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HYMN BEFORE ACTION.

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The earth is full of anger,
The seas are dark with wrath,
The Nations in their harness
Go up against our path.
Ere yet we loose the legions—
Ere yet we loose the blade,
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lord God of Battles, aid!

High lust and froward bearing,
Proud heart, rebellious brow—
Deaf ear and soul uncaring,
We seek Thy mercy now!
The sinner that forswore Thee,
The fool that passed Thee by,
Our times are known before Thee:
Lord, grant us strength to die!

From panic, pride and terror,
Revenge that knows no rein,
Light haste and lawless error,
Protect us yet again.
Cloak thou our undeserving,
Make firm the shuddering breath,
In silence and unswerving
To haste Thy lesser death!

E'en now their vanguard gathers,
E'en now we face the fray—
As thou didst help our fathers,
Help thou our host today!
Fulfilled of signs and wonders
In life, in death made clear—
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lord God of Battles, hear!

WAR! WAR! WAR!

Notes From Sermon by Chas. F. Parham, Zion City, Ill., August 27.

Text: Jer. 16:4.

Behold, it is come, it is done, saith the Lord. This is the day whereof I have spoken. With fire and with sword will I plead with all flesh; they will be neither gathered nor buried, but shall be as dung upon the face of the earth.

The earth's vintage is ripe; the winepress is ready; the whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth and will not return until it has accomplished His purpose. Justice demands, prophecy for fulfillment stands, and all is ready for the Sword of God.

"When your cities are run with blood, I will destroy the nation." When the principal support of the city governments is blood money drawn from the saloons and the brothels, the dance halls, etc.—winepresses; where the blood of sons and daughters are ruthlessly trodden out and thousands have perished year after year without an eye to pity save of Him who shall render judgment, NOW Justice, with flaming sword, steps from behind the pleading form of Mercy, to punish the nations which have mingled the blood of thousands of human sacrifices upon the altar of their commercial and imperialistic expansion.

We are finishing the feet of Daniel's

image (Daniel 2), the iron and the clay. The iron representing the strong monarchies and kingdoms, and the clay the weak principalities and republics. The present war is to destroy these that the Ten-toed Kingdom may be ushered in.

The Bear (Dan. 7) has been raising herself on one side and all of northern Asia has been drawn into her embrace, even entering the China closet, and would have smashed all of China if the Japs had not run Bruin out. Now with 10,000,000 men she proceeds to crush three ribs in her mouth. The countries that rib Russia are Germany, Austria and Turkey. The reason for their division is that part of them belong to the old Roman Empire and part do not. Russia must control all of Europe and Asia that was not formerly ruled by Babylon and Rome.

Many persons have said to us while lecturing upon this subject. "Russia will never accomplish that." They forget that twice before have the Tartar hordes of Russia and Asia swept down over Europe. Rome fell, while the Celt and Greek their knees in supppliance bent.

As a result of these expeditions Russian power will extend over most of Asia, but eventually they will have to withdraw from any and all territory that was covered by the first image of Daniel.

Should Germany defeat France and England she will be too exhausted to meet this northern avalanche. After a short exploitation of the Leopard Kingdom, Anarchy, the fourth beast of Daniel 7, arises to devour much flesh. This is also known as the Scarlet (red flag) colored Beast of Revelations, and will tread out the empires of southwestern Europe. A reign of terror will ensue; national divisions

will be effaced, and a time of trouble such as there never was will result. Every man's hand will be against his neighbor, and all phases of civilization will be lost in the throes of anarchy, blood, fire and extermination.

At this juncture, the woman (Roman Catholicism) sitting upon the Scarlet Colored Beast asserts her power. The Pope only can control sufficient of the consciences of man to thus stop the onward rush Anarchy. The combined forces of Catholicism in Europe will be called into the field for the restoration of law and order. Quietude results, or in other words, Catholicism rides into power on the back of Anarchy. Then will the Pope of Rome (yielding to the general demand) establish a system of Socialism and appoint ten kings to rule the Ten-horned, or Ten-king kingdom of Daniel.

The countries occupying the territory of the old Roman Empire must resolve themselves within the boundary lines of that empire. The European countries have and are losing their colonial possessions. In like manner England will lose by secession and otherwise her colonies. Even Ireland and Scotland will withdraw, for England, to the Scottish walls, belongs to the old Roman Empire, and must of necessity become one of the ten toes of the Ten-king Kingdom.

The United States will be drawn into the struggle (perhaps before this reaches the readers). China and Mexico are pulling hard on her military strings. Beware!!! Anarchy, in the struggle between capital and labor, will soon fill our gutters with blood, while she who sat yesterday in palace fair, attended by many servants, will tomorrow search the ruins of her former home (for relics of her former greatness), wearing the garb of charity and

fed on public alms. Churches, lodges, unions, combines and trusts will fall in one mighty crash. (Jas. 5).

Babylon and her daughters, and Catholicism and her Protestant daughters, will then fall and the hireling ministry and missionaries, represented by the merchants and shipmasters, will cry, Alas! Alas! for God will spew them out of His mouth. God is sick of this cold, dead, fashionable churchanity with its hireling puppets in her pulpits, and He is going to permit the struggle between Capital and Labor to crush Babylon; while high on Zion's Hills shall God's redeemed exultant stand, the glorious Church without spot or wrinkle. Glory be to our God!

During this time of trouble the Jews will be signally restored to Palestine. In the struggle of nations England will seize Asia Minor to maintain her balance of power in the East, and will invite the Jews to return. The Bible says the ships of Chittim will carry them back. Chittim is England, the land of tin, from which Solomon brought it. The Jews will carry with them three-fourths of the coined wealth of the world. This alone would produce a state of anarchy. All who desire may accompany them thither. The Bride goes back with the Jews as the "Rennaut."

During the last few years diplomats and statesmen have declared that for the continuation of peace, the further advancement of commercial and intellectual interest of the world, a strong and independent nation should be established about the mouth waters of the Nile. No people are so capable of supplying this demand in every particular as the Jews; and no people have such ties to draw and bind them, or national pride in establishing such

a nation. Henceforth, Jerusalem shall be the hub of the world intellectually, politically and religiously.

When the Jewish congress meets in Jerusalem and by proclamation declare themselves a restored nation, that edict opens the seventieth week of Daniel, and the last seven years of this age. They rebuild their temple and in so far as possible re-establish their ancient worship. The glory and splendor of the city will surpass anything ever known in its history.

The Jews who are already in Jerusalem are daily and hourly expecting their Messiah, whether as a mighty king, or born as a little child, they know not. Thank God, the Messiah—Christ is soon to appear.

The clouds of trouble and war (Rev. 7) have been held back for fifteen years to permit the sealing of the children of God in their foreheads with THAT Holy Ghost of promise—Eph. 1:13-14. For years we have warned the people that these low hung clouds would soon answer to the call of Justice, and with flash of lightning and roll of thunder, speed their way to the zenith, and those who desire to be sealed must apply themselves assiduously or fail to obtain the sealing, and thus be compelled to go on into the reign of Anti-Christ and be worn out by martyrdom. The time of sealing is almost expired; already the dark clouds begin to obscure the grey streaks of the Millennium Day, and scurrying clouds play about the morning star. The darkest hour is just before dawn—the war of nations, the reign of anarchy, and the Anti-Christ.

Through the darkness and gloom the Sun of Righteousness will burst forth in all the effulgent glory of the noon-day sun. It will not be faithfulness to church, creed or leader that will

save you in that day, but your character in God. A clean sanctified life baptized with the Holy Ghost of promise is essential for the escape and to permit you to enter Redemption. This is the Time of Trouble spoken of by

Daniel (ch. 12), and in the beginning of it God's children are to be delivered by Redemption. The mortal will put on immortality and the glorious church inaugurated. This does not occur at the descent of the Lord, but years before, in the Time of Trouble.

O, brethren, only the pure and holy, who are washed in His blood and baptized in the Holy Ghost, and those living in love and fellowship with one another will be ready. Consecrate your lives fully to God; obtain the Holy Spirit, the sealing of the Bride; become worthy to be baptized by one Spirit into one body, thereby reaching Redemption, which is our birth-right. Sell it not for a mess of pottage.

RECAPITULATION.

War, War, War. What For?

To murder a fellow-creature! To receive therefor even less than thirty pieces of silver, and perhaps live to receive the plaudits and honor of more cowardly countrymen and imbecile nation; for that nation is imbecile that retains its existence through the struggling exploits of war. We hang our heads in shame to see Christian nations and individuals yield themselves to the embrace of the Molluck God, Patriotism, whose principal doctrine was honor (?), there to have consumed in that death struggle the feeling of philanthropy and humanity; spending millions to build the fires for the consummation of these virtues, while the cause of Christ languishes, heaven loses, hell opens her jaws, and social-

ed Christian nations feed (by war) to to satisfaction her gluttonous appetite.

How much more far reaching the influence would be for time and eternity if nations and individuals could really become imbued with the teachings of Jesus whom they profess to follow, and spend the millions and the men in the world's evangelization. Yet while thousands of men will volunteer and suffer the hardships and privations of an earthly war for glory, few indeed will volunteer and endure the slightest privations for the Master's Kingdom and eternal glory. Where is your faith O, brethren? When He comes will He indeed find faith on the earth? Will we hide ourselves in the rocks and the mountains in shame when He appears, or shall we arouse ourselves and prove our loyalty by our works and lift up a standard for the people and carry aloft the blood-stained banner of King Emanuel, and enlist for the last great struggle of this age, for the last great evangelical war is on. Shall we, then, when the war is over, have to stand aside, or with the victorious redeemed army, though tattered and torn, march in triumph in the grand review of the King of kings.

DEATH.

(Continued from last issue)

To the elect of God who are called and chosen to eternal life; to those who love the truth, who take the Bible as their only rule and faith; to those who know TRUTH from ERROR, and who cannot be deceived because they are the elect of God, or if they have been deceived by false teaching will immediately recognize the TRUTH

when it is revealed to them because of the honesty of their hearts, greeting:

We are truly living in the last days when evil doers and seducers are waxing worse, deceiving and being deceived. The world is full of deception. People love error more than truth, and for this cause God has given them over to strong delusions that they may believe a lie and be damned—condemned.

But I thank God there are a few honest souls who love the truth, and the Holy Spirit makes them to know the truth from error when it is presented to them. These are the ones who are going to be without fault before God, for in their mouth will be no guile.—Rev. 14.

At one time, owing to my early training, I in my heart accused God of being unjust in his dealings with men—to bring people into this world under circumstances which he knew they would never hear of Christ, the only hope of eternal salvation, and then consign them to eternal torment because they had not accepted Him of whom they had never heard, and God, knowing all things, knew they would never have a chance to hear of the Savior of the world from eternal death. And O, how my heart rejoiced when I learned the TRUTH eleven years ago, and learned that the God whom I was trying to worship, but was really hating because I thought him a tyrant, was really a God of love and mercy, and not a tyrant whose wrath could never be appeased.

Dear reader, come let us reason together for your soul's sake; let us not dishonor our blessed God and Savior by believing the lie Satan told in the Garden of Eden and has succeeded in getting most professed Christians to believe.

God said if Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, that day they should surely die (and they did, spiritually, and the physical process of death was set up, but as they had had access to the tree which had power to perpetuate life, their physical life held out many years. It will be interesting to note that the farther succeeding generations got from the Edenic state the shorter human life has become) but Satan said, "Ye shall not surely die, but shall become as gods, knowing good from evil"

When mankind came to die he had to put his lie to them in a different light, one that he knew they would not so easily hold him up with, so he told them that they would not die, but would become more alive than ever; that there was no such thing as death, it was only a separation, and that the soul was immortal and could not die. The Word declares that none hath immortalize but Christ, and immortality is a gift of God to them that believe through Jesus Christ, and how could he give them something they already had?

Some will say, "Yes, but does not the Bible say that at death the spirit returns to God who gave it?" If surely does. But what is this spirit? It is something that God gave; then he must have had it to give and it must have co-existed with him, and in returning to him would be no more conscious after it returned than it was before it left him. But what is it that returns to God? It is the spirit of life. All life is of God, and everything that lives or ever did live received the spirit of life from him, and when death, or extinction of this life comes, the spirit of life returns to God, the source of all life.

A few nights ago I heard a sermon

on "Hell hath enlarged herself." Now the word here rendered "hell" was the Hebrew word "sheol," meaning only the grave. Truly the graves have multiplied by billions, and just as the conception of woman was multiplied by God, so hell, sheol the grave, or burial places have had to enlarge themselves to receive the millions dying annually.

Dear reader, stop and think for a few minutes in prayer and ask God to give your heart an understanding of the TRUTH. Do not resist the truth, for if you do, he will let you have your way and your heart will become hardened against the truth—the truth that would make you free from the errors and lies of Satan.

Many years before Christ came God gave to the Jews His Word—the Law and the Prophets; to them was revealed the plan of salvation through Christ. Nowhere in the Law and the Prophets did he mention such a place as eternal torment. Why should God let this world run over four thousand years and millions of people die in sin and let them go to eternal torment and never let them know there was such a place when he was constantly talking with the prophets? Do you believe the Old Scriptures teach anything about such a fate? Never. Ask the Jews. They know of no such teaching in the old Bible. I have made it a point to ask them how they understood about it and all say the Bible does not teach any such thing. Some will say, "Yes, but Christ taught it, and we are following Him." In my next article I will show you what the New Testament really does teach; we will consider all passages relating to the fate of man and see if it teaches eternal torment, or the opposite, eternal death.

The TRUTH will make you love,

honor and worship God as never before, when to your heart is revealed His true character, and you see He is really a God of love, mercy and compassion. Praise our God of love and mercy who will give eternal life to all who will believe.

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REPORTS.

Angleton, Texas, Aug. 25, 1914.

To the Readers of The Apostolic Faith:—

After a long, hard fought battle we closed the meeting at Killeen, Texas, with wonderful triumph. The Lord truly worked and some of Killeen's best people accepted the real truth. We visited the Temple mission as we returned home; found some of them doing their best for God; did not get to see all of them. On August 12th we arrived at Alvin. We conducted services from Thursday night to Sunday night and God saved two souls while there. We are now in Angleton, Texas, in a real battle against sin and the Devil. I praise God for a few faithful ones who have stood true through the trials and divisions here.

The prospects are good for the length of time we have been here. Hope to soon have done the work God sent us here to do so we can go on to the next place. So many calls are coming in Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few; there are so few that are straight on doctrine, or who will give up to God to go and let Him have His way with them. Truly we are coming close to the time when we can lift up our heads for Redemp-

tion draweth nigh.

So many will say, "Yes, that is so," but they still hold on to the things of this life as though they wanted to take them with them into Redemption; they will not go and carry the message nor help those who do go. They need to get the burden of suffering humanity on their hearts that they might be opened to this great need and do what they can by sending this Gospel to them that frees them perfectly in this life and gives them eternal life in the ages to come.

Some folks here will not come to the meetings because we do not like their hell, but you know, I am wonderfully in love with life. The Bible says, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." How I praise God for the Apostolic Faith that holds up to the world Jesus the light and life of men, the source of health and happiness and eternal life to come.

"Therefore, we by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory, honor, and immortality, eternal life." Praise God for salvation for soul and body, and the privilege of living for Him here and just to be a co-worker with Jesus in our service to humanity. God Bless all those on the firing line.

S. W. DITTO.

Winslow, Ark.

Dear Bro. Parham;—

Just a few lines to let you know that we are still in the battle, and praising God that He is still saving, sanctifying and baptizing with the Holy Ghost and healing the people. Just closed a week's meeting here. Two were saved, one was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and five were baptized in water. All praise belongeth to God.

Yours in Him,

W. B. BROGAN.

Meriden, Kansas.

Dear Bro. Parham and all the Christian Family:—

I am now here as a place to call home, or to go as the Lord shall lead. I went down under the power of the heat in North Topeka; two days in succession I was unconscious. They put pails of cold water on me and prayed as they worked; it weakened me much, so that I have not yet fully recovered.

But that is not the thing that concerns me most. O, no! God said blindness in part has happened to Israel—then, but now, where are the watchmen? and what are they doing? I am truly glad that you keep standing on the walls, and though we did miss our own Camp Meeting at Baxter Springs (really for the reasons by you named.) may we all improve by our lesson and seek to live out the Bible truth we proclaim, and like Jotham be "established" or mighty because we have gone as he did.

I have just read the book of Job, and think I got quite a deep lesson of truth from it, especially the last three chapters. Then from these turn to Rev. 2:4-5. Now is it not too true that with the present day revelation of light to enable us to "so run as to obtain," we are so slow to see just the thing needed in our lives, that is, to confess to God our shortcomings and live in a penitent spirit before Him. May God renew within us all a right spirit, and as the time of tribulation advances may we all be "builted up together for a habitation of God," and running toward the mark for the prize (the Christ of God in us) obtain our spirit power as overcomers, and as Isaiah says, let us all "arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

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EDITORIAL.

Since its inauguration thirteen years ago, the Apostolic Faith Movement has girded the globe; so that the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the accompanying evidence of speaking in other tongues and the co-ordinate gifts of healing the sick and casting out of devils in Jesus' name, together with the warning message of the downfall of the present so-called Christian civilization and soon coming of the Lord, until all nations have received this witness. Many multiplied thousands have not only heard the old time gospel of saving grace, but have witnessed a return in a great measure of the

Apostolic Faith, and have received healing as the early church received it. Many have received sanctification of the body, soul and spirit, as in Thes. 5:23, and numbers have received the anointing and sealing of that Holy Spirit of promise.

Great therefore is my joy that I have not run in vain neither labored in vain.

Nevertheless, there is much to be regretted: especially because of the imperfect consecration to God, many have yielded themselves up for spiritual influence merely lusting and craving after signs and wonders, seeking a sign from heaven, and have become possessed of demon spirits (large numbers of which are transformed into angels of light), and have become excited and deceived by them, rushing madly into religious bigotry and zeal, without knowledge, known as wild-fire, fanaticism and hypnotism.

From this same prolific source of error, remnants of dead creeds and worn-out doctrines of men that have deluded the people from the beginning of the dark ages until now have been dragged into this movement and made to receive the stamp, Apostolic.

Eminent men who have been converted from their creed bound, earth born religious organizations have been instrumental in this. The preaching of the native immortality of the soul instead of immortality through Jesus alone as clearly set forth in the scriptures unbalances the scales of God's justice, in distributing rewards and punishments—not prolonging the punishment of each sinner proportionately to his guilt, nor varying the rewards in the resurrection (one star differing from another in glory) according to the devotion and service of the children of God.

The redemption of the body for which we who are in this tabernacle do groan, has been glossed over and been neglected almost to rejection entirely. All distinction between the Church, the Bride, and the Man-Child has been done away, and a very vague and dismal eschatology has been preached as the full gospel.

This condition should not subsist. The fact that the ten lost tribes of Israel constitute the present cultured world ruling protestant nations should be brought from under cover in order that the scripture bearing on Jacob's trouble and the ten-toed, ten-horned, ten-kinged kingdom might be understood and preparations made.

Looking back over these years we see how that from the healing of a few individuals we were led to establish a healing home in Topeka, Kansas. Then followed the opening of the Bible school where the presence of God was more wonderfully manifested than among any other people since the days of the apostles. We can truly say that from the inception of the divine life received at conversion to the land we hold today, whatever has been wrought through this instrument of clay which is of righteous benefit or worth, 'twas none of self, but all of Christ.

After finally planting our banners in Chicago, the plea came so strongly from Zion City, "Come at least a few days," they said, that we came, and lo, a gracious revival has broken out. The private house became too small to hold the crowds, and, in spite of the enemy, a good hall which will seat 250 people was opened to us. Bro. and sister Casey, Bro. and sister Rose Bro. Clark, and the four Morton sisters are here. We look daily for Sis-

ter Vandagriff of Webb City, Mo., Sister Preston from Wichita, Kan., Bro. Cabiness from Katy Texas, and Bro. Brower from Los Angeles, Calif. Pray for us.

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Most people confound the Apostolic Faith Movement with the Pentecostal assemblies and such like missions who sometimes claim to be Apostolic. The Apostolic Faith Movement had its origin in Topeka, Kansas, January 1, 1901, and is a dignified work, full of power and precision. The Pentecostal assemblies originated in a negro mission in Los Angeles, Calif., and is a cross between the old fashioned negro worship of the south and holy-rollerism. Three-fourths of their so-called speaking in tongues is only a chatter and jabber and they have no Pentecostal power at all—a veritable Corinthian muddle.

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After Bro. Parham held his previous meeting in Zion City the work was captured by fanatics, and no one would now recognize the pitiful imitations here as presenting any semblance of the Apostolic Faith Movement. Two-thirds of those who claim to have Pentecost have only a silly, dribbling imitation and chatter, jabber, suck wind and lay out on the floor. Most of them received the stuff by laying on their backs and yelling glory, or blubbering till they became hysterical, and called it the baptism. Many true ones here never accepted this stuff, while others are repudiating the counterfeit and seeking the real. There is one poor, deluded bunch of fanatics here who meet in houses and claim many of the gifts. Poor, deceived creatures. They do not know that nine-tenths of their stuff is spiritism; the slimy old Devil

is so imitating the real. He is sure trying to deceive the Elect.

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The diabolical end and purpose of his Satanic Majesty in perpetrating Durhamism on the world in repudiating sanctification as a definite work of grace has now been clearly revealed. By seeking to destroy the grace of sanctification he is seeking to efface the only grace of God to make us overcomers and thereby hinder necessary preparation for Redemption. Let all who have been deceived thereby humble themselves and seek a restoration to "this grace wherein we stand," as you cannot receive the real Pentecost on an unsanctified life.

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The Devil has entered the sacred precincts of the church work today, and after inventing Christian Science as his masterpiece, he has sent his spooks into and controls many in Pentecostal assemblies, who plead the blood, and claim to be Jesus giving messages, and imitate every gift of the Holy Ghost and Pentecostal tongues, until trance mediums, mind readers, prophets who tell futures, etc., are plentiful. These are the poor dupes, who, not "trying the spirits," will come up in that day and say, "Have we not done so and so in thy name, and done many wonderful works," and they will be honest in their plea, too. The poor souls are taught by their leaders to yield to any force that may come upon them. May God help us to try every message giver, interpreter, trance medium and wizard that mutters and peeps, and only honor such as are truly of God.

In that day Christian Scientists and many Pentecostal dupes will find they have been deceived to their destruction by these ravening wolves of the

spirit world, who have had the audacity to enter in and imitate the work of Jesus and the Holy Ghost.

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The foolish virgins are at last a distinct company. They are the ones in the full gospel movements who have been deceived into foolish, fleshy manifestations that stirs the animal, tickles the flesh and magnetizes the body. The Devil gives them a counterfeit Pentecost with chattering, jabbering and wind sucking, and they spend their time in working these fleshly sensations rather than developing their character in God and making their Redemption possible. Thus two-thirds of the Pentecostal people are being deceived by these forces into foolish, virgin lives, rather than obtaining a sane, sensible Pentecost and speaking in real languages, and dying out to self, seek a real crucifixion and a well, strong body, perfecting holiness, and be ready, for on the War Clouds we read in blazing letters: "When ye see these things," "Look up for your Redemption draweth nigh."

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We are glad to see the gallantry of our Apostolic Faith brethren who have come out flat-footed against the doctrine of the natural immortality of the soul. Now let us get the full understanding of the subject. The soul is not immortal and never will be; but the soul is so constituted that if placed in the right surroundings it will never die. If Adam had eaten of the tree of life and made his body to grow immortal, then his soul would have been placed in an immortal dwelling forever, and in no way subject to death. The souls of the redeemed in Jesus, God intends to give them his own body or one like his, and that body shall house the soul and be immortal. See how easy and sensible the Word of God makes this subject to our understanding.—Prophetic Age, June, '14.

4,000 Churches Report No Gain— Worldliness The Cause.

An arrignment of the "Tendencies of the Times" was contained in the report of the committee on narrative presented before the Northern Presbyterian Assembly. The report deplors the "distressing loss of membership in many synods of the church." Nearly 4,000 churches during the last ecclesiastical year failed to secure a new member through confession of faith, according to the report.

Other features brought out were that some of the churches' most intelligent and influential members spend the Sabbath on the golf links instead of attending Divine worship; that the extent and boldness of the white slave traffic has become appalling, even extending, the report declares, into Sabbath schools and Christian Endeavor societies.

W. H. Houston, of Columbus, O., secretary of the permanent committee on vacancy and supply, declared the problem of securing pastors was one of the most distressing of every non-Episcopal church. The Assembly voted to appropriate additional finances with which to assist the work of the vacancy and supply committee.—Kansas City Post.

All that men have worked and striven for through the ages is forgotten.

Death is the commander-in-chief of men and nations in Europe, and the emblem and proof of his power is the dead body.

In the face of such calamity, exceeding all that men have ever known, words mean nothing.

All that men have learned in the thousands of years has been forgotten.

Of all that they had created as much as possible will be destroyed.

The vilest passions rule, the ablest murderer is the greatest man, and the greatest man is as low as any other—a mere mark for a bullet.

Humanity is disgraced, Christianity is

discredited, civilization is made into a ghastly joke.

And all this because a few have the power to rule the many and set them to work cutting each other's throats.

A shame to men, may it prove an end to dictatorship, autocracy, monarchy and everything else that represents the power of one to command the murder of many. [Ex.]

A Silent Prophet.

Between bulletins from the battleground, the world waits anxiously for some word from David Starr Jordan, the learned gentleman who has been proving conclusively for some years past that never again could there be a war between great nations. Don't be bashful, Dr. Jordan. [Ex.]

Bro. Alfred Meeks recently closed a successful meeting at Cornish, Okla. Anyone wanting meetings in southern Oklahoma should write Bro. Meeks, at Stratford, Okla.

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION. JOHN WESLEY'S VIEW.

By Rev. D. A. WHEDDON.

1. *The progress of Mr. Wesley's views.*

From the Scriptures he early formed an exalted standard of the Christian character. His sermon on "Circumcision of the heart," in 1733, expressed all that he afterward taught under the name of Christian perfection, although he would have then "started at the word." But he knew not the way to attain it. He says: "I was utterly ignorant of the nature and condition of justification. Sometimes I confounded it

with sanctification; at other times I had some confused notion about the forgiveness of sins; but then I took it for granted the time of this must be either the hour of death or the day of judgement. I was equally ignorant of the nature of saving faith; apprehending it to mean no more than 'a firm assent to all the propositions contained in the Old and New Testaments.'—Vol. v, p. 80. In April, 1738, he saw from Scripture, and living witnesses, that conversion is an instantaneous work obtained by simple faith; and May 24th, he proved it in his own experience. "Till then," he says, "sin had dominion over me."

His opinion as to what constitutes Christian perfection underwent no change, although he had occasion to modify a few expressions in which he stated the doctrine. He saw clearly from this time that all grace, even in its highest degrees, is received by faith; and in this he never wavered. But he was "weak in the faith," and a "babe in Christ," as all young converts are; doubts and fears crowded upon him. He found it necessary to sit at the feet of those who had more perfect knowledge of the way of faith.

Precisely when he saw that entire sanctification as a *distinct* work, is offered by faith, we do not know. He says: "By viewing it in every point of light, and comparing it again and again with the Word of God on one hand, and the experiences of the children of God on the other, we saw farther into the na-

ture and properties of Christian perfection."—Vol. vi, p. 495. His mind grasped the details by slow degrees. He could not, by his clear general knowledge of the doctrine, see what a careful experience in himself and others alone could teach. So, at a time when he "had no distinct view of what the apostle meant by exhorting us to go on to perfection," two or three persons in London gave him a very strange account of their experiences, and "different from any" he had ever heard. It was, however, "exactly similar" to what he represents as entire sanctification. The next year five or six more related to him the same experience. A few years after, he and Thomas Walsh met all in London who had the same experience, and "asked them the most searching questions [they] could devise." In 1759-1762, the witnesses of full salvation "multiplied exceedingly;" and "most of these" (in London alone were six hundred and fifty-two) he examined in the same manner. Vol. ii, p. 223. The clear, uniform testimony of these, from first to last, gave him the necessary light by which to form opinions on many points, and to rectify those which were wrong.

It will not, therefore, appear so strange that he should in 1742, describe a very clear experience, and add: "Whether she was sanctified throughout, I had not light to determine."—Vol. iii, p. 258. In 1744, he records another clear case, and says: "Why do I not rejoice and

praise God on his behalf? Perhaps because I have had an exceeding complex idea of sanctification, of a sanctified man."—Vol. iii, p. 323. The early "conversations" exhibit the doctrine with clearness, but the details with a confusion and hesitancy very different from the explicit utterances of later years. As light was received, it was used. "Those in whom the foundation is already laid we exhort to go on to perfection; which we did not see so clearly at first, although we occasionally spoke of it from the beginning." So he says in 1745. Vol v. p. 200. Time, in like manner, disclosed clearly the successive steps of seeking this blessing, its true evidences, and the mode of retaining it. It was not till 1758 that he was convinced one could lose it; and he even then thought that when once lost it could not be regained till near death.

The great revival of holiness about 1760 furnished him abundant facilities for obtaining light. After this time his language is always clear and explicit. He says many things which he did not say before, for he did not know them; but he does not *contradict* his former teachings in any material point. There is no reason to believe that his views changed at all after 1765. He died in 1791.

II. What is Entire Sanctification?

Mr. Wesley variously, but clearly, answers this question. It "does not imply an exemption either from ig-

norance, or mistake, or infirmities, or temptations. Indeed it is only another name for holiness."—Vol. i, p. 358. It is "the loving God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. This implies that no wrong temper, none contrary to love, remains in the soul; and that all the thoughts, words and actions are governed by pure love."—Vol. vi, p. 500. "It is nothing higher, and nothing lower than this—the pure love of God and man. It is love governing the heart and life, running through all our tempers, words and actions."—Vol. vi, p. 502. "The essence of Christian holiness is simplicity and purity, one design, one desire—entire devotion to God."—Vol. vi, p. 774. He defines it as experienced: "Many have [in 1761, at London] and many do daily experience an unspeakable change. After being deeply convinced of inbred sin, particularly of pride, anger, self-will and unbelief, in a moment they feel all faith and love: no pride, self-will, or anger: and from that moment they have continual fellowship with God, always rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks."—Vol. iv, p. 111. "Till this universal change was wrought in his soul, all his holiness was *mixed*. He was humble, but not entirely; his humility was mixed with pride; he was meek, but his meekness was frequently interrupted by anger, or some uneasy or turbulent passion. His love of God was frequently damped by the love of some creature; the love of his neighbor by evil surmising, or some thought, if

not temper, contrary to love. His will was not wholly melted down into the will of God: now and then nature rebelled, and he could not clearly say, 'Lord, not as I will, but as thou wilt.' His whole soul is now consistent with itself; there is no jarring string. All his passions flow in a continual stream with an even tenor to God. There is no mixture of any contrary affections; all is peace and harmony. After being filled with love, there is no more interruption of it than of the beating of his heart; and continual love bringing continual joy in the Lord, he rejoices evermore. And as he now loves God with all his heart, so Jesus now reigns alone in his heart, the Lord of every motion there."—Vol. ii, p. 222. "Rapturous joy, such as is frequently given in the beginning of justification, or of entire sanctification, is a great blessing; but it seldom continues long before it subsides into calm, peaceful love."—Vol. vii, p. 46. And to aid in judging whether we have attained it, he observes: "Not that 'to feel all love and no sin' is sufficient proof. Several have experienced this for a time before their souls were fully renewed. None, therefore ought to believe that the work is done till there is added the testimony of the Spirit, witnessing his entire sanctification, as clearly as his justification."—Vol. vi, p. 505.

III. *Regeneration is not Entire Sanctification.*

He says: "Sanctification begins in

the moment a man is justified. Yet sin remains in him, yea, the seed of all sin, till he is sanctified throughout."—Vol. vi, p. 496. Again: "There does still *remain*, even in them that are justified, a mind which is in some measure carnal; (so the apostle tells even the believers at Corinth, 'Ye are carnal;') a heart bent to backsliding, still ever ready to depart from the living God; a propensity to pride, self-will, anger, revenge, love of the world, yea, and all evil; a root of bitterness, which, if the restraint were taken off for a moment, would instantly spring up; yea, such a depth of corruption as, without clear light from God, we cannot possibly conceive." Vol. i, p. 119. Further: "We may learn the mischievousness of that opinion, that we are wholly sanctified when we are justified; that our hearts are then cleansed from all sin. It is true, we are then delivered from the dominion of outward sin; and, at the same time, the power of inward sin is so broken that we need no longer follow, or be led by it; but it is by no means true that inward sin is then totally destroyed, that the root of pride, self-will, anger, love of the world, is then taken out of the heart. At the very moment of justification we are *born again*; in that instant we experience that inward change from darkness into marvelous light; from the earthly, devilish mind, to the mind which was in Christ Jesus. But are we then *entirely* changed? Are we *wholly* transformed into the image of him

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that created us? Far from it: we still retain a depth of sin, and it is the consciousness of this which constrains us to groan for a full deliverance to him that is mighty to save. Hence it is that those believers who are not convinced of the deep corruption of their hearts, or but slightly, and as it were, notionally convinced, have little concern about *entire sanctification*."—Vol. i, p. 124. "The contrary doctrine is wholly new; never heard of in the Church of Christ, from the time of his coming into the world till the time of Count Zinzendorf; and it is attended with the most fatal consequences."—Vol. i, p. 115.

IV. *How to Attain it.*

Mr. Wesley's views on this point exhibit no inconsistency, though they become more clearly defined after the commencement of the great revival. They may be stated briefly: 1. A deep conviction of depravity if necessary. 2. An entire devotion of the whole man to God's service, and a hearty obedience to his whole will. 3. Simple and direct faith, expecting it every moment.

The conviction "implies no guilt, no sense of condemnation, no consciousness of the wrath of God. It does not suppose any doubt of the favor of God, or any 'fear that hath torment.' It is a conviction wrought by the Holy Ghost, of the *sin* which still remains in our heart; of the *carnal mind* which 'does still remain even in them that are regenerate;' although it does no longer *reign*;' it has not now dominion over them.

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THE bells will peal, long-haired men will dress in golden sacks to pray for successful slaughter. And the old story will begin again, the awful customary acts. All sorts of government officials will buzz about, foreseeing a possibility of purloining something more than usual. The military authorities hurry hither and thither, drawing double pay and rations, and with the expectation of receiving for the slaughter of other men various silly little ornaments which they so highly prize, as ribbons, crosses, orders and stars. Idle ladies and gentlemen will make a great fuss, entering their names in advance for the Red Cross society and build up the wounds of those whom their husbands and brothers will mutilate, and they will imagine that in so doing they are performing a most Christian work.

And, smothering despair within their souls by songs, licentiousness and wine, men will trail along, torn from peaceful labor, from their wives, mothers and children—hundreds of simple-minded, good-natured men, with murderous weapons in their hands—anywhere they may be driven.

They will march, freeze, hunger, suffer sickness and die from it, or finally come to some place where they will be slain by thousands or kill thousands themselves with no reason—men whom they have never seen before, and who neither have done nor could do them any mischief.

And when the number of sick, wounded and killed becomes so great that there are not hands enough left to pick them up, and when the air is so infected with the putrefying scent of the "food for powder," a truce will be made, the wounded will be picked up anyhow, the sick will be brought in and huddled in heaps, the killed will be covered over with earth and lime, and once more the crowd of deluded men will be led on and on till those who have devised the project weary of it, or till those who thought to find it profitable receive their spoil.

And so once more men will be made savage, fierce and brutal, and love will wane in the world, and the Christianizing of mankind, which has already begun, will lapse for scores and hundreds of years. And so once more the men who reaped profit from it all will assert with assurance that since there has been a war there must needs have been one, and that other wars must follow, and they will again prepare future generations for a continuance of slaughter, depraving them from their birth.

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NOTE: Yes, it would be true if our Lord and King were not coming soon; but our hope is in Him, and ere many moons the Lord will disperse the clouds and usher in the glorious Millennium Day. Praise Him!