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JUNE 30TH, 1908.

No. 3.

"CONFIDENCE"

A Pentecostal Paper for
Great Britain.

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

—1 John v., 14-15.

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

—Prov. iii., 26.

MONKWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND,
ENGLAND.

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54 Bracknell (S.)	0	5	0	104 Edinburgh (K.)	0	2	6
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60 Edinburgh	0	2	6	110 Glasgow (M.)	0	10	0
61 Akron (E.)	0	4	0	111 London (B.)	0	1	0
62 Pamborough	0	2	6	112 Ilkley (A.)	0	2	0
62a Ottery St. Mary (F.)	0	2	6	113 Winnipeg (W.)	0	4	1
63 Bayswater (D.)	0	1	0	114 Catford (L.)	0	5	0
64 (D.)	0	1	4	115 Edinburgh (B.)	0	10	0
65 Pontesbury (B.)	0	4	0	116 Edinburgh (T.)	1	0	0
66 Wimbledon (D.)	0	10	0	117 Alresford (B.)	0	2	6
67 Nurse (C.)	0	2	6	118 Bury (P.)	0	4	0
68 (N.)	1	0	0	119 Nelson (H.)	0	1	0
69 Friend	1	0	0	120 Carlisle (R.)	0	10	0
70 Chapelton, Sheffield (W.)	0	3	0	121 London (C.)	0	1	0
71 Woodhouse Mill, near Sheffield	0	3	0	122 Glasgow (R.)	0	2	6
72 Croydon (M.)	2	0	0	123 Hawick (W.)	0	1	0
73 Camberwell (H.)	0	6	0	124 Stamps under 1/-	0	9	0
74 East Wemyss (S.)	0	2	6	125 Kirkcaldy (A.)	0	4	0
75 (L.)	1	0	0	126 Fratton, Portsmouth (S.)	0	1	0
76 Nurse (P.)	0	5	0	127 Smethurck (S. & J.)	0	3	6
77 Anonymous	0	5	0	128 Glasgow (W.)	0	2	6
78 Farnham (S.)	1	0	0	129 Poulbro Wash (L.)	0	2	0
79 Nurse (W.)	3	0	0	130 Near Airdrie (H.)	0	2	6
80 Miss S.	5	0	0	131 Leamington	0	10	0
81 Waunlwyd (J.)	0	1	0	132 A Thank-offering	5	0	0
82 Offerings in plate at Conference	5	12	6	133 Newcastle (H.)	0	10	0
83 For "Confidence" (P.)	10	0	0	134 Bryanston Square (B.)	0	2	6
84 Emsworth (R.)	0	12	6	135 Airdrie (B.)	0	2	6
85 Ealing (S.)	0	10	0	136 Edinburgh (M.)	0	5	0
86 Scarborough (H.)	0	4	0	137 Worthing (W.)	0	1	0
87 Ilkley (A.)	0	5	0	138 Two Sisters (H. and S.)	0	3	6
88 London (B.)	0	2	6	139 Liverpool (B.)	0	5	0
89 Edinburgh (D.)	0	1	0	140 Sunderland (W.)	0	2	0
90 Margate (P.)	0	1	0	141 Anon.	2	0	0
91 Blackheath (D.)	0	1	6	142 Weardale (G.)	0	1	2
92 Malton (C.)	0	2	3	143 Wolsingham (Y.)	0	1	0
93 Selby (P.)	0	2	0	144 Leeds (E.)	0	10	0
94 Horseman's Hill (S.)	0	1	6				

For Pandita Ramabai's Widows.

	£	s.	d.
1 H. [Scarborough]	1	0	0
2 L. [Liverpool]	0	10	0
3 Offertory at All Saints' 8 a.m. (7/6/8)	1	7	3
4 Per S.	0	12	6
5 Leeds [H.]	1	1	0
6 Halifax [E.]	10	0	0

A terrible famine in India is bringing great opportunities and great difficulties to the brave band of workers at Mukti. We owe much to the prayers of Pandita Ramabai's widows. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit with the gift of Tongues on hundreds of these young widows has caused some Christians to be less generous in their gifts. Those who believe this is of God should pray for the good work. Any gifts will be acknowledged in "Confidence" and forwarded to India.

For the Norwegian Sisters.

	£	s.	d.
1 M. (Croydon)	1	0	0
2 Nurse W.	2	0	0
3 A Friend	1	0	0
4 Miss S.	1	0	0

Other gifts were also handed direct to them. They are preparing to go as Faith Missionaries to India (N.W.P.) They are attending a Bible School for a Session in U.S.A. Their address till September—
Sister Agnes Thelle,
Sister Dagmar Gregersen,
c/o Mr. W. N. Lund, 61, Rockland Street, Roxbury,
Boston, U.S.A.

For Gospel Teas for Needy ones in Sunderland.

	£	s.	d.
1 C.P. (Bedford)	2	0	0
2 Other Gifts	0	15	0
3 Nurse P.	0	5	0
4 B. (Statham)	1	0	0
5 W. (Chapelton)	1	0	0

(There is sore distress.—A.A.B.)

"CONFIDENCE."

No. 3.

ALL SAINTS', SUNDERLAND.

June 30th, 1908.

O God, I long to pierce the veil that hides Thee
from my view ;
My soul would break her bonds and upward fly
to Thee.
The things I know not, darkly seeing in a glass,
The glory that I see not, how I yearn to see !

O lift the veil ; My soul is orphaned if not satisfied in Thee,—
O burst asunder all the human that beclouds
Divine,—
Scatter as rising sun the morning mists, which hide
Thy Face ; until transformed by seeing Thee my
soul doth shine.

Shine on, rise higher in my soul, O Sun of God,
Shine, burn, transform,—till, purified by radiance
bright,
Holy as Thou art Holy, Pure as Thou art Pure,
The separating veil passed through—the Dawn
doth overcome the night. S.

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

"PENTECOST WITH SIGNS."

The World-wide Revival.

Acts x., 46—"For they heard them speak with Tongues and magnify God."

IT is possible that some, into whose hands this copy of "Confidence" may come, have not heard of that which God is doing in many parts of the World in preparation for the speedy return of the Lord Jesus. *

It is said that as many as 50,000 earnest followers of the Lord have received in the last year or two an overwhelming inflow of the Spirit of God. As He has come in He has caused them to "Speak in other Tongues." It was "as the Spirit gave them utterance."

They are people who love the Lord Jesus, who hold fast to the Word of God. To them the Comforter has come to dwell in them for ever (1 John xiv., 17). The Joy of the Lord is their strength.

In September, 1907, the Lord began thus to baptize in Sunderland, and after ten months this work of God has spread far

and wide in the British Isles. (Those who would know more should obtain and read some of the free Literature mentioned on the last page.)

The Editor of "Confidence" (A.A.B.) felt that the Lord would gather together in Conference at Sunderland many of those whom He had blessed. He thought at first it might be on the Anniversary of the first Outpouring here (September). A Spirit-filled friend, however, suggested the appropriate season of Whitsuntide, and so the invitations were sent out. "Truly," say many, "we have never known such a Whitsuntide in our lives."

An American sister, with a wonderful past in the Lord's work, said, "This Sunderland Conference has been

THE VERY ACME

of all Conventions or Conferences I have ever attended." Yet such wonderful things are coming that we may expect to look back in time and say, from a new standpoint, it was *poor* compared with what the Lord is now giving us.

THE WHITSUNTIDE CONFERENCE.

Our first Sunderland Conference has, by God's goodness, been indeed a time of
STRENGTHENING.

It has confirmed and established all of us. Every detail was arranged and provided for by our Heavenly Father in answer to confident prayer.

It was a wonderful time of
FELLOWSHIP!

The number of the "*Visitors*" was about 120, and we were all with one accord in this one place. Perhaps some five-hundred like-minded brethren, first and last, were also present in our meetings, while we specially found accommodation for about 120, who wrote from distant places.

It was a time of
BROTHERLY LOVE.

Even where we had to differ as to methods and to speak faithfully, love of the Brethren ("*philadelphia*") was always shown.

It was a time of
REAL JOY.

The radiant, happy faces cheered up everyone. There was infectious joy—the joy of the Lord; even at times there was good-natured, hearty laughter, such as did us all good. There is a time for everything.

But it was also a
SOLEMN TIME.

Jesus Himself stood in our midst and spoke to us, and we were awed and bowed down to the very dust. He was teaching us. He was manifesting His gifts and shewing us how to prove all things, how to trust Him, and how to stand on His promises. *The Lord was our Leader.* There was in all the gatherings also a visible leader, but he sought not to be in evidence. He was just ready if needed. The Lord has always had overseers, whom He uses to guide under His control, that

all things may be done becomingly and in order. But the Lord in His goodness so graciously manifested Himself that there was rarely any need for this. There will be restive spirits in every large gathering, and those who are only content if they dominate, but He so graciously provided, that we praise Him with full hearts.

They that feared the LORD spake often one to another, and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him, for them that feared the LORD and that thought upon His Name. "And they shall be Mine," saith the LORD of Hosts, "in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth His own son that serveth him."—Mal. i., 16, 17.

It has been a time of
TEACHING.

We are learning to put the Gifts in their right place. To look to the Giver far more than to His gifts. To honour Jesus, to keep closer and closer to His Word. To detect the flesh in some extravagances, in some messages, in some manifestations, but to go forward fearlessly and to exalt Jesus far above all.

We mean that which was our "Home Battle Cry," as one said. The Glory is to be given to the Lord—

Glory to Jesus, wonderful Saviour!
Glory to Jesus, the One I adore;
Glory to Jesus, wonderful Saviour!
Glory to Jesus, and praise evermore.

Preliminary Meetings.

(Arrival of Visitors from Abroad).

"Gather My saints together unto ME, those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."—PSALM l., 5.

A persistent fog hung over the North-East coast on Monday, June 1st. Syrens and deep whistles boomed night and day.

The steamer, "Stirling," from Christiania, was lying-to off the coast for some twelve hours. So we were glad when Sister Barratt (Pastor Barratt's worthy help-meet) and the two Sisters, Dagmar Gregersen and Agnes Thelle, arrived safely at Monkwearmouth.

On the steamer, Sister Thelle had been writing in the saloon under the sky-light, when a Norwegian painter carelessly put his foot on the glass above her and broke it, and thick pieces of glass fell upon her and on the table, making dents in the table top and in a book lying beside her, but she was unhurt. It was, indeed, a miracle. Some passengers had been playing cards at the table, and, at her request, had moved to enable her to write. She said to them, "Now that is God's goodness to you; if you had been here you would have been hurt or killed."

These two, Sisters Dagmar and Agnes, were greatly used of God in Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland last year. They now are on their way to America for a time of preparation for the Foreign Mission Field, as they hope to go to India and especially to Bonda, a place in the North-West provinces. Their address this summer will be, care of Mr. H. N. Lund, 61, Rockland Street, Roxburgh, Boston, U.S.A.

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Wednesday, June 3rd, we observed as a special day of Prayer and Fasting. We met in the Vicarage in the morning, and continued in earnest prayer and waiting till three, and then assembled in the evening. Many others in all parts of our land were praying with us also. The Lord wonderfully answered our prayers.

Pastor Polman and Brother Kok, from Amsterdam, arrived the same day. How glad we were to welcome them. To meet face-to-face after so much blessed correspondence. So prayers went up in our Vicarage in Norwegian and Dutch and

English, and in "Tongues." The Lord blessedly baptized dear Pastor Polman the next day, Thursday, June 4th, as we laid hands upon him in the Name of the Lord. Hallelujah!

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On Thursday night we were able again to feed some 300 hungry unemployed men in our Parish Hall, giving them a plentiful supply of wholesome food, and then, for two hours, earnest Gospel addresses and testimonies, which were blessed to many starving souls. Pastor Polman and Herr Kok sang to them in Dutch and English, and then spoke spirit-guided, loving words. A large number remained to the after-meeting. Many seemed deeply touched. The Lord is working, we are sure, in many sad lives. They have been learning through very bitter experiences.

On the Friday, (June 5) we had a powerful Vestry Prayer Meeting at night. A large number of Conference Visitors had arrived. We were glad to welcome dear Scottish friends from Kilsyth and neighbourhood, who had "Week-end Tickets." Our Scripture portion was 1 Cor. xiii., a key-note sent by the Lord to our Conference.

Mrs. Boddy spoke on 1 Cor. i., 10—"No divisions," or unnecessary criticisms:

"The Body must be *one*—that the spiritual Unity may not be hindered. God is sweeping aside things that men have been fighting about. The Lord did not often attack. He generally asked questions and led men along. The Victory of Christ is so real to us. We are not afraid of the devil. God will put the flesh down. Yield to the consuming Fire of His presence.

The Marriage question.—Husband and wife to be true to each other, even if one is an unbeliever.

Women to preserve modesty.—Avoid in dress or behaviour anything that might lead towards the sin of "free love." Even though the carnality may be gone, there may be danger. The utmost courtesy should be observed at all times.

Young people should not have meetings alone, and at all times we must have thought for others, and walk in the Spirit.

All effervescence will die down. The silent controlling power of the Universe is to be trusted. "Lay hands suddenly on no man." Be very careful not to interfere with any soul with whom God is dealing. Healing now means more than before. The Fire of the Holy Ghost burns up the con-

tamination in the blood. We are created in Christ Jesus. He was begotten of God, pure and holy. The devil fights the truth of union with Christ. No divisions. Be a member of Christ and let His Life flow through you. Calvary has separated us from the old creation. Now it is all grace."

Bro. Andrew Murdoch, of Kilsyth, reminded us how "Pentecost" in Scotland had done in a short time and more satisfactorily that which in many families it had taken years with "Prayer and Belt" to do. Mrs. Beruldsen also gave her testimony as to God meeting her in Sunderland, healing her and filling her with the Spirit, and opening up new work and a new life.

On the Saturday morning, June 6th (11 a.m.), Miss Sisson spoke of the confidence wherewith God is establishing His people at this time. In bygone days, fear had been put in her heart by the great enemy lest manifestations should stumble others. The Lord gave her the message, "Hew to the line and let the chips fly." Do not get your eyes too much on the chips, even if they are many and even if very big, even if they hit one in the eye. Some folk can see nothing but the chips. What good would a forester be if he spent his time looking after the chips and thinking about the chips. Some people can see nothing but chips.

God says, "I will pour out MY Spirit." Do not fear. Do not listen to the Devil's lies lest you get off your line.

HEW TO THE LINE AND LET THE
CHIPS FLY.

Let us give the Lord our hearts' unbounded confidence.

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On Saturday afternoon we had blessed times of prayer. We cried to God for Cuba and for the workers in that dark island, for Brother and Sister Pain, for Cledonio Leal, Marguerita Puerta, Maria Gil-Consolacion Cruetz, Ignacia Oliva, Aurora Anoma Mena, and the friends in Jaruco, Madruga, and San Antonio. We trust to hear good news, and we ask friends to continue to take Victory for Cuba. We prayed also for Brother Slingerland, at Berbera, in Somaliland, and are trusting

that these prayers have already been blessedly answered.

The Welcome Meeting in All Saints' Church.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, at 7.30.

It will be interesting to all to know that the Welcome Meeting of the first Pentecostal Conference in England was held in a church of the Church of England,—All Saints' Church, Fulwell Road, Monkwearmouth. The large Vestry was found to be too small to hold all, and as the Parish Hall was not at liberty, we assembled in All Saints' Church. Strangely enough it was the very eve of the first Sunday in June. Just a year before on the first Sunday in June we had seen over this church the wonderful light which seemed to speak of God's rich blessings about to radiate out from All Saints'. (See Vicar's Testimony, p. 11.)

It was a reverent solemn assembly which knelt and sang so sweetly,

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea,
Cherubim and Seraphim, falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

We read together the second chapter of the Acts down to the 18th verse, "On My servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

Words of welcome were spoken by the Vicar, and by a dear Salvation Army brother (J. Techner), and others, and subsequently a prayer meeting was held in the Vestry. It was a memorable night for some.

Loving greetings came over the wires to the Conference from Stirling, from Ireland, from Canada, and even from far off India.

STIRLING. (Handed in, 4.16 p.m., Received, 4.58 p.m., June 6th.) Rev. Mr. Boddy, All Saints', Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

Stirling's greetings. Jesus said, "All power is given unto Me." (There is none left for Satan.)

BANGOR, County Down, Ireland. (Handed in, 2:15 p.m., received, 2:30 p.m.) Boddy, All Saints' Vicarage, Sunderland.

Greetings to Convention. Victory last night. One received Baptism at Belfast. Victor Wilson.

TORONTO (Canada). Boddy, All Saints', Sunderland.

Pentecostal Union Greetings, Murray.

COONOR (India). (Handed in at Coonor 9:20 a.m. Received at Sunderland 8:49 a.m.) Boddy, Sunderland.

Revelations, Twelve, Eleven. Coonor.

This last was from Pastor Barratt. "They overcame him by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death." Mrs. Barratt was also full of joy when this telegram came all the way from India to us at the Conference. We were glad to think that the dear Pentecostal Saints at Toronto also remembered us on this most important occasion.

Whit-Sunday.

ACTS II, 1—"When the day of Pentecost was fully come."

Ever since 1892, Whit-Sunday has been a very blessed day at All Saints', Monkwearmouth, but no Whit-Sunday has been so wonderful as that of 1908.

Our reverent yet bright services were appreciated to the full by many who gladly accepted the invitation to the Lord's Table. At eight o'clock a large company assembled, and there rose from scores of Spirit-honouring lips the prayer-hymn:

Spirit of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying see;
Oh, make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
And worthier Thee.

At 10:30 again the Holy Table was thronged with willing guests. The message given was from St. John, iv., 24. "God is (a) Spirit." An eternal Spirit, a loving Spirit, a quickening Spirit. We are redeemed and cleansed by the Blood, that where the Blood

is, the Oil (Holy Spirit) may be applied. After Calvary, Pentecost, but only to the Glory of God and of Christ.

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The Church Service at 6:30 was joyous and Spirit-filled. The Preacher's text, "This is that" (Acts ii., 16), was from a Sermon in which Christ was lifted up, His Death, Resurrection and Glory were the theme, for Peter had just received his Pentecost. He was speaking probably in the language of the Jews of Jerusalem at that day, not in "Tongues." Peter had, with the others, spoken in "Tongues" when the Holy Ghost came upon him a few minutes before. Perhaps he had to break out again a little in "Tongues" during his sermon, but that is not recorded. There were, in that congregation at All Saints' on that Whit-Sunday night, more who spake in "Tongues" than ever were gathered in an Anglican church before, but perfect order and reverence prevailed, and God was mightily present. The Preacher just once found himself for a moment so carried away that he was speaking in "Tongues," but the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets, and so he restrained. Jesus and His finished work was the Preacher's theme.

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Two important meetings were held to-day at 3 and 8 in the Parish Hall. Miss Sisson of U.S.A., well known on both sides of the Atlantic as a writer and proclaimer of a full Gospel, gave a thrilling message in the afternoon, on "Spiritual atmospheres," and at night the two Norwegian sisters, Dagmar Gregersen and Agnes Thelle, gave their testimony, Mrs. Beruldsen interpreting. Brother A. Murdoch spoke in the Parish Hall at 11 to young people and others. In the afternoon, Rev. T. Russell of Leamington spoke in the church to children, and at 6.30 Brother J. Welsh of Carlisle spoke at the young people's service.

Opening Meetings of the Conference.

The Morning and Afternoon of Monday, June 8th, were fully occupied with an important and deeply interesting discussion as to our Waiting-Meetings. This cannot be given in full.

The Convener expresses, however, the feeling of the meeting by the words, "We *must* keep closely to Scripture." That, however *apparently* successful other methods may seem to be, we dare not build upon results. We can only rest upon the sure Rock of Scripture. Unscriptural methods will naturally provoke great opposition, give the adversary cause to reproach, strengthen those who oppose, and stumble weak believers. Persecution, when not following God's Word closely, is not a sign of the Lord's approval, but such persecution will cause a falling away, for it will be hard to suffer for something which is not Scriptural.

Miss Schofield referred to recent experiences in America. She said, "My difficulty was an intense desire to help God," but the Lord seemed to be saying, "Will you let Me manage My own affairs." So the Lord did it. The preparation was the greatest blessing in her case. The Lord changed the very texture of her being, until at last she was in a place of rest. "Cease for ever from your own initiative."

Sister Dagmar, of Norway, said, "We must not make ways of our own. The Lord deals with different natures as He sees fit. In one home the daughters were filled with the Spirit. When they went upon their knees something went to her heart. She said, 'I'm afraid this is something you have been *learning*, This is something to keep the devil out. I need it not, for I have the Life in me of Jesus Christ.' She felt that it was just as the

heathen do when they cry over and over again that their gods will help. 'I fear that if they keep on like that it will give an opportunity to the Enemy to get a hold. Keep praying in the Spirit always. Watch, keep looking unto Jesus. If we look to Him we do not need to look to others. Let there be a childlike walk. Obey the Spirit. When He says, 'Pray aloud,' obey; when He says, 'Be still,' obey. Seek a deep, deep spiritual life. When dead with Christ self can do nothing.'"

Others who took part in the discussion were the Chairman (Rev. A. A. Boddy), Bro. Martin, Mrs. Boddy, Bro. Taylor, Bro. Frisby, Mrs. Walshaw, Bro. Mogridge, and Bro. Thoussen.

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The Evening Meeting was wonderful and glorious. All the members of the Conference came up in a spirit of praise and prayer. For an hour-and-a-half we remained on our knees in the very Presence of God. Prayer and praise arose incense-like to His Throne. All Heaven surely was interested in that wonderful meeting. Later, we had thanksgiving and testimony from Bro. Taylor, of Bury, Bro. Tomlinson, of Port Talbot, Mrs. Barratt, of Christiania, Bro. Miller, of Glasgow, and Bro. Techner, of Monkwearmouth.

An ex-soldier, who had walked from Birmingham to be present at the Conference Meetings, cried out for help. He said he had back-slidden, and the Enemy had possessed him. We carried him into another room after the demons had been cast out. At the end of the Conference he set off to march back to Birmingham, looking very bright and well.

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2nd DAY.

The Tuesday Morning Meeting was a deeply solemn time. We were brought face to face with the Lord Jesus Himself.

We were glad to turn from the gifts to the great Giver; to see the deeper life in Him for all through union with Him in His death and burial.

We sang, on our knees (Hymns of Victory, 218)—

Jesus, I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art;
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart.

After a considerable season of prayer and praise in the Spirit, Mrs. Boddy spoke from John vii., 38, 39: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. This spake He of the Spirit, which they that *believed in Him* were to receive, for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."

These verses, of course, had reference to a special time, but we may take them as a lesson for to-day and the lesson may be found in the latter part of the 39th verse. Many have not yet put the Lord Jesus in His right place. JESUS is not yet glorified.

Gifts are the manifestation of the Spirit through the Body, as *He* will. Before Jesus can be glorified, there must be *death*.

We need not try to die, as so many do, and therefore become discouraged because the process is so slow. Take the Word of God—it is sharper than any two-edged sword, even to the dividing of soul and spirit (Heb. iv., 10). The Word of God has a slaying power (Hosea vi., 5). It says, "Ye *are* dead" (Col. iii., 3). Jesus put the old man to death. "Behold the *Man*." Behold yourself on the Cross (2 Cor. v., 14) with Christ. On the Resurrection morning the first of a new creation rose. Henceforth a *New Life*, Eternal Life. The Christ-Life for all who believe and receive.

"Eternal," as Andrew Murray puts it, "is that which each moment and always exists in its full strength, unmoveable, unchangeable." "No longer I, but Christ." All through the precious Blood. The Blood is all-powerful in three worlds—Heaven, Hell, and this present evil world. "They overcame because of the Blood." "The life of the flesh," gone. We cannot lift a finger to procure our own salvation, it is the "gift of God," and it is *all* Jesus. Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ. He went to the depths of hell for us, to set us *free*. We can say now, "I *am* dead" (a *slaying* word).

Death brings stillness. Neither sin, disease, nor the devil can touch a dead thing. "Reckon yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin." "Christ liveth in me." Sin, disease, and the devil cannot touch the Christ. Praise God. Let us abide in Him—resting—"having ceased from our own works." It was the glory of God that raised Jesus from the dead; God's glory alone; "even so reckon ye also yourselves to be alive unto God in Christ Jesus."—Rom. vi., 11, R.V.

Are you willing to be slain, to be nothing, to drop past experiences altogether, and be occupied with Jesus only? No longer so much working for

God, as God working through us. Our fight now is not "against *flesh and blood*, but against principalities and powers." "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath set us free." Dare to abandon yourself to God. He cares for us more than we, as parents, care for our children. Let us get down before God and glorify Jesus. We *are* sanctified by the offering of the Body of Jesus. The death of Jesus is our death. Now, Jesus in the glory is our Life. The Life that has overcome death comes into us.

Praise Jesus. Get taken up with Jesus. Crown Him, Lord over all. Be filled with the Spirit and God will use us. He will bring people to us for blessing, and will flow through us to them in *rivers* of living water. We are only atoms in this universe, but God can do mighty things with atoms. He makes us "Sons of God."

The Social Gathering.

Psalm cxxxiii., 1—"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Hospitality was offered to all Visitors and Friends at the afternoon Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th. The seats in the Hall were all arranged so as to form a happy family gathering. On every breast was pinned a white card after this fashion:—

PASTOR POLMAN,
AMSTERDAM.

No introductions were now needed. It was truly a happy family in the Lord that thus met. The joyful faces, the words of kindly greeting, the bright singing from time to time, and the testimonies to God's goodness made us feel it was a glimpse of Heaven upon Earth. There was a unity which nothing but the Holy Spirit could give. We were Anglicans, Methodists, Friends, Salvationists, Congregationalists, Mission Members, etc., but "denomination" was forgotten. All one in Christ Jesus was true.

Then we were English folk, Scottish folk, Welsh folk, Irish folk, Norwegian folk, Danish and Dutch, yet all one in

Christ Jesus.

We invited the Welshmen up on to the platform, and, headed by Pastor Jeffreys, they sang to us in their Cymric Tongue:

Gwaed y groes sy'n codi fyny
'R eiddil yn gongcwerwe mawr;
Gwaed y groes sydd yn darostwng
Cewri cedyrn fyrrd i lawr;
Ciâd im' deimlo (repeated)
Awel o Calfaria fryn!

Cross of Jesus, free the captives:
Make great conq'rors of them all!
Cross of Jesus, slay the giants!
Prostrate to the depths they fall.
Let me feel! (repeated)
Just a breeze from Calvary's Hill.

Then Pastor Jeffreys spoke with great power. We were all so glad he was with us at this Conference. His messages laid hold of everyone in the meetings. The Welshmen left the platform, and the dear Dutch brothers came up and sang in their own language thus:—

O Lam van God, voor mij op aard gekomen,
Gij naamt de zonde van de wereld weg;
Gelijk een hert schreeuwt naar de waterstroomen,
Alzoo verlangt mijn ziel naar U, o Heer, mijn God!

Chorus—

Aan Uw voeten, Heer, leg ik mijn leven neer,
Ik sterf en leef en lijd voor U, gekruist voor mij!

O Lamb of God, Thou wonderful Sin-Bearer,
Thou takest away the Sins of the World.
As pants the hart for streams in desert weary,
So pants my soul for Thee, O Thou life-giving One.

Chorus—

At Thy feet I fall, yield Thee up my all,
To suffer, live, or die for my Lord crucified.

Pastor Polman (whose English improved each day) spoke grateful and useful words to the friends, telling us how delighted Madame Polman had been to know her husband had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost at Sunderland. He asked prayer for Amsterdam and Holland. He believed that the Lord was going to work.

Tea was now handed round by a host of willing, bright-faced workers, and happy conversation and Christian merriment rose with the tinkling of spoons, etc. The Vicar advised all to change places often, and so seize the opportunity of meeting

many friends; Not to "clag" to one seat, as an old friend of his used to say she did.

Later on, the two Norwegian Sisters, with all the Scandinavian party, including Mr., Mrs., and Miss Beruldsen, Mr. Thousson, etc., came up on the platform, and Sister Dagmar and Sister Agnes sang:—

Her fra Tind til Tind, der Ruller et Halleluja,
Midt i Solglans, Midt i Solglans,
O hvor prakfuldt, hvilke
Syner det for alle er, som
Guds kjazlighed atraar.
Hallelujahs roll and thunder on from peak to peak
While the sun shines, while the sun shines!
O what glory! what a vision!
It's for all who seek
To the hills of perfect love.

Sister Agnes then spoke by interpretation (see next page), and afterwards the two Secretaries were invited up to the platform. These ladies, Miss Howell and Miss Scott then told how the Lord had led them to Sunderland last August. How He had met them here, at the very beginning giving them their "Pentecost" with the sign of the Tongues. They thanked God for bringing them to Sunderland, and would continue to thank Him through all eternity for His gift of the Holy Ghost with the signs following.

THE OPEN-AIR MEETING.

Not fifty yards from the Parish Hall, at the North end of Wardell Terrace (in Fulwell Road), is an open piece of ground facing the South side of Redby Schools. The Social Gathering being over, we found our way hither, and formed a large circle under the summer sky, a Westerly breeze being the only drawback.

Such an open-air meeting is very rarely witnessed. God's dear workers in scores. Devoted workers, all accustomed to aggressive work. Strong, sweet voices, and faces lit up with the light of heaven. A Press-man, passing by, was at once struck with the scene, was convinced of the reality

of this Pentecostal blessing, and was found that night on his knees seeking his Pentecost.

Bro. Smith Wigglesworth, Bro. Tomlinson, Pastor Polman, a young brother from South Wales (Bro. Davis), Nurse Caldwell, Pastor Jeffreys, Bro. Barnes, Bro. H. Turnbull, a sister from Middlesbrough, Mrs. Laws, and others gave burning messages.

The people on the tramcars were deeply interested in the scene, groups gathered at corners near, windows were opened, and passers-by were arrested. It was a sight to be remembered. Then we formed up in the roadway, six or eight abreast, and marched to the Hall, singing over and over again:—

"Glory to Jesus, wonderful Saviour."

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THE WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL.

A DREAM-PROPHECY.

Sister Agnes Thelle said, "The Lord Jesus has given me a message to confirm what I am going to tell you of. In Zephaniah i., 7, He says, '*Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, He hath bid His guests.*' Also Zechariah xiii., 9, '*I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried; they shall call on My Name, and I will hear them; I will say, 'It is My people': and they shall say, 'The LORD is my God.'*'"

This was her vision. Whilst praying in a room with other friends, two of them were led to go out into a little court-yard. As she looked up to the stars, they seemed to come lower and lower and form themselves into a circlet with V.V. in the centre, or, as it would be in English:—



It was shewn to her that these letters stood, in Norwegian, for a

WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL.

Then an Angel form came near and told her of "Victory, Victory, Victory." Best of all, the Lord Jesus Himself drew nigh, and looking upon many little companies, placed Himself as a circle round them all. Then the message, "I am coming soon."

"Behold, I come quickly, hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

"Put all things right, friends. Happy will those be who escape from the fire test that is coming. Eternity will not tell what Jesus has done to save us from our sins."

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SISTER DAGMAR GREGERSEN—

"Last night was, for me, a wonderful night. I was led by the Spirit to pray, 'O Father, reveal Thyself to me to-night.'"

While sleeping, she dreamt that she was lying before the Face of God, asking Him to teach her the English language. She was awakened from her sleep by hearing a cry in English, "My God, My God," and "The Fire, The Fire." (It was from Sister Agnes.) Then she seemed to be lifted and caused to cry—

"Jesus is coming,
Jesus is coming."

She opened her eyes, and the red morning was dawning, and the thought, like a message, was borne in on her, "As the bright morn, so will the Resurrection Morning be."

In her dream she stood in a beautiful garment, quite ready. "I longed," she said, "to cry to a fallen world three things:

- 1st—To keep still.
- 2nd—To learn His will.
- 3rd—To do His will.

When you have your Baptism, go on, seek more. Get deeper into the secrets of God. O Friends, here gathered in Sunderland, remember Gen. xxxi., 49. The Lord watch between us when we are apart from one another, till we meet in Zion. Oh, Halleluia!"

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THE SUNDERLAND CONFERENCE,

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That such a gathering of God's children should be possible in so short a time, all of one accord in this outpouring of the "Latter Rain," is to us a sign that God has "opened a door that none can shut," and is a foretaste of what He is going on to do in preparation for that great day when Jesus comes.

And now, as one can quietly review the wonderful events of a wonderful week, one realises more than ever how truly the Holy Spirit guided and controlled in all things, and how safely this work can be left in His hands.

The greatest blessing of the whole week, we believe, has been the vision and reality of the glorified Christ.

The wonderful depth and power of the Atonement, the preciousness and liberating power of His Death, the shedding of His precious Blood, has had the same result as ever—that of setting captives free—so that it is literally now "no longer I, but Christ." This is confirmed by the many letters received, telling of the glorious freedom from the old life of struggle and oftentimes defeat, to the reality of the Christ-life as the only Life, and therefore victorious as we abide in Him. Glory be to Jesus!

We are also confirmed in the fact that we are only "babes" yet in an entirely new plane of spiritual experience, and need to continue much in watchfulness and prayer, keeping low at the feet of Jesus

and adhering closely to the Word of God.

We praise God also that He clearly shews us that a loving forbearance with those whose flesh-life has not yet been crucified is all that is necessary, and that FEAR is much more of the devil than any manifestations of the flesh when under the overwhelming power of the Holy Spirit. We have proved that, as the soul yields to God in daily obedience, that all effervescence dies away and a deeper life in God becomes manifest. This *must* be the case if God is to get us quiet before Him—deep in Him—where He can reveal *Himself* to us, open up His purposes to us, and trust us with the manifestations of His gifts.

That the Adversary will *tempt* is abundantly evident, but that the Holy Ghost within is "more than conqueror" is more evident. Unfortunately, Satan has so put fear of himself into hearts, and consequently distrust of God, that instead of standing still in the battle and being overcomers in this fight against principalities and powers, numbers of God's dear children have fled and are now standing *outside* the whole thing, using the very worldly method of "*being cautious*." This is truly a much easier position to take, but God is as King for a people who will go up against the enemy, praising Him and trusting Him to deliver and destroy everything that is not of the Holy Ghost. He will do it and is doing it. Hallelujah!

As we have gone forward in simple faith and reliance on our God, the gifts have been manifested only, may we say, according to the measure of our faith, but, praise God, we are strengthened and emboldened to go on from strength to strength.

Many have been healed, one especially marked and instant, speedily followed by a realization of the death and burial with Christ and a marvellous inflow of resurrection Life from the Son of Life, perfected later on by the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, with the Scriptural evidence, all so beautifully and quietly done by the Lord Himself.

Discernment, also wisdom, have been given in a marked degree in addition to the gifts already received of tongues and interpretation, and we shall not easily forget the power and presence of God that came over us all when the Spirit prophesied through two sisters.

And here we would strongly urge the importance of the care needed in this

matter of messages. The true spirit of prophecy is unmistakable. In these days of our infancy, in this work of the Holy Spirit, the danger is great, and we willingly face it, of the mind, of the flesh.

Speaking from Scripture, we see *no warrant* for expecting a message in "Tongues" for details of daily life and guidance. In St. Peter's case, when the Lord had supernaturally delivered him out of prison, the angel left him, and he had then to exercise his own judgment as to where he should go. So, when we are really under the perfect control of God's Holy Spirit, He will use our natural faculties and "*cause us*" to walk in His commandments by working in us "*both to will and to do of His good pleasure.*" At the same time, we see that at any crisis it is quite evident that God can and does give a special message. If it is of God it will come to pass. In conclusion, we see that the spirit of *Love* will solve every difficulty. A loving consideration for weaker ones, that Love which "thinketh no evil, *beareth* all things."

We truly felt, as one of our number put it, a big family of happy children, just waiting on our Heavenly Father for good things, and truly He richly blessed us and sent us on our way rejoicing. Glory be to God!

"Forward" is, we feel, our command. Fear not, our Lord Jesus Christ is the Victor, and if we trust in Him and the power of the Blood, every device of Satan's will be brought to nought. Glory to God! Souls are being saved and sanctified, bodies healed, demons cast out, and the Holy Ghost poured out "as at the beginning," but far above all "we see Jesus," and His Love is flooding our own souls, and in our gathering of 1908 we felt that we were knit together by a love that burst all bonds of Church organization and social position, and made us truly "*one* in Christ Jesus"—"Till He comes."

Notes by Two Visitors.

At first, the thought did cross our minds as to whether leaving the conduct of the meetings entirely in the hands of the Chairman might in any degree limit the working of the Holy Ghost. But as the Convention proceeded we were more and

more convinced that the meetings were being guided by the Spirit of God Himself, working through the Chairman, in answer to united prayer. Whatever developments may take place later, it is our strong impression, therefore, that all similar Conventions should, at this early stage of the movement, be in the hands of experienced and sympathetic leaders.

Another feature, which tended greatly to mutual edification and unanimity of worship, was strictly confining the attendance to those who were either seeking or had experienced this "Latter Rain Outpouring." On two or three occasions it seemed as if indeed "Heaven came down, redeemed spirits to greet," as wave after wave of spontaneous praise and adoration swept through the audience, many speaking in "other tongues" simultaneously, others in their own tongue, but all voicing with one accord the never-ceasing anthem, "Worthy is the Lamb slain." Truly, one began to understand something of the "sound of many waters," in Revelation.

One afternoon was specially set apart to pray for those in distant places who were seeking their Pentecost and had written to the Convention for special intercession, and proved a time of real laying-hold of God as the intense yearning of the Holy Spirit poured through the members of the Body for one another, bringing with it a deeper realisation of the rapidly-nearing fulfilment of our Lord's prayers, "That they all may be one."

Specially helpful were Miss Sisson's addresses, with three vivid descriptions, by both language and gesture, of the vital truths she was inculcating. Few present will ever forget how she urged all those who believed this movement to be of God to "*hew to the line, and let the chips fly.*" She explained that in the backwoods of North America, when a tree was to be felled, a chalk-line was drawn round it, and the woodcutter told to hew to the line all round the trunk and *pay no attention to the flying chips*. If he turned his attention to them his aim would be untrue, and he would probably get a chip in his eye. This was exactly, she said, what many of the spiritual leaders of to-day were doing with regard to this movement. Their attention had become so engrossed with the chips (*i.e.*, fears) that they could see nothing else.

She urged us all to hew to the line, reiter-

ating with each stroke, "Pray and believe," and "*He (God) will do just as He says.*"

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How little did we think, when we went out to America to seek for all God had for us in this special outpouring of His Spirit in these Last Days, that within the year we should be able to see the wonderful answer to prayer for England, culminating (or shall we say beginning) in the glorious days of Conference at Sunderland, from June 6th to 11th.

The preliminary Prayer Meeting of Friday night will ever be stamped on our memory. It was the first touch we had felt in England of the united worship and adoration in the immediate Presence of God of those on whom the "Latter Rain" had fallen.

The key-note, as it were, of the Conference—the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," the rich North-country voices so suited to the solemn tune and words, and the thrill of quiet joy, seemed to go through and through one's whole being.

One feature of the Conference which struck us was the varying character of each day's programme.

Another feature was that Sunday morning celebration of the Holy Communion. No one present that day could fail to have realised the true unity of CHRIST'S Body, as Norwegian, Dutch, and other nationalities partook together of the memorials of CHRIST'S death.

It was such a privilege to meet our dear Norwegian and Dutch friends and to hear from them how God was visiting His people.

If these beginnings are so beautiful, what will it be like when the Bridegroom comes for His Bride? The blessed Spirit is teaching, is brooding over us, and is even teaching us some of the music to be sung at the Wedding.

On the Wednesday evening, when we were all kneeling in prayer and worship, after listening to our two sisters, who were giving us inspired messages on the second coming of our Lord, one of us had a vision of four men in red armour, which turned to bright gold as they passed on. They were the last figures in a procession and part of those who were following the Figure on Horseback with the garment dipped in blood. As they passed along,

they looked over their shoulders to see who was going to follow. As their faces looked in ours, one just put up one's hand and said, "I am coming," and, somehow, one knew we were amongst those who are willing to follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

"Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever."

Praise God for Sunderland Conference and all it has meant and will continue to mean to those of us who were able to be present.

A Pentecost by the Hudson River.

In one of our later meetings we were deeply interested to hear Miss M. Sturdee's story of her strange experience on the banks of the Hudson River (U.S.A.) Miss Sturdee is an old friend of many Sunderland people, and with Miss Schofield held a helpful Pentecostal League Mission at All Saints' some seven years ago.

With her friend, Miss M. M. Schofield, she had been visiting a number of Pentecostal centres in the States, and was hoping to receive a full Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Scriptural Signs. Then she had a dream, in which she saw a beautiful river rippling in the sunlight, and then across this picture the two Greek letters, "Alpha" and "Omega" (the first and the last).

It seemed to be a message from the Lord, it was so vivid. It was not long after that, in a railway train on a branch line running over a bridge and along the Hudson River, she looked out of the car window, and had to cry to Miss Schofield, "Oh, this is MY River." Then the power of God fell upon her, and in the car she found herself speaking in Tongues as the Spirit gave her utterance. She could not speak English again for some little time after. We all listened with great interest to this testimony. It seems as if scarcely two persons are dealt with in the same way, but the Lord does all things well.

Since leaving us, Miss Schofield has written (from Switzerland) a few words of appreciation of the Conference, which appear above, followed by some words from Miss Sturdee.

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TUESDAY, 7-30 P.M.

The Restoration of the Gifts.

Probably all the Nine Gifts have been in evidence during the Conference, but we seek a greater and more continuous manifestation of their presence.

We then spoke of discernment and of casting out devils, and how one had recently been delivered from the drug fiend and the drink devil. Bro. Hodges, of Hereford, told of a recent case of healing of locomotor ataxy. How the Lord took him on his cycle against the wind to the man's house. How, when he prayed with him, he was wonderfully healed. The doctor's letter, written before his cure, was read, shewing an almost hopeless state. Then the letter of the man, thanking God for his restoration. Miss Sisson told of her experiences while being at Dr. Yoakum's home in Los Angeles, and repeated the story of "Lulu's" healing and conversion. Lulu had been a victim to the drug habit, etc., but became one of God's chosen ones.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 11 A.M.

Prophetic Messages.

The very important subject brought before the Conference by Rev. A. A. Boddy this morning was that of "Prophetic Messages," etc. The Chairman first touched upon the question of irresponsible workers from other lands holding meetings. He felt that letters of commendation from well-known leaders should be brought by visitors from other lands. Very unsuitable persons may come over from other countries and hold meetings. Honest souls may attend and be led to do things which are not of the Spirit. Letters of commendation from God's children would be a help in every way.

He also mentioned the importance of Tithes if blessing was to be expected (Mal. iii., 10). It was like paying rent for the use of this world, the air, food, and clothing. He recommended each one to have a box or bag into which to place God's money, a tenth of every gift and everything earned. Then to give out as God suggests.

There would be no need for Bazaars or Sales of Work to raise money for God's work if this was always done.

St. Paul had spoken of the prophetic gift in 1 Cor. xii., and especially in 1 Cor. xiv. His readers were told that they were to covet earnestly spiritual gifts ("spirituals"), but especially the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is as much "speaking out in the power of God" (forth-telling) as foretelling.

Many "Baptized" Christians to-day can see dangers. Even earnest Baptized ones had unconsciously spoken "in the flesh." Some, afterwards, had seen it themselves and had sorrowed over it. He felt that there was no scriptural authority or precedent for making Tongues (with interpretation) into a Urim and Thummim Oracle for details of daily life. God gave guidance by "common sense," which He controls when we are trusting Him to give us the mind of Christ. Dangers come in through messages which profess to give dates, to mention names, etc.

MISS SCHOFIELD.—

"I find it a great help to recognise the influence of the unconscious mind. Not only two influences—the Holy Spirit and unholy spirits—but, more often than the latter, a third influence—the Unconscious Mind."

She gave some of her recent experiences in America, and passed on information gathered there. At a camp-meeting, a well-known leader came under the power for several hours. Then he began to call out the names of persons who had retired to their tents. A Great Council was to be at once formed. But later he acknowledged that it was not of the Holy Ghost. He who thus prophesied is a most sincere man and a born organiser. His faculties being loosened, and mental channels opened, the unconscious mind was set agoing and took control.

In another meeting one prophesied that a wealthy lady present would give so many thousand dollars to some special work. There may have been nothing but honesty of purpose, but almost certainly it was of the flesh.

MISS SCOTT (Sunderland)—

"There is a subtle danger of continuing in the flesh after a message has been given in the Spirit. We must prove by the scriptural tests of 1 Cor. xii., 1, 2, and 1 John iv., 1-3." "My sheep hear My voice."

Miss Sisson (U.S.A.) referred to a question raised by one speaker, viz., "Whether the call of all the Apostolic Faith Missionaries was of the Spirit?" (The Missionaries who went out to Africa and died, to Japan and returned, to the Congo and were not allowed to remain.)

She said it was not a sudden impulse with them. Bro. M. L. Ryan heard God talking to him about Japan for six months before he sailed. He did not go in a hurry. He certainly has had a tremendous financial test.

Now the Pentecostal people are mostly poor, yet God has said to her (Miss Sisson) that He is going to send out hundreds of thousands of Missionaries. It will mean cutting down our butter and sugar, etc.

Jesus being rich, yet for our sakes became poor. It is written over the Pentecostal Host. These, having a comfortable living, have for God's sake become poor. As their finances went down, their faith went up. The send-off on the Pacific coast to Bro. Ryan and his party was a wonderful time. People shouted "Hallelujah," and spoke in Tongues, and even got their Baptism, but the "Hooroar" soon died out of their Hallelujahs, and they forgot to send on help. But God has brought them through, and now they are printing in Japanese, though still needing help. (A thousand dollars needed for a printing press.)

She told us of Ericson, who prophesied a great tidal wave and earthquake on the Pacific coast, which did not come off, but which she believed was fulfilled by the San Francisco earthquake. Ericson was put into an Asylum. Said to suffer from "Glory-fits," but she believes he was a sane child of God.

She told us of the prophecy of the San Francisco Earthquake by a coloured sister, who, while walking in the principal street, saw all the church spires dancing in corkscrew fashion and then falling in pieces. A voice said, "In all this city I have not a Church." She tried to tell of it, but was not permitted. She was called "The Earthquake Woman." At last, at Mr. Manley's Mission, a Reporter took it down and published it on May 1st. The earthquake was on the 17th. "We must be careful not to crush any of the delicate things of the Spirit."

SISTER DAGMAR GREGERSEN (interpreted by Mrs. Beruldsen) :—

"Just after receiving my Baptism I read Paul's Words: 'Pray that ye may interpret,' and 'Strive after spiritual gifts.' I desired earnestly that He would give me the gift of interpretation, and He gave it to me.

When anyone speaks in Tongues, my tongue comes under the power of the Spirit, and I feel a power going through me which takes away my own thoughts. I am face-to-face with God Himself. His word is put in my ear and I must speak it out."

When she is present and a false interpretation is given, she is obliged to go to the person and tell them of it. "Oh, there is something so wonderful in this gift. When one gives one's self entirely into God's will, He keeps us perfectly still until the moment when He wishes to speak."

She was at Frederickshall at Easter (on the railway-line from Christiania to Gothenburg—A.A.B.) She never had such an Easter-time. Not one of the Nine Gifts was lacking, and all in beautiful order. She hopes that such Apostolic Congregations will be found all over the world, and lacking none of the fruits of the Spirit.

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At the close of the meeting we knelt in prayer, intending to leave the Hall about 12-45, but the Lord did not allow us to separate for an hour and a half. The power of the Lord took hold of Sister Agnes and began to prophesy through her. The Holy Spirit also took Sister Dagmar and gave out the interpretation in Norwegian in a loud voice. Mrs. Beruldsen then gave the English, which we repeated to the Conference and also wrote down. (About the same time, one of the visitors (Mrs. Edgar) received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.)

This is the message through Sister Agnes Thelle :—

"Behold, My Glory goes over you, O My people, and if ye will continue to seek with your whole heart ONLY to glorify Me, then the power that is given Me from My Father shall also go through your life, and the world shall see My Glory."

"I am coming soon, but oh, so little is done for this poor fallen world!"

"The Blood, the Blood only, shall save from sin—it is all through the Blood. Hold fast to the Blood, and no power in the world shall be able to hurt you, and the world shall be yours."

"The Lord shall be your Star, and you

shall walk in His Light. Watch and pray, because while the Holy Spirit works in these times, so does the evil one also."

"Let your Light be shining, then the darkness will go because of the Light."

"VICTORY, VICTORY.—This I give to every one that trusts in ME."

"A Holy Victorious People will the Lord have, and the more you look to His WORD the more will you see His Glory."

"Everything shall be opened to you. His Glory shall shine. His Blood brings Victory."

Afterwards Sister Agnes said to us (not prophesying), 'Prayer has a great power. Pray that all the resistance in the world shall be broken. In these last days pray that God may break in on their hearts. His children must be one. Believe that "Whatsoever ye ask in My Name shall be done."

The Photographic Group.

Singing God's praises up to the last moment, giving out passages from His Word, there was never a happier group that faced a camera. We believe that the picture will often revive blessed memories of sacred fellowship, and enable us to pray for one another when apart. We only regret that a few faces are absent.

Those who would like a "key" (a printed list of names) can have it from the Secretaries free. The photograph mounted is 3/- (post free), 2/2 unmounted (also post free), from Messrs. Taylor, Photographers, Hutchinson's Buildings, Sunderland. (It can be posted abroad also for 2/2.)

Those who wish to be encouraged should have a copy of this picture. The large number of men, and the thorough "Sanity" of the whole group, is a witness to the work of God.

The Near Coming of the Lord.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10th, 7-30.

Rev. A. A. Boddy read St. Luke xii., 32-40 (an important passage)—

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom. . . . Be ye also ready; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

He called on Miss Barbour (of Wimbledon), who, he said, had been much used in Sunderland (since receiving her "Pentecost" here) in giving Bible readings and in teaching deep things concerning the speedy coming of the Lord. "May the words of the speakers to-night be blessed to us all."

Miss Barbour spoke of (1) The Dates; (2) The Jews' Return; (3) The Signs.

1.—The Dates point to 1914 or thereabouts. The 2520 years (times of the Gentiles) began in B.C. 606, when Judah became Tributary,* and so run out in 1914. But the Lord may come sooner than this for His people. We have come to the clay toes of the image, of Dan. ii. (representing the Gentile rule), they point to the present age of Democracy.

2.—Then the Jews are returning as never before to the Holy Land.

3.—The Lord is also revealing *directly* to the hearts of His people that He is coming soon. He is now speaking through human personalities and in human language, and "soon" to us means a human "soon." The midnight hour is rapidly approaching.

When at midnight the speaker received her Baptism, the message through her was

LOOK AT THE CLOCK!

MISS SISSON (U.S.A.)—

Rev. xix., 58. "And a voice came out of the Throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.' And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, 'Alleluia: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.' Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife (Bride) hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness (the righteous acts) of the Saints."

Miss Sisson said—†

"As soon as the Lord's people are *ready*, He will come. It is a question of the quality of His people. The Bride is not yet ready. God is doing a wonderful work on the earth. How soon will we be made ready? The Bride has as much salvation as is lived out by her (the "Righteous acts of the Acts." Rev. xix., 8. R.V.) We may learn from Rev. xii. The Dragon is longing to swallow up the Man-child. Many movements, which were possibly begotten of God, have become abortive, got a twist, and the Devil has swallowed them up.

It is a Man-child that is caught up, not the woman clothed with the sun and with the crown of stars. The Warrior-spirit is necessary. Jesus

* In Lev. xxvi., 18, 21, 24. "Seven times" is repeated as the measure of the punishment to the Jews for disobedience. Seven years of 360 days gives 2520. (From Rev. xii., 6 & 14, we find that prophetic years have 360 days.) See also Luke xxi., 24. The times of the Gentiles began Dan. i., 1 (606 B.C.)

† Tracts by Miss Sisson. To be obtained direct from Beth-shan Book Room, 10, Drayton Park Highbury, London, N. "A Call to Prayer" (No. 1); "Its Answers" (No. 2), 4d. per dozen. "May we tarry till He comes," (3d. per dozen.)

will never come to His Throne on earth till He has someone to place upon it with Him. Rom. viii., 19. The Sons of God will be unveiled when they come of age. There is a *waiting* for this. His people are the Key of David, by which He unlocks His dispensations.

Jesus is waiting for the "First-fruits," not for the general Harvest. Rev. xiv., 4. These catch the celestial strains, and so are able to repeat them."

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 11TH.

After a time of praise and prayer, the Chairman referred to the question of morality, which had been faithfully dealt with at one of the preliminary meetings. How careful we should be to safeguard God's work. The unholy accusations made by some should make all most careful in avoiding the slightest appearance of evil. He commended to them "Counsel to Leaders" (paragraph 5) on this point. Where God works most mightily the Enemy tries his hardest to get in. But he cannot when we are loyal to the Lord and standing in the Victory of Calvary.

Nurse Freeman quoted Gal. vi., 17 :

"From henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

She thanked God indeed for this visit to Sunderland, for He had met her.

MRS. BODDY :—

"The Death of the Lord Jesus is as powerful as His Life. Satan will say, 'You are not dead.' Reply, 'It is written—Ye died.' Jesus died, and I died in Him. God will witness to His Word and make it real. It must not be merely a matter of mental assent. If we do not feel it, still we will look to the Cross and praise Him.

Jesus has come to carry out the Father's Will in you. God wants more than Tongues. He wants real Crucifixion. Life flows in as the Death-Union with Christ causes the vacuum. God works in stillness. The world travels silently through space. Get rooted in God and He will work from the centre of your being outwards. He will begin in your thoughts."

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Divine Healing.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH, 3 P.M.

During the Conference there were several cases of Divine Healing, of casting out of demons, and during and after the Conference quite a number received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Sign of Tongues.

Thursday afternoon was devoted to the subject of Divine Healing. The Rev. A. A. Boddy read James v., 14 :—

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord : and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up ; and if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

1.—These are the only definite directions in Holy Scripture as to our action in case of sickness. 2.—Where there are not male elders who believe, God has often raised up female elders. 3.—The call must come from the sick one. It is a sign of faith. 4.—It is the *prayer of faith*, not the oil, that saves. 5.—The oil is a symbol of the Holy Ghost, also of complete consecration to God of the body. 6.—Not the healing of the particular sickness, but salvation of body, soul, and spirit. 7.—Confession very advisable. 8.—Laying on of hands in accordance with Mark xvi., 18. Also may well be added, preceded by a rebuking of the disease and the demons which bring it.

He (A.A.B.) warned against any temptation to exaggerate in giving testimony to Divine Healing. In order to give God glory, His people sometimes may be tempted to go a little beyond their experience. So also in writing and speaking of His great work of "Pentecost," let us be sober and careful. God is doing Wonders, Marvels, in these last days. If any man is in Christ Jesus, there is a New Creation. Old things have passed away, all things have become new.

The Lord is restoring the Gifts of the Church, and many in this land have, in measure, the gift of Healing. Yet let us look up to the Lord of Life Himself, and breathe in His quickening Spirit. Let us ever receive the Holy Ghost, the "Giver of Life." Rom. viii., 11.

Testimonies to Healing.

Bro. Field, of Roker, Miss Cairns, of Leith, and Miss Hebden, of Scarborough, testified to being healed by the Lord. Nurse Caldwell, of High-bury, told us how God had saved her from paralysis. Bro. David Evans, of Port Talbot, is trusting the Lord to heal him of chronic asthma. He longs to be used of God. Isa. vi., 6, 7. The live coal had touched his lips. Now his cry was, "Lord, send me." Douglas Laws (Monkwearmouth) had been healed of severe neuralgia by the laying on of hands by M.B. Now he could thank God for his Pentecost received the previous Saturday. Pastor Jeffreys told how God was healing at

Waulwyd, S. Wales. Bro. Hodges, of Hereford, had been healed of a weak heart while praying the prayer of faith during a walk. He said, "To thank God that He has really done it is a proof that the prayer of faith has been offered. Refuse to be bound by Satan." Mrs. Everitt thanked God for Divine "prevention" since Pentecost. Miss F. Nicholson, Brixton, said that she was on sick leave from her school. Had longed to come to Sunderland, and her superintendent said, emphatically, "You are to take leave, you are so ill." She was trusting Him now for full health. She has charge of boys who are mentally affected and have become almost criminal, and she asked for the prayers of God's people for them, that the demons might be bound, especially on Fridays when they always seem worse. (Sankey Street School, Brixton.)

MISS STEWART, of China, told of Miss Hopwood's work at Ning-po. That many heathen even are healed as she lays hands upon the sick.

MISS SISSON told of healings in China. How prayer was made by one who was called the "Jesus Man," for a dead man some distance away in another village. The breath at once began to return to his body. Got up like a living ghost, but his resurrection was the means of the conversion of others.

MISS CASE told how she had been at death's door through taking some poisoned tinned food—pain like knives all over. She prayed for the pain to be removed, and soon she was caused to vomit, and got complete release.

MRS. MACPHERSON (who has twice been raised from the jaws of death) said, "The Lord has never failed me. I have trusted Calvary's finished work, and know that I am dead to sin and disease." Among other things, she had had a bad strain to ankle in the street, but just prayed the Lord to "chloroform" the ankle, and He did it, and took away the terrible pain. Jesus in the Resurrection and the LIFE.

MISS MABEL SCOTT (11, Park Lea Road) told how wonderfully the Lord healed her of Rheumatism, and how He had given her a new life.

As the meeting was tested, a very large number held up hands to shew that they had been healed, and nearly all a second time held up their hands to shew that they took the Lord from this time forth to be

their Life and their Health. Pentecost and Divine Healing are closely united together. Rom. viii., 11.

[Signora Malan, who had journeyed to the Conference from Torre Pellice, near Turin, in Italy, was healed and also received her Baptism with the Sign of Tongues. Her remarkable Testimony will appear in the next number of "Confidence," to be published (D.V.) about July 15th.]

The Last Night of the Conference.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH, 7-30.

The last night of the Convention, alas, had come. While some were remaining over the next day, this was the last official meeting. The greater part were leaving on the morrow.

After silent prayer, we sang:—

God be with you till we meet again,
By His Counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet...till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.....
Till we meet...till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Then we read St. John vii., 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 that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (But this He spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The Chairman then reminded them that in this Conference Jesus had ever been glorified. They had not boasted of Tongues, but had thanked God that the Lord Jesus had thus blessed them. They had lifted up Jesus and recognised him as their Alpha and Omega.

Then followed Testimony after Testimony for more than two hours. The scanty notes taken by the Editor but poorly represent the fire-filled utterances and the gratitude, almost to tears, of many of the speakers.

BRO. SMITH WIGGLESWORTH reported that they had not had a single back-slider

since "Pentecost" came to him and to his Mission. The most "difficult" persons had become kind, unselfish, and helpful to others. "We all know that it is not US any longer, but the Holy Ghost, as it were, welling up in us."

MRS. EDGAR (Leeds). There was just a little thing she had kept back which had hindered. As soon as she yielded and told the Lord she gave it up, the power of the Lord swiftly overwhelmed her. Oh, what a wonder, what a change. "Hallelujah to the Lamb for ever." She had received that which she had come to Sunderland for.

BRO. BARNES (All Saints').

Psalms xxxviii., 14, 15.—"I was as a man that heareth not and in whose mouth are no reproofs. For in Thee, O Lord, do I hope: Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God."

The Dutch brethren had been a great blessing to him and to his dear ones whilst staying in his home.

BRO. TECHNER (Monkwearmouth).

Nehemiah viii., 10.—"Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions to them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is Holy unto the Lord: neither be ye sorry: for the Joy of the Lord is your strength."

Divine love has bound us together. Jesus by His Spirit fills us with joy. We shall remember one another before the Throne.

A SUNDERLAND BROTHER (H.) told of his mighty Baptism. How he was delivered by it from great darkness, and filled with the spirit of powerful intercession. How, through reading about a man called Baxter, he had lost his blessing, and had written to A.A.B. saying he thought it was not of God. A faithful worker reminded him of the wonderful deliverance God had given him. He asked him to test his experience. Does Satan give greater power in prayer?—No. Would Satan remove the darkness of months and give joy in Jesus?—No. As he thought of these things he turned gladly back, and instantly found himself again rejoicing in Tongues. He claimed the Blood and got complete Victory.

BRO. J. WELSH, of Carlisle (who had returned to his "Jerusalem"), spoke of his first visit to Sunderland. He found a wonderful spirit of praise, which took away all the fear which some had sought to sow in his heart. He accepted entire

sanctification, and received also the healing of his body. He had St. John xiv., 17, given to him by the Lord. "He shall be IN you." Accepting this by faith, God gave him the "signs" later with a precious vision of Calvary. "I have just entered through a gateway, this is just the beginning. O you who are seeking, just believe God's Word."

Zephaniah iii., 17—"*The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing.*"

A SUNDERLAND BROTHER (who had been deprived of opportunities of fellowship)—

"Take advantage of testing times. Take advantage of hard times. Then it is that the seed goes deep down. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage."

He had obeyed a difficult command, and God had blessed him though separated from human fellowship. "Don't look too much to feelings, etc. Don't go back to the children's picture-books. God gives us feelings because of our infirmities, but Christ dwells in our hearts by faith."

PASTOR JEFFREYS (Waunlwyd, South Wales) warned the members of the Conference against following human leaders. Like others in Wales he had followed the teaching of one who had caused many to turn from God's best in these days. "May the Lord have mercy." Gal. iv., 6—"Because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father.'" No longer we who are to live, but Christ, who liveth in us. This Sunderland Conference had taught him not to glory in manifestations, but in JESUS. This is but the beginning, we are to be faithful unto death. As he closed his powerful testimony, we all rose and sang spontaneously (to "Diadem")—

All hail the power of Jesu's name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the Royal Diadem
And crown Him, Lord of all.

What wonderful singing! It was like the days of the Welsh Revival. All the fervour, but more of the Spirit than in those marvellous gatherings. Again and again we sang, with right-hand uplifted, and then with Bibles held high—

And crown Him!
Crown Him!!
CROWN Him!!!
Crown Him, Lord of all.

A SUNDERLAND CHARWOMAN, with shining face, told how, though she could neither read nor write, God had met her after a day's work and baptized her with the Holy Ghost in her own kitchen, taking control of her members and her tongue. The love of Jesus had filled her heart, and she had to speak about Him everywhere.

Miss Usher, Miss Barbour, Mrs. Everitt, Miss Neave, Miss Firmin, Bro. Davis (of Waunlwyd), Mrs. Reid, A Brother from Bury, Miss May Boddy, Miss Jane Boddy, and Miss Hebden also gave words of testimony, glorious testimony and fervent thanksgiving, always honouring the precious Blood as the way of Victory. So we closed our last Convention Meeting by singing (Hymns of Victory 37)—

Once it was the Blessing, now it is the Lord,
Once it was the "feeling," now it is His Word;
Once His gifts I wanted, now the Giver own;
Once I sought the teaching, now Himself alone.

All in all for ever,
Jesus will I sing;
Everything in Jesus,
And Jesus everything.

But as the last testimony was being given (it was then nearly ten o'clock), strange, wonderful strains of music were heard proceeding from a room at the end of the Hall. In this room a few friends had gathered for healing and for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Presence and Power of God now caused some of them to "sing in the Spirit." They began to adore the Lamb. They were lost to earth and were in the Presence of God.

Not in words, but in celestial cadences and long sustained harmonies. It was an
ANGELIC SEXTETT.

We could hear it through the closed door. It was a quite unpremeditated and and heavenly finale to the last meeting in the Parish Hall. We could scarcely listen to the words of the last testimony, helpful though they were.

We asked one near to the room to open that door, and then the

HEAVENLY ANTHEM

poured out upon us. As soon as the Blessing was pronounced, many of the friends cared no longer to hold themselves back, but gathered all round that door and listened in silence and awe-struck to the strains rising and falling so solemnly. It was a Heaven-sent Doxology at the close of our convention.

Extra Meetings.

On Friday, June 12th, Prayer Meetings were held all day in the Vestry, as a number of visitors were still with us.

Amid many remarkable testimonies one was given that the Lord had guided the speaker to these two passages as a message from the Lord to those who had been at the Convention.

Isaiah lxvi., 5—"Hear the Word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His Word; your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My Name's sake, said, 'Let the Lord be glorified; but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.'"

Jeremiah i., 17-19—"Thou, therefore, gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them."

"For behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee, for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

At the close of the evening meeting Sister Agnes was strangely led from a little gathering in the Vicarage, right across to the Vestry. Some of us had been in anguish of soul in prayer for a great blessing on our meeting. The Lord spoke to her and said, 'They need you, go over.' So Mrs. Beruldsen interpreted, and Sister Agnes spoke this last message, at times breaking down and sobbing.

"Friends, you are grieving the Spirit. God has so richly blessed you, that you must walk in holy solemnity with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Friends, keep still. He is near. Six months ago the Lord gave, through me, a prophecy at Copenhagen, and told me to write it down. I cried for five hours and I asked the Lord what it meant. He said, 'The Weight of My Word.' The Words are coming that shall go all over the world. The gifts are Holy Gifts. Each thing received by the Spirit must be tested by the Word. Prove all things, drinking in the Word, and under the Blood."

This is the prophecy which the Lord permits me to make known now:—

'The Spirit saith unto the churches, as the heaven was near the earth, revealed in the Spirit, so is My returning, saith the Lord, for never has My Spirit been poured out over the earth as in these days, therefore gather yourselves together, God's people, as a procession, that I may find you

watching when I come, saith the Lord. The love is cold in many. The days are coming soon when we shall be tried. Blessed are they that suffer for My Name sake, saith the Lord. You speak about My coming soon, but behold, I am near at hand, saith the Lord. Have you paid attention to my commandments? Have you kept your vows? Do you borrow oil? Is your heart divided? Woe unto him that toucheth the holy thing, saith the Lord. I will come upon thee as a thief and thou shalt not see the light. I, the Lord, hath spoken. How often shall I speak to you. How long will ye weary me with your sins, and are afraid to come under the Holy Spirit's searching fire, that fire which will destroy the earth, saith the Lord of Hosts who is truth and righteousness.'

"Alas, the love is cold in many. Blessed are they that suffer. I am near at hand. Is your heart divided? How long will you weary Me with your sins.

"I said to the Lord, 'If the fire is to destroy the world, shew it from the Word.' Then He gave me Zephaniah i., 18—'Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy.' Then listen, you who have God's Spirit. Blessed are they that hear the words of this prophecy, for the time is at hand.

"May we have the love of Jesus, that we thirst after the souls to be saved. We must live a whole life for the Lord. If Jesus needed to be anointed, how much more we, that we may have the victory.

"Let us not lose our gifts, but get deeper

and deeper into Christ. Love, Love, is the greatest of all gifts.

"Look upon My sufferings and death, and you will get love for the world.' Oh, the finished work of Golgotha. Is it too much if we go out in this battle for the Lord? Blessed are those who are persecuted. There is a glorious reward for them that go all the way with Jesus. Let us do God's will wherever we come, so that the Spirit can work through us.

"Remember Lot's wife. God could work without Demas.

"If we do not speak out the very stones will. He knows all things, all belong to Him.

"One night the Spirit said, 'Eternity will never let us know what Christ has suffered because of our sins.'

"Eternity will not be too long for us to praise our Saviour.

"If we are holy, all the opponents will fall down and cry, 'Lord, forgive me.' They will return if they see true life in the children of God.

"What a joy it will be when we all meet there. Let us seek for many stars in our crowns, why not thousands of stars. Then we will go right up to the Throne and lay our crowns at Jesu's feet. But it is all through His love that we have any crown at all."

"Jesus Only."

**SUNDERLAND CONFERENCE,
1908.**

**"Behold, I come quickly: hold fast
that thou hast, that no man take thy
Crown."** REV. 3, 11.

"Lo, I am with you always."

MATT. 28, 20.

The above, printed in red and black, was given as a Commemoration Card to each Member of the Conference,

Good Wishes from Los Angeles.

PENIEL HALL,
227, SO. MAIN STREET,
LOS ANGELES, CAL.
MAY 19th, 1908.

MY DEAR BROTHER,

These few lines are principally to bring hearty greetings from a little band of us here in Los Angeles, who are heart and soul with you in this precious Pentecostal work. We are praying for your Convention (June 6th to 11th) that God's Spirit may be mightily poured forth, and that He may have room to work abundantly. We should love, if it were God's will, to be with you in person at the Convention. But in prayer and in spirit we are with you, especially on Monday afternoon and Thursday afternoon, when we gather for prayer here, we shall be in united prayer with you. "Confidence," your testimonies and your tracts, your warnings and your encouragements, have met with a glad amen in our hearts, for many of us have now read some, if not all of them. We marvel and rejoice at what God is doing in Sunderland and in Scotland.

That God may have His way perfectly, is the earnest prayer of our hearts for you all, and for ourselves here also.

Yours in His love and fellowship for Pentecostal blessing the world over.

GEORGE B. STUDD, GEO. W. DAWSON,
JOHN FOSTER, S. S. EMERSON, M. FARR,
EMMA KAVANAGH, ALICE HAGG, JULIA M.
ROBERTS, NELLIE CLIFFORD, MAR. MAYO,
ATTIE BLYTHE, and others.

FROM INDIA.

How Mistakes are made.

"...at last he...commenced repeating the word, 'Bramha,' (?) 'Bramha,' perhaps a hundred times, as fast as he could get the word out. It was the Vocative of Bramha, the first person of the Hindu Trinity, of Bramha, Vishnu, and Siva."

Christian Sanity, p. 93.

Referring to the case quoted in '*Christian Sanity*,' Pastor Barratt writes, "It was said here (Coonoor) that a man under the power had called upon Brahma. He has himself publicly refuted the statement at a meeting. He had, he said, cried, 'PRABHU!' (Lord!). [This is very different, is it not?]"

Letter from T. B. Barratt to Rev. A. A. Boddy. May, 1908.

Other cases quoted by writers who criticise this work quite possibly would meet with the same fate when gone into carefully, but they are generally indefinite as regards name and place. It is easier to circulate statements than to correct them.

A. A. B.

East Africa.

SOMALI-LAND.

MAY 18th, 1908.

Rev. A. A. BODDY.

Dear Brother in Christ,

We received a copy of 'Confidence' which you sent us a short time ago. Many thanks for the same. I hope you will send us a copy of each issue henceforth, and also other papers of that class, if you can. It cheers our hearts and does us much good to hear what the dear Lord is doing for His people in other parts of the world. While we are trying to spread the Gospel in this land of spiritual darkness, we get hungry for the Gospel ourselves, or rather, for the fellowship of the saints.

I received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible Evidence, on the 8th of December, 1906, while in Salem, Oregon, U.S.A., where I went for the purpose of seeking it. I then returned to my home in Ocean Park, Washington, and on Christmas Day in the same month, my wife received her Baptism with a very definite call to this place to spread the Gospel. So on October 2nd, 1907, we started with our four children, from our home at Ocean Park, Washington, and landed here in Berbera on the 3rd of December. We had a beautiful trip, and the dear Lord has been with us, and cared for us in a most wonderful way ever since.

But we do miss the fellowship of God's true people. There are a few Roman Catholics here, and an occasional one who claims to be a Christian, but all seem to be totally blind to real spiritual things. The great majority of the people here are Mahomedans, and very ignorant and superstitious, and poverty reigns supreme among thousands of them. Lying, stealing, and begging are the principal occupations of the poor class, and they do not think it any disgrace to have it known. Nothing but the mighty power of God manifested in a miraculous way will ever waken them to a sense of their great spiritual need.

Please ask all the saints to pray much for us, and to ask God to send labourers into this part of His great Harvest Field.

From your brother in Christ,

S. S. SLINGERLAND,
American Missionary,
Berbera,
British Somaliland,
East Africa.

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

SUPPLEMENT

TO THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE NUMBER OF "CONFIDENCE."

JUNE, 1908.

Important Letters From Pastor Barratt and others.

COONOOR,
16th MAY, 1908.

*Zech. 8, 20-23; Joel 2, 18-32; Matt. 8, 17;
Heb. 13, 8, 12-16.*

DEAR MR. BODDY,

You may possibly have noticed that in some quarters there is an attempt to make it appear as if the work God has been doing at Mukti was alright, whereas the work He is doing elsewhere was all wrong. That this opinion is not held by the Leaders at Mukti will be seen from the following letter of "Welcome" sent me from Mukti by Pandita Ramabai's right-hand, Miss Minnie F. Abrams:—

MUKTI MISSION,
KEDGAON, POONA DIST.,
APRIL 8th, 1908.

DEAR PASTOR BARRATT,

Just a line to welcome you to India, and to say that we are praying for blessing in Bombay.

You will find much opposition, as Pentecost is not pleasing to the flesh. Also, beloved children of God, through ignorance, have been foremost in opposing the work of the Lord. So do not be surprised to find your way hedged up.

The Lord is again pouring out His Spirit here in Mukti, for which we praise Him. We felt like coming to Bombay, but are fighting a big battle here and helping by prayer. God bless the work there and keep man hidden.

Yours in Him,
MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

Of course, mistakes have been made here in India as elsewhere. The Apostles even made mistakes after "Pentecost." But the Lord is taking us on and teaching us in His wonderful school daily.

The prophecy concerning *Columbo* was a mistake. Mr. Moorhouse has also very emphatically acknowledged it.

But our adversaries are constantly trying to find fault and make a tremendous noise at every mistake thus made, as if *the whole Revival were to blame for it*. They ought to mind their own "P's and Q's."

On the other hand, it ought to teach our friends NOT TO LISTEN OR FOLLOW EVERY VOICE THEY HEAR.

The Devil's voice was also heard among the "sons of God" (Job i., 6-9), and you find that he was there for no good purpose. He never is.

That's where the gift of discernment is to be applied, and 1 John iv., 1-4. Where "voices" or a "voice" is heard, or some intense impression received to do this or that, let us put the PASS-WORD to the power influencing us before allowing it to enter. Every evil spirit or demon is

AFRAID OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS, IT ACTS
LIKE POISON TO THEM.

Spiritualists hate it, which is very good proof. And no evil power will recognise Christ as having come in the flesh or acknowledge Him as King and Lord (1 Cor. xii., 3).

Then we are PERFECTLY SAFE, having been sprinkled with the Blood and are kept by HIS POWER!

May 20th.—God is baptizing souls here. The hunger among several missionaries is intense, so a great Pentecostal outpouring is at hand we firmly believe.

By the time you get this the "Conference" will have begun, and I trust my dear wife and Sisters Dagmar Gregersen and Agnes Thelle will be with you. How I should like to be there too, but will be so in spirit. We will remember you and the Conference in *special prayer* here, and we trust you all will remember us.

Several new missionaries have arrived here since I last wrote, and it's marvellous to see how God is gradually undoing the knots, loosening the bands, and opening the eyes and hearts to *perceive* and *receive* the truths of His Holy Word. Blessed be His Name!

So Miss Oakes is gone to the Homeland. My letter, I suppose then, did not reach her. The account of her departure in "Confidence" was read at the dinner-table here one day. Several missionaries remember her, with gratitude to God for her Christ-like life.

I will soon be sending you some new pamphlets I have written on the way to India and since my arrival here. They are the following:—

1.—*Pentecostal Gifts*, were they to remain in the Church? Answer to an M.A.

2.—*Tongues of Fire*, or ecstatic speech. A Historical summary.

3.—*Satan among the Critics*. An answer to Dallmeyer's "Satan among the Saints."

4.—*The "Warning."* An answer to the warning issued here on my arrival, containing statements from that Scottish Pastor's attack on the work at Sunderland.

I shall be pleased if you or others will reprint them and spread them over Great Britain and America, especially the first three. The 4th is more local.

Are you spreading any of the other pamphlets I wrote, other than those specified in "*A Vicar's Testimony?*" I should be pleased to obtain two copies of "*Tongues, a reply to critics*," as I've lost the only copy I had with me here.

In closing, I would just like to say to the friends assembled at Sunderland in June;

FORWARD!

If you are honest with God and your own soul, and faithful to His Word, there is to be no return to the old life! *The bridges are burned behind us.*

"This one thing I do," says St. Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching

forth unto those things which are before, I PRESS toward the MARK for the PRIZE of the HIGH CALLING of GOD in CHRIST JESUS!"

Even those who are baptized with the Holy Fire of Heaven are not to stand still! We've received this power in order to proceed on our way still more vigorously, without faltering steps and a hesitating mind, but with perfect faith and confidence in HIM, who is "able to do exceeding abundantly ABOVE ALL that we ask or think, according to the power that WORKETH IN US (Ephes. iii., 20).

did not wish to have any battle with any of God's people concerning this doctrine of "Pentecost with Signs." And I will, God helping me, always be open to give the right-hand of fellowship to any true follower of the Lamb whatever his or her opinion may be.

I think it necessary to guard against getting into ruts and becoming conclusive. If we have attained to any more definite experience along Pentecostal lines, then it is our duty to LEAD the others by the grace of God, and refrain from any condemnatory spirit.

Of course, where those who oppose try to make out that this work is all of the Devil, then we will show the world that "Satan is got in among the critics," and protest against such an outcry. But we will LOVE AND PRAY for all, *even our enemies*.

One thing is getting plain to me, and that is, that the "*world*," the *secular press*, Satan and all his imps, are doing all that's possible to stop the Revival, and those Christians who oppose are therefore *allied* with the Adversary and the World in combating it. Their situation cannot be a pleasant one, and the very fact that rationalists, formalists, and materialists oppose the work so fanatically ought to be proof enough to these dear well-meaning Christians that they are on the wrong track when judging others of their brethren and sisters who have *only one object* in view, that of living Holy lives and

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their Lord, their Saviour and King!

But several of them are even lamed in their evangelistic operations because they fear the Enemy. Surely that is not a fruit of LOVE. Fear hath torment, and perfect Love casteth all fear out!

"I am," said a Leader here in India to me, "not able to launch out on the Word as I used to, as the people everywhere know of this, and I dare not work it as before." These were not the exact words used, but imply his thoughts precisely. Instead, then, of allowing the Holy Spirit to have His way through the word, he, and others with him, HOLD BACK. Where are we? Shall not God speak through His chosen vessels as He pleases? What disobedience and unfaithfulness to light given!

Now may God give you a glorious Conference, from which much Light and Blessing may radiate over all the English-speaking world and in other countries.

Pray for yours in the Blood and Fire,
BARRATT.

Waiting Meetings at Bournemouth.

Meetings are held each evening in the house of our Brother W. Hutchinson, "Beulah," Talbot Road, Winton, Bournemouth. Any who are taking a holiday and visiting Bournemouth will be welcome, and seekers residing in the neighbourhood.

Bro. Hutchinson writes, "Praise God for the

Baptism of the Holy Ghost (at Sunderland, during the Conference). Since my Baptism, Jesus is being revealed to me in a way I could hardly imagine. He is meeting others in my house, and is going to manifest His power."

14, AKERMAN ROAD,
BRIXTON, S.W.

I was so glad to hear an account of meetings from some of our dear ones, and that all had a time of great blessing. Praise His dear Name. I cry more and more for Him to be glorified.

If you learnt anything fresh that you feel would be a help to us would you be so kind as to pass it on. I have had a sweet time in Wales.

I am feeling, as never before, the need of wisdom from on High to be able to speak the truth as it is in Jesus.

Some dear ones are straining every nerve to receive Tongues, and letting their minds dwell on very little else, and they get Tongues. But oh, the divine fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ seems to be lacking. The thoughts are drawn to the *individual* instead of inducing adoration to *Jesus*. I love Him to manifest Himself and to speak through me in other Tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, for at such times there is a wonderful fellowship with Jesus and access into His presence, but if it would cause me to enjoy the manifestations more than *Himself* I should ask Him to withhold them. None but Christ can satisfy. Everything changes and passes away. He alone remaineth.

The words just now come to me as I write—"Dwell deep." These are days in which we need to be hidden in Christ. "The flesh profiteth nothing. Only that which comes down from heaven can ascend into heaven."

My heart has been so pained because I have not enjoyed that fellowship that I had hoped to have with several dear ones who have the Sign of Tongues. I humbled myself before the Lord, thinking it was I who was wrong, but now I know it is His unerring Spirit leading me into all truth, as He has promised to lead all His children who seek His glory *only*. Oh, my cry continually is, that Jesus may be revealed, exalted, lifted up. He has then promised to draw all men unto Him.

A few of us were sitting on a shady slope in Wales eight days ago, praising and adoring the Lamb, when the people began to gather in small crowds a few yards below us. For a moment I thought, what shall we do, we must have a proper open-air meeting, and the thought brought a shade of anxiety, for I am, naturally, rather nervous. But, in a moment, the Lord said, "My child, your work is to praise, worship, and adore *Me*. Allow the Holy Spirit to lift *Me* up, and I will draw the people to *Myself*." It brought such utter rest, and He alone was glorified.

We need to be so prayerful and watchful in these days, especially the anointed ones. A dear child of God, who was seeking the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, began to rely absolutely upon the messages given by another, through the Spirit, in Tongues with interpretation, until he valued them equally with the Word of God, and more than that, the Word was not thought quite so necessary, since God spoke directly to him by the Spirit. They started with a real work in their heart, for the glory of the Lord filled their home, and many souls were blessed, but this unwatchfulness led this dear child of God into error. When he became aware of the great mistake he had made he became so

terribly depressed (for it preyed upon his mind night and day) that, at the present time, he is a wreck in *mind* and body, thinking he has sinned against God to such an extent that there is now no hope for him. Nothing but the mighty power of God will restore to him the joy and liberty he once possessed, with health of body and a sound mind.

This case has been such an object lesson to me to follow *Jesus* and not a *blessing*.

I believe that God wants to give the Sign of Tongues with this "*Latter Rain*" (though, at present, we have only had the droppings), but oh, it is so laid upon my heart to lead God's children to seek *Him* lest they receive something short of God Himself. Neither must we allow it to be said that no one has received the Spirit except those who have spoken in Tongues.

The blessed fellowship we have had with some of the Lord's Spirit-filled children would contradict this statement. But as I said before, I believe God wants to give this sign in these last days of the *Latter Rain*, being a similar *Rain* to that of the former (Joel ii.; Acts ii.), and if there is a counterfeit and a mixture of the flesh, there is all the more need for the reality. Jesus hungers to possess us. He thirsts for thirsty souls, and has promised to pour floods upon the *dry* ground, and will do so as we learn to stand upon His Word in simple faith.

"Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it," Psalm xlv., 10, 11, and Canticles ii., 14, was such a joy and strength to me when waiting upon Him. To be continually looking unto *Him* while waiting and working gives Him such wondrous joy (Cant. iv., 9).

Oh, may we ever give Him this joy, that His dear Heart of Love may be satisfied, for He is worthy.

Yours prayerfully in His dear Name,
CATHERINE PRICE.

"Out of His Treasure."

(AN ECHO OF THE KILSYTH CONFERENCE.)

"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together.—Ps. xxiv., 4.

"He ascended up on high . . . and He gave gifts unto men."
Eph. iv., 8.

Gifts are love-tokens. A bride loves to receive them, and her expressed wish for such is fondly responded to by her bridegroom. So with the Spiritual or Heavenly Bridegroom, He loves to give them to His Bride. Too often, alas, has her love towards Him been fitful and cold, and she has flirted with other lovers (worldly things), and sought not His gifts, and the Bridegroom's gifts have not been given, and His storehouses have remained unlocked by her want of prayer. At last, there are signs she is waking up to her lack of fervent love, and is whispering to Him, "send me some tokens of Thy love to me." How gracious His response is many are able to say now. Gifts of tongues, healing, wisdom, and prophecy are, He says, but the earnest of greater things I am willing to bestow, but use

these to my glory and richer tokens of my love will be thine.

Among many other receivers of these love-gifts, the Writer humbly rejoices to count herself one. The command to claim Divine Healing came to her on March 27th of this year through Jas. v., 14-16. An irresistible power seemed to seize her and hurry her into the train for Kilsyth, where many Spirit-filled members of Christ's Bride were met with the Rev. A. A. Boddy. Soon after arrival the anointing oil was applied, and the Holy Spirit entered His temple and she became like "a reed shaken with the wind." (Matt. vii., 11). Her cough, from that moment, departed, and has not been permitted to return, her throat and chest being completely healed. Had she had a deeper knowledge of this Divine Healing, together with more abundant faith, more would, without doubt, have been granted her, for it became apparent after that a serious disease still remained undislodged.

But amid the suffering that followed, the Spirit tried to teach some differences between sicknesses and diseases, see Matt. iv., 23; xi., 16, 17; ix., 35, and confirmed the fact that all that was promised and claimed in Jas. v., was granted. God gives according to the measure of His Word. We "have not, because we ask not," or we "ask amiss."

Amid so much unbelief in Divine Healing prevalent in these present days, one is constrained to ask the unbelieving if He who made our bodies cannot repair and heal them. He who made nature's laws is certainly not Himself subject to them, but can set them aside when it is for His own glory. Scripture abounds with examples of this, even worked in those who were not true followers of God and righteousness. Take for example the healing of Jereboam's hand (1 Kings xiii., 6).

The Writer also praises God for the Sign of Tongues, which was, when returning in the train, graciously given to her. Many gracious messages with translation have been given, and much poetry in tongues, the lines being beautifully measured and rhymed. Such messages as "If thou continue in supplication thy requests shall be granted," is meant for all the members of the Bride, and yet another, "I have set my affection upon thee," is for all of us. The power has been given to write the messages in the language of the Spirit. Again let us say, "Oh, magnify the Lord

with me, and let us exalt His Name together.

A. M. WATT.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF "CONFIDENCE."

The scene in the Conference at Kilsyth on that memorable afternoon was remarkable. A brother under the power of the Spirit forced his way through the crowd until he reached the kneeling suppliant, and touching her, cried, "Healed! Healed!" Another brother realised at the same time that the Lord touched his weak side and filled him with His life and His wholeness. Next morning I received a telegram: "Received the Baptism with Tongues in the Train.—WATT."

INDIA.

KEDGAON, POONA DIST.,
INDIA, May, 18th, 1908.

"That ye may know . . . the exceeding greatness of His power . . . which He wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and made Him sit . . . in heavenly places."

DEAR MR. BODDY,

I want to thank you for sending me your paper, "Confidence." I suppose it is the first of its kind in the British Isles.

You will be entering upon your Conference when this reaches you. You will be glad to know that the Pentecostal Fire is spreading in India, though slowly. People are ignorant, and cautious. If only they would lay aside the many articles written and take the Word of God as a child, they would soon see the light.

As you enter Conference, we shall be sending out a fresh band to work in Pandharpur, preaching the Gospel to the pilgrims from all parts. We had 70 there last year. We shall send another band as soon as the missionaries return from their little hot-season rest. One band in the famine regions has gone on right through the hot season, and another at Allahabad spent half of the hot season preaching to the pilgrims who come there. These pilgrim-places are wonderful in opportunity to spread the Gospel. This was closed for want of funds.

A refuge for starving young women has been opened in the United Provinces in a native Raja's state, to save the young women from selling their virtue for bread. Operations are on a small scale, as there is only a little money coming in for famine work.

Please pray at your Conference, that our spirit-filled young people may get opportunities to go out among the heathen to preach the Gospel. The work they have done is bearing hidden fruit. There will be the outburst before long. We see many indications of it.

I am having the first real rest since the famine broke out in June, 1905. Am in the Hill Station, Mahabliishwar. At Mukti, 400 young women are committing verses to memory daily on various subjects to use in evangelistic work among the heathen. There is power in the Word of God. We want their addresses to be saturated with the Word.

Greetings to the Conference,

Yours in Christ,

MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

SCOTLAND.

CATHLAW,

MOTHERWELL, N.B.,

2nd June, 1908.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHER,

I should have written you long ago, but have not had much time. The Lord has been working on in Scotland. There are now 40 places where a full Pentecost has witnesses, and God is daily adding to the number. It would have been a great joy to me to have been with you all at the Conference, but God has led me to give the few days to Ireland (Belfast). Please remember us much in prayer, that all His good and perfect will may be done.

There has been great victory in Stirling and also in Coatbridge, in both places God is working mightily, but we feel that there will be a case of severance from the Church Mission in Coatbridge. It would almost seem that there is not an organised Church in Scotland that has room for *Pentecost*, and God is calling for a more absolute abandonment to His will every day. I feel rather that God in Scotland is working in every place in a different way, just in case any man should be put on a pedestal as a leader in this work. God is very jealous in this above all other works, lest man or human wisdom should creep in, and it seems that we need a deeper death in intellect than we have ever known. We are so apt to try and measure God's plans and intentions by a human standard. God has been shewing me this more and more clearly those last days, and we are better to trust absolutely because the work is His. There were messages we could not understand, and God let us see they were for tests, and so God leads. We always test the material for important work, and why should not God test us as He sees fit. He knows the strain we shall all be called on to bear when He begins to work more mightily still, and He is preparing us all. Praise His Name for ever and ever.

We shall pray much for you all. Give my love in Christ to all the Saints, especially Mrs. Boddy and Miss Sisson.

Yours in the onward flow of the mighty river,

VICTOR WILSON.

Blessing at Chicago.

About 100 Italians (who have been Roman Catholics) have received their Pentecost in the Mission at 943 W, North Avenue, and some are going back to Italy to spread the goodness of a full Gospel. So writes Mr. John C. Singleton, 778, North Artesian Avenue, Chicago.