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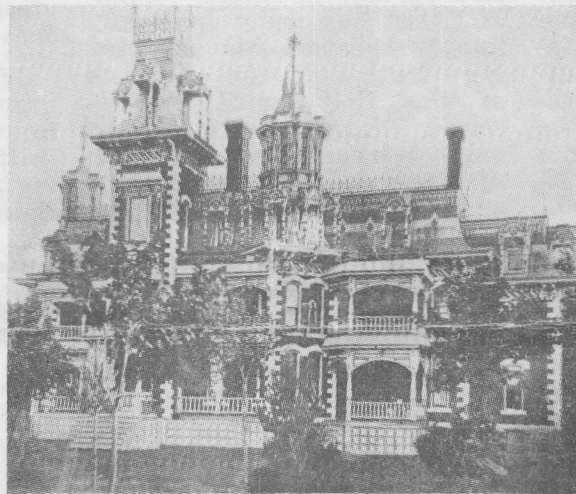
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BETHEL BIBLE SCHOOL, TOPEKA, KANSAS, 1900

In October, 1900, Rev. Charles F. Parham opened Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas. Forty students entered realizing their need of more power from God with which to



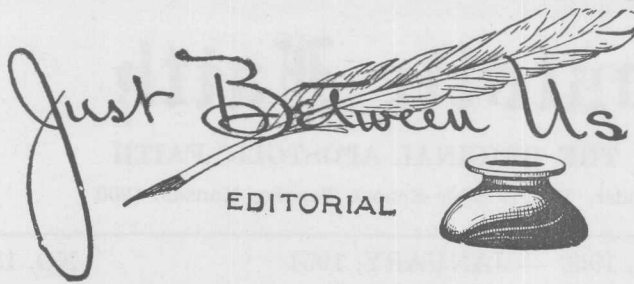
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meet the challenge of the new century. They trusted God for every need and had all things in common. Seeking God earnestly, God met their challenge and poured out the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, thus ushering in the Latter Rain Dispensation. This momentous event marked the beginning of the Pentecostal Move-

ments of the world.



MRS. CHARLES F. PARHAM



GOLDEN JUBILEE

It is significant that we recall some of the details and remind you of the fact that Pentecostal people throughout the world are now giving due honor and recognition to the Apostolic Faith Movement as the first group of humble people on whom God considered worthy to intrust with the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 under the leadership of the late Charles F. Parham in Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas, 1900.

We are approaching the golden Jubilee of Pentecostal fullness and through the pages of this paper, we are giving you the account of those historical events from the pen of the founder, along with others who have reached prominence in the religious world.

Fifty years ago a group of devout believers were searching the scriptures with hungry, open hearts and seeking the Lord in prayer and fasting for a refreshing from the Holy Spirit. In answer to their sincere faith and prayer, God poured out His spirit as the Latter Rain as promised in Joel 2:28-29 and thus the Pentecostal Movement of the world was born.

In the beginning The Pentecostal Movement was not separate and distinct from other

denominations. It was a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit within the believers of all churches. Every evangelical group was affected. Those who believed in Holiness, Divine Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ had many spiritually hungry believers who accepted the truth of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and received the experience. It was only when the leadership of those denominations rejected the Pentecostal light and began to teach against it that the Pentecostal people who were within those denominations began to withdraw and to form separate Pentecostal assemblies where they could worship God in the liberty of the Spirit. Because the Spiritual leaders of denominations rejected the Pentecostal light, great persecution, hardships, and ostracism were heaped upon the heads of those who accepted the truth and they were forced to withdraw from their church.

Are we facing a similar experience today? The amazing fact before us is the appearance and evidence of a great wave of revival spirit and Holy Ghost power. There is abroad, especially in America, a great yearning and desire on the part of

spirit filled believers for a closer walk with God that will produce power with God, thus bringing about the results of "signs and wonders" through the Gifts of the Spirit. God may be seeking a "called out number" who will follow the Lamb whither-so-ever He goeth. It may mean bitter persecution, hardship, suffering, rejection and ostracism as it meant to those at the beginning of the century. Are ye able?

What will be the outcome of this moving of the Spirit that is driving men to seek the power of God? May we rally to His cross and meet the challenge that is before us!

Will it be necessary to withdraw from creed bound organized Pentecostalism? Have we drifted too far from the working and leadership of the Holy Spirit? God is seeking a people He can use. We can be that people if we pay the price.

Let us be open hearted and hungry as they were fifty years ago. If God has something greater for us — let's have it. With manifestations, power, signs and wonders will come persecution. But with these will also come the fulfillment of "Greater things than these shall ye do because I go to my Father."

THE DIVINE SPARK

Courage — an independent spark from heaven's bright throne, by which the soul stands raised, triumphant, high, alone.

— George Farquhar.

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"The Latter Rain"

By Charles F. Parham

We opened the Bible School at Topeka, Kansas in October, 1900. To which we invited all ministers and Christians who were willing to forsake all, sell what they had, give it away, and enter the school for study and prayer, where all of us together might trust God for food, fuel, rent and clothing. The purpose of this school was to fit men and women to go to the ends of the earth to preach, "This Gospel of the Kingdom." Matt. 24:14 as a witness to all the world before the end of the age.

Our purpose in this Bible School was not to learn these things in our heads only but have each thing in the Scriptures wrought out in our hearts. And that every command that Jesus Christ gave should be literally obeyed.

No one paid board or tuition, the poor were fed, the sick were entertained and healed, and from day to day, week to week, and month to month, with no sect or mission or known source of income back of us, God supplied our every need, and He was our all sufficiency in all things.

In December of 1900 we had had our examination upon the subject of repentance, conversion, consecration, sanctification, healing, and the soon coming of the Lord. We had reached in our studies a problem. What about the 2nd Chapter of Acts? I had felt for years that any missionary going to the foreign field should preach in the language of the natives. That if God had ever equipped His ministers in that way He could do it today. That if Balaam's mule could stop in the middle of the road and give the first preacher that went out for money a "bawling out" in Arabic that anybody today ought to be able to preach in any language of the world if they had horse sense enough to let God use their tongue and throat. But still I be-

lieved our experience should tally exactly with the Bible, and neither sanctification nor the anointing that abideth taught by Stephen Merritt and others tallied with the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Having heard so many different religious bodies claim different proofs as the evidence of their having the Pentecostal baptism, I set the students at work studying out diligently what was the Bible evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that we might go before the world with something that was indisputable because it tallied absolutely with the Word.

Leaving the school for three days at this task, I went to Kansas City for three days services. I returned to the School on the morning preceding Watch Night services in the year 1900.

At about 10 o'clock in the morning I rang the bell calling all the students into the Chapel to get their report on the matter in hand. To my astonishment they all had the same story, that while there were different things occurred when the Pentecostal blessing fell, that the indisputable proof on each occasion was, that they spake with other tongues. About 75 people beside the school which consisted of 40 students, had gathered for the watch night service. A mighty spiritual power filled the entire school.

Sister Agnes N. Ozman, (now LaBerge) asked that hands might be laid upon her to receive the Holy Spirit as she hoped to go to foreign fields. At first I refused not having the experience myself. Then being further pressed to do it humbly in the name of Jesus, I laid my hand upon her head and prayed. I had scarcely repeated three dozen sentences when a glory fell upon her, a halo seemed to surround her head and face, and she began speaking in the Chinese language,

and was unable to speak English for three days. When she tried to write in English to tell us of her experience she wrote the Chinese, copies of which we still have in newspapers printed at that time.

Seeing this marvelous manifestation of the restoration of Pentecostal power, we removed the beds from a dormitory on the upper floor, and there for two nights and three days we continued as a school to wait upon God. We felt that God was no respecter of persons and what He had so graciously poured out upon one, He would pour out upon all.

Those three days of tarrying were wonderful days of blessings. We all got past any begging or pleading, we knew the blessing was ours with ever swelling tides of praise and thanksgiving and worship, interspersed with singing we waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

On the night of January 3rd, I preached at the Free Methodist Church in the City of Topeka telling them what had already happened, and that I expected upon returning the entire school to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. On returning to the school with one of the students, we ascended to the second floor, and passing down along the corridor in the upper room, heard most wonderful sounds. The door was slightly ajar, the room was lit with only coal oil lamps. As I pushed open the door I found the room was filled with a sheen of white light above the brightness of the lamps.

Twelve ministers, who were in the school of different denominations, were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues. Some were sitting, some still kneeling, others standing with hands upraised. There was no violent physical manifestation, though some trembled under the power of the glory that filled them.

Sister Stanley, an elderly lady, came across the room as I entered, telling me that just be-

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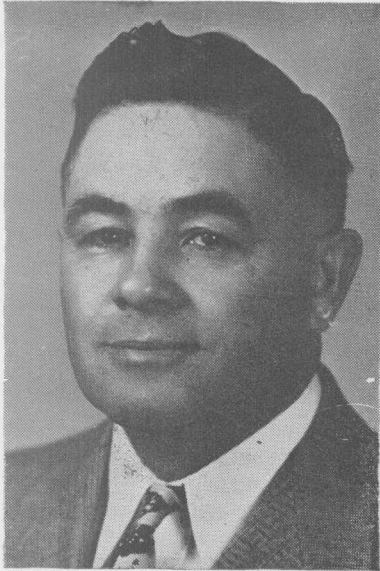


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Evangelism

ITEMS OF INTEREST

THANKS TO CHURCHES

An appreciative thanks to the following churches for their offering the past month to the Apostolic Faith Paper:

PERRYTON, TEXAS
 CENTER POINT, TEXAS
 RALLS, TEXAS
 BIG SPRING, TEXAS
 KATY, TEXAS
 LOGAN, OKLAHOMA
 BALKO, OKLAHOMA
 HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA
 LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA
 VICI, OKLAHOMA
 WEBB CITY, MISSOURI
 GRANBY, MISSOURI
 JOPLIN, MISSOURI
 JOPLIN, MISSOURI
 Bible Class
 CHENEY, KANSAS
 ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

PRAYER LIST

Your prayer request will receive personal attention. Blest and anointed handkerchiefs will be sent on request. Whatever your need may be, trust in God. He is ready to hear and answer prayer for you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Atchley
 George W. Darden
 Lizzie White
 Mattie Baney
 Lillie Bowers
 Mrs. Minnie Horn

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

The work of the Lord is growing in Baxter Springs. God is blessing in each service, souls have been saved of late and some baptized with the Holy Ghost. The entire church is looking forward to moving into the beautiful new Chapel.

Doris and Wallace Bingham, pastors.

HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

The first great Christmas gift to man

Was hung upon a Tree
 It was not by a fireside,
 Where only these could see,
 Who near of kin or friendship were,
 And gifts exchanged would be;
 But out upon a mountain side
 For all the world to see.

He gave His all, His life, His blood,
 That men redeemed might be,
 Then what can man give in exchange
 For love so boundless, free?
 The debt of sin, He paid it all,
 Naught in ourselves have we.
 Nothing to bring unto our king,
 Maker, Redeemer, He.

Our hearts, if emptied of this world,
 Filled with His love shall be;
 Our hands, if free from selfish toil,
 Filled with His tasks, shall be;
 Our sinsick souls, if brought to Him,
 Shall pure and cleansed be.
 "What shall I render unto God—
 For all His gifts to me?"
 This only do, "Call on His name,
 Accept Salvation, Free.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. Millard E. Brown, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church at Alvin, Texas invite everyone to "meet the baby," Michael Edward, who arrived on November 3 and weighs 8 pounds.



The above is a new picture of the children at the Orphanage in Madera, California. The Reuben Davis', at whose home the Orphanage is located, find it necessary to continue to make improvements and enlarge the quarters for the children there. Recently, they have had to have blue prints made and are now in the process of remodeling but find it a slow process dealing with the State and waiting for their approval and signal to go ahead with plans, etc.

The Hintergardts and Leola Buschman are continuing to prove able assistants in this worthy work.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Hintergardt of Madera, California, announce the marriage of their daughter, Leola Pearl, to Mr. Benny Buschman, of Spearman, Texas, on Thursday, the second of November.

The beautiful candle light wedding was performed at the Reuben Davis home with Rev. Reuben Davis reading the service.

About forty-five guests were in attendance.

The bride-groom was inducted into the service of the United States Army on November 10. The bride will continue to assist at the Orphanage for the present.

Birth of the Pentecostal Movement

J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary of the Assemblies of God

We are rapidly approaching the fiftieth anniversary of the last-days or "latter rain" outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Pentecostal fullness, for it was on January 1, 1901, that the Holy Spirit was outpoured upon a student in a small Bible School at Topeka, Kansas. At that time a flame of spiritual fire was kindled which has since swept over the entire world, until hundreds of thousands in all continents and in nearly every country have received a similar experience called the Holy Ghost.

Perhaps the significance of that early experience was neither understood nor appreciated at the time, and it is also possible that many thousands of those who have since sought for and received a glorious Baptism in the Holy Spirit have not heard of the circumstances which led to that glorious event, nor the reason why it should be considered as the beginning of the Pentecostal Movement.

During the nineteenth century there were many great spiritual revivals, none of which should be discounted in any degree. Mass evangelism reached its peak under the tabernacle ministries of such evangelists as Billy Sunday. Simultaneously, groups of Methodists formed Holiness Associations, and many camp meetings for the promotion of personal holiness were established in the central and midwestern states. The doctrine of Divine Healing had been given emphasis under the ministry of such men as A. B. Simpson, A. J. Gordon, and Alexander Dowie. There was, therefore, a preparation for another revival movement which would give emphasis to the supernatural to a degree never before known.

In the late nineties, A Methodist evangelist by the name of

Charles F. Parham became intrigued by rumors that Divine Healing is a part of the Gospel of Christ. He made a trip to New York to interview Dr. Simpson and went to Chicago to investigate the ministry of Dr. Dowie. Having received much encouragement from these two servants of God, he returned to Kansas to preach and teach that Christ is the Healer of the body as well as the Saviour of the soul. He opened a Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, and a number of his converts enrolled as students. The building secured for this purpose was a huge castlelike structure which had never been fully completed, and which was referred to by the citizens of Topeka as "Stone's Folly." He named the school "Bethel Bible College." A simple method of teaching was followed, the Bible being used as the only textbook, and study being confined to textual analysis and references.

It is recorded that late in the year 1900 the leader departed for field ministry and left a charge for the students, who were then studying the Book of Acts, that after careful research they determine what should be considered the New Testament evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. When he returned, he was informed that the student body had reached the decision that the Scriptural evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

This was a most momentous decision. There had been recorded many instances of persons speaking in tongues prior to the year 1900, but in each case the speaking in tongues was considered to be a spiritual phenomenon or at the most a "gift" of the Spirit, with the result that no particular emphasis had been

given which could cause those seeking for the fullness of the Spirit to expect that they should speak in other tongues. But these students had deduced from God's Word that in apostolic times, the speaking in tongues was considered to be the initial physical evidence of a person's having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. (See Acts 10:46—"FOR they heard them speak with tongues . . ."). It was this decision which has made the Pentecostal Movement of the Twentieth Century.

The first step having been taken, it was logical that hunger should develop among the students for an experience which should measure up to the pattern found in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. We will now permit Miss Agnes N. Ozman to tell her own story, as recorded in "With Signs Following":

"I had been a Bible student for some years and had attended T. C. Horton's Bible School at St. Paul, Minn., and A. B. Simpson's Bible School in New York City . . . In the fall of 1900 I was in Kansas City and heard a Bible School was to be opened at Topeka, Kansas. I had a desire to go to this school, and asked the Lord, if it was His plan for me to go to provide the fare." The fare was provided, and then: "We studied the Bible by day and did much work down town at night. . . Prayer was offered night and day continually in a special upper room set apart as a prayer tower. I had many blessed hours of prayer in this upper room during the night watches . . . Like some others, I thought that I had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost at a time of consecration but when I learned that the Holy Spirit was yet to be poured

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Brief Mention

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

Evangelist Robert Girouard recently had a revival at the Community Church at Kings Mill. Rev. Pearl Yeakley, pastor.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Gail Schultz have just closed a revival at Midway Country Church. The Lord blessed with His presence. Our last report of the meeting, ten had been saved, fifteen sanctified, and seven received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. A special Thanksgiving service was held Thursday night. Rev. Marcus Adair, pastor.

ELKINS, WEST VIRGINIA

Evangelist Jim Weese recently held a good revival near Elkins, West Virginia. God blessed in every service.

HINTON, ALABAMA

Brother and Sister W. I. Nutt are now in the Brightwater Community about twenty miles from Hinton, Alabama. God recently blessed with a good revival and interest is still good. The Sunday School has grown from 19 to 48. All ministers and gospel workers are invited to come and help in God's work. Brother and Sister Nutt desire the prayers of the Apostolic Faith Movement in the interest of God's work there.

CENTER POINT, TEXAS

Evangelist C. O. Bard has just concluded a good revival in the Center Point Church. Several souls were saved and many blest of God. Alvin Lee and Anna Ruth Barker assisted in the meeting. Rev. Paul Clanton, Pastor.

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

Brother Francis Sutton is continuing in the work of the Lord at the Camp Wood Church.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Brother S. B. Echols, Jr., recently closed a revival at the Big Spring Church. The Christians were blessed and several were saved. Rev. Eugene Cornell, pastor.

PRESCOTT, ARKANSAS

Regular services are being held in Prescott. Brother Swanson and Brother Dickson, with the help of the Magnolia Church, began the work with a tent revival which was well attended. Several were saved and sanctified, and many were healed by the hand of God.

A place to worship will be acquired in that community, but at the present the tent is still being used and filled each regular service. Brother Swanson is in charge of the regular services.

GOLDTHWAITE, TEXAS

A new work has been established at Goldthwaite. Brother and Sister Dickson held a revival in a remodeled store building which was obtained for the church. Brother Dickson will be pastor at Goldthwaite for a while and extends a welcome to all ministers, gospel workers, and lay members to visit the church any time possible.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Rev. George R. Bollinger has just closed a good revival at the Union Church. The power of God was present in a wonderful way to save the lost and heal the sick. The Christians were blessed and encouraged in the Lord. Rev. Charles Dale, pastor.

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Tica Tabor has just concluded a good revival in the church at Guymon. Sidney Rees, pastor.

FREEDOM, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Ava Durham and Elma Pipkin have just held a good revival in the church at Freedom. Jack Shandley, pastor.

TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI

The church at Taneyville is planning a watch night service. Brother Bob Russell will be the guest speaker and Brother Charles Bedinger will direct the singing. Evangelist Gail Schultz, pastor.

Sister Jennie Evans is now holding a revival at Polar, Texas. She is praying for a Sunday School to be started there.

Sister Jennie Evans is now open for calls from the evangelistic field.

LE ROY, KANSAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Sol Getz held a tent revival in Le Roy the past summer and since then have been pastoring the work there. The Lord has blessed their labors and the church has grown. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Elmer and Opal Christenson have been assisting in the services.

Brother Getz and members of the congregation have been working on the church and now have water and gas. They plan to continue improving the church.

All ministers and gospel workers of the movement are invited to visit the church in Le Roy at any time.

VANDERPOOL, TEXAS

Brother Fritz Moore has begun a Sunday School in Vanderpool. Interest and attendance is good. A Saturday night Cottage Prayer Meeting has been added to the other services. The church is moving forward in the things of the Lord.

DUMAS, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. George Polvado and Brother and Sister James Dewees recently held a good revival in the church at Dumas. Some received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, many sought God for deeper blessings. John Modrick, pastor.

KINGMAN, KANSAS

Evangelist Marian Price has just held a series of services in the church at Kingman. God blessed in every service. Pearl Menke, pastor.

MADERA, CALIFORNIA

Evangelist Rae and party recently held a good revival in the Country Community Church at the Orphanage. God blessed throughout the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Davis, pastors.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Evangelist and Mrs. Roy Wooster held a week's revival in the church at Roswell. The church was well filled each night and all were blessed. The entire church is going forward for God. Wm. Yeakel, pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Rev. Grady Adcock, pastor of the Knox St. Church, announces a Home Coming Revival for December 14 through 17th. The church is looking forward to God's blessing and an ingathering of God's people. The church is located at 909 Knox St. in Houston.

JOPLIN, MISSOURI

Evangelist and Mrs. Bill Handley and Don Ogden have just concluded a good revival in the Full Gospel Church, 1314 S. Main. Interest and attendance were very good as God sent a great stirring amongst the people, with a number saved, sanctified and several received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Audley Hervey, pastor.

ANDERSON, MISSOURI

Evangelist and Mrs. J. M. Scott have just closed a good meeting at the Full Gospel church in Anderson. Splendid attendance was given the meeting and there were several outstanding testimonies of healing. Jim Royce, pastor.

RALLS, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Mahan, Marcena and Elva Dean Dewees began a revival in the church at Ralls December 2nd. Claude Pruitt, Pastor.

MEADE, KANSAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Sparks and Betty Clay have just concluded a good revival in the church at Meade. A. W. Ferguson, pastor.

CHENEY, KANSAS

Evangelist Tica Tabor, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baumgartner, recently held a good revival in the church at Cheney. Earl Nielson, pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Otto Busch, assisted by Donald Dibbens held a good revival in the church at Perryton. Good crowds attended every service and several were saved. One feature of the meeting that was a blessing was the early morning prayer services. Lenard Carlson, pastor.

STARK CITY, MISSOURI

Rev. Bill Patterson, pastor of the Granby Tabernacle, has recently held a good revival at Stark City. Brother Leon Pugh and Neil Ragan assisted in the meeting.

GALENA, KANSAS

Evangelists Pauline and Lula Parham recently held a good revival in the Spring Grove church in Galena. Five were saved in the meeting, one sanctified and one received the Holy Spirit. Patrick D. Smith, pastor.

PALM CITY, CALIFORNIA

God is blessing in all the services at the Palm City church. God's blessing and a safe trip reported by the James Hoslers who are now pastoring the church.

EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS

The work of the Lord is going forward at the Eagle Lake church. The past three months seven have been saved in the regular services. Attendance is continuing to increase and God is blessing.

Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd LaMunyon have just concluded a successful revival there with a number saved and great victory in the church. K. Kerr, pastor.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

God is blessing in all the services at the church in Laverne. Souls are being saved in the regular services and a revival spirit continues. In October the Sunday School record was broken with an attendance of 210. A number of visiting ministers have been there of late for special services. Olen Bachler, pastor.

UVALDE, TEXAS

The Lord is blessing in the work at Uvalde. Brother and Sister Max Pennington are now in Uvalde working for the Lord.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

An early morning prayer service is being held each Saturday morning at 5:30 a. m. at the Travis Flowers Home, southwest of Perryton. Ministers passing by are cordially invited for this service, as well as all others who live within driving distance.

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

The Mahan Evangelistic Party filled the pulpit two Sundays at the Cave Springs Mission while the pastor, George Bolling, was in Spearman, Texas, in a revival. Sister Lula Parham and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Christenson filled the pulpit one Sunday.

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Evangelist Pauline Parham will conduct a revival in the Stockton church during the month of January. Lee Brock, pastor.

NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM OLD SCRAP BOOK OF CHARLES F. PARHAM

KANSAS CITY TIMES JANUARY 27, 1900

PARHAM'S NEW RELIGION PRACTICED AT "STONE'S FOLLY"

Evangelist Who Recently Attracted Attention in Kansas City Has Established a Gospel School in an Old Mansion at Topeka, Where He Teaches Forty Students His Strange Doctrines—Converts Get What They Pray For, and, by an Inspiration, Speak in Languages Unknown to Themselves—The Tower of Cont...

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Charles Parham, evangelist, who lately has at-



TOPEKA CAPITAL JANUARY 14, 1901

A QUEER FAITH.

Strange Actions of the Apostolic Believers.

TOPEKA'S OCTOBER 20, 1900

HE GOT MONEY.

Peculiar Journey of Rev. Chas. Parham of Topeka.

Had No Funds When He Started on His Trip.

PRAYS FOR RESOURCES

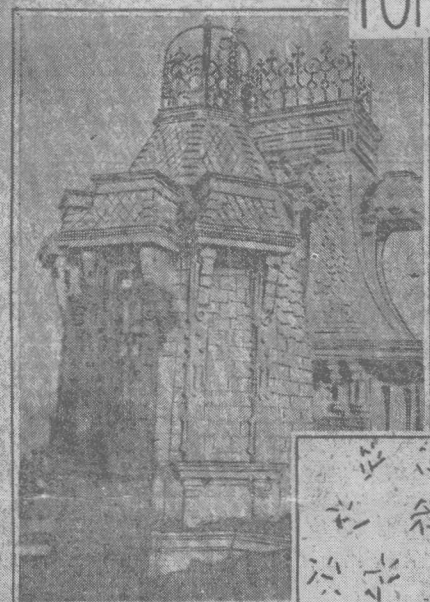
Cash Handed to Him, in Response to Supplications.

Went From Kansas to Maine and Back.

STRANDED IN WINNIPEG

POST DISPATCH, KANSAS CITY, JANUARY 26, 1900

NEW SECT IN KANSAS SPEAKS WITH STRANGE TONGUES



THE PRAYING TOWER OF BETHEL GOSPEL SCHOOL



MISS LIZZIE OZMAN

KANSAS CITY WORLD, 1900

CLAIM A STRANGE "GIFT OF TONGUES"

People Who Say They Are Able to Speak Foreign Languages by the Lord's Inspiration.

MISS OZMAN'S INSPIRED HAND

REMARKABLE RELIGIOUS SECT.

IN TOWER OF BABEL.

Occupants of Topeka Mansion Talk Queer Jargons—"Parhamites."

Members of Religious Sect Tell of Latter-Day Miracle—Dwellers in "Stone's Folly" Declare Prayer Enables Them to Speak in Unknown Tongues.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5.—Yes, the followers of the Rev. Charles F. Parham, leader of a peculiar sect that has established itself in

Bethel Gospel School at Topeka, the Members of Which "Toil Not Neither Do They Spin" Preach New Doctrins.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 25. Special Correspondence of the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Chicago Daily Blade February 6, 1901

The Pentecostals

By Bob Shuler,
Editor of The Methodist Challenge

We high-brow Methodist preachers with our university degrees and new gospel of a Christ-directed social order are apt to make a deadly mistake concerning some of our more lowly brethren, of whom we often speak with condescension and sometimes with disdain. The Church of England and her ministers made the same mistake in their estimate of the early Methodists.

We are very quick to pity the lack of preparation shown by many of our Pentecostal brethren and ministers of other lowly Christian groups. Few of them have a theological training commensurate with the demands of these times, when colleges and universities adorn almost every hilltop. They butcher the English oftentimes. They are emotional and excitable. They are noisy. In fact, they are very much like we Methodists use to be.

But, my brethren, they are reaching the masses and the people are hearing them. I have been in several great interdenominational revival movements recently. The Pentecostals and their ilk have dominated in numbers and often in effectiveness in those mighty religious tides that are flowing. It is all right for some of us to boast of the intelligentsia and the cultured following in our churches, but history is not very encouraging when it comes to the worth-whileness of such people to the Christian movement. The great spiritual movements have swept in and through the masses. The early church was such a movement. The reformation was such a movement. The Wesley revival was such a movement. Moody, Finney, Sam Jones, Billy Sunday led in such movements. Criticize them and decry them as you will, they have thus far been God's channels and those who have mini-

stered to the poor and humble have been God's agents.

Mass evangelism is coming back to America and Europe and I believe to the whole world. China is having a revival. The people are gathering. Thousands and tens of thousands of them are singing and praying in old fashioned revivals. The cultured, scholarly, trained clergy are having nothing to do with it. The fiery, Holy Ghost filled preachers are leading in it. The same character of ecclesiastical leadership that stood to one side in the days when Peter was preaching in Jerusalem are standing aside now. They are questioning, scoffing, condemning. But the spiritual tides that are flowing are not being held back by lack of co-operation from the major churches and their leaders. God is using as he used for two thousand years the despised religious groups.

The great Methodist Church, once the burning evangel of two centuries, is now barren and without spiritual fruit. Her altars are empty. Many of them have been destroyed. The Roman Catholic service has taken the place of the revival in many Methodist churches. The same thing has happened to the Northern Baptists, the Presbyterians and other great ecclesiastical bodies. They are engaged in large enterprises looking to world movements. The fires have gone out on their altars. They are cold, lifeless, formal, dead. But the Pentecostals and others like them are marching. They are making converts. They are building little churches everywhere. People are kneeling at their altars. They are the fast growing religious movements of these tragic days.

You tell me they are fanatics. Indeed, they are very near the brink edge of fanaticism constantly. It is but a hair's breadth between Pentecost and fanaticism. The early Christians were killed for their fanaticism. The early Methodists were persecuted constantly for their fanaticism. Billy Sunday was referred

to recently by a California Methodist bishop as a fanatic and yet Billy Sunday under God led more people to Jesus Christ and a Christian life than all the bishops Methodism has produced in two generations combined. Some of us need to see a sheet let down out of heaven, as did a hungry man of God in ancient days, and hear the words, "That which God hath cleansed, that call not thou common or unclean."

I am far from being a Pentecostal. I shrink from any boisterous show of fanaticism. I believe in doing things decently and in order. But I am not so gense as that I cannot see the trend of these times. The trend is for God to calmly set to one side these cold, formal, intellectual priests and take up the fiery prophets for the revival that is brewing. Mark my word, that revival is on its way. God is ready and his people are getting ready. A world that is lost and undone can only be saved by such a redeeming revival. The impossibility of the world's situation has become God's opportunity. Nor will this thing that is now upon us be accomplished by the might and power of men. Horses and chariots will not suffice. We are at the door of another mighty spiritual upheaval. It will be led by the poor and lowly who hide behind the Lord.

Have you noticed how few of these men that are now drawing multitudes to their ministry have any kind of college degrees whatsoever? Certainly the college degree is beneficial if the Lord is within the heart and if the power of heaven comes first. But God has had a way from the beginning of walking forward with those whose very disqualifications force them to lean heavily upon Him.

Watch the Pentecostals. They packed the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles with young people on a Monday night recently and the Hollywood Bowl holds 20,000. The Methodists would be foolish to undertake it. God and the Pentecostals did it.

Signs and Wonders

(An editorial from the November, 1950 number of the finest of evangelical Christian magazines, The "Christian Life.")

It is a curious fact today that a small but growing circle of men and women in the very heart of conservative Christianity is restudying the account of the visible demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles.

Up until now the generally accepted reason for the speaking in tongues, signs and miracles recorded in Acts is that these manifestations were necessary in that day to demonstrate to the world that the new religion was authentic, but are unnecessary today. By performing such miracles through the apostles, so the explanation goes, God could be sure that they would have ready audiences to which to preach.

Other reasons for the absence of "signs and wonders" (Acts 2: 19, 22, 43; 4: 30; 5: 12; 7: 36; 8: 13; 14:3) today also have been advanced, but it is this chief argument which these seekers after greater spiritual power have challenged.

In answer, they point out that the Scriptures nowhere show any evidence that these gifts (healing, prophecy, etc.) bestowed upon the disciples in the first century have ever been withdrawn. Paul cautions against the abuse of the gift of tongues, they admit, but he never outlaws it.

For another, they add, the working of "signs and wonders" appears to have been a mark of deep spirituality, hence an ability to be sought after in any age. Peter's ministry was particularly blessed as a result of his use of the unusual powers which the Holy Spirit gave to him after Pentecost. Stephen, Philip, Paul — all were greatly used of the Lord in bringing the lost to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. And all performed miracles.

In a more pragmatic vein,

they point to the remarkable growth of the much-maligned pentecostal movement and the clear evidence of conversions and growth in grace among many of its adherents. Like Gamaliel, they warn, "If this work be of men, it will come to nought . . . but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it."

The interesting fact, to us, is not so much the arguments advanced from Scripture either for or against this evidence on the work of the Holy Spirit, for history plainly teaches us that so long as we see through a glass darkly we must be willing to accept differences of opinion among believers in the interpretation of the Word of God.

The amazing fact, however, is that today there appears to be abroad a great yearning and desire on the part of a growing number of true believers for a closer walk with God, and this desire is driving men inexorably to seek in a new way the sweep and power of God.

This is evidenced in part by the wave of interest in revival being felt across our nation. Individual churches and independent committees are praying for — and witnessing — genuine revivals. Whole denominations are giving special attention to nation-wide evangelistic efforts. The phenomenal success of such evangelists as Graham, Rosell, Appleman, Rice, Roberts and others, has focused more attention on the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the life of men than has been seen in more than a quarter of a century.

It is felt, also, in the realization on the part of many Christians that they now have a tremendous responsibility — as well as opportunity — to present the only true solution for individual and world peace: the Lord Jesus Christ. And some-

how, although they know that the Gospel is the only power which can accomplish this, they long for more visible evidence of that power than the level which present-day Christianity provides.

What will be the outcome of this new inquiry into the person and work of the Holy Spirit in our day?

It is probably too early to tell.

Each of us as individual Christians, however, would do well to read again the book of Acts to see how the Holy Spirit actually operated when He first took His place in the lives of those who received Jesus Christ as Savior.

Then we would do well to lay aside all preconceived notions as to how we think He ought to operate, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to show us exactly how He wants the Holy Spirit to operate in us. In this exercise we would do well to follow the scriptural injunction "to tarry" — taking time before God in order to be so completely yielded to His will that when we receive His answer to our question we may be able to understand it.

And in order that we may be perfectly clear in the matter, let us not give way to pure emotionalism. Right or wrong, the pentecostal movement is quick to confess the danger of fraud in this. Illustrations are not wanting to demonstrate the disastrous results that follow fleshly, unbridled emotionalism, even when it is engendered in the name of the spiritual.

Above all, let us remember that it is Christ who has told us, "He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Therefore, blessed as we are with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ, who can say there shall be no "signs and wonders" in our day?

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out in greater fullness, my heart became hungry for the promised Comforter and I began to cry out for an endowment with power from on high. At times I longed more for the Holy Spirit to come in than for my necessary food. At night I had a greater desire for Him than for sleep.

"On Watch Night we had a blessed service, praying that God's blessing might rest upon us as the new year came in. During the first day of 1901, the presence of the Lord was with us in a marked way, stilling hearts to wait upon Him for greater things. The spirit of prayer was upon us in the evening. It was nearly eleven o'clock when it came into my heart to ask that hands might be laid upon me that I might receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. It was as if hands were laid upon my head that the Holy Spirit fell on me and I began to speak in tongues, glorifying God. . . . I had the added joy that my heart longed for, and a depth of the presence of the Lord within that I never knew before. It was as if rivers of living water were proceeding from my innermost being.

"Others were made hungry to receive the Holy Spirit. I pointed out to them the Bible references, showing that I had received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4 and 19:1-6. I was the first to speak in tongues in the Bible School, and it seemed to me that the rest were wanting to talk in tongues too. But I told them not to seek for tongues, but to seek for the Holy Ghost . . . It was some months later that I was fully persuaded in my own heart about the evidence of the Baptism . . . I watched nine different ones receive the Holy Spirit, saying to myself and before God, 'I will see if every one talks in tongues,' and one by one every one received the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

"The hearts of the other students were made hungry for the Holy Spirit and they continued to tarry before the Lord. On the 3rd of January some of the students went to the mission and others gathered in prayer at the Bible School, praying for the Holy Spirit. God answered their prayers by pouring out His Spirit, and one after another began to speak in tongues and some were given interpretation."

Another student, Miss Lillian Thistlewaite, who also received a similar experience, wrote of the Spirit being manifested in the school at that time, as follows:

"An upper room had been set aside for tarrying before the Lord, and here we spent every spare moment in audible or silent prayer, in song or in just waiting upon Him. There was no confusion and only one prayed audibly at a time . . . The presence of the Lord was very real and there were definite heart-searchings. I was not looking for 'tongues' but for some evidence from God that would convince me that I had received the Baptism. We prayed for ourselves and we prayed for one another. I never felt so little and so utterly nothing before . . . Then through the Spirit I received this message in my soul: 'Praise the Lord for the Baptism, for the Spirit does come in by faith through the laying on of hands. Then a great joy came into my soul and I began to say, 'I praise Thee.' My tongue began to get thick and great floods of laughter came into my heart. I could no longer think words of praise for my mind seemed to be sealed, but my mouth was filled with a rush of words I did not understand.

"I tried to praise Him in English but could not, so I just let the praise come as it would in this new language that was given. The floodgates of glory were wide open. The Holy Spirit

it had come to me, even to me, to speak not of Himself but to magnify the Christ — and oh, what a wonderful Christ was revealed . . . With a simultaneous movement we began to sing together, each one singing in his own language but all in perfect harmony. As we sang 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name' and other familiar tunes, it would be impossible to describe the hallowed glory of His presence in our midst. Never had such a hallowed joy, such refined glory, or such an abundance of peace ever come into my life before."

It was soon noised abroad that Pentecost was being repeated in these last days, and shortly afterward an article appeared in a Topeka newspaper ridiculing the speaking in tongues. Other newspapers sent reporters to investigate, and articles began to appear in the Kansas City and St. Louis newspapers concerning the outpouring. These stories advertised the work. Letters began to pour into the school asking for explanations, and some came to see for themselves what the Lord was doing.

It was not long until it seemed that the work of the school was finished and the students branched out in evangelistic effort, first in Lawrence, Kansas, then in Kansas City, then Galena, Kansas and on into Texas, the testimony being given everywhere that God is now baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit and the evidence of having been baptized in the Holy Spirit is speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

In the year 1941, the writer was passing through Kansas City, Mo., when he picked up a copy of the Kansas City Star, dated January 30, 1941. He was startled to read the following:
IN KANSAS CITY FORTY YEARS AGO

The Rev. Charles F. Parham and his Bible students from Bethel College, Topeka, held a revival meeting last night at 1675 Madison Street. These

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In Lancashire

After concluding a series of meetings in the London vicinity, I journeyed to Southport, in Lancashire, on the west coast of England, north of Liverpool. Pastor J. Hardman met me at the Station, and in a pouring rain we went by bus to the parsonage where Mrs. Hardman and little Pamela gave me a hearty welcome. I greatly enjoyed the convenience of their home along with their hospitality and sweet spirit of fellowship. The week I spent in Southport was one of the most enjoyable weeks I had while in England.

The congregation of beautiful Evangel Temple was very warm and friendly, it seemed I had known them always, and it was indeed hard to leave them even after so short an acquaintance. The Lord blessed His Word and warmed our hearts by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Every Sunday morning the church sings, "The Lord's Prayer," and how I would love to hear them sing it once again, so sincere and beautiful.

We expect, in the not too distant future, to publish one of Pastor Hardman's sermons. He is a great Bible teacher and minister of the Word of God.

As I visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wolstenholme they presented me with two of the most beautiful figurines I have ever seen. I was so happy over these beautiful gifts, I was left speechless when they gave them to me. I cherished them and guarded them every minute until I arrived safely home with them. They look very beautiful now as they stand in their delicate beauty on the mantel of our fireplace.

The Lord gave me some fine christian friends there, the Griffiths family, and their kindness and friendship shall never be forgotten. They entertained me so graciously and took me sight-seeing every day until we had covered Southport and vicinity thoroughly. In recalling

the happy days there and the many beautiful sights I can see again Hesketh Park, the Floral Cuckoo Clock, Botanical Gardens, Museum and Art Gallery, Rufford Old Hall, as well as the Beach and Pier. It was so restful and relaxing at Southport, a beautiful city of some 80,000, with one of the most famous streets in England, which is Lord's Street, the main street of the city.

These good friends were the ones who gave me the beautiful Tea Cozy I spoke of in my last article. It still draws amazement and questions from my many friends.

The Griffiths and I spent a memorial day touring through the dales and moors of Yorkshire, stopping at the beautiful Moorcock Inn for lunch. Then on toward Lancaster, up and down hills and along the cool sparkling waters of the streams and rivers. After spending some time at the Williamson Memorial and Park a refreshing tea was enjoyed in the city of Lancaster. As we followed the coast soon Blackpool was in view, known as the "Coney Island" of England. Blackpool is an exhilarating resort city, with many things of interest along the beach. Thousands go there through the summer months to spend their Holidays. One thing of special interest in Blackpool was the mammoth steel tower, called the wonderland of the World, rising 518 Feet and 9 inches from the promenade. As we viewed the city from this majestic height and looked down upon the sands of the sea shore at the thousands of people thronging their way back and forth along the great expanse of beach, God spoke to our hearts and gave us a lesson not soon to be forgotten. From that height we could see no individuals. It was a mass of people, all humanity. No one looked better than another, no one had more than another, they all looked alike. And, so it is with our

loving Heavenly Father, from His throne on high, we all look alike to Him. He paid the same price for all of us. It is just as we come to Him, believing and trusting, serve and love Him, do we find favor. I thought, "Lord, how few of this vast number know you?" No doubt the number would be appallingly small. This experience has made me more anxious to please Him and serve Him more faithfully.

From Blackpool we journeyed back to Southport and concluded a wonderful day with a delicious Chinese dinner.

From Southport I went to Bolton and ministered the Word at the Elim Church with Pastor C. Duncombe and family. Pastor Duncombe is a very fine minister and is ably assisted by his wife and daughter Eunice, who are both fine musicians. Jeffery, their son, was a great joy to me as he is near the age of my own son and he helped to make the loneliness more bearable.

During the series of services in Bolton, the home of Miss Lillian Hendley, her mother and Aunt was opened to me and they were most kind to me in every way. We had a long distance to ride on the bus every evening, as we went back and forth from Leigh to Bolton, and Lillian always accompanied me and proved a good companion, so my stay with the Hindleys was an enjoyable one.

After being in England for several weeks I became accustomed to walking and riding the buses and could find my way around without many difficulties. It was most interesting to see the ways and customs of the people, who speak the same language as we, yet, differ in so many ways. As Tea was the national drink of the English, I found also that fish and chips was one of their favorite dishes. I was fascinated with the many bakeries in England, and the many little tea cakes, so fancy and delicious. I really miss them here.

THE LATTER RAIN

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fore I entered tongues of fire were sitting above their heads.

When I beheld the evidence of the restoration of Pentecostal power, my heart was melted in gratitude to God for what my eyes had seen. For years I had suffered terrible persecutions for preaching holiness and healing and the soon coming of the Lord. I fell to my knees behind a table unnoticed by those upon whom the power of Pentecost had fallen to pour out my heart to God in thanksgiving. All at once they began to sing, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" in at least six different languages, carrying the different parts with a more angelic voice than I had ever listened to in all my life.

After praising God for some time, I asked Him for the same blessing. He distinctly made it clear to me that He raised me up and trained me to declare this mighty truth to the world, and if I was willing to stand for it, with all the persecutions, hardships, trials, slander, scandal that it would entail, He would give me the blessing. And I said "Lord I will, if You will just give me this blessing." Right then there came a slight twist in my throat, a glory fell over me and I began to worship God in the Swedish tongue, which later changed to other languages and continued so until the morning.

Just a word: After preaching this for all these years with all the persecutions I have been permitted to go through with, misunderstanding and the treatment of false brethren, yet knowing all that, this blessing would bring to me, if I had the time and was back there again I'd take the same way.

No sooner was this miraculous restoration of Pentecostal power noised abroad, than we were besieged with reporters from Topeka papers, Kansas City, St. Louis and many other cities sent reporters who

brought with them professors of languages, foreigners, Government interpreters, and they gave the work the most crucial test. One Government interpreter claimed to have heard twenty Chinese dialects distinctly spoken in one night. All agree that the students of the college were speaking in the languages of the world, and that with proper accent and intonation. There was no chattering, jabbering, or stuttering. Each one spoke clearly and distinctly in a foreign tongue, with earnestness, intensity and God-given unction. The propriety and decency of the conduct of each member of the Bible School won the warmest comment from many visitors.

Our first public appearance after others had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit was in Kansas City, in the Academy of Music, about January 21st. The Kansas City papers loudly announced our coming. Two columns appeared in the Kansas City Journal, with large headlines on the front page. These headlines, being the largest on the front page, attracted the attention of the newsboys, and they not knowing a Pentecost from a holocaust ran wildly up and down the street crying their papers, Pentecost, Pentecost, read all about the Pentecost.

I have on record the sermon preached on this occasion. The first upon the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all modern Pentecostal Apostolic Full Gospel movements. Also on file all that the papers had to say about these things in those days. Through great trials and persecutions we conducted the Bible school in the city of Topeka itself, then on in Kansas City.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ." — 1 Peter 1:7.

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Indeed, it may be that by this very denial of the demonstrable powers of the Holy Spirit we have robbed ourselves of a greater blessing.

Let us, therefore, come before God in this late hour — honestly, openly seeking a greater, more powerful manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even if it means in our city, our church, our own lives, the working of the "signs and wonders" of apostolic days.

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comprise a new sect who believe that the "gift of tongues" mentioned in the Scriptures, has come to them and that under the complete influence of prayer they are able to talk in languages they themselves do not understand.

The Pentecostal Movement was indeed fairly launched in January, 1901. The dogma had been accepted that the New Testament evidence of having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. The Movement was soon to spread all over the United States and Canada and then across seas to every continent. It has made an impact on evangelical Christianity such as no other movement has made in centuries of time. It has been opposed, ridiculed, and persecuted — opponents have endeavored to explain it away — but the Movement continues to spread with increasing insistence.

The little spark that was kindled in Topeka, Kansas, has grown into a mighty flame of spiritual power and blessing, until it is filling the whole earth.

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