the world is a large place and it is not always necessary for you to go to some foreign land to do missionary work, unless God calls you and sends you to that particular country. There is plenty of virgin territory right in your own neighborhood. Have you told everyone in your block about your Jesus? Are you an epistle of Jesus, known and read of all men? Is your life Christ-like so that all your friends, neighbors and acquaintances know that you have walked with God and have Him abiding in your life? All these are just a few of the attributes of a missionary called of God to preach the gospel.

The call is ever before us but let us be certain that we have fulfilled the ad-

monition of Paul in 2 Timothy 2:15, as God does not place his seal of approval until you are ready to be used by Him. The proving ground is a furnace through which we must pass so that all the impurities and dross may be burned out and the finished product PURE. The fire burns out those little weaknesses and foibles that we love so well.

Oh! beloved, if you would but heed the cry "go ye also into the vineyard." Jesus has called you, if you are filled with the Holy Ghost. Beloved, out there in a world with which you are not too familiar, are millions of souls, I repeat, millions, that are in gross darkness because men and women have rejected and spurned the call for service with Him.

In Matthew 16:24 Jesus gave man the greatest challenge that has been, or ever will be, given when he said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." This is a challenge that few of our young people want to meet as it exacts a toll from them of a whole-hearted devotion to God. Many of the people who read this message have had a call but have not been willing to pay the price.

Are you a half-hearted Christian my friend? Millions of people are deluding themselves into believing they are Christians, when in reality they are only hollow, emaciated shells, without a single resemblance of Christianity. They believe it is nice, stylish and respectable to have a little Christianity, and they have so little that no one can detect it. They love the plaudits of people but are unwilling to say yes to Jesus.

Don't many of us tell the Lord with our lips that we have purposed in our

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Arkansas—	
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Kerman, Pentecostal Church	50.00
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Los Angeles, Apostolic Temple	50.79
Los Angeles, House of Light	5.00
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Des Moines, Apostolic Faith Assembly ..	8.42
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Our Paper

THE PENTECOSTAL HERALD

Hard Preaching

By Howard A. Goss

This the first issue of The Pentecostal Herald, which is the official publication of the United Pentecostal Church, is the direct result of the merger of the two former papers, The Pentecostal Outlook and The Apostolic Herald. When the two former organizations, namely, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, Inc., and The Pentecostal Church, Inc., merged into one united organization, the two papers also were merged into one. This we acknowledge with joy and great satisfaction, and look forward to a greater paper for the glory of God and the progress of truth.

The two former conferences agreed to make this paper open for articles pertaining to truths that may or may not be the opinion of all brethren, so long as these articles do not conflict with the Fundamentals of Faith of the United Pentecostal Church. However, the Editor is to be governed by the spirit of the article, and whenever the spirit of controversy is noticed in the article he is to act accordingly, and refer such articles to the Board of Publication.

Articles on such subjects as "The New Birth," will be accepted, whether they teach that the new birth takes place before baptism in water and Spirit, or that the new birth consists of baptism of water and Spirit. This is indeed the proper attitude toward the most vital subject, as we are all seeking after truth, and are confident that God will lead us into all truth, by His Spirit. It is to be remembered that any and all material written in the spirit of controversy will be rejected by the Editor and the Board of Publication. This again is a great step in the right direc-

tion, and we pray that God will give the Editor wisdom and discernment in these most important and vital matters. If they should make some mistakes let us remember that they are men, and pray for them knowing that they are sincerely doing their best to carry out the orders of the Conference.

Articles for the Herald are solicited, and those who are capable of writing should keep a supply at Headquarters continually. These articles should be typed and double spaced; the writer should take every pain in preparing this material knowing that it will be read by tens of thousands of people. Further, if your articles should be rejected, or if you do not see it immediately, or even if you do not hear from the Editor regarding it, do not take offense at this, but pray God to give you something better and worthy of this great paper.

It has been my privilege to be connected with the editing of The Apostolic Herald for the past two years, and as one who is retiring from this task I beseech each one to pray for the Editor in a special way, and to cooperate by sending in good spiritual articles; also, by ordering rolls and sending subscriptions continually. Above all let us *keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.*

Yours in Jesus,

Oscar Vouga.

Editor's Note: The preparation of this, the first issue of The Pentecostal Herald, was handled by our Brother Vouga who is the retiring editor of The Apostolic Herald. We take this opportunity of extending to him our appreciation for his fine services in the preparation of this material.

A wise minister usually tries to get his audience warmed up in some way or manner before he begins to hammer the gospel home. This is especially true if his message is along lines generally called *Hard Preaching*, by which is meant that he is forcefully driving home to the hearts of the hearers a message on the lines of holy living. Forceful and hard preaching in a cold audience is like a blacksmith hammering cold iron. You can shape cold iron, but it is so much easier to mold it when it is hot; to hit cold iron with sledge hammer blows may break it instead of shaping it into whatever is desired. Let us always remember to do our best to get our audience warmed up good by prayer and worship, and some good illustrations of the love of God.

Jesus said that we should, *Make disciples of all nations*, and to do this the prejudices must be removed and the emotions aroused before the Word of God can get into the human mind and heart. The reason is that the Lord works only when our emotions are aroused and conviction grips the heart.

Jesus in His teaching used many illustrations to appeal to the natural mind, then brought spiritual truths home to the hearts of the hearers. He aroused their mental and emotional appetites so as to give and feed them the bread of life. He always took advantage of the circumstances and opportunities, such as sowing, fishing, meals and fasting. It was during one of the feast days (while the people were fasting) that He gave those wonderful words of truth in John 7:37-39, *In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, if any man thirst let him come unto me and drink.* He knew that the people were hungry and thirsty for they had had nothing to drink that day, and no doubt it was hot and dusty. Many believed in Him because of the saying.

When we preach the crucified Christ we should endeavour to have a crucified life ourselves and have a humble and contrite spirit. Jesus said that He was *meek and lowly* and His disciples should be the same. We must not drive and whip the people, but as a shepherd lead them with kindness—cattle are driven, sheep are led. Do not try to rule your congregation with an *iron fist, or hand*, or with harsh and stern words, have love and compassion as your Master had, for He was the embodiment of love, tenderness and compassion.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

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Oregon—	
Bend, Harriet Marling	30.00
Portland, Pentecostal Church	46.00
Pennsylvania—	
Boynnton, Pentecostal Apostolic Church	5.00
Tennessee—	
Camden, Pentecostal Church	36.39
Camden, Mr. & Mrs. F. Crossno	11.00
Texas—	
Canadian, First Pentecostal Church	12.50
Dallas, Reba McCall	10.00
Evadale, Pentecostal Sunday School	4.00
Evadale, Pentecostal Young People	11.00
El Paso, Gospel Tabernacle	70.00
El Paso, Carl E. Presley	10.00
El Paso, Mary Tingueley	5.00
El Paso, G. E. Still	3.00
Frankell, Pentecostal Church	5.00
Gladewater, Faith Tabernacle	5.73
Muleshoe, Mrs. J. F. Stanford	2.00
Nederland, Fulton Cavert	25.00
Pelly, Ladies Missionary Circle	12.06
Port Arthur, Faith Tabernacle	69.00
Seabrook, Pentecostal Church	25.43
Vidor, Pentecostal Sunday School	5.00
Vidor, Card Class	5.00
Virginia—	
Norfolk, Pentecostal Church	15.00
Washington—	
Bluecreek, Chas. W. Rosier	10.00
Everson, Pentecostal Church	7.23
McCleary, J. V. Nicholson	31.00
Tieton, Pentecostal Assembly	16.00
Wisconsin—	
Embarrass, Clintonville Tabernacle	70.10
Kenosha, Apostolic Faith Church	4.00
Marshfield, Pentecostal Church	16.00
Racine, Bethel Tabernacle	27.00
Stanley, Apostolic Faith Assembly	7.00
Total.....	\$2,698.58

Travelogue



HOWARD A. GOSS

Praise the Lord! Let us exalt His name together! This is very significant now since the name of Jesus' people are flowing together into a united body. Thus the prayer of Jesus that He prayed in the 17th chapter of St. John is being fulfilled for He prayed for the unity of God's people.

In September at the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri, the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ and the Pentecostal Church, Inc. were merged into the United Pentecostal Church. This action has brought so much extra burden and work on us here at the headquarters that at times we could not even begin to see the end of the work and we do not see it yet but thank the Lord, we are getting into the swing of things here. Now we have more help and more help is coming to our office so that we can turn out more work and render better service.

Brother Stanley W. Chambers, our General Secretary, is here doing his work and he has a great deal to do. Sister Naomi Moore, who has been with us for a long time as bookkeeper and stenographer along with many other duties, is also a great help. Brother T. R. Dungan, the manager of the Publishing House, and Brother Raymond Wasson, his all around assistant, are a great help to that department. Also Brother Wasson's wife at times. Brother M. J. Wolff of Peoria, Illinois, has been elected Editor of The Pentecostal Herald. He will be in the office some time each month and look after our official publication. Brother Paul H. Box, formerly of New York City but recently of Columbus, Ohio, has been chosen as assistant to Brother Wolff and will be at the office all the time looking after the publishing of The Pentecostal Herald. There is plenty of work to keep all busy.

I will have to be on the field organizing new districts and reorganizing the old under the United Pentecostal Church. Our first district conference was at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 24 to 28 in the Midway Tabernacle. Brother S. G. Norris was elected District Superintendent and Brother L. R. Mit-

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICTS

In view of the merger of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ and the Pentecostal Church, Inc., all districts will have to be reorganized under the United Pentecostal Church and the boundaries should be agreed upon in connection with the General Superintendent and the Executive Board. All district conferences are to be presided over by the General Superintendent, or the Assistant General Superintendent can preside when authorized by the General Superintendent. Some of the district conferences will be presided over by Brother Witherspoon as it is not possible for Brother Goss to get to all of these gatherings.

Before a district conference is announced the headquarters office should be consulted so that the date and place will be sure to fit into the schedule of either the General Superintendent or the Assistant General Superintendent.

S. W. Chambers, General Secretary

chell was elected District Secretary and Treasurer. Brothers F. J. Ellis, George Dainty, J. T. Brooks, Oscar Vouga and Robert Martin were elected District Presbyters. Brother Vernon Johnson was elected President of the young people.

From St. Paul we went to Pendleton, Oregon, to the Northwest District Conference and had a real good time in the Lord. Brother Ellis Scism was elected District Superintendent and he devotes all his time to the work of the district. Brother G. M. Eads was elected District Secretary and Treasurer and Brothers R. T. Megrew, D. F. Austin, J. D. Urshan, Frank M. Maulden and C. H. Yardon were elected District Presbyters. Brother Vernon T. Nepstad was elected President of the young people.

We returned to the office at St. Louis from Pendleton for two days, then went to Vandalia, Illinois, to the Illinois District conference where we presided in the reorganizing of that district. Brother M. J. Wolff was elected District Superintendent and Brother J. L. Dunning, Secretary and Treasurer. Brothers S. S. Grant, Ace Summers, J. H. Reeter, H. E. White of Decatur and J. O. Underwood were elected District Presby-

ters. Brother Paul Froese was elected President of the young people.

After this conference the Executive Board met at St. Louis in session with a delegation of officials from the South Central Publishing House at Kilgore, Texas. The next day after this meeting we went to the Pentecostal Bible Institute at Tupelo, Mississippi, where my wife and daughters are at present as my wife is one of the teachers in the school there. I was there over Sunday then went on to a fellowship meeting at Little Rock, Arkansas, on my way to Amarillo, Texas, then to Lubbock, Texas, where the Texaco District conference was held. Brother Mack D. Abbott of Roswell, New Mexico, was elected District Superintendent and Brother U. A. Massey of Odessa, Texas, was elected District Secretary and Treasurer. Brothers G. W. Hamilton, Donald F. Berry and W. H. Massengale were elected District Presbyters. Brother Ted Houlette was elected president of the young people. This conference was real good. There is lots of room for ministers who want to work for God in that section.

From Lubbock we went to Houston, Texas, and were there for a few hours. My son, Joseph, met me at the train and we met Brother Fauss and Brother Bowen and went in Brother Fauss' car to Port Arthur, Texas, where we met Brother Morgan and Brother Hosch and on to a board meeting of district officials of the two former organizations at DeRidder, Louisiana, where several important matters were adjusted. Also, at that board meeting arrangements were made for Texas to hold the district conference at Houston December 18 and 19. After DeRidder we started for Baton Rouge in Brother A. E. Eccles car, Brother Dan Hayes accompanying us part way. Then from there back to St. Louis and the headquarters office where we are all busy with matters that need our attention after being away for a few days. We will soon have to start for San Jose, California, where the Western District conference of the United Pentecostal Church is to be held December 4, 5 and 6. Then back to Indianapolis. (continued on page 13)

Speaking in Tongues

AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Howard Carter

ON SEVERAL occasions and in various parts of the world, the writer has been asked if the speaking with other tongues is actually the evidence of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. The earnestness of the inquiries has always carried a strong appeal.

An uncertainty rests in the minds of many people concerning this important matter. Some would affirm that there is no scripture that actually states what the evidence of the Baptism with the Spirit is, while others, dogmatically affirm that there is no other satisfactory evidence for this wonderful experience, except the speaking with other tongues. Perhaps a personal testimony will not be out of order.

Thirty-one years ago, when I was seeking for the Holy Spirit, I well remember how keenly I opposed one of the leaders of the movement who affirmed that speaking with tongues was the only evidence of the Baptism. I carried my opposition into my seasons of private prayer and would petition the Lord to baptize me in the Holy Spirit with-

out the speaking with other tongues. It almost seemed, at one time, as if the Lord in mercy had considered my infirmity and was giving me what I was actually seeking.

I had waited for some years, and it was in the year 1914, in a day of prayer, that the Holy Spirit came mightily upon me, shaking my whole being from head to foot for a period of about twenty or thirty minutes. A greater manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit I had never experienced before nor have I since, and I felt that at that moment I could have spoken with other tongues, but the thought came to me that this would be the opportunity to prove whether the speaking with tongues was actually the evidence of the Baptism with the Spirit or not, and as the power of the Spirit was passing so gloriously through my physical frame, I breathed the inward prayer that I should speak in

tongues if it were the evidence of the Baptism, and that I should not speak if it were not. The experience passed away without any utterance in other tongues.

For a time, this was conclusive evidence to me that the speaking with other tongues was not the evidence of the Baptism, and this incident was often related. Nevertheless, I had no satisfaction in my spirit. When people asked me if I had received the Holy Spirit, I would confidently affirm that I had, yet in my spirit I felt a lack. I had an experience that I was looking back upon, quite definite and remarkably wonderful, yet not wholly satisfying. It was as if I

dence of the Baptism with the Spirit and the only satisfying evidence there can be.

While traveling round various countries I have had the opportunity of praying with thousands of seekers for the Holy Spirit. For my own personal benefit I have recorded in my diary the number whom the Lord has baptized with the Holy Spirit. Among the great number already recorded, are the white, black, yellow and brown races, upon whom the Lord has poured out His Spirit, for I heard them as evidence, speak with other tongues and magnify God!

Now it would be very difficult for one who spends so much of his time in what we call "waiting meetings" seeking the Lord to baptize His people with the Spirit, if there was no definite experience to mark the incoming of the Holy Ghost. If, for instance, I asked the people to receive the blessing by faith, I could easily see tens of thousands of people willing to take this step by faith and testify afterward to

having received the Spirit. But to me, this would not be enough. I might on the other hand ask them to wait for a definite experience, such as I myself had in the year 1914, when the power of the Spirit mightily shook me. But still, in some instances I would be perplexed and wonder whether the shaking that a person received under a mighty unction was sufficient to justify the claim that they had received the Spirit. But when I wait, as I always do, for the seekers to speak with other tongues before I accept him as being baptized with the Spirit, all doubt leaves my mind when I hear them receiving this like gift as believers received at the beginning of my Christian dispensation.

Therefore, the speaking with other tongues is the only satisfactory evidence that I know of for accepting a seeker as being filled with the Spirit.

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had seen a great deluge of rain falling over a country parched by the sun and greatly refreshing it for the time, but leaving no river flowing through it. I certainly had a testimony of what God had done for me, but I lacked the testimony of what God might have continued doing for me.

In dire need, I cried to the Lord for a more satisfying experience, and the cry of my heart was met a year later, when I actually began to speak with other tongues. From that day on in the year 1915 to the present, I have never ceased to speak with other tongues. In other words: Not only did the showers of blessing fall upon my dry and barren heart, but a river has flowed ever since, from which I have been able to slake my thirst daily.

My own experience, therefore, testifies to the fact that the speaking with tongues is without any question the evi-

Missionary Department

I wish to take this opportunity in the first issue of the Pentecostal Herald of thanking the ministers and co-workers in the United Pentecostal Church for the trust you place in me in putting me in as Missionary Secretary. I cannot promise you that I will not err in judgment, but I will promise you that I will do the best I can by God given help, and help from everyone of you; I need you all to back me.

"This is a day of good tidings" 2 Kings 7:9, we have the message that mortal souls need, "good tidings for all." In the war when a boy thought he was near the end, he used this expression—"this is it." I am confident God brought this war to a close, and let the United Nations win for one supreme purpose—to let the GOSPEL be spread to the far ends of the earth; NOW the door is open, "this is it," this is our day. And I feel this United Pentecostal Church was brought to "the throne for such a time as this." Let us not fail HIM.

Wynn T. Stairs,
Missionary Secretary.

News From China Missionaries

Many have been interested in the welfare of our Sister Mae Iry who for many years has been a missionary in North China; at last the following letter has been received by Ardley P. Reynolds:

"Dear Brother:

"Greetings in peace from China!

"I hope the time may soon come when we may again exalt His name together with the Chinese. We will have to begin all new again. Everything in connection with our work in Shansi is gone, except a little bedding.

"A few U. S. soldiers landed here, from the air, August 17, 1945. Did they look good to us! I will say they did. Allied planes are very busy overhead at present, and the camp is very joyful, for they are bringing in supplies which will make our meals more interesting and will build us up physically. Also, there are supplies of medicine, etc., for the hospital. One of the planes bringing supplies is named *Armoured Angel*. I think it was the first one that came and brought the boys, it has been here a number of times since. Everything is sent down by parachute. This has been a very well organized camp, so we have had a much easier two and a half years than other camps. The planes are making so much noise overhead, and the people all around, that all will have to wait a short time for a real letter, as when the planes leave this letter must go.

"Word from Taiyoh states that Mrs. Johannson's (Swedish missionaries of the China Inland Mission near Sister Iry's station) oldest daughter died in April and her husband died of typhus in July.

"Well, may God bless everyone who read these words. They are for all of you who have been so faithful to me through the years. I expect to stay in China, so please write.

In His name,
Mrs. Mae Iry."

NOTICE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Missionary Board has made arrangements to have the First Missionary Conference of the United Pentecostal Church on January 15 to 18, 1946. The first service is to be held in the First Pentecostal Church, Forest and Bruno, St. Louis, Missouri, Brother B. H. Hite, Pastor, at 7:30 p.m., January 15.

It is especially urged that all missionaries and prospective missionaries be present and praying for the success of this First Missionary Conference. Also, all members of the Missionary Board are urged to be present, and all who are interested in foreign missionary work are invited to attend in interest of this great cause.

Wynn T. Stairs, Missionary Secretary.
B. H. Hite, Pastor.

The following taken from a letter received by Brother and Sister Sheets from their workers in China, Brother and Sister Harry P. Lien. (Let us rejoice together with Brother and Sister Sheets that these workers have been spared for future work for the glory of God)

"Dear Brother and Sister Sheets:

"Greetings in Jesus' name!

"You may know that we were ordered to leave Wuchow. We obeyed the government orders and went to a village west of Wuchow, and just arrived two days before the Japanese troops passed through the village, we lived through it all, but lost everything we had.

"We were run into the mountains and stayed there for three days and nights with nothing to eat; to add to our discomfort it was rainy and the wind was biting cold. We suffered unspeakable distress, with no one to go to but God in prayer. We could look to the Lord for help (Psa. 121:1), and He came to our help. The last day we had a meal with a rich man, Praise the Lord! What a good friend, a wonderful saviour we have in Jesus; yes, Almighty God, O how I love Him!

"After that we came back to the village—we had nothing to eat, nothing to

do, and no money, but we earnestly prayed to the Lord and waited for His provision. We knew that we have everything in Christ, and all we have to do is to lay hold on the promises of God to receive the *bread of life from heaven* (John 6). Finally we felt that God had answered our prayer. The rich man gave us a Taam of rice (about 125 pounds) and some vegetables. Since that time we get money from watch repairing and praying for the sick, which has kept us alive until now. We are all well, Oi Chan or Sally Ann is grown up considerable.

"When are you coming to Ch'na again? We are anxious to see you. May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

Harry P. Lien and wife."

(Editor's note: Any one desiring to help these workers, please send your offerings to the Missionary Department of the United Pentecostal Church, 3449 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis 18, Missouri. Your money can be designated for this good cause, and your help will be greatly appreciated, as prices in China are out of the bounds of reason. Especially, pray earnestly for these workers.)

Another New Missionary

Brother and Sister L. E. Haney, of Liberia, are the proud parents of a new son, Louis Elmer Haney, Jr., who arrived on October 8, 1945. Both mother and baby are doing fine. (We hope he will be a great missionary.)

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds;
"Glad tidings of great joy, I bring
To you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day,
Is born of David's line,
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign;
The heavenly Babe you there shall find

To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling
bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph—and forth-
with

Appeared a shining throng
Of Angels, praising God, and thus
Addressed their joyful song;
"All glory be to God on high,
And to the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heav-
en to men

Begin, and never cease."

—Nahum Tate, 1703.



FIELD NEWS

BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS THE APOSTOLIC CHURCH

This past summer we had a revival meeting with Brother J. L. Zink, of Marion, Indiana, as our evangelist. This was one of the best revivals conducted in our church in some time. The church was blessed and stirred and we had about ten at the altar seeking God; some were baptized since the meeting closed.

Brother Zink is a good musician as well as a good preacher and will be a blessing to any church. We recommend him highly.

Paul Froese, Pastor.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON

We would like to report to the Herald readers that we have recently launched out for God in Tacoma in an effort to establish a Jesus' name church in this city of over 110,000. We have encountered many problems, but God is already blessing our efforts.

Our church is just 14 miles from Fort Lewis, Washington, and if any of the Herald readers have friends or relatives in camp there we would be glad to contact them. Our address is 1007 South 17th Street, Tacoma, Washington, or phone MA 8968.

We covet earnestly the prayers of all the saints, that God may come forth in great power in this city.

Carl W. Adams, Pastor.

MIDWAY, TENNESSEE

We are happy to report that Brother J. A. Clement has opened a new work here. Midway is about eighteen miles west of Finley, Tennessee. He has just closed a wonderful revival here, and God blessed in a wonderful way. There were thirty-two who came to the altar seeking God, five were baptized in Jesus' name and three were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Clement has organized a Sunday school with an attendance of fifty-seven on the first Sunday, we now have five classes and we hope there will be another in the near future.

Lorene Latt, Reporter.

Note: Brother J. A. Clement, of 1300 Countryman Street, Dyersburg, Tennessee, is open for pastoral or evangelistic calls.

SPRINGHILL, TENNESSEE

We are glad to report victory through Jesus. Recently, we closed a revival which was conducted by Brother Rexie E. Wilcox, eighteen-year-old evangelist. God blessed Brother Wilcox in a wonderful way; his messages were heaven-sent and anointed with the Holy Ghost, bringing souls to the altar seeking God. Thirty-two came repenting, seventeen were baptized in Jesus' name, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. It is truly



wonderful to see the power of God demonstrated.

Brother Wilcox is a wonderful evangelist, deeply loved and appreciated throughout the Southeastern District.

Pray for the work here.

R. G. Jackson, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Praise the Lord! God has certainly done wonders for us here in San Diego. Recently, we acquired the Sixteenth and "E" Streets Church, a fine building with a neon sign and located right downtown; together with all this Jesus' Name people have now united together making a fine little united assembly for Jesus. We had our grand opening services Sunday, October 7, and had a baptismal service at both the morning and evening services. Recently, we have baptized ten in the peerless name of Jesus. Several service men have found the Lord and a number have been filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Arthur Smith was with us for a two weeks' revival meeting. God blessed during the meeting with two being baptized in Jesus' name and two receiving the Holy Ghost.

We are completely remodeling our church building at present, but the services of Revival Tabernacle are continuing right on with God's blessing in every service. Pray for us.

David F. Gray, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

We are happy to send in a good report from Springfield, Illinois. We came here July 16 and started a tent revival meeting which continued for eight weeks, since then we have moved into the church building.

So far thirty have been baptized in Jesus' precious name and eighteen have been wonderfully filled with the Holy Ghost. We have a good Sunday school started and it is growing every Sunday. Also, have organized the young people's service and the Lord is blessing them.

Brother and Sister Claud Snodderly.
Brother and Sister W. W. Autry.

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI

The Pentecostal Bible Institute has started with the blessing of God from the very first. Three students were admitted for this term who had not as yet received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but we praise God for meeting us in the first prayer meeting held in the new chapel, and baptizing two of these with the precious Holy Ghost. These two are Myrlin Vanderhoff, son of Pastor and Mrs. U. T. Vanderhoff, of Mol'ne, Illinois, and Bernice Bender, of St. Louis, Missouri, a member of Pastor J. L. Dunning's church in Granite City, Illinois.

We thank God for the Apostolic power that fell on the campus of the Bible Institute during the very first service. Your continued prayer for this work will be sincerely appreciated.

C. D. Soper, Principal.

DISTRICT CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

The district conference for the states of Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama is expected to be held January 8, 9 and 10 and will probably be held in Memphis, Tennessee. For further information address Brother A. D. Gurley, Corinth, Mississippi; Brother M. H. Hansford, Laurel, Mississippi; or Jimmie Miller, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

The Indiana conference (including Michigan) will be held December 10, 11, 12 and 13, at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. For further information contact Brother N. C. Bibbs, Marion, Indiana; Brother G. B. Rowe, Mishawaka, Indiana; or Brother R. G. Hoekstra, 1225 Churchman, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Texas conference will be held December 18 and 19 at Bethel Tabernacle, 116 North Palmer Street, Houston, Texas. For further information contact Brother O. F. Fauss, 3902 Colley Street, Houston, Texas; Brother A. T. Morgan, 709 Thomas Boulevard, Port Arthur, Texas.

CONFERENCE REPORT

The North Central district conference convened at St. Paul, Minn., October 25, 1945, in the Midway Tabernacle, Brother S. G. Norris, pastor.

The meeting was called to order by the General Superintendent, H. A. Goss, of the United Pentecostal Church for the purpose of organizing this district. After reading the Word of God and having prayer the meeting opened and Brother Oscar Vouga was asked by the General Superintendent to explain some of the matters concerning the organization of the new districts, etc., and the method of election of officers. For two days the blessings of the Lord rested heavily upon the conference, especially one day when the students of the Apostolic Bible Institute were addressed by the General Superintendent. For about an hour and a half the students rejoiced and praised God along with Brother Norris and the other ministers.

Brother S. G. Norris was elected District Superintendent, Brother L. R. Mitchell, Secretary, and Brothers Dainty, Ellis, Brooks, Vouga and Martin were elected district presbyters. A tithing system was adopted for the district. The Bible school became a district school. About two thousand dollars was raised to help pay expenses of the same.

Brother Vouga and Brother Goss ministered the word at night as well as some others. In general it was a blessed conference.

L. R. Mitchell,
District Secretary.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA BETHEL TABERNACLE

We have just concluded a three weeks' revival meeting with Brother K. V. Reeves, of Granite City, Illinois, as the evangelist. Brother Reeves was a real blessing to the church, and a real spirit of revival was built up in our hearts by his fine presentation of the present truths from God's Word. The Spirit of God blessed all who came with open minds and hearts, and a number came seeking God for the fullness of the Great Salvation.

Pray for us and the work here.
Oscar Vouga, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

We are truly thanking God for his goodness unto us here in Phoenix. Five years ago we began the task of building a church here with nothing to work with but faith in God. However, He has enabled us to build a church which is clear of debt. It has been a real battle at times, but God has given us the victory. We do thank God for everything.

We began our Sunday school with seventeen and now average 75. Pray for us.

J. R. Outlaw,
Pastor.

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

During the merger conference the following resolutions were passed which contain matters of importance to our entire fellowship. All ministers of the United Pentecostal Church are urged to read these over carefully.

Resolved, That all Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ and The Pentecostal Church, Inc. Credentials, Licenses and Fellowship Cards be recognized until the unifying of these is completed.

Resolved, that the Title of District Chairman be changed to District Superintendent.

Also, a complete Sunday school policy was adopted which will appear in the Discipline of the United Pentecostal Church. This will be published at the earliest possible date, and will not, therefore, appear in the Herald as stated in November issue. New Credentials, Licenses and Fellowship cards also will be mailed out to all members in good standing with either the former Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ, or the former The Pentecostal Church, Inc. In the meanwhile all 1945 Fellowship Cards are good.

This unifying of the two bodies has been one of the greatest steps ever taken by the Pentecostal people, and our prayer to God is that we shall continue to work for the unity of all good clean brethren, but we are especially interested in each one working for a greater peace and harmony among ourselves than we ever dreamed could be; let us all do our part, and God will cause us to flow together with the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

HORNBEAK, TENNESSEE

We have just closed a three weeks' revival with Sister Nellie Kellogg, of Harrisburg, Arkansas. During this meeting five were converted, four were baptized in Jesus' name and the church wonderfully revived by the fine spiritual sermons.

Pray for us.
Julia W. Wallace, Reporter.

Complete line of Bibles available now, including Oxford, Scofield, Nelson, International and Holman. Order your books for the children now. These are excellent for Boys and Girls.

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Our Dim Eyes Seek a Beacon

Our dim eyes seek a beacon,
And our weary feet a guide,
And our hearts of all life's mystery
Seek a meaning and a key;
But a cross shines on our pathway,
On it hangs the Crucified,
And He answers all our longings
With the whisper, "Follow me."

Life is a duty—dare it;
Life is a burden—bear it;
Life is a thorn-crown—wear it;
Though it break thy heart in twain,
Though the burden bear thee down,
Close thy lips and stand the pain,
First the cross, and then the crown.

—Author Unknown.



In Bethlehem

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was the first child born to the marriage of Boaz and Ruth.

When one traces the progressive steps of prophecy as it pointed to Jesus we can see the following outline:

(a) A vague statement concerning the woman's seed bruising the serpent's head.

(b) A promise to Abraham of a seed, and in this seed the blessing of Abraham would fall upon the gentiles. (Eph. 3:14).

(c) A prophecy that Jesus would be a ruler and law giver who would come out of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10).

(d) Moses tells Israel that Jesus will be a prophet similar to himself (Deut. 18:15, 18).

(e) David is particularly told that Jesus will proceed out of his kingly family—and will sit upon his throne. This points to the Millennial.

(f) Isaiah startles our wildest imagination by declaring that Jesus will be more than a great man—but actually the Mighty God Himself (Isa. 7:14; 9:6).

(g) Isaiah further makes it clear that a pure virgin will bring Jesus into the world—and not an ordinary wife bringing her husband's son into the world.

(h) And Micah in particular puts his finger on the town wherein the Christ-child is to be born (Micah 5:2).

Gabriel, one of the Archangels, is secretly dispatched by God unto a wicked city called Nazareth of Galilee. He is sent to speak to a pure little maiden called Mary. Mary is engaged to marry Joseph who was of the house of David.

Mary was no doubt in the house for Gabriel came in unto her and said, "Hail thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed are thou among women."

Mary was startled by this sudden announcement. It troubled her exceedingly. She reasoned in her heart and mind what kind of greetings this salutation could be.

As she pondered Gabriel said, "Fear not Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."

It is a silly notion to call Mary *Mother of God*.

She was flesh and blood and of human descent. When Gabriel spoke to her she was just a frightened little Judahite maiden who expected to get married to a man she loved called Joseph.

To this pure woman Gabriel announced the most tremendous truth that had heretofore been uttered: "thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a

son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; etc."

Mary was baffled by Gabriel's positive pronouncements. She could not fathom how this thing could be when she had no husband.

Gabriel answered her question: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee; and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

For four thousand years the world looked forward to a deliverer to bruise the serpent's head, and rid the human family of the terrible curse that held them. Finally the expectation of the people had begun to take shape and form. The fullness of time had come.

Several months later Caesar Augustus sent forth a decree that all of the Roman empire which included Palestine should be enrolled in a census. Cyrenius, the governor of Syria, having charge of census in the Palestinian area of Galilee, sent the edict forth in his territory. It was necessary that each person return to his own city to be enrolled.

Joseph and Mary, being of the house and lineage of David, returned to Bethlehem, the city of David. Joseph, as you know, took Mary to be his wife even though she was with child; a child not his. As Matthew records: "Joseph, her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou Son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost and she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save his people from their sins."

Joseph obeyed the angel and took Mary unto him his wife: "And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus."

Here in Bethlehem Joseph could find no place to stay except a manger. *There was no room for them in the inn.* Mary being great with child completed the days to accomplish her mission; and here in a barn Jesus was born, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger.

The angels in chorus started to sing. The angel of the Lord announced to some shepherds guarding their sheep in

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Howard A. Goss, General Superintendent
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the fields that night that: "unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Suddenly the heavenly host surround the angel of the Lord. They praised God by saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

If the chorus of the angels' praise could become the heart-felt anthem of all peoples today we would not have one cause to worry in averting another war. There would be no spirit of war left.

Just think *on earth peace*. No war! no troubles between nations that would precipitate war. Everything could be based upon *good will*—but alas this world is controlled by the devil in the most part.

But may the Christians turn the heart back again to that little city of Bethlehem. And may we newly appreciate the message it holds for us; namely, that: Jesus was born into this world as our Savior. He is more than a symbol—He is human on the one hand—but still He is God manifested in the flesh on the other (1 Tim. 3:16).

Just think: In Bethlehem the greatest of the greatest was born. He is my Savior, Prophet, Shepherd, Teacher, High Priest, King, and God.

The Road Back

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self a sermon of conviction. He told himself that it would be better to be a servant in his father's house than to perish in hunger.

A backslider should be willing to take the lowest place in God's house and some will never get back simply because they are not willing to take that place. If they were willing to take that place, God would give them something much better; but let us listen as the prodigal son talks to himself:

"And when he come to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants.

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

"But his father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

What a wonderful reconciliation!

Here you have all the essential elements of the restoration of a wayward son of God.

His own will took him out of God's will, and away from his father's house. Isaiah said, "All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way." Do you remember the blessings that you found in the house of God? How sweet is the fellowship of the saints when brethren dwell together in unity and love.

He hungered for the bread of his father's table. Do you too, hunger for the Word of God, and for the ministry of this blessed bread of life?

Then, the prodigal son determined to do something about it. There are some folk who think that they cannot get back to God because they do not know what to do. But most of them do not get back

to God simply because they will not do what they know.

This man said, *I will rise and go. I'll go to my father's house, and there I'll find him.* Some folk just want to write him a letter, or call him by phone. *But no, I'll arise and go to my father. I'll find him at his house.*

A backslider called me recently by phone and asked if they could be restored if they would make a confession by telephone. The person was a member of another congregation. But I said, *no, don't tell me what you have done. Go back to your church. Go to your pastor. Tell him that you have wandered from God. He can restore you back to the fold, and God will take you back into His love.*

The prodigal condemned himself. He offered no defense. No excuses. His father freely forgave him, and he was justified.

As long as a backslider justifies himself, GOD cannot justify him; but, when a wanderer comes back to his senses, and says, *I have sinned*, then he is on the road that leads back to God and peace.

"He that confesseth his sin, and forsaketh his sin, shall obtain mercy."

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Brother Taylor is willing to go any where to preach the gospel and will be glad to hear from those needing a pastor or evangelist.

Travelogue

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Indiana, for the Indiana District conference December 11, 12 and 13. From there we will go to Houston, Texas, where the Texas District conference is to be held on the 18 and 19. There are more conferences to follow.

Brother Witherspoon, the Assistant General Superintendent, will attend and preside at some conferences in the east that I will not be able to attend.

Most everywhere that I go the brethren are so thankful to God that the two major bodies of the name of Jesus' people have merged and we hope the time will come when all real, clean and sincere ministers of like precious faith will be together in the will of God. I thank God for the welcome that I have received wherever I have gone to these conferences and for the spirit of cooperation that has been manifested among the brethren and this should be for now, we are the United Pentecostal Church. Pray for us and all the people of God everywhere. His and your servant.

Howard A. Goss,
General Superintendent.

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Speaking in Tongues

AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Let me relate one reason more why I believe that the speaking with other tongues is the evidence of the Baptism. We have fellowship with all believers who love the Lord Jesus, and yet the Pentecostal movement is strangely ostracized by the churches. In spite of the fact that some hundreds of thousands of people have already received the Holy Spirit, speaking with other tongues, and also that the speaking with other tongues is in exact conformity to the Word of God, the churches have opposed this movement. The opposition is exceedingly strong. For no other reason than that the person has spoken with tongues, has many an individual been excommunicated from a church, and yet there is no scripture to justify such an action, but rather to condemn it, for it expressly says: "Forbid not to speak with tongues."

Why should so vigorous an opposition arise against the speaking with tongues? If the churches that oppose the Pentecostal movement conformed themselves to the New Testament pattern and sought for the speaking with other tongues and received the like gift, their opposition would be the more forceful, but outside the Pentecostal movement, there is to be found hardly a single individual who has received the infilling of the Spirit with this initial evidence. The keenness of the opposition makes one appreciate therefore the importance of the experience.

Either the speaking with other tongues is absolutely and undeniably the evidence of the Holy Spirit's indwelling, or it is absolutely and undeniably a counterfeit of God's gift! One must either be for it or against it. If we should deny the speaking with other tongues as the evidence of the Baptism, we should be in fellowship at once with those who oppose this movement. In accepting the evidence, we are cut off from the churches at large. Which course shall we take?

The first thing we have to do is to search the Word of God and order our lives accordingly. In the Scripture, it clearly states that on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit fell, the disciples in the Upper Room were all filled with the Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Nor is this incident in Acts 2 an isolated experience. When Peter went down to Caesarea and preached to Cornelius and his household, the Holy Spirit

fell on all of them that heard; and those who accompanied Peter were astonished because on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God" (Acts 10:46).

Again when Paul met certain disciples at Ephesus who had not been filled with the Holy Spirit, he laid hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came on them; "and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Acts 19:6).

And Paul, in 1 Corinthians 14, reminds us that in Isaiah it is written, "With men of other tongues and other lips will I (the Lord) speak unto this people." When we refer to this passage in Isaiah 28 we note the Lord's comment on this manifestation: "This is the rest . . . and this is the refreshing." And further, the Lord in Isaiah 28:12 foretells the present attitude of Christendom toward this manifestation: "Yet they would not hear."

We therefore take our stand on the side of revealed truth and claim that those who receive the like experience as the Apostles did at the beginning, are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

The Pentecostal Evangel

THE BRIGHTNESS OF HIS GLORY

*The stars of morning that together sang
Before foundations of the earth were
laid*

*Were listening now; for skies a-sparkle
rang*

*With song of angels whose glad music
made*

*The drowsy world to wake. That clear,
sweet clang*

*Of Heaven's opening door would never
fade*

*Upon earth's ear; and it had ne'er been
heard*

*Had not He come, God's own incar-
nate Word!*

*The glory with the Father, which was
His*

*Before the world was made, He laid
aside;*

*Thus gentle Mary to her heart in bliss
Could press the Child and unto God
confide*

*Her wondering thoughts. She did not
know her kiss*

*Fell on soft hands that would be cru-
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*Small baby palms which held secure be-
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*The mystery of the seven stars, un-
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It is with a feeling of humility that we accept the responsibility of the tasks now given to us. We shall do our best to serve well in this capacity, with the help of the Lord. To this end we solicit an interest in your prayers for the "Ministry of the Herald". Please join us in special prayer for this purpose at nine o'clock each weekday morning.

PLEASE NOTE

The January Herald will be a special issue—it will introduce to you the General Executive Officers of the United Pentecostal Church and the Editorial Staff of our new publication.

M. J. Wolff—Editor.

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*E'en angels in high Heaven wished to
know*

*How bodily in Him—this tiny Child—
The fullness of the Godhead dwelt. And
lo!*

*To trusting human hearts the Savior
mild*

*Reveals Himself, as softly as the sifted
snow*

*Falls on tall mountain-tops so bleak
and wild;*

*And Spirit-born, His seeking ones from
afar*

*Are guided Home by Bethlehem's
glowing star.*

212 Victory Poems.

Go ye also into the vineyard

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hearts to serve Him with our whole heart, which leaves no room for self, yet we have not done that, as our every decision has been in favor of self and not God. We think only of pleasing self and not God.

The challenge and call to our young people in many instances has been falling on deaf ears, as their thoughts are attuned to the worldly flesh pots. Oh, yes! Fine jobs, cars and clothes are just a few of the "little foxes" which are slowly causing a deterioration in our young and old people. We are not willing to deny ourselves; we love self to the exclusion of God. God calls to us and speaks to us through his messengers but we continually fight and rebel against His word. Oh, what miserable and abject failures we make of our lives when we try to guide our own ship without the help of Christ, our pilot.

Many of you who read this will say, "why should I give my life and talents to heathen people who would not appreciate my efforts?" Something within you (self) tells you that you may become a famous personage if you remain in your own community. What are you going to do?

Once a wealthy young man came to Jesus and he had almost everything that one could desire. He asked Jesus, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: AND COME AND FOLLOW ME." The young man hung his head and walked slowly down the road. The call had been heard but his riches were too big for him to give them up and he could not pick up his cross and follow HIM.

The challenge of Jesus is not easy;

but beloved are you looking for something easy? The business man is eager to achieve victory in his business deal, the soldier to gain a victory over his enemies. Most everyone is trying to be in some kind of action somewhere, because they have a desire to achieve their goal. Many of our boys paid the supreme sacrifice in this war because they believed their cause enough to die for it on the battlefield.

If we are Christian soldiers we must "pick up our cross" and go out into the world where gross darkness prevails and the heathens rage, so that the light of Jesus Christ may dispell that darkness. It is my prayer that men and women, young and old, everywhere will be filled with holy boldness and will dare to cast loose from the shore line and set sail on the sea to new frontiers where they can see souls blooming forth into new creatures. The lily gives us a very fine example of the grace of God working in the life of a man. In the morning, while the dew glistens on its petals, they are all closed and it is not very pretty to behold, but as the sun's rays begin to beam down, its petals begin to unfold and in a few hours all of its matchless beauty is there for the eye to behold.

So it is with the working of the Holy Spirit, it lifts man out of the mundane pleasures and sets him in new and heavenly places, where he can behold the beauties and riches of God. To see this transforming power work in the lives of men and women is the especial privilege given to those brave warriors who heed the cry "go ye also into the Vineyard," and obey implicitly without thought of what it will cost them, but only of the hope and reward which will be yours "if you endure to the end."

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