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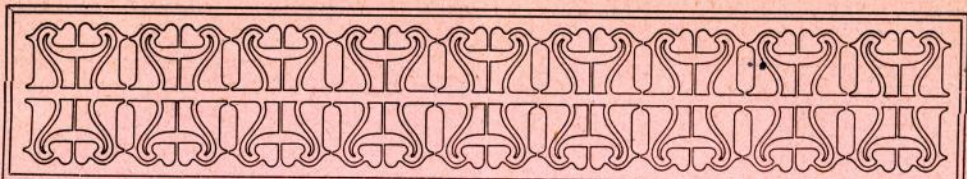
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NOVEMBER 15TH, 1908.

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“CONFIDENCE”

A Pentecostal Paper for
Great Britain.

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

—1 John v., 14-15.

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

—Prov. iii., 26.

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"CONFIDENCE."

No. 8.

ALL SAINTS', SUNDERLAND.

November 15th, 1908.

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."

See the Blood from Calv'ry flowing,
Freely shed, O Lord, by Thee;
Shed to make me pure and holy,
Oh, 'twas wondrous love for me.
Mighty Saviour,
Cleanse me now and evermore.

At Thy Cross, O loving Saviour,
All my heart's love now I pour,
For in Thee "I died" O Saviour,
Died to sin and Satan's power.
Glorious Saviour,
May I now in Thee abide.

Since Thy Blood doth cleanse me fully,
Let Thy Life now make me whole,
Fill me with Thy Holy Spirit,
Fill my Body, Spirit, Soul.
Mighty Saviour,
Fill me now and every day.
How my heart is filled with wonder,
Mighty Jesus, at Thy grace;
Let it flood my inmost being
Till I see Thee face to face,
Then I'll praise Thee
And adore Thee evermore. M.B.

"The Promise of the Father."

A Personal Testimony by the Editor of
"Triumphs of Faith" (Mrs. Carrie Judd
Montgomery, Oakland, California). . . .

"That we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."—Gal. iii., 14.

"If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his inner man shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive."—John vii., 37-39.

For some time I have been thirsting for the fulness of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. At the time of my miraculous healing, when a young girl, I was first made conscious of the Holy Spirit's work in revealing Jesus in and to me. At this time a power to testify came into my soul, and the Word of God was wonderfully opened to me, so that He has greatly blessed my ministry in the Word since that time. This experience I have always referred to as the baptism of the Holy Ghost until a few months ago, when I began to watch what God was doing in pouring out His Pentecostal fulness upon

some of His little ones. At first I was perplexed. I knew my experience, above referred to, was most real and lasting in its effects. How could I cast it away? Then I came to understand that I was not to depreciate His precious work in the past, but to follow on to receive the fulness of the same Spirit. Before Pentecost, Jesus "breathed" on His disciples and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (John xx., 22). I believe they then received a foretaste, or earnest, of what they afterwards received in fulness at Pentecost. I watched the so-called Pentecostal work carefully and prayerfully. There was much that did not appeal to me. People who claimed to have received the baptism seemed to get in the way of the Spirit. Beginning in the Spirit, they often seemed to fail to walk in the Spirit. They became lifted up, or let self get the ascendancy. Many of the manifestations did not seem at all like the work of the calm, majestic Spirit of God. In many meetings there was much confusion, where God tells us He is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Cor. xiv., 33-40). The people often failed to walk in scriptural lines in regard to unknown tongues, using them in the general assembly, "the whole

church," where there was no interpreter, contrary to the Word of God. See 1 Cor. xiv., for careful direction about this matter. In 1 Cor. xii., 28, we see that "diversities of tongues" are "set" in the church, and Paul says not to forbid them (1 Cor. xiv., 39). He also tells us that he who speaks in an unknown tongue, speaketh not unto men, but unto God, and that "in the spirit he speaketh mysteries" (1 Cor. xiv., 3); also that he "edifieth himself." We are told, however, most plainly, that "greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying." And yet, in spite of all this, Paul says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues," and he thanks God that he speaks with tongues more than they all. (Why did he thank God for this gift, if it was not truly to be desired?) This chapter is so very clear, we need not refer to it further, but commend it to the careful attention of our readers.

I have stated some of my objections to the so-called Pentecostal work, but God began to work among some of my personal Christian friends, and it compelled my closest attention. One lady I had known for years as a sanctified and anointed teacher of God's Word. She was not satisfied, and pressed on by faith into the fulness of the Holy Ghost. Her experience was most satisfactory, such appreciation of the blood, such power to witness, increased intercessory prayer, such a baptism of divine love. She spoke with tongues, but kept the gift in its proper place. One of the dear Beulah workers also received the fulness, and we could all realise the

INCREASED DEPTHS OF SWEETNESS,

humility, and power which took possession of her life. Other dear friends, whose lives I had fully known, pressed on by faith and received their baptism. I began

to "thirst" for the fulness. I remembered an experience which I had a few years after my healing, while kneeling with a dear sister, and asking for the Spirit's fullness. He had then come upon me in much greater power than at the time of my healing, and so manifested His sweet presence that it had been almost overpowering. This experience had been so remarkable and so sacred that John vii., 37-39 seemed to be verified to me then, only that I stopped short, I believe, of all that He desired to give me at that time, and so the oil was stayed. The effect of this Divine outpouring has always remained to some degree in my life, causing a separatedness unto Him which I did not know before. I had often longed for the sense of His presence to return, as I then experienced it, before I (to some extent) grieved Him by unbelief and failure to go on with Him. Recently I began seeking the fulness of the Holy Ghost, but was kept very busy, and did not actually "tarry" at His feet as I felt I should.

While on an eastern trip this summer, I met other precious friends whose sweet Christian life I had known in the past, but who had pressed on into God's best. I grew still more thirsty for the rivers of living water. I knew I had tiny streams, but not rivers. I tried to go to meetings where people were tarrying for the endowment of power from on high, but seemed again and again providentially hindered from going to them. I then prayed that if it were His will He would let me receive His fulness while waiting upon Him alone, or with some Christian friend. I asked Him also for quiet, sweet manifestations, which would reveal His majesty and dignity, and not such as would seem like excitement of the flesh.

In Cleveland I met a dear young lady whom I had known since she was six years

old. Her face was beaming with the calm light and beauty of God's unmistakable seal. Several of her young friends had also received their baptism, but were being kept on quiet, scriptural lines. I asked them to pray for me, which they did. I said, "By the Blood of Jesus my whole being is open to the fulness of God, and by that same precious blood I am closed to any power of the enemy." As these dear ones prayed for me, the Spirit said, "Take." I waited, and was afraid to do this lest I should go back on this position of faith. The Spirit said again, and yet again, "Take," and finally I received the Spirit, by faith, to take complete possession of spirit, soul, and body, and testified thus to the dear ones praying for me. I kept on tarrying at His feet for the manifestation of His gracious presence. I asked Him to teach me to "drink." Rom. viii., 11 was vividly brought to me, and I saw in a most forcible way that my body, His temple, was to be filled with His resurrection Spirit. That same evening, in a measure, I began to experience His power, but He held me steadily to my position of faith, not letting me get my eyes on manifestations. The next day I returned to Chicago, and as soon as possible made my way to the home of Mrs. Lucy Simmons, of Oak Park, a dear friend of former years, whose Christian life has long been an inspiration to me, and whose recent experience of Pentecostal fulness had greatly impressed me. We tarried together at the Saviour's feet. The cry was still in my heart, although I was standing by faith. On Monday, June 29th, less than a week from the time I first took my stand by faith, the mighty outpouring came upon me. I had said, "I am all under the blood and under the oil." I then began singing a little song, "He gives me joy instead of sorrow," etc. To my surprise some of the words would stick

in my throat, as though the muscles tightened and would not let me utter them. I tried several times with the same result. Mrs. Simmons remarked that she thought the Lord was taking away my English tongue because He wanted me to speak in

SOME OTHER LANGUAGE.

I replied, "Well, He says in Mark xvi., 17, 'They shall speak with new tongues,' so I take that, too, by faith." In a few moments I uttered a few scattered words in an unknown tongue, and then burst into a language and came pouring out in great fluency and clearness. The brain seemed entirely passive, the words not coming from that source at all, but from an irresistible volume of power within, which seemed to possess my whole being, spirit, soul, and body. For nearly two hours I spoke and sang in unknown tongues (there seemed three or four distinct languages). Some of the tunes were beautiful, and most Oriental. I tried sometimes to say something in English, but the effort caused much distress in my throat and head, I had to stop after a few words and go back to the unknown tongues. I was filled with joy and praise to God with an inward depth of satisfaction in Him which cannot be described. To be thus controlled by the Spirit of God and to feel that he was speaking "heavenly mysteries" through me was most delightful. The rivers of living water flowed through me and divine ecstasy filled my soul. There was no shaking and no contortions of the body. I felt that I drank and used up the life and power as fast as it was poured in. I became very weak physically under the greatness of the heavenly vision, and staggered when I tried to cross the floor. But when the exhaustion became very great, dear Mrs. Simmons asked the Lord to strengthen me, which He did so sweetly, letting His rest and healing life possess my weary

frame. Passages from the Word of God came to me with precious new meanings. Not long after this I had a vision of the work of His Cross as never before.

The blessing and power abides, and He prays and praises through me in tongues quite frequently. When His power is heavy upon me, nothing seems to give vent and expression to His fulness like speaking or singing in an unknown tongue. I pray that I may be kept as clay in His hands; that I may be kept very low at His feet, and never get in His blessed way. He keeps me continually standing by faith in His finished work, not walking by sight, and this is my answer to those who might accuse me of depending upon manifestations in my Christian life. He says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." Pray that I may be a faithful witness to His glory.

Christ's Quickening Life for the Mortal Body.

FURTHER TESTIMONY BY MRS. CARRIE JUDD
MONTGOMERY.

As we press on into all the fulness of God, we realize increasingly the marvelous truth that we are the temple of God, and that He indeed dwells within us in His Shekinah glory. In proportion as we by faith realize that we have died with Christ, we realize that we also live with Him. The power of the Cross of Christ comes upon our spirit, soul, and body, until we can truly say, "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." (Gal. ii., 20).

The precious truth of Divine healing for the body is most fully made known to us when Rom. viii. 11 becomes a living fact in our experience, "But if the Spirit of

Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." The word "quicken" in the original is to "make full of life." This is made true of our "mortal body" (not merely a future experience of the immortal body). The resurrection life of Christ actually quickens our mortal body by the indwelling Spirit, until we are able to "mount up on wings as eagles, to run and not be weary, and to walk and not faint." (Isa. xl., 29-31.) So sensible do we become of this quickening life for the body, after receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that the comforting, healing thrills of His immediate touch upon our mortal frame become almost constant. We are kept free from weariness in the midst of heavy and pressing duties throughout the day; we drop asleep at night with the consciousness that His healing life is pervading our frame; we suddenly rouse in the night watches to find His power mightily upon us, as He has been giving to His beloved in sleep (Ps. cxxvii., 2); we waken in the morning to a fresh day of toil to find that He is giving us deep draughts of His precious life, to strengthen us for the day's conflict ere it begins. "For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." (2 Cor. iv., 11.) Our life is

HID WITH CHRIST

in God, but it is made manifest for spirit, soul, and body moment by moment as we stand upon the finished work of His cross, and upon His never failing Word. No matter how precious and how glorious are the manifestations of His life, if we get our eyes upon these instead of upon Himself and His glorious redemption they will cease.

"If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." (Rom. viii., 10.) We realize fully the death-blow which Calvary has dealt to our natural physical life, as well as to the spirit and soul life, and we see that we are no longer to look to our natural strength. If we do so we shall find our strength suddenly fail us, and we shall be weaker than Sampson was when His locks were shorn. We are commanded to yield to God as those who are alive from the dead. This must be true of spirit, soul, and body. Having died with Christ and having risen with Him by faith in the operation of God, we are on the resurrection side, and we have only one source of life, Christ Himself. The mind also becomes passive and controlled by the Spirit of God, losing its natural activity and restlessness, as we have "the mind of Christ."

We have experienced and taught Divine healing for many years, but never have we personally known such a constant indwelling of the Healer as since we received our Pentecostal baptism. After taking this position, accepting by faith the deadness of our own body, that the life of Christ may reign within, we will find that any failure to yield to the indwelling Spirit will cause weakness and even illness, for "the sentence of death" has been (2 Cor. i., 9-10) written on all of our own powers, and only as we momentarily take the Heavenly supply can we be free from weakness and sickness.

May this precious secret of the Lord be revealed by the Holy Spirit Himself to our readers, for it is impossible for the natural mind to receive the "deep things of God."

"PENTECOST" with SIGNS*

Is not from Below,
but from Above, . .

Because those who HAVE received their Pentecost :—

Love Christ more ;
Love their Bible more ;
Love everybody more ;
Long to bring Christ to lost souls ;
Hate all that is of the Devil ;
Are more on their knees, not as duty merely, or for seeking any merits, but because they *love* to commune with God ;
Yearn to know more of Christ and constantly grow in Him ;
Feel His Spirit leading them on ;
Only care to go as led by Him ;
Long to be kept humble and in the dust before God.

If a real baptism of fire makes them better equipped to serve God and fight the Devil, then what they have received, if it is as some people say, "Of the Devil," it ought to make them more useful in the Devil's service.

Such a mighty experience as this, through which they have passed, if of the Devil, *must absolutely make them* Devilish and Satanic, and that in a *very extreme measure*.

They find instead of that, that their delight is in the Lord and "His statutes are their songs in the house of their pilgrimage." They are brought *deeper down* in a full acknowledgment of their own unworthiness and constant dependence on God.

Even if Satan had taken upon himself an angel's likeness and given the outward colouring a rich religious glow, they would still be able to detect if they (if only a slight touch) had become more worldly minded, more self-conscious, more drawn to the lusts of the flesh, more prone to forsake God and serve the Devil ; and if

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they did not see it themselves their friends would.

It *must* be taken as a *fact* that whatever Spirit we imbibe and give the right of way in our hearts, minds, and bodies, that same Spirit will exert its influence *in* and *through* us. If it's *God's* Spirit it will be *seen in our lives*, and thus also with the *Devil's* Spirit. "Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh*. James iii., 12.

The positions involuntarily taken by those who are stricken to the ground by the Spirit are so humiliating and the 'tongues' so condemned and scoffed at by many of our day, that it would be unlike the Devil to make use of them. He wants to *keep us puffed up* by thoughts of our own worthiness and greatness.

Christ says: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house *divided* against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself how shall his kingdom stand?" Luke xi., 17-18.

It is a *fact* that people are *getting better* through this movement, are *leading purer lives*, are *paying off their debts*, are *wiping out old feuds*, *making restitution*, and seeking *forgiveness* for their iniquities at the hands of both God and man. They are reflecting the *image of Christ* at home and abroad. That must surely be against the interests of the Devil, upsetting his kingdom. If not, Christ and the Devil must have become united, but we have heard of no such union.

Even if he did try to make use of them, when we in seeking our Pentecost are **under the Blood**, and have sought Divine protection against the onslaughts of the enemy, *God could be no better than the gods of the heathen*, if He delivered us

to the cruel tyranny of our most bitter enemy—the Devil.

"If we, being evil, know better than to give our children *stones* for bread, *serpents* for fish, or *scorpions* for eggs, then surely our heavenly Father will NOT give us a Devil when we ask Him to give the *Holy Ghost*." Luke xi., 11-13.

The Pentecost with tongues is biblical and a gift of God." Acts ii., 1-4; x., 46; xix., 6; ii., 2, 33, 38, 39.

The Churches are getting stirred up where this revival comes.

The Blood of Christ is being honoured, the *Atonement* and *Resurrection* have become living realities, illuminated and made real by the power of the Holy Ghost. All who are filled with the Spirit centre their faith and hope in the *finished work* of Jesus Christ.

The name of Jesus is constantly on the lips of Spirit-filled men and women. They love to repeat it *often*, it is the name of their heart's best friend, their beloved.

Formalism, materialism, rationalism, spiritualism, bigotry, and the worldly state of many ministers and divines are renounced by the spirit of this movement all over the world.

The Evangelisation of the world becomes a necessity for all who get this Pentecost. Acts i., 8.

It makes God's people prepare for the *Coming of the Bridegroom*.

There is *nothing* the Devil and his hosts are attacking so much now as this movement; he knows that his time is short and that this fight is real. He is using Bible, pen, papers (religious and secular), half-hearted Christians, and even honest, though misguided Christians are in his service.

The Devil never makes us praise God, and the Pentecostal people are a praising people more than anyone else.

He never takes us right up to heaven's gates in adoration and worship, making you feel as if the heavens at any moment could open and your spirit step right into the presence of your glorious King.

But *Pentecost* fills you with the *love of God* and gives you grace to live *normal Christian lives*, that is, lives wholly devoted to the interests of Christ, whatever position you may fill in life; it gives you *power* to go anywhere, be anything, at any time, for Christ.

Friends! The call is going forth through all the world for whole-hearted service in the Master's Kingdom; are you willing and have you received *power* in order to do the work in the *right spirit* and *successfully*?

Seek that *heart of hearts* (John vii., 37-39) and get *your Pentecost*; not the blessing given others, but the one God has for you, *the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire*.

(Matt. iii., 11)—

Seek it now.

Seek it through Blood.

Seek it after *perfect cleansing* by faith.

Seek it without anxiety, *trusting the word of God and receive the gift—NOW*.

T. B. B.

SPEAKING IN TONGUES.*

Is this of God?

Read Mark xvi., 17, Acts ii., 4, 17, 18; x., 44-46; xix., 6, 1 Cor. xii., 8-10; xiii.; xiv., 2, 4, 5, 39.

What is happening;

In the Spring and Summer of 1906 God began to answer the very prolonged cry of some of His hungry children, a cry for a Pentecost with "Scripture Evidences."

One after another became at last conscious, as the mighty power of God came upon them, that they were speaking in

divine ecstasy with a voice that was not their own, and in a language whether of men and angels they knew not, for until some received the gift of interpretation it was not known what they said. They were speaking mysteries to God for their own strengthening. (1 Cor. xiv., 2-4.)

The work, which the writer believes was of God, then came nearer to us. He, himself in Norway, heard (in 1907) numbers of Spirit-filled men and women, and even children, magnifying God in "Tongues." They were all trusting in the work of the Cross, adoring the Crucified; and sinners were being converted. He was in a number of meetings in Norway, and he praises God with full heart for that fellowship. He can witness that all are strengthened by this evidence that the Holy Ghost has come into fuller possession, they are filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory. But God is now graciously working in this our own land, and not in one place only. He is in our midst now with the signs and gifts. Some fifty 'centres' now in this land.

The writer can testify both as a recipient and as a rejoicing witness. Earnest prayer, which has ascended for months, has been gloriously answered, and greater things are yet to happen. Glory to the Lamb with Seven Horns and Seven Eyes! May we ever keep true to Him and hidden in Him. (Rev. v., 6; Col. iii., 3.)

God is girdling the whole world with this sign of His outpouring of the Spirit.

A letter from another part of our own land soon afterwards said:—

"Our sister and two or three others have been seeking for months. She got so hungry that it came to a point of real travail of soul, after which came a rest of faith, joy, and peace. Not long after this (about three weeks) while about her domestic work, the Holy Ghost came upon her, and she spoke a few utterances in tongues, and as time went on it became more fluent. Our brother, who has recently received, was praising the Lamb of God (under the power of the Spirit) when he began a song without words for a time (worshipping in the Spirit) then a few utterances in tongues, and so on till he spoke most fluently. I can say from experience that we have a terrible battle with the powers of Hell, but we are learning to claim the victory through the Blood, and the Lord is teaching us to let all go into His hands."

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Perhaps 800 have since that received the Holy Ghost in fulness with the sign of tongues in Great Britain.

1.—God fills the hungry, but the rich (Rev. iii., 17, 18) He sends empty away.

O Lord, I beseech Thee to increase my hunger for Thee in all Thy fulness. I am in myself weak and helpless and poor, but Thou canst make me strong with Divine Strength (and rich).

2.—It is Scriptural (Acts ii., x., xix. ; 1 Cor. xii. to xiv.) It happened to our forefathers in the faith. The worldliness and the fleshly methods of Christians have grieved the Spirit, and gifts and evidences have been unknown.

O Lord, I ask Thee to cleanse me now, that I may be able to receive. I turn fully to Thee now, I trust Thee to make a reality, by Thy Spirit, the crucifixion of my flesh with its desires, and baptize me mightily and confirm by signs following.

3.—The Church is powerless in many ways. We need the restoration of the nine gifts in 1 Cor. xii., 4-11; that the works of the Devil may be overcome in the power of the Spirit.

O Lord, I even ask Thee, for the sake of the Crucified, to give me the gift of tongues, or the gift of interpretation, or the gift of healing, or the gift of prophecy, and ever to keep me from using any gift to my own glory. I am not worthy, but Thou art worthy.

4.—This work of God has been sorely hindered by bitterness, want of love, and self-will. Even earnest Christians speak against it with evident feeling—but we who have met God, and been blessed by Him, should meet all this with the spirit of meekness and love.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels and have not love—it is emptiness. Therefore give us love."

O Lord, in spite of my unworthiness, take the power and reign in my heart. Pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh, and upon me. Again I place myself under the Blood. I surrender willingly all that is not of Thee. I trust Thee to take full possession of every part of my being, even of my tongue, that I may magnify Thee for ever. Amen.

ENGLAND.

LONDON.

Visitors to the meetings convened by Mr. Cecil Polhill on Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 9, Gloucester Place (Portman Square), W., write and speak very thankfully of these gatherings. On Wednesdays at 3 a meeting is held which is open to all; on Fridays for those seeking the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Sign of the Tongues. The meetings continue until the second week in December. Pastor Polman and Mr. Niblock have been assisting, and the meetings have been a rallying time for many of the workers and leaders in and around London.

Testimony from Bournemouth.

(A VISIT TO SUNDERLAND.)

THE CITADEL,
BOURNEMOUTH,
Oct. 22nd, 1908.

DEAR MR. BODDY,

I was sorry I saw so little of you in my recent visit to Sunderland, but as I had been away from business for three weeks I thought it necessary to run away back on Friday last, and subsequent events have confirmed it as the Lord's leading.

When I was in Sunderland last May there is no doubt that the Lord gave me a great uplift, but I don't believe I was earnest enough to receive my Baptism. On the Wednesday, when the Lord so graciously gave me my heart's desire by baptizing me in the Holy Spirit, I realised the meaning of that text, "The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by storm." As you said to me last May, it is a combination of resting and wrestling; resting in the Lord for the blessing, and wrestling with Him and not letting Him go until you have been blessed.

Apart from the value of the laying on of hands—and I notice that the Lord used this method of conferring the baptism on the early Christians at both Samaria and Ephesus—it was so good to have encouragement and faith and assurance whilst I was myself pleading. I have a letter from a friend who thinks the Lord may give him his Pentecost at home, but I am urging him to go to Sunderland, as I cannot help feeling that I myself would never have got through into the tongues if I had stayed at home. I have often prayed for

A VISION OF JESUS,

and whilst I was under the power I had a dream. I saw Him take a goblet, from which He drank,

after which He handed it to me, and I drank all its contents. It was real Communion, and I recalled His words to the sons of Zebedee. When I prayed for a vision, I expected to see the glory and majesty and pomp of Heaven; but this was just as sweet to me as anything I could have imagined beforehand, and the lesson underlying it is very significant. Glory to Jesus for the simplicity of all His ways.

For years I seem to have been in the wilderness, rejoicing that I had left the bondage of Egypt, eating with thankfulness of the heavenly manna, drinking of the precious water from the smitten rock, but I got no further than the wilderness. I delighted in reading of all the promises of the Coming Kingdom of God, but looked for all these things beyond the Advent of our Coming Lord. I did not realise that I could be translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son right now. There is no doubt that the supernatural

CROSSING OF THE JORDAN,

when Joshua led the chosen people into the Promised Land, is typical of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit when Jesus leads His chosen ones into the place He has prepared for us. It is, indeed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Since I received my baptism I have had an abiding joy, and I find myself praising God every hour I am awake; praise seems as natural as breathing.

Thanks very much for sending "Confidence" to the friends whose names I have sent you so regularly. I get many letters of appreciation from them. A brother of mine, in Fort William, Ontario, Canada, writes to say he is going to start meetings in his house to seek for the Baptism. My friend in Stornoway, N.B., when he heard of my re-visiting Sunderland, asked for your prayers. He hopes to visit you in the Spring.

Yours in our reigning Lord,

STANLEY H. FRODSHAM.

For further news from Bournemouth see page 23

Clapham Junction, London.

24, HARBAT ROAD.

I should like to add my testimony with others for the beloved "Confidence," which many read all over the world who are seeking the truth or, more blessed, have received Himself through the Holy Ghost. Last April I went again and again to Bethel, Peckham. I could see there were living truths I had not received which I saw others there had got. Bro. Bristow handed me a Vicar's testimony (Rev. A. A. Boddy). I saw in that booklet the wonderful love and patience that man of God had. I read it twice on my knees, praying the Father to give me patience to wait as the writer had, seeing 49 baptized before himself. What a trial of faith it seemed to me. I went to Bethel afterwards, willing to wait and rest in the Lord's good time, but, Glory be to God, He baptized me there, April 27th. Four weeks after seeking, the Holy Spirit spoke through me in two languages, gave me the seal with the interpretation three days afterwards. *Jesus Christ my Saviour*. I can have no doubts since. I love to read the testimonies of others. I also sent the tracts away to a very devout friend. She also went to Bethel, and received her Pentecost the third time going. The veil is taken away, and, Glory be to God, we see face to face now. What a Saviour we have found.

Yours in Jesus now,

ANNA SHERLOCK.

Pontesford.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE SHREWSBURY DISTRICT.

TO MR. BODDY,

My Dear Brother in Christ,

I feel led this evening to drop you a few lines and tell you of the wonderful way God is blessing us here, as I know and realise the many earnest and sincere prayers that are ascending to the Throne of Grace on our behalf from the various centres of this spiritual and blessed mission. Praise the Lord! And telling the "Good News" helps to bear each other up and give much good cheer and encouragement. Hallelujah!

Glad to say God graciously brought Bro. Smith Wigglesworth and his wife amongst us, and gave them a safe journey, and has since been gloriously using them to His honour and glory. Praise Him! After their arrival on Saturday we had a fellowship and introduction meeting, and afterwards a prayer meeting. God was very near to us, and we had a good time together, and I believe, had the meeting been continued, I and some of the brethren would have received the gift of tongues, but it was brought to a close soon after 10 p.m. Then, on Sunday, God graciously blessed our dear Bro. and Sister Wigglesworth and filled the chapel with people; and then His Spirit fell and took hold of two sisters and a brother, who praised Him in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Hallelujah!

And now I come to Monday night, October 26th, which will ever remain the red-letter day in my life, when the Lord glorified Himself in me and another brother and took full possession of our tongues, using them for His glory and praise. Glory to Jesus!

I will now endeavour, *for the glory of God only*, to give you my humble testimony. In commencing I must go back to last winter, when, in answer to prayer, God fulfilled His precious promises, as in the Acts of the Apostles, by pouring out His Spirit upon the brethren and sisters. At that time I took great delight in dances, and was a member of the Choral Society, &c. I had heard such terrible things about the work going on at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Pontesbury, and one night myself and some more young fellows went to the chapel to hear what was going on, but did not go inside, being afraid. I heard someone calling, "O Lord, save my brother," &c., and went away mystified, determined not to go again.

But on January 7th, 1908, my sister came and begged me to go with her, and after a great deal of persuasion I went out of curiosity. When I saw first one and then another go down under the Power, and speaking in unknown tongues, I was convinced that it was the work of God, being too wonderful for any human or Satanic agencies, and when the invitation to seek the Lord was given out I was the only one who could not hold his hand up, so God spoke definitely to me, and I went and knelt at the penitent form and He saved me. Hallelujah! (But oh, Satan did try to make me put up my hand and not be the odd one, but I did not, and so God saved me.)

Since that time (over 9 months ago) I have been

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BRIEF ITEMS.

"Let us pray daily this Winter for a Revival in the United Kingdom!" A solemn and earnest appeal for daily prayer to this end has been sent out by Mr. Albert Head and other Christian leaders. Shall we not respond to it? This may be the last Winter before the Coming of the Lord. He may be here now any day; the hosts of heaven may be now preparing for His descent. *"Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."*—St. Luke xxi., 36.

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"If God does not come in with some new assertion of the supernatural and Divine, there will be little improvement we fear" (so write these earnest leaders in their appeal). Let us all welcome Him when He does graciously come in with such assertion. If only the last year had witnessed a great welcoming of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Sign of Tongues, if there had been no fear, no opposition, but only a kindly wish to help to keep out the flesh and the enemy, we believe by this time the whole of the United Kingdom would have been deeply

stirred, and in the right direction. But it is not too late, and we are longing for the day when in a spirit of love the leaders may confer together on this subject. He will bring it about we are sure in His own way, and we hope before long.

The revival many of us must pray for is the revival first of God's people. He may postpone the World-wide Revival to that Millennial Age which will very soon be here. But a Revival can only be where life has already existed, where a stirring of dying embers shall re-kindle the flame. God loves His own children and will hearken as they cry to Him this winter.

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If the Lord tarry till then, we shall, in six months' time, be holding our second Pentecostal Conference at Sunderland, if God so wills, from Friday night, May 28th, to Saturday morning, June 5th.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Many readers of "Confidence" are living in distant lands, and they may be able to turn their faces towards England in time to join us. By giving this long notice and invitation they will be able to pray that their plans may be so arranged, if the Lord permits.

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It will be well for friends to write in good time to the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland, to secure lodgings, as probably our numbers will be larger even than last time. As before, so also this time, two conditions will be printed upon the card of admission to the meetings. 1st, that the Bearer is in full sympathy with those who are seeking "Pentecost" with the Sign of the Tongues; and 2nd, that the Bearer undertakes to accept the ruling of the Chairman.

These conditions were necessary last Conference for the help of those who wished to gather with one accord in this place. The enemy at such a time endeavours to

hinder, and we are not now ignorant of his devices.

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But the Lord is coming very soon, for all we know there may now be scarcely anything to keep Him back. We should look up often by day and night in expectancy to see Him as He comes. He wants a sanctified, Spirit-filled people with bodies even entrusted to Him. His apostle writes: 1 Thess.—"The God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit, and soul, and body be preserved entire, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it."

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continuously pleading the Blood and praying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with signs following. About the middle of last week God wonderfully impressed upon my mind John xvi., 7. Then it came to me that the Comforter (the Holy Ghost) was still in the world and all I needed was to be thoroughly cleansed from sin, plead the Blood of Jesus, and in mighty faith accept God's promises. So from early morning I claimed God's promises and continuously pleaded "*the precious Blood of Jesus*," until about 1 p.m. in the afternoon, when there came such a strong inspiration to go upstairs; so, saying nothing to anyone, I went by myself and knelt down by the bedside, still pleading "*the precious Blood of Jesus*," until suddenly the Holy Ghost came upon me, and I found myself glorifying God in an unknown tongue as the Spirit gave utterance. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I continued speaking in tongues till the clock struck three, when I arose. But oh, how Satan tried to make me believe it was a counterfeit, but I pleaded it was the gift of God. Then I went to chapel in the evening, where the Spirit of God again came upon me, and I again glorified Jesus in tongues, though Satan tried his best to keep me quiet, but failed. Hallelujah! Mr. Wesley Baker (of Merrington Green, near Shrewsbury) was there and interpreted it. How long I continued speaking I don't know, but I should think about an hour at least. Two other brothers also were speaking at the same time. Hallelujah!

Since then I am continually in the presence of my Saviour. Hallelujah! I am now continually realising the truth of His precious Word, where He says, "There shall be in them wells of Living Water springing up into Everlasting Life." With me it is an overflowing joy and happiness, which I cannot find words to express. When I got home God spoke to me by Psalm cxxi. All glory to Jesus! Praise Him.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

GEO. E. BEADY.

P.S.—Please continue to link on with us in prayer, as I believe there are more trophies for the Master. Oh, may He ever keep me sheltered by the precious Blood of Jesus.

Liverpool.

35, KIMBERSLY STREET,
LIVERPOOL.

Dr. Keyes and his wife, from Los Angeles, have been engaged for some weeks past in Evangelistic work in one of the poorest parts of Liverpool. There has been much encouragement in the work.

Dr. Keyes and his wife are devoted and humble servants of the Lord Jesus. They have no eloquence, and there have been no stirring appeals. The meetings have been *very* quiet and without excitement, but the Holy Spirit has done a real work. Dr. Keyes' daughter is now in Pekin. Since her arrival there, six or eight weeks ago, the Lord has on three occasions enabled her to speak the language in conversation with Chinese people. She is expecting to preach in it in the Lord's time.

WM. BERNARD.

Carlisle.

14, CHISWICK STREET,
CARLISLE.

We are always glad to see "Confidence." It is so encouraging to hear of the work. You would probably hear that Mr. Mundell, Croydon, had got his Pentecost, and that the Lord was working there. Hallelujah! Praise God, we, though slow, are still going on; the Lord is mighty in us; our meetings are full of the power of God. It is in a marked degree "translation," "*We are come to Mount Zion, Come to the City of the Living God.*" Yes, "*Come to*," not theoretically or mentally, but we feel we are right in, and the Lamb in the midst of the Throne is the Light of it. Oh the sense of God's Holy Presence. 'Tis what we could not bear without divine Life supporting. 'Tis a wonder we can keep so calm, yet we do so, and our meetings are mostly quiet. It is just marvellous how God teaches. Two weeks ago or so a lady school teacher and another experienced Christian lady got Pentecost. The transformation was marvellous, although they were the most advanced Christians previously. Twenty years' experience could not have wrought such a change; in fact 20 years' experience often leads the "best" backward not forward. There is no argument against Pentecost. Pentecost reveals God. Intellect hides God. Pentecost reveals the great home of God and the awfulness of being lost. We work in the dark without it, and the sooner the Church learns that the better. I waited nine months and more for mine and am full of joy it has come, and there is more to follow. Yes, God has laid hold of us, and we cannot stay His hand, and will not. Glory!

Other two mightily under the power last night. One shook under the mighty power, the other sobbed and wept; then oh, the glory that lit up that countenance as she, clasping her hands together, repeated "Oh, my Jesus." Both of them are experienced Christians, and are well-known for their consistent lives. Four hours meeting, and they were conveyed home still mightily under its power. One remarked, "Oh, if only those who speak against this could only experience it, for it is unutterable." There are 11 here who have received the "coming upon," but all do not speak in tongues. Pray for us as part of the great Body of Christ.

Yours in Jesus,

R. REID.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh.

The first Conference in Edinburgh on Pentecostal lines was held on the 17th and 18th of October, and those who were the honoured instruments in God's Hands of convening it have reason to praise Him for His Presence and Blessing in their midst.

Friends from various parts of Scotland were present, 40 from one town alone. The meetings were characterised by a restful calm, and quick excitement or fleshly emotion were conspicuous by their absence, while at the concluding gathering on Sunday night God set His seal of blessing by a wave of power which suddenly broke over the entire audience. A sister had prayed "Lord sweep through the meeting," and in a very short time He did sweep through it, for the Spirit felt in power.

Mrs. Boddy had the message, "I am coming quickly," while another sister had the message given her in tongues—"It is done," which she felt the Lord would have her link on to a passage from which Mrs. Boddy had previously spoken—"Having obtained eternal redemption for us."

A beautiful address was given by Mr. Bell, of Dunfermline, on the "New Song" in Revelations 14, while the freedom which is ours through identification with Christ in His death was clearly and forcefully dwelt upon by Mrs. Boddy.

One very noticeable feature was the complete absence of anything like human leadership or control. This was more marked we thought than ever we had seen it before, but although the hall was well filled there was perfect order, and one did realize how fully the Holy Spirit had right of way.

So encouraging has it been, and so truly

did God set His seal of approval upon it, that Mrs. Beruldsen and Mrs. Macpherson have both felt led to arrange for a second Conference to be held the third week in November (Nov. 21st and 22nd).

May God bless Edinburgh mightily. May all Scotland feel the vibratory current, and be blessed by the "Rivers of Living Water" flowing out from His Spirit-filled children in this important centre.

A. M. BARBOUR.

Kilsyth.

MY DEAR MR. BODDY,

I want to praise God with you for all He has done for you and us. I praise God for the "Confidence" and for the wonderful testimonies from time to time; we are greatly encouraged by it, and are sure that many a dear brother and sister who are shut out of fellowship will be strengthened and helped through it. I enclose a gift towards its publication from the Westport Hall, Kilsyth. I should have written you sooner about the work here, but you have been getting a letter from time to time from the other brothers here, and I want to endorse all they have written about Scotland. The work is spreading quietly but surely, and praise God we are getting deeper and deeper. We believe we are on the eve of a revival. Here it has begun, I believe. Some of the worst characters of the place are being saved. One case, a man who was a terror to his folk and the police. Some months ago it took five policemen to take him to jail, and not having handcuffs large enough (he is very strong) they procured ropes and bound him. That man has been saved, and was at an open-air meeting on Saturday night and caused quite a sensation, people coming from different parts of the town to see him; the very policeman had a look at

him. Another case of Jesus and Lazarus. We have other cases about as bad, or better way to put it, "as good." We have wonderful times of prayer. We never prayed like this before. It would do your heart good to see nearly

100 YOUNG MEN

and maidens in the upper room on Sabbath night all praying, sometimes nearly all in tongues. I say it to the Glory of Jesus. I don't think you could see the like of it in all Scotland, and this has continued for over eight months, and is the result of Pentecost. Dear brother, I believe the Gospel is to be preached in these days of scepticism and pleasure living with the Power of the Holy Ghost and Signs following. Nothing else is going to do. The dear Lord keeps us humble and low at His feet. We have got the hall all done up and heated with pipes ready for the winter work. We expect to have a week's conference at New Year, but will let you know later on. You can mention it in "Confidence." Glad to be able to write encouragingly about the work here. Some have gone back because of fear, criticism, ridicule, etc., and some because of pride and sin; but nearly all of our own people are going on true to God. The blessing is so real that when anyone has grieved the Holy Spirit

A CLOUD SEEMS TO COME

over their faces. In the old days we would hide that from one another, but it will not do now. Jesus is so real in our midst. In all my 24 years' experience I never saw anything like this for finding out men who professed great things and taught great things, and when brought face to face with the realities of God have failed in seeing the hand of God in it, and is just another picture of the crowd of unbelievers dying in the wilderness and Joshua and Caleb passing over. The Lord keeps us all humble and low at His feet, so that

He will be able to use us. Since writing you last we have had people from different parts of Scotland who have received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Signs following, viz., the New Tongue. Our people send their united love to you all. Praying that we may be all one, and kept in the bonds of love and unity.

Yours in Jesus,

A. MURDOCH.

COPY OF MINUTE REGARDING THE
GIFT OF TONGUES.

WESTPORT HALL, KILSYTH.

We praise God that He has thought us worthy, and we are able to record the following for His glory:—For some months previous to January of this year God had been very near to us in our prayer meetings, and our united cry was, "Lord, come in a new way and manifest Thyself in our midst," and glory to Jesus the Holy Ghost fell on us. Beginning on Friday night, the 31st January, right up till now, we have had wonderful manifestations. We had heard of the outpouring of the Spirit in other places and other lands, but being unable to go and see for ourselves we waited on Him. We heard about the work in Sunderland, then at Dunfermline, and that Bros. Andrew Bell and Victor Wilson had received their Pentecost with Signs following, Mark 16 and 17, and knowing these brothers, we invited Brother Wilson down to explain all about the movement and give us his experience, which he did on Wednesday night, the 29th of January. A great impression was made on the meeting, and it was agreed to have a special meeting on Friday, the 31st of January. Meantime Brother Wilson went home to Brother Murdoch's, and while praying in the home between 12 and 12:30 the Holy Spirit fell on Brother Murdoch, and he came through speaking in a new tongue. The following night Brother William Hutchinson went to see Brother Murdoch, and immediately

ON HIS EMBRACING

Brother Murdoch the Holy Spirit came upon Brother Hutchinson, and he also received his Pentecost with Signs following, viz., the Gift of Tongues. At the meeting on Friday night, the 31st of January, eleven brothers and sisters more received this wonderful blessing, some singing in a new tongue, others making sacred verses in a tongue and afterwards giving the interpretation in English. The Saturday night will ever be remembered. When God shewed His mighty workings amongst us between 30 and 40 men and women were prostrated under the power of God, and all came through speaking in a new tongue. Nearly every night since, men, women, and children have received this wonderful blessing, and although there has been and still is much opposition, the work of God goes on. At the present time all the office-bearers, with two exceptions, have received their Pentecost and are speaking in tongues, all according to the Scriptures, as recorded in Mark 16-17, Acts 2, 10, 19, also 1 Cor. 12, 13, 14 chapters. The result of all this has

been that the members of the church have been brought into a new relationship with Jesus and each other, the Blood being honoured and Jesus glorified beyond anything ever known before. Fathers and mothers testify to the great change amongst their children and in their homes.

Arthritis Healed by the Lord.

(RESPONSE TO PERSISTENT FAITH LEADING.)

16, ARTHUR STREET,
HAWICK,

Oct. 26th, 1908.

DEAR MRS. BODDY,]

As you requested, I am sending you a short account of the healing and keeping power of the Lord Jesus in my body. I had been delicate from childhood, but up to 7 years ago had struggled through all. Before I took this Rheumatoid Arthritis I had had Influenza in its severest forms 11 times. This so drained my bodily strength that rheumatism set in. Although under two very skilful doctors, who did everything that lay in their power to relieve me, I got gradually worse. I had lain nine months on my back after the fever, and every now and again was compelled to lie for the length of 15 weeks at a time. I was at Buxton, Strathpeffer, Harrogate, twice for baths, massage and waters, but no use. I was gradually getting worse; in constant pain night and day. Never relief unless under an opiate. Many a night have I lain singing to myself the chorus, "Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief, When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Saviour cares"; and although unable to turn off my back, the tears running down my cheeks, I felt Him draw near. Oh, how I did struggle to be free from the agony, but I always felt there was something I lacked to take His Word as it stood. I thought I could glorify Him as much through bearing my sufferings patiently, and that it was His way for me. I had a fearful time last winter. My body was very deformed. The left arm was nearly meeting my chest, shoulder blades out of place, spine beginning to shoot, the left elbow was like three distinct joints, while the heart turns were fearful, almost suffocating, the length of three and four some days at a time. One of my doctors said he could do nothing else but give me morphia, which he did not want to do. I was getting desperate with the acute pain, my nerves were fast giving way, when

THE LORD STEPPED IN

and healed me. Two brothers of the Railway Mission, of which both my husband and myself had been active workers, met in with a lady from Edinburgh who had been healed instantly from the last stage of consumption. They had heard her testimony, and one brother told me of it. I said how much I should like to see one of the Lord's miracles in the flesh. Shortly after she came through here, and this brother brought her to see me, or rather sent her down. I shall never forget that day—the 25th of February, 1908. I was sitting crouched together with pain, dare not let anyone come near me without screaming with pain if they touched me. I said now I wanted to see one of my Lord's miracles for myself, and if He could cure her He could cure me too. She opened her Bible, and shewed me passage after

passage where the Lord had borne all my sicknesses on the Cross. 1 Peter ii., 24; Isaiah liiii., 4; St. Matt. viii., 17; and others. I tried to grasp the truths, but am afraid I was too dense to understand all she said. Then she asked me if I thought the Lord could heal me? I said I had not much faith, but was sure He could do it. Then she said she would lay it before the Lord, and if the Lord led her to lay hands on me for healing she would do it. She further said that I could be healed by faith, but could not keep so unless by receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, to give me power over the Devil who had bound me so long by pleading the shed Blood on Calvary. I said if the Lord healed I would take all He liked to give me, and anything that He shewed me was hindering Him from manifesting His Power in me I would give up entirely. Well, I prayed all that afternoon until she came down and took me up to the house she was staying at, and that night she laid hands on me to receive the Holy Ghost. My healing was not mentioned at all, but mark you, I had longed for years for a closer walk with my Lord, but could not manage to do so. I had an awful fear of death, although a Christian for 20 years. After laying hands on me I felt as it were, a quiet

ELECTRIC SHOCK

pass over my body, and such a deep peace came over me. Then after a while I became icy cold, and one death-cold wave passed over my whole body after the other. It seemed like Jordan I was passing through. I felt no fear, although the pain was raging and the Devil was kicking. Then the deep sweet peace came again upon me. The pain was easier that night, and the next morning after they finished dressing me I began to crawl about and started to wash up the breakfast dishes. I could not hold them, but put them on shelf and did them the best way I could. I thanked the Lord for healing me, and whenever the pain returned in fury, I just looked up and cried for victory through the Blood. Often it passed off at once; then sometimes gradually. Everything was an exertion. It took both hands to lift the cup to my mouth. But I persevered, and just cried for victory in everything I tried to do when it felt impossible. The Lord honoured the small mite of faith I had by healing my heart that night. I have never had a turn since. When I felt myself getting gradually stronger it increased my faith to hold on for a complete cure. Glory to Jesus, He has not disappointed me. My doctor was puzzled but glad at slight improvement. I had finished the three asperine powders he had given me, and did not want any more I told him, but he would give me another dozen in case the pain came back again. The envelope which contains them has never been opened, and along with a course of

GLORIA TONIC

tablets, which I had been taking before receiving the Holy Ghost, I have them yet untouched, for I never have taken one drop of medicine of any description since. Hallelujah! A week that very night I was in a big chair in the kitchen when all at once a sharp thrust like a knife went across my brow. I fairly staggered with the shock. Then just lay back in chair, when it passed again down the back of my head, across shoulders, and down spine. Two or three times it occurred. I asked one of the girls to help me to bed as I felt queer. I wondered what new trouble I was taking now, but not afraid either. Then when I put my head on pillow, the same thing occurring again, along

with the icy shivers, I asked her to bring me a hot bottle. She did so, and I put it against the wall, a bit off my back. Then I fell asleep, and in the morning when I got up I could hold my shoulders straight and my head up. I was delighted, and when the lady called to see me I described what I had passed through. She praised God for healing my shoulders and putting them into shape. But where the bottle had been the pain was fearful. I cried to the Lord to shew me what had caused it, and He shewed me it was for not trusting Him wholly. I said, "Lord I will never do so again," and

THE PAIN WENT.

I have not used a hot bottle since for the same thing. Seeing now I was improving, I began to test the Lord, and determined to try and go out. I could not walk above a few steps without faintness and agony, but that day I managed to crawl downstairs and out into the air. I had not gone a few steps till the faintness came on. I just cried, "Victory, Lord, quick," and it passed. I got a little further every day, and the elbows began to get gradually less, and a little straighter every day the arms. Many a time the Devil assailed me by making people tell me they were no straighter. I never have argued, but said I knew the Lord never did half a miracle yet, and He was not going to stick with me. Before the three weeks were over the pain was almost gone, and my doctor said I was another Lazarus. I said, "Doctor, the same One who raised him is raising me." He just looked at me when I shewed him how I could hold my shoulders up and said I did not require him any longer. I was delighted and thanked him, this new life seemed so real to me. I had got all I had been longing for, and was so pleased to see how He gave me power to overcome pride, temper, etc. I had never been baptized owing to ill-health, but saw it was right, so one frosty night I was buried with Him in baptism and walked home from the house without any after-effects. I felt stronger every day, but one day I was drying my arms when the Devil whispered, "They don't look any straighter at all!" I thought a minute, then holding my arm up before the glass, I cried, "Look at that and shunt"; he had to go. Another day a voice says, "Do exercise with your arms, and you will be helping the Lord." I did not distinguish the voice, and began to do so backward and forward, all ways. The pain was awful. I cried to the Lord to shew me why. He revealed to me if I would allow Him to do it in His own time and way He would do it without pain. I began to praise Him for taking the pain away. He shewed me He had a purpose in straightening them gradually. I would testify before many and shew the arms to them. I began to work away about the house. In the beginning of May I travelled to Edinburgh myself without fatigue. The first Saturday the Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost in tongues. He laid me on my back for five hours that night.

HE SHEWED ME HIMSELF.

I began to sing in a strange tongue, "Glory to Jesus, wonderful Saviour." Then another brother started to sing in one language while I chimed the alto in a different one. I got a glorious baptism three nights running. It has been and is complete victory every day. I can walk anywhere now. The toes, which were growing over each other, are reversing back again. The arms are almost straight again, and I am going to hold on and allow Him to finish in His own time and way.

It is such a blessed life this constant overcoming. The Bible is sweeter to me than I can tell. I prize it above every other book. A few weeks ago a brother was exercised over me, not being able to stretch out my right hand straight when shaking hands. It seemed such a poor testimony, the wrist being turned. I said it before the Lord, and a voice distinctly said twice:

"I HAVE HEALED THEE,

don't worry; as you go about your daily work they will straighten." I thanked Him, and next day could shake hands properly. He is such a living person in my life. Some days I don't feel up to much, but I cry "Victory!" until I do. The other day the imitation of the old pain came back fierce. Thank God its only a counterfeit, as the Lord does not reign in a dirty, diseased house. I pleaded the Blood, and the Lord shewed me I had been trying to take enough strength for a while instead of just drawing daily from His Divine Strength what I required. May He lead many more to trust Him through this poor testimony. He is such a wonderful Saviour. All fear of death is gone, because I expect to be caught up among the one hundred and forty-four thousand. To Him be all the Glory,

Yours sincerely,

M. WILSON.

Kilbowie.

13. HILL TERRACE,
KILBOWIE HILL,
CLYDEBANK,
SCOTLAND.

DEAR PASTOR BODDY,

Love for the dear Lord constraineth me to send you my experience in the Pentecostal Blessing since the Lord began to deal with me first. I was converted three years ago, and was a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. When I first heard of Pentecost I could not understand it. I thought it might be something from the devil, but I determined not to say anything against it, but to seek God for myself and see if the work was of Him, and one night the Lord opened my eyes to see that the work was of Him.

Glory to Jesus, the one I adore,
Glory to Jesus, and praise evermore.

Well, I began to seek my Pentecost and I was about three weeks seeking when, on the 28th March, the dear Lord met me and baptized me. Oh, what a joy filled my soul that day. I will never forget. Oh, praise the dear Lord for Pentecost. That day I went to a Conference at Kilsyth, and it was there I saw your dear face with Jesus shining out of it. May the Lord bless and help you in your good work for Him.

On the 29th March I was so filled with the Spirit I could not keep from praising Jesus, and when I would praise Jesus I began to speak in an unknown tongue. I felt it was heavenly language. Oh, it was glorious to feel God's Spirit speaking through me. I was praising Jesus and speaking in tongues most of that day.

Then, on Friday night, the power of the Lord came upon me, and I had a vision. It was a vision of light and beauty. I cannot explain it, only that it was glorious. I could hardly speak in

English that night, I just felt I wanted to stay up all night and praise Jesus.

Then, on Easter Sunday night, I went to our little Mission Hall. We had a big audience that night, a lot of people having come out of curiosity to hear the tongues, but they heard the good old Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto every one that believeth. Well, we had only sung our first hymn, when the Lord spoke to me and said, "Go in behind the curtains." This is a little place that is curtained off, where we can have quiet times with the Lord. Well, I felt it to go in there by myself before so many people. For the world did not understand the curtains, but I must obey God. I went in, and I hadn't long got to my knees when the power came upon me, and I lay there throughout all the meeting. I knew that God had something for me, and it came as a message and a prophecy, and a sister put a Bible in my hand, and the Bible opened, and God put my finger on a verse for the people. That night I will never forget how God moved my finger to that message. A dear sister came in and told me to rise and deliver the message that God had given, and the Lord led me out and I delivered the message. It was in the 46th chapter of Jeremiah, the 10th verse. Then, when our first meeting was over, the power came upon me again, and I fell back on a seat and God bestowed the gift of prophecy. Oh, how I praise God for the precious gift. The Lord spoke through me, in a stammering tongue, some beautiful messages, and has spoken through me many times since. My whole desire is to be drawn nearer to Christ and to live a holy life, a life well-pleasing in His sight, so that I won't be ashamed to meet my Saviour when He comes. Oh, it's glorious to be shaken by the power of God. I just trust He will shake me more and use me for His glory.

I am,

Yours in Christ Jesus,

CAROLINE SPOTSWOOD.

AMERICA.

A Message from Mr. & Mrs. Mead.

NORTHFIELD,
VERMONT, U.S.A..
Oct. 8th, 1908.

We have received several copies of "Confidence." We are, indeed, truly thankful to be brought into touch with you all through the paper. We do rejoice when we read of your victories. How edifying it must have been when you met in Conference. How wonderfully God is prospering you in the work, to keep the paper going so regularly. We find such fellowship with you all through the columns of the paper also in the "Apostolic Faith," from California.

We are not here from choice. It was in our heart to go on to Los Angeles, but our invalid sisters need us. One is at the point of death, with cancer, she lives just a few doors from us; and the one we are with is unable to take a step, and at present we are the only ones who are free to take care of her. It seems our lives are much given to caring for others in their afflictions. We can only

say, "The will of the Lord be done." We could not live any more unto ourselves, so we trust we are just in the order of God for us. He has given us a wonderful victory through every trial through His precious Blood. We are proving the wonderful promise, "Ye shall receive power, the Holy Ghost coming upon you," etc. Hallelujah!

How often we say we would like to be present with you in some of those precious meetings. We have many household duties to attend to, but we see Jesus in it all, and He is so lovely. He makes every burden light by His wonderful presence. How often He just quickens our bodies so that we are able to go on. We find every step of the way growing brighter. We are so thankful for the sweet letters of fellowship from England and other places. We know your many duties, dear Mrs. Boddy, and we only expect to hear from you occasionally, but we shall always prize a word from you. We read about the hard times in Sunderland; we are very sorry and hope the days may soon come when it will be better.

Pray for us, dear Mr. and Mrs. Boddy, as we do for you and the work there. Please remember us in love to your dear daughters, also to Miss Scott and Miss Howell, and also to the other dear members. We enclose a little offering for your paper; we only wish it might be more, but we may be able to send more later on. Could you send us, sometime, two or three copies of Mr. Boddy's testimony, and also yours.

INDIA.

A Pentecostal Home in Bombay.

God has again manifested His great desire to pour out the Latter Rain by opening a Home in this city having for its primary object the spreading of the full Pentecostal Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Church in India. He has selected one of the healthiest sections for its location, and seemingly was dissatisfied with anything less than a fine new building to further His glorious work. The house has upwards of 15 rooms, all of them spacious, light, and airy.

Mission stations, schools, and orphanages in India have been visited by the Lord in the gracious outpouring, and yet because of their regular work none of them have become places set apart specially for the Lord's people to wait for the Baptism in the Spirit. This Home, "Beulah" by name (Seutor St., Jacob Circle, Bombay), has for its principal object the tarrying for the Promise of the Father, and all believers desiring this will be very warmly welcomed and helped as far as possible.

It seems to be the Lord's pleasure to strengthen Miss Orlebar's hands (the hand-maiden whom He has used to open this Home) by adding baptized workers to assist her in the work, and these workers will also accept any calls the Lord shall give to visit other parts of India to assist hungry ones into the Baptism of the Blessed Spirit as "at the beginning" (Acts ii., 4). The prayers of all Saints interested in the present work of the Spirit are needed and strongly desired, so that the Lord's thought for His Church in India may be realised, and that this Home may fully serve the purpose for which He opened it.

Pandita Ramabai's Jubilee.

April 23rd was the fiftieth birthday of Pandita Ramabai. Some friends who knew of this sent her a present of money. There was no celebration except a meeting in the church to praise God and pray for further blessing on Mukti, and for the salvation of India. A party of Christian friends who had been attending the Lanowli Easter Convention joined with other visitors in this meeting, which was held in the English language. One of these wrote that she never was in such a prayer-meeting before.

The following address was given by Pandita Ramabai on this occasion:—

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—Eccles. xi., 6.

MY DEAR AND HONOURED FRIENDS,

I thank you most heartily for your very kind and good thoughts of me and for the generous gift you have sent as a token of your Christian love. I praise and thank GOD with all my heart for prompting you to preach the blessed Gospel of our LORD JESUS CHRIST to my people, and I pray GOD to bless you abundantly and let you see the fruit of your labours for the people of India.

I want to take this occasion to give my humble testimony to the wonderful saving power of our Blessed LORD JESUS. I cannot do better than express my feelings by quoting the words of Mary:—"My soul doth magnify the LORD and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my SAVIOUR."

I want to bear my testimony to the wonderful power of the blessed Name of JESUS CHRIST to save sinners. About forty years ago, when I was a little girl, my parents

visited Benares as pilgrims, to get merit, for they thought they could save themselves, and us, their children, by bathing in the Ganges, and by worshipping the idol in that place. As orthodox Brahmins, they most religiously avoided coming in contact with Christians and the Mlechchas, *i.e.*, the foreigners. But one day in the providence of GOD, a Christian man came to see my father while we were at Benares. I do not remember whether he was an Indian or a European Christian, nor what he spoke to my father. But I remember two words which I heard him say while he was conversing with my father. The words were:—"YESHU KHRISTA," *i.e.*, JESUS CHRIST. He shook hands with my father when taking his leave, and said something which I do not remember. But after he went away I found myself repeating the two words "YESHU KHRISTA," which I heard from him. I must have repeated them many times, because my sister was much alarmed and drew my mother's attention to what I was whispering to myself. Mother asked me what it was that I had been repeating; but I was afraid to answer her question and kept silence. She warned me against repeating the name of the God of the Mlechchas, and told me not to bring His name to my lips again. But I never forgot that Name.

About thirteen years after this, a Baptist missionary living at Silchar, Assam, sent a little printed card to me by my husband. The card had these words on it, "INCLINE YOUR HEART UNTO THE LORD." I read them and pondered over them in my heart. I had lived without GOD and without hope for many years. I felt as if there was a great emptiness within me that needed to be filled, and no one but the GOD who was full of love and compassion for sinners would be able to fill it.

I felt I needed His help, and for the first time in my life I prayed to the Unknown God to incline our hearts unto Him.

I did not know how to pray, but without my knowing it the HOLY SPIRIT converted the words of the Scripture into a prayer in my heart, and GOD did answer that prayer in His appointed time, when it pleased Him to bring me into the light of the blessed Gospel.

A few weeks after the above incident, I found a little booklet, the Gospel of St. Luke, in my room. I do not know who had brought it or left it there, but I began to read it, and greatly liked the story told in it. About this time my husband introduced me to the missionary, who, some weeks before, had sent the card for me. The missionary read the first chapter of Genesis and explained it to me. There was a wonderful attraction in the words which he read. My soul responded to the message of GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. I resolved then, without knowing the reason why, that I would become a Christian. Sixteen years after the time when I first heard the name of JESUS CHRIST, I realised that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Some unknown friend, whose name is written in the Book of Life, made me acquainted with that name at Benares, and another unknown friend left a small Gospel in my room for me to read, that I might come to know the SON of GOD, "Who loved me and gave Himself for me." These dear people who are well-known to God, and whom I expect to meet soon in the presence of the KING, sowed the seed, others watered, and God gave the increase, and I was born into His Kingdom. How I thank God with a full heart to-day for sending His messengers in order to make Himself known to me.

I realise more and more the wonderful power that is in the name of Jesus, and in the Word of God which converted me. It will be an encouragement to the dear children of GOD, who have toiled long in this country without seeing any visible fruit of their labours, to know that the Word-seed, faithfully and prayerfully sown, does surely bear fruit. 1 Cor., xv., 58.

I am convinced more and more that the Gospel given to our people freely will be the means of their salvation. I am therefore going to spend your generous gift in giving the Gospel to many thousands of pilgrims, and to many others. Please pray that all those who read in the Gospel the Word of GOD, and all who have heard the name of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, may be saved and gathered into His fold quickly, before He comes again to meet His elect Bride.—*From "Faith Work in India," an occasional paper free from Mrs. Helen S. Dyer, Aldington, Hythe, Kent.*

The Attack on Lady Missionaries.

FURTHER NEWS.

At Pandharpur the Mission Room of the Poona and India Village Mission is situated just outside the city. Miss Parsons, Miss Steel and her sister, and Miss Boes were all there at this time. An adjacent building, the "Mukti Sadan," was occupied by eighty-six girls and young women, forming the preaching band from Mukti which has been working with these Missionaries for the past twelve months. It was afternoon, when all the ladies were at home resting or studying, when a mob from the city, armed with clubs and stones, filled the compound and surrounded the bungalow. They at once began throwing stones through the windows, which were

quickly all broken. Miss Steel, who was writing, walked out into the midst of the mob and spoke quietly to them, but was felled to the ground, and stoned and clubbed as she lay insensible. Miss Parsons came out of the Sadan just in time to see the mob running away with blood on their clubs. As soon as they thought Miss Steel was dead the rioters all fled. No one else was hurt, and Miss Steel, who was seriously injured, was not killed as they supposed. She is now slowly recovering. Doubtless Miss Steel, going out as she did, saved the lives of the others. Why the mob stopped short after this deed and ran away is not explained. But as the other ladies were praying it is possible that "the terror of the LORD" seized the rioters and prevented further harm to His children. If their aim was to drive the Mission from the city, they have not been successful. The Missionaries and the other workers remain at their post, and the Government has imprisoned some of the offenders.—*From "Faith Work in India."*

The Future of "Confidence."

Encouraging letters come to us from time to time; we could fill a column often with quotations, but we give an extract from one:—"I must tell you how I hail the arrival of "Confidence," and what a feast the reading of it always gives me. I have had that feast to-night; all other work had to be laid aside for it; it refreshes and cheers me, and helps me, too, of course."

We do not want to contemplate the possibility of not issuing "Confidence" every month, but the issue must depend upon the balance being upon the right side. We have some splendid givers who feel that this is a channel of blessing. But substantial sacrifices are needed for maintaining the work month by month.

DIFFICULTIES AS TO MESSAGES.

(A Letter from Pastor Barratt.)

DEAR BROTHER BODDY,

I am afraid that many are making a mistake. They *enquire* when they are to eat, where they are to go and when (if they are to take a morning walk), and so on, when it's only matters of

ORDINARY PHASES OF LIFE, and allow themselves to be guided by what they say the *Spirit* has told them to do.

Now I believe, of course, that all the affairs of our life are to be *guided by the Spirit*, and *will be* if we live near God and are *obedient* to Him. But God has given us

COMMON-SENSE, at least the most of us are enjoying it (some show very little at times, it is true!) and if we are *normal* Christians we will have some regular order of things in our life and attend to them.

Now just fancy asking God when we are to eat. He has created us and given us appetite and wants us to eat *when it is necessary*, and provides food for us to do so. What we know we need not ask about, but just thank him for the privilege of being able to do it.

And thus it is with other ordinary things of life. I believe that, when we ask God such questions as that, He says, "I have given you common-sense, **USE THAT!**"

And unless God impresses us by His Spirit that we are doing a wrong thing, or desires us to make a break in the ordinary routine of life, we are to let our life flow out in one gladsome and joyous song to His praise, who has showered so many blessings down upon us and desires us to rejoice in them and thank Him for them. Otherwise, life will become a *bondage*, and that's what the devil wants. But Pentecost—the GENUINE sort—breaks that bondage to pieces. Hallelujah!

Besides, there is the danger that, as we do not allow ourselves to be guided by the *ordinary light* God gives us, *other voices than His* may lead us astray. Some people I find cannot

DO ANY LITTLE THING unless they enquire of some or other to know if they shall or not. That is surely *not the Biblical way*. At least, I do not find it in the Bible. Some just fling open their Bible and allow themselves to be guided by the first passage their eyes meet. That is also wrong. We *may be* led by certain passages at times, and comforted wonderfully, but God wants us to be guided by *His Word as a whole*, and by the sound judgment His Holy Spirit gives the mind and soul in these ordinary matters of life. Some allow themselves to be guided by signs made by the hands and posture of some oracle. Do, please, let us be careful. God has guided by signs (the star of Bethlehem, etc.), but let us be SURE it is GOD guiding us. When RESULTS are bad it surely was not HIM. And this will apply to the GREATER questions and decisions that meet us in life.

I always feel, if anything very important is stated in prophecy concerning myself, that I cannot BLINDLY be guided by that statement unless it has foundation in the Word of God, or God impresses me in a similar way. If there remain two ways, then the matter is NOT settled to my mind, because the Holy Spirit has ONE way. So I let

matters abide until I find there is

NOTHING ELSE TO DO

but that one thing. "He that believeth shall *not* make haste!"

God will NOT leave us in doubt as to His will, but very satisfactorily prove it to us.

There are times when God's will, through prayer, immediately becomes SO CLEAR to the inner eye that, although it may seem strange to others, and the difficulties incurred are many, yet we have PERFECT PEACE in the full assurance that His presence is with us and gives us REST! And the RESULTS prove so too!

May God bless and prosper you in your work,

Yours sincerely,

BARRATT.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—St. Paul says (1 Cor. xiv., 3): "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to [1] edification (building up), [2] exhortation (encouragement), and [3] comfort (consolation)." These are safe lines if the prophecy accords with Scriptural teaching. Danger is approached when

PERSONAL MESSAGES

are sought and sought in great earnestness or in long times of silent waiting.

Free Literature.

A good supply of Free Literature is now in the hands of the Secretaries, 11, Park Lea Road, Sunderland. Leaders of Centres and others should write now. Reprints of two of the articles in this month's "Confidence" can be had in leaflet or booklet form. Also a reprint of "A Vicar's Testimony" (with considerable additions). "Spiritualism Denounced by Living Ex-Spiritualists" has again been reprinted. Can be obtained free from the Secretaries. It contains startling revelations of this work of the Devil in our midst.

Letters about Free Literature and orders for "Confidence" should be sent generally to the Secretaries (address as above).

IMPURITY.

ONE OF SATAN'S DEADLIEST FASCINATIONS.

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

Romans xii., 1—"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

1 Cor. vi., 15—"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ."

This difficult subject we would much prefer to leave alone. These words of warning may not be for everyone. Many may be tempted on quite different lines, but alas, many to-day are in danger. The more spiritual any work of God is, the more will Satan assail in some way or other, and specially in *this* way.

There are given unto us exceeding great and

precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. —2 Peter i., 4.

To sanctified, Spirit-baptized Christians, as well as to all others, very practical directions are given by the Holy Ghost, through the Apostles.

"Mortify (make dead and keep dead) your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."—Col. iii., 5.

The great enemy of God and of souls know that there are 'Davids' even in Pentecostal days who may love God and yet go down under temptation to strange sin, beginning with unchecked thought, and possibly going no further and yet defiling. Secret sin, though unholy thought, is paralysing and weakening to will and power and separates from God.

It is the pure in heart who see God and the blessed Lord wants His people to be gloriously pure, and then they can be strong for Him.

The Devil knows that his time is short. It may only be a matter of eight or ten years before he is bound by the Master for the Millennium. Graves were never dug for so short an occupancy as now. Jesus is coming soon. The Devil is, from his point of view, at his very best and he is adapting his temptations to different dispositions with amazing cunning.

Now some of us know (for we have many opportunities of knowing) that to-day the Devil is dressing up attractively that ugly thing which the Bible calls bluntly "lust." Satan gives it lovely names just as Bunyan described in the story of the Sieges of Mansoul. Saved people and even sanctified ones are in terrible danger through opening to the foe, Eyegate, Eargate, or some other of the five gates into the Citadel.

Not only young people but older ones also are being weakened as soul-winners, through yielding, not once but often at last, to secret temptations of thought. One of the best things to do is to carry war into the Enemy's Camp.

Cannot our Jesus get the victory over this subtle device of the Devil. Hallelujah! He can and will, but we must

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to
Trust and obey.

Obedience is so necessary. Obedience in His strength. As we obey He gives the strength.

In an important conversation with an eminent Christian some months ago, this experienced leader referred to one after another within his own experience and in our own day who had gone far from the purity of Christ and yet *seemed* to have wonderful spiritual power. We also know of one who is living in open sin and yet professes to be as near to God as ever, and has no shame while living incestuously. Another defies all public opinion and lives in adulterous sin and poses as a Christian teacher. A third has so transgressed that his followers left him, he impenitent. The god of this world seems to blind their eyes and to persuade them that our pure God can behold iniquity unrepented of, and continue to bless and even to use. Some of these seem at one time to have been pure, earnest followers of Christ, professing to be really sanctified and probably believing it. Now their consciences are seared by persistent sin

into which they have gradually fallen. Those I have specially alluded to were not connected with the present Pentecostal Movement. Every deep spiritual work of God will be the special object of the Devil's malignity. He adapts himself to different persons, temperaments, and physical conditions. There is danger in making one of the opposite sex a spiritual confidant. Sad falls have resulted through this. Husband and wife themselves should help one another. So-called "Heavenly Marriages" are too often made in Hell. Husband and wife should not prefer others of the opposite sex, however spiritual. That which seems at first harmless may lead to disloyalty and sin.

The man or woman who is secretly harbouring sinful thoughts little knows how wonderfully useful he or she is to the devil. The woman determined to extort admiration and attract attention by unworthy and unholy means is leaving behind her, even as she walks the streets, the very trail of the serpent. The Sunday School Teacher or Church Worker, Evangelist or Minister, who gives himself to 'admiring women' needs to repent quickly and do the first works, or "the Master may come and remove his candlestick out of his place except he repent" (Rev. ii., 5). He is getting dangerously near that which the Lord warned men of when He says "Whosoever looketh on a woman," etc. (Matt. v., 28). Those whom God uses in directing souls know how appallingly prevalent are such sins of thought even among Christians to-day—nay, even among so-called Christian Leaders. Sad confessions are continually being made of indulgence in sins of thought and even in some measure of deed.

The Lord says, "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak."

His Apostle John plainly and bluntly says, "All fornicators shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone."—Rev. xxi., 8. They are classed with murderers and liars, etc.

As John Bunyan lifted his bat on Elstow Village Green on the Lord's Day he heard a Voice which said, "Wilt thou leave thy sins and go to Heaven, or have thy sins and go to Hell?"

The Lord is saying to some of His own people to-day, "Will you cease from your secret sins and go to Heaven, or

WILL YOU CLING TO THEM AND GO TO HELL?" (This is a message to someone reading this paper.)

Our Master wants strong, pure men and women whom He can baptize with the Holy Ghost. Not sanctified in name and assertion only, but sanctified wholly, body, soul, and spirit, purging themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor. vii., 1).

We who are in Christ Jesus by faith are in the New Creation but our members are still "on the earth." Food, temperature, etc. still affect us. Some may say, "because Christ is living in my heart by faith, the Prince of this world, when he comes, finds nothing in me." Yet St. Paul says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fail."

A father who has daughters would quickly fling a seducer right out of his house. A lustful man is a desolator indeed, even if he keeps his

thoughts generally to himself. In the Name of our God, let every Christian man and woman, and especially every Leader and Christian Teacher, cast out with horror every unholy fascinating thought which Satan will try to bring up. Abhor with loathing the sensual, luring, theatrical and other pictures on the walls and in the shops, they are the Devil's traps. Do not read the unholy divorce cases. Flee from the things which the Devil puts in front of men and women at their weakest moments. Recognize the Devil and his messengers behind these temptations. Flee from them quickly and turn to the Lord Jesus. Do not, like Lot's wife, turn back. Escape for thy life. Escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Avoid all appearance of evil. Also do not have fellowship with fornicators (1 Cor. v., 9-13). Pray for them and warn them of the Wrath of God (Romans i., 18). Keep thyself pure (1 Tim. v., 22). Husbands and wives should be true to one another and be guided by 1 Cor. vii., 1-17. Young men and young women should, if engaged, be careful to respect one another. Sin before marriage is sin in God's sight; their offspring suffer, their own souls suffer.

Our bodies are a loan from God and are to be members of Christ. Men and women who yield to lust are making themselves and others into dirt and worse than dirt. They will surely regret it.

We thank the Lord for the precious Blood and the forgiveness there is for every one turning whole-heartedly and trusting Him.

We thank Him above all that there is assured Victory for those who co-operate with Him.

There's victory for thee
Through the Blood of Christ my Saviour,
Victory for Thee through the precious Blood.

THE PURE IN HEART SHALL SEE GOD. Are you amongst them?

BOURNEMOUTH.

OPENING OF A NEW PENTECOSTAL MISSION HALL.

A new hall for Evangelistic and Pentecostal Services has been erected at Winton, Bournemouth, and was opened on November 5th with two services. Emmanuel Mission Hall, as it is called, is an elegant little structure of brick and slate, with pitch pine roof relieved with dark oak, and is capable of holding about 250 people. Mr. W. Hutchinson, who has been responsible for the building, was able to tell the audience that all the money necessary for the building had come in in answer to prayer, and that he had not knocked at anyone's door for a penny. The land is leased for ten years with the option of purchase, and he has confidence that the Lord will supply funds for the purchase of the ground right out.

Mr. Cecil Polhill, of Bedford, was the advertised speaker, and it was an unexpected pleasure to find that he had brought Pastor Polman, of Amsterdam, with him. The latter introduced himself as "a Dutchman happy in Jesus." He could not help praising God for Jesus, and for all he is doing in these last days. He is visiting this earth in such a mighty way and making

His people ready for His coming. It is not enough to be saved and sanctified; to be ready for the Bridegroom we must be baptized in the Holy Spirit. We must get deeper into the will of God, and this will He reveals to those whose hearts are open for His *full* salvation.

Pastor Polman told how his dear wife received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in October, 1907, and when he saw the great change in her, what power she had in overcoming, what power she had in testimony and preaching, what love for souls, it made him very hungry for the same blessing. After waiting for nine months he decided to come to England for the Whitsuntide Conference in Sunderland, and two days before the Conference started, as Pastor Boddy laid hands on him in the Vicarage the Lord baptized him in His Holy Spirit and he spoke in tongues. It is a new birth, it is the entry into the Kingdom of Jesus. All is glory, Jesus has taken us. We are in Him and full of Him. The coming of the Holy Spirit is like a mighty stream of love, increasing in volume day by day.

God has done great things in the past for them in Amsterdam, but during the last four months He has done more wonderful things than he ever did before. Every week about five receive their baptism, so that there are now from 50 to 60 baptized souls. In every meeting souls get saved, the sick are healed, demons are cast out, for which they gave the glory to God. Pastor Polman then proceeded to tell what great works the Lord is doing in South Africa, where Dutch and English, Boers and Kaffirs are glorifying Jesus in tongues. He told how ignorant Dutchmen under the power of the Spirit were speaking English, whilst others had the gift of the Kaffir language. In Johannesburg, when a Pentecostal meeting was being held in a church the whole choir, besides many in the audience, were thrown down under the power of the Spirit.

In this movement the Blood of Jesus is being exalted, and the power of the Blood is being proved. When Christians are denying the Blood that bought them and religious people with their New Theology are tramping under foot the Blood of the Son of God, we have to once more draw near to Calvary to be sprinkled with the Blood of the Lamb. God is making us appreciate the *real* value of the Blood through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Let us get in touch with the Son of God, and as Esther the Queen stretched forth her hand and touched the sceptre of the King, so let us stretch forth our hands and touch the Sceptre of our King.

It is well to go in for God's best, it is such a joyful life, it is a life of power. The power comes from on High, and this power is changing us to be in His image. Jesus is drawing near; He is on the way. He is pouring out His showers of blessing, and there are oceans to follow. Our part is to believe, to trust, to seek, to knock and to ask.

Mr. Cecil Polhill then told the audience how the Lord was doing a wonderful work in every part of the world, and that he would do a wonderful work in Bournemouth. He was sending out an invitation to all to bring along their big cans and their little jugs and He would fill them up quick. Hudson Taylor used to say that it

did not matter how big a vessel might be, in every case the overflow was precisely the same. If you put a big tank or a little jug under the Falls of Niagara they would soon both be full and overflowing, and the overflow from the little jug would be precisely the same as the overflow from the big tank. Then he asked, "Are you full of the Holy Ghost?" He will fill us and overflow us, and others will be blessed by the overflow.

God likes new things. He found a new tomb for His Son, and a new colt for Him when He entered Jerusalem. And here was a new building for a new work. May He be honoured in this new place with a new zeal. God can also take the old and make new of it, and he was grateful to think that if he lived to be a hundred years old, the Lord could still make him a new man.

Then taking Psalm 132, he dealt with David's burning zeal to find a House for the Lord, a place where God could rest. And what a wonderful rest God's rest was. And what a glorious thought it was to be in His rest, and to be as still as God. There is power for us when we have rest, but if we are restless we are powerless. It was necessary for the priests of the Lord to be clothed with righteousness, and ministers must see that their lives are such that none can point a finger at them. The saints, too, must be joyful and not afraid of being happy. And He will clothe His priests day by day with righteousness according to His Word, and He will make the joybells ring in the hearts of all His people. Wherever God finds a company of true, humble, and faithful people, there will He rest for ever. Dealing with the verse, "There will I make the horn of David to bud," Mr. Polhill remarked how wonderful it was that to-day God is bringing a fresh young bud on an old tree, a young bud fresh nourished from heaven. It was Life from God. Thank God, the horns of David are budding, and the lamps are burning, and they will burn until the Lord comes. But there was a sad side to the picture as well. God says He will clothe His enemies with shame. It is a terrible thing to be standing in the way of God, and it will be a sad case for those who are opposing the work of the Holy Spirit in these last days. God is speaking, and may His Word be heard and accepted in Bournemouth, and might His richest blessing fall on that town.

Tea was provided at which about 70 stayed, and a most excellent meeting followed in the evening, at which Mr. Lake (of Southsea), Mr. Polhill, and Pastor Polman gave short addresses. The workers at this Hall, who have previously been meeting at Brother Hutchinson's house, were very much encouraged, and are very grateful to God for His manifold presence at these open meetings. The Hall is to be opened every evening (Saturdays excepted) for prayer and praise, and a special welcome is given to the sick in soul and body, and to seekers for the Baptism. They would like to invite others to join them in a ministry of intercession that the Lord shall pour floods upon the dry ground, the exceptionally dry ground at Bournemouth.